

Believe us to be, dear Christian friends in the bonds of faith and love,

Yours most cordially,

Signed on behalf of the  
whole church, by order  
of the church meeting,  
September 11, 1843.

JOHN KINGSFORD,  
Chairman.

THOMAS TURPIE,  
Deacon.

And 12 members.

Perhaps it would be unnecessary to trouble you with the resolutions of the church on the same evening on my resignation of the pastoral office; they were of the same general character, but at this moment I have mislaid them. I will endeavour to recover them, and they shall then be at your service.

The next document to which I must ask your perusal is the one signed by the Rev. Drs. Murch and Steane, and the Rev. J. H. Hinton, A. M., Secretaries of the Baptist Union, a body which comprises nearly one thousand of the Baptist churches in England. I print it from the original; its publication by the Union, may be found, with my answer, in the Annual Report of that Body for 1844, pp. 34, 35.

*London, October 12, 1843.*

The Committee of the Baptist Union having been informed of the intention of their esteemed brother, Joseph Belcher, to proceed with his family to the United States, they take the occasion of expressing, with much pleasure, their conviction of the unblemished character with which, both as a christian and a minister, he quits his native land—their cordial estimation of him as a friend and fellow labourer in the gospel—and their high sense of the valuable service he has rendered to the Baptist denomination in England. They further desire to recommend him to the frank reception and cordial regard of their fellow Christians generally on the other side of the Atlantic.

Signed by direction of the Committee,

W. H. MURCH,  
EDWARD STEANE, } Secretaries.  
J. H. HINTON, }

The following was furnished to me, like all the others, without solicitation, from the ancient society it describes, composed of 50 Baptist ministers, forming one portion of the General Body of Protestant Dissenting Ministers of the Three Denominations, well known as the only society of English Dissenters who have right of access to the throne.