

# A Lively Experiment

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**Please fill in the following blanks from the booklet, *A Lively Experiment*.**

1. Obadiah Holmes stated, “It is therefore the love of \_\_\_\_\_ that must free the soul.”
2. It was in November of 1637 that John Clarke and his wife landed in Boston, Massachusetts. Governor Winthrop immediately recognized the fact that Clarke was a physician and a \_\_\_\_\_.
3. John Clarke noticed that there were two groups in fierce opposition in the Massachusetts Bay colony. These were the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. It was in 1631 that the Colony of Massachusetts General Court ruled that a prerequisite to the rights of full citizenship to the Bay area was to be a member of a Congregational church. Newcomers were given \_\_\_\_\_ either to join the Congregational church or leave the Bay area.
5. Not only did God use Clarke to establish the first Baptist church in America, but He also used him to author the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ served as the commencement of \_\_\_\_\_ in America.
7. Clarke had a church planting mentality and began to branch out of Rhode Island into other colonies. It was while he was in Massachusetts that he won \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord.
8. The 1638 law in the Massachusetts Bay Colony plainly stated, “If any person or persons, within this jurisdiction, shall either openly condemn or oppose the \_\_\_\_\_, or go about secretly to seduce others from the approbation or use thereof, or shall purposely depart the congregation at the ministration of the ordinance...every such person or persons shall be sentenced to banishment.”
9. John Clarke, John Crandall, and \_\_\_\_\_ were brought to a public trial on July 31, 1651.
10. The defense attorney appointed to defend these Baptist “dissenters” was \_\_\_\_\_. Instead of supporting the preachers, he called for their death sentence stating that they were “soul murderers”.

11. Holmes would remain in jail from July to \_\_\_\_\_ of 1651. This was a time of separation from his wife Catherine (whom he was married to for over 50 years) and nine children: Joseph, John, Hope, Obadiah, Samuel, Martha, Mary, Jonathan, and Lydia.
12. After Obadiah Holmes was whipped, he stated, “You have struck me as with \_\_\_\_\_.”
13. The beating of Obadiah Holmes led to two major events. First, it prompted John Clarke to leave the colonies to sail to England. In doing so, he was able to attain the \_\_\_\_\_ of 1663.
14. Second, the First Baptist Church of Boston was established because of the sermons of \_\_\_\_\_ (the first president of Harvard University).
15. Clarke’s petition was for “...a lively experiment...” of full \_\_\_\_\_.
16. This charter served Rhode Island for a little over 200 years. It was the forerunner to the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_. As a matter of fact, it served as a foundation for these two historical documents.
17. Cotton Mather stated that Henry Dunster had, “...unaccountably fallen into the briars of \_\_\_\_\_.”
18. Because of Dunster’s bold stand, he was forced to resign as president of \_\_\_\_\_. This took place on June 10, 1654. Upon his resignation, Dunster completely identified himself as a Baptist.
19. John T. Christian wrote, “The immediate cause of the organization of the church in \_\_\_\_\_ was a sermon Dunster preached there on the subject of infant baptism.”
20. Because of the whipping of Obadiah Holmes Henry Dunster was converted, the First Baptist Church of Boston was formed, and infant \_\_\_\_\_ was established in America.