

MINUTES
OF THE
KENTUCKY
BAPTIST ANNIVERSARIES,

HELD WITH THE
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COMMENCING ON
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MINUTES.

The Sixteenth Annual Meeting of this body was held with the Baptist church in New Castle, commencing on Thursday, October 13th, 1853.

The meeting was called to order by Elder Wm. Vaughn, and on motion, Elder S. L. HELM was elected Moderator *pro tem.*, and Elder S. H. FORD, Clerk.

Letters from Associations and Churches were then called for and read, and the following names enrolled as messengers :

ASSOCIATIONS.

ELKHORN—Elders Y. R. Pitts, D. R. Campbell, LL. D., G. B. Long, and A. W. LaRue.

DAVISS COUNTY—C. T. Noel.

GOSHEN—Elder William Head.

LONG RUN—Elders John Bray, W. W. Everts, S. L. Helm and M. W. Stambaugh.

MOUNT OLIVET—Elder T. L. Garrett.

FRANKLIN—Elders T. M. Daniels, C. Lewis and A. R. Macy.

FREEDOM—Elder James M. Pendleton.

LIBERTY—Elder James M. Pendleton.

SULPHUR FORK—Elders Wm. Price, E. G. Berry, D. N. Porter and E. B. Stratton.

BAPTIST—Elder V. E. Kirtley.

BARREN RIVER— ———

LITTLE RIVER— ———

LITTLE BETHEL—Elder John Bryce.

SALEM—Elder J. H. Yeaman, Brothers John English and Warren Gray.

CHURCHES.

GEORGETOWN—D. R. Campbell, LL. D., N. B. Waller.

GREAT CROSSINGS—Elder Y. R. Pitts.

HENDERSON—Elder John Bryce.

LEXINGTON—Elder Wm. M. Pratt.

LOUISVILLE, WALNUT STREET—Elder W. W. Everts, C. Van Buskirk.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Thomas Hansbrough, Elders A. R. Macy, S. Ray, D. N. Porter, N. B. Waller, Wm. Price, J. E. Duvall, Sandford Owens, J. S. Dawson, C. Lewis, R. L. Thurman, T. L. Garrett, John Bryce, G. B. Long, W. W. Force, T. M. Daniels, S. L. Helm, J. Dulany, B. F. Kenny, W. W. Everts, C. Van Buskirk, P. S. Bush, W. S. Pratt, V. E. Kirtley, William Vaughn, Y. R. Pitts. D. R. Campbell, L. L. D., S. H. Ford, E. G. Berry, A. M. Ragsdale, E. B. Stratton, Dr. J. J. Thomasson, M. W. Stambaugh, Mrs. Mary Foree, Mrs. A. M. Kirtley, Mrs. Harriet Smith, Mrs. M. L. Brannin, Mrs. Sally Rodman, Mrs. Harriett Rowland, Mrs. Martha Thomasson, Mrs. A. Brown, James Boulware, Thomas Brown, J. H. Yeaman, B. O. Branham, Willis Peck, B. Kemper, J. P. Forgey, James P. Edwards, and Daniel Buckner.

On motion, A. W. LaRue, Wm. Vaughn, and W. W. Everts were appointed a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year. After a short consultation, the committee reported Elder S. L. Helm, Moderator; and Elder S. H. Ford, Clerk.

The report of the Executive Board was called, and on motion, deferred till to-morrow.

The report of the Treasurer was also deferred.

Elders A. W. LaRue, D. Buckner, T. L. Garrett, and brethren R. Buckley and P. S. Bush were appointed a committee to nominate preachers and alternates for next year.

Committee on Communications.—Elders William Price, John Bray and William Head.

Committee on Resolutions.—Elders W. W. Everts, William Vaughn, Y. R. Pitts, P. S. Bush and B. F. Kenney.

Committee on Religious Exercises.—The pastor and delegates of the New Castle church.

The brethren appointed last year to preach on Bible Operations and Foreign Missions being absent, Elder W. W. Everts was appointed to preach on the former, and Elder S. H. Ford on the latter subject.

A communication from Elder J. Walker was read by brother J. Bray and referred to the Committee on Communications.

On motion, the 3d Article of the Constitution was so amended as to admit annual membership on the payment of one dollar.

The Association then adjourned to Friday morning, 10 o'clock; benediction by Elder John Bryce.

Friday Morning, 10 o'clock.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder W. M. Pratt.

The following members names were then enrolled :

LIFE MEMBERS.

D. S. Colgin, C. T. Noel and J. Newland.

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION—S. P. Forgey, J. Newland.

ELKHORN—Elder William M. Pratt.

LOUISVILLE WALNUT STREET CHURCH—Silas J. Evans and J. M. Cooper.

OWENSBORO—Charles T. Noel.

ANNUAL MEMBERS.

Thos. N. Posey, A. D. Stone, P. Carlin, S. M. Dale, J. W. Arnold, C. T. Scott, J. R. Scott, F. H. Goodridge, J. Calloway, S. T. Drane, B. Fisher, J. Nicholson, W. H. Caplinger, W. B. Wilson, P. Foree, H. McElvain, J. Corbin, S. Owen, F. D. Jones, and a number of other names, the list of which has been mislaid.

The report of the Executive Board was then called for, read, and referred to the board for publication.

The report of the Treasurer was called for, read, and referred to the Executive Board for publication, together with the report of the Auditing Committee.

The meeting then adjourned to 2½ o'clock, P. M.

Half-past 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Y. R. Pitts.

The Committee on Correspondence made the following report, viz: Your Committee on Correspondence beg leave to state, that after careful examination of all Letters of Correspondence in their hands, they recommend the reading of six Letters to this Association, and the reference of all applications for aid to next Association and the Board.

W. PRICE, *Chairman.*

On motion, the amount taken at Middle District Association was given towards building a meeting house at New Hope church, in Anderson county. There was also a voluntary contribution taken in behalf of the same.

A letter from West Union Association was read and referred to the especial consideration of the Board.

SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL.

The Committee on Resolutions offered the following, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That in our efforts to spread the gospel, it is the Scripture course to commence at home, and the command to preach the gospel to every creature to not only enjoins the duty, but implies that all that is necessary for its performance is within the reach of the

Church. We, therefore, commend to the confidence and co-operation of the churches in Kentucky, the Foreign and Domestic Boards of Missions for the South, and earnestly urge increased contributions, and ardent prayer, to carry forward the great work in which they are engaged.

WESTERN RECORDER AND CHRISTIAN REPOSITORY.

1. *Resolved*, That the Western Recorder and Christian Repository are doing valuable service to the cause of truth, and that we recommend their introduction into all the families of our churches and congregations.

2. *Resolved*, That we coincide in what we believe to be the sentiments of the editors, that the interest of these periodicals can be greatly increased by more frequent contributions from the brethren, and we earnestly call their attention to this subject.

3. *Resolved*, That we respectfully request the editors to place the merits and claims of our educational and missionary organizations more frequently and prominently before their readers.

On motion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the Presbyterian Church, and the citizens of New Castle, for their affectionate hospitality during our session.

On motion, special prayer was then offered in behalf of Sister Eliza McCoy, one of our missionaries among the Indians, (she being present) and E. H. Black, a converted native of the Wea tribe.

On motion, adjourned until 10 o'clock on to-morrow; benediction by brother Helm.

Saturday Morning, 10 o'clock.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by brother A. R. Macy.

The report of the General Agent was called for and read.

On motion, the report was received and referred to the board for publication.

Brother S. H. Ford had leave of absence a short time, for the purpose of delivering an address to the Sabbath Schools in the place.

On motion, the following resolution, by President D. R. Campbell, was adopted, and the blank filled with Louisville:

WHEREAS, The brethren of Georgetown have their hands and time full with the cause of education, and desirous of being relieved of the care of the interests of this Association; therefore,

Resolved. That the Executive Board be, and is hereby, removed to Louisville.

The Committee on Resolutions reported the following, which was taken up:

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Western Baptist Theological Institute have agreed to divide the property of said Institute equally between the

Trustees acting for the Western States and those acting for the Southern States, with the view of opening two Theological Seminaries, one for the North and one for the South, instead of one central one as heretofore contemplated; and, whereas, the present acting Board have definitely resolved and appointed committees to obtain the sanction of the Kentucky Legislature at its next meeting to such division, and also to locate the Institute for the South at Georgetown, instead of Covington; therefore,

Resolved, That this Association heartily approve the idea of locating the Institute for the South at Georgetown, and that they will lend their influence to consummate this aim of the Trustees; yet,

Resolved, further, That this Association shall always regard the Institute as the enterprise of the South-west and not of Kentucky alone; and that we shall insist on its being always conducted as the Institute of all the States properly interested in its benefits.

Brother Bush, of Covington, offered the following as a substitute for the resolutions offered by the Committee in relation to the Western Theological Institute, which was lost:

WHEREAS, The Western Baptist Theological Institute at Covington, Ky., having resulted from the action of a Convention of Western Baptists, at a meeting held in the city of Cincinnati, in the year 1833, and declared to belong to no State, but devised for the benefit of the West, to belong to all who give it the aid of their countenance, prayers and co-operation; and, whereas, great difficulties and embarrassments have arisen among the Trustees in relation to its control and government; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a Convention of its friends from the States of Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, appointed by each State organization of the denomination, be recommended to be held at the Institute in Covington, Ky., on the _____, 1854, to take into consideration such measures for its future usefulness, as to them in their wisdom shall seem best.

On this resolution brothers Bush and Posey called for the yeas and nays, and the vote taken before original resolution was put.

Brother S. Ray stated that he had reconsidered his vote by mistake, and was permitted to have it changed. Several brethren (six) were excused from voting.

The original resolution was then taken and carried, the two brethren above named voting in the negative.

DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

The following was then introduced, and after an interesting discussion, was unanimously carried:

Whereas, Domestic Missions is the primary and great object of the General Association, as it is of the District Associations of the State, and, therefore,

Resolved, That it should be the leading object of the Board of this Association to encourage the District Associations in the work of church extension in their own borders, and raise surplus funds for the establish-

ment of the gospel in those sections of the State which are not embraced within the bounds of any Associations, or of others who are unable to provide for their spiritual wants. And be it further resolved, that the District Association, with their pastors and churches, are earnestly requested to co-operate in this and other objects of this Association, and by reporting their statistics, memberships, operations, &c., so as to facilitate the designs of this Association, and afford materials for giving the current history of our denomination.

On motion our board is instructed to confine themselves, in their operations in Kentucky, so as to bring up the District Associations to supply the existing destitution.

On motion, the board is instructed to gather all the statistics of our denomination and add them to our minutes before they are printed.

The committee on resolutions reported the following resolutions, which were adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the proprietors of the Western Recorder be requested to publish the time and place of holding the next General Association, two months previous to the time of meeting, and continue said publication six weeks, and that the Treasurer be instructed to pay for the same.

SCRIPTURE SCHOOL READER.

Resolved, That the "Scripture School Reader," by W. W. Everts and W. H. Wyckoff, being a selection, without note or comment, of those exceedingly valuable and interesting portions of divine truth, so admirably adapted for instruction in families and schools, is a work of great value, and we earnestly recommend it to every family and school in our land.

On motion, it was agreed that the minutes of the ministers' meeting be appended to the minutes of this body.

The Association then adjourned to 2 o'clock this evening. Benediction by brother A. W. La Rue.

Saturday Evening 2 o'clock.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by brother D. S. Colgan.

On motion, brother V. E. Kirtley was unanimously recommended to the board as a General Agent for next year.

GEORGETOWN COLLEGE.

The committee on resolutions made further report as follows, to-wit:

Resolved, That this association look with intense interest to Georgetown College as a great means, under God, of preparing the youth of our land for usefulness in the Church and State.

2. *Resolved*, That the ability, zeal and energy of the Trustees and of the Faculty are worthy of the noble cause in which they are engaged, and that their efforts are highly appreciated by this body.

3. *Resolved*, That we hail with pleasure the increasing interest which

our denomination and the public generally are manifesting in the College.

TEMPERANCE.

The evils consequent upon the making, selling and drinking of intoxicating liquors are fearfully manifested in every part of our country; and whilst its deepest wounds are hid in the faithful hearts of parents, wives and children, yet in the dark record open to view we read its work of ruin. It has palsied the strong arm, and children cry for bread. It has dwarfed the intellect and barred the windows of the soul to the penetrating rays of truth. It has ravaged the heart of its offices of love, and cursed it with hatred, revenge and murder. It has invaded the sanctuary of God, and begat a licentious and infidel spirit. It has severed the bonds of virtue, and defied lust. It is the alley of every vice, and couples itself with the darkest murder. It is an outlaw, and outrages the inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. It stands opposing all moral reforms and defies the spirit of progression. Therefore,

Resolved, That the making, selling, and drinking of all intoxicating liquors, as a beverage, by professed Christians, is a barrier and hindrance to a proper growth in the Christian graces, inconsistent with Christian character, degrading to the cause of Christ; and, that it should be so held up and condemned by all ministers before all the churches.

Resolved, That as the present temperance movement presents to us a probable means of banishing the mountain sin of intemperance from our land, we hail it as an opening field of great usefulness, in which all good men can serve their God and their country, in the extermination of this great evil from this, our beloved land; and to this end, by the grace of God, will we ever labor and pray.

This resolution was passed unanimously, except brother T. L. Garrett, who was excused from voting on it.

The committee on nominations made their report as follows, which was adopted:

Elder S. S. Helm, President.

Elder Samuel H. Ford, Corresponding Secretary.

J. M. Cooper, Recording Secretary.*

A. O. Brannin, Treasurer.

Managers—Elder W. W. Everts, Thos. S. Haydon, Warren Mitchell, Jno. M. Delph, F. B. Webb, James E. Tyler, C. Van Buskirk, J. E. Haynes, Dr. W. B. Caldwell, Chas. Duffield, F. Hegan, W. Garnett, Silas J. Evans, J. F. King, Geo. W. Rowland, Wm. Jarvis, Y. R. Pitts, S. Shorn, C. Lewis, Junius Caldwell, L. M'Kay, O. H. Morrow, Col. Read, T. J. Drane, P. B. Samuels, W. W. Gardner, D. Hatch, C. Quirey, W. M. Pratt, Rice Maxy, A. Peters R. T. Dillard, D. S. Colgan, J. A. Kirtley, J. D. Black, B. Patton, P. Todd, A. R. Macey, T. L. Garrett, J. H. Lynd, D. D., Gab. Long, D.

*Appointed since by the Board.

Dowden, J. M. Frost, J. W. Mansfield, J. M. Pendleton, Alfred Taylor, Wm. Head, J. Summers, Samuel Haycraft, Wm. W. Force, James H. Brown, C. T. Noel, Ruben Buckley, X. X. Buckner, B. O. Branham, A. W. LaRue, Chairman.

The committee appointed to nominate ministers to preach the annual sermons, reported as follows, which was adopted:

Sermon on Home Missions, Wm. Vaughn. Alternate. Wm. Price.†

Sermon on Bible Society, S. W. Lynd, D. D. Alternate, J. M. Pendleton.

Sermon on Foreign Missions, Elder John Bryce. Alternate. T. J. Drano.

Brother Helm offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, We have received the sad intelligence of the death of Bro. W. G. Craig, a member of this body, therefore,

Resolved, That in the removal of this brother in the meridian of life we have a solemn admonition to do quickly, and with our might, that which we have to do as ministers, working while it is called to-day, for the night cometh when no man can work, and that we are called upon by the voice of Providence to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into his vineyard, and to this end, that we will encourage and admonish the churches with which we labor, to seek and nurture the gifts that may be within their membership.

Resolved, That we tender to those who are more immediately bereaved by the death of our beloved brother, our sincere condolence, and point them in their sorrow to our Great High Priest, whose sympathies for us move him to administer solace and comfort in all our woes.

The committee on religious exercises made the following report, which was adopted, viz:

Elder William Vaughn, to preach on Sabbath at 11 o'clock, in the Baptist church.

Elder J. P. Edwards in the afternoon, and Elder S. L. Helm at night.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet in Louisville, on Wednesday before the 3rd Sabbath in October, 1854.

S. L. HELM, President.

S. H. FORD, Secretary.

† The name of the alternate rubbed out, and we have put the name of Bro. William Price from recollection.

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

That we have but a meagre report to present to the general Association at this annual meeting, is not so much for want of interest felt for the great cause in which we are engaged, as it is because the interests committed to our supervision have been so widely distributed and so generally confided to the immediate attention of brethren and Associations, and not so exclusively entrusted to our management as heretofore. These brethren and Associations, from their remoteness from us and the lateness of the meetings of their Associations, find it more convenient to report their labors and success directly to you than to the Board. We, therefore, have to refer you to their reports, when sent in, for so much of the missionary work of the year as have been done by them.

Perhaps no year since the organization of the General Association has more missionary labor been performed than the present. The amount of funds subscribed and cash collected, whilst it does not come up to our desires, is by no means inconsiderable, as will fully appear from the account of your Treasurer. The balance therein stated will doubtless be increased by contributions sent up to the annual meeting.

At the commencement of the present year we made the following appointments, which we deemed most important and all that could be made from the available means at our command. These brethren, so far as they have reported to us, have labored faithfully and profitably, and deserve the thanks, the prayers and support of all who love the cause of the Redeemer.

Elder V. E. Kirtley appointed General Agent, salary \$1000 and expenses.

Elder J. R. Barbee, re-appointed, salary \$85.

“ S. S. Perry, “ 1 per day.

“ D. Dowden, “ “ “

“ D. Bruner, “ “ “

“ D. S. Colgan, “ 100 “

“ G. W. Broaddus, appointed. 1 “

“ W. W. Whyne and D. Hatchett appointed—salary conditional.

These are the appointments we deemed it prudent to make in view of the small amount of funds coming in, and time has proven that our caution has been our safety. So far as reports have come in we place the result of labor performed before you as follows:†

Elder Hatchett reports his whole time—preached 50 sermons; traveled 719 miles; baptized 10 converts; donates 30 days—seven to constitute himself a life member of this Association; has found it necessary to earn a support to accept a clerkship, and of course cannot fully engage longer in the work of the ministry.

Elder D. Bruner has labored 170 days; preached 159 sermons; delivered many exhortations and addresses; has visited much among the sick; traveled 700 miles; during his first quarter had baptized 42. His second report remarks: "This has been by far the most prosperous year of my labors. Throughout the whole of my field of labor, temperance, and morality have prevailed to an extent and with a rapidity that has no parallel in the history of my life. Three of the churches for which I have labored this year have enjoyed revival seasons—the most extensive I have ever been in."

In the midst of this glorious work brother Bruner was taken sick, and has but just recovered. Notwithstanding he was thus sorely afflicted, and from accounts received by the board, not expected to recover, yet God in his mercy has seen proper to restore him to health again for wise and noble purposes doubtless. We cannot forbear to express our gratitude to our heavenly Father for this merciful restoration; and sincerely pray that our beloved brother may be spared to the church and the world yet many years, to advocate the cause of religion, temperance and morality among men.

Elder G. W. Broaddus has traveled 622 miles; preached 54 sermons; baptized 25 converts, and gives a very interesting account of his labor. He remarks that the tokens of encouragement are a willingness on the part of the people, not only to attend to, but sit patiently under the administration of the word, and under such circumstances he tries to devote all the time he can to missionary labor, entertaining an humble hope that God for Christ's sake will continue to bless his feeble efforts to build up the Redeemer's cause in his widely extended field.

Elder D. S. Colgan has made but one report. In that he gives a very interesting account of his labors; preached 16 sermons per month; travelled 75 miles; has assisted other brethren in a most interesting revival, which resulted in from 30 to 50 baptisms.

Elder D. Dowden has traveled 2184 miles in 157 days; preached 126 sermons, and baptized 55 converts. His is a very interesting but a very destitute and laborious field. Want of religious books and the Bible is manifestly the greatest there of any district known to the board. He writes, "There are scores of families too poor to buy a Bible and too ignorant of its contents to believe it is worth money. Alas for our species! Yet these things are true of our beloved Kentucky. The only means that can be used to elevate these wretched families in the scale of society, is Christian benevo-

lence. I have seen whole families, from whom, as a man, I was compelled to turn with loathing and disgust, while, as a Christian minister, I most ardently commended them to God and the word of his grace." Brethren, ought we not to put forth greater exertions—make more personal sacrifices to send the word of life and religious reading into that community?

Elder S. S. Perry has traveled 1570 miles; preached 115 sermons; delivered many exhortations; baptized 42 converts; held their protracted meetings, and received 89 dollars in his field of labor. He reports very regularly, and is prompt in all his duties. Some of his churches show signs of better times, and much interest has been felt and shown among the people to whom he preaches.

OTHER APPLICATIONS AND SERVICES.

Many applications have been made to your board for ministerial labor, aid to build churches, &c., from almost all parts of the State, to all of which we have necessarily had to give a reluctant denial. We were anxious to do as much as our means would allow, and by no means become indebted to any one, deeming it best at all times to collect money before spending it.

Most of the funds expended came into the Treasury from the communities we have had missionaries laboring in, and others equally meritorious and worthy, have had to go unsupplied so far as our instrumentality is concerned. Some twenty other ministers during the year have contributed in labor at one dollar per day, from ten to fifty dollars; constituting themselves life members of this Association, and performing an amount of missionary labor greatly beyond anything heretofore done, and reported about 200 baptisms—all of which will be reported as money subscribed and paid in your Treasurers' Report.

BIBLE OPERATIONS.

In consequence of a new feature in this department of missionary work, the General Agent devoted more time to collecting old subscriptions than obtaining new ones. On subscriptions made to Elders A. Maclay, Niles, and himself, he has collected the various sums as shown in the report of your Treasurer. The balance on hand is ready for such appropriations as you may deem best.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In consequence of the great interest manifested throughout the entire State for Elder I. J. Roberts, all the funds coming in for foreign missions were specific, and directed by the donors to be given to that brother, who has been left unprovided for in a foreign field, and whose distressed and dependent condition has

greatly and deservedly, in our opinion, enlisted the sympathies of our people. The amount received by your Corresponding Secretary and forwarded to Elder Roberts, will appear in the report of your Treasurer. There is now a way opened to transmit funds to China so easy and safe, that all who desire to aid Elder Roberts in his present interesting but destitute field of labor, can do so without any diminution of their charities for salaries, or contingencies. By reference to his letters in the Recorder, to F. C. McCalla, it will be seen that funds are promptly remitted to and regularly received by Elder Roberts, at Canton, in about three months from the time of their transmission; and as his position is becoming daily more important, and prospects of usefulness brightening, may we not urge you to put forth united efforts for his benefit.

GENERAL AGENT, &C.

The report of your General Agent will give you such general views of the importance of our enterprise, and the best means of extending the sphere of our usefulness as his general acquaintance with the wants and resources of the State will suggest. The only expense attending our operations this year, is the salary and expenses of the General Agent. The Corresponding Secretary deems the labor resulting from this year's operations no more than he is willing to do gratuitously for the cause in which we are engaged. Any change in the manner of conducting the future operations of the society, or the location of the incoming board, we leave to the better judgment of the society, praying earnestly that in all things the honor and glory of God—the promotion of the cause and kingdom of the Redeemer may be the single object of your deliberations.

F. C. McCALLA, Cor. Sec'y.

Read this report.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL AGENT.

To the Board of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Another anniversary of the General Association is near at hand, and it now becomes my duty, as your General Agent, to render up an account of my stewardship. And when I take into consideration the Divine protection which has been exercised over me; the uninterrupted health which I have been permitted to enjoy, and the success which has attended my labors du-

ring the past year ; it is with the profoundest gratitude to God, that I enter upon the task before me : because it is a fact well established in the word of God, as well as a truth fully tested by all human experience, " that without Him we can do nothing." And it was in view of the Divine aid, that the Apostle was enabled to exclaim, " I can do all things through Christ, who strengtheneth me."

Permit me, therefore, in presenting this, my annual report, to call your attention

I. To Home Missions,

This cause stands *pre-eminent* with our churches, from the fact that the Saviour first commanded the Apostles to begin at Jerusalem to preach the Gospel, and from thence " go into all the world and preach it to every creature." Again, many of our brethren tell us that Charity should begin at home. Hence they are generally partial to the cause of Home Missions. They say that if Christ and the Apostles preached the Gospel first to the Jews, their countrymen, that we as Christians should emulate their example, by giving the Gospel, first of all, to those who speak the language wherein we were born.

With this view of the subject, therefore, they cannot be wrong. Consequently, I have made Home Missions the cause for which I have labored during the past year. And in consequence of the Churches and Associations having failed to send up their contributions to your Board, as heretofore ; and in view of the pressing demands which have been made upon you in behalf of those who are poor indeed, I have thought it best to confine my labors this year to the interior of the State, where the people have means to give and where they are most likely to give them. There are many portions of the State, however, where an Agent could accomplish great good, in the way of organizing Missionary Societies ; besides, urging upon the churches the duty and importance of sustaining their pastors. But in these sections of country it would be " more blessed to give than to receive." My labors were also directed to the interior of the State for the purpose of collecting up old subscriptions, which were obtained by other Agents, as well as those obtained by myself in A. D. 1851-2. Hence, you see that I have been necessarily compelled to pass over that portion of country which has been frequently visited by Agents, so that my opportunities for visiting new territory has been somewhat limited.

I made one trip however, in the month of June last, as far down the country as the counties of Taylor, Green and Adair, at which time I saw many of my old friends and acquaintances, and was enabled to obtain on subscription and otherwise about \$1200. This was a very pleasant and profitable trip, and will be long remembered by your Agent.

I also visited Crab Orchard some time during the winter and found the brethren very much discouraged in consequence of the number of deaths and removals from their town and vicinity.— Many of their aged and good brethren had been called away by the hand of death, while others of wealth and influence had removed from their midst. Their Pastor had become old and quite infirm; consequently, religion seemed to be much on the decline. Their house of worship, which was built by the public, had gone to decay, and they were at a great loss to know what to do under the circumstances. I at length proposed to brother J. Owsley and others, to build a new house of worship, which they finally consented to do, and like men and Christians they went to work, and in a few months built the Lord a large and comfortable house, which will be dedicated to His service on the 5th Sabbath in this month. And after the close of the General Association, I am under promise to hold a meeting of days with the brethren, in their new house of worship. Therefore, we have reason to hope for better days in behalf of this church.

I have visited other places where I have been enabled to render service to ministers and brethren in many respects. And after all that is said in relation to this branch of our Missionary enterprize, I am happy to find the good brethren and sisters ready to co-operate with your Agent, instead of sending him away from their houses, with a heavy heart. They are building better houses of worship, supporting their pastors with more interest than heretofore, and many of them have enlarged their subscriptions this year for the cause of Missions. Hence, my success among the people is increasing every year. Agents, therefore, who understand their work, are not looked upon in Kentucky, at the present day, as heretofore, but are regarded by those who love the cause of Christ as His servants, doing their Master's work, in all good faith and in much assurance of hope. Consequently, it is a source of great encouragement to those who are called in the Providence of God, to sacrifice home and friends for the cause of our Blessed Saviour.

I will now notice

II. The Bible Society.

The Kentucky and Foreign Bible Society with its present organization will not be able to accomplish much more in its operations, in consequence of the existence of the American Bible Union and the Revision Association — because our people are determined, by the aid and blessing of God, to have a faithful version of the English Scriptures. The Revision Association, therefore, will in a few years, take the place of the Kentucky and Foreign Bible Society. Many have already made transfers from this Society to the American Bible Union and to the Revision Association.—

Hence, my labors this year have been almost entirely confined to the collection of old subscriptions, obtained by Elders A. MaClay and Isaac Niles, A. D. 1848-9-50, and those obtained by myself in 1851-2. Consequently, the amount of new subscriptions is comparatively small, while the amount collected in cash is larger than it was last year. See Treasurer's report.

III. Foreign Missions.

In this department of Missionary labor I have been enabled to do but little, from the fact that many of our brethren have been contributing to aid our dear brother Roberts, in China. Early last Spring, the deplorable condition of brother Roberts and his family was made known to his friends in Kentucky, through the Western Recorder, and when the facts came to hand—that he was in a strange and distant land, without the aid and sympathy of that Board which he at one time thought it an honor to serve—many of his friends in Kentucky resolved at once to send him aid, because sister Roberts had gone from this State. Believing, therefore, that the brethren would help brother Roberts, on the voluntary system, I thought it best to leave the cause of Foreign Missions in the hands of his friends. And I have just learned from brother F. C. McCalla, your Corresponding Secretary, that he has already forwarded to Elder Roberts \$500, \$140 of which has been received. He also states that he has other funds in preparation for him. May the Lord sustain brother Roberts and family!

IV. General Remarks.

Brethren, I am now about to close my Third Annual Report, and I desire to feel thankful to God for the continuation of His grace and mercy, unto me, up to this day and hour. For many have been the trials of the past year. But the Lord has sustained me. I have visited many churches and nine District Associations, all of which are auxiliary to the General Association. The most of them, however, have their own Executive Boards, so as to supply the destitute in their own bonds. And at each of these Associations I was cordially received as your Agent, and permitted to present the claims of the cause of Christ.

The amount of my subscriptions and collections this year is \$6288 14; for Cash, see Treasurer's Report. Traveled 3569 miles; expenses \$75 44. Preached and lectured on various subjects, and for the different objects of benevolence which have claimed my attention this year, I have raised between \$8 and \$10,000.

And now may the blessing of God rest upon you as a Board, and upon all the churches and ministers of the land, is the desire and prayer of your brother in Christ,

V. E. KIRTLEY.

CONSTITUTION OF GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be called the GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS IN KENTUCKY.

ART. 2. This Association shall be composed of Life Members, and representatives from Baptist Churches and Associations, contributing to its funds, or co-operating in its objects.

ART. 2. The payment of one dollar shall constitute an annual member, and the payment of thirty dollars a member for life.

ART. 4. The business of this Association shall be to promote Home and Foreign Missions, and the circulation of the Holy Scriptures.

ART. 5. It is distinctly understood that this Association shall have no ecclesiastical authority.

ART. 6. At each Annual Meeting of the Association there shall be elected a Moderator, Secretary, Treasurer, and fifty Managers, (five of whom shall be a quorum,) who shall constitute a Board of Directors for the management of all the business of the Association during the recess of its Annual Meetings, and report their proceedings annually.

ART. 7. A General Agent may be appointed by the Association, or Board of Directors, whose duty it shall be to survey the destitution, the means of supply, &c., and report regularly to the Board. He shall also raise funds, and in every practicable way promote the objects of the Association; for which, he shall receive a reasonable compensation.

ART. 8. The Annual Meeting of this Association shall be on Thursday before the 3d Lord's day in October, commencing at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

ART. 9. The Constitution may be amended or altered, (the 5th Article excepted,) at any Annual Meeting, by a concurrence of two thirds of the members present.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

G. B. LONG, TREASURER,

In account with the General Association of Kentucky,

Dr.

1852.			
Nov. 1.	To balance on hand,	- - - - -	\$1,137 95
1853.			
Jan. 1.	To cash of Elder T. J. Drane,	- - - - -	52 00
Aug. 15.	To Cash of Elkhorn Association,	- - - - -	77 80
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			\$1,267 75
Oct. 1.	To cash by General Agent, viz:		
	On Elder A. Mac'ay's subscriptions to American and Foreign Bible Society,	- - - - -	203 00
	On Elder J. M. Nile's subscriptions to same,	- - - - -	135 00
	On V. E. Kirtly's subscriptions,	- - - - -	499 00
	On donations,	- - - - -	4 60
	From Nelson Association,	- - - - -	17 23
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Oct. 1.	To cash for Bible Union,	- - - - -	20 00
	To cash for China Mission,	- - - - -	25 90
	To cash for " per Cor. Secretary,	- - - - -	500 00
	To cash for Home Mission by General Agent,	- - - - -	1,462 66
	To cash from Georgetown Juvenile Missionary Society,	- - - - -	21 00
Oct. 15.	Great Crossings Church,	- - - - -	3 00
	Rev. Y. R. Pitts and mother,	- - - - -	20 00
	Lexington Church per W. M. Pratt,	- - - - -	26 00
	Elder Wm. M. Pratt	- - - - -	5 00
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			\$4,210 14

CREDITS.

1853.	By cash paid F. E. McCalla for Bible Society,	- - - - -	\$200 00
	" Elder S. S. Perry,	- - - - -	150 00
	" Elder John Holiday,	- - - - -	80 00
	" for printing minutes,	- - - - -	78 87
	" Elder Egan,	- - - - -	25 00
	" Elder D. E. Bruner	- - - - -	167 75
	" Elder T. J. Drane,	- - - - -	300 00
	" Elder H. Adams	- - - - -	107 56
	" Elder G. W. Broadus,	- - - - -	25 00
	" Elder D. S. Colgan,	- - - - -	100 00
	" Elder D. Dowden,	- - - - -	50 00
	" Elders Combs and Prather,	- - - - -	10 00
	" General Agent's salary,	- - - - -	1,000 00
	" " expenses,	- - - - -	45 49
	" F. C. McCalla, for I. J. Roberts,	- - - - -	23 90
	" Other Missionaries,	- - - - -	416 00
	" Counterfeit money,	- - - - -	1 00
	" Postage,	- - - - -	1 00
Oct. 6.	" F. C. McCalla, for I. J. Roberts,	- - - - -	21 00
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			\$1,452 57.

MINISTERS' MEETING.



KENTUCKY BAPTIST MINISTERS' MEETING.

This body assembled in the Baptist church, in New Castle, on Wednesday, at 11 o'clock.

The meeting was called to order by appointing Elder John Bryce, President, and Elder S. H. Ford, Secretary.

MINISTERS PRESENT.

John Bryce, S. H. Ford, Wm. Vaughn, S. L. Helm, John Bray, W. W. Everts, M. W. Stambaugh, J. M. Pendleton, Wm. Price, E. G. Berry, D. N. Porter, E. B. Stratton, Wm. Head, V. E. Kirtley, J. H. Yeaman, T. M. Daniels, Wm. W. Foree, C. Lewis, A. R. Macy, A. W. LaRue, Y. R. Pitts, — Jones, D. Buckner.

The usual services, prayer, &c., by Elder William Vaughn. Annual Sermon preached by Elder S. L. Helm — theme: The Moral Dignity of the Christian Ministry. An Essay was read by Elder John Bray on the New Birth. The meeting then adjourned to 9 o'clock, Thursday morning. Prayer by brother Everts.

Thursday Morning, 9 o'clock.

The meeting met and was called to order by brother Bryce — prayer by Elder Wm. Vaughn.

Opportunity was then given for members, and the following names enrolled, as follows: Stephen Ray, J. S. Dawson, B. O. Branham, J. P. Edwards, John Dulany.

A Committee, consisting of Elders S. L. Helm, V. E. Kirtley and A. W. LaRue, to select subjects, and persons to write and preach on them, at our next meeting.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair. Prayer by W. W. Everts.

Friday Morning 8 o'clock.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair. Prayer by brother T. M. Daniels.

Exegesis presented by brother Bray and read—1 John 3-9; which was subjected to criticism. Minister came in, D. S. Colgan.

Bro. Wm. M. Pratt was excused for not having written an Essay. Brother M. W. Stambaugh presented an Essay, which was read, and, on motion, the same was ordered to be published in the Western Recorder.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report, which was adopted, viz :

Introductory Discourse by Elder C. Lewis ; alternate, J. H. Yeaman.

Exegesis by Elder Wm. Vaughn—1 Cor. xv. 29.

The proper appellation by which to designate Ministers of the Gospel—whether Rev., D. D., Elder or Bishop—A. Broaddus.

Is the Deaconship a perpetual office, or of re-appointment?—W. W. Everts.

Is Prayer consistent with fixed laws?—S. H. Ford.

Reasons of the inadequate supply of Ministers for the Churches?—Dr. Lynd.

Is a man responsible for his Belief?—Wm. Price.

A skeleton of a Sermon on John xvii. 15—G. H. Forgy.

On motion, brother C. Lewis was excused from paying a fine imposed last year.

The following resolution was adopted, viz :

WHEREAS, Much confusion and disappointment has occurred for several successive years, owing to the failure of persons appointed to write Essays and so furnish their productions,

Resolved, That hereafter when persons who are absent shall have subjects assigned them, the Secretary shall be required to write and obtain their acquiescence before they shall be considered responsible for the performance of that duty.

Brother Bray's production was requested for publication in the Western Recorder.

The General Association was requested to favor this body by printing our Minutes with theirs.

On motion, adjourned to meet on Wednesday before the 3d Lord's day in October, 1854, at 10 o'clock, in the city of Louisville. Prayer and benediction by Elder J. P. Edwards.

JOHN BRYCE, President.

S. H. FORD, Secretary.

In accordance with the request of the General Association, we have delayed the printing of the Minutes until the present time, so as to be enabled to make extracts and gather statistical information, &c., from the District Associations, and we are now compelled to abandon this part of our duty, from the fact that a large majority of the Associations have failed to send up their Minutes.

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.