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OF THE

FIRST GENERAL ASSOCIATION

OF

COLORED BAPTISTS

IN KENTUCKY,

Hold in the First Baptist Church, Lexington, Kentucky,
August 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th, 1869.

Rev. R. T. W. JAMES, Recording Secretary.
Q. B. JONES, Corresponding Secretary.

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Baptist Church, Simpsonville, Rev. P. ALEXANDER, E. P. MARRS.

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Baptist Church, Washington—Represented by Letter.

“ Mayslick—Rev. L. C. NATAS, S. L. BRECKINRIDGE.

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“ Somerset—Rev. H. CURD.

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Independent Baptist Church, Lexington—Rev. F. BRAXTON, J. GRAHAM, H. HOWARD, T. JOHNSON.

Baptist Church, Athens—Rev. A. THOMAS, M. SIMPSON.

STATISTIC TALABLE.

| | Additions by | | | | Additions by | | | | Total. | Money. |
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| | Baptism. | Letter. | Relation. | Restoration. | Letter. | Exclusion. | Erasure. | Death. | | |
| Fifth Street Baptist Church, Louisville | 16 | 15 | 12 | 0 | | | | 59 | 850 | \$100 00 |
| York Street | 22 | 2 | 5 | 3 | | | | 2 | 390 | |
| Caldwell St. | 22 | 2 | 5 | 3 | | | | 2 | 112 | 10 25 |
| First Baptist Church, Lexington | 120 | 10 | 12 | 4 | 9 | | | 8 | 959 | 20 00 |
| Pleasant Green Bapt. | 150 | 10 | 4 | | 20 | 6 | | 7 | 850 | |
| Baptist Church, Frankfort | 10 | 5 | | | | 7 | | 3 | 770 | |
| “ Georgetown | 121 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 12 | | | 3 | 750 | 9 00 |
| “ Danville | 55 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 7 | | | 3 | 503 | 25 00 |
| “ Maysville | 121 | 2 | 4 | | 19 | | | 11 | 250 | 20 00 |
| “ Versailles | 40 | 14 | 6 | | 2 | | | 4 | 518 | |
| “ Paris | 48 | 3 | | | | 8 | | 4 | 299 | 4 00 |
| “ Elizabethtown | 91 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 5 | | | 175 | 8 65 |
| “ Harrodsburg | 22 | 4 | | | | 15 | | 2 | 220 | 7 85 |
| “ Nicholasville | 11 | 24 | | 3 | 3 | 1 | | 3 | 350 | 15 00 |
| “ New Castle | 14 | 24 | | 3 | 3 | 1 | | 2 | 179 | 8 00 |
| “ Shelbyville | 93 | 4 | 1 | | | 9 | | 3 | 95 | 39 01 |
| “ Bloomfield | 39 | 3 | 1 | | | 6 | | 2 | 143 | 6 75 |
| “ Lancaster | 5 | 2 | | | | | | | 101 | |
| “ Lebanon | 6 | 2 | | 2 | | | | 1 | 69 | 6 50 |
| “ Winchester | 48 | 2 | | | | 12 | | 4 | 69 | 1 50 |
| “ Stanford | | | | | | 6 | | 4 | 121 | 5 00 |
| “ Bardstown | | | | | | | | | 95 | 10 00 |
| “ Keene | 25 | 10 | | | | | | | 80 | |
| “ Cynthia | | | | | | | | | | |
| “ Bridgeport | | | | | | | | | | |
| “ Stamping Ground | | | | | | | | | | 20 00 |
| First Missionary District Association | | | | | | | | | | |
| Washington St. Bapt. Church, Paducah | 5 | | 4 | 6 | 4 | 20 | | 4 | 602 | |
| Baptist Church, Henderson | 62 | 3 | 12 | 3 | 34 | 11 | | 1 | 958 | |
| “ Franklin | 11 | 2 | | 2 | 2 | 5 | | 4 | 97 | |
| “ Elkton | | | | | | | | | 90 | |
| “ Mayfield | | | | | | | | | 20 | |
| “ Owensboro | | | | | | | | | 339 | |
| “ Hartford | | | | | | 3 | | | 69 | |
| “ Caliseville | | | | | | | | | 22 | |
| “ Smithland | 13 | | | | | | | | 21 | |
| “ Dycensburg | 7 | | | 2 | | | | | 18 | |
| “ Welster Co. | 7 | | | | | | | | 31 | |
| “ Union City | 45 | 16 | 12 | 3 | | | | 2 | 54 | |
| “ Hopkinsville | 13 | 34 | 2 | 1 | | 8 | | | 208 | |
| “ Trenton | 25 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 3 | | 68 | |
| “ Bowling Green | 5 | | | | | 3 | | 2 | 245 | |
| “ Rolling Mill | | | | | | | | | 53 | |
| “ Race Creek | | | | | | | | | 34 | |
| “ Stony Point | | | | | | | | | 82 | |
| “ Bethlehem | | | | | | | | | 53 | |
| “ Nelson Creek | | | | | | | | | 18 | |
| “ Walnut Grove | 7 | 3 | | | | | | | 56 | |
| “ Old Union | | | | | | | | | 90 | |
| NEW CHURCHES. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Baptist Church, Simpsonville | | | 5 | | | 5 | | 3 | 247 | 7 35 |
| “ Mortonville | | | | | | | | | 175 | |
| “ Somerset | | | | | | | | 1 | 72 | |
| “ Little Flock | | | | | | | | 1 | 11 | 3 00 |
| Independent Baptist Church, Lexington | | | | | | | | | 1725 | |
| Baptist Church, Athens | | 20 | | | | | | | 339 | |
| Evergreen Baptist Church, Lexington | | | | | | 20 | | | 29 | |
| TOTAL | 1237 | 168 | 260 | 70 | 191 | 190 | 3 | 132 | 12,620 | \$182 40 |

MINUTES.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION, 11:45.

Assembled in the First Colored Baptist Church of Lexington. Moderator Rev. H. Adams presiding. The Association having been called to order. The 6th Chap. of 2nd Cor. was read, 730th hymn sung:

"Our Captain leads us on,
He beckons from the skies, etc."

followed by an impressive prayer by the Moderator.

The letters from the several churches were read and Messengers' names enrolled.

On motion a Committee of 5 was appointed by the Moderator on Credentials.

After which the Association stood adjourned till 3 P. M.
Benediction by Rev. R. Lee.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, 3 O'CLOCK.

Association assembled. Hymn 767th sung. Prayer by Rev. E. W. Green. Minutes of the morning session read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials presented their report relative to church representation in the Association. (See list of Churches and Messengers.)

COMMITTEE—Rev. J. Monroe, Rev. R. Lee, S. S. Williams,
Q. B. Jones, P. Smith, H. Scroggins.

Adopted.

It was resolved that the Association should go into a permanent organization, after which a nominating committee of 7 was appointed by the chair; after a brief absence the committee returned and presented the following:

We recommend to the Association the following named brethren to fill the several offices of the Association: Moderator, Rev. H. Adams, Louisville, Ky.; Recording Secretary, Rev. R. T. W. James, Paducah, Ky.; Corresponding Secretary, Q. B. Jones, Louisville, Ky.; Treasurer, P. Smith, Frankfort, Ky.

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| Licen. H. SAMUEL, | } COMMITTEE. |
| G. GRIGSBY, | |
| H. SCROGGINS, | |
| S. S. WILLIAMS, | |
| J. D. TADLOCK, | |
| T. SMITH, | |
| S. JEFFERSON, | |

On motion all churches on the presentation of their letters and Messengers were granted the privilege of suffrage.

On motion a Committee of 9 was appointed by the chair to form rules of decorum to govern the Associational body. Committee—Rev. J. F. Thomas, Rev. R. Lee, Rev. A. Barry, Rev. E. W. Green, Rev. I. Slaughter, Rev. W. J. Brown, Rev. G. W. Dupree, H. Scroggins, Q. B. Jones.

By appointment of last Convention Rev. E. W. Green, at night, delivered the Introductory Discourse, Text, Exodus 15, 11—"Who is like unto thee, O, Lord, among the Gods, who is like unto thee, Glorious in his holiness, fearful in praises doing wonders."

After a happy presentation of the subject there was a collection of \$12.35 for associational expenses.

Association stood adjourned till Wednesday, 9 A. M.
Benediction by Rev. S. Grigsby.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION, 9 A. M.

Association met. The Moderator being absent, Rev. J. Monroe opened with religious exercise. Minutes of previous session read and approved.

The new Churches upon the presentation of their Credentials, (see list of Churches,) were cordially received to form a part of the Association, and the right hand of fellowship conferred by the Moderator, Rev. H. Adams.

On motion a Committee of 5 on Devotional Exercises was appointed by the Moderator. Committee—Rev. M. Bell, Rev. J. Monroe, Rev. F. Braxton, Rev. C. Jenkins, Licen. J. Morgan.

On motion the Association stood adjourned till Wednesday, 3 P. M.
Benediction by Rev. F. Braxton.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, 3 O'CLK.

Association met. Prayer by Rev. A. Heath. Minutes of the morning session read and approved.

The Committee on rules of decorum presented the following report. (See Page —.)

On motion it was resolved that the hours of assembling and adjournment be as follows: convene at 9 A. M., adjourn at 12 M., re-assemble at 2½ P. M., adjourn at 5 P. M., re-assemble at 8 P. M., and adjourn at pleasure.

On motion the following Committees were appointed by the chair:

Committee on Correspondence of 5—Rev. J. Monroe, Rev. R. T. W. James, Rev. A. Barry, Rev. G. W. Dupree, J. Gillis.

Committee of 3 on Finance—Q. B. Jones, A. Scroggins, Licen. H. Samuel.

Committee of 5 on Ministerial Destitution—Rev. I. Slaughter, Rev. G. W. Dupree, Rev. E. W. Green, Rev. W. J. Brown, Rev. A. Heath.

Committee of 5 on Colleges and Schools—Rev. R. T. W. James, Rev. J. F. Thomas, Rev. W. J. Brown, H. Scroggins, Rev. F. Braxton.

Committee of 9 on the Annual Meeting—Rev. I. Slaughter, Rev. J. Monroe, Rev. E. W. Green, Rev. A. Barry, Rev. G. W. Dupree, Rev. R. Lee, Rev. A. Taylor, Rev. S. Underwood, Rev. J. Reed.

Committee of 7 to arrange business for the association—Rev. J. Monroe, Rev. E. W. Green, Rev. A. Heath, Rev. J. F. Thomas, Rev. R. Martin, Q. B. Jones, H. Scroggins.

Committee of 7 on Missions and Sabbath Schools—Rev. G. W. Dupree, Rev. A. Barry, Rev. F. Braxton, Rev. O. Tinsley, Rev. W. J. Brown, Rev. R. Lee, Rev. S. Jenkins.

Committee of 3 on Obituaries—Rev. R. T. W. James, Rev. G. W. Dupree, Rev. R. Lee.

Committee of 5 was appointed to select appropriate themes to be theologically treated by the most competent ministers of the Association for the next annual session: Rev. G. W. Dupee, Rev. R. T. W. James, Rev. J. Monroe, Rev. J. T. Thomas, Rev. R. Lee.

Committee of 9 on the establishment of a Religious Periodical. Committee—Rev. J. Monroe, G. W. Dupee, Rev. R. T. W. James, Rev. F. Braxton, Rev. R. Lee, Rev. I. Slaughter, Rev. W. J. Brown, H. Scroggins, Q. B. Jones, Licen. H. Samuel. *On motion* by ballot Rev. R. Martin and Rev. F. Braxton, his alternate, were appointed to deliver the next annual sermon.

The letter from the Washington Street Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky., petitioning for the Association for next year, was received and referred to the committee on appointment of annual meeting.

On motion the Association stood adjourned till Thursday, 9 A. M.
Benediction by Rev. S. Grigsby.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION, 9 O'CLOCK.

Association met. Singing, reading of Scriptures. Prayer by Rev. D. A-Gaddy. Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Report of Committee on Correspondence to the Colored District Association of Kentucky, Thursday before Second Sunday in Oct., 1870, Bowling Green, Ky. Messengers, Rev. J. Monroe, Rev. E. W. Green.

To the North Elkhorn District Association, Friday before the Third Sunday in July, 1870, Richmond, Ky. Messengers, Rev. A. Heath, Rev. R. Martin.

South District Association, Thursday before the Fourth Sunday in May, 1870, Lebanon, Ky. Messengers, Rev. M. Bell, Rev. R. Lee.

Mount Zion District Association, Thursday before Fourth Sunday in June, Mayslick, Ky. Messengers, Rev. R. T. W. James, Rev. I. Slaughter.
General Association of Tennessee. Rev. W. J. Brown, Rev. R. Martin, Rev. A. Barry.

American Consolidated Convention of Baptists, Thursday before Third Sunday in September, 1869, at Paducah, Ky. Messengers, Rev. J. Monroe, Rev. R. Lee, Rev. F. Braxton.

General Association of White Baptists, Walnut Street Church, Louisville, on Monday, — day of May, 1870. Messengers, Rev. H. Adams, Rev. G. W. Dupee.

Anti Slavery Baptist Association, ——— Cincinnati, O., ——— Messengers, Rev. E. W. Green, Rev. R. Lee.

Indiana Association, ——— Messenger, Rev. J. F. Thomas.

Mt. Olivet Association of Illinois, ——— September, 1869. Messengers, Rev. H. Adams, Rev. A. Taylor.

Wood River Association, ——— Illinois, ——— Messengers, Rev. L. Norris, Rev. A. Thomas.

A letter of correspondence from Rev. S. F. Thompson, Corresponding Secretary of the General Association of White Baptists, was read and heartily received, and referred to the Committee on Colleges and Schools.

Rev. Dr. Pratt from Louisville, being present was introduced and invited to a seat in the Association.

The Association stood adjourned till Thursday, 1½ P. M.
Benediction by Rev. A. Thomas.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION 2½ O'CK.

Association met. After devotional exercise the minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

By a cordial invitation Rev. Dr. Pratt presented some valuable suggestions pertaining to the securing of a suitable edifice in view of the theological training of the colored ministry, and the best method to be devised to accomplish the end. He assured the Association that there are many friends to the cause in Kentucky, who would, and will, liberally contribute to the laudable enterprise when we first have essayed to do our part. His remarks were heartily endorsed.

Brother Burbanks (white) presented a few pertinent remarks relative to the importance of the project in view, and promised his aid in due time, after which a spirited amount of free thought was expressed by Rev. G. W. Dupee, Rev. R. T. W. James, Rev. R. Lee, Rev. R. Martin and others. The time having been spent most interestingly in the interchange of views.

It was resolved that the night session be devoted to speaking, allowing each speaker 5 minutes to express his views at any one time.

After which the Association stood adjourned till 8 P. M.
Benediction by Rev. H. Adams.

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION, 8 P. M.

Association met, hymn sung and prayer by Rev. J. F. Thomas. Minutes of the previous session read and approved.

The Committee's Report on Colleges and Schools was presented for adoption. After a lively discussion as to the proper locality to establish for the time being a proposed Literary and Theological School, Frankfort or Louisville, between several of the Messengers' finally a vote was taken resulting in 25 for Louisville and 24 Frankfort. Louisville gaining by a majority of one, after which, on motion, Louisville was unanimously considered as the place.

REPORT.

We the Committee on Colleges and Schools beg leave to submit the following report:

We earnestly recommend the favorable action of the General Association of White Baptists of Kentucky, for their timely proffered services in the securing of a suitable edifice for the Literary and Theological culture of the colored ministry

of Kentucky, to be established for the time being at Louisville, Ky. Furthermore we recommend that the Messengers of the General Association of Colored Baptists will heartily cooperate in devising the best means for the support of said institution.

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| Rev. R. T. W. JAMES, | } COMMITTEE. |
| Rev. G. W. DUPEE, | |
| Rev. J. F. THOMAS, | |
| Rev. L. BRAXTON, | |
| Rev. D. A. GADDY, | |
| Rev. W. J. BROWN, H. SCROGGINS, | |

Benediction by Rev. F. Braxton.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION, 9 O'CLOCK.

Association met, reading Scriptures, hymn sung and prayer by Rev. J. Reed. Minutes of previous session read and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS.

We your Committee on business, beg leave to submit the following result of our labors after due deliberation.

Whereas, all Regular United Baptists acknowledge the Bible as their guide and rule in faith and discipline, and believing that the same New Testament law that governs one Baptist church governs all Baptist churches, thus proving that the law which disqualifies a person for membership in one church disqualifies said membership in all churches. Therefore we deem it wrong and highly derogatory to the cause of Christ, to recognize the reception of any justly excluded person from a Regular Baptist Church by any church of the same faith and order, except they have been restored back to the church from whence they have been excommunicated. We present this item of vital interest to all Regular Baptist churches, hoping it may be carried out so as to ever preserve our christian fellowship inviolate.

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| Rev. J. MONROE, | } COMMITTEE. |
| Rev. J. F. THOMAS, | |
| Rev. E. W. GREEN, | |
| Rev. R. MARTIN, | |
| Rev. A. HEATH, | |

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS AND MISSIONS.

We the Committee respectfully submit the following report, to wit:

1. We recommend that every Baptist church of this Association have a Sunday School or Schools under their care, and that the Pastor be the General Superintendent and an assistant appointed from the members of the church.
2. We recommend that Baptist Literature be exclusively used in said schools.
3. We would recommend to the patronage of the Baptist denomination, Rev. W. J. Brown, Missionary Colporteur under the auspices of the American Publication Society, located 530 Arch Street, Philadelphia, for the purchasing of such denominational books as above mentioned.
4. We recommend that every church will essay to have a good Sabbath School Library.
5. We recommend the "Sunbeam," a Sunday School paper edited by Rev. R. F. Perry at Brooklyn, New York. The paper can be obtained on the following terms: 100 copies per annum, sent monthly at \$12.00
6. We recommend the organization of a Sabbath School Convention [at such time and place as the Association may direct.

ON MISSIONS.

Being fully impressed with the vast importance of Missionary work

1. We recommend to all pastors and churches to organize Missionary Boards in their churches, and make their bounds to extend half way between each church and that the Pastors and Licentiates carry on the Missionary work in those bounds.

2. We recommend that the various District Associations of Kentucky, belonging to the Colored General Association, would organize District Missionary Boards and employ one or more Missionaries to operate in said localities.

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| Rev. G. W. DUPEE, <i>Chmn.</i> | } COMMITTEE. |
| Rev. W. J. BROWN, | |
| Rev. F. BRAXTON, | |
| Rev. A. BARRY, | |
| Rev. O. TINSLEY, | |
| Rev. C. JENKINS, | |

Adopted after a few suggestive remarks from Rev. Dr. Pratt.

On motion a Committee of 7 was appointed by the chair to assist in superintending the interests of the institution to be temporarily established at Louisville. Committee—Rev. H. Adams, Chairman, Rev. A. Heath, Rev. J. M. Harris, Q. B. Jones, A. Hubbard, B. Martin.

On motion a Committee of 5 on Resolutions was appointed by the chair. Committee—Rev. R. T. W. James, Rev. G. W. Dupee, Rev. R. Lee, H. Scroggins, H. Samuel.

Association stood adjourned till Friday, 2½ P. M.

Prayer by Rev. W. J. Brown. Benediction by Rev. H. Adams.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, 2½ O'CLOCK.

Association met, singing, prayer by Rev. P. Alexander. Minutes of the morning session read and approved.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON ANNUAL MEETING.

We your Committee respectfully submit the following: That in their best judgment Paducah is the most suitable place for holding the next annual Association, Tuesday before the Second Lord's day in August, 1870.

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| Rev. J. SLAUGHTER, | } COMMITTEE. |
| " J. REED, | |
| " G. W. DUPEE, | |
| " E. W. GREEN, | |
| " J. MONROE, | |
| " A. BARRY, " A. TAYLOR, | |

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL DESTITUTION.

Taking in consideration the great necessity of efficient missionary labor in our midst and the destitution of a vast number of our people having no access to the Gospel, therefore

Resolved, That this Association earnestly urge the pastors and officers of all the Churches in the state that they use every means in their command, to bring actively into the field, all unemployed ministers, ordained and Licentiates, and that they be encouraged to preach faithfully the Gospel to the destitute people of our state and that they be requested to report annually the results of their labors to this association. This applies only to regular ordained and licensed ministers.

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| Rev. J. SLAUGHTER, <i>Chairman</i> , | } COMMITTEE. |
| " G. W. DUPEE, | |
| " E. W. GREEN, | |
| " W. J. BROWN, | |
| " A. HEATH, | |

Resolved, That the Recording Secretary be requested to publish in the minutes of the present year the form of a Church Statistical Table.

On motion H. Scroggins was appointed to write the circular letter.

On motion 2500 copies of minutes were ordered to be printed.

On motion a Committee of Publication of two was appointed by the chair. Committee—Rev. R. T. W. James, Q. B. Jones.

Resolved, That the Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary each thirty dollars receive for their rendered services.

Committee on Obituaries presented the following report:

WHEREAS, in the providence of God, two worthy brethren of our associational band, have been called away from the toils of earth to an eternal rest in heaven, Brother J. C. Tandy, who departed this life in the summer of 1867, and Brother Lewis Mitchell, who died in the spring of 1869, and whereas each of them has left behind a sorrowing widow and a large circle of friends to deplore these loss,

Be it Resolved, That as a tribute of respect we condole the widows with this happy thought that when life's storm are over, they may greet their beloved ones within the quiet of the skies.

Resolved, That a copy of this obituary be presented to each of the widows.

Rev. R. T. W. JAMES,
" G. W. DUPEE, } COMMITTEE.
" R. LEE,

Adopted.

Executive Board's Report presented and adopted.

Treasurer's Report presented and adopted. Association adjourned till 8 P. M.

Benediction by Rev. J. Monroe.

FRIDAY NIGHT'S SESSION, 8 O'CLOCK.

Association met; prayer by Rev. C. Clark. Minutes of the Afternoon session read and approved.

On motion the chair appointed the following brethren to complete the Executive Board in connection with the seven appointed to superintend the interests of the institution at Louisville—Rev. P. Alexander, M. Allen, H. Ryon, Rev. D. A. Gaddy, H. Morton, Rev. S. Patterson.
New Castle.

EXECUTIVE BOARD—Rev. H. Adams, M. Allen, H. Ryon, Rev. A. Heath, Q. B. Jones, Rev. J. M. Harris, A. Hubbard, B. Martin, Rev. S. Patterson, H. Morton of Louisville; Rev. D. A. Gaddy of Elizabethtown, Rev. A. Taylor of

On motion the Trustees of the Hill Property were re-elected.

TRUSTEE BOARD—P. Smith, Chairm'n; T. Smith, H. Samuel, J. Thomas, of Frankfort, Rev. H. Adams, A. Hubbard of Louisville, Rev. J. Monroe, F. Robinson of Lexington, Rev. R. Lee, J. Monroe of Georgetown.

Association stood adjourned till Saturday 8½ A. M.

Benediction by Rev. H. Adams.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION, 8½ O'CLOCK.

Association met. Devotional exercise. Minutes of previous session read and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we unite in returning our thanks to the Great Head of the Church for the preservation of our lives, and the increased manifestation on the part of our brethren for the promulgation of the gospel.

In view of past mercies we feel under renewed obligations:

Be it Resolved, That we will go forward in the great work of the evangelization of our people, and furthermore

Resolved, That we as an association will unite as one man in the advancement of the cause and kingdom of God in the world.

Resolved, That this Association will consider the high advantages accruing from the exercise of industry and economy, which are so calculated to permeate our future success and happiness.

Resolved, That we will in our several localities strenuously oppose the use of spirituous liquors as a beverage which is so calculated to impair the God given faculties and render man unfit to discharge those duties he owes to God, country and fellowman.

Rev. R. T. W. JAMES,
" G. W. DUPEE, } COMMITTEE
" R. LEE,
" H. SCROGGINS,
" H. SAMUEL,

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Treasurer and Trustees, to make their quarterly reports to the Executive Board, giving a correct account of all their business transactions.

Resolved, That we as an association will present our heartfelt thanks to the brethren and citizens of Lexington for their sociability and hospitality manifested to us while in session.

The committee on the appointment of suitable brethren and theological subjects for the next association presented the following:

Rev. G. W. DUPEE, Restricted Communion;
" R. T. W. JAMES, Baptist History;
" J. MONROE, Duty of Ministers;
" R. LEE, Duty of Deacons;
" A. HEATH, Duty of the Church.

Rev. G. W. DUPEE,
" R. T. W. JAMES, } COMMITTEE
" J. MONROE,
" R. LEE,
" J. SLAUGHTER,

On motion the Circular Letter of H. Scroggins was adopted.

DEAR BRETHREN:

We send, greeting with christian salutation, this epistle, hoping that it may stimulate you to earnest endeavor and energetic action. The field before us is wide, the laborers are few, the harvest is ripening. The time has come when we must arouse from our slumber and bring to bear the powerful influence of an intelligently disseminated gospel that the cause of christianity may not perish. Prepare an army of ministerial laborers equipped with gospel truths that they may fight successfully for God and his cause. Let us go on a fearless and resolute band, stretching every nerve and pressing forward with vigor, battling for God and the right. Let our prayers constantly ascend to heaven and the Lord God omnipotent will bless our efforts with success.

The enemy with the power of education and intelligence is making desperate efforts to pull down our battlements and supplant our banners, therefore awake to the great importance of the missionary work and make no compromise with the foe but "worship God under our own vine and fig tree". We pray that you may meet all these requirements and the great Head of the Church may dwell with and bless you.

H. SCROGGINS, COMMITTEE.

On motion the trustees of Frankfort were empowered to make all repairs on the Hill Property and for pay take the proceeds from the house rent.

On motion, a Sabbath School Convention was appointed at Bowling Green, Friday before the second Sunday in May 1870.

On motion the Constitution was requested to be re-inserted in the minutes of the present year.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS PERIODICALS.

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to investigate the subject of the publication of a Religious Paper and correspond with those parties favorable to the enterprise and if possible secure a good organ as soon as practicable.

COMMITTEE—Rev. G. W. Dupee, Rev. R. T. W. James, Rev. W. J. Brown, Rev. I. Slaughter, Rev. R. Lee, Rev. F. Braxton, Q. B. Jones, H. Scroggins, H. Samuel.

On motion the following brethren were appointed to attend to the investigation and correspondence with all parties favorable to the project.

Resolved, That we tender to our worthy Moderator our heartfelt thanks for the very efficient manner in which he has conducted the affairs of the association during the present session, notwithstanding the feeble condition of his health, and that we ever pray the Lord to continue him with us and bless him.

On motion, the following was adopted—

WHEREAS there are several monies presented to this association annually without specifying what said monies are for, therefore

Resolved, That all monies donated to this body quarterly or annually be specified in writing.

On motion it was agreed that the Executive Board be empowered to employ one or more missionaries for the field for the current year and said Board fix said missionaries salary and request them to report monthly and quarterly their labors.

Resolved, That the officers of the Association be empowered to borrow \$130.00, balance of debt money to pay off the debt off the Hill Property.

Financial Committee's Report adopted.

The Association stood adjourned to assemble in the Washington Street Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky., Tuesday before the Second Sunday in August, 1870. Singing—

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in sacred love",

with melting christian emotions, an affectionate prayer by Rev. G. W. Dupee, Benediction by Rev. H. Adams.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Your board submit their annual reports for your consideration. A few years ago, God in his allwise providence, saw cause to cut loose the bonds of slavery and proclaimed freedom to about four millions of his oppressed people, and to this people the true Gospel should be preached uncontaminated.

There is an immense field for labor in this state. Our people, who are scattered all over this state, in every direction, are in great many localities; suffering for the want of the Gospel, they are calling upon us to send more laborers in to the vineyard. There is a considerable number of broken down Churches among our people, which should be re-established, and our scattered members again gathered in the sheep fold.

Your Board recommend that steps be taken immediately, to aid in organizing and establishing both Sabbath and Day Schools, in all of the needful localities everywhere throughout the state as far as practical, for the purpose of instructing and training our children at home, in the true doctrine of the bible. It is of vast importance that we should exert ourselves to promote the progress of our people, other denominations are exerting themselves, and bringing to bear a powerful influence upon the minds of our children to entice them a way from the true faith and inculcate in to their minds; different sentiments from them laid down in the Bible and taught by our blessed Saviour while he was here on earth.

The time has come for our people to awake from their long slumber, and look where they are floating to, and arrest the under current, that is washing away our Baptist material and threatening our complete overthrow.

Your Board would recommend that a suitable number of missionaries be placed in the field immediately to labor in all of the needful localities.

Your Board would recommend that the Association take under consideration the proposition made by the General Association of Baptists while they were in session in Louisville, May the 20th, 1869, in relation to organizing and establishing a Literary and a Theological School in Louisville for the purpose of training and instructing of our people in the ministry.

And also, our White friends propose to place missionaries in the field to labor for the special benefit of our people.

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| There was in the hands of the Treasurer at the beginning of the year..... | \$518 00 |
| Paid out by the Treasurer during the year..... | 587 47 |
| Amount paid out above that received..... | 69 41 |
| Borrowed money with interest..... | 288 60 |
| Amount of Indebtedness to be provided for..... | 357 41 |
| The Trustees collected during the present year for house rents..... | 19 49 |
| Paid out..... | 19 49 |

Your board regret that they have not been able to place but one missionary in the field. The Rev. R. T. W. James have been laboring with success for 8½ months.

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| He has collected on his mission..... | \$685 61 |
| His Traveling Expenses..... | 191 20 |
| His salary for services rendered at \$50 per month..... | 425 00 |
| Remainder due the Association..... | 69 41 |

(For more minute particulars we refer you to his report.)

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| Summary of miles traveled..... | 5125 |
| Sermons delivered..... | 210 |
| Addresses delivered..... | 79 |
| Revivals attended..... | 9 |
| Candidates baptized..... | 50 |
| Churches visited..... | 26 |
| Deacons ordained..... | 17 |
| Visits to the sick..... | 56 |
| Funerals attended..... | 25 |
| Lectures delivered..... | 46 |
| Churches organized..... | 3 |
| Schools visited..... | 49 |

Administered the Lord's Supper three times.

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| Total sum collected by the Missionary..... | \$685 61 |
| Traveling Expenses..... | 191 20 |
| Residue..... | 494 41 |

Your Board would respectfully recommend that a vote of thanks be tendered the "General Association of Baptists" for their liberal proposition made to assist us in establishing and organizing a Literary and Theological School in Louisville, and also to place a suitable number of missionaries in the field, to labor for our special benefit.

Your Board would respectfully recommend that an effort be made immediately to establish a Literary and Theological School in some suitable locality.

Very Respectfully,

Rev. H. ADAMS, President.

Q. B. JONES, Corresponding Secretary.

Adopted.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CONVENTION: I submit my Annual Report to you for your consideration:

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| The amount of money that was remaining in the Treasury when the Convention adjourned, Aug. 13th, 1863 was | \$53 85 |
| Money received from Q. B. Jones, collected from the several churches | 394 20 |
| Money which the Convention authorized me to borrow and which I have borrowed from Mrs. Lizzie Scott | 70 00—518 06 |

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| Money paid out— | |
| Balance paid to M. E. Dudley on the last note held by him on the Hill property | \$492 47 |
| Paid out for the printing of the minutes | 70 00 |
| Lifted a note held by Mrs. Lizzie Scott | 25 00—587 47 |

Amount of money paid out above that received.....\$69 41

P. SMITH, Treasurer.

Adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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| There was remaining in the hands of the Treasurer at the beginning of the year, Aug. 10th, 1869 | \$518 06 |
| Paid out by the Treasurer during the year | 587 47 |
| Due the Treasurer for money advanced by him | 69 41 |
| Borrowed money with interest | 288 00 |
| Our Total Debt | 357 41 |

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| 1863, August 6th. The Total sum of money collected by donations and paid in from the several churches | \$182 40 |
| The Total sum of money collected by envelopes from the several Churches and paid in | 155 51 |
| Taken up in the First Baptist Church in Lexington, to assist in defraying the expenses | 20 35 |
| Collected from the Messengers and the Congregation to assist in defraying the expenses | 33 15—391 41 |
| Paid to the Treasurer for money advanced by him | \$ 69 41 |
| Taken up one note held by Mrs. Lizzie Scott, with interest | 74 90 |
| Paid the interests on one note held by Mrs. Lizzie Scott | 14 00 |
| Paid for Stationary and Stamps for Executive Board | 3 17 |
| Paid for Stationary for the Association | 75—162 23 |
| Recording Secretary's salary for services rendered during the present session | 30 00 |
| Corresponding Secretary's salary for services rendered during the past year | 30 00 |
| One Note of Borrowed Money | 200 00 |
| For Printing of the Minutes | 100 00—360 00 |

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| The sum remaining in the hands of the Treasurer | \$229 18 |
| The sum to be provided for | 130 50 |
| Due the Association from Rev. R. T. W. James on last year's missionary operations | 69 41 |

Very Respectfully, Yours,

Q. B. JONES,
H. SCROGGINS,
HENRY SAMUEL, } COMMITTEE-

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- At every sitting, business shall be opened and closed with Devine Service by Moderator or whomever he may appoint.
- Reading letters from churches and enrollment of Messengers.
- Appointing Committee on credentials and permanent organization.
- Reading of Constitution and Rules of Order.
- Reading letters from New Churches and Associations.
- Invitation to Corresponding Messengers and Visiting Brethren to participate in all the deliberations of this Association but vote on none.
- Appointing Committee on Devotional Exercises on Business, Correspondence, Finance, Ministerial Destitution, Sabbath Schools and Missions, Colleges and Schools, Place of Next Annual Meeting, Annual Sermon, Writing Circular Letter, Printing and Distributing of Minutes, New Business.
- Report of Committees.
- Minutes for amendment or approval.
- Vote of Thanks, Adjournment, Valedictory by Moderator and Parting Hand.

RULES OF DECORUM.

- No brother can speak more than twice on any subject without the permission of the Association.
- Every brother must respectfully address the chair standing, he must confine himself to the question under debate and avoid personalities.
- Any brother violating any of these rules may be called to order, in which case Moderator shall immediately decide the point of order from which decision their may be an appeal to the Association.
- When two or more brethren rise at once, the Moderator shall name the one to speak.
- No motion can be put without a second, and if required, it must be in writing.
- Before the question is put on any motion it shall be distinctly stated by the chair.
- When a subject is under debate, no motion is in order but to lie on table, to postpone, to commit, to amend or adjourn.
- A motion to lie on table, reconsider, and adjourn, shall not be debatable.
- No member absent himself without permission from the chair.
- If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points, it may be divided at the request of any member and the vote taken separately.
- Any rule may be suspended when deemed necessary by concurrence of two thirds.
- No motion made and lost shall be recorded unless so ordered at the time.
- The minutes shall be leisurely read and connected if necessary before the rising of the Association.
- These rules may be altered by the concurrence of two-thirds of the Association at annual meeting.

Rev. J. F. THOMAS,
Rev. G. W. DUPPE,
Rev. W. J. BROWN,
Rev. R. LEE,
Rev. I. SLAUGHTER,
Rev. E. W. GREEN,
Rev. A. BARRY,
Q. B. JONES,
H. SCROGGINS, } COMMITTEE.

Adopted.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
General Association of Colored Baptists in Kentucky.

Whereas through the loving and tender mercies of our Heavenly Father, we are privileged to meet in Association, and whereas an opportunity has presented itself to us to devise means for the intellectual moral and religious culture of our race; therefore we adopt the following Constitution:

ARTICLE I.

This Association shall be known as "The Kentucky General Association of Colored Baptist Churches." The object of this Association shall be the promotion of purity of doctrine, union fellowship and cooperation in promoting sabbath schools and missionary operations, and advancing the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ, throughout the entire State by meeting annually for mutual and religious counsel.

ARTICLE II.

All regular Missionary Colored Baptist Churches shall be entitled to membership in this Association. Each Church composing the Association, shall be represented at each annual meeting by messengers, and a letter setting forth the spiritual condition of the Church and the extent of its benevolent and missionary operations.

ARTICLE III.

Each Messenger, before taking his seat in the Association, shall give satisfactory evidence to the Association of his appointment by the Church which he represents.

ARTICLE IV.

The Officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Recording and Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, to be elected annually by ballot or otherwise, and their duties to be common to their offices as in similar Association.

ARTICLE V.

The annual meeting is to be held at such time and place as the Association may appoint.

ARTICLE VI.

This Association shall appoint an Executive Board of thirteen members who shall manage the business of the Association, and particularly to superintend the educational and missionary interests of the Association, when it is not in session, the Executive Board shall have power to fill vacancies in its own body, between the meetings of the Association.

ARTICLE VII.

The Treasurer shall hold the funds of the Association and shall pay them out when ordered by the Board, and the Board's orders shall be his vouchers also, said Treasurer shall be required to give sufficient bond and security for the safe keeping of all money committed to his care. The Executive Board are required to present a full report of all moneys received and expended, to every annual meeting.

ARTICLE VIII.

Any District Association of Regular Colored Baptist Churches of this State, may be represented in the General Association by sending messengers and letters, at the same time contributing in proportion to their ability for missionary and educational purposes; also any church numbering six hundred members, is entitled to four delegates, and under six hundred two delegates.

ARTICLE IX.

Each Association shall be entitled to five Messengers, the membership not exceeding 2500, and for every 500 over 2500 an additional messenger.

ARTICLE X.

Any member of a regular Baptist Church, may be entitled to a life membership by paying the sum of Twenty Dollars.

ARTICLE XI.

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

