

MINUTES
OF THE
THIRD ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
KENTUCKY BAPTIST CONVENTION
HELD IN LOUISVILLE, OCTOBER 24-27, 1835
(Together with)

MINUTES
OF THE
MINISTERS' MEETING
HELD IN LOUISVILLE, OCTOBER 23-27, 1835

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KENTUCKY BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Communicated.

MINISTERS' MEETING.

"The Kentucky Baptist Ministers' meeting" met at Louisville, Ky., according to adjournment, on Friday the 23d Oct. 1835.

The meeting proceeded to business in the following order:

1. Elder Wm. C. BUCK, the former moderator took the Chair, called the house to order, read the minutes of the last meeting, and invited the members present to give their names for enrollment; and all visiting ministers of our denomination, to give in their names and co-operate with the meeting. The following, who had formerly been members, were present:

S. M. NOEL,
T. J. FISHER,
WM. C. BUCK,
I. J. ROBERTS, from Mississippi.

The following visiting brethren also kindly accepted the invitation, and gave in their names:

JOHNSON GRAHAM
STEPHEN RAY
ROBT. RUTHERFORD,
JAMES M. PENDLETON,
A. BENNETT, from New York.
S. S. WHITMAN, " do
JONATHAN GOING, " do
R. E. PATTERSON, Pro. R. I.

2. On motion of S. M. NOEL, seconded by S. RAY, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That Wm. C. BUCK, be the Moderator of this meeting, and I. J. ROBERTS Secretary.

3. On motion, Dr. Going was invited to preach the introductory sermon; bro. VAUGHAN, who was formerly appointed to preach it, and DILLARD his alternate, being absent.

4. On motion, the meeting took recess during the delivery of the sermon. An interesting introductory was delivered pursuant to invitation, by bro. Going, from Acts VIII, 5 verse.

5. On motion, *Resolved*, That all resolutions for the adoption of this meeting, be presented in writing by the mover.

6. On motion of bro. Bennett, seconded by bro. Pendleton, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to prepare a preamble and resolutions for the adoption of this meeting, in relation to Eld. JOHN S. WILLSON, recently of this place, who was formerly a member, but has deceased since its last session. The following were nominated as that committee: Brethren Pendleton, Graham, and Ray.

7. On motion, the meeting adjourned with prayer by bro. Bennett, until 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

8. Meeting met—was opened with prayer by bro. Ray.

9. The Moderator called for the essays which, by the appointment of the last meeting, were to have been presented at this. Dr. Noel apologized as not being prepared to present one on justification. Brethren Fishback and Dillard were not present.

The Moderator gave an appropriate and affectionate exhortation, that brethren, who shall be appointed to write or preach in connection with this meeting, be punctual, for the good of its interest, and the advancement of its objects, in complying with their appointments.

10. Pursuant to an arrangement of this meeting, brethren J. Graham and S. Ray, related their christian experiences and call to the ministry. The ministering brethren then present, affectionately gave them the right hand of fellowship.

11. The committee appointed to report in relation to Elder JOHN S. WILLSON, submitted the following; which, on motion of bro. Bennett, seconded by bro. Fisher, was adopted:

The committee, appointed to confer with the Baptist church of this city in relation to the most appropriate time, during the Convention, for the delivery of a discourse on the death of Rev. JOHN S. WILLSON, would respectfully report, that in their opinion (the church also concurring) it is most expedient and desirable that the discourse referred to, be pronounced on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The committee would offer the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, That the ministers composing the present meeting cherish with christian affection the memory of bro. WILLSON—recollecting with mingled emotions of joy and sorrow, his zealous efforts to enlarge the Redeemers' Kingdom—to promote the edification of saints and the salvation of sinners.

Resolved, Also, that we deeply sympathise with the family of our departed brother, and with the church of which he was Pastor, in the incalculable loss which they have sustained, hoping, however, that this unpropitious occurrence may be sanctified to them.

12. The committee was then discharged.

On motion, the meeting adjourned with prayer, by bro. S. M. Noel, until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

SATURDAY, 24th, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

13. Meeting met—was opened with prayer by I. J. Roberts.

14. On motion of bro. Noel, seconded by bro. Ray, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That Elder Robt. Rutherford be appointed to preach the next introductory sermon; and Elder Walter Warder his alternate.

15. On motion of bro. Noel, seconded by I. J. Roberts, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the same brethren who were appointed to write, at the last meeting, be continued on the same subjects—with this exception—that Dr. S. M. Noel be appointed to prove in an essay, *that unbelief is sinful*.

The other appointments will stand thus—Dr. J. Fishback to write an essay on the influence of Truth in the sanctification of the heart from these words: "Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth."

Elder R. T. Dillard to prepare an essay on the instrumentalities used by the head of the Church in the advancement of his Kingdom on earth."

16. On motion, It was resolved that the next session of this meeting be held on the day preceding the next meeting of the Kentucky State Convention, and at the same place.

17. On motion, brethren John Scott, J. Hulse, Adison Hall, from Virginia, and Geo. Waller, were invited to seats with the meeting.—Also all the visiting brethren, who were not in the ministry.

18. On motion of Dr. Going, seconded by Dr. Noel, the following was adopted.

Resolved, That the 4th article of the Constitution of this meeting, be altered so as to read thus:—

The exercises of this meeting shall consist of a sermon, short written essays on important religious subjects, plans of sermons or manner of sermonizing, explanations of passages of scripture, by persons appointed at a previous meeting; together with such other exercises as may from time to time be introduced, with free verbal conversation on those subjects and exercises.

19. On motion of Dr. Going, seconded by Dr. Noel, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That at each future session of this meeting, it shall be the duty of the Moderator to specially inquire of each member present, what he has to suggest for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom, after which such disposition shall be made of these suggestions as may be judged proper.

20. On motion, the meeting adjourned with prayer by brother Waller, until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY, 25th.

This morning at 11 o'clock, Dr. S. M. Noel pronounced the funeral sermon of Elder JOHN S. WILLSON, agreeably to the arrangement of the committee.—also in pursuance of the request of brother WILLSON himself. Text,—“Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord, when he cometh, shall find watching:” Luke, XII, 37. This discourse was appropriate and affectionate. The congregation was large and solemn—whose grateful generosity to brother WILSON, was

manifested by the contribution of \$133, after the sermon for the benefit of his Widow and six Children,—a liberality worthy of imitation.

MONDAY, 26th.

21. The meeting met at 9 o'clock A. M.—was opened with prayer by bro. Rutherford.

22. On motion; the following brethren in the ministry were invited to seats: R. B. C. Howell from Ten., Robt Gailbreath, John Dale, P. M. Carey, and Daniel S. Colgan.

23. On motion of bro. Waller, seconded by bro. Noel, the following was adopted:

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God in the dispensation of his mysterious providence, since our last meeting, to remove from among us by death, our beloved brother WESLEY ALEXANDER—Therefore

Resolved, That whilst we cherish a sound recollection of his many virtues and christian graces, we deeply sympathise with his beloved family and church in the loss which they have sustained; and that the secretary be requested to furnish them respectively, with a copy of the above resolution.

24. On motion, *Resolved*, That the Editors of “the Cross & Baptist Journal;” and “the Baptist Banner” be respectfully requested to publish the minutes of this meeting.

25. On motion, *Resolved*, That the secretary I. J. Roberts be requested to prepare the minutes for publication.

26. On motion, adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY, 27th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

27. Meeting met—was opened with prayer by bro. Colgan.

The Moderator gave an affectionate address in conclusion of the meeting, in which he adverted to the absence of our brethren who will meet with us no more on earth, by reason of death. In view of the shortness of life, the certainty of death, and the great need of working while it is to-day,—he determined, God being his helper, to consecrate himself more and more devotedly to the work of the Lord—a determination, which, no doubt, was cordially responded by the brethren who had so happily participated in the business and good feelings of this meeting. In conclusion he referred to the probability of our meeting no more on earth,

which was so obvious that a solemn sorrow was inevitably felt by all present; but the pleasant anticipation was adverted to of meeting in HEAVEN, which sweetly soothed our sorrows in view of our bright prospect of a happy immortality in a better State.

On motion, with a solemn prayer by the Moderator, the meeting adjourned, *sine die*.

WM. C. BUCK, Mod'r.

I. J. ROBERTS, Sec'y.

KENTUCKY BAPTIST CONVENTION.

MINUTES OF THE THIRD ANNUAL MEETING.

At an annual meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, began and held at Louisville on Saturday, the 24th day of October, 1835, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Brother William C. Buck delivered a sermon introductory to the business of the convention, from Mark ix, chap. 38v.

Brother S. M. Noel, the former Moderator, being invited, took the Chair, and on motion of bro. U. B. Chambers, bro. Henry Wingate was chosen as Secretary.

The names of auxiliary associations, societies and churches were called over and enrolled with the names of the Delegates present, as follows:

Frankfort Association, Silas M. Noel, U. B. Chambers, and Henry Wingate.

Owen and Gallatin Association, John Scott.

New Castle and Ballardsville Association, Joel Hulsey.

Russell's Creek Association, Johnson Graham and Daniel S. Colgan.

Bethel Association, James M. Pendleton and Robert Rutherford.

Louisville Missionary Association, William Colgan, Charles Queiry, James E. Tyler, John C. Devie, Philip Johnson, John B. Whitman.

Danville Church.

Falmouth Church.

Hanging-fork Church.

Barren County Association, Hayden Dodd

Little Flock Church.

Bloomfield Church.

Ohio County Association.

Warren County Association, C. M. Webb, John Burnam.

Canoe Creek Church, Jonathan Fellowes.

Individual members.—Samuel Haycraft, P. N. Carey, Thomas J. Fisher, William C. Buck, George Waller, Robert Gailbreath, Thomas Wells.

The convention then proceeded to organize by the appointment of Moderator and Secretary. Whereupon bro. S. M. Noel was chosen Moderator, and on motion, bro. Henry Wingate Secretary, and bro. S. Haycraft assistant.

A Letter from Clinton Baptist Church was received, read, and Elder Stephen Ray invited to a seat.

Visiting Brethren.—Dr. Jonathan Going and Robert E. Pattison, from the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

Alfred Bennett, from the New York State Convention and agent of the American Board of Foreign Missions.

Addison Hall, general agent from the state of Virginia.

I. J. Roberts, Mississippi.

S. S. Whitman, New York.

R. B. C. Howell, from the Tennessee Baptist State Convention.

Brethren W. C. Buck, Uriel B. Chambers, Henry Wingate, John Scott, Jonathan Going, Saml. Haycraft, with the Moderator, were appointed a committee of arrangements.

The Representatives of the Louisville Missionary Association to be a committee to arrange for preaching during the present session of the convention.

Adjourned until 3 o'clock; prayer by brother Hulsey.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Opened with prayer by bro. Going.

The Committee of arrangements made their report, which was adopted and the Committee discharged.

Brethren John Burnam, John Scott, and Saml. Haycraft, a committee to settle with the helping Evangelists, and to examine and report on the financial concerns of the convention generally.

Brethren George Waller, William C. Buck, Henry Wingate, and U. B. Chambers appointed a committee to prepare an annual report.

Brethren Jonathan Fellowes, D. S. Colgan, & James M. Pendleton, were appointed a committee of nominations for officers for the ensuing year.

Brethren Robert Rutherford, Johnson Graham and Robert Gailbreath, a committee to examine letters and attend to requests.

Brethren Hulsey, Carey and T. J. Fisher, a committee on the letter from the Rev. Ira M. Allen, general agent of the Baptist General Tract Society.

Resolution on Chinese Mission, presented by S. Haycraft, seconded by bro. Rutherford, and adopted.

Whereas, it was resolved, by the last general convention of Western Baptists, at Cincinnati on the 7th Nov. 1834—"That it be recommended to the Baptists of the Mississippi Valley to furnish to the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions, the means requisite to sustain a Baptist Mission in the great empire of China"—therefore

1. *Resolved*, That this Convention cordially respond to said recommendation; and earnestly commend that subject to the generous consideration and liberal support of the Baptists of this state.

2. *Resolved*, That a sermon be preached at some suitable time during their meeting in favor of the China missions, and that a public collection be taken and forwarded for its sustenance to the Board of Foreign Missions.

The Convention then adjourned until Monday morning, 10 o'clock, and was closed with prayer by brother Hulsey.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1835.

The Convention assembled at 10 o'clock, A. M. and was opened with prayer by brother Pattison.

Delegates present in addition to those on Saturday.—Thomas B. Posey, Thomas Smith, John Martin, Reuben H. Buckley, and James Darrett, from the New Castle and Ballardsville association.

Brother Pendleton, from the committee on nominations reported the following brethren for the offices annexed to their respective names:

SILAS M. NOEL, Chairman,	
SAMUEL HAYCRAFT,	} Correspond'g Sec'y
GEORGE WALLER,	
U. B. CHAMBERS,	
HENRY WINGATE, Recording Sect'y.	
GEORGE W. GWIN, Treasurer.	

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

R T Dillard,	Wm. Tatum,
James Fishback,	John B Dunn,
Walter Warner,	James W. Mansfield,
Wm Vaughan,	Dudley Williams,
Joel Hulsey,	Spence Minor,
J S Morris,	Cave Johnson,
John Holaday,	Wm Warder,
Cyrus Wingate,	Wm Tandy,
John Scott,	John Burnam,
Johnson Graham,	Augustine Webber,
Wm C Warfield,	Wm J Morton,
George Blackburn,	J Wilkins,
Thomas B Posey,	T J Fisher,
John Harding,	Robert Rutherford,
D S Colgan,	Wm C Buck,
D L Mansfield,	John L Waller,
Robert Gailbreath,	Samuel McKay,
A M Barrett,	Jacob Locke,
James Shannon,	Roger Quarles,
James M Pendleton,	Robert Kirtley.

The committee on requests, made a report which was read, when a resolution was moved and adopted, referring the whole subject to the helping Evangelists in the respective districts.*

Brother Noel moved the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That this convention recommend the formation of Auxiliary societies in the several churches to assist in raising funds to aid the convention in preaching the gospel to the destitute in all parts of this state, and that the Ministers and other brethren present be kindly invited to use their influence in carrying this resolution into effect. And also that our helping Evangelists be requested to direct their attention to these objects in an especial manner.

The convention then adjourned until three o'clock, and was closed with prayer by brother Whisman.

Three o'clock; prayer by bro. Gailbreath.

Bro. Buck moved the following preamble and resolution, which was read and adopted:

Whereas, it is understood that the executive Committee of the Western Baptist Education Society have succeeded in securing an eligible location near Covington Ky. for a Theological Institution on very advantageous terms in a pecuniary point of view; and whereas it is deemed highly important that vigorous and speedy measures be prosecuted for accomplishing the objects of the society; and whereas it is understood that no connection with or aid from any *existing* Institution, is expected, therefore

Resolved, That the members of this Convention, rejoice in the success which has attended the incipient movements of the society, and pledge their influence, and, as far as practicable, their exertions in behalf of the contemplated Institution.

Bro. Scott, from the financial committee, made the following report which was read and adopted:

The Committee appointed to settle with the helping Evangelists and to report generally on the financial concerns of the Baptist State convention reports as follows, to-wit:

Elder Wm. C. Buck reports that he has collected from various sources, \$151 50

And his expenses as follows.

By cash paid brother Elrod, 8 75

Letter postage, 43 $\frac{1}{2}$

Ferriages and horse feed, 2 85

Expenses at Louisville, 2 00

For services rendered to the convention, 5 months, at 30 dollars per month, 150 00

-----164 033 $\frac{1}{2}$

Balance in favor of W. C. Buck, 9 33 $\frac{1}{2}$

Elder Johnson Graham reports as follows, to-wit:

Collected at Friendship Baptist Church,	11 35
At Rolling fork, do.	6 25
Brush Creek, do.	5 00
Greensburg, do.	11 00
Of John R. Smith,	5 00
Elias Barbee, Sr.	1 00
Elias Barbee, Jr.	1 00
From Benj. Owins,	1 00
John Barbee,	1 00

\$42 60

Received by same on the 1,000 Dollar pledge.

James Darret, 10 00

G. Anderson, 10 00

Durham Sanders, 10 00

*The resolution here alluded to did not come to hand.—Pubs.

Maj. Durham,	5 00	
Johnson Graham by self,	10 00	
Nancy Brooking,	10 00	
Bird Hendrick,	10 00	
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	107 60	
By three months' services, and other expenses allowed, being all he claimed,	47 60	
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Contributions by bro. Burn- ham, as follows, to-wit:		
From Barren county Asso- ciation,	59 62½	
From sister Mary F. Mil- ligan,	5 00	
	<hr/>	64 62½
Contributions received by brother Daniel S. Colgan, from Liberty Church, Marion county,	1 87½	
From John Harding,	50	
R. Bibb,	50	
South Fork Nolin Church,	3 50	
Thos. Edwards,	50	
Jesse Gaddin,	50	
J. Y. Browing,	50	
Nancy Caldwell,	1 00	
	<hr/>	8 87½
John Morris, \$1 12½, J. H. Caulfield, \$1 00, by broth- er Haycraft, making	2 12½	
Bethel missionary Associa- tion, by bro. James M. Pen- dleton,	80 50	
Barren county Association by brother Dodd,	33 00	
From Cassender W. Fergu- son, by S. M. Noel,	5 00	
	<hr/>	118 50
Louisville Missionary Society	23 18	
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In the hands of the treasurer, Amount received on the pledge for 1,000, exclusive of the amount embraced in the account of Elder Graham, (See the statement annexed.)	150 00	
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Cr. By amount paid John- son and Stevens, for the bene- fit of Elders Jones and Morris- son, for services rendered for the Convention,	10 00	10 00
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Balance	447 93½	
Of which balance there is in the hand of the treasurer,	30 63	

Amount paid over to the
Secretary on last evening by
Committee, 387 30½
Amount now handed in by
committee, 30 00

417 93½

Also the sum of one dollar
for sale of tracts, 1 00

418 93½

All of which is respectfully submitted by
your committee.

JOHN BURNAM.
JOHN SCOTT.
SAM. HAYCRAFT.

Reported as paid on the \$1,000 pledge.

From the Haycraft Associa- tion	10 00
G. M. Buckner,	10 00
D. S. Colgan,	10 00
Wm. Tandy,	20 00
John Scott,	20 00
James Durret,	10 00
G. G. Anderson,	10 00
Maj. Durham	5 00
Durham Sanders,	10 00
Johnson Graham,	10 00
Nancy Brooking,	10 00
Bird Hendricks,	10 00
H. K. Thomas by brother Burham,	10 00
John Burham,	10 00
J. R. Smith,	5 00
P. M. Cary,	10 00
Thos. Wells,	10 00
Charles Quirey,	10 00
Jas. E. Tyler,	10 00
S. M. Noel,	10 00
John Johnson of Louisville,	10 00
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	220 00

Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10
o'clock; closed with prayer by brother Ruther-
ford.

TUESDAY MORNING, OCT. 27, 1835.

The convention met agreeably to adjourn-
ment. Prayer by bro. Fisher.

The following resolutions were offered by
brother Jas. M. Pendleton and adopted unani-
mously.

Whereas, it has seemed good to the all-wise
disposer of human events, to remove from this
land of sorrow our beloved brethren, John S.
Willson and Wesley Alexander; therefore, Re-
solved, that in the death of those brethren,
this convention has sustained an incalculable
loss, being deprived of two of its most zealous
friends and supporters, and that two "burning
and shining lights" of the Mississippi valley
have been extinguished.

Resolved, also, that the zeal and faithfulness
of our deceased brethren in proclaiming the
everlasting gospel are worthy of the imitation

of every minister of Jesus Christ.

Resolved, further, that this convention truly sympathise with the amiable families of our departed brethren in their bereaved condition, prayerfully entertaining the hope, that their surviving companions may be divinely supported in their afflictions, and that the God of their fathers may be the God of the children they have left.

On motion of Brother Gailbreath, seconded by brother Waller, the convention voted unanimously, that bro. Noel furnish for publication, with the minutes of this meeting, a copy in substance of the FUNERAL SERMON he delivered on last Lord's day, on the death of bro. WILLSON, and that he append thereto such Biographical sketches of brethren WILLSON and ALEXANDER as he may deem expedient.

Elder Wm. C. Back, the Evangelist in the eastern district, reported in writing, an account of his proceedings for the convention, which was received and adopted.

The Annual Report was presented and read by bro. Chambers, Cor. Sec'y. and adopted by the convention.

The committee to whom was referred the letter of I. M. Allen, relative to the distribution of Tracts in the Western Valley, reported the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted by the convention:

Whereas, a communication has been rec'd. from the sub and general agent of the B. G. Tract Society, informing us that the plan of raising a subscription of \$5000 for putting a copy of a bound volume of its publications into every family in the Valley disposed to receive it, had been very successful, accompanied by six copies of the work as a sample; and asking co-operation in its circulation, and also offering as a donation 100,000 pages of its B. G. Tracts for distribution;

Resolved, That this convention approve of the Baptist Manual as exhibiting a fair view, and able defence of the sentiments of the denomination, and pledge our aid in its distribution.

Resolved, That the liberal offer of tracts made to the convention be accepted; and that the Ex-committee be instructed to carry these resolutions into effect.

On motion and second, the convention voted that the *Resolution* adopted at the meeting at Lexington in May 1833, authorising the Executive Committee to subscribe for "The Cross & Baptist Banner," for such Ministers as should thereafter report having performed one week's service in aid of the objects of the convention, be repealed.

Bro. Back offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Whereas, the divided state of our denomination in this state, is operating as one of the greatest difficulties in the way of spreading the gospel among the destitute, and whereas our experience teaches us that a well managed religious periodical, is the most efficient medium through which to shed the necessary light and information, to the denomination upon the subject of the benevolent measures of the day, which will go to secure an universal and harmonious operation upon these subjects.—And whereas moreover, the local situation of many churches in the south and west of our state renders it impracticable under the circumstances that they can be brought under the influence of a paper printed beyond the limits of the state, therefore

Resolved, That while this convention, duly appreciate the worth of the Cross & Journal and the talents and integrity of its Editor and will give to it and the Baptist Advocate published at Cincinnati all the circulation in their power; yet for the consideration above named the convention feel themselves especially bound to support the Baptist Banner, published by bro. John L. Waller at Shelbyville in this state, and to recommend it to the attention and patronage of all the friends of truth and peace in our denomination. Also the Pioneer, published at the Rock Spring, Ill. and the Baptist, published at Nashville.

On motion of bro. Haycraft, the following relinquishment is entered of record:

Elder Wm. C. Back, one of the helping Evangelists refunded to the convention the sum of Thirty one dollars forty one and a fourth cents out of the amount this day allowed him—declaring that he would not receive more than \$100 for his past services, in addition to his expenses.

Adjourned until 3 o'clock, p. m.; prayer by bro. Scott.

3 o'clock, p. m.

The convention assembled agreeably to adjournment. Prayer by bro. Back

The convention went into an election of Helping Evangelists, for the ensuing year. Whereupon, bro. W. C. Back was appointed Evangelist in the eastern district, and bro. Wm. Vaughan his assistant,—brother Joel Hulsey Evangelist in the middle district, and bro. Danl. S. Colgan his assistant; and in the western district, brother Robert Rutherford, Evangelist, and bro. David L. Mansfield his assistant. All of whom being present (except bro. Mansfield) accepted their appointment.

The following resolution was offered by bro. Carey, and adopted:

Whereas, we consider the passage of scripture

upon which the introductory discourse of this meeting was delivered, is of vital importance to our Baptist churches,

Therefore, Resolved, That the speaker be requested to furnish a copy to this convention for publication.

The following resolution was offered by bro. D. S. Colgan, and adopted:

Resolved, That the adjourned meeting of this convention be held in the Town of Greensburg to commence on the Saturday before the fourth Lord's day in May 1836.

The following brethren were appointed delegates to the next meeting of the General Convention of Western Baptists in Cincinnati; to-wit: James M. Pendleton, D. S. Colgan, S. M. Noel, W. C. Buck, John Scott, and Cave Johnson.

And the following brethren were appointed Delegates to the next meeting of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, to-wit:—Robt. Rutherford, Jas. M. Pendleton, and Jonathan Fellowes.

Brother Carey gave an interesting account of his visit as a delegate from the convention, to the last tri-annual meeting of the American Baptist Convention for foreign missions, held at Richmond, Va.

An appropriation of twenty dollars was made to aid our delegation in assisting to defray the expense of publishing the Minutes of the next meeting of the General Convention of Western Baptists, about to be held in Cincinnati.

The Convention then adjourned *sine die*.
S. M. NOEL, Mod'r.

H. WINGATE, Rec. Sec'y.

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

With gratitude to Almighty God, for his preserving kindness during the year now brought to a close, the managers of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, proceed to discharge the duty enjoined upon them by the constitution of the institution of presenting to the convention, their Annual Report.

In the variety of Providential dispensations which have characterized the events of the year as connected with their labors, the managers have to record one which, from its importance, claims an early notice in their report. The death of our beloved JOHN S. WILLSON, a late member of the board, is known to all, and felt by all the lovers of Jesus. After a protracted, afflicting and painful endurance of disease he expired on the 28th day of August last past, triumphing gloriously in the destiny which awaited him. His death has filled, not only the board, but the churches with mourning for his loss. The dispensation, to human intellect, is inscrutable and mysterious. But the odour of his name and of his labors of love for Christ

and His people, will doubtless be sanctified, in some measure, by AN ALL WISE and overruling PROVIDENCE, to supply the loss of his personal presence among us; for "Blessed are they who die in the Lord from henceforth: yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

After the last annual meeting, until the adjourned meeting of the convention held in January last at Frankfort, but little was done by the board on account of the contemplated change, in the organization of the institution.

At the meeting in Frankfort just alluded to, the committee appointed to devise a plan or system more efficiently and extensively to carry into effect the objects of the convention, reported; their report was adopted; the state divided into three districts, and a Helping Evangelist appointed in each, as has been shown by the minutes of that meeting, which have been published in pamphlet form and circulated through the state. The powers and duties of these Evangelists, as will be seen by reference to the system adopted, have greatly superceded the labors and responsibilities of the board; each Evangelist, in the absence of instructions from the board, possessing most of the powers of the board itself, within the sphere of his district. In the eastern district, the Rev. Wm. C. Buck, who was appointed Evangelist, accepted the appointment, and has labored to a very beneficial effect, and would have prosecuted his labors to much further extent had he not been prevented by sickness in his family. Such of his report as it is thought necessary to publish, will be found appended to this report, showing at once the great utility of the system if carried out in practice as was originally contemplated. In the middle district, the Rev. George Waller, who was appointed Evangelist, accepted the appointment; but for reasons satisfactory to the board, has declined acting. In the western district, the Rev. Wm. C. Warfield, who was appointed, has not formally accepted or declined, but at an early period intimated by letter to the board, that as he would necessarily be absent from the state a part of the year, it would be inconvenient if not impracticable for him to serve but a small portion of his time, and suggested the propriety of the board making some other appointment. In the middle and western districts, however, the board, not knowing who would accept, have made no formal appointments to fill the places of the two brethren last named. In the middle district, however, the Rev. Johnson Graham was, at a late period in the year, requested to act in the capacity of Helping Evangelist. And although he has rendered to the cause of the convention important services, he has not, on account of bad

health, formally acceded to the request, nor furnished the board as Evangelist, with a formal report of his proceedings.

The following comprises so much of the report of Eld. Buck, as the board deem it important to publish. To it we invite particular attention; and we recommend to future Evangelists to report in terms no less full and explicit, in relation to their operations. The reports while they will furnish to the denomination an exhibition of the state, condition, and wants of the churches, will enable the convention, by concentration of effort, to supply those wants, and to estimate properly the value of the system under which the Evangelists have been laboring.

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*To the Kentucky Baptist Convention, sitting
in Louisville.*

Dear Brethren: As it was your pleasure to appoint me to an office so important to the great objects contemplated by you, as that of Helping Evangelist to one third of the state, as it is my duty so it is my pleasure, now at the close of the term for which I was appointed, to give you a general and particular account of the stewardship confided to me. And here I beg leave to say that in consequence of severe and protracted illness in my family as well as in my own person, I have not been able to do near the amount of labor which I hoped to do, and which the Convention had a right to expect of me, when I accepted their appointment. Yet I have been constantly employed, all the time which, by agreement, I promised the Convention to devote to this service, as far as my own health and the health of my family would permit; so that while I have occasion of humility and regret that so little has been done, I have great reason to be thankful that I have been able to do any thing for my divine master.

As early as practicable after my appointment, I commenced a correspondence with a number of the most prominent brethren, both of the ministry and laity, with a view to a general system of operations throughout the district, in connexion with our dear brother Wm. Vaughan, whom you had appointed my assistant. It was our intention to have divided the district between us as equally as possible, so as to visit each town and county, and as far as practicable, every church in each division, and as often as practicable to be together, and to hold meetings of several days' continuance; and upon this plan we went to work. Protracted meetings were appointed at East Hickman, Paris, Davis fork, Clear creek and at the Great crossings, which were all attended by

one or both of us, in company with other ministering brethren. I also attended a three days' meeting at the forks of Elkhorn, with brother A. Lewis. Besides, I have as far as practicable, travelled through the counties of Woodford, Jessamine, Fayette, Scott, Bourbon, and Franklin; and also those counties lying in between the Ohio and Licking rivers, west of the Maysville road to Lexington, while brother Vaughan has been operating still more to the north and east.

In these peregrinations I have found many circumstances calculated greatly to afflict me, but nothing to discourage me. It is true that I have met with many destitute sections of country, a number of destitute and crippled churches, and some Baptists who were opposed to the objects of the convention; but I recognized all these as the very evils intended to be cured through your liberality, by my agency; and so far from feeling discouraged, I rejoice to say to the Convention, that it is decidedly my opinion, that nothing is wanting, but *skill in your administration*, and *prudence* on the part of your agents, to dissipate nine-tenths of all the opposition, where I have been among the Baptists; and although I have not been able to collect a great amount of funds, yet I trust I shall be able to furnish the convention with such a practical application of our present system of operations as will go far to dissipate what might seem to be discouragements arising from the crippled and destitute condition of our churches.

Besides other things which have claimed my attention, with a view to an uniform and systematic procedure, in the collection and appropriation of the funds of the Convention, it was my intention to have procured information as to the condition of every church in the district so as to have presented a table upon all the following points, viz. the names and location of churches, number of members in each church, amount of property owned by each church, days of preaching, names of preachers, the value of their property, number in their families, amount paid them by the church per month, the distance travelled by them, &c.; so that a fair exhibit might be had of our real condition, in order that we might know on which side to look for those fountains from which we were to expect supplies as well as those channels into which those supplies were to flow in watering the desolate portions of the church of God. It is true, that I have not been able to carry my plan into full effect, but I have effected it so far as to afford some general knowledge of the denomination in my district, and which I offer as data for the future operations of those who may succeed me.

Some of our churches are worth \$200,000 or \$300,000 of property, independent of that interest which the wives and daughters of persons out of the church might be estimated at, which to all practical purposes is at least one half, which would make at least \$1,000,000; while many are so poor that they are barely able to subsist, and cannot be said to have one dollar of surplus property; some of our preachers are in independent circumstances, while the great portion of them are very poor, and the misfortune is, the poor preachers are generally located in the vicinity of the poorer portions of the churches, so that they are in no way benefited by the overgrown wealth of the more affluent portions of the society, as things are arranged; hence the necessity of a system tending to equalize the condition both of the churches and preachers; and this I conceive, can only be done by compounding the rich and poor of both churches and preachers, and dividing the amount by the whole number of each, so as to ascertain what the condition of those are that are upon the medium ground; and the following statement will present the results of such a system of equalization among the churches in my district, i. e.:

The average am't. of property in the churches, about	\$50,000
Their average No. of members, about	150
The preachers are worth, on an average, about	2,000
Their average pay per month,	3 00
Average distance traveled per month in miles,	16
Do. No. in their families exclusive of servants,	5

Now, if this statement of things gives any thing like a correct view of the society, our churches can easily see whether their preachers are receiving what they should receive, or whether they (the churches) are rendering that support to the great interests of truth, which, as stewards, God requires at their hands, not to speak of those neighborhoods where no churches are established, and from whence the laborer can look for no help.

In the part of the district over which I rode I found seven churches which were not only entirely destitute of the gospel ministry, but who were utterly hopeless of supply but thro' your liberality, but who are willing to aid you to the utmost in the support of an itinerant preacher to supply them once per month. I also found some remnants of churches, which had been broken up by Campbellite influence, weeping over their misfortunes and longing for the gospel in hopeless despair. One particular instance of the latter class I will mention, as the circumstance affected my own heart too

deeply to be soon forgotten. I rode some ten or twelve miles under the conduction of a br. to a large and well built log meeting house at the mouth of Flour creek, in Pendleton county, where I met a small congregation. Without knowing any thing of the character of my audience, I proceeded to preach to them Jesus. After I came down from the pulpit two brethren met me who had come some 7 or 8 miles to meeting, and introduced me to about half a dozen old females, who were all dissolved in tears, from whom I learned the following affecting story: That this meeting house had been built by a church to which an old br. Taylor preached, and who were united and happy; subsequently old brother Taylor had died; the reformation influence had torn the church in pieces; the Campbellites took the house; what few male members were left, moved away, and these afflicted mothers in Israel, with old sister Taylor, bowing under the weight of some seventy years, were left to mourn their destitute and hopeless condition.— When I told them the object of my tour they caught my hands, and with many tears, entreated me if possible, to send them the gospel once more. My heart was full; I begged their prayers on my poor efforts, and after entering the humble cabin of a poor methodist woman, who kindly bestowed on me a scanty dinner and many blessings, I left: thanking God that I was engaged as a servant for the Convention.

I do not wish to swell this report by useless matter, but I beg leave to say that I think our present system the best that can be devised, and only wants to be in the hands of men of the right stamp to meet all the hopes of the Convention. Let the Convention get men that will work and work systematically upon this plan, and their hopes will be more than realized.

I have partially engaged the services of a bro. Elrod, an influential Preacher of the Union association, to supply as many of the destitute churches as he can in Pendleton and the surrounding counties, and to act in other respects as an agent of the convention upon specified terms; bro. Elrod was expected here, from whom I hoped to receive such information as would have enabled me more fully to report upon his operations; bro. Vaughan was also expected, from whom important information was looked for, but by some Providence neither of them has arrived, so that our report is rendered much more imperfect.

The following table will exhibit a statement of all the funds collected by me, with the names of the persons of whom they were rec'd. viz:

Bro. W. D. Young handed me \$40 collected by him of the church at East Hickman.

Sister Jane Quarles	\$2
J Jones, of Lexington	50
Church at Cane run	6 25
Female M. S. Georgetown	5
Church, Georgetown	2 12½
Margaret Ewing, G. Town	1
B B Ford, do	1
Catharine R Chapman do	1
John T Yates	50
Alvin Adams	50
James M Lindsey	50
Thomas Page	50
Phebe Woodfolk	87½
Church at Silass	2 75
Br. Jas. Hudson pd. sister Watson	10
Congregation at Paris	11 65
Blacks at do	1 75
Congregation at Falmouth	8 75
Flag Spring church	1
F. Guman	1
Edward Graves	2
Robert Cornelius	1
Congregation at Forks of Elkhorn	12 85
Besides I have collected of the \$1,000 sub- scription, of	
Roger Quarles	\$10
A. Blanchard	10
G. G. Steffee	10

Making in all \$154 50; besides I have obtained a sixteen additional tens to the above subscription, making a total of \$344 50. In addition to this I originated a plan for raising \$500, at \$5 per individual, upon which I have eight names which added to the above will make the sum of \$384 50; all of which I respectfully submit to the convention.

Signed, WM. C. BUCK.

P. S. I originated a Female Missionary Society at Paris, auxiliary to the Convention, which will, I doubt not, be able to send up thirty or forty dollars annually to the Convention; and to institutions of this kind the attention of the Evangelists should be especially directed, as affording a fund more certain, and permanent than any other means upon which we can rely.