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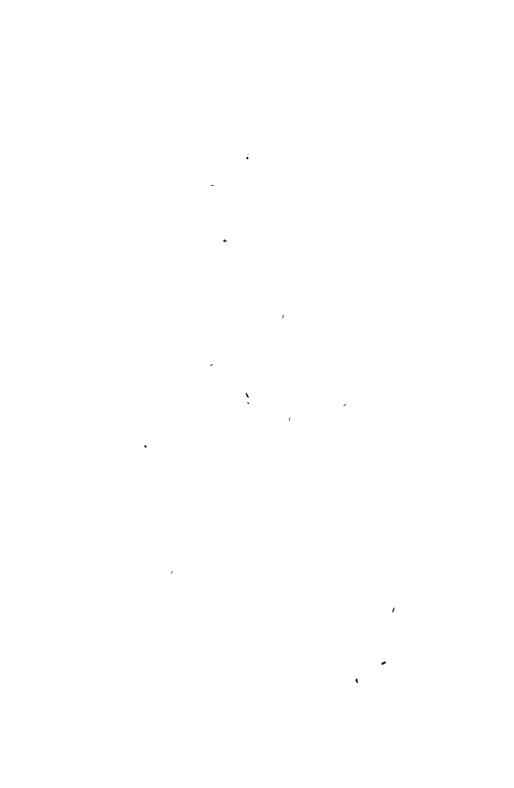
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BAPTISTS IN KENTUCKY.

Held with the Baptist Church in Maysville, commencing on Saturday, October 17, 1847.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. S. Dyer, of Louisville from 50th Ppsalm 2d verse: "Out of Zion the perfection of beauty God hath shined." The meeting was then called to order by the Secretary, and Elder W. C. Buck appointed Moderator pro tem.

The following Associations and Churches were represented:

Bracken Association.—Elder S. L. Helm.

LITTLE BETHEL ASSOCIATION .- Elder S. Dyer.

GREENUP ASSOCIATION .-- W. P. Savage, and C. F. Crooks.

CHURCHES:

EAST CHURCH, LOUISVILLE.—Elder W. C. Buck.

MAYSVILLE.—J. L. Kirk, Tho. Y. Payne, S. S. Miner, Robt. Power, F. M. Weeden, Jas. Artus, E. F. Metcalf, Tho. Wise, H. C. Tureman, A. Casto, John Hunt, John McDonald, and Charles D. Kirk.

GREAT CROSSINGS.—Elder W. G. Craig, and Gab. B. Long.

STAMPING GROUND.-F. C. McCalla.

Shelbyville.—Elder W. W. Gardner.

MAYSLICK.—Elder S. L. Helm, J. S. Morris, H. McIlvane, and J. F. Jones.

COVINGTON .-- Elder J. M. Frost.

MILL CREEK, NELSON COUNTY .- Elder R. P. Lewis.

Danville.—Elder W. R. Combs.

Georgetown.—Elder D. R. Campbell.

CRAB ORCHARD .- J. M. Newland, and H. Middleton.

FLEMINGSBURGH.-Elder Andrew Broaddus.

BRACKEN CHURCH .-- Elder A. W. Larue.

CORRESPONDING BODIES:

Southern Baptist Convention-Elder J. B. Taylor, R. Holeman.

Voted that Elders Helm, Combs, and Dyer, be a committee on nomina kions.

Voted that the Deacons of the Church be a committee to arrange for breaching on Sunday.

Adjourned to the call of the Chair. Prayer by Elder Larue.

HALF-PAST 2 O'CLOCK.

. Prayer by Elder Taliaferro.

The Report of the Board was read and ordered to be printed.

The Report of the Treasurer read, and ordered to be printed.

The Committee on Nominations made the following Report, which was tadopted:

OFFICERS:

Rev. Howard Malcom, D. D., President. Rev. D. R. Campbell, Corresponding Secretary. F. C. McCalla, Recording Secretary. Gab. B. Long, Treasurer.

MANAGERS:

Henry Day, D. Thomas, S. F. Gano, R. M. Ewing, D. G. Hatch, B. F. Blewett, T. Hughs, W. G. Craig, W. M. Pratt, J. D. Black, Y. R. Pitts, R. T. Dillard, W. F. Broaddus, J. W. Goodman, A. Drury, F. H. Hodges, J. Leake, S. S. Sumner, W. C. Buck, J. M. Pendleton, Samuel Baker, F. G. Keene, S. Dyer, B. C. Morse, A. D. Sears, W. W. Gardner, R. P. Lewis, W. R. Combs, A. W. Larue, J. M. Frost, A Broaddus, S. L. Helm, J. L. Waller, J. S. Higgins, B. F. Kenny; V. E. Kirtley, P. C. Scott, R. L. Thurman, B. P. Drake, E. H. Black, John Holladay, Tho. Y. Payne, J. S. Kirk, S. S. Minor, Tho. Porter, J. S. Morris, A. Taylor, J. E. Grace, D. E. Burns, and J. H. Brown.

Voted that Brethren Payne, Frost, Helm, Campbell, and Craig, be a Comittee on Covington Institute, and report this evening. Brethren Gardner, Larue, and Long, appointed a Committee of Arrangements.

Voted that the resolution making the appointment of holding the nex Association the last item of business, be repealed.

Voted that the next General Association be held with the Church at Bowlinggreen.

Voted that Elder R. L. Thurman, preach the next introductory, and Elder D. R. Campbell his alternate.

Adjourned to the call of the Chair.

EN O'CLOCK.

Prayer by Elder W. R. Combs, of Danville.

The report of the Committee of Arrangements read and adopted.

The Committee on the Covington Theological Institute, made the following report.

The Committee to whom was committed the resolution of this Association requiring them to inquire into the situation and condition of the Western Baptist Theological Institute, located at Covington, and to inquire and ascertain what measures are necessary to render the said Institution effectual in carrying out the objects of its charter, having duly considered the same, beg leave to report the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of five be and they are hereby appointed to confer with the Trustees of said Institution, and adopt such measures as may be necessary to make said Institution effectual in carrying out the objects of the charter, for the Bptists of this State, upon the plan and basis upon which it was chartered by Kentucky.

Whereupon Brother Thomas Y. Payne, and Elder Helm, Frost, Craig, and Campbell, were appointed said committee.

Elder Holeman offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

In view of the peculiar Providences which called the Board of Domestic Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention into being; the great destitution of the field it proposes to occupy; and the fact that it is the only Board in existence adapted to this field. Therefore,

Resolved, That this Association regard with interest the claims of sail. Board upon the Baptists of Kentucky, to furnish their proportion of the aid in prosecuting the great work assigned it by the Southern Baptist Convention.

Elder Taylor offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Association regards with lively interest, the work committed to the hands of our Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Virg

ginia, and that the churches of our State are hereby affectionately urged to sustain the Board by their fervent prayers, and their liberal contributions.

The committee to arrange for preaching made the following report, which was passed:

Religious Notice.—The ministers of the Baptist Association will preach to-morrow at the following places of worship:

Baptist Church.—Rev. W. C. Buck, of Louisville, in the morning. S. Dyer, of Louisville, at 3 o'clock. W. A. Taliferro, at night

Presbyterian Church.—J. B. Taylor of Richmond, Virginia, in the morning. J. M. Frost, of Covington, at night.

Christian Church.—W. G. Craig, of Scott county, in the morning. R. Holman, of Marion, Alabama, at night.

- M. E. Church, at the Upper Room in City Hall.—W. W. Gardner, of Shelbyville, in the morning. W. R. Combs, of Danville, at night.
- M. E. Church, South, at Lower Room in City Hall.—D. R. Campbell, of Georgetown, in the morning. R. P. Lewis, of Bardstown, at night.

Elder W. W. Gardner offered the following resolution, which was passed:

Resolved, That the Board be instructed to use every possible effort to secure the services of a suitable agent as soon as possible, and place him in the field.

Elder J. B. Taylor offered the following resolution, which was passed:

Resolved, That the Baptist Mission Journal the organ of the Foreign and Domestic Mission Board, published by H. K. Ely, of Richmond, Virginia, be recommended to the patronage of our Brethren in this State, and also the Indian Advocate.

Voted that the clerk furnish Elders Buck and Keene with a copy of the Minutes for publication.

Adjourning prayer by the Moderator.

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W. C. BUCK, Moderator, Louisville.

F. C. McCalla, Clerk, Georgetown, Ky.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD.

The annual Report of the Board of the General Association purports to be an account of the labors performed under the patronage of this body during the year. Your Board have endeavored faithfully to discharge the duties entrusted to their care. How far they have succeeded in meeting the expectations of the Association, the results must determine. The following is a brief view of the doings of the year:

GENERAL AGENT.

Acting under the impression that the General Agent of this body ought to be a man of superior gifts and qualifications, your Board have made special efforts, by private correspondence, and otherwise, to secure the services of such a man; but without success. This we deeply regret, as the state of your operations imperiously demands the influence of an efficient Agent.

MISSIONARIES.

The following Missionaries have been in your employment during a part or the whole of the year. H. F. Buckner, in Greenup county; S. V. Potts, in Estelle county; F. German, in Bracken and Pendleton; W. A. Taliaferro, in part of Harrison, Scott, and Grant; W. R. Combs, in the Fourth Church in Louisville; Moses Akin, in the bounds of Liberty, Barren, Freedom, and Russel's Creek Association.

REPORTS OF MISSIONARIES.

- H. F. Buckner reports about three months labor. He resigned last January, after doing much good in his field.
- S. V. Potts reports having labored about one hundred and fifty days; preached one hundred and twenty sermons; delivered forty exhortations; travelled one thousand three hundred and seventy miles; baptised seventeen. Brother P. is an energetic minister; is much beloved, and doing good service. His young churches breathe the right spirit, and exhibit the right principles. Though poor, they are active and liberal; one of them fo

- F. German reports having labored about one hundred days; preached one hundred and fifty sermons; delivered many addresses; travelled six hundred miles; baptised twenty-eight. One-half of which labor he credits to the Association. Brother G. is a man of deep piety and great zeal. He is greatly encouraged, though his field is large and destitute, he being the only ordained minister in a space of twenty square miles. He furnishes \$18,50 from his field for the Association.
- W. A. Taliaferro reports having rode about fifteen hundred miles; preached one hundred and twelve sermons; delivered many addresses; baptised thirteen; assisted in constituting three churches; distributed many tracts; and made numerous visits of a religious character. Brother T. is a young man of good promise, has been of great service in his field, which is a very destitute and difficult one.
- W. R. Combs reports having preached about two hundred sermons; attended about one hundred prayer meetings; and fifteen temperance meetings; delivered many temperance and Sunday school addresses; received twenty-seven into the fellowship of the church. Present number of the church ninety-nine. Average attendance in Sabbath schools one hundred; eleven of whom were baptised during the year. The church is located in a very destitute portion of the city, is very energetic, though poor; greatly needs a larger house of worship. Brother C. has accepted the care of the church in Danville. A successor has been found, and will soon enter upon his labors.

Moses Akin reports five and one-third month's service in his field, having travelled nearly five hundred miles; preached upwards of seventy sermons; baptised fifty-eight; and an interesting revival going on now. Besides this labor brother A. has labored successfully in protracted meetings beyond the bounds of his field. God's blessing seems to attend him.

Elder Y. R. Pitts reports having assisted your missionary, W. A. Taliaferro, in a protracted meeting at one of his stations, Williamsboro', the county seat of Grant, in which he labored twenty days, which resulted in the constitution of a church of thirty-four members, and says: "prospects ere encouraging at that place." This service is tendered as a gratuity to the Association. Will not other ministers imitate Brother Pitts' example?

SUMMARY OF LABOR.

Six missionaries have been in the field more or less of the year, have performed upwards of three year's labor for one man—preached about six hundred sermons; travelled near four thousand miles; (in addition to Brother Comb's labor in the city;) received into fellowship one hundred and seventy; a flourishing Sunday school has been taught at one of the stations; a comfortable meeting-house has been built at another. Considering the disadvantages we have been subjected to for the want of a general Agent, there is great cause for devout gratitude to God, and for encouragement in your labors. It is believed that more has been accomplished during this than any previous year of your operations. Most of the stations are now in a prosperous condition, and the treasury unencumbered with debt.

CONCLUSION.

Brethren, in closing this report we would respectfully urge you to prosecute with vigor your gracious enterprise. Do not suppose that the Association can be effective without *your* special support. Give it *your* influence if you would see it prosper. Remember that it will be just what you, under God, will make it. To stand aloof is to let it perish. Let the ministry especially rally around it. They can do more than all others to give it perpetuity and prosperity.

Perhaps this is the time and place to suggest the propriety and necessity of doing something to give permanent efficiency to this enterprise. The "five year plan" will soon close, unless renewed, and if not renewed something else should be substituted in its place. Shall it be renewed or what shall be its substitute? It is for this body to determine. May the Great Head of the church be with you in all your deliberations.

What course shall be pursued hereafter it is for you to determine.

D. R. CAMBELL, Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

G. B. Long, Treasurer.

In account with the General Association,

Oct. 16, 1846. To cash on		Crab Orchard,	8 00
hand last year, \$518	32	Salvisa church.	$3 \ 25$
Second church Louisville, 50	0 0	Josiah Leake.	5 00
Somerset church, 7	00	R. N. Nelson.	2 50
Mount Salem do.	20	Hilsborough collection.	4 10
A. Davis, - 1	00	5 years subscription,	16 00
Harrodsburg church, 4	00	•	
H. G. Waggoner, 1	00	Forks of Dick's River,	
E. E. Bradley,	50	B. Kember,	5 00
Fourth church, Louisville,	50	A. Rice,	1 00
Daniel Shouse, 2	50	J. B. Smith,	1 00
	50		2 00
J. Kirtby, 2	00	J. L. Smith,	2 00
	00	S. West,	2 00
Providence church, 11	00	S. Stone,	2 00
Jan. 19, 1847, C. Field, 10	00	E. J. Floyd,	2 00
Reuben Munday, 10	00	H. Smith,	1 00
	00	Stamping Ground church	, viz :
L. Moore, 5	00	George Beaty,	5 00
	00	E. H. Black,	250
April 28, Lawrenceburg ch. 4	00	J. D. Black,	250
August 18, Mt. Pleasant "34	00	M. B. Mothershead,	250
" " Lawrenceburg " 4	00	William Beaty,	1 00
Beverly Branham, 5	00	Willie B. Galloway,	5 00
G. B. Long, 5	00	Eldrige Branham,	2 50
Catherine Long. 1	00	H. C. Adams,	250
W. H. Martin, 5	00	George Elley,	5 00
R. T. Branham, 1	00	J. R. Furguson,	5 00
Catesby Burnes, 5	00		250
Collection at Danville,		Lexington Church.	
last year, 116	00	Mrs. Long,	3 00
Cave Creek church, 15	50	Mrs. Lauderman,	1 00
Salem, . 2	35	Mrs. Kirtley,	3 00
F. German, 18	50	J. M. Huett,	2 00
Asa Smith, 1	00	J. W. Jones,	1 00
Lawrenceburg ch. by Eld.		P. H. Kidd,	1 00
Wm. Vaughn, 13	00	Greenup Association,	4 35
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Crab Orchard Church		D. M. Morris,	1 00
W. Whitely,	10 00	Miss M. Morris,	1 00
Jno. Owsley,	5 00	Heman Dye,	1 00
H. Middleton,	5 00	David Dye,	3 00
H. Clark,	5 00	Miss Martha Morris,	1 00
R. W. Graham,	5 00	Hugh McIlvane,	5 00
Newland & McAlister,	5 0 0	Wm. Summers,	5 00
Mrs. E. C. Whitley,	5 00		1 00
Covington church collection	on, 2 60	J. F. Jones,	1 00
J. M. Frost,	10 00	T. T. Moore,	1 00
P. Bush,	5 00		1 00
A. Drury,	2 00	M. Johnson,	5 00
D. M. Scott,	1 00		2 00
J. P. Scott,	1 00	H. Cleft,	3 00
W. Hughey,	1 00	Mrs. N. Palmer,	1 00
T. Hughey,		J. S. Morris,	2 00
Clear Creek, church,	7 55		1 a0
Mill Creek do.	6 50	1.	1 00
Mrs. N. McKay,	5 00		urch. 3 75
Minerva church,	5 00		9 00
Mayslick Church, vi	z:	Baptist do.	13 55
A. M. Pud,		Shelbyville do.	$\frac{12}{12} \frac{50}{50}$
J. M. Metcalf,	3 00		4 00
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Miss M. J. Metcalf,	. 1 00	Amount,	\$1,164 02
Mrs. Nancy Lacy,	1 00		\$1,101 05
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By cash paid Wm. Head,			30 00
W. R. Combs,		Danville church,	116 00
W. A. Taliaferro,		S. V. Potts,	17 85
W. R. Combs,		F. German,	18 50
S. V. Potts		W. R. Combs,	53 25
W. A. Taliaferro,	41 00		110 00
Wm. Jones,	$\frac{41}{3} \frac{60}{50}$	W. A. Tallalello,	110 00
W A Tablana	25 00		\$833 85
W. A. Tablero,		Balance cash on hand,	\$326 17
W. F. Buckner, W. R. Combs,	37 50		φυ20 11
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and find the additions con			
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odeners.	T .	C. McCULLA, Cor	nmittee.
	Y	.R. PITTS,	

CHINA MISSION SOCIETY.

The Annual Session of the China Mission Society was held in Maysville, on Friday, October 15, 1847.

- 1. Introductory Sermon by Elder W. C. Buck, of Louisville, from John XIII—13; "Ye call me Master and Lord."
- 2. The committee on nominations for the current year made the following Report:

FOR PRESIDENT.

WILLIAM C. BUCK, of Louisville.

VICE PRESIDENTS.

Elders W. F. BROADDUS,	5 Elders	J. M.	PENDLETON.				
" H. MALCOM, D. D.,	} "	THOS.	G. KEENE,				
" Wm. Vaughn,	{ "	S. L.	HELM.				
Elder F. A. WILLARD, Corresponding Secretary,							
J. H. BAGBY, Recording Secretary,							

J. E. HAYNES, Treasurer,

DIRECTORS.

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Elder A. D. Sears,	Elder Andrew Broaddus,
" B. C. Morse,	Bros. F. C. McCalla,
" D. N. Porter,	" C. Van Buskirk,
" Sydney Dyer,	" J. N. Halbert,
" R. T. Dillard,	Wm. Colgan,
"J. M. Frost,	" Arthur Peter,
" Samuel Baker,	" B. M. Patten,
" J. D. Black,	" Dr. Caldwell,
" D. R. Campbell,	" George Rowland,
" W. W. Gardner,	" Henry Wingate,
which were adopted.	

- 3. Voted, That Elder Taylor, Secretary of the Foreign Board of the S. B. Convention; Elder Holman, agent; H. M. S, and Bro. Anderson, of Cincinnati, be invited to seats.
- 4. The Report of the Board of Managers, was read, and ordered to be printed.
 - 5. The Treasurer's Report, was read, and ordered to be printed.
- Voted, That Elder Taylor, be invited to address the Society, which he
 did, in a short and instructive address.

7. Voted, That the Report of the Board, be referred to a Committee, of Brethren Payne, Helm and Buck, with instructions to report thereon tomorrow evening.

NAMES OF DELEGATES.

Greenup Association C. F. Crooks and W. P. Savage,	-	\$ 5 00
Shelbyville Church.—Elder W. W. Gardner, -		10 00
Maysville Church.—S. S. Minor,	-	5 00
Covington Church.—J. M. Frost, in part,	-	17 59
Georgetown Church.—D. R. Campbell, to become an auxiliary, \$5 Do. do. To make her pastor Elder, D. R. Campbell, a Life Member, 20 Adelphia Society of Georgetown College.—D. R. Campbell, 4		
		30 00

\$67 59

Great Crossings Church—To make Elder W. G. Craig, a Life Director, paid to Elder Goodman, \$50 00.

Crab Orchard .- J. W. Newland, 25.

MEMBERS BY SUBSCRIPTION.

G. B. Long,	\$1	00	W.H. Warder, to be pa	id, 1	00
W. R. Combs,	1	00	A. W. Larue, "	1	00
S. Dyer,	3	00)	W. Casto, "	1	00
Mrs. Wortham,	2	00	J. Cuissick, "	1	00
A. Maxey,	1	00 (J. D. Stilwite, "	1	00
J. O. Chaney,	1	00	T. Y. Payne,	1	00
J. Rodes,		50	Mrs. T. Y. Payne,	1	00
Sub. to Eld. Goo	dn	ıan. j	J. L. Kirk,	1	00
J. Summers,		25	Charles D. Kirk,	1	00
Mrs. Elizabeth Dobins,	1	00	Miss Fanny Kirk,	1	00
J. S. Morris,	1	00	Cash,	1	90
A. Broaddus.	1	00			
E. F. Metcalf,	1	00	Amount,	\$22	65
L. T. Hawkins,	1	. 00		67	59
S. L. Helm,	1	00	Amount handed to Elder		
H. Middleton, to be paid	, 1	00	Taylor,	\$90	24
James Artus, "	1	00	-		

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

Prayer by Edlder W. W. Gardner.

SATURDAY MORNING, 81 o'CLOCK.

Prayer by Elder W. G. Craig.

The Committee to whom the Report of the Board was referred, made the following report, which was adopted, and ordered to be printed.

REPORT.

Your Committee having taking under consideration, the several subjects with which they were charged, beg leave to submit the following report:

Your Committee concur with your Board, in the opinion that an immense amount of home work has yet to be done, before our missionary enterprises will be properly appreciated, and adequately sustained by the churches in Kentucky. There is an amount of apathy pervading the ministry and churches in this State, upon the subject of benevolent efforts generally, which leads your Committee to believe that they are greatly deficient in information upon the subjects of the responsible duties devolving on them as the servants of Christ, and of the wants of a perishing world. It is moreover to be lamented that even where the churches are most alive to the claims of missions there is an utter want of system in combining their efforts, and collecting means to carry them on. Your Committee regard this condition of things among our ministers and churches, as the greatest obstacle in the way of the successful prosecution of missionary enterprises. Your Committee therefore, feel confident, that our missionary work abroad will always languish, until the churches at home are brought to a proper measure of feeling and action upon these subjects. Your Committee therefore, recommend that an agent, qualified to instruct the churches, in regard to their duty upon these subjects, and to collect funds for the Society, be immediately secured and kept in the field a sufficient portion of each year, to secure the systematic co-operation and bounty of the ministry and churches, in support of this great enterprise. .

Voted, That Elder W. G. Graig, be appointed to preach the next introductory, and Elder James M. Pendleton of Bowling Green, be his alte nate.

Voted, That the Secretary furnish the Minutes for publication, with the Minutes of the General Association. Adjourned.

Prayer by Elder Taylor of Virginia.

W. C. BUCK, Moderator.

Attest, F. C. McCulla, Clerk.

CHINA MISSION SOCIETY-REPORT OF THE BOARD.

The present relation and state of the China Mission Society is such as to require from the Executive Committee, but a very brief report of its action during the past year.

By a vote of our Society, at the last annual meeting, we became auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, and in respect to form as well as fact, our efforts are now directed to aid and sustain that organization in its Our friend and brother I. J. Roberts, to whom this great and noble work. Society has heretofore sustained a direct, and formerly a peculiar relation. is at present furnished and directed by the Southern Foreign Mission Board, and our principal sphere of action has now become the home work of For-We regard this however, as a work of much greater magnieign Missions. tude and importance, than we apprehend most of our friends suppose it to be; but the labors which spring from it in the foreign field, are principally directed by our brethren at Richmond, and the results are from time to time made known in our Southern Missionary Journal. To this organ, therefore, all our friends naturally look for reports of the foreign missionary labor, to which we contribute.

Our home work, during the past year, was wholly confined to the period which preceded the 12th of March last, since which time we have had no agent, and have employed no direct instrumentality for collecting funds, and urging the claims of missionary effort upon the churches. Bro. J. W. Goodman was engaged in this service, about five months from and after the time of our last annual meeting. During this period his frequent reports furnished full and minute accounts of his labors and difficulties, and of the moneys contributed by every church and individual where he visisted. And as these accounts were published in the Banner, and circulated in every community which is reached by the influence of our annual meetings, we will not in this communication attempt a review of the facts they furnished.

The entire amount of the Society's receipts from all sources, since the first of October 1846, is \$1,218 53. Of this sum about \$300 was the ex-

pense of agency from October to March last. Nearly \$400 more were appropriated for our agent's salary and expenses during that part of his years' services which preceded our last annual meeting; and between \$600 and \$700 have been remitted to the Treasurer of the Southern Convention.—Referring you to the Treasurer's Report for details, this general statement in respect to our collection and appropriation of funds will be sufficient.

But the very small amount, which has hitherto been accomplished in proportion to our abilities and obligations, suggests the necessity of securing two specific objects, which we wish for a moment to urge especially upon the attention of our brethren in the ministry.

These two objects are THE DIFFUSION OF CORRECT SENTIMENTS IN RESPECT TO THE MISSIONARY ENTERPRISE; and THE GENERAL ADOPTION OF SYSTEMATIC METHODS OF CONTRIBUTION. And in the accomplishment of these objects, we repeat that we have a home work of far greater magnitude and moment, than even the warm friends of the cause generally suppose. The adequate illustration of either of these topics would require an extended essay; but this occasion will allow us only a few hints on both.

"The kingdoms of this world [will never have] become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ," until God has made his people willing to increase by many thousand fold, the means of spreading the gospel of his Son and until he has poured upon them a vastly greater spirit of supplication and entreaty for the salvation of a ruined world. Nor is this increase of prayer and effort to be expected, according to God's ordinary methods of working, while his people do not believe, or do not feel that the heathen are perishing forever, for lack of knowledge, and while they think to make for the support of this cause only meagre "sacrifices to God of that which costs them nothing."

Yet, strange as it may seem, we have known intelligent members of good repute, in some of our churches, that enjoy a stated ministry the larger part of the time, who express a vague unbelief and apathy in respect to the perishing state of the heathen. And we know how readily multitudes excuse themselves for not contributing to the spread of the gospel, when such contributions would occasion some inconvenience or self-denial. There are very many who believe that their own children and friends, cannot be delivered from the "wrath to come," unless they are "brought out of nature" darkness into God's marvelous light," and yet while they have before the

the vivid picture drawn in the New Testament, of the abominable pollution of the heathen world, confirmed by all history and observation, and while the word of the Eternal God is proclaiming, that "without holiness no man shall see the Lord," they have no deep conviction, that these heathen are sinking into everlasting perdition. And where such painful and alarming errors prevail, it is certainly less strange that the subject of it should feel no guilt in lavishing hundreds for their personal, and even sensual gratification, while they contribute but the merest pittance to send the lamp of life to those that are sitting covered with the shadow of death.

We may be assured, therefore, that a great work is to be performed, and a very great change is to be effected, before correct sentiments upon this subject will prevail among the thousands of our professed spiritual Israel.

And now brethren, who is to impart every where, right instruction upon this subject? On whom rests the obligation to lead forward the churches to their long neglected duty? Who shall teach them to observe all things whatsoever Christ has commanded? To whom else should we look but to those pastors of the flock, whom "the Holy Ghost hath made overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."

When christians of the present day, begin to return to those views in respect to the heathen, which were entertained by the New Testament churches in the time of Paul, contributions and prayer, which have always gone together in such matters, will be increased thirty, sixty, and a hundred fold. Nevertheless, we should not wait till correct views prevail, before we at tempt to establish a system of giving from principle, in place of those casual contributions which are obtained from the impulse of momentary feeling, when men happen to be present at some meeting, or address us upon the subject.

A mere glance at the resources of our churches, and the trifling amount which we have hitherto raised, will convince every unbiassed mind of the necessity of such a change.

At our last anniversary, allusion was made to the fact, that in the field open to the Southern Convention, \$50,000 were needed for the operations of the then current year, and that not less than \$5,000 would be a proper proportion of this amount, for the numbers and wealth of our brethren of this State. But, in the last two years, we have forwarded to that treasury, less than Afteen hundred dollars. This amount is equal to about one cent per year, for

each member of our denomination in the State. Now a moment's calculation will show, that, with a system of contribution, in which each member should be invited to give moderately in proportion to his ability, the whole \$50,000 could be raised by Kentucky alone, and that it could be raised every year, without burthening any one. The number of our communicants in the State, is usually estimated at 70,000. Suppose it were only 50.000.—Then a plan by which each church should raise an annual subscription equal to one dollar for each member, would furnish the amount. And no man understanding this, and having a right view of the piercing cries for the bread of life which are continually borne to us from the millions of the heather world can doubt that we ought to do it.

Let each church then, fix upon a convenient season of they ear for this purpose, (perhaps the last of Autumn,) when they will endeavor to raise such an amount; let the pastor be requested to preach on the subject, and then select a suitable number of brethren and sisters who will invite every member of the church, (man, we man, and child,) to give semething.

In a majority of cases, this effort properly made, would secure the amount proposed on the first trial. Every one who has been redeemed by the blood of Christ, should, form the habit of feeling obligation, to do something in spreading his name and his truth over the earth, and the earlier in life this habit is established the better. If the amount contributed by a poor servant or a child, is but half a dime, it would be greatly more than has been averaged by your church members the past year; and a much more valuable object than the worth of the money would be secured in the interest and prayerfulness of the humble christian giver. We know a number of churches in other States, who have successfully undertaken this plan of raising \$1 per member for this cause annually. We have in mind, one very large church in this number, where every member was solicited, and where the smallest sum obtained was six cents, and the largest \$100.

We all admit that system is important in our business transactions. Why not act upon it in discharging our obligations to Christ and the heathen?—We hesitate not to assert, that any agent who should induce only one half of our churches, even to attempt this plan in earnest, (aside from the other good accomplished) would raise more funds for this object, in a single year, than all that has been obtained in the last ten. But what agent is so suitable for this service as the pastor of the flock? the "under-shepherd" whom all the

members know and trust, and to whom they are accustomed to look for instruction and encouragement, in respect to all their christian duties.

The last command of the ascending Redeemer to his disciples, "go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creasture," is associated with the promise. "Lo I am with you alway, even to the end of the worl." This command, and promise of our Redeemer, therefore, are given to every minister of Chrish new, as truly as they were to "the eleven." Does he not require that each of us "called of God," to this service of the ministry, should consider all the learings of his last command, and, as in respect to all other things which he has commanded, so also in respect to this, that we should "teach and exhort with all long suffering."

Brethren, have you done your duty to your master in this cause? How many of us will return from this meeting with the earnest purpose, God helping us, to be faithful now?

CHINA MISSION SOCIETY.

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The undersigned, appointed by the Board to audit the above account, have examined the same, and find it accurately drawn from the b. oks and correctly cast.

F. AUGUSTUS WILLARD, JAMES H. BAGBEY.

KENTUCKY AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

ORGANIZED IN LEXINGTON, MAY 3, 1839.

The Kentucky and Foreign Bible Society, held its Ninth Annual Meeting in Maysville, commencing Friday, October 15th, 1847. The Introductory Sermon, was preached by Rev. D. R. Campbell of Georgetown, from Psalms 19: 7. "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;" after which a collection was taken up, amounting to \$_-\.

The President and Secretary being absent, Rev. W. C. Buck, was called to the Chair, and W. W. Gardner, appointed Secretary, pro tem.

On motion, *Voted*, That brethren S. Dyer, W. R. Combs, and J. L. Kirk. be a committee to ascertain the names of delegates present, and to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

The Committee rep rted the following names which were enrolled:-

AUXILIARY SOCIETY AND CHURCHES.

Union Baptist Bible Society—(Little Bethel Association.)—Rev. S. Dyer, \$—.

Nelson County Bible Society—Rev. R. P. Lewis, \$13 70.

Shelbyville Bible Society—Rev. W. W. Gardner, \$12 65.

Crab Orchard Church-J. W. Newland and Henry Middleton, \$5.

Maysville Church—E. F. Metcalf, E. C. Allen, C. D. Kirk, Mrs. E. Tureman, Mrs. L. Martin, Mrs. E. Warder, Mrs. A. Casto, Mrs. A. Duret, Mrs. M. Lacey, Mrs. T. Y. Payne, Mrs. J. M. Kennon, Mrs. J. P. Dobyns; Miss M. L. Darling, Miss M. Duran, and Miss S. S. Anderson, \$13 85. (Public collection.)

Georgetown Church—Rev. D. R. Campbell, \$6, in addition to \$30, paid over to the parent Society.

Covington Church-Rev. M. Frost, \$14 50.

LIFE DIRECTORS AND LIFE MEMBERS.

Rev. W. C. Buck,

" J. B. Taylor, of Virginia,

" D. R. Campbell,

Rev. J. M. Frost,

" S. L. Helm,

Bro. J. L. Kirk.

MEMBERS BY SUBSCRIPTION.

Rev. Wm. A. Taliaferro, \$1 00; Bro. James Artus, \$1 00, Bro. G. B. Long, \$5 00; Bro. S. S. Miner, \$1 00,

MEMBERS BY PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION.

Rev	. A. W. Larue,	1	Bro.	F. C. McCalla,
"	W. G. Craig,	į	"	Jesse Summers,
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"	R. Holman of N. O.		66	W. Warder,
"	A. Broaddus,	į	"	Weeden,

The Committee to nominate officers reported, and the following were elected:

PRESIDENT.

Rev. WM. F. BROADDUS.

VICE PRESIDENTS,

Rev. W. C. Buck,	{	Rev. J. L. Waller,
" J. M. Frost,	}	Rev. J. L. Waller, "Wm. Vaughn.
Rev. A. D. Sears, L	ouisville	e, Corresponding Secretary
Bro. J. H. Bagby,	do.	Recording Secretary.
" Arthur Peter,	do.	Treasurer.
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Rev. T. G. Keene, Louisville,	Rev. D. R. Campbell	
" B. C. Morse, do.	" J. M. Pendleton,	
" D. N. Porter, do.	" S. Baker,	
Dr. Wm. B. Caldwell, do.	" A. Broaddus,	
Bro. Wm. Colgan, do.	" J. E. Grace,	
" B. M. Patten, do.	" A. Taylor,	
" George Rouland, do.	" J. D. Black,	
·· J. H. Haynes, do.	" R. T. Dillard,	
" A. Cochil, do.	" J. W. Goodman,	
Rev. S. Dyer, do.	" Wm. M. Pratt.	

On motion, Voted, That Brethren T. Y. Payne, F. C. McCalla, and J. M. Frost, be a committee to take under consideration the expediency of withdrawing from the American and Foreign Bible Society, and to suggest measures for the future operations of the Society.

On motion, adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair. Prayer by Rev. Russell Holman.

SATURDAY MORNING, Oct. 10, 1847.

The Society met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. R. P. Lewis.

The committee to take into consideration, the expediency of dissolving our auxiliary relation to the parent Society, and to suggest measures for the future operations of this body, reported as follows: Rev. J. M. Frost, dissenting.

The undersigned, to whom was referred the duty of taking into consideration the expediency of withdawing from the American and Foreign Bible Society, and to suggest such measures as may in our opinion tend to its greater usefulness and efficiency, would report, that they have considered the subject, and condensed the information they could obtain, from which the following facts are deduced.

- 1st. That the efforts of the Kentucky and Foreign Bible Society, are at present feeble, and its condition lauguishing.
- 2d. That such has been the situation of the Society, ever since the severance of the North and South in Missionary effort.
- 3rd. And that the whole amount received by the Society, is not sufficient to supply the home demand, and that our depositories are becoming barren and empty.

To suggest a remedy for this state of things, if possible, is the duty of your committee.

The Society are aware, that at this time, the united efforts of the Missionary Societies of the South, are directed towards sustaining our missionaries in China, in Africa, and amongst the Indians of the West. Among these, is our beloved brother Roberts, from our own State, now laboring so acceptably in China. Under existing circumstances, the contributions of the Southern Baptists, instead of being carried to the support of brother Roberts and others, under the peculiar protection of the Southern Baptists, to enable them to translate and disseminate the Bible among the heathen, are carried, in part at least, to the Boston Missionary Board, and placed at their discretion for distribution. This circumstance, together with the fact of the great difficulty of the New York Boards, appointing acceptable agents, has produced the present languid state of the Bible Society in Kentucky.

Your Committee would therefore report, that whilst they express their confidence in, and fraternal regard for the brethren conducting the American and Foreign Bible Society, and whilst they would do every thing in their power to assist and co-operate with said Society, in translating and distributing the word of God, and whilst they would by no means place them-

selves in the attitude of opposition or hostility to said Society, they are compelled to the conclusion, that the present connection is calculated to retard the efficiency and usefulness of the Kentucky and Foreign Bible Society, and ultimately the best interests of the American and Foreign Bible coiety itself. By stifling the liberality of our brethren, it prevents the appointment of a acceptable and efficient agents, and thus paralizes the efforts of the State in the Bible cause.

Your Committee world therefore, recommend, that the Society in this State, should assume the independent ground on which it was first organized, and grant discretionary power to the Board of Directors, to appoint acceptible agents, and to appropriate the funds through such channels as may seem in their discretion most likely to ensure their appropriation to sustain the interests that are now peculiarly under the direction and control of the Southern Baptists, and to hold ourselves ready to unite in any future organization of the South, to carry out the purposes embraced in this report. They therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Constitution of this Society, be amended to correspond with the recommendations of this report.

THOMAS Y. PAYNE, Chair. an.

A motion was then made to adopt the report. Whereupon, after some discussion, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the further consideration of the report and resolutions, be postponed until the next annual meeting of the Society, with a view to obtain the unanimous consent of the brethren of the State, not now present; and that until that time discretionary power be vested in the Board, to dispose of the money collected in such channels, and for such purposes as they in their judgment may think best, where it is not specially directed by the donors.

The Treasmer's Report, was presented, approved, and adopted.

On motion, Voted, That the Secretary be appointed to prepare the Minutes for the press, and that the Board have a suitable number printed with the Minutes of the General Association, at the expense of the Society.

On motion, adjourned to meet at Bowling Green, October 1848. Prayer by Rev. J. M. Frost.

W. C. BUCK, Presedent.

W. W. GARDNER, Secratary pro tem.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BIBLE SOCIETY.

Kentucky an	d Foreign Bible Society,		
	In account with James E. Taylor, Trea	surer	•
Oct. 20, 1846,	To cash paid postage,		10
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	silver \$1 38, received in collection at Annual		
	Meeting,	3	38
Jan. 21, 1847,	To cash remitted to Am. & For. Bible Soc.		
	for purchase of Bibles, 181 40		
	To premium paid on drast, 91	182	31
May 31,	To cash paid freight on 2 boxes books.	6	86
July 1,	" " remitted to Am. & For. Bible Society, per		
	Elder D. R. Campbell,	30	00
	Balance,	51	10
		\$273	75
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	CREDIT.		
Oct. 6, 1846,	By balance per account rendered,	\$ 4	12
" 12, "	" cash of W. W. Gardner, for Bibles, .	5	00
	" of W. Jarvis, Treasurer, Shelby county,		
	Bible Society,	5	00
	" " of Union Baptist B. Society, (for Amer.		
	and For. Bible Society,) per Eld. Dyer,	16	50
Oct. 31.	" amount received at Annual Meet ng at Dan-		
	ville, per Elder Sears,	154	63
Nov. 4.	" of Gasper River Ass. B. Society, per.		
	I. Tichenor, Treasurer,	56	00
	" of W. G. Anderson, per Elder J. Taggart,	2	50
July 1, 1847,	" of Georgetown Baptist church, remitted,		
•	to Am. & For. Bible Society, per Eld.		
	D. R. Campbell,	30	00
_		\$273	_
Oct. 6.	By balance brought forward,	51	10

KENTUKCY BAPTIST MINISTERS' MEETING.

This body met in the Baptist Church, Maysville, on Thursday, Oct. 14th, 1847. Annual sermon by Elder W. W. Gardner, of Shelbyville, from Gal. 6: 6.

Having organized the meeting, Elder D. R. Campbell was elected Moderator, and Elder A. W. Larue, Secretary.

Prayer by Elder A. Broaddus, of Flemingsburg.

Ministers present: D. R. Campbell, W. R. Combs, J. M. Frost, R. P. Lewis, W. W. Gardner, C. F. Crooks, S. Dyer, W. C. Buck, S. L. Helm, W. G. Craig, A. Broaddus, W. A. Taliaferro, R. Holman, James B. Taylor A. W. Larue.

An exegesis, on Heb. 1. 1-6, was read by Elder D. R. Campbell, and was submitted for criticism.

On motion, Elder Jas. B. Taylor, of Richmond, Va., and W. A. Taliaferro, gave an interesting account of their religious experience and call to the Ministry.

On motion, a committee was appointed to arrange subjects and appoin essayists for the next annual meeting.

Elders Campbell, Frost, and Gardner were the committee.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at half past 8 o'clock.

Prayer by Bro. Taylor.

FRIDAY MORNING AT HALF PAST 8 O'CLOCK.

Prayer by Bro. Buck.

The discourse preached yesterday by Bro. Gardner was freely criticised by the members present; and finally it was *voted*, that Bro. Gardner be requested to furnish a copy of the discourse for publication in the Baptist Banner and the Baptist Preacher.

The exegesis read yesterday by Bro. Campbell was then called up, and a free discussion had, in which the Brothers generally engaged, and finally

voted that Bro. Campbell be requested to furnish a copy of the exegesis for publication in the Western Baptist Review.

The Committee appointed to arrange subjects and appoint essayists for the next year, reported the following:

- 1st: The importance of permanency in the pastoral relation-D. R. Campbell.
 - 2d. The scriptural duties of Deacons-Jas. M. Frost.
 - 3d. The use and abuse of protracted meetings-J. M. Pendleton.
 - 4th. Can the heathen be saved without the gospel!—S. Dyer.
- 5th. The claims of Georgetown College on the Baptists of Kentucky— W. W. Gardner.
 - 6th. A skeleton of a sermon on John 3, 7,-W. A. Taliaferro.
 - 7th. A skeleton of a sermon on Luke 13. 3.—C. F. Crooks.
 - 8th. A skeleton of a sernion on John 17, 17,-A. W. Larue.
- 9th. What is the import of 1 Cor. 15. 44, last clause, "and there is a spiritual body"—A. Broaddus.

Next annual sermon-Elder Josiah Leak, Elder S. Baker, alternate.

Adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Prayer by Bro. Holman.

FRIDAY, 9 o'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayer by Elder S. L. Helm.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Elder Gilbert Mason was found guilty of certain charges by an able and competent Council, and subsequently declared to be in disorder by a district Association, Therefore,

R-solved, That we cannot consistently associate with Elder Gilbert Mason as a minister of the gospel; and further, that his name be stricken from the list of members of this society.

After a few remarks of a hortatory nature, the meeting adjourned to meet next year at the place of the meeting of the General Association.

Prayer by the Moderator.