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Wednesday, June 8, 1796.

A Sermon by brother Hezekiah Smith 10 o'clock,
from John IV. 36.

1. **A**T two o'clock P. M. Elder Elias Smith, preached the introductory Sermon, from Isaiah lii. 8, *Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice, with the voice therefore shall they sing : for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion.*

2. Chose Elder Hezekiah Smith, Moderator, and Elder William Hooper, Clerk.

3. Read letters from the several churches ; and took the following account of members who have been added, dismissed, excluded, or who have died the year past, and the whole number in each church, with the names of Ministers and Messengers present.

N. B. Ordained ministers names in *Italicks*.

Churches.

<i>Churches.</i>	<i>Messengers.</i>	<i>Add.</i>	<i>Disin.</i>	<i>Ex.</i>	<i>Died.</i>	<i>No.</i>
Berwick and Madbury.	{ <i>William Hooper,</i> <i>Ephraim Fols.</i> <i>Eliphalet Cloutman.</i>	1				93
Brentwood with its branches.	{ <i>Samuel Shepard,</i> <i>Richard Martin,</i> <i>Benjamin Watson,</i> <i>Broadstreet Gilman,</i> <i>Jonathan Thing,</i> <i>Samuel Pottle,</i> <i>William Batchelder,</i>	6	42		2	419
Sanford,	<i>John Powers.</i>					23
Gilmantown,	{ <i>Walter Powers,</i> <i>Dudley Young,</i> <i>True Page.</i>	2				78
Northwood,	{ <i>Edmund Pilsbury,</i> <i>Simeon Knowles,</i> <i>Israel Huckins.</i>		1	2	1	100
Wells,	{ <i>Nathaniel Lord,</i> <i>Joseph Eaton,</i> <i>Robert Ford.</i>					63
Coxhall,	<i>Simon Lock.</i>	15	27		3	42
Shapleigh,	{ <i>Nehemiah Davis,</i> <i>John Bodwill,</i> <i>Benjamin Magoon.</i>					55
Waterborough,	{ <i>Henry Smith,</i> <i>Samuel Dame.</i>	3				34
Cornish,	{ <i>John Chadbourn,</i> <i>Isaac Thompson,</i> <i>Andrew Sherbourn.</i>				1	46
Fryburgh,	{ <i>Zebediah Richardson,</i> <i>Morris Witham.</i>					27
Salisbury,	{ <i>Elias Smith,</i> <i>Ezra Flanders.</i>				1	133
Newtown,	{ <i>John Peak,</i> <i>Timothy Eastman,</i> <i>Reuben Doe.</i>					23
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Received a letter from Newtown church, requesting to join with this association, after examining their articles of faith, they were admitted and received by the right hand of fellowship.

Received letters and minutes from the corresponding associations by their messengers, from Warren, Elders Hezekiah Smith, and John Peak, from Meredith, Elders Isaiah Stone and John Crockett, from Bowdoinham, Elder Isaac Case.

Voted, that the brethren and messengers from the sister associations, take a seat and act with us.

Chose Elder Peak, and Brother Batchelder to prepare the corresponding letters; and Elder Peak to prepare the Circular Letter for next year.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning eight o'clock.

JUNE 9.

Met according to adjournment, and after prayer by Elder Powers, read the circular letter prepared by Elder Pillsbury

Voted, that Elder Hooper make such alterations as are necessary to prepare the circular letter for the press.

Read a letter from the churches in the district of Maine requesting a dismission to be set off as a sister association.

Voted, to refer to a committee the above letter, to be chosen of the delegates from sister associations.

Chose Elders Hezekiah Smith, Isaac Case and John Crockett who brought in the following report:

We the subscribers being chosen your Committee to consider the expediency of dividing this association, do offer it as one decided opinion, that all circumstances considered, it would not be for the glory of God and the prosperity of Zion; therefore to remain in one compact associated body, we think will be a strong barrier against the inroads of an insidious enemy, who delights in dividing and sowing the seeds of discord; and also of establishing the cause of the Redeemer in the world.—As we have weighed the reasons for and against the division, we hope the result of our deliberations, will be agreeable to the feelings of our brethren, and will finally issue in the promotion of that cause, which should be nearer to us than our very lives.

HEZEKIAH SMITH,
ISAAC CASE,
JOHN CROCKETT.

Madbury, June 9, 1796.

Voted to postpone the request of the Eastern Churches until our next association.

A sermon at 11 o'clock by Elder Stone, from 2 Timothy i. 9.

Chose messengers to sister associations; to Warren, Elders William Hooper, John Peak and Richard Martin.

