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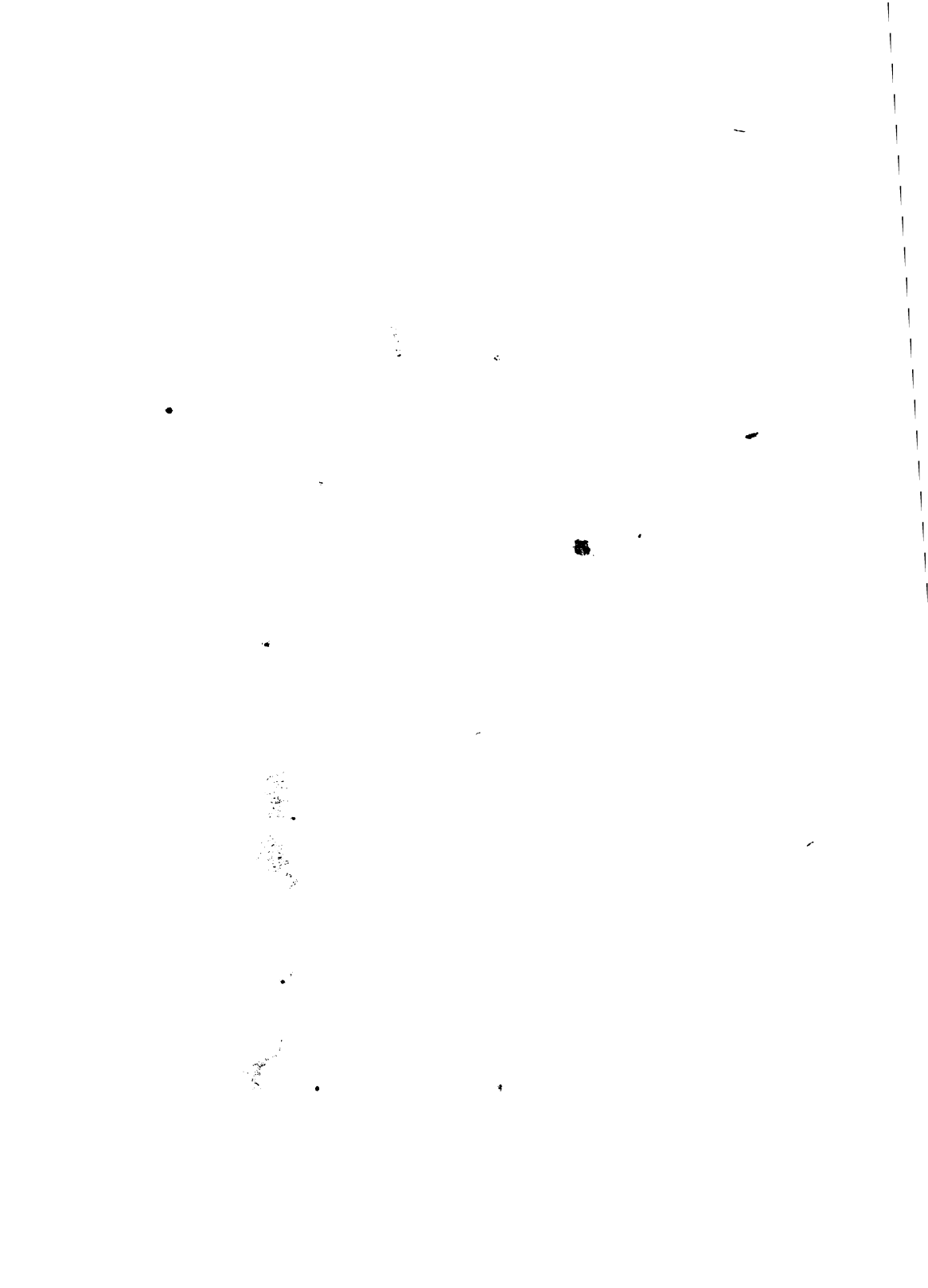
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1861.

The Long Run Association assembled with the Church at Long Run, Jefferson county, Ky., at 11 o'clock, A. M. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder A. B. Knight, from Matthew xi. 12.

The Letters from the Churches were read, and Messengers' Names enrolled as follows:

Elk Creek—Dr. J. D. Heady, Peter Carlin, Delancy Dale, Bryan Sloane.*

Long Run—F. Luttrell, G. Hudson, T. Collins, J. Johnson, J. O. Watkins, M. C. Page, J. G. Malone, W. E. Powers, D. F. Collins.

Buck Creek—Ben. C. Stephens, D. P. Stout, Wm. Pemberton, Elijah Stout, A. B. Veach, J. Vandyke,* C. Doyle, Gad. Davis.*

King's—John Markwell.

Burk's Branch—Geo. Johnson, A. B. Knight, Ad. F. Scarce, E. B. McWilliams.

Little Mount—J. W. Reaser.

Floyd's Fork—S. H. Ford, J. B. Scarce, N. Hocker, J. Crutcher, A. J. Conn, S. Thomas,* D. Shouse.

Simpsonville—John Dale, Thos. M. Vaughan, Benj. Shouse, A. B. Hunter, Lemuel Basket, Geo. Bryant.

Jeffersonton—T. M. Gray, Wm. Vaughan, Larkin Fields, C. T. Tucker, M. Tyler.

Clay Villaye—J. T. Middleton, J. F. Middleton,* G. H. Storts,* Wm. Mills,* H. Vannatta,* Jas. Scarce.*

Shelbyville—J. W. Stone, N. Howell, B. F. Hungerford, A. Mathews, Thos. Hansborough, Thos. P. Wilson, J. W. Goodman, S. F. Thompson.

Plum Creek—J. B. Tichenor, W. D. Wigginton, G. W. Stratton, A. C. Kincheloe, M. V. Buckner.

Taylorville—Jos. M. Weaver, J. T. Collier, A. H. McKay, Wm. J. Cook, John L. Cain, Z. A. Caruthers.

Cedar Creek—J. T. Hoke, John Bates, Henry Bates, W. V. Hall, — Bridges.

Little Flock—Dr. J. A. Ireland, A. Gore, H. B. North.

Pleasant Grove—G. T. Wilcox, Wm. C. Tinsley, John Wilcox, J. W. Williamson.

Beechland—W. T. Kennedy, Robt. E. Kennedy, Obed Swearingin.

Knob Creek—C. W. Samuels, H. T. Lewis, L. C. Toney.

East Baptist—R. Vickers,* S. J. Evans, Sam. O. Bennett, J. Bush,* Wm. Bartholomew, Chas. Y. Duncan, W. H. Yeager.*

Ordained Ministers in *italics*. Those marked with a star, were absent.

Walnut Street—C. Van Buskirk, Wm. Jarvis, G. A. Hull,* T. Hegan,* J. B. Whitman.*

Jeferson Street—S. T. Poincer, O. Lane, J. L. C. Mathews, H. Wilkins, W. J. Duncan.

Portland Avenue—W. W. Owen, J. L. Blake, Wm. Appley.

German Church—J. S. Gubelmann.

First Colored—Letter.

Green Street, Colored—Letter.

York Street, Colored—Letter.

S. H. Ford was chosen Moderator, and Chas. Y. Duncan, Clerk.

A Committee on Religious Exercises was appointed, consisting of W. E. Powers and the Messengers of Long Run Church.

Letters from Corresponding Associations were read, and Messengers' Names enrolled, as follows :

Elkhorn—No Letter. J. W. Wright.

Franklin—Not represented.

Baptist—Not represented.

Middle District—W. G. Hobbs, P. Snider, S. Rubel.

Sulphur Fork—E. G. Berry, W. B. Smith, J. B. Connelly, A. M. Ragsdall, D. Hunter.

Concord—Letter, but no Messenger.

Salem—No Letter nor Messenger.

Nelson—J. B. English, A. B. Miller, Abner King.

Visiting brethren invited to seats. Bro. J. H. Spencer accepted the invitation.

Moderator and Clerk appointed a Committee of Arrangements.

T. M. Vaughan appointed to write the Corresponding Letter to sister Associations, and the following brethren appointed Corresponding Messengers :

Elkhorn—T. M. Vaughan.

Nelson—J. M. Weaver, S. H. Ford, Chas. Y. Duncan.

Franklin—T. M. Vaughan, S. F. Thompson, A. B. Knight, J. W. Goodman, S. H. Ford.

Middle District—J. M. Weaver, W. B. Bennett, S. H. Ford.

Concord—S. H. Ford.

Sulphur Fork—W. E. Powers, S. H. Ford, A. E. Sherley, A. B. Hunter, Chas. Y. Duncan.

Salem—S. H. Ford.

South District— — — —.

General Association—S. H. Ford, T. M. Vaughan, J. M. Weaver, W. E. Powers, S. F. Thompson, Dr. J. A. Ireland, A. E. Sherley, J. W. Goodman, Chas. Y. Duncan.

The Report of the Executive Board was called for, and read, as follows :

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Executive Board of the Long Run Association beg leave to submit the following Report on Missionary operations within your bounds, during the last Associational year :

It is with mingled emotions both of joy and of sorrow, that we make our Report for the past year—of joy, because our beloved Brother Power has equaled our most sanguine expectations. His success in preaching the blessed gospel among the destitute has been commensurate with his known zeal for the cause of his Master.

The little Churches so recently established have rapidly increased in numbers and efficiency, so that his Report for this year is more encouraging than for the last.

But our hearts are saddened with sorrow at our ill-success in giving Bro. Powers temporal aid. Notwithstanding his indefatigable labors, your Board has almost entirely failed in securing his salary : in explanation of which, we desire to submit some facts to your candid and prayerful consideration.

It must be remembered that this Association became auxiliary to the General Association of Kentucky, according to our published terms of auxiliaryship, which were—

That the Agent of the General Association, retaining 25 per cent. of its collections to meet its own expenses, was to refund the balance to the District Board, to be used for Missionary purposes in your bounds.

So that you at once see that we were dependent solely on the Board of the General Association for both Agent and money.

Relying solely on the published basis of our auxiliaryship, your Board, on the 10th of September, employed Bro. Powers for his whole time, at the rate of six hundred dollars per annum, with the understanding, at the same time, that whenever, in the judgment of this Board, it becomes doubtful whether money enough could be secured to pay Bro. Powers for his whole time, then he should be discontinued as your Missionary so far as this Board was concerned. This precautionary step was taken by your Board, that they might save the Association from a debt unprovided for, and also not have the labors of Bro. Powers without adequate compensation. And to secure this end more effectually, the Secretary of the Board was ordered to inform the Board of the General Association forthwith of our appointment, and invite their Agent to visit, at once, our bounds, to raise the stipulated salary;—all of which was promptly done. And although we were informed that an Agent had been appointed for this work, yet no Agent came.

The Board waited until the first of April, when, at its regular meeting, it was resolved to appoint and send forth into the field a Financial Agent, and accordingly Rev. J. W. Goodman was appointed at the rate of \$50 per month, and sent at once into the field.

Bro. G. was as successful as we could have desired, as his Report will show, but his domestic duties and the troubled state of the country, prevented him from leaving home only for a short time, so that he could not visit Churches remote from Shelbyville.

To meet this necessity, your Board, at its July meeting, appointed Rev. E. B. English, of Shepherdsville, to visit the Churches which had not been visited by Bro. G., at a salary of 25 per cent. of the funds collected, who entered at once upon his work.

His Report we have only in part, but enough to show that we fall largely in debt to our Missionary, amounting to several hundred dollars, as the Treasurer's Report will show.

The Board, at a called meeting about the 10th April, took into prayerful consideration the matter of the further continuance of your Missionary in the field. He had then labored about eight months without any compensation, and in the meantime the sad political condition of our country had brought on a money pressure, especially as far as this Board was concerned.

Thus, feeling that it would be criminal in this Board to continue a Missionary in his field of labor with no prospects of compensation, it was ordered that the Secretary inform Bro. Powers, that after the 20th of April the Board would not be responsible for his salary.

We assure you this was a painful disclosure on our part, but justice to all parties dictated our course in that matter, feeling that all our energies should be summoned to devise ways and means to meet the already accumulated debt, in which we are sorry to say we have had so little success.

But we are here met with the question, "why did you not send out your agent sooner, before the work had all been done, the debt increased, and the hard times had set in?"

We answer, that as your Board, we were bound by the published terms of auxiliaryship agreed upon by your body, and the B. G. Ass. of the State. And it was not until the total inefficiency of that Board had been sadly tested that your Board felt at liberty to make a last resort, and do what it could at so late an hour.

Besides it may be safely said, that none of us were prepared twelve months ago—yea even six, to behold such total prostration of all business, and the universal bankruptcy of the whole country, which has come so suddenly upon us—causes which must seriously injure all missionary enterprises over the whole country.

We can give only an approximate statement of the labors of our missionary as he has ceased reporting to us since his discontinuance, as the Missionary Board, but continued still in the field.

Up to 1st April, he reports fifty-eight baptized, and about one hundred sermons and exhortations.

In conclusion the Board would respectfully submit the following suggestions to the prayerful consideration of the Association.

1st. We would suggest that no time be delayed in devising ways and means to meet the deficit of the past year. We feel confident that Bro. Powers should have his money, and it is justly due him.

2nd. That this Association take into prayerful consideration, the propriety of divorcing this Association (as respects its Missionary works), altogether from the General Association, and do its own work as an independent body.

3d. The Adoption of some simple missionary plan, to be adhered to as the fixed and permanent plan of missionary operations for this body.

4th. Your Board urge the continuance of Bro. Powers in the field as the man for the work, and would suggest that brethren contribute of the product of their farms, if they can not give money to his support, a chunk of a pony, some bacon and flour, etc., as he may need these things, which are as good as money, and with which the Lord has greatly blessed us this year.

We would urge the brethren to a renewed effort, remembering that as the walls of the ancient temple went up in troublous times, each man holding a trowel in one hand and a weapon in the other, so we are to set the spiritual temple up in these troublous times, ever keeping in mind that it is "not by might nor power, but by God's spirit."

All of which is respectfully submitted. J. W. GOODMAN, *Chairman*.

On motion, the suggestions of the Board were referred to a Committee, consisting of T. M. Vaughan, W. P. Jarvis, D. P. Stout, S. J. Evans, and A. H. McKay.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Singing and Prayer, by A. B. Miller.

Report of the Treasurer, read and received, as follows:

REPORT OF J. A. MIDDLETON, TREASURER OF MISSIONARY BOARD OF LONG RUN ASSOCIATION.

Sept. 6, 1861. To amount allowed Bro. Powers for services, 8½ mos. at \$50...\$416 66⅔
 " " " Bro. Goodman, " 17 days..... 28 32

Total liabilities during the year,.....		\$444 98
By amount of Shelbyville Church	\$59 55	
" " John G. Hansbrough	5 00	
" " Long Run	6 30	
" " Bro. Pearce.....	8 00	
" " Finley.....	1 00	
" " Clay Village Church.....	16 10	
" " Burk's Branch.....	35 00	
" " Cowherd.....	7 00	
" " Bro. Goodman, (advances on Sub.)	16 50	
" " Ben Shouse and wife.....	2 00	
" " C. T. Stout.....	1 00	
" " Mrs. Gregg	1 00	\$189 20

Balance of debt now owing.....\$255 78

By amount collected by J. B. English.....	\$20 85	
Of the Cash paid me as above	\$158 45	
		\$189 20

I have paid out as follows:

To Bro. Powers, our Missionary, for 8½ months	150 98	
To Bro. Goodman, as Agent	28 32	
To Bro. English, "	8 00	
Leaving nothing in my hands as Treasurer.		\$189 20

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. MIDDLETON, *Treas'r M. B. L. R. Association*.

The balance of indebtedness of this Board, as appears above, is \$255 78, all of which is now due to our Missionary, Bro. Powers.

Note. Since the report was received, Bro. S. F. Thompson handed Bro. Powers \$4 70, collected by Bro. English.—*Clerk*.

The Circular Letter read, and adopted.

The Committee of Arrangements made report, which was received.

B. F. Hungerford made a verbal report on Education, whereupon the following resolution was adopted, viz:

Resolved—That the Kentucky Baptist Female College, is worthy of the patronage of the Baptists of Kentucky, and that we earnestly urge the Baptists of this Association to contribute to its success, by patronizing it to the fullest extent of its merits.

The Committee to whom was referred the suggestions of the Executive Board, reported. Report amended, and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSION REPORT.

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Executive Board of the Long Run Association, beg leave to submit the following report.

The cause of Home Missions is one in which we are deeply interested. It is one of commanding importance and should be the especial work of our Association. We therefore urge the continuance of a missionary within our bounds, and would not suggest his *discontinuance*, only under the most adverse circumstances. We therefore submit the following suggestions:

1st. That Bro. Powers be re-appointed our missionary, to take effect as soon as our present indebtedness to him is liquidated.

2nd. That each pastor, and the deacons of the several churches of this Association be requested to act themselves as voluntary agents in the collection of the money to support the missionary of this Association, and to pay the balance due our missionary, and that they be requested to bring this subject before their respective churches at their next meeting.

3rd. That this Association in future raise its own funds for domestic missions, and each pastor is hereby requested to act as voluntary agent in the bounds of his own Church, in raising money to liquidate the debt due Bro. Powers, and for his support in future.

T. M. VAUGHAN, *Chairman.*

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, the Association adjourned to the stand, when the Annual Sermon was preached by J. H. Spencer, from Judges v. 23.

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EVENING SESSION.

Prayer by W. G. Hobbs.

T. M. Vaughan was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon for next year, and J. M. Weaver, Alternate.

S. F. Thompson to preach the next Annual Sermon, and B. F. Hungerford, Alternate.

A. B. Knight to prepare the Circular Letter for next year.

The regular order was suspended, in order to allow Bro. J. S. Gubelmann to present the claims of the German Mission of Louisville to the Association; whereupon, an impromptu collection was taken, amounting to \$38 25, and handed over to Bro. Gubelmann.

The Committee on Indian Missions reported as follows, which was adopted, and a collection ordered to be taken to-morrow for the benefit of the Mission.

Your Committee on Indian Missions would submit the following report:

This Association, at its last meeting, agreed to support Bro. H. F. Buckner as Missionary to the Indians, at a salary of \$1000 per annum.

Bro. V. E. Kirtley was invited to visit the Association, and raise Bro. Buckner's salary.

His report shows the amount of \$529 30 raised during the last year, leaving a deficit of \$470 70 unprovided for.

Of the amount collected, \$520 have been paid to Bro. Buckner, as the report of Bro. Kirtley shows.

Your Board would suggest that some means be devised to raise the balance still due Bro. Buckner, and the continuance of Bro. Buckner in the field.

We are brought to this conclusion from the fact that we took Bro. Buckner as our Missionary when the Board at Marion was able to support him; but now as they are embarrassed and not able to support him, it would be ungenerous to throw this additional weight on them, and leave Bro. Buckner to suffer.

We submit this whole subject to your prayerful consideration.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Amount collected from the Churches of the Long Run Association, on Elder H. F. Buckner's salary.

Amount collected at the Association last year.....	\$158 15
“ “ From Simpsonville Church.....	68 50
“ “ Shelbyville “	40 75
“ “ Clay Village “	23 80
“ “ Long Run “	10 50
“ “ 1. Buck Creek “	11 25
“ “ 2. Buck Creek “	8 00
“ “ Fisherville “	23 50

Amount collected from East Church, Louisville.....	20 60
“ “ Jefferson St. Ch., “	7 00
“ “ Walnut St. Ch., “	99 00
“ “ Taylorsville Church,.....	27 75
“ Sent to Bro. J. Otis, by friends,.....	23 50
“ Contributed by others,.....	7 00
	\$529 39
Amount Salary,.....	\$800 00
“ Collected,.....	529 30
“ Due,	\$280 30

It is recommended that the first Thursday in November be observed by the Churches composing this Association, as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer, in view of the evils impending over our country, and especially our beloved State of Kentucky.

The next Association to be held with the Portland Avenue Church.
 A. B. Miller and J. H. Spencer were appointed to preach at the stand to-morrow ;
 E. G. Berry and W. B. Hobbs, at the Church to the colored people.
 The Clerk was instructed to superintend the printing of the Minutes.
 Adjourned to meet in Portland Avenue Church, the first Friday in September, 1862.
 S. H. FORD, Moderator.
 CHAS. Y. DUNCAN, Clerk.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Long Run Association to the Associations with which we correspond :

Another year has passed, and once more we are permitted to send you our Corresponding Letter. We are now in session, and have just heard the Letters from the Churches. Some of them bring the happy intelligence that the Lord has been with them and blessed them with gracious revivals of religion, but by far the greater part complain of spiritual declension.

The distracted condition of our country is frequently alluded to, and to that the present spiritual desolation is mainly attributable. O that the Lord would bring these troubles to an end, that smiling peace would once more visit our country.

Whilst our land is being ravaged by war, let us labor to maintain the peace of our Churches. Our nation may be divided, but God forbid that a single one of our Churches should be rent in twain. In the midst of gloom and darkness let us not cease our efforts to do good. Let us gird on our armor for the conflict, and when the storm shall have ended, may our Christian graces be all the brighter for the terrible ordeal through which we have passed.

May the Lord of love and peace be with you all.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To the Churches composing Long Run Association, when convened with the Baptist Church at Long Run, Jefferson county, Ky., on the first Friday of September, 1861.

DEAR BRETHREN :

Through a kind Providence you are once more permitted to meet in council in regard to the interests of Christ's kingdom upon earth. Often have you thus met, but never under so trying circumstances as now.

Since your last meeting, peace, harmony, confidence and fraternal feeling, have given place to a great extent to distrust, envy and hatred, and civil war, with its long train of untold evils, is environing our country with its blighting curse. Although the kingdom of Christ is not of this world, yet it is in the world, surrounded

by its pernicious influences, and often is its progress limited by the affairs of this world.

In view of this fact, and of the great responsibility resting upon Christians in these exciting times, we have chosen as an appropriate subject for the present occasion.—The duty of Christians in the present crisis.

Dear Brethren, we should remember that no circumstances can possibly arise that can release a professed Christian from a strict compliance with every religious obligation. As Christ is not conditionally put on, so are not the obligations of Christianity to be conditionally observed: but at all times and places, and under all circumstances, we are commanded to walk worthy of our high calling. We are living at a time well calculated to fully develop whatever of Christian principle dwells in the heart. In times of peace and quiet, when there is no germ of discord in our midst, it requires no sacrifice of feeling, or effort of mind, to keep the soul in a healthy state of religious enjoyment, and to extend to all the courtesies of social life, and to our brethren in Christ that Christian sympathy and love demanded by our holy religion.

But when friendship is being turned into bitterness, confidence into distrust, and love into hatred—when social ties are being severed, domestic tranquility destroyed, and society overthrown, and when father turns against son, and son against father: then it is that the child of God should stand forth, and clothed with the breast-plate of righteousness, let his light shine. Then the divinity of Christianity should be made manifest by its restraining influence over the feelings, words and actions of men.

While the duties of Christianity are distinct and positive in their character, and are at all times alike binding, yet there are times when their prompt and energetic performance produce more striking and beneficial results than at others. The present crisis is such a time—all else have failed.

Brethren, do we fully realize the all-important duties each has to perform? Do we fully realize the import of the glorious gospel—"Peace on earth, good will to men"? In our social intercourse, do we not manifest more of the spirit of the world than of Christ? Do we exercise toward those who differ from us that spirit of toleration and forbearance we so rigorously demand of them? How often is it the case, that political excitement swallows up religious principle, and brethren add fuel to the flame of blind passion that is sweeping like a wild tornado over our country. Let our deserted pulpits answer! Let the house of God, almost abandoned, reply! Let the gloom that like the pall of death broods over every Christian heart, send up its sepulchral response! O! let the millions of frenzied souls, rushing into eternity, with their hands imbrued in fraternal blood, send back their agonizing reply, though it hurl curses long and deep upon the Christian world. Nor is the evidence of Christian lethargy these alone; but will not your own violated conscience condemn you? Look into your own hearts, swayed, perhaps, by feelings of resentment and passion, rather than pity alone, and will you not feel condemned?

Perhaps you feel incompetent to still the storm. It is true, alone you cannot; but when God is for you, who can be against you? Let each brother and sister contribute their mite, by subduing their own hearts, and controlling their own passions. This done, leave the result with Him "who doeth all things well."

O, brethren, let us live nearer the cross—know less of the world, but more of Christ. Let our conversation be such as becomes the high profession we have made, ever glorifying God in our bodies and spirits, which are his.

B. F. H.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter...	Restored.....	Dismissed by Letter..	Excluded	Dead	Whole Number	Amount contributed for Minutes.....	
Elk Creek.....	5	7	...	6	...	1	148	\$1 40	
Long Run.....	1	1	...	3	3	2	213	2 00	
*Buck Creek.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50
King's	17	4	...	6	7	...	115	1 00	
Burk's Branch.....	.....	2	.....	2	6	...	144	1 00
Little Mount.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	1	160	1 00
Shelbyville.....	56	18	...	18	2	3	350	3 90	
Floyd's Fork.....	19	6	...	1	4	1	119	1 00	
Taylorsville.....	57	5	3	3	8	6	255	1 10	
Plum Creek.....	24	3	1	...	9	4	160	1 00	
Simpsonville .....	.....	5	...	1	7	2	324	1 50
East Church, Louisville.....	9	7	...	22	1	...	220	3 00	
Cedar Creek	4	.....	4	...	16	2	58	75
Jeffersontown.....	18	14	...	4	4	2	132	50	
Clay Village.....	1	.....	.....	4	1	1	95	50
Little Flock.....	.....	3	.....	1	...	1	53	70
Pleasant Grove.....	1	2	.....	2	1	...	80	50
Walnut Street Church, Louisville.....	1	4	.....	18	...	3	462	3 00
†Jefferson Street Church, “	25	13	3	...	26	1	292	1 00	
German Church	6	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	.....
Portland Avenue	21	2	.....	6	...	4	45	1 00
First Colored Church, Louisville	8	7	...	1	4	21	14	906	2 00
†Green Street, Colored, “	43	7	8	5	...	18	10	725
York Street, Colored, “	7	5	.....	1	1	...	46	50
Beechland.....	4	6	.....	.....	.....	1	30	50
Knob Creek.....	21	2	4	...	1	...	38	75	
Totals	348	127	23	18	169	76	5350	\$31 10	

* Buck Creek furnished no statistics. Total last year is given.

† Total number not given—estimated.—CLERK.