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GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS
IN KENTUCKY.

The fifteenth annual meeting of this body was held with the Baptist church in Glasgow, commencing on Friday, October 15, 1852.

The meeting was called to order by Rev. JOHN L. WALLER, Moderator *pro tem.*—Rev. A. R. MACEY acting as Clerk.

Associations and churches called, letters read, and the names of the messengers enrolled as follows :

ASSOCIATIONS.

Elkhorn Association—John L. Waller,* R. M. Ewing, M. D., G. B. Long, R. P. Todhunter, S. F. Gano, M. D., D. R. Campbell, LL. D.

Nelson Association—William Vaughan.*

Daviess County Association—S. L. Helm,* J. M. Bennett.*

Goshen Association—D. Dowden.*

Long Run Association—A. W. Larue.*

Mount Olivet Association—T. L. Garrett.*

Franklin Association—A. R. Macey.*

Freedom Association—Rice Maxey.

Liberty Association—R. W. Thomas,* Isaac Newland, J. B. Evans,* W. N. Kidd,* R. T. Gardner,*† Jas. Brooks,* J. G. Hardy, R. Garnett, H. Eubank, W. R. McFerran, Z. R. Huggins, J. M. Pendleton.*

Sulphur Fork Association—Letter. No delegate.

Baptist Association—V. E. Kirtley.*

Barren River Association—W. F. Spillman,* W. M. Turner,† J. S. Siddens,† A. Young,† A. W. J. Landrum.†

Little Bethel Association—G. Sisk.*†

West Union Association—D. N. Porter.†

Bracken Association—W. W. Gardner.*

* Ordained Ministers.

† Absent.

Bethel Association—R. T. Anderson,* A. D. Sears,*† W. R. Henry,† J. Burks, M. D.,† James Lamb.*

CHURCHES.

Georgetown—President D. R. Campbell, LL. D., R. M. Ewing, M. D., S. F. Gano, M. D., J. M. Frost.*†

Great Crossings—G. B. Long.

East Hickman—R. T. Dillard, D. D.,† R. P. Todhunter.

Bowlinggreen—J. M. Pendleton.*

Owensboro'—S. L. Helm.*

Bethel—D. Buckley.*

Glasgow—R. Garnett, Wm. R. McFerran, Samuel Everett, Jr., Levi Baldock, Henry Eubank, George Baldock.

Brethren Pendleton, Thomas, and Gano were appointed to nominate a Moderator and Clerk.

The meeting adjourned to half-past 2 o'clock P. M. Prayer by Brother Vaughan.

 HALF-PAST 2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. Dowden.

The committee on nominations reported Rev. J. L. WALLER Moderator, and Rev. A. R. MACEY Clerk. Report adopted.

Brother Pendleton read the report of the board, which was referred to the board for publication.

The Treasurer read his report, which was adopted and ordered to be printed.

Brethren Gardner, Thomas, Kirtley, Bennett, and Ewing were appointed to nominate the Board of Managers for the ensuing year.

Brethren Helm, Thomas, and Lamb were appointed to nominate persons to preach the next annual sermon, and their alternates.

Brethren Pendleton, Campbell, and Anderson were appointed to report on the letters and other communications to this body.

Voted, That the next meeting of this Association be held with the church in New Castle.

Adjourned to 7 o'clock to hear the annual sermon.

Russell Creek Association—J. T. Yates, J. T. Marrs, James Durrett.

7 O'CLOCK P. M.

The annual sermon on home missions, by Rev. A. R. MACEY, from Titus iii. 8—"This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they who have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works."

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Brother Helm.

Brethren J. B. TAYLOR, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and T. F. CURTIS, Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board, were invited to take seats with us.

Reports from committees called for.

Committee appointed to report a Board of Managers made their report, which was adopted, as follows:

Your committee, appointed to nominate Officers and Managers for the ensuing year, beg leave to report as follows, viz:

Dr. D. R. CAMPBELL, President.

F. C. McCALLA, Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

G. B. LONG, Treasurer.

Managers.—Elders J. M. Frost, Y. R. Pitts, W. G. Craig, and Brethren D. H. Smith, L. C. Stedman, J. E. Farnam, S. F. Gano, A. M. Lyon, J. M. Pratt, D. Thomas, R. M. Ewing, Nicholas Long; Elders C. Lewis, John Bray, J. W. Warder, R. T. Dillard, John Holliday, J. D. Black, A. Drury, William Head, L. D. Alexander, R. T. Anderson, Robert Kirtley, J. M. Pendleton, A. R. Macey, A. D. Sears, Robert T. Gardner, W. R. Combs, S. L. Helm, M. F. Ham, B. F. Kenney, James W. Mansfield, S. S. Sumner, D. S. Colgan, O. H. Morrow, P. B. Samuels, W. L. Morris, Alfred Taylor, J. Durham, Jesse Savage, James Lamb, T. L. Garrett, and Brethren Rice Maxey, Samuel Haycraft, S. Chorn, William Garnett, Junius Caldwell, Walter Chenault, T. Goodall, Hugh Newell.

W. W. GARDNER, *Chairman*.

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

Sermon on Home Missions, Thursday night, 7 o'clock—Rev. JOHN BRAY, principal; Rev. J. H. BROWN, alternate.

Sermon on Bible operations, Friday night, 7 o'clock—Rev. J. A. KIRTLEY, principal; Rev. R. W. THOMAS, alternate.

Sermon on Foreign Missions, Saturday night, 7 o'clock—
Rev. E. D. ISBELL, principal; Rev. W. L. MORRIS, alternate.

The committee on letters and other communications to this body made the following report, which was adopted:

The committee to whom were referred the communications addressed to this body, report: That two district associations—viz: Goshen and Freedom—desire pecuniary assistance from the General Association; and believing that these associations should be favorably responded to, the committee recommend that the Board of Managers be instructed to comply with the requests made, provided the state of the treasury renders it practicable. J. M. PENDLETON, *Chairman*.

The pastor and delegates of this church were appointed to regulate the religious services on the Lord's-day.

Adjourned to half-past 2 o'clock to hear the annual sermon on Foreign Missions.

11 O'CLOCK A. M.

The annual sermon on Foreign Missions, by Rev. J. M. BENNETT, from John ix. 4—"I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."

After the sermon a collection was taken of \$131.

HALF-PAST 2 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Brother Evans.

The following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That we recommend to the Board of Managers the appointment of Rev. V. E. KIRTLEY as General Agent for the ensuing year.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the supply of the religious destitution of our State is an object of first importance with this body, and that we pledge ourselves to labor more energetically to discharge our duty in this respect, and to secure on a more extensive scale the co-operation of the churches and ministry throughout the State.

Supported by remarks from Brother Anderson.

Resolved, That the missionary and colporteur features shall hereafter be combined in the labors of the missionaries of this body.

Brother Gardner supported the same by some very able remarks.

Resolved, That the Chinese of California have peculiar claims on the funds of domestic missions, and that, in the estimation of this body, they are the material through whom China is ultimately to be most effectually reached and evangelized.

Brother Larue made some very interesting remarks upon the same.

Resolved, That Georgetown College, as now organized and conducted, is worthy of the unbounded confidence of the Baptists throughout the State, and that the members of this body pledge themselves to labor by all lawful means in their power to increase its patronage and usefulness.

Supported by remarks from Brother Rice Maxey.

Resolved, That the cause of foreign missions is, in the estimation of this body, the cause of Christ, and that we will endeavor, the ensuing year, to bring it up in this State to the attitude which its importance demands.

Supported by remarks from Brother Pendleton.

Resolved, That the *Western Recorder* and the *Christian Repository* are worthy of our extended support, and that we will endeavor, during the next year, to increase the circulation of both.

Supported by remarks from Brother Helm.

Resolved, That the circulation of the Bible in this and all lands, is a subject dear to the hearts of Kentucky Baptists; and that we will faithfully labor to bring all our resources in a just proportion to bear upon it.

Supported by remarks from Brother Thomas.

The following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this body be tendered to the Reformers, Methodists, and Presbyterians for the use of their houses of worship on the Lord's-day, and to the citizens of Glasgow, for their affectionate hospitality during our sessions.

Voted, That the collections taken up at the several houses of worship on to-morrow, be sent to the Board of the General Association for disbursement, except the amount taken up at the Presbyterian church, which shall be for African missions.

Adjourned to the call of the Chair. Prayer by Brother Anderson.

SATURDAY NIGHT, 7 O'CLOCK.

The principal and alternate appointed to preach on Bible operations being absent, a mass meeting was held to consider the propriety of a revision of the English Scriptures. Speeches were made by Brethren Anderson, Vaughan, Waller, and Helm.

Dr. S. F. Gano presided, and R. Maxey acted as Secretary.

At the close of the revision meeting, the Chairman called the Association to order.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by President Campbell.

In accordance with the arrangement of the committee on religious exercises, the following brethren preached at the places herein mentioned, viz :

Rev. WM. VAUGHAN, 11 o'clock, Baptist church.

Rev. T. F. CURTIS, 3 o'clock, Baptist church.

President CAMPBELL, 7 o'clock, Baptist church.

Rev. J. B. TAYLOR, 11 o'clock, Reform church.

Rev. W. W. GARDNER, 3 o'clock, Reform church.

Rev. S. L. HELM, 7 o'clock, Reform church.

Rev. V. E. KIRTLEY, 11 o'clock, Methodist church.

Rev. T. L. GARRETT, 7 o'clock, Methodist church.

Rev. R. T. ANDERSON volunteered and preached to the colored people, 11 o'clock, Presbyterian church.

Rev. J. M. BENNETT, 7 o'clock, Presbyterian church.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Brother Bennett.

The letter from the West Union Association read and referred to the favorable consideration of the board of managers.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That President Campbell be requested to furnish a copy of the sermon delivered by him last evening, on Spiritual Influence, to be published in the *Christian Repository*.

The following resolution, supported by remarks from Bro. McFerran, was unanimously adopted, viz :

Resolved, That it be recommended to our churches to commence a regular system of operations for the purpose of sustaining the Bible cause, the Foreign, Domestic, and Indian Missions, and that each pastor be requested to bring one of those benevolent institutions before his churches every three months, and take up a collection for each during the year, and forward the amount collected for each to the Treasurer thereof.

Voted, That, hereafter, the annual meeting of this body shall commence at half-past 2 o'clock P. M., on the Thursday before the third Lord's-day in October, and that Art. 8 of the Constitution be so amended as to correspond with this change.

The following resolution was adopted, viz :

Resolved, That we recommend to our brethren in the ministry, and to all of our churches in the State, the importance of setting apart a day for the purpose of solemn prayer to God, for an increase of ministers in Kentucky and elsewhere, and for the spread of the Gospel in our State and throughout the world. We further recommend our May meetings, which we affectionately request our churches to observe, in accordance with the spirit of the above.

Voted, That the printing and distributing of the minutes be referred to the board.

Adjourned to meet in New Castle at half-past 2 o'clock on Thursday before the 3d Lord's-day in October, 1853.

J. L. WALLER, *Moderator*.

A. R. MACEY, *Clerk*.

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

We are under obligations of the strongest character to God our Heavenly Father for the care and protection manifested towards us as a body, and towards our churches and people during the past year; and take this occasion to acknowledge our gratitude to him for all his mercies and benefits, and to join you in imploring him to continue to remember us, and to provide for us, and to sanctify our hearts and affections, so that we may become more and more consecrated to him and his service, that our lives and property may be as fully devoted to the cause of our Redeemer as it is possible for them to be, and

that we may all become, to the fullest extent, workers together with God for the conversion of the world.

The work assigned us at your last annual meeting we conceived to be of the greatest magnitude, and we felt disposed to give ourselves to its demands in whatever way seemed most likely to advance the interests of our Redeemer's kingdom. The concentration of all the benevolent operations of our state societies into the hands of one board, with one agent, seemed to command the approbation, so far as we are informed, of the denomination generally, and to promise to be more perfectly systematical and produce a larger amount of useful labor for a less expenditure of the scanty means usually obtained for missionary and Bible purposes in our state. To what extent these expectations have been realized, and what results produced, will be more fully shown by the accompanying report of our general agent.

When we were informed of our appointment, and the union of the Bible and Foreign Mission societies with the General Association, we immediately organized and appointed the necessary officers to conduct the affairs thus entrusted to our management. The operations of these societies and their means were not fully before us for about three months after our appointment, and no movement could be made in their behalf, consequently, until we were put in possession of their records and funds; we therefore gave our time first to the appointment of home missionaries and the prosecution of the work of home missions, with the management of which we were familiar, until such time as the other societies should be able to close their operations and transfer their records and means to this board.

On the first of November, by reference to our Treasurer's report for last year, we found only fifty-three dollars on hand, and about three hundred dollars due for missionary labor already performed. The means at our disposal upon which we could confidently rely were very limited in amount, and scattered over a large territory; various associations, heretofore contributing to our funds, had applied for and obtained the privilege of appropriating the subscribed funds in their respective bounds towards sustaining missionaries of their own appointment; and the prospect of increasing our fund for home missions not the brightest, induced the board to believe it most prudent to reduce the missionaries of their appointment to a number within the compass of their reliable means, and were induced by what they conceived to be their indispensable duty to make only the following appointments:

Elder JOS. R. BARBEE, for Cynthiana and vicinity.

Elder S. S. PERRY, for Cynthiana and vicinity.

Elder DAVID BRUNER, for Cornishville and vicinity.

Elder C. B. EGAN, for Lancaster and vicinity.

Elder H. ADAMS, for Greenup county.

Elder THO. J. DRANE, for Nicholasville and Madison county.

Elder DARNAL DOWDEN, for Litchfield and Grayson county.

Elder J. W. MORIN, for Campbell county.

All the missionaries and associations have not as regularly or fully reported to us as it was desirable, although urged to do so at the time of their appointment, in order that we might incorporate in our report all the missionary labor, under the present system, performed in our bounds. We regret this omission, as we are anxious to make a fair exposition of what we have been able to do, and to lay before the religious community the wants, the vast destitution of our state, in order that they may feel themselves called upon by the wants of their brethren to come up to the help of the Lord in the great work of preaching the Gospel in every destitute corner of our beloved Commonwealth. We were anxious, also, to give a true account of all that has been done by means of our present organization, in order that a stimulus might be given to induce a greater effort in future, and encourage those who have not cast their influence in behalf of our united effort to do so in future. What we have done, therefore, will appear small indeed, compared with what we have really done, had we the full extended reports of all the missionary labor performed by our missionaries and by the several associations acting as auxiliary to us.

From the reports received, we give the following abstracts:

ELDER T. J. DRANE has traveled 1000 miles; preached 107 sermons; baptized 83; raised \$52; is now engaged in a very interesting meeting at Tate's Creek church.

ELDER J. R. BARBEE commenced regular preaching at Cynthiana during his first quarter; visited Colemansville, Richland church, and Indian Creek during his second quarter; during the third quarter, received 5 by experience and baptism at Colemansville church, and received \$22 75; visited Union Association, and received by public collection \$19 15, and \$34 25 from the churches on their subscription to the five year fund, and from brethren and friends in Cynthiana \$38 for salary.

ELDER S. S. PERRY has traveled 894 miles; preached 86 sermons; witnessed 5 conversions (very awkward expression); received by relation 1, and 1 from the Reformers.

ELDER D. DOWDEN has written very regularly, and kept the board very fully advised of his doings and the condition of his field of labor. He traveled 1590 miles; preached 47 sermons; was 144 days in the service of the board; and received 25 by experience and baptism. Since this date to the present he gives very cheering accounts of his charge, prospects for a

new house of worship, interest in our college, circulation of religious reading, and the overcoming of opposition to Baptist interests, &c., &c. His seems to be an inviting field, and he is doubtless a faithful laborer.

ELDER D. BRUNER reports very regularly and satisfactorily, and has been very punctual during the year. Has traveled 1,224 miles; labored 163 days; preached 229 sermons; baptized 27 himself, and was present when other ministers baptized and received by experience 30 more; organized one Sabbath School. He gives a pleasing account of his field of labor, and of the triumphs of the cross of Christ over the hearts of sinners.

ELDER EGAN resigned his appointment very soon after he accepted it.

ELDER MORIN has not been in the service sufficiently long to make any report, at least we have not heard from him.

ELDER H. ADAMS has labored 100 days; traveled 1,525 miles; delivered 75 sermons, and many exhortations; witnessed a number of conversions, and considers the cause on the advance in Greenup Association.

CONCORD ASSOCIATION reports to January 30th, through Bro. Alexander, that their missionary, Elder SMITH, had traveled 400 miles; preached 40 sermons; and received by experience and baptism 40. We have heard nothing since the above date, although their annual meeting came off more than a month since.

NORTH BEND ASSOCIATION appointed Elder J. A. KIRTLEY their missionary, who has very faithfully labored for ten months; traveled 1,430 miles; preached 121 sermons; delivered many exhortations, lectures, &c.; has visited as often and as regularly as he could, every prominent point within his bounds; occasionally visited all the churches, and preached monthly at Burlington and Big Bone. A most encouraging feature in his operations will be found in the fact that his congregations have been large and attentive, and he feels confident in being able to build up permanent religious interests at several destitute points, amidst large and growing communities. His salary is \$500; has received \$410 of that amount.

SULPHUR FORK ASSOCIATION has not been able to procure the services of any permanent missionary, and, as a remedy, her resident pastors held protracted meetings during the year to a much greater extent than heretofore, and their churches have been greatly blessed, and the cause of Christ advanced. They have raised a small sum for missionary labor for the coming year, and a suitable missionary has been already employed, and has entered on the discharge of his duties—Elder A. M. RAGSDALE. This association has received 427 by baptism during the past year; and is now, with but a small sum in their treasury, determined to cease not in enjoining upon their mem-

bership the duty of aiding, by their liberal contributions, in the great work of preaching the Gospel to the destitute.

BETHEL ASSOCIATION. This association had four missionaries in the field, who report 380 days labor, 336 sermons, 60 exhortations, 112 professions, 35 baptisms, 23 Bibles and Testaments and 575 other books sold, 231 tracts distributed, 4200 miles traveled; 82 days *voluntary labor*, 66 sermons, 19 exhortations, 30 professions, 25 baptisms. This association, for the coming year, has made the following most excellent and praiseworthy arrangements: raised for home missions \$310, and 150 days voluntary labor; raised by private subscription \$175 to pay colporteurs to travel in its bounds. The missionaries, also, are expected to sell books. This association sold, last year, \$619 35 worth of books, and have \$393 80 worth on hand. The trustees of the High School report their buildings in progress of erection to cost \$15,000. Their contributions for Indian missions \$238, Marion board of domestic missions \$47 40, A. and F. Bible society \$330, and for Bible society of southern board \$71 30.

FREEDOM ASSOCIATION. This is a young and small association, and makes its first report, as auxiliary to the General Association. The letter and messengers received, as will appear from the minutes.

BARREN RIVER ASSOCIATION. This association gives a most cheering account of her ministers, who report the following labor performed, and the joyous results that followed, viz; 163 days voluntary labor, and 225 baptisms, and \$129 raised for missionary purposes. The association also reports for the current year 155 days labor pledged by the ministers present at her last annual meeting, and \$73 for missionary purposes.

NELSON ASSOCIATION. This association is among the first that united to form the present organization, and is engaged in a good work within her own bounds; received the last year 57 by baptism, raised \$383 28 for benevolent purposes.

WEST UNION ASSOCIATION. This association was not represented by her worthy messenger, Bro. Porter, in consequence of an error in publishing the time of meeting. This is greatly regretted by the secretary. The letter was received enclosing \$10. Has a system of home missions within her bounds, and is doing what she can to promote the cause of our Redeemer. Baptized 107.

LITTLE BETHEL ASSOCIATION reports 109 baptisms; has two missionaries to labor the present year.

BRACKEN ASSOCIATION reports very favorably of her home mission society's labors. Has received \$285, expended \$220, purchased \$61 worth of Bibles and Testaments. Elders Holladay, Hawks, and Potts have labored part of their time among the destitute churches of this association. For the

current year the following arrangements have been made: paid by the churches \$118 50, pledged by individuals \$100, collected for depository \$6 40, subscribed by pastors in labor, at \$1 per day \$65; appropriated \$190 to weak churches, provided a like sum is raised by them.

MOUNT OLIVET ASSOCIATION reports no missionary labor performed, but has become auxiliary to this body. \$5 was received as a contribution to the general fund.

GOSHEN ASSOCIATION reports 110 days missionary labor by her ministers, Elders Buckhanon, Head, Armstrong, and Kelly; and \$73 contributed for the current year, and about \$100 subscribed; has a missionary in the field, who will spend about three-fourths of his time.

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION reports 319 days labor, (voluntary by her ministers,) 120 conversions, 99 baptisms, 1 church constituted; has appointed Elder R. T. Gardner missionary for the current year, at a salary of \$200, raised by voluntary subscription. Her minutes show a deep interest in home missions.

BIBLE CAUSE. We have endeavored to increase the funds for Bible purposes with all the industry we possessed, and feel as if we had a flattering report to make in reference to our means for this object. No object to which we deemed proper to appropriate the small amount at our disposal, presented itself during the past year; and not having an amount sufficient to effect the objects we had in view, we have been collecting old subscriptions and obtaining new ones, and present you now a fund sufficient, as we think, to do good service in the great cause of giving the Bible to those who have it not.

BOOKS. Some years ago, the Bible society purchased about \$400 worth of Bibles and Testaments, and made a depository in Lexington. These remaining unsold, were moved to Georgetown; and we have sold \$55 worth of them, and gratuitously distributed about 75 Bibles to various Sabbath schools and individuals unable to purchase them—leaving yet unsold about \$250 worth, mostly such editions as are very unsalable, and in order that they may do good, must be given away.

FOREIGN MISSIONS. The Foreign Mission Board were in debt when the records came into our hands, and with no means to pay their liabilities, so that our agent has had great difficulty and delicacy in presenting this object of benevolent effort to the churches. We have but just succeeded in freeing this branch of our operations from debt, and have only a few dollars at our disposal for that object—a sum too small to send any where. There have been collections, however, in some churches for foreign missions; and the funds thus raised transmitted through the proper channel to the object for which they were collected; and there are now other funds about ready to send to Africa; and we hope, during the coming year, this

wide field for Christian benevolence will be more industriously cultivated, and yield a more abundant harvest to all faithful laborers who may engage in the work.

GENERAL AGENT. Elder V. E. KIRTLEY accepted the General Agency, and has prosecuted his arduous labors with untiring industry to the present time, as will be seen by reference to his report herewith sent. The extreme cold weather during most of the winter retarded, delayed, and in many ways adversely affected his success for the first part of the associational year; but his industry and the pleasant seasons following have enabled him to do quite as much as was to have been expected from him. His salary is \$1,000 and expenses. The board deems it about sufficient for his support, and do not believe it can or ought to be increased. The savings realized from the union of all agencies into one will be made manifest by the present report; and we deem it both right and just that these savings should be real, and appropriated for home missions, Bible distribution, and foreign missions, and not to swell the salary of any one.

We also appointed, at your instance, one secretary, instead of two, for each of the three societies—having now one officer to do the duty of six; and, agreeable to your advice, give him a salary of \$125 for the past year, and, as far as we can judge, believe it is a fair remuneration for the services required so far. Should our means be increased so as to require more time and a greater correspondence, his salary will be increased accordingly.

The amount of money received and disbursed, and the amount of funds subscribed and payable at some future time, will appear from the report of your treasurer and general agent.

Thus, dear brethren, we have given you a synopsis of our doings. We confess we feel that we have done almost nothing, when we survey the vast field before us, and consider the amount of labor needed. From various quarters in almost every direction we have had application, time and again, for aid to support pastors, to pay for missionary labor, to build churches. We have as frequently been applied to for missionaries, faithful ministers to supply entirely destitute communities. It seems strange to a casual observer that there should be vast districts of country where preaching is never heard, and county towns without churches, other places where Baptist preaching was never heard until our missionaries entered the field; yet it is so. Should we not then be zealous in the cause of domestic missions, and by all the means in our power, endeavor to effect *permanent good* wherever we can send the gospel; and not so divide our own efforts as to exhaust our means without any real benefit accruing.

F. C. McCALLA, *Cor. Secretary,*
GEORGETOWN, KY.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL AGENT.

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

DEAR BRETHREN: The time has come when it becomes my duty, as your General Agent, to make my annual report. And as it is generally known that I have been traveling, this year, in behalf of three of our missionary societies, I will report my labors, relative to each of them, separately.

I. THE KENTUCKY AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

In consequence of the embarrassed condition of the funds of the General Association, (which was occasioned by not having a general agent last year,) it was thought best, on the part of the board, that I should make the objects of said association constitute the greater part of my labors during the present year. Hence, my labors, relative to the Bible cause, have consisted principally in making collections from the life members obtained by Elder A. MACLAY in A. D. 1848-'9, from those obtained by Elder ISAAC NILES in 1850, and those obtained by myself in 1851. Consequently the amount of new subscription obtained this year, for the Bible cause, is comparatively small, while the collections otherwise obtained have been much larger than usual. And in view of the great interest manifested throughout the state, by our brethren, upon the subject of the *revision of the English Scriptures*, we have reason to believe that we will have an annual increase of funds for the Bible cause in Kentucky.

It is not strange, therefore, that our brethren seem to be impressed with the idea that God has designed that the Bible, yea, the whole Bible, should be given to the nations of the earth, so that they may read in their own vernacular all the word of life, and rejoice in hope of a blessed immortality beyond the grave. And I am happy in the reflection that the Baptists of Kentucky, during the past year, have given evidence of the fact that they are willing to contribute their part in giving the *truth*, the *whole truth*, and *nothing but the truth*, to all the nations and families under heaven.

Thus we are brought to the conclusion that the Bible cause has a place in the affections of our people; consequently will be amply sustained by their prayers and their contributions.

II. THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

The cause of home missions is evidently on the increase in Kentucky, notwithstanding the many embarrassing circumstances by which it has been surrounded for years past. This

branch of our missionary enterprise seems to have suffered, heretofore, in consequence of its friends not being able to obtain the services of a general agent permanently. But at the same time, we have reason to believe that there is no cause in which we are engaged that is more warmly cherished by our people, than the objects contemplated by the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky. Because it is well known that our brethren generally are in favor of giving the Gospel, first of all, to the destitute of our own State; after which, send it as far as possible. This seems to be in accordance with the *command* of Christ, and the *example* of the Apostles. They were instructed to begin at Jerusalem. Even so, let our churches begin in Kentucky; and from thence, "go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." This will be according to the will of Christ.

And to accomplish this work more successfully, we have formed a basis of life membership, like that of the Kentucky and Foreign Bible Society; so that we may expect an annual increase of funds; consequently, our operations in future will not be suspended upon *hat collections*, as heretofore. Ministers of the Gospel, who have failed to spread the claims of the General Association before their respective churches, in days gone by, are now determined, by the help of their Divine Master, to aid us in this good cause, by preaching frequently upon the subject of home missions. Our churches and district associations are also ready and willing to take hold of this enterprise, as they have never done before. This seems to have grown out of the fact of their having learned, during the past year, of the triumphs of our Redeemer's kingdom in many portions of our State, through the instrumentality of the GENERAL ASSOCIATION. While this is doubtless encouraging to the board, still there are many, yea, very many, who have lived in Kentucky from their earliest childhood, that have never seen the Bible, as given to us, nor heard a Gospel sermon. In view, therefore, of those points of destitution in our own State, and the sorrow and sadness which seems to settle down upon the hearts of those who have no Bibles, no preaching, no Sabbaths nor sanctuaries, such as we and our children and servants enjoy, we are compelled to exclaim, in the deep sympathies of our souls, "*Lord, send thy Gospel there.*"

I will add further, that I have visited, during the past year, eight district associations; all of which have become auxiliary to the General Association. Hence, this cause is bound to have its friends, above that of all others in the State, from the fact that Kentucky is the field in which we labor, and its noble inhabitants, the people of our sympathies, of our charities, and of our prayers.

Let all of our ministers, therefore, in connection with the churches and associations, take hold of the objects contemplated by the friends of the General Association; and, with the blessing of God upon our labors, it will not be long until all the destitute of Kentucky will be brought under the melting story of the cross, and the happy influences of the glorious Gospel of the blessed God.

III. FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This cause should not be regarded by the friends of Christ as unimportant, because it is the last mentioned in my report. But it should be considered by the friends and advocates of missions as the counterpart of home missions; because the last and great command of Christ was, "*Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.*" Hence, my efforts have been directed, in the first place, to the wants of our own people, in view of sending the Gospel to those in Kentucky who have it not, so that we could urge upon all the friends of Christ the claims of the foreign field. Many of our churches and associations are not engaged in the work of missions, in any way whatever. Consequently all that is done, either for home or foreign missions, in the State, is done by comparatively few. But there is one feature worthy of notice manifested in the character of our people, i. e. they are willing to receive light upon the subject of missions, so that they may act understandingly when they do act. For it is evidently manifest to all who know any thing about the mind and spirit of a Kentuckian, that he is a subject easily led, when you approach him properly; while on the other hand it would be the work of ten men to drive him.

Let our ministers, therefore, reason kindly and affectionately with our brethren upon the subject of giving the Bible and the Gospel to all nations; and in a few years more we will find hundreds and thousands engaged in the work of home and foreign missions, who have never aided us heretofore. May this be the result of faithful labor in our pulpits.

IV. GENERAL REMARKS.

BRETHREN: The second year of my agency is about to close, and I feel thankful to God for the continuation of life, and for all of the blessings and success which have attended our humble efforts to advance his cause during the past year, in our own State, as well as in other parts of the world.

My collections this year have been much larger than they were last; and by reference to your Treasurer's report, you will find the result of my labors, relative to the several objects for which I have labored during the past year. I have had an eye to every thing touching the interests of our denomination. Hence, our COLLEGE has claimed a place in my

affections; consequently, I have labored faithfully, on many occasions, to multiply its friends and students. And I rejoice to find our brethren, in many places, determined to rally to its support.

I will add further, that our brethren generally are very much pleased with our present organization; i. e. three agencies in one, or one agent for three objects. *They regard this as a great saving of general expenses.* I have traveled, during the past year, 4,702 miles, and obtained on subscription and otherwise, \$5,018 33; preached on various subjects, and was cordially received, as your general agent, by all those with whom I had the pleasure of meeting during the year. May success attend our efforts in future, is the desire and prayer of your brother in Christ,

V. E. KIRTLEY.

KENTUCKY BAPTIST MINISTERS' MEETING.

This body assembled in the Baptist church in Glasgow, at 11 o'clock, on Thursday, October 14th, 1852.

The meeting was called to order by Rev. J. M. PENDLETON, Moderator. Prayer by the Moderator.

Ministers present—J. M. Pendleton, V. E. Kirtley, William Vaughan, W. W. Gardner, James Brooks, Wm. Kidd, James Lamb, A. R. Macey, J. M. Bennett, D. Dowden, R. L. Thurman, R. T. Anderson, T. L. Garrett, D. R. Campbell, L. L. D., John Baker, A. W. Larue, S. L. Helm, R. W. Thomas, J. L. Waller, J. B. Taylor, T. F. Curtis, Darius Buckley, W. F. Spilman.

On motion, the annual sermon was postponed till 7 o'clock, P. M.

On motion, Rev. J. M. PENDLETON was chosen Moderator, and Rev. A. R. MACEY Clerk.

Subjects as arranged at the last meeting were called up:

1st. Rev. C. LEWIS to preach the Annual Sermon; Rev. R. T. ANDERSON alternate.

2d. An Essay on Reading Sermons—Rev. V. E. KIRTLEY.

3d. An Essay on Premature Ordination—Rev. J. L. REYNOLDS, D. D.

4th. An Essay on the evils arising from the unnecessary multiplication of Churches—Rev. J. M. BENNETT.

5th. An Essay on the influence of Baptist principles in advancing Civil and Religious Liberty—Rev. S. W. LYND, D. D.

6th. An Exegesis on John iii. 1-9—Rev. WM. VAUGHAN.

7th. Skeleton of a Sermon—Rev. R. W. THOMAS.

Rev. V. E. KIRTLEY presented an Essay on the subject assigned him.

Rev. WM. VAUGHAN delivered an extempore Exegesis on John iii. 1-9.

The meeting adjourned to 7 o'clock to hear the Annual Sermon. Prayer by Bro. Lamb.

7 O'CLOCK P. M.

Rev. C. LEWIS being absent, Rev. R. T. ANDERSON, the alternate, preached the Annual Sermon from Rom. vi. 22—“But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness: and the end, everlasting life.”

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK

Prayer by Brother THURMAN.

Bro. KIRTLEY'S Essay was called up and freely criticised. Ordered to be placed in the archives of the society.

Bro. VAUGHAN was excused for not furnishing a written Exegesis on the passage assigned him.

Brethren C. Lewis, J. L. Reynolds, D. D., J. M. Bennett, S. W. Lynd, D. D., and R. W. Thomas were entered upon the delinquent list, and subjected to a fine of \$5 in money or books, to be paid to Georgetown College.

Annual Sermon called for criticism.

Brethren Kirtley, Vaughan, and Thomas were appointed to arrange subjects for the next meeting.

Brethren Campbell, Gardner, and Bennett were appointed a committee on obituaries.

Adjourned to the call of the Chair.

SATURDAY MORNING, 10 O'CLOCK.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

The committee appointed to arrange subjects for the next meeting made the following report, which was adopted :

1st. Rev. S. L. HELM to preach the Annual Sermon; Rev. A. W. LARUE alternate.

2d. An Essay on Spiritual Influence—Rev. R. T. DILLARD, D. D.

3d. An Essay on the evils of Premature Ordination—Rev. S. W. LYND, D. D.

4th. An Essay on the evils arising from the unnecessary multiplication of Churches—Rev. WM. M. PRATT.

5th. An Exegesis on 1st John iii. 9—JOHN BRAY.

6th. An Exegesis on Matt. xii. 31-32—M. W. STEMBAUGH.

The committee on obituaries made the following report:

Your committee on obituaries find that since the last annual meeting three esteemed members of this body have been removed by death, viz: Elder P. C. SCOTT, a young man of unusual ministerial promise, who was killed on the 3d of last April, by the explosion of the steamer "Redstone," on the Ohio; Elder J. W. KENNY was also a young man of fine talents, who died in the same month, of consumption; and Elder EDWARD DARNABY, who, after serving in the ministry with fidelity for 14 years, died from paralysis May 14th, in his 60th year. In the removal of these beloved brethren, this body feels that not themselves only, but the denomination has sustained a severe loss; and that we are all admonished to do our work speedily and faithfully, that we may be ready, as they were, to meet the event of death whenever and in whatever form it may come.

Respectfully submitted,

D. R. CAMPBELL, *Chairman.*

Adjourned to the call of the Chair.

MONDAY MORNING, 10 O'CLOCK.

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

It having been ascertained that Bro. ANDERSON was the oldest minister present who had not related his Christian experience and call to the ministry, and Bro. KIDD the youngest, an opportunity was given to those brethren to perform that interesting service. After which the hand of Christian confidence was extended to those brethren, thereby bidding them God speed in their arduous work.

Voted, That the board of the general association be respectfully requested to favor this body by printing its minutes with theirs.

Adjourned to Wednesday night before the 3d Lord's-day in October, 1853.

J. M. PENDLETON, *Moderator*.

A. R. MACEY, *Clerk*.

CONSTITUTION OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

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

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

ART. 3. The payment of thirty dollars shall constitute a member for life.

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

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

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

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

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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT.

G. B. LONG, TREASURER,

In account with the General Association of Kentucky,

Dr.

1852.

Feb. 13.	To amount received from G. W. Gwin, late Treasurer,	-	\$ 713 51
	To balance on hand last year,	-	53 97
	To cash from V. E. Kirtley, General Agent,	-	2,418 33
	To cash from Mayslick church,	-	9 00
	To cash from colored members of Mayslick church,	-	10 00
	To cash from Mt. Vernon church,	-	1 50
	To cash from Stamping Ground church,	-	15 00
	To cash from Georgetown church,	-	104 00
	To cash from T. J. Drane,	-	120 00
	To cash from D. Bruner,	-	20 00
	To cash from Elkhorn Association,	-	334 25
	To cash from Poplar Run, Dry Ridge, and Mount Zion churches,	-	7 50
	To cash from Georgetown church,	-	41 00
	To cash from Mt. Olivet Association,	-	5 00
	To cash from North Bend Association,	-	75 00
	To cash from Franklin Association, per H. Wingate,	-	95 95
	Amount,	-	<u>\$4,024 01</u>

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CREDITS.

Jan. 1.	By cash paid Hulls & Shannon for printing,	-	\$ 60 00
	By cash paid for printing Minutes,	-	113 50
	By cash paid H. Bell, missionary,	-	100 00
	By cash paid Elder Buckner, missionary,	-	60 50
	By cash paid Elder Drane, do.	-	250 00
	By cash paid Elder Portman, do.	-	66 75
	By cash paid Elder Egan, do.	-	75 00
	By cash paid Elder Creed, do.	-	40 00
	By cash paid Elder Perry, do.	-	75 00
	By cash paid Elder Vickers, do.	-	27 50
	By cash paid Elder Bruner, do.	-	90 00
	By cash paid Elder Potts, do.	-	12 50
	By cash paid Elder Sym, agent,	-	62 00
	By cash paid Elder Dowden, missionary,	-	100 00
	By cash paid for books,	-	85
	By cash paid Southern Baptist Convention,	-	140 00
	By cash paid sundry receipts General Agent,	-	229 80
	By cash paid postage,	-	2 00
	By cash paid Agent's traveling expenses,	-	106 35
	By cash paid General Agent, salary,	-	1,000 00
	By cash paid Bible Union,	-	70 00
	By cash paid Corresponding Secretary,	-	75 00
		-	<u>2,756 75</u>
	Balance,	-	<u>\$1,297 26</u>

NOVEMBER 3, 1852.

Of the above sum, \$492 were collected on Elder Maclay's subscription; \$113 50 on Elder Niles' subscription; \$593 50 on Elder Kirtley's subscription of last year; and \$174 96 on new subscriptions. For Kentucky and Foreign Bible Society \$200, which sum was directed to be paid to the Bible Union.

Amount of new subscription for home missions,	-	\$3,222 43
Amount paid on same,	-	747 43
Balance,	-	<u>\$2,475 00</u>

Amount subscribed for foreign missions,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$266 94
Amount paid on same,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	261 94
Balance,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<u>\$ 5 00</u>
Amount subscribed for all purposes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$5,018 49
Amount collected of same,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<u>2,418 33</u>
Balance due for missionary purposes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<u>\$2,600 16</u>

RECAPITULATION OF MISSIONARY LABOR.

Number of miles traveled,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,063
Number of sermons delivered,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,117
Number of conversions and baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,294

Besides a great many books sold, tracts distributed, schools and churches established, and temperance lectures delivered—altogether exhibiting an amount of labor performed and good accomplished that is encouraging indeed.

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