

MINUTES
OF THE
CONVENTION OF DELEGATES
OF
BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONS
IN PENNSYLVANIA,
FOR THE
FORMATION OF A STATE CONVENTION
FOR
DOMESTIC MISSIONS.
WITH
THE CONSTITUTION, AND LIST OF OFFICERS.
TO WHICH IS PREFIXED
THE CIRCULAR OF THE CONVENTION.
TOGETHER WITH
AN APPENDIX,
CONTAINING
THE TENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BAPTIST MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION
OF PENNSYLVANIA.

PHILADELPHIA:
C. SHERMAN & CO., PRINTERS,
19 ST. JAMES STREET.

1837.

C I R C U L A R
T O T H E
B A P T I S T S O F P E N N S Y L V A N I A .

BELoved BRETHREN:—

THE undersigned have been appointed a committee to present to you the result of the convention held in the city of Philadelphia, on the 24th and 25th of April last, with the view of combining the energies of the Baptist churches of Pennsylvania: and to invite your co-operation in giving the Gospel to the destitute within our borders.

That convention comprised delegates from nearly all the associations of the state; who resolved with entire unanimity, after surveying the posture of our Missionary affairs, to form a "State Convention for Missionary purposes." The minutes of the proceedings, the constitution adopted, and the list of the board of officers elected for the ensuing year, we herewith submit.

By these you will learn, that it is proposed that the strength of the Baptists of Pennsylvania, shall be no longer divided: that those who have heretofore been labouring in behalf of Domestic Missions, under separate organisations, are henceforth to unite their means, their counsels, and their prayers. Whatever obstacles have existed heretofore to united efforts, they are removed; and we have the cheering prospect of uniting all who have sustained the Missionary cause, under different organisations: and we indulge the hope of enlisting in its behalf, those brethren and churches who have heretofore been inactive.

The religious wants of this state are great, very great; and call for the utmost exertions of all within its borders, who love the souls of men; especially upon Christians of our own denomination. The minister of Christ, who shuns not to declare the whole counsel of God, and maintains the order of the Lord's house, as established by the Apostles, is received with peculiar favour; and the truth from his lips is listened to with eagerness, however simple and unadorned the garb it wears. There is, perhaps, no more promising field of labour in this country, than is presented by our own state, could we but secure the means of sustaining labourers. And these means we feel assured it is easy to secure, if, brethren, you will take into prayerful consideration your responsibilities to God, and the duties he has enjoined on you to

the souls of your fellow-men. It is but for you to consider your Christian stewardship—to consider that all you have is the gift of God, which he has a right to resume, and which he has bestowed, *not* for your luxurious indulgence or aggrandisement; *not* for the temptation of your children: but for the comfort of a brief earthly sojourn, and for the means of ministering to the temporal and spiritual wants of those around you. We say it is but for you seriously and prayerfully to consider the tenure of what you possess, and the responsibility connected with it, to ensure to our Domestic Missionary enterprise, an ample pecuniary instrumentality for vigorous operation.

We beg leave to recommend, that societies be formed in the churches throughout the state, auxiliary to the convention; and that all the members of the churches, in conformity with the Apostolic direction, lay by them weekly “as God hath prospered them,” something for the specific object of spreading the Gospel in Pennsylvania. Nothing but system, brethren, is wanting—“*if there be first a willing mind*”—to ensure the means requisite for carrying forward our Missionary operations to any extent to which suitable Missionaries can be found.

If the members of the Baptist churches in the state, would all adopt the system of laying aside the insignificant sum of two cents a week only, for the Treasury of the convention, we should have about five times the amount per annum, which has ever been contributed by us for Domestic Missions! Assuredly, if our love for the Saviour who shed his blood for us; if our relish for the word of salvation he has sent us; if our respect to his command, to give the Gospel to the destitute; and our attachment to our country, bear the smallest accordance with our Christian profession and our American name, then the means will not fail this convention for carrying the glad tidings into every vale, and on to every mountain-top in the state, where there are ears to hear, and souls to save.

MINUTES.

Philadelphia, April 25, 1837.

THE delegates appointed by the Association and churches of this State, for the purpose of forming a Baptist State Convention, met in the Lecture-Room of the First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, at three o'clock P. M., and organised by the appointment of Joseph Walker, of Marcus Hook, as Chairman; and R. W. Cushman, of Philadelphia, Secretary.

Prayer was made for the blessing of God on the business of the meeting, by Brother George Higgins, of Jersey Shore; after which the certificates of delegation were called for, and the appointment of the following persons was duly authenticated, viz. by the

CENTRAL UNION ASSOCIATION—W. T. Brantly,* Brethren R. Loxley, J. Reed, C. Moore, C. W. Mulford, J. Davis, R. W. Cushman, L. G. Beck,* J. C. Davis,* C. E. Wilson, G. I. Miles, D. A. Nichols, W. Bartalett,* G. W. Holme,* C. Sexton, N. Stetson, W. Lewis, M. Seddinger, B. F. Hancock,* J. M. Davis,* J. Phillips,* W. Maul,* W. Smith,* W. H. Richards.*

BRIDGEWATER ASSOCIATION—Brethren Davis Dimock,* J. B. Worden, Wm. Brand,* Jos. W. Parker,* Isaac D. Jones, James Clark,* Wm. K. Mott, Davis D. Gray,* A. L. Post,* E. Sturdevant, M. S. Wilson,* and A. Chamberlain.*

ABINGTON ASSOCIATION—Rufus Grennel, Henry Curtis, Lucien Hayden, James Munford, Jas. A. Hubbard,* H. Brooks,* John Dodge, and B. Seely.*

CENTRE ASSOCIATION—Thomas B. Thomas,* Joseph Miles, John W. Stewart,* R. Proudfit,* D. Williams, Samuel Miles,* Jesse R. Hampson, John Smith,* A. Kite,* C. Irvine,* F. R. Potts, and C. Tucker.

PHILADELPHIA ASSOCIATION—Rufus Babcock, Horatio G. Jones, James J. Woolsey, A. D. Gillet,* Joseph H. Kennard, J. S. Jenkins, Joseph Mathias, James M. Linnard, Joseph Taylor, and Joseph Walker.

BRADFORD ASSOCIATION—D. Dimock,* E. Going, and Jesse B. Worden.

NORTHUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION—Brother G. Higgins.

REDSTONE ASSOCIATION—No intelligence.

FRENCH-CREEK ASSOCIATION—No intelligence.

JUNIATA ASSOCIATION—No intelligence.

* Absent.

UNASSOCIATED CHURCHES.

GREAT VALLEY CHURCH, Brethren Leonard Fletcher, T. G. Kean, E. D. Fendall, and D. Phillips.

ALLEGHANY TOWN CHURCH, Brother Shadrach.

On motion it was resolved, that Brother S. Williams be invited to sit with the Convention as a delegate of the Beaver Association; and Brother Shadrach for the Monongahela Association.

Brother Babcock offered the following preamble and resolutions:—

Whereas a majority of the Baptist Associations in the State of Pennsylvania, in compliance with the invitation of the Domestic Missionary Societies already in existence, have expressed their approval of the formation of a State Convention, for the prosecution of Domestic Missions, and by their delegates are now assembled for that purpose, therefore

Resolved, That we now proceed to the formation of such an organization for the above-mentioned object.

Resolved, That a committee of one member from each Association be appointed to draft a constitution for the proposed convention.

The following brethren were appointed a committee for this purpose, viz. from the Philadelphia Association, Joseph Taylor; Abington do. Brother Curtis; Central Union do. Brother Cushman; Bridgewater do. Brother Worden; Bradford do. Brother Going; Monongahela do. Brother Shadrach; Beaver do. Brother Williams; Centre do. Brother Tucker; Northumberland do. Brother Higgins; Great Valley Church, Brother Fletcher.

Brother Putnam of the New York Baptist State Convention, stated that a delegation from that Convention was present, with the view of inviting a correspondence with the Convention about to be formed for the State of Pennsylvania.

Brother Joseph Sheppard made a similar communication from the New Jersey State Convention.

On motion of Brother Ezra Going, those delegations and ministering brethren present, from other parts of the country, were invited to a seat with us and a participation in the deliberations.

The Committee appointed to draft a constitution, reported a preamble and series of articles, which were taken up and considered separately. Article 1st was adopted without dissent. On the specification of the objects of the Convention, and the basis of representation, a discussion arose which occupied the Convention till the hour of adjournment.

Adjourned, to meet at half past seven o'clock P. M. Prayer by Dr. Kendrick of the Theological Institution, Hamilton, New York.

EVENING SESSION.

Opened with prayer, by Brother Dunbar, of New York city.

The discussion of the articles of the constitution was resumed, and their modification and adoption occupied the remainder of the evening.

The constitution was finally adopted in the form herewith presented, and after the appointment of a committee of nomination, of a Board of Managers, the Convention adjourned, to meet Wednesday morning, at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Brother Fletcher.

WEDNESDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Convention met. Opened with prayer, by Brother Dennison of Wilmington, Delaware.

The Committee appointed to nominate a Board of Officers made their report, and the Convention proceeded to an election. Whereupon, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year.

PRESIDENT.

JAMES M. LINNARD.

VICE PRESIDENTS.

WILLIAM T. BRANTLEY, Philadelphia.

JOSEPH WALKER, Marcus Hook.

JOSEPH MILES, Milesburg.

HENRY CURTIS, Bethany.

SAMUEL WILLIAMS, Pittsburg.

JAMES MOORE, Milton.

DR. JAMES ESTEP, Mount Pleasant.

DR. BULLOCK, of Bradford Association.

SECRETARY.

JAMES J. WOOLSEY.

TREASURER.

G. W. DONAHUE.

MANAGERS.

H. G. JONES,	B. R. LOXLEY,
R. W. CUSHMAN,	J. C. DAVIS,
J. H. KENNARD,	T. J. KITTS,
R. BABCOCK,	EDW. SITER,
G. J. MILES,	A. D. GILLET,
F. R. POTTS,	J. HASSAL,
L. FLETCHER,	F. LEE,
WM. DUNCAN,	J. B. TREVOR,
J. TAYLOR,	JOS. REYNOLDS,
T. P. SHERBURNE,	JOS. MATHIAS,
C. E. WILSON,	J. S. JENKINS.

On motion, *Resolved*, that Brethren Going, Cushman, and Woolsey, be a Committee to prepare and address a circular to the Baptists of this State, on the objects of the Convention, to be published with the minutes.

The printing and distribution of the minutes were committed to the direction of the Board, together with the time and place of holding the next meeting of the Convention; and also the appointment of a preacher.

Adjourned,

R. W. CUSHMAN, Secretary.

PREAMBLE AND CONSTITUTION.

THE great design of this convention being to promote the cause of Christ, by affording greater facilities for concert and co-operation among the Baptist churches in Pennsylvania, and others associated with them; it may be proper to state, that we utterly disclaim all power and all intention to interfere in any respect with the internal concerns of any church or association, and be it expressly understood that, no recommendation of this convention, which shall ever in any way infringe this fundamental principle, shall be in the smallest degree obligatory.

ARTICLE I.

This convention shall be known by the name of "The Pennsylvania Baptist Convention."

ARTICLE II.

The object of this convention shall be the support of Missions. All moneys designated to any particular object by the donor, shall be faithfully appropriated to such object, and a full report of the doings of the board shall be made to the convention at each annual meeting.

ARTICLE III.

Sect. 1.—This convention shall be composed of delegates chosen by the several religious bodies contributing to its funds, in such manner as each shall prescribe.

Sect. 2.—The number of delegates which each association may send to the convention shall be *three*, and one additional delegate for every five churches belonging to said association.

Sect. 3.—The officers of all societies auxiliary to this convention shall be *ex-officio* members of the convention.

Sect. 4.—Every delegate before taking his seat, shall produce satisfactory evidence of his appointment.

Sect. 5.—Any person paying twenty dollars into the treasury of the convention, shall be a life-member; and any person paying fifty dollars, shall be a life-director.

ARTICLE IV.

Sect. 1.—The officers of the convention shall be a president, two or more vice-presidents, secretary, treasurer, and twelve or more managers who, together with the officers, shall constitute an executive-board for the management of all the business of the convention; any five of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

Sect. 2.—The president, or in his absence, the oldest vice-president, shall preside in all meetings of the convention, and of the board; call meetings of the board at his discretion; and, at the request of ten members, from at least five associations, shall call a special meeting of the convention.

Sect. 3.—The secretary shall keep a fair record of all the proceedings of the convention and of the board, in a book provided for the purpose; have the custody of all papers belonging to the convention; notify all meetings; conduct the correspondence; and superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes.

Sect. 4.—The treasurer shall keep in trust all moneys belonging to this convention, and shall pay them out only on an order of the board, signed by the president and secretary; and shall, when required by the board, give bonds for the faithful discharge of his duty. His book shall always be open to the inspection of any church connected with this convention.

ARTICLE V.

There shall be an annual meeting of the convention at such time and place as shall be chosen; a sermon preached by a person appointed at the previous annual meeting, and a free public conference held, in which the delegates shall give an account of the state of religion in their respective associations and churches; together with any other information they may possess, relating to the prosperity of the church of Christ.

ARTICLE VI.

It shall be in the power of this convention to correspond with similar bodies in other states by letter and delegates; to enter into any arrangements to promote the interests of religion, not inconsistent with this constitution, nor with the declaration on which it is founded.

ARTICLE VII.

No alteration shall be made in this constitution without the concurrence of two-thirds of the delegates present at any annual meeting of the convention.

AN
APPENDIX:
CONTAINING THE
TENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BAPTIST MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION
OF PENNSYLVANIA.

R E P O R T .

In presenting their tenth annual report, the board ask the privilege of turning aside from the more ordinary course pursued on such occasions, to give an epitome of the society's history, from its commencement down to the present time.

It is thought, that a summary account of the entire operations of this association, will most effectually secure a commanding influence over the affections of its friends, and enlist them with redoubled ardour in sustaining the mission enterprise. Moreover, the circumstances upon which we are fallen, seem to demand of us a brief recital of the past, that the friends of the society may live over again the more interesting scenes which are interwoven in its history, and which are so many testimonials of the faithfulness of God, in succeeding the labours of his servants with speedy and happy results. During the year 1826, it was proposed, that a general society for missionary purposes be formed, and that a convention be called to carry the design into effect.

At this time there were several local associations for mission purposes in the State; the most considerable of which was "The Philadelphia Baptist Mission Society," which was exerting a salutary influence among the churches.

"The Philadelphia Association," the oldest body of the kind in the United States, had for a length of time been engaged in the mission cause, and as early as the year 1760, sent forth missionaries into Virginia; and in 1786 into New York. In process of time, these brethren returned, with acknowledgments of gratifying success.

The convention which had been called, met on the fourth of July, 1827, a day ever dear to American citizens, and doubly so to many, as the birthday of this Institution.

After some deliberation, it was unanimously resolved that a society be formed, denominated, "The Baptist General Association of Pennsylvania, for Missionary purposes." This may be regarded as an auspicious era in the history of Pennsylvania missions.

The several local societies were doing much good, and were worthy of being sustained. Yet they felt the inconvenience of an insular existence. They wanted the power of voluntary combination, and concert of action. But, until the formation of the state association, there was no one society sufficiently general, in which they could represent

themselves, and unite their strength, in carrying forward their laudable design.

The general association now passing in review, though blessed with some favourable auspices, had, nevertheless, like most other similar institutions, but a small commencement. The greater part of its auxiliaries were but of recent formation and were generally feeble; so that the entire receipts of the society during the first year of its existence, amounted only to \$178, 95. A fact which we would forbear to mention, were it not to compare the receipts of the treasurer at different periods, and hereby learn not to despise the day of small things.

At the close of the second year, the treasurer acknowledged \$381, 39, in advance of the receipts of the preceding year, making an aggregate of \$560, 34. During this year, an agent was employed to circulate among the churches, and collect funds for the society. Owing, however, to other engagements, he was able to devote but a small part of his time, in the capacity of an agent.

His influence was felt in increasing a missionary spirit among the brethren, and herein he was especially serviceable to the society, yet he brought nothing directly into the treasury. His expenditures exceeded his actual receipts, by \$2,09½.

Such was this Institution in its incipient state.

Humble in its original organisation, yet destined in its gradual expansion to swell and roll forward the tide of mercy, which eventually shall cover the whole earth. Aiming to carry a lamp to those who sit in darkness, and joyful tidings to the comfortless and needy, has it failed in the attempt? Are we assembled ten years from the origin of this society, to pronounce a requiem over its expiring couch, under the conviction that its existence has been useless, and its end inglorious? Does its apparently premature conclusion, argue unfavourably to the mission enterprise, and discourage further attempts? Or is not this the policy of success? Does not this society pass away to give place to another, rising up out of its ashes, in all the vigour of manhood and wisdom of age, to whom shall be confided the important trust, of giving the bread of life to the famishing of our state. In returning satisfactory answers to these interrogations, it will be pleasing to re-assemble at the commencement of the society, and then descending along the pathway of its history, familiarise ourselves with its effects; noticing the sources of misery, which it has dried up, and the fertilising streams which it has sent forth, in every direction, spreading health and verdure over the land.

But here, we are obliged to restrain our inclinations, while we content ourselves with a mere summary of its deeds. You are already made acquainted with the meager accounts of the first year, which

fell considerably short of two hundred dollars. But it is a gratifying circumstance as we follow down the course of our history, to learn that during the fourth year, a sum not less than \$1532, 20, was acknowledged; and only two years later, six from its origin, the receipts amounted to \$2109, 84, presenting an increase of funds over the receipts of the first year, of 1930, 89. Not a little emblematical of the increase of its moral effects.

During the ten years of the Society's existence, above \$14,500, have been expended, in promoting the cause of Christ in Pennsylvania; 57 years of labour performed by your Missionaries; 39 churches constituted; and 15 meeting houses erected, partially through their influence; while the various benevolent institutions of the day, have felt their moral power.

But this is not all. Churches which had nearly become extinct, have been resuscitated, and others, which had been low and dispirited, have been greatly revived and encouraged; destitute neighbourhoods, where the name of Jesus was little known, have been visited by the feet of him, who bringeth glad tidings of good things, and thousands have heard the Gospel, as proclaimed by your missionaries; many of whom have been restrained from desecrating the Lord's day, and from vice and immorality.

But this is not all. On examination, it has been found, that, from four to five thousand souls have been turned from the error of their ways and hopefully converted to Christ; the greater part of whom have publicly professed their interest in a Saviour's blood. *It should be a most encouraging and gratifying circumstance to the friends of the Society, to learn, that one-fifth as many souls have been turned to God in penitential sorrow for sin, as there have been dollars expended.*

Not that we would estimate the worth of a soul, by any amount whatever. We shrink from such a computation. The soul is above all price, short of the precious blood of the Lamb of God. Should the Lord say to the anxious sinner, give me an equivalent for your *soul and live*; who could be saved? There would be no hope. The hoarded millions of the miser, if all laid at the feet of the compassionate Saviour, would only draw forth in mingled pity, the merited rebuke, "Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money."

But we may from such a comparison, learn what God hath wrought. How, he, who ever surprises us with the magnitude of his favour, has surpassed the scanty pittance of our liberality. We may learn how grace abounds towards them, who attend the ministry of reconciliation. We may learn not to be weary in well doing for in due season we

shall reap, if we faint not. And we may and should learn that what we do for Christ and the salvation of sinners, is not done in vain. Though it be sown in weakness, it shall be raised in power.

We have thus, rapidly, glanced over the history of this association. But we should omit a very important, as well as pleasing part of our design, should we pass in silence, the names of those who founded this institution, and successively contributed to its increasing prosperity. Of so many of them as have gone to their rest, we might be permitted to speak freely, did not the limits of this report forbid. As it is, we can do little more than repeat their names, which, to many present, will call up a train of fond remembrances.

So recently have these names disappeared from the records of this society, as to render their repetition all that might be necessary on this occasion, were it not that we stand connected with the future.

In going up then again to the origin of this association, to renew an acquaintance with its earliest friends, suffer us to revive in your recollection the name of one, whose persevering exertions to advance the interests of this society, we cannot sufficiently admire.

William E. Ashton, though early dead, lived long enough to evince his love to Christ and his desire for the salvation of souls. Whether we regard him as a shepherd or bishop of souls on each returning Sabbath, standing before the people of his charge and administering to them the bread of life, or view him, as an instructor of youth, tasking himself with a multiplicity of engagements, involving vast and solemn responsibilities, while giving a moral and mental impress to hundreds who sought his aid, we shall see a faithful and untiring man, an enterprising and devoted Christian. The various departments of Christian benevolence felt and acknowledged his worth, and were ever cheered by his presence.

From his accustomed diligence, it might seem that he had a presentiment of his early death. He seemed to be urged forward from the consideration that he "must work while the day lasts, for the night cometh, when no man can work." Soon his place was vacant—we sought him, but he could not be found.

But, from "the chamber where the good man meets his fate," the tones of his benevolence were distinctly heard. He even then, when contending with his last enemy, death, remembered the souls of his fellow-men, and under the prompting of his usual beneficence and humane charity, apportioned a part of his earthly effects to meet their imperious and imploring wants. We take our leave of our departed brother, by recording his dying bequest of five hundred dollars for missionary purposes in Pennsylvania, leaving it for other institutions which

shared his like munificence, to embalm his memory by acknowledging their indebtedness to his favour. If it be further desirable that those distinguished for high moral worth and Christian fidelity, should live in the memory of those coming after them, then may another, whose name stands connected with the history of this society, pass in review before us. The name of Wm. Staughton is as enduring as the memory of the blessed; and when we mention it, we would pause and adore the Providence, which gave him to the church. In the present imperfect state of human affairs, when the pinnacle of fame is the god of the aspirant, it is not singular, that the enviable position which Staughton occupied should gain for him the invidiousness of some, and the defamatory breath of others.

But there are not wanting those who will wipe off the aspersions of an enemy, and gladly award him merited distinction. Too many are the virtues stamped upon his brow, and too deeply are they imprinted there, to suffer much from the spunging hand of jealousy. We might speak of his manly deportment, his professional ability. We might speak of his warm and sympathising heart, his overflowing benevolence, his exemplary generosity. We might speak of his general information, his scientific attainments, his knowledge of divine things. We might dwell long and pleasantly upon him, as an ambassador of God to men, and as a preacher of the righteousness of Christ.

But we forbear, his record is on high, and his memory is cherished by the virtuous and pious on earth.

In filling up our design, it will be impossible to offer even a brief notice of all, who once participated in the labours of this society; but are now gone to their rewards. We might call to remembrance David Jones, Joseph Compton, Noah Davis, Levi Garrett, and Joseph Maylin; the latter of whom, while seeking his fortune in the East, found the "pearl of great price," through the instrumentality of the venerable Carey, by whom, also, he received the ordinance of baptism, in the river Ganges, and was admitted to the fellowship of the Christian church on heathen ground. There is one, however, whose name stands connected with this history, in whose behalf we crave your further indulgence. And though he is not dismissed from earth, yet his distance from us may admit of a few remarks on this occasion.

You already anticipate that reference is had to the devoted Eugenio Kincaid, who, at this hour, peradventure, is presenting the lamp of life, to the darkened tribes of hapless Burmah. He once was here. He was an early agent of this association, and a Missionary of the cross, going forth under the patronage of your board, proclaiming peace and good will to men.

Our remarks, respecting Mr. Kincaid, shall consist, chiefly, of quotations from his own reports and from the records of this society.

In a communication addressed to the secretary, bearing date June 1st. 1830, he says, "for some months past, we have witnessed the special influence of the spirit.

The youth have shared largely in this work of grace. The number of anxious mourning souls is increasing. And what is worthy of remark, the greater number received their first convictions on baptismal occasions."

Mr. Kincaid, having received an appointment as a Missionary to Burmah, took leave of the friends of this society, May 13th, 1830, for Boston, whence he sailed on the 30th inst. for Calcutta.

The estimation in which he was held, as an agent and Missionary, may be ascertained from the following extracts taken from the records of the society.

"In concluding our report," says the secretary, "we wish to express our high sense of the valuable services, rendered by our Brother Kincaid, in whose resignation, the association sustains a great loss. He has been your agent from your first organisation, and has been the chief instrument in originating nearly all your auxiliary societies. As a pioneer, we know not his equal. It has been ascertained, that within the last four years, he has travelled more than 20,000 miles, in exploring our state, and preaching in its most destitute and dreary regions, and in some instances, where the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, had never before been seen. We rejoice that the *Foreign Mission*, in which we feel a lively interest, has obtained a brother so laborious and self-denyng."

The night before leaving Boston for India, Mr. Kincaid, wrote to this board as follows, "the deep interest I have felt in the advancement of the cause in Pennsylvania, can never be erased from my mind; my happiness has been identified with the prosperity of the Mission cause in that state, and though I may never visit it again, the recollections of past years, will ever be present with me. In mind, I shall often visit those mountains and valleys where I have so frequently preached the things concerning the kingdom of God."

So ardently was he devoted to the cause of missions in this state, and so unquestionable an assurance has he left of the sincerity of that devotion, as naturally to elicit from us warm expressions of gratitude. Indeed, it is difficult to suppress the inquisitiveness which one feels, while calling to recollection so worthy a friend—so devoted a Christian.

We would fain know where he resides; the tenor of his life, and the success of his toils. Has he tired under his burden, and given up in despair? Or, is he pressing forward to victory and death, with unabated ardour?

It may not be extraneous to our purpose, to introduce, in this connexion, some few extracts of his communications from heathen lands.

We hear of gratifying success accompanying his efforts, at the very heart of the Burman Empire, and within the precincts of the Golden City. In describing the first baptismal scene ever witnessed by the sable sons of Ava, he says, after an examination of the candidate, who gave pleasing evidence of genuine piety—

“We immediately repaired to the Irrawaddy, knelt down upon its shore, and lifted up our hearts in thanksgiving to Almighty God, for the tokens of his divine favour. Mah-nwa-Oo was then buried beneath the wave, in obedience to her Saviour’s will. How strikingly solemn this hour! How holy this place! These waters, that for ages have been echoing the song of heathen worshippers, now listen to the voice of prayer, rising to the throne of the Eternal.

The spire of the royal palace gleams over our heads, and the walls of the Golden City fling their shadows upon the waters; but we heed it not. The King immortal, invisible, and only wise God our Saviour, has bid us plant our banners here. If God be for us, who can be against us? Not a breath was heard but the voice of prayer, and the word of the divine commission. Let waters break forth in this desert; let the wilderness blossom; let the Lord’s house be established on these mountains.”

Only eight days later, and you see the same ambassador of Jesus, re-visiting this Burmah Jordan, with an astonished crowd listening to the accents of mercy, as he is about descending a second time, into the baptismal waters.

Moung Kay, who had been one of the most popular preachers of Buddhism in Ava, and is reputed one of the most learned men in the city, now openly professes his faith in the Lord Jesus. He enrols his name under the banner of the cross.

We must conclude this report, to which the importance of the subject has given an extension beyond our original design, by pausing to dwell for a moment on our present condition, and future prospects.

It is known, doubtless, to most present, that for some years past there have been two distinct societies in the state, whose objects have been precisely the same.

The Convention recently formed, is designed to supersede the two distinct organisations, by blending them in one.

While, therefore, the Convention is virtually the same, both as to its nature and design, as those from which it has been formed, yet it will possess advantages unknown to them, in their separate state. Union is strength, as well in the moral, as in the physical world.— And the Convention, combining the strength of the two societies, will

turn an instrumentality, well adapted to the work, which it purports to accomplish.

The union of these two associations, is regarded as an auspicious Providence, which calls alike for gratitude to God, and the hearty co-operation of all the friends of missions. It opens on our way an encouraging prospect, apposite the peculiarity of the times.

Amid the *stresses* of commotion around us, when earth is shaken to her centre, and the moral elements of the world are breaking up, how sweet is the repose of this hour!

We hail it with delight; and gladly yield up our distinct and separate existence, to merge into another, which shall increase and concentrate our energies.

In the destitution of a large portion of our State, as to religious and moral advantages; in the worth of souls; the value of the Saviour's sacrifice; our indebtedness to the compassion and favour of God; and in the little time we have to act for the relief of human woe, your Board can see much cause for united and holy action; and would affectionately urge upon your attention the Convention for missionary purposes, in this State. It has their entire confidence; and they can but feel, that it has claims imperious upon us, as Christians and as Baptists.

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

At the close of the meeting at which the above report was read and adopted, it was resolved that the Pennsylvania Domestic Mission Association, should merge its influence and energy in the cause of missions with the Baptist Convention; and in accordance with this course passed the following resolution in relation to auxiliaries.

Resolved, That all auxiliary societies, the representatives of which have constituted this Association, be affectionately requested to become auxiliary to "The Pennsylvania Baptist Convention," so soon as the debts of this Association are paid.

By order of the Board.

JAMES J. WOOLSEY.

Rev. Sec.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

George W. Donahue, Treasurer, in account with the Pennsylvania Baptist Missionary Association.

1836.		Dr.		
July 11,	To	Cash from Israel E. James, Donation,	-	\$ 10 00
Oct. 1,	" do.	" Home Missionary Society of Fifth Baptist Church, Philadelphia, per J. Barnhurst, Treasurer,	-	79 00
4,	" do.	" Collections at Philadelphia Baptist Association in New Market St. Church,	- - -	20 00
5,	" do.	" Do. do. do.	- - -	12 30
20,	" do.	" William Ruddy, per J. E. James,	-	5 00
"	" do.	" Joseph Barnhurst, do.	-	5 00
Nov. 11,	" do.	" Home Missionary Society of the Fifth Baptist Church, Philadelphia, per P. Loud,	- - -	1 00
16,	" do.	" Collections of E. Going, Agent, viz :		
		Blockley Church,	- 6 60	
		Lower Merion Church,	- 1 00	
		Montgomery, do.	- 1 00	
		Mount Bethel, do.	- 13 06	
		Stroudsburg, do.	- 2 62	
		Joshua Griffin, Greenfield, Pennsylvania,	- 1 00	
		Samuel Callender, do.	- 5 00	
		Brantrim Church,	- 19 65	
		Windham do.	- 10 14	
		Springfield do.	- 1 10	
		Rush do.	- 2 00	
		Middletown do.	- 3 54	
		Donation,	- 75	
		Carbondale do.	- 2 38	
		Greenfield do.	- 1 42	
		Abington do.	- 17 89	
		Nicholson do.	- 7 34	
		Jackson do.	- 3 25	
		Herrick do.	- 3 75	
		Damascus do.	- 13 46	
		Bethany do.	- 2 60	
		A Friend to Missions,	- 1 00	
		Do. do.	- 50	
		Abington Association, per R. Grenell, Treasurer,	36 50	
		Clinton Church,	- 20 85	
		Honesdale, do.	- 7 36	
		Salem Corner Church,	- 11 38	
		Sterling do.	- 6 12	
		Catherine Ott,	- 1 00	
		Ridley Church,	- 17 54	
		West Chester Church,	- 2 00	

		Brandywine do.	-	6 04	
		Marcus Hook do.	-	9 75	
					239 59
Nov. 17,	To Cash from	Clement A. Wilson.	Philadelphia.		5 00
18,	" do.	Francis R. Potts.	Milesburgh, Pa.		10 00
25,	" do.	Fifth Baptist Church,	Philadelphia,		
		per E. Going, Agt.	- - -		104 00
	" do.	Great Valley Baptist Church	per E. Going, Agent.		37 47
29,	" do.	Great Valley Church—additional.			4 25
Dec. 17,	" do.	Rev. Jas. Mathias—subscription.			10 00
	" do.	Mrs. Eleanor Ihrle, Easton.			2 00
31,	" do.	Miss Mary Harper, Philadelphia,			2 00
1887.					
Jan. 9,	" do.	Female Union Baptist Missionary	Society, per J. B. Trevor.		150 00
	" do.	Jos. Reynolds—Sub. of Oct.			10 00
	" do.	J. E. Mayhew, and J. H. Jeffries,			5 00
Feb. 6,	" do.	Fifth Baptist Church, Philadelphia	Home Missionary Society, per P. Loud.		3 00
	" do.	Jas. M. Linnard, Philadelphia.			10 00
	" do.	Rev. R. Babcock, do.			10 00
March 13,	" do.	Jas. M. Linnard, do.			100 00
	" do.	A Friend, in Jefferson Co. Pa.			3 33
	" do.	Rev. E. Going—Subscription.			10 00
16,	" do.	Thos. P. Sherbourne do.			10 00
	" do.	Rev. J. Walker do.			10 00
	" do.	Rev. C. W. Denison do.			5 00
April 26,	" do.	New Britain Baptist Church, per	Nathan Connell.		17 77
May 1,	" do.	Clinton Baptist Church.			6 12
	" do.	Phineas How, Jr., Sterling, Pa.			3 00
	" do.	Catherine Bailey, Abington.			50
	" do.	Sheldon Norton, Mount Republic,	Pa. per R. Grenell.		15 00
	" do.	Panpack Church, Wayne County,			4 00
3,	" do.	Centre Baptist Association, per	hands of Jos. Miles, Treasurer,		30 05
	" do.	Collection in the Milesburg, Pa.,	Church, March, 1887, per Jos. Miles,		9 37
	" do.	Marcus Hook Female Missionary	Society, per hands Miss Sarah A. Walker, Treasurer,		45 00
	" do.	George M. Leod, late Treasurer,			2 45
June 7,	" do.	Spruce St. Baptist Church,			12 90
	" do.	Roxborough do.			11 00
	" do.	Fifth do.			5 44
	" do.	Lower Merion do.			30 25
	" do.	Blockley do.			17 29
	" do.	Central, Philad. do.			21 25
	" do.	Hepzabah do.			21 30

June 7,	" do.	" Glen Run	do. - - -	10 04
	" do.	" New Britain	do. - - -	1 00
	" do.	" J. P. Crozier, Marcus Hook,	- - -	2 50
	" do.	" John D. White, do.	- - -	5 00
	" do.	" John Mustin, Philadelphia,	- - -	5 00
	" do.	" John Nice, do.	- - -	5 00
	" do.	" James Walton, do.	- - -	5 00
	" do.	" Rachel Hyde, do.	- - -	5 00
	" do.	" J. M. Allen, do.	- - -	5 00
	" do.	" A Friend, do.	- - -	5 00
	" do.	" Rev. J. H. Kennard, do.	- - -	10 00
	" do.	" John Carswell, do.	- - -	5 00
	" do.	" Geo. W. Donohue, do.	- - -	3 00
	" do.	" Spruce St. Baptist Church,	- - -	50 00
	" do.	" Northumberland Assoc'n, through Geo. M. Spratt, - - -	- - -	35 00
	" do.	" George M'Leod, - - -	- - -	10 00
	" do.	" Sunday School of the Spruce St. Baptist Church, - - -	- - -	30 00
	" do.	" John Mathias, Hilltown, Pa., -	- - -	2 00
	" do.	" G. Owen, Esq., do. - - -	- - -	7 00
	" do.	" Other subscribers, do. - - -	- - -	10 25
	" do.	" New Market St. Church Missionary Society, - - -	- - -	10 00
	" do.	" Mrs. Margaret Garrett, Philada.,	- - -	5 00
	" do.	" Central Church Female Missionary Society, - - -	- - -	10 00
	" do.	" Collection at Annual Meeting, -	- - -	12 25
				1454 27

1836.		Cr.		
July 18,	By Cash paid on order,	R. F. Young, dated, June 14,	\$ 10 00	
Oct. 5,	" do. "	" Balance of do.	15 00	
	" do. "	" Order fav'r T. W. Ustick, July 7,	38 82	
	" do. "	" do. do. Sept. 1,	37 96	
8,	" do. "	" do. Central Church May 26,	50 00	
	" do. "	" do. J. P. Thompson, Oct. 6,	25 00	
	" do. "	" do. Ezra Going, "	75 00	
10,	" do. "	" do. J. M. Allen, Oct. 10,	5 00	
11,	" do. "	" do. E. M. Barker, "	25 00	
14,	" do. "	" do. Schuylkill Church, "	25 00	
Nov. 17,	" do. "	" do. David Thomas, Nov. 3,	14 73	
26,	" do. "	" do. Daniel Trites, Oct. 10,	25 00	
	" do. "	" do. Robert Compton, Nov. 3,	25 00	
	" do. "	" do. J. P. Rockafeller, "	5 00	
Dec. 22,	" do. "	" do. David Williams, "	105 63	
	" do. "	" do. David Thomas, "	52 25	
1837.				
Jan. 5,	" do. "	" do. D. W. Ashton, Jan. 5,	8 00	

Jan. 9,	"	do.	"	"	do. Geo. V. Walling, July 7,	31 75
13,	"	do.	"		On acc't do. Wm. Stone, Jan. 5, 1837,	72 47
30,	"	do.	"		Balance do. do. do. "	4 53
	"	do.	"		Paid order favour do. do. "	8 00
Feb. 25,	"	do.	"		do. J. M. Linnard, for servi-	
					ces of W. R. Williams,	
					October 10, 1836, -	20 00
Mar. 13,	"	do.	"		do. J. M. Linnard, for ser-	
					vices of Samuel Miles,	
					dated June 11, 1836,	96 33
16,	"	do.	"		do. Isaac D. Jones, Jan. 5,	17 50
	"	do.	"		do. G. M. Spratt, Feb'y 2,	14 00
May, 1,	"	do.	"		do. John Thomas, May 1,	50 00
	"	do.	"		do. Henry Curtis, "	28 62
	"	do.	"		do. Milesburg Church, "	39 42
	"	do.	"		do. J. M. Linnard on Ac-	
					count Geo. Higgins,	50 00
	"	do.	"		do. David Williams, "	94 37
June 7,	"	do.			Paid order in favour E. Going dated January	
					5, 1837, - - - - -	151 33
	"	do.			Order in favour of John Thomas, dated,	
					May 23, 1837, - - - - -	25 00
	"	do.			Order in favour of G. M. Spratt,	
					dated June 7, 1837. - - - - -	35 00
	"	do.			Order in favour of George M'Leod,	
					on account of Geo. Higgins, June	
					7, 1837. - - - - -	30 94
	"	do.			Order in favour of George M'Leod,	
					on account of Henry Curtis, June	
					7, 1837. - - - - -	9 06
	"	do.			Order in favour of J. D. Jones, dated	
					May 1, 1837. - - - - -	32 50
	"	do.			Order in favour of E. M. Barker,	
					dated Nov. 3, 1836. - - - - -	25 00
	"	do.			Order in favour of R. F. Young,	
					dated February 2, 1837. - - - - -	38 75
						<hr/>
						1416 96
					Balance in the Treasury, per Contra, - - - - -	37 31
						<hr/>
						1454 27

N. B.—In addition to the above, the Treasurer acknowledges about seven hundred dollars, which should appear in detail; but, unfortunately, that part of his report, containing these items, has been mislaid.

We hope this explanation will prove satisfactory to those who have generously contributed to the funds of this Society, but of whose specific contributions no acknowledgment is here made.