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Of the 14th ^{at} Goshen Association of Baptist; held at Mount Pleasant meeting house, ^{of} county, Ky. commencing on the 2nd Friday in October, 1830.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by brother Martin Utterback, from Colossians 1st chap. 13th verse. "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the Kingdom of his dear Son."

Received Letters and Messengers from the following churches, (viz):

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	Rule days.	Baptised.	Rec. by letter.	By Relation.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Dead.	TOTAL.
Goshen—James H. L. Moorman, James Moorman, Jesse Wilson, G. Owen,		2d S	—	1			1			52
Concord—A Vanmetre, J. Wilson, S. Wilson, J. Burnet,		4 sa.	2				4	1		75
Pisgah—Tho. Newton, Peter Lyon,		4 S.	—				2	1		41
New Hope—R. Mays, Henry Haynes,		1 S.	1			1	2			21
Mount Pleasant—Josiah Haynes, J. L. Kelly, D. J. Kelly,		1 sa.	1	1		1	18			59
Panther creek—A. Hall, B. Hall, S. Phillips,		4 sa.	—	4			6			54
Rock Spring—R. C. Jett, C. Jones,		2 S.	8	16		4	1	7	2	106
Walnut Grove—S. Adkinson,		1 sa.	—				4			19
Rockyford—M. Utterback, Chs. H. Stuttsville, Jacob Rhodes,		3 sa.	—				10	2	1	59
Beaver Dam—R. Templeman, Owen Willis, R. McGrew,		2 sa.	—	4						48
Tanner's Meeting House—F. Tanner, G. Render, G. Kelly,		3 S.	10				1			93
Bacon creek—J. Ashbaugh, W. M. Gray,		1 S.	—				6	1	1	24
Mt. Zion—J. Hall, Thos. Willing,				1			2			22
Hopeful—Wm. Meeks, E. W. More, G. Matthews, D. Atteberry,		3 sa.	—	11	2		1	2		55
Bell's Run—A letter but no messenger.		1 S.	—							6
Green Brier—T. Downs, W. Downs, T. Thorp,		4 S.	14	2	1	1				51
Bethabara—A letter but no messenger.		2 sa.	—			2	5	2		17
Cane Run—Thos. Smith, Chs. Haynes,		2 sa.	—	1			7	1	2	38
Blackford—Wm. Moorman, J. Snyder, M. Young,		3 S.	1				1		1	30
Cloverport—T. V. Newman, O. Newman,		3 S.	2	7			2	1		16
Dorretts creek—D. W. B. Taber, E. S. Taber, J. Beshears,		3 sa.	—							61

Brother JAMES H. L. MOORMAN was chosen Moderator, and DAVID J. KELLY Clerk.

Received Corresponding Letters and Messengers from the follow-

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ing Associations, (viz:) From Green River, bro. Andrew Nuckolds. From Gasper's River, brethren Ben. Talbot, Robt. Render and Joshua Render. From Little Pigeon bro Sam'l Anderson. From Highland, brethren T. Sisk and E. W. Earl. From Salem, brethren S. Buchanan and Ben Keith; who were cordially received and respectfully invited to seats

Opened a door for the reception of Churches, and received Dorretts' Creek Church, and her Messengers took their seats, whose names are enrolled in the table.

Appointed James H. L. Moorman, David J. Kelly and Chs. H. Stutteville, to arrange the business of the Association; and brethren Samuel Wilson, David Atteberry, Wm. Gray, John Snyder and Jas. Moorman, to write Letters of Correspondence.

Attended to a request of Gasper's River Association; that this Association shall send five of her members to Russelsville, on the Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in Aug. next, to assist in settling a difference between Red River and Bethel Associations. Agreed not to comply with her request, and that the reasons shall be assigned in a letter of correspondence to her.

Appointed the next Goshen Association to commence on the 2nd Friday in Oct. 1831, at Hopeful Meeting House, Ohio county, Ky.

On motion, adjourned until Saturday, 10 o'clock.

Saturday morning, met pursuant to adjournment, and after prayer proceeded to business. Took up the reference of last Association, and agreed to have our Articles of Faith printed in the Minutes of the present Association.

Attended to the following query from Hopeful church. First, is it or is it not a departure from a good rule of discipline for a church in dealing with one of her members, to give the power out of her own hands to a committee called from sister churches; and if she does so, does she or does she not change the tribunal, and has she or has she not a right to change the tribunal, without the consent of the member under dealing. Secondly, whether a church ought or ought not to receive a charge against one of her members, from words spoken, from six to ten years before the charge is attempted to be laid in, and where the accuser and the accused have lived in fellowship for four or five years last past.

Ans. We are of the opinion that a church never should resign her power into the hands of a committee chosen from other churches; and that sin should not be winked at because of its age; and in order to know whether it does exist, the proper tribunal is the church; and we are of opinion that the church at all times, has a right to call transgressors to an account for sin, but not to sin herself by letting sin rest upon any of her members.

Attended to the request of Concord Church, that some one should be appointed to prepare a Circular Address for the next Association, and appointed the Moderator to prepare one.

Appointed the following Union meetings, (viz:) One at Goshen, commencing on the Friday before the 5th Sunday in the present month and Martin Utterback, Chs. H. Stutteville, Thos. Downs, D. W. B. Taber, F. Tanner and D. J. Kelly, agreed to attend the same. One at Tanner's Meeting-house, commencing on the Friday next

preceding the third Sunday in November next; and brethren Wm. Moorman, Wm. Downs, Thos. Downs and David J. Kelly to attend it. One at Concord, to commence on the Friday before the fifth Sunday in May next, and brethren Chs. H. Stutteville, Thos. Downs, Martin Utterback, Ancil Hall and D. J. Kelly to attend it; and one at Panther creek, to commence on the Friday before the fourth Sunday in July next, and brethren Thos. Downs, Wm. Downs, Jacob Rhodes, Jeremiah L. Kelly, Wm. Moorman, David W. B. Taber and David J. Kelly are to attend the same.

Corresponding Letters called for, read, received and the committee discharged (viz:) one to Gasper's River, and brethren Geo. Render, Thos. Downs and D. J. Kelly were appointed to bear it. One to Green River, and brethren Chs. H. Stutteville and Jacob Rhodes to bear it. One to Little Pigeon, and brethren Wm. Downs, Thomas Downs, Thos. Willen, James H. L. Moorman and John Hall to bear it. One to Salem, and brethren Chs. H. Stutteville, Martin Utterback and Owen Willis appointed to bear it; and one to Highland, and brethren Thos. Downs, Wm. Downs and Geo. Render to bear the same.

In answer to a request from the church at Cloverport, respecting the doctrines or rather the opinions of Alexander Campbell, we have thought it advisable to insert in our Minutes the following resolutions, (viz:) 1st. Resolved, that this Association believe that the doctrines or opinions of Alexander Campbell and his followers, as set forth in the Baptist Chronicle, are anti-christian, and should be discountenanced by all the lovers of the Holy Scriptures. 2nd. Resolved, that the churches and members composing this Association are requested not to countenance or give encouragement to any person or persons, holding the opinions of the said A. Campbell and his followers, by inviting them into their pulpits or private houses, for the purpose of disseminating their anti-christian doctrines or opinions. 3rd. Resolved, that this Association view every attempt to exclude the agency of the Divine Spirit in the work of regeneration—the promise of salvation without baptism—or faith wrought in the soul by the agency of the Divine Spirit to qualify for baptism, as unwarrantable, and the doctrines used for that purpose are anti-christian, and calculated to sap the foundation of the christian hope; and introduce Deism completely disguised and covered up under a feigned show of christian piety and veneration for the holy scriptures.—4th. Resolved, that this Association believe that all those who teach that Jesus Christ is but a super-angelic being inferior to his father; and that he did not die to make atonement for his people, or to satisfy divine justice on their account are anti-christian, and as such should be debarred from preaching in our meeting houses, and disseminating their opinions among the churches.

Note.—The fourth resolution, we do not charge on Campbell and his followers, not having seen them charged with it in the Chronicle, but we intend it for the sect called Unitarians, Socinians or Arians.

Received contributions and appointed brother Richard Mays to superintend the printing and distributing of the Minutes. Appointed brethren Ben. Talbot, Sam'l Anderson and Ben. Keith to preach on Sunday. Agreed that the 2nd Sunday in December next, be set

apart for fasting and prayer, for the outpouring of the spirit of the Lord, upon the churches and people.

JAMES H. L. MOORMAN, *Mod'r.*

DAVID J. KELLY, *C'k.*

The next Little Pigeon Association is to be held at Bear Creek church, Perry county, Indiana, Friday before the 1st Lords day, in September, 1831. The next Salem Association at Gilead meeting house, Hardin county, Ky. Friday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1831. The next Green River Association at Smith's Grove meeting house, in Warren county, Ky. on the 2nd Saturday in August, 1831. The next Gasper's River Association at Hazle creek meeting house, Muhlenburg county, Ky. Saturday before the fourth Sunday in Aug. 1831—and the next Highland Association at Tirzah meeting house, Hopkins county, Ky. on the Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 1831.

Articles of Faith of Goshen Association.

- 1st. We believe that there is but one only living and true God.
- 2nd. That there are three that bare record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one.
- 3rd. That the scriptures of the old and new Testament are the revealed word of God, and are of divine authority and the only rule of faith and practice.
- 4th. That God made man upright, but that he has sought out many inventions; for, by the disobedience of one man many were made sinners, and death hath passed upon all, for that all have sinned, and are by nature the children of wrath.
- 5th. We believe that God chose his people in Christ Jesus, before the foundation of the world; that they should be holy and without blame before him in love, and that Christ took not upon himself the nature of angels, but the seed of Abraham; and that he was made of a woman, made under the law to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons, and was made to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.
- 6th. That it is by the effectual working of the Spirit that any are made partakers of the glorious benefits of Christ's obedience unto death, resurrection, ascension and intercession; and that as sin hath reigned unto death, even so doth grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord. So that we believe that where God begins a good work, he will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ.
- 7th. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances of the Gospel, and are to be observed in Christ's church until his second coming; and that immersion is the only proper mode of baptism, to be administered only to those who profess faith in Christ, and such baptised believers are the only proper subjects of the Lord's supper.
- 8th. We believe there will be a general resurrection, both of the just and unjust, when all that are in the graves shall hear his voice and come forth; they that have done good unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation.

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