

MINUTES

OF THE

WARWICK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Held in the Baptist Meeting-house in Warwick, June 1st & 2d. 1814

1. At 2 o'clock P. M. Brother HALL delivered the introductory sermon from Heb. 3, 1. Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High priest of our profession, CHRIST JESUS.

2. Brother Hall was chosen Moderator, and Brother Perkins, Clerk.

3. Elders and Brethren from Corresponding Associations were invited to a seat with us.

4. Read the letters from the churches composing this Association, and took the following minutes.

N B. The names of ordained ministers are in capitals. Licensed preachers in italics.—Those ministers with this mark (*) were not present. From churches marked thus (†) we had no intelligence. A dash (—) denotes no settled minister.

Churches.	Ministers and Messengers.	Baptised.	Received by letter.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.
Warwick,	{ LAB. LATHROP, James Burt, John M. Fought, Benj. Barney,	8	6	0	0	3	136
1st. Wantage,	{ Nath. Martain, John Wilson,	5	0	0	0	10	99
		13	6	0	0	13	237

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	<i>Brought forward</i>	13	6	0	0	13	237
Newburgh.	<i>Wm. C. Thompson,*</i>						
	Joseph Caldwell,	0	0	1	0	1	32
Clinton town,	JOHN DODGE,*						
	John M. Thurston,						
	Uriah Smith,	3	2	0	0	1	19
Stanford, "	EBENEZER FERRIS,*						
	FRED. SMITH,*	0	0	0	0	0	40
Cross River,	—†	0	0	0	0	0	12
Bedford,	EZRA FOUNTAIN,*						
	Daniel Reynolds,	0	2	0	0	2	107
	HENRY BALL,						
	John Hallock,						
Brookfield,	James Lane,						
	Joseph Carwin,	2	0	2	2	0	187
Deer-Park,	BENJ. MONTANYE,						
	<i>Amos Harding,</i>	0	2	0	1	2	55
	LEVI HALL,						
	Isaac Newman,						
Pleasant Valley,	Caleb Seaman,						
	Moses B. Clark,						
	Adolph Shuet,	2	0	7	2	1	14*
Middletown,	Elihu Cary,						
	Silas D. Horton,	0	0	1	0	2	10
	JOHN WINTERMOTE,						
	CALEB JONES,						
2d. Wantage,	<i>Silvanus Howell,</i>						
	Jacob Vanderhuff,						
	Samuel Shearwood,	1	1	0	1	2	128
	H. CHARLOCK,						
Peekskill,	DANIEL STEERS,						
	Nathan Lane,	2	2	0	0	1	28
Marbletown,	—†	0	0	0	0	0	39
York town,	REUB. GARRETSON,*†	0	0	0	0	0	52
Newfoundland,	THOS. TEASDALE,	1	0	0	0	3	23
Neversink,	—	5	1	2	1	0	38
Latin-town,	AARON PERKINS,						
	William Conklin,	4	5	0	0	0	60
Thompson-town,	LUKE DAVIS,*						
	Jonath. Reynolds,	5	0	0	0	0	25
Hamburgh,	Gilbert Green,						
	John Edsal	3	1	1	0	0	60
Total,		41	22	14	7	28	1279

5. Read the corresponding letter from the New-York Association, by the messengers Elder Parkinson and Stephen Suttan.

6. Read the corresponding letter from the Philadelphia Association, by the messenger Elder Matthias.

7. Read the corresponding letter from the Abington Association, by the messenger, Elder Bishop.

8. Read the corresponding letter from the Rensselaerville Association.

9. Read the circular and corresponding letters prepared by Brethren Lathrop and Teasdale; and referred them to a committee composed of Brethren Montanye, Parkinson, Hall and Fought, together with the authors.

10. Prayer by the Moderator. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

11. Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Brother Ball.

12. Read the circular and corresponding letters, and voted that they should be printed.

13. Voted that the Warwick Association shall sit two thirds of the time on the west side of the Hudson river, and one third on the east.

14. Appointed Brother Steers our messenger to the Danbury Association.

15. Appointed Brethren John M. Thurston and H. Charlock, our messengers to the Union Association.

16. Appointed Brethren Lathrop, Ball and Hallock, messengers to the Abington Association.

17. Appointed Brethren Wintermote and Montanye messengers to the Philadelphia Association.

18. Appointed Brethren Charlock, Burt, Perkins and Reynolds, Messengers to the New-York Association.

19. Appointed Brother Martain, messenger to the New-Jersey Association.

20. Appointed Brother Hall messenger to the Rensselaerville Association.

21. Supplies for destitute churches.—For the church in Clinton town, Brother Steers the 4th Lord's day in August—Brother Charlock the 1st Lord's day in July, and the last in October—Brother Jones the last Lord's day in September.

For Neversink, Brother Montanye 1st Lord's day in September—Brother Ball, 3d Lord's day in August, and last in April—Brother Lathrop 1st Lord's day in August—Brother Jones the last Lord's day in October Brother Wintermote the 1st Lord's day in December.

22. Voted that our next Association shall be held with the Baptist Church in Latin town, on the first Wednesday in June, 1815.

23. Appointed Brother Perkins to write the circular letter, and Brother Hall to correspond.

24. Appointed Brother Ball to preach the Introductory sermon, and in case of failure, Brother Lathrop.

25. Appointed brethren Hall and Perkins to superintend the printing of the minutes, and the distributing of them to the churches.

26. Concluded by prayer by brother Montanye.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon Brother Matthias preached from 2 Corinth. 5, 18, 19; and at 4 o'clock, Brother Parkinson preached from Phill. 4, 19, but my God shall supply all your need, according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Closed by Prayer.

N. B. Since our last annual meeting, our beloved brother Southworth; Pastor of the first church in Wantage, has been removed by death from the walls of Jerusalem, to join the church triumphant in heaven, there to reap the fruit of his labours. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord," Rev. 14, 13.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

THE WARWICK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, MET AT WARWICK,
JUNE 1st AND 2d, 1814. TO THE CHURCHES WE REPRESENT.

DEAR BRETHREN,

THROUGH the goodness of God we are favored with another opportunity of addressing you in the usual method; and accordingly we invite your attention to a few remarks on pride. Pride is directly opposed to the grace of humility, which gives the brightest lustre to every christian act. Yet we are told by some, that pride is necessary in order to stimulate us to acts of usefulness both to ourselves and others. That pride may serve to stimulate us to such actions, is granted; nevertheless, whenever the true motive is discovered, it appears no better than "To do evil that good may come," or an attempt "to gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles." Were the human mind divested of pride, its faculties would act rationally and just; but the pride of our hearts deceives us, Obadiah 3.—The wicked, through the pride of his heart will not seek after God. Psalms 10, 4.—Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord. Prov. 18, 5. It is a question with some whether all mankind are equally proud. To us, it is evident, that however different mankind may appear in their dispositions, manners, talents and conduct, yet they are all alike by nature. Eph. 2, 3. Pride has impregnated every heart with unbelief, enmity, deceit and covetousness: yea, and every evil that renders them vile in the sight of God. Pride has ruined both angels and men; Lucifer, who once shone among the bright stars in glory, now reaps the effects of pride groaning under chains in darkness and despair; and being the "King of all the children of pride," he has set up his kingdom in this world in opposition to the kingdom of the meek and lowly Jesus, and to every principle of equality among men. Here we behold the wisdom of the serpent, joined with the pride of ungodly men, demonstrated in the "*Mystery of iniquity, Babylon the great, the mother of harlots, and abomination of the earth.*" Here we behold proud mortals exalted to headship, yea lordship, not only in state, but even in the church; and exercising their ungodly power in opposition to the government of Christ, the prosperity of Zion, and the rights and liberties of their fellow men. It is impossible for language to paint, either the wicked persecutions, or the awful sufferings of the saints through their means. The cries of the martyrs are heard in heaven, saying, "How long O Lord, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth." Rev. 6, 10.—What vengeance must those proud monsters feel, for in her (Babylon) is found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth. Rev. 18, 24.—Had the children of Satan as much power as pride, they would destroy every thing that is sacred to God, and man. The great question, not

only among statesmen; but among christians also has been, who shall be the greatest? Here men of small talents envy those who outshine them, and those who possess large abilities are afraid of rivals; the poor envy the rich, and the rich are afraid of poverty and disgrace.—Whereas, if all were humble they would neither envy the rich and great, nor despise the poor and obscure: but each would be willing to take the lowest seat, while all would unite to exalt the LORD alone.—Pride the first born of Satan and source of all evil, has caused God to be angry: his justice denounces his vengeance, against wicked men and devils; and as long as mankind are deluded by pride, they will hate God and reject his righteous cause.—Nothing short of that power that kills, and makes alive, that humbles and exalts, can ever cause any one of the proud sons or daughters of Adam to embrace the humble Saviour by that faith which works by love: and therefore we have no reason to be surprised when we hear, proud self-righteous hypocrites tell us of their getting and losing grace by their own power; they being opposed to the doctrine of free, sovereign and electing love which has no respect to persons, but bestows its favors without money or price, on those that are totally depraved, lost and undone.

Dear Brethren learn of him who is meek and lowly, take the lowest seat until through grace you shall be exalted to join the church of the first born in heaven, to ascribe adoration and praise, to God and the Lamb forever and ever. AMEN.

AARON PERKINS, Clerk.

LEVI HALL, Moderator.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

*The Warwick Baptist Association, to the several Corresponding Associations,
send christian salutation.*

DEAR BRETHREN,

IT always has given us great pleasure to hear from you, and to have your messengers sit in Association with us. And as another anniversary meeting has commenced, we rejoice that a kind Providence has permitted a goodly number of us to assemble together. Although the epidemical disorder which has visited us, as a messenger in the hand of God, for removing many of our beloved friends to their eternal home; many of them we are happy to say, have given evident proofs to all around, that our religion is not a cunningly devised fable, but that it originated in the love of God to fallen man and that God who is love, does through grace bring his people to know and enjoy him in this life, and to love him who first loved them, in order that from a principle of love to the divine being, they might be obedient to all his commandments, and show to all around that they have been with *Jesus*. For although faith may be professed, if it be not productive of good works, it is a best but dead being alone.—The doctrines of the gospel are consistent with reason, and in all the regenerate work by love, and lead the soul into the path of humility. They exalt the divine being in all his attributes, and lay prostrate man at the feet of sovereign mercy, and yet represent them as objects of divine compassion, and encourage them to hope in the mercy of God through the meritorious sacrifice of a dear Redeemer.

Brethren, pray for us.—We wish a continuance of your correspondence; and may the grace of our Lord and Saviour *Jesus Christ*, be with you all.—Am

LEVI HALL, Moderator.

AARON PERKINS, Clerk.