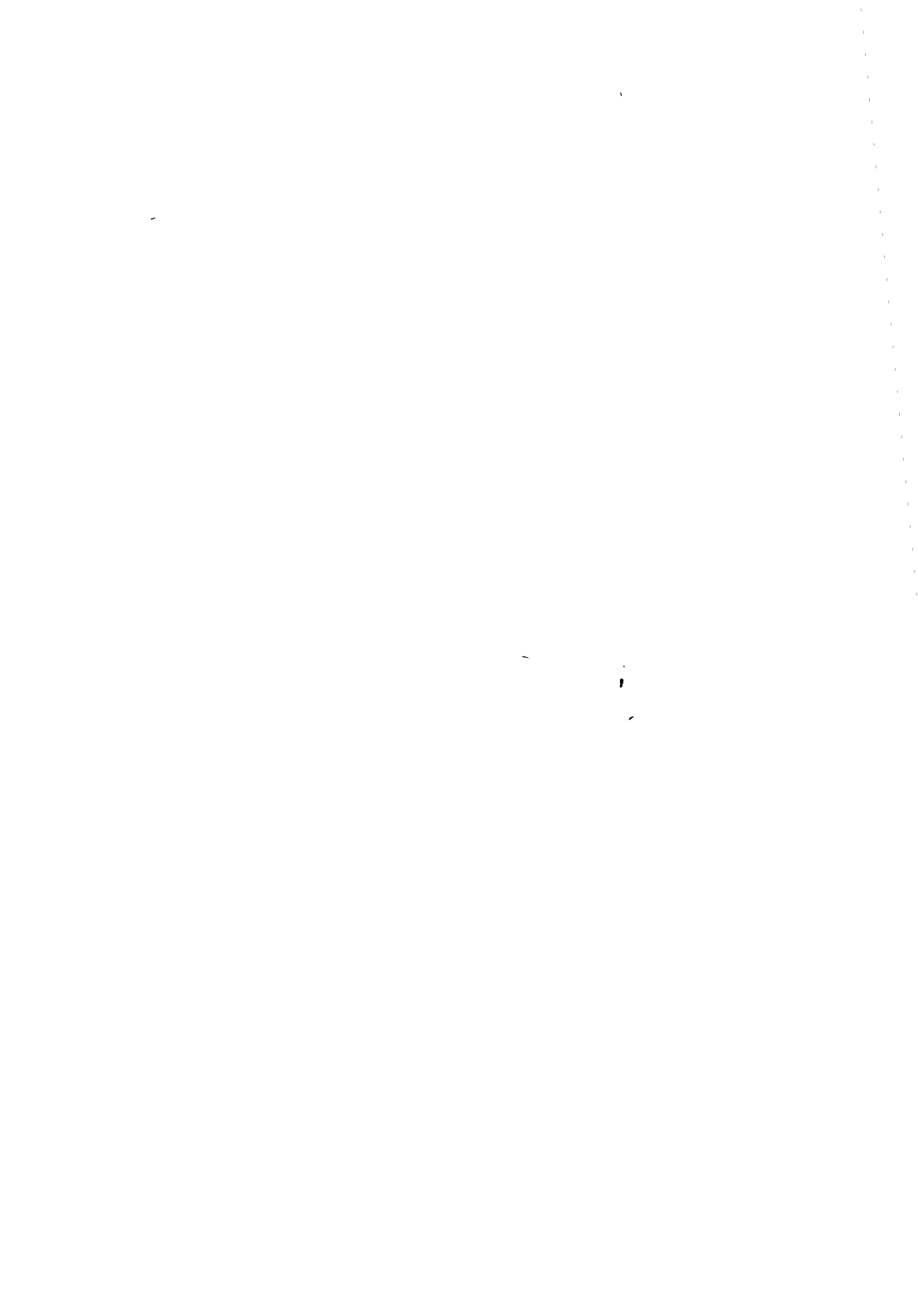


MINUTES
OF THE
KENTUCKY
BAPTIST ANNIVERSARIES,

HELD WITH THE
WALNUT STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, LOUISVILLE,

COMMENCING ON
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1854.

LOUISVILLE:
HULL & BROTHER, FOURTH STREET.
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MINUTES.

The General Association met at the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., October 12, at 10 o'clock.

Introductory sermon by Elder Wm. Vaughan, from Acts xx: 24.

On motion, the Chair appointed Brethren J. M. Cooper, S. H. Ford, and V. E. Kirtley, a Committee on Credentials, to report after dinner.

The Association voted that the hours of meeting should be from nine to twelve, morning; two to five, afternoon; seven to nine, evening.

It was moved that Committee on Nominations be appointed. The Chair appointed Brethren Colgan, Gardner, and Sears said Committee.

The report of the Executive Board was then called for, which was read.

It was then moved that said report be received and referred to a special Committee, consisting of seven brethren—Campbell, Sears, Everts, Bryce, Colgan, Warder, and Kirtley.

On motion, the following order of business was adopted:

The action on the motion being thought informal or irregular, a re-consideration was voted, and the proposition laid on the table, till the Association should be properly organized.

The Committee on Nominations made a partial report, naming Elder S. L. Helm, Chairman, and Elder E. D. Isbell, Secretary, of the present sessions.

Ajourned to meet at two o'clock. Prayer by Brother Sears.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 2 o'clock.

The Association met. Prayer by Elder Wm. Price.

The proposed order of business, laid on the table, was taken up, and on motion was adopted:

Thursday:—1. Claims of the General Association. 2. Home Missions. 3. Importance and Plan of Systematic Benevolence. 4. Bible Cause. Sermon at night; report.

Friday Morning:—1. German Mission, one hour. 2. Committee on Report of Board, one hour. 3. Education.

Friday Afternoon:—1. Religious Press, one hour. 2. Indian

Mission, one hour. 3. Temperance, thirty minutes. 4. Adjustment of Agencies.

Friday Night:—Bryce and Taylor with report.

Saturday Morning:—Sunday Schools.

It was moved that Committees be appointed on the several subjects of interest.

The following persons were appointed said Committees :

Claims of General Association, W. W. Everts, D. S. Colgan, J. P. Edwards.

Importance and Plan of Systematic Benevolence, R. L. Thurman, J. E. Tyler, Chas. Duffield.

Domestic Missions, William W. Gardner, J. H. Brown, V. E. Kirtley.

Foreign Missions, J. M. Pendleton, A. D. Sears, John Bryce. Bible Cause, S. Haycraft, S. H. Ford, W. W. Everts.

Education, J. W. Warder, Y. R. Pitts, D. R. Campbell.

Religious Press, S. W. Lynd, W. Vaughan, W. B. Caldwell.

Sunday Schools, A. Broaddus, J. W. Warder, W. Garnett.

Indian Missions, Thomas Vaughan, Y. R. Pitts, Thomas S. Haydon, Wm. M. Pratt, A. B. Knight, J. V. Schofield.

German Mission, S. W. Lynd, Y. R. Pitts, A. D. Sears.

HALF-PAST 4 O'CLOCK P. M.

It was moved that Brothers James B. Taylor, of Richmond; Thomas G. Keen, of Mobile; S. Dyer, of Indianapolis; Wm. Price, of New Albany; be invited to seats with us, and any other brethren present. Accordingly an invitation was cordially extended by the Chairman to these brethren.

On motion, an invitation to ministers of other denominations to seats, was given.

Elder Everts, Chairman of Committee on Claims of General Association, after having spoken lucidly and forcibly upon the subject, offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the General Association, as approved by the experience of the past, adapted to preserve the history of our Churches, to foster a just denominational spirit, and promote all the interests and enterprises of the denomination, is commended to the most cordial sympathy and support of our Churches.

Elder Gardner, Chairman of Committee of Home Missions, after having urged the special claims of this Mission in an interesting and appropriate speech, offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That Home Missions are of paramount importance, and demand the cordial and united support of Baptists in Kentucky.

The Committee on the Importance and Plan of Systematic Benevolence, reported through their Chairman, R. L. Thurman,

showing very clearly the importance of the subject, and recommending, as perhaps the best, the plan devised by the Board of the General Association. The report was received, and adoption moved.

Pending the discussion, the meeting adjourned to meet at seven o'clock this evening. Prayer by Brother Taylor.

THURSDAY EVENING, 7 o'clock.

Sermon by Dr. Lynd, from Psalms cxix: 115, "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

Adjourned to Friday morning, nine o'clock. Prayer by Brother Keen, of Mobile.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Association met. Prayer.

The regular order of business was suspended.

It was moved and carried that a Committee on Religious Service be appointed. Elders W. W. Everts, J. V. Schofield, and F. Rees, Committee.

On motion, a Committee was appointed to nominate preachers to deliver the next annual sermons. Elders W. Vaughan, S. W. Lynd, and J. Bryce, Committee.

The Committee on Credentials made the following partial report, which was received and adopted :

LETTERS RECEIVED FROM ASSOCIATIONS, AND MESSENGERS PRESENT.

GOSHEN—Elder J. Armstrong, W. Hambleton.

CONCORD—Elder B. O. Branham, C. S. Forsee, R. R. Revell, W. Lyon.

UNION—Dr. J. Hawkins.

WEST UNION—Elder J. P. Edwards.

SALEM—S. Haycraft, W. C. Gray.

NELSON COUNTY—Elders W. Vaughan, P. B. Samuels, A. King, T. H. Summers.

BETHEL—Elder A. D. Sears.

LITTLE BETHEL—Elder John Bryce.

SOUTH DISTRICT—Elders V. E. Kirtley, J. L. Smith, and T. J. Fisher.

SULPHUR FORK—Elders W. W. Foree, and A. M. Ragsdale.

FREEDOM—Elder R. C. Buckner.

BAPTIST—Elders W. B. Smith, and W. R. Combs.

BRACKEN—Elders W. W. Gardner, and J. W. Warder.

DAVISS COUNTY—Elder D. A. McCormick.

FRANKLIN—Elders A. R. Macey, and A. Broaddus.

ELKHORN—Elders D. R. Campbell, Y. R. Pitts, W. M. Pratt; and Brethren R. M. Jones, G. B. Long, and N. Long.

LITTLE RIVER—S. M. Wooldridge.

RUSSELL CREEK—Elders J. W. Brook, B. A. Ball, H. McDonald ; and Brethren V. Carey, and Junius Caldwell.

LONG RUN—Elders W. W. Everts, J. V. Schofield, Smith Thomas, J. H. Brown ; and Brethren C. Vanbuskirk, and J. M. Cooper.

LETTERS FROM CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS.

GEORGETOWN CHURCH—Elders D. R. Campbell, S. W. Lynd, and Brother N. B. Waller.

BLOOMFIELD—Elder W. Vaughan, J. Sutcliff, B. A. Wilson.

COVINGTON—Elder S. L. Helm.

LEXINGTON—Elders W. M. Pratt, R. M. Jones, J. H. Baker.

HENDERSON—Elder John Bryce, F. Cunningham, W. P. Smith.

GREAT CROSSINGS—Elder Y. R. Pitts, N. Long, G. B. Long.

WALNUT STREET, LOUISVILLE—Elders W. W. Everts, S. H. Ford ; and Brethren J. M. Cooper, J. E. Tyler, J. E. Haynes, T. S. Haydon, S. J. Evans, J. M. Delph, J. B. Whitman, J. W. Newland, C. Vanbuskirk, and Dr. W. B. Caldwell.

LIFE MEMBERS OF GENERAL ASSOCIATION PRESENT.

MINISTERS.—W. Vaughan, J. Bryce, W. B. Smith, R. L. Thurman, Thomas Underwood, J. Brooks, J. W. Warder, S. L. Helm, W. M. Pratt, J. Gordon, W. W. Everts, J. P. Edwards, S. H. Ford, S. W. Lynd, D.D., D. R. Campbell, LL.D., Y. R. Pitts, B. O. Branham, A. R. Macey, A. D. Sears, W. W. Gardner, J. M. Pendleton, C. E. B. Armstrong, S. Thomas, X. X. Buckner, W. R. Combs, W. P. Clark, D. A. McCormick, D. S. Colgan, V. E. Kirtley, J. H. Brown, and E. D. Isbell.

LAY BROTHERS PRESENT.

A. King, T. H. Summers, W. Garnett, R. Ball, S. Haycraft, C. S. Forsee, T. S. Drane, H. Middleton, C. Vanbuskirk, G. B. Long, T. Hansborough, D. H. Smith, and J. E. Farnam.

ANNUAL MEMBERS.

Mrs. M. E. Cooper, Miss R. J. Burford, Miss H. F. Smith, Elder R. Galbraith, Mrs. S. Moore, Mrs. F. Boyle, E. Nash, Elder T. J. Fisher.

The Committee on German Missions reported through their Chairman, W. Garnett, offering the following resolution, which, together with the report, was adopted :

Resolved, That we cordially recommend to the prayers and support of the Baptist Churches of Kentucky, the German Baptist interests of Louisville ; and that the Board of the General Association is authorized to pay a sum not exceeding \$600 per annum for the services of a German preacher.

REPORT ON GERMAN MISSIONS.

A short review of the German Mission in the city of Louisville and its vicinity, from 5th of December, 1853, to October 1st 1854, by J. Weller, Missionary.

BELOVED BRETHREN IN CHRIST OUR LORD:—Through the wonderful guidance of God and your calling, I began my work as a missionary in this field in December last. With a burdened heart I commenced my operations. I knew the field of labor must be a very difficult one. I knew I must meet indifference, superstition, and bigotry from one class of my countrymen, and open infidelity from the other. The emigration from Germany since 1848, differs very much from previous emigration. They are either chained to a dead church and its forms, or they are those who having discerned the deception of priestcraft, have turned away to a vain philosophy, rejecting all revealed religion. To preach the gospel of Jesus Christ in its original purity and simplicity to such a people must necessarily be attended with more than ordinary opposition and greater obstacles than usual. But feeling as the Apostles, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth," I have been patient and persevering.

At first, I visited the Germans in their houses, gave away more than one thousand tracts, with many Bibles and Testaments; held with them prayer-meetings, and often preached. On the 30th of March last, a little Church of five members was organized, and I was ordained their pastor; since then five more have been added. We have from eight to twenty-two visitors in our Congregation every service. We have organized a Sabbath-school. Two of our brethren give their attention to the distribution of tracts every Sabbath afternoon.

Although the flock is a small one, and what I have accomplished little, yet be not discouraged: I am not. Though only one sinner turns truly to God, it is not to be lightly esteemed. We have now three little bands of disciples—one in Louisville, one in New Albany, and a third in Clark county, Indiana, not yet organized into a Church, but soon will be, I hope. All these German brethren are men who contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints; every brother is priest at the altar of God; all live in peace and harmony with each other.

New Albany I visited at the request of some eight brethren residing there, for the first time, the 2d of April. On the 23d of the same month they were regularly organized as a German Baptist Church. I continue to visit this Church as often as opportunity permits. The members do not fail to assemble themselves together whether they have preaching or not. The number of hearers are from twenty to twenty-eight. Two have been added to this little Church by baptism, a Jewish Rabbi and his wife. When he found the way of salvation he could not consent to any human

form of doctrine, hence could not be a Pedobaptist; and finding that we hold the Bible as the only rule of faith and practice, he united with our Church. This brother is a very talented and learned man. He spoke at his baptism, and much joy was among the brethren: many tears were shed by the by-standers. May not this brother make an able workman in the vineyard of our common Lord?

I was invited to preach at Charlestown, by a German brother, Charles Sohall. I made my first visit the 24th of June, when the brother called his German neighbors together, of all classes and sects. From twenty to twenty-eight attend regularly. They have commenced a weekly meeting among themselves, and I hope they will soon become a Baptist Church. Is not this encouraging? An interest at three points; and from a fourth, Sellersburg, Indiana, a call, "Come and help us!" Many Germans are now watching to see if this work will be sustained. It depends, brethren on you. In the discharge of your duty remember this benighted people. Remember them in their struggles with Popery and Infidelity, not only with your prayers, but by your means. Don't let this little mission go down. And as Brother Kopf has lately united with us, we recommend him as one capable of being an able workman in this little mission. We hope you will obtain all the help possible, for it is truly needed. A place of worship is much wanted.

STATISTICS.

LOUISVILLE—Sermons, 116; baptisms, two; by letter, four; dead, one; total, ten.

NEW ALBANY—Sermons, eighteen; baptisms, two; total, ten.

SYLVAN GROVE—Sermons six.

The following is a communication from the German Baptist Church, Louisville, to the General Association:

BELOVED BRETHREN:—We esteem it our privilege and duty to lay before your body now in session, a statement as to our condition and prospects. It is our unspeakable joy to inform you that the Lord, through his appointed means, is doing a good and progressive work of love and grace among many of the German households of faith. The Lord, by the preaching of the word and assisting power of the Holy Spirit, is calling many to conversion and repentance in our midst. The Church, too, reflecting the image of her Head, is aiding in this great work, so that we feel many shall be added to her communion of such as shall be saved. By laboring constantly in word and doctrine, and by praying fervently and unitedly that God's truth may be made effective in those who hear, already are sinners, yes, German sinners, being convicted, repenting, seeking and finding peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The work goes on encouragingly, as Brother Weller's report does also show.

2. Still there are many obstacles in the way of promoting the cause of Christ in our midst—obstacles, however, which we believe God will, in his providence, and by His Spirit, ultimately remove.

The German character has undergone a great change. The former emigrants were those brought up in priestly traditions, inconsistent, indeed, with the truth, but still believers in God and Jesus Christ. And when you, beloved Americans, received them into your embrace, and welcomed them to the truth, many were induced to forsake their superstitions, and were disposed by Divine direction to build upon the Rock Christ Jesus. The present emigration coming to your shores, are without faith entirely. They are disciples rather of Paine, Rousseau, or Voltaire. They are completely infidel. Yet Jesus would have even these out-door characters saved: for such he pleads; and he has stirred you and us up to work together in meekness, love, and holiness of heart, that they may be saved.

Thanks be unto God, the Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who has anointed us with the unction of the Holy Spirit. May he continue in the self-same Spirit to influence your heads, and to move our German heads, that we may lend to each other the hand of help in advancing the cause of our blessed Redeemer among the benighted Germans. Paul had to encounter Alexander, the copper-smith, but we poor Germans have many Alexanders to withstand, since Satan and his coadjutors have appeared so mightily among our population. Yet we will unite in praising Jehovah Jesus, for hallelujah, he is the Almighty.

We beseech you, brethren, in your own prosperity, Oh! help us, that our German Zion, too, may bloom and blossom as the rose.

Not even a house have we where we may congregate our believers—nothing to bestow to relieve the temporal necessities of those who may embrace the true religion. Come, brethren, we beg you in Christ's stead, help us, and we will help you.

CASPER C. KOCHE,

Clerk of German Baptist Church, Louisville.

Dr. Campbell, Chairman of Committee on Report of the Board, submitted the report for publication, offering resolutions, which were received. It was then voted that each resolution be considered. Each was discussed separately and adopted.

The question was then taken upon the report as a whole. It was adopted.

REPORT ON ANNUAL REPORT OF BOARD.

The Committee to whom the report of the Board of the Associ-

ation was referred, has duly considered the same, and they beg leave cordially to recommend its adoption entire.

They also recommend the adoption of the following resolutions founded on the remarks made in the conclusion of said report:

1. *Resolved*, That the true interests of the Association require its permanent location at some point easily accessible to all parts of the State.

2. *Resolved*, That its time of meeting be hereafter the Thursday after the first Lord's day in November, and its place of meeting in Louisville.

3. *Resolved*, That it is expedient that the Executive Board shall hereafter employ two able and suitable agents, one for the Southern, and another for the Northern section of the State; and that the preaching of the gospel be made more prominent than heretofore in the agency.

4. *Resolved*, That we henceforth form a hearty auxiliary relationship to the Southern Baptist Convention, and that we shall employ its several Boards as the dispensers of whatever funds may be raised by us for its specified objects.

5. *Resolved*, That the ministers present each pledge themselves to preach at least once during the next year, on each of the leading objects embraced by the Association, and endeavor to raise funds for them on the occasion of such preaching; and that we kindly recommend that our ministering brethren throughout the State do the same.

Respectfully submitted,

D. R. CAMPBELL, *Chairman*.

The regular order of business being suspended, the Committee on Bible Cause reported as follows, and was received and adopted:

Resolved, That this Association recommend to the Baptists of Kentucky a hearty support of the Bible Cause, not only in our land and language, but in the whole world; that all nations may have that blessed revelation of God's will, "As a lamp unto their feet, and a light unto their path."

The Committee on Education reported through J. W. Warder, Chairman, as follows, which was received and adopted:

"Your Committee on Education respectfully submit the following: That deeming it unnecessary to make any general report upon our educational interests, they would simply urge the adoption of the following recommendation: That the members of this body adopt more efficient means for raising funds among our Churches to assist our indigent and worthy young brethren, while prosecuting their studies for the sacred ministry, in our Literary and Theological Institute, at Georgetown."

To meet the spirit of this resolution, it was moved and carried that something be immediately done. Accordingly the following subscription was taken:

John Bryce, (paid)	\$10 00
J. W. Warder	10 00
Miss R. Burford	10 00
A. B. Knight	10 00
G. B. Long	10 00
S. W. Lynd	10 00
W. W. Gardner	10 00
D. R. Campbell	10 00
T. J. Fisher, (paid \$5 00)	10 00
R. L. Thurman	10 00

J. H. Brown, (paid).....	5 00
W. P. Clark	10 00
H. F. Smith	10 00
W. B. Smith.....	10 00
J. H. Hawkins.....	10 00
W. H. Foree, for Hillsboro' Church,.....	10 00
W. H. Foree, Simpsonville Church,.....	10 00
J. P. Edwards, for West Union Association,.....	10 00
S. H. Ford, (conditionally \$30 00 more).....	10 00
Walnut Street Baptist Church.....	75 00
C. E. B. Armstrong, (annually for twelve years).....	10 00
Mrs. Collins, (in clothing or furniture).....	4 00
V. E. Kirtley, for Harrodsburg Church, support of one student.	

It was moved and carried that a Committee be appointed at Georgetown to receive the aforesaid funds, and judiciously disburse the same. D. R. Campbell, LL.D., S. W. Lynd, D.D., G. B. Long, and F. C. McCalla, were appointed said Committee.

The following resolution was offered by Dr. J. H. Hawkins, and adopted :

Resolved, That we recommend to the pastors of all the Baptist Churches in the State, to present the cause of Education, especially that of poor young men for the ministry, to their several Churches, and that they take up a collection for that purpose,

Adjourned till three o' clock. Prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 3 o' clock.

The Association met. Prayer by Elder A. B. Knight.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended, and miscellaneous matters were considered.

The report of Committee on Religious Press was called for, and read by Dr. W. B. Caldwell, Chairman. On motion it was received. On motion for its adoption, it was discussed at length, but finally referred back to the same Committee, with four additional members —A. D. Sears, D. R. Campbell, J. M. Pendleton, and J. W. Warder.

On motion, the report from Committee on Indian Missions, to be heard to-night, laid over.

Committee on Adjustment of Agencies reported. It was received and adopted.

REPORT ON ADJUSTMENT OF AGENCIES.

The Committee appointed to report upon the Adjustment of Agencies would offer the following as their report :

They are satisfied that, in the existing state of the Churches, agents are essential to the successful prosecution of the objects contemplated in the action of the General Association, and also of those under the direction of kindred societies. They believe that every agent should be, to a certain extent, a missionary to

preach the gospel in the Churches where he visits, and to confirm them in every good work. His labor will then at all times be an equivalent for the expenses incurred in his agency. The Committee are of the opinion that primary action should commence in each Church for itself, adopting such plan or plans for their beneficence, as in their wisdom may seem suitable. The Committee would strongly recommend to Churches the plan published by the Board of the General Association, as one well adapted to secure the right kind of action in our Churches. They recommend also, that agents of this Board, and of kindred societies, &c., be in all cases instructed to respect the mode of operation adopted by the Churches, and to encourage them in the prosecution of the great enterprise of evangelizing the world.

The Committee are of the opinion that this Association, through its Executive Committee or Board of Managers, should have in the field, as soon as suitable men can be obtained, several agents to travel among the Churches, to obtain, and furnish to the Board at stated periods, statistics of the condition of our Churches, and the amount of destitution particularly, that so much of it may be published, as may have a tendency to rouse the active sympathies of our Churches, to aid the Churches in adopting systematic plans for developing the resources of the denomination, to present to them the attitude and work of the General Association, and to increase by collections its ability for usefulness, and further to employ suitable efforts to bring all the Churches and District Associations to a harmonious co-operation with this Association.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

S. W. LYND, *Chairman.*

Committee on Temperance reported. It was received and adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee appointed to report on the subject Temperance would beg leave to submit the following :

1. *Resolved*, That we hail, as the omen of better times, the movements of religious and political bodies and various organizations, as well as individual effort, to advance the cause of temperance.
2. *Resolved*, That we approve of the effort to suppress, by legal enactment, the manufacture and traffic in ardent spirits to be used as a beverage.
3. *Resolved*, That we rejoice at the bold and decided position taken by very many of the District Associations upon this subject.
4. *Resolved*, That as ministers and members of the church of Christ, we regard it as our duty, to discountenance the practice of church members visiting dram-shops or indulging in the habit of using ardent spirits as a beverage at their homes, of offering it to guests, privately, or on festive occasions.

WM. M. PRATT, *Chairman.*

On motion, the Chair was requested to nominate brethren to

prepare reports on subjects of interest to this body for its next annual session.

The Committee on Sunday Schools reported through the Chairman J. W. Warder. It was received and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Owing to the limited time allowed your committee, and the entire absence of the needed statistics, this report must be very unsatisfactory, not only to the Association, but even to the committee.

From the best information we can obtain, we are of opinion, that Sunday-schools are not appreciated among our churches; that a very small proportion of the churches (probably not one fourth) have Sunday-schools, and many of them in a very sickly condition, scarcely maintaining an existence; that one of the greatest difficulties in maintaining such schools is the want of pious and devoted teachers, who are willing to sacrifice a little ease that they may instruct little children; that such schools, properly sustained, may be instrumental in leading thousands to Christ; that the average attendance of the Sabbath-school of the Walnut Street Baptist Church in this city is about one hundred and sixty, and might be greatly increased with proper effort; that the number of children in this city not in Sunday-school will probably number five thousand. Our excellent brother Bulkley, of the Sunday-school Depository, in a conversation with one of your committee, as to the means of bringing these thousands to the Sunday-school, says, "give me teachers and I will find scholars." Taking this as true, not only here but throughout the State, it appears that vast multitudes of children who are spending their Sabbaths in vice can be saved from ruin by conducting them to the Sunday-school. Do the Baptists of Kentucky think it best to let their own children and those of their neighbors grow up in sin? "Train up a child in the way he should go." Alas, many Baptists bring up their children in the way they should not go, and vainly expect them when old to depart from it.

WILLIAM GARNETT, *Chairman.*

On motion, a Committee was appointed to audit the Treasurer's report. Brethren T. S. Haydon, and C. Quirey composed said Committee.

Committee on Correspondence and Credentials made their final report, as follows, which was received and adopted:

"Your Committee on Correspondence beg leave to state, that after careful examination of all letters of correspondence in their hands, they would recommend that the Board take such extracts from these letters as will be of interest to our denomination, and have them published in your minutes.

J. M. COOPER, *Chairman.*"

On motion, adjourned to 7 o'clock P. M. Prayer.

FRIDAY EVENING, 7 o'clock.

The Association met.

Elder John Bryce, appointed to preach the sermon before this

body on Foreign Missions, being unwell, a sermon was preached by Elder J. B. Taylor, of Richmond, Va., from Mark xvi: 15, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

The report of Committee on Indian Missions was called for, and read by Thomas Vaughn, chairman; received and adopted.

REPORT ON INDIAN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Indian Missions beg leave to submit the following as their report:

One of the noblest enterprises in which a Christian can be engaged is, in using the means that God has given him for the purpose of spreading the gospel in heathen lands. The bible clearly teaches this duty, and in obedience to it men have gone forth into almost every nation, and through their instrumentality thousands of benighted heathen have been brought into the marvelous light and liberty of the gospel. The distant regions of Asia, the wilds of Africa, and the far off isles of the sea have received its glad light, and through its blessed influence "the barren and the solitary places have been made glad, and the desert has rejoiced and blossomed as the rose." But whilst so many efforts have been made to evangelize these distant nations, and for this purpose men and money are readily obtained, there is within the limits of our own territory a race of heathen perishing for want of scriptural food. We allude to the American Indians; and whilst we would not disparage the efforts of the friends of Foreign Missions or wish to throw the slightest obstacle in their way, yet as American citizens and as American Christians, we must feel that the Indians have claims upon us paramount to all others.

Let us briefly notice some of the claims the Indians have upon us.

This country which we inhabit was once the rightful possession of the Indians, but with rude hands we have taken it from them, and for it have rendered no just equivalent. We have driven them from their homes and hunting-grounds to make room for our people, and compelled them to find other homes and hunting-grounds in lands where the Indian was a stranger. We have burned their villages, extinguished their council-fires, waged upon them cruel and exterminating wars without regard to age or sex, and in some parts of our country where they have dared to defend their homes they have been hunted down with blood-hounds and butchered like beasts of the forest. We have duped them into treaties which are a shame and a disgrace to a Christian nation. We have introduced among them one of the greatest evils of civilized life, to wit: the use of ardent spirits as a beverage, and by it hundreds of the strongest warriors have been swept into the grave.

The Indians are our neighbors, and it is our duty to relieve them before we go abroad to seek out fit objects for charity.

The Indians cannot be saved without the gospel, and if American Christians neglect to have it preached to them, Christians from other nations will not do so, and then they must all perish. Into our hands then God has committed this work, and if we do not perform it, and that rapidly, he will hold us to a fearful responsibility.

The American Indian Mission Association is engaged in the great work of having the gospel preached to the Indians, and thus far their

labors have been crowned with success. Their operations are confined to the Choctaws, Creeks, Weas, Miamies, Piankashaws and Potawatomies, and amongst them schools and churches have been established: The number of missionaries and native assistants is twenty-eight; churches, twenty-five; communicants, about two thousand five hundred; and nearly every letter from the missionaries brings intelligence of conversions to Christ.

But an enterprise of this kind cannot be sustained without means, and at present the indebtedness of the Association exceeds \$6000. The treasury is completely exhausted, and if something is not done, and that speedily, this work must be abandoned, and the missionaries compelled to return home.

It is the wish of your committee, that the General Association of Kentucky recommend some plan to the Churches by which the claims of the Indian Mission can be presented to them at an early day; and in view of the premises we submit the following resolution:

Resolved. That the American Indian Mission Association has our warmest sympathies; and, being advised of the exhausted state of its finances, and of the suffering condition of its missionaries, we recommend to the Baptist ministers of Kentucky that they act as local agents for this body in their respective fields of labor; and that they present to their Churches, at such times as they may deem proper, the claims of the Indian Mission.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

THOS. M. VAUGHAN, *Chairman.*

Y. R. PITTS,

THOMAS S. HAYDON.

The committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer, report they have examined the report of Treasurer, and find it correct. They herewith submit it to this body with its vouchers.

Signed,

THOS. S. HAYDON,

CHAS. QUIREY.

This report was received and adopted. The Treasurer's report ordered to be printed with the minutes.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow.

Prayer by Elder Clark.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The body assembled. Prayer.

On motion, brother Sears was allowed to make an explanation in reference to some misunderstanding between brother Pratt and himself, satisfactory to all concerned.

The Committee on nomination of preachers to deliver the sermons before the General Association at her next annual meeting, reported as follows, and was received and adopted:

Foreign Missions—J. Bryce; J. W. Warder, alternate.

General Association—D. R. Campbell; A. D. Sears, alternate.

Bible Cause—J. M. Pendleton; E. D. Isbell, alternate.

The Chair, a committee to assign special subjects to particular brethren, to report upon at the next annual meeting of this body, offered the following, which was received and adopted:

1. Domestic Missions, J. W. Warder.
2. Foreign Missions, S. W. Lynd.
3. Bible Distribution, A. D. Sears.
4. Georgetown College, D. R. Campbell.
5. Ministerial Education, J. M. Pendleton.
6. Religious periodicals, W. W. Everts.
7. Sunday Schools, A. W. La Rue.
8. Systematic benevolence, W. W. Gardner.
9. Agencies, V. E. Kirtley.
10. Temperance, R. H. Buckley.

The report of the Committee on Systematic Benevolence, for want of time to consider it, by motion, was laid on the table.

Committee on Foreign Missions, through the chairman, J. M. Pendleton, reported, and was received and adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions present the following report:

The subject of foreign missions is very comprehensive, and cannot at present be fully presented. China and Africa are now the two most important sections of the foreign field. The revolution in the Chinese empire goes on rather slowly, and it is impossible to say with any certainty what its issue will be. It is to be hoped, however, that the God of missions will overrule it to the establishment of the kingdom of Jesus Christ among the crowded millions of the land of Confucius. For this we should devoutly pray.

Africa is a missionary field white to harvest. In the central region of the field the indefatigable Bowen is laboring. He is a man of God, and will not labor in vain. Some disaster has attended missionary movements in Africa, but this, instead of discouraging further efforts, should cause us to trust more unreservedly in God, and put forth renewed exertions in humble dependence on him.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That while we would not depreciate the importance of foreign missions in any part of the vast field, we are of opinion that China and Africa now have special claims upon us.

2. *Resolved*, That we will, during the year on which we now enter, remember our Chinese and African missions in our prayers and pecuniary contributions, and that we earnestly recommend our churches throughout the state to do likewise.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. PENDLETON, *Chairman*.

Brother A. D. Sears offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That in view of the vast destitution of the preached gospel by the Baptist denomination, in the prominent towns and cities of the South, this

General Association agree to contribute liberally to the funds of the Domestic Board of the Baptist Southern Convention, at Marion, Alabama, and suggest the appointment by that Board, of some suitable agent, to travel through our State, to solicit money, and awaken a deeper interest in the prosperity of our Home Mission cause.

Brother Pratt moved that this Association appoint three delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, and that their expenses be paid by this body. After much discussion, the division of the question was called.

1st. Shall this Association send three delegates ; decided affirmatively.

2d. Shall their expenses be paid by this body ; voted affirmatively.

The resolution entire was then adopted.

It was then moved that nominations be made, and from these the election be made. The following substitute, however, obtained : That the ballot be spread, and the three receiving highest number of votes, be declared elected. The ballot was then taken, and Drs. S. W. Lynd, W. W. Everts, and William Vaughan, were elected.

Moved and carried, that, the order of business be suspended, and that the Association continue in session until one o'clock.

On motion, the resolution offered by the Committee on German Missions, was amended by striking out the name of brother J. Weller, and leaving the vacancy to be filled as the Board may hereafter think judicious.

The Committee on Nominations made a final report, which was received and adopted, as follows :

“Your Committee on Nominations recommend the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year :

President— _____, Louisville, Ky.

Corresponding Secretary—J. M. Cooper.

Treasurer—A. O. Brannin.

Managers—W. W. Everts, Thos. S. Haydon, Warren Mitchell, John M. Delph, F. B. Webb, James E. Tyler, C. Vanbuskirk, J. E. Haynes, W. B. Caldwell, Chas. Duffield, F. Hegan, Wm. Garnett, Silas J. Evans, John F. King, Geo. J. Rowland, Wm. Jarvis, C. Quirey, J. H. Brown, J. V. Schofield, T. A. Reed, J. Hubbard, A. O. Brannin, J. M. Cooper, Y. R. Pitts, S. H. Ford, S. Schorn, C. Lewis, Junius Caldwell, L. McKay, O. H. Morrow, Col. Read T. J. Drane, P. B. Samuels, W. W. Gardner, D. Hatch, Wm. M. Pratt, Rice Maxey, A. Peter, R. T. Dillard, D. S. Colgan, J. A. Kirtley, J. D. Black, P. Todd, A. R. Macey, T. L. Garrett, S. W. Lynd, D. D., G. B. Long, D. Dowden, J. M. Frost, J. N. Beadles, J. M. Pendleton, Alfred Taylor, Wm. Head, T. H. Sumners, Samuel Haycraft, W. W. Foree, C. T. Noel, R. H. Buckley, X. X. Buckner, B. O. Branham, A. W. LaRue, Isaac, Newland, J. J. Jeffries, Smith Thomas, S. L. Helm, D. R. Campbell, L. L. D., V. E. Kirtley, Wm. R. Combs, A. Smith, Wm. R. McFerrin, J. W. Warder, A. Broaddus, H. Wingate, A. D. Sears, J. W. Brooks, Wm. Vaughan, John Bryce, J. P. Edwards, B. Kemper, J. E. Stone, E. T. Hickerson, J. Bennett, E. Burford, Thos. Edwards, Felix S. Fisher, G. W. Robinson, John Haynes. Those of the above named brethren living in Louisville and vicinity, to compose the Board.

The Committee on Religious Press, to whom was referred back the original report, presented the same again to this body with an additional report, both of which were received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS PRESS.

In considering the question of religious periodicals, it will be necessary first to determine the objects of sustaining a Religious Press; and secondly, whether the present mode of conducting the Press meets the objects contemplated; thirdly, to suggest such alterations as may be deemed necessary to meet the wants of our denomination.

That a Religious Press is necessary in the present age, needs no argument: a simple statement of the fact will be admitted by all, and must be seen and felt by the most superficial observer. But your Committee are not willing to let the question rest here, fully impressed as they are with the belief that, in this age of progress and letters, with an educated people, the press becomes the power and energy of every great enterprise. With it, your editor or secretary, sitting at his desk, is imparting information, enlisting the sympathies, and firing with zeal the millions of earth. We admit the power of the human voice and countenance over the hearts and feelings of men, and of course the necessity for agents to make personal application to the Churches and people in our benevolent operations. The extent, however, of their influence must be limited, and their power wholly inadequate to the great work of developing the whole strength of our denomination in the spread of the gospel. Even your agents in the field are greatly embarrassed for want of the aid and co-operation of a properly conducted press. They are understood to be the head agents of your societies, and to receive a portion of all the money collected, and of course that far interested in placing the particular cause they advocate in the best possible light. Again, it is understood that men become more or less enthusiastic in the particular cause they advocate: hence allowance is always made for this. But sustain your agents with a properly conducted paper, and the case is different. They address willing listeners because they speak to men who are already prepared to be convinced. Again, your agents want information themselves, from time to time, about the progress of the cause they advocate, and the objects for which they solicit aid. They want to make their appeals to persons who are already enlightened concerning the benevolent operations of our denomination; who know what each society is engaged in; what amount of money has been expended; what good has been effected: the condition of the finances of each; what they propose doing farther; what amount of money, and what labor of men required to progress the several works. They must be informed as to whether an adequate return, under the circumstances,

for what they have given, has been realized. Give the Churches and people the necessary information, and we would cease to hear the Baptists denominated as a mean and stingy people. There are other objects for sustaining the press, but let these suffice for the present.

Now, your Committee, without wishing to censure any particular paper or editor, are compelled to report that, in their opinion, the Religious Press does not at present meet the wants of the denomination. We have papers enough, but we have not the power of the press. Our papers discuss ably and well the peculiar doctrinal questions of our denomination: they give a sufficiency of local news. Yet we feel convinced that much of that censorious spirit, violent denunciation or invective, that finds its way into the Religious Press, is hurtful to the cause of Christianity, and should be supplanted by earnest appeals to brotherly love and charity.

This difficulty could be removed by editors, under the present system, if they would only learn that Baptists love peace more than strife; and gentle words rather than a railing tongue. But the deficiency of statistical information, we believe cannot be remedied in the present manner of conducting the press. Our editors cannot give us the necessary information about our benevolent operations, because they are not themselves, and of necessity cannot be, in possession of the proper knowledge.

That information can alone be furnished by the secretaries of our different societies; and every society should be represented in each one of our denominational papers. Even if the editors had the necessary information, no *one* can or will advocate each of these objects with zeal at the same time. Either he will become enlisted in one object to the exclusion of others, or taken up wholly with a doctrinal debate, lose sight of them all: thereby causing our benevolent operations to vascillate, and enfeebling the entire movements of our denomination.

We have all seen this exemplified in the successes and reverses of the Indian Mission, our College at Georgetown, and every other enterprise undertaken by the Baptists of Kentucky.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. CALDWELL, *Chairman.*

ADDITIONAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS PRESS.

Your Committee have had this subject under advisement, and have devoted to it much anxious thought and conference.

A proposition having been made by Brother Ford, the proprietor of the Western Recorder, to sell that paper for what it cost him, to a joint stock company of brethren in different parts of the State, should such company be organized, your Committee are of the opinion that a transfer, of the character proposed, would be of

essential benefit to the more extended circulation of the Recorder; that it would more fully enlist the sympathies and active co-operation of the brethren.

Your Committee would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we recommend the formation of a joint stock company, for the purpose of purchasing the Western Recorder, and directing this periodical enterprise, for the benefit of the Baptist denomination.
2. *Resolved*, That the Committee, to whom was referred the subject of the Religious Press, be requested to take incipient measures for the attainment of this end.

W. B. CALDWELL, *Chairman*.

The following resolution, offered by Dr. Lynd, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Home and Foreign Journal, the monthly organ of the Foreign and Domestic Mission Boards, published in Richmond, Va., be recommended to the patronage of the churches. Terms, 25 cents per annum.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 3 o'clock.

The General Association met.

Prayer by R. Galbraith.

It was moved that the Clerk of this Association be allowed fifty dollars for his services as Secretary and superintendance of the printing of the minutes.

It was moved by A. D. Sears, that the thanks of this body be tendered brother J. M. Cooper for the able and efficient manner in which he has conducted the business of Corresponding Secretary.

On motion, the publication of the minutes was referred to the Recording Secretary and Board, and three thousand copies be published and distributed.

Adjourned to meet in this city the Thursday after the first Sabbath in November, 1855.

S. L. HELM, *Moderator*.

E. D. ISBELL, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

Your executive Board have endeavored, so far as they have had it in their power, to faithfully discharge the important duties entrusted to them. How far they have succeeded in meeting the expectations of the Association, the result must determine.

The following is a brief statement of what they have done the past year :

But, before we proceed, allow us to state that from the remoteness of the fields of many of our missionaries, and the lateness of the meetings of some of the District Associations, a number of brethren and associations have doubtless been compelled to delay their reports until your meeting, when they will present them in person. Consequently we have to refer you to their reports, when presented, for that portion of missionary work for the year.

Perhaps in no year since the organization of this Association has any former Board had to labor under so many disadvantages as the present one have since their appointment, as will be seen from our report. As early as the 24th of October, 1853, only a few days after their appointment, the Board met and organized, and entered upon the responsible duties assigned them.

GENERAL AGENT.

On the 2d day of November, 1853, they re-appointed Elder V. E. Kirtley as your General Agent, at a salary of \$1000 per annum, and his traveling expenses. Brother Kirtley, with faithfulness and profit to the cause, served six months, at the expiration of which he, from a sense of duty to a helpless family and the cause of Christ in another field, determined to resign, which the Board with reluctance accepted on the 1st of May last. Brother Kirtley has not retired from this important work without the thanks and the prayers of the Board.

For particulars in reference to his labors see report of General Agent.

MISSIONARIES.

The following missionaries have been appointed, and in your service a part or the whole of the year :—Elder James H. Brown, at Portland, Ky., at a salary of \$1000—\$450 by the Board of the General Association, \$150 by the Long-Run Association, and \$400 to be raised by him on the field.

Elder Jacob Weller, among the Germans in the city of Louisville and vicinity, at a salary of \$350.

Elder D. Dowden, at Litchfield and vicinity, in Grayson county, Ky., salary \$100.

Elder John James, in the county of Pulaski, at a salary of \$100; is to raise as much of it as he can on the field.

Elder G. W. Broaddus, in the counties of Estill, Madison, and Rock Castle, 100 days, at one dollar per day.

Elder W. W. Whyne, in the counties of Henderson, Hopkins, &c., 100 days, at one dollar per day, one-half to be raised on the field.

Elder Daniel Buckner, at Perryville and vicinity, salary \$400, \$300 of which he is to raise on the field.

Elder S. A. Beauchamp, at Bardstown, at a salary of \$100, which he is to raise in Nelson county, and as much more as he can, which is to be handed over to Nelson county Association.

These are all the appointments we thought it prudent to make in view of the embarrassed state of our funds.

REPORTS OF MISSIONARIES.

Elder James H. Brown labored at Portland six months, but, owing to there being no house to worship in, he only preached 31 sermons, organized a church on 14 members—raised on subscription for a house \$704 45. A lot of ground has been secured. Brother Brown remarks in his report to the Board, in reference to its purchase—"I am happy to say that a lot has been secured by six noble brethren of the Walnut-street Baptist church in Louisville, for the benefit of the Baptists in Portland, viz., George J. Rowland, Wm. Garnett, A. O. Brannin, and Silas J. Evans, \$100 each, and Thos. S. Haydon and Chas. S. Tucker, \$50 each, making \$500, and I hope this noble act of generosity will be remembered by all." Brother Brown, feeling it to be his duty under all the circumstances, resigned his mission on the first day of July last, having served faithfully in that field six months.

The Board then appointed him General Agent for the balance of the associational year, and for particulars in reference to his labors in that department we refer you to his report as General Agent.

Elder Jacob Weller reports 116 sermons preached, and one church constituted in the eastern part of Louisville on ten members, baptized four—one of the number a Jewish rabbi of great promise, and proposes to give himself to the ministry—has distributed over 1000 tracts, and a number of Bibles and Testaments in the German language—organized one Sabbath school, which is in a flourishing condition. Brother Weller's report, aside from these items, is full of interest, and we hope the Association will have it published in the minutes.

Elder D. Dowden traveled 1831 miles in 151 days; preached 123 sermons; baptized 40; received by restoration four; constituted one church and one Sabbath school; distributed five Bibles and 18 Testaments; collected in cash for Bibles sold \$3 60. This is an important field to our denomination, and brother Dowden has done a good work.

Elder John James reports 74 days labor; traveled 710 miles; preached 87 sermons; delivered 12 exhortations; four temperance addresses; witnessed 43 additions to the church; constituted one Sabbath school, and collected \$34 05.

Elder W. W. Whayne's time was not out at the time of your last meeting, consequently there was no report made of his labors, and he has reported the same as follows:—Labored .88 days; preached 75 sermons; gave 44 exhortations; traveled 926 miles; witnessed 55 conversions; baptized 22; received in cash \$46. The Board has had no report from brother Whayne for this year.

Elder Daniel Buckner reports 71 additions to the churches; has preached 61 sermons; collected \$165 10.

WEST UNION ASSOCIATION.

It will be recollected that the West Union Association made application at the last meeting of the General Association for missionary aid, which was referred to the Board. After due consideration the Board appropriated the sum of \$150, to be paid over quarterly to their executive Board. They have reported, through their corresponding Secretary, Bro. J. N. Beadles, as follows:

They have had the labors of Elders J. P. Edwards, H. R. Puryear, and Willis White, whose labors have been greatly blessed, as will be seen in the following extract from Bro. Beadles' final report to this Board.

"In compliance with our duty, we make this our fourth and last report for the associational year of 1853-'54. We are happy to say, the good Lord has abundantly blessed the efforts of our missionary labors wherever they have been exercised, and that a much better feeling in behalf of missionary work is being manifested throughout our bounds than has been heretofore. As we advised you in our last report, we have had the services of three missionaries, namely, Elders J. P. Edwards, H. R. Puryear, and Willis White, all of whom reported in detail at our last meeting, which shows the following facts:

"Elder J. P. Edwards has been engaged the entire year, and was actively engaged 154 days, traveled 1840 miles, preached 89 sermons, baptized five persons, assisted in the ordination of three deacons, and took up collections, private and public, in behalf of the Board, to the amount of \$170 20.

"Elder H. R. Puryear's engagements in missionary labor were 48 days, preached 52 sermons, and collected, on behalf of the Board, \$27 25.

"Elder Willis White labored 20 days, preached 20 sermons, traveled 182 miles, and collected, on behalf of the Board, \$12 88.

"Many revivals have been the result of their labors, at one of which more than 40 conversions were the result.

"The destitution in our bounds is still great, and very meagerly supplied. Several of our churches are entirely without pastoral labors, for the want of means to obtain it, while in many districts Baptist preaching is almost unheard of."

This is a wide and important field, extending over nearly the whole of that interesting part of our state, known as the Purchase, and demands the attention of the General Association.

OTHER APPLICATIONS AND DONATIONS.

Many other applications and donations have been made to your Board for ministerial labor, &c., from almost every quarter of the state, which we have been compelled to deny for the want of means.

Several ministers during the year have contributed in labor at one dollar per day, in constituting themselves life members of this association, performing valuable missionary labor, which will be reported as cash paid in your treasurer's report.

After the resignation of Brother V. E. Kirtley, your General Agent, the Board, finding it impossible to obtain the services of a suitable person to fill his place, for the present, addressed a circular to a large number of ministers in the state, requesting them to spend at least one month, more or less, gratuitous labor in collecting funds, and laying the claims of the General Association before the churches, many of whom responded favorably to the call, and agreed to labor. But as yet only Brother X. X. Buckner, S. H. Ford, and W. W. Everts have made any report to the Board.

Elder X. X. Buckner labored one month in the counties of Spencer and Shelby, and collected \$173.

Elder S. H. Ford has, while attending district associations, churches, &c., incidentally collected \$44 75.

Elder W. W. Everts labored two weeks in the counties of Henry and Oldham, Brother Ford being in company with him, collected \$22.

BIBLES AND OTHER BOOKS DISTRIBUTED.

Over 300 Bibles and Testaments have been sent out by the Board for distribution in various parts of the state.

Your Board feeling it to be their duty to use every means in their power to effect good to the denomination, and to the cause of Christ, and believing the circulation of denominational books to be a means by which a vast amount of good may be accomplished, we have furnished our secretary with a room for the purpose of keeping a "Baptist Book Depository" (on his own account; for we had not the means within ourselves), where he has been enabled to furnish district associations, churches, and the masses, with over ten thousand copies of religious and denominational books, and over twenty thousand tracts, which, we think, must tell largely upon the destiny of dying mortals, and greatly advance the interest and increase the influence of our denomination upon the world.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Elder Wm. C. Buck, agent of the Southern Bible Board, visited your Board last winter, and in consequence of the great interest felt in our state for Elder I. J. Roberts, missionary to China, they recommended him to the churches and friends in our bounds, the result of which was \$670 in collections by Elder Buck, which has been paid over to F. C. McCalla, and forwarded to Brother Roberts.

STATISTICAL HISTORY OF CHURCHES AND ASSOCIATIONS.

At your last annual meeting a resolution was passed earnestly requesting the District Associations, churches, and their pastors to furnish us with their history, memberships, operations, and general statistics of everything calculated to facilitate the designs of this Association, and afford

materials of giving the current history of our denomination. But our brethren have failed, with a single exception, to comply with this request. Lagrange church has furnished her history, &c., the statistics of which will be furnished for your Minutes.

COMMITTEES.

Your Board would respectfully recommend the Association in its opening session to appoint committees to report on the following subjects, and name the time for the reading and discussion of the several reports, viz. :—Claims of the General Association; Importance and Plan of Systematic Benevolence; Home Missions; Foreign Missions; Bible Cause; Sunday-schools; Education; Religious Press; Indian Missions; and Agencies.

CONCLUSION.

BRETHREN—BAPTISTS OF KENTUCKY :—

Your Board, in closing this report, would respectfully and earnestly urge upon you the necessity of prosecuting with more vigor than heretofore this important enterprise. Do not suppose that the objects of this Association can be effected without your support and co-operation. "Give it your influence if you would see it prosper." Remember that it ever has, and will be, just what you, under God, will make it. To stand aloof is to let it perish. Will the Baptists of Kentucky do this? Will they stand by and see an organization that has done so much good go down for the want of means? Through its operations thousands of the very best brethren in our land have been aroused from the dark and gloomy repose of anti-ism, and are now able and efficient co-workers in the great work of spreading the Gospel, not only among the destitute in our own happy country, but in sending it to the heathen in distant lands. Thousands of dying mortals in our State have through its instrumentality been made to rejoice in the blood of a crucified Saviour. Yea, who shall be able to know the amount of good that has been done? Doubtless untold millions will be saved through the influence and aid already given to missions by the General Association of Kentucky. Will we then desert so noble a cause, and let it dwindle down and languish for the want of support?

May the God of missions influence and enable us all to arouse from our present indifference and take hold of this work with a renewed effort, is the prayer of your Board.

J. M. COOPER, Cor. Sec.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL AGENT.

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

DEAR BRETHREN:—When I consented to become your General Agent for the present year I had no thought of having to lay before you at this time my last and final report.

But the ways of Providence are deep and mysterious, and are of consequence past finding out. “We know not what a day may bring forth.” Hence it becomes our duty as the servants of the Most High to commit our ways unto Him, and to ask the divine direction in all things.

It is with the deepest emotions of soul, therefore, that I enter upon the discharge of this duty, because I am still devoted in my feelings to the cause of missions, so that I can scarcely turn away from the toils and sacrifices of an agent. No one can reasonably doubt the toils of an agent’s life; neither can any one fail to understand me when I speak of the sacrifices of home. But, in case these expressions should not be fully appreciated and understood by the masses, let him who may become my successor mark the expressions well, and before three long years and a half shall have passed away he will doubtless appreciate more fully than many others the words TOIL, SACRIFICE, and HOME.

But the task, however painful and trying to my feelings, is now before me, and the duty I must perform.

The circumstances which have led me to this position are to some extent known to the most of you. Hence I will now proceed to give you a brief account of my labors for the last six months.

I commenced the work of the present year at the Crab Orchard: preached the dedication sermon of their new house of worship, and in a short time after commenced a protracted meeting. In this meeting I was aided by Elder D. S. Colgan, of Lebanon, besides there were other brethren in attendance from time to time. It lasted above three weeks, and at the close I had the pleasure of going down into the water with old Father Foley, their pastor, and we baptized 22 willing converts. Others joined by letter.

The brethren seemed to be much revived, and the work of the Lord prospered in their hands, so that they have now the services of brother Colgan once a month, in addition to those of their aged pastor.

May the Lord continue to bless and prosper this church and congregation, and crown with the best of consequences the labors and sacrifices of His servants, who administer in word and doctrine among them.

I was then invited by the Board from this field of labor to the city of Louisville, where I spent some four or five weeks.

The object of this visit, as I learned from the Board, was church extension. Consequently I commenced my labors at Portland with brother James H. Brown, your missionary for that place. Hence we

went to work in the first place to secure an eligible lot of ground upon which to erect a house of worship. A lot was purchased at \$500, which amount was given by six brethren of the Walnut-street church of your city. This was a noble act on the part of those brethren. This lot of ground is now supposed to be worth about \$1000 or \$1200.

I continued my efforts with Brother Brown until we obtained, on subscription and otherwise, for the erection of a house of worship in Portland, about \$630, and on the 6th of January a church was constituted in this place on fourteen members, after which Brother Brown was unanimously called as their pastor. Here I left Brother Brown and his little band of brethren to battle with all the difficulties through which they may be called to pass. May the Lord bless and prosper them.

I will mention, also, that while in your city I was invited by Brother S. L. Helm, pastor of the East Baptist Church, to aid him in his meeting, which had been in progress for several nights previous. This was a glorious meeting, both to the pastor and those in attendance.

Many were converted from the error of their way and brought into the marvellous light and liberty of the children of God.

May the smiles of heaven rest upon Brother Helm and the good people of his charge. During this time I was engaged also in the publication and distribution of the minutes of the General Association; and after this was done I left the city for another field of labor.

Just at this time, however, I was called to visit my parents in the Green-River country, who were about to remove from this State to the State of Missouri, and very much desired to see me before leaving. I remained with them but a short time, and on my return I was taken sick near Lebanon; but, fortunately for me, I was enabled to reach home the next day, where I remained for nearly three weeks under the physician.

This occupied the entire month of February. But as soon as I was able to travel in my buggy, and by the permission of the Board, I made a trip to Danville, according to previous appointment, and commenced a protracted meeting, which was continued from day to day about one month.

I was aided in this effort by Brother A. W. LaRue, pastor of the Church of Harrodsburg, and was visited by several other brethren before the meeting closed, who seemed to feel a deep interest for the cause of Christ in Danville. This meeting resulted in great good to the Church and to many precious souls. About thirty-five made a profession of religion, twenty-three of whom joined the Baptist Church by experience and baptism, four by letter, and ten came under the watch care of the Church, making in all thirty-seven additions. Others are expected to join soon.

This little Church has been very much discouraged for the last eight or ten years in consequence of not having a settled pastor. But they are now very much revived, and have strong faith in the precious promises of the gospel.

They number at present nearly one hundred members, and are able as well as willing to give a pastor a decent and comfortable support. Consequently I have consented to become their pastor, which will more fully account for this report at the present time. May the Lord direct us in all these things.

During the present month (April) I made two trips, one to the counties of Shelby and Spencer, and the other to Woodford, Fayette, Scott, and Franklin. This brings me up to the present hour, and now I will proceed to bring my report to a close.

In consequence of sickness and the time spent in protracted meetings my subscriptions and collections are comparatively small to what they would have been if I had given my whole time to the work as heretofore. But, in view of my having spent three years in the agency without having stopped to hold a single meeting, the General Association, as well as the Board, advised that I should devote some time in this way during the present year; and the result thus far has been very cheering indeed. Between seventy-five and one hundred persons have professed faith in the Saviour in the meetings which I have attended, forty-five of whom joined the Baptist Church at Crab Orchard and Danville, by experience and baptism; many others joined by letter.

O, that I could continue from day to day in such meetings as these have been! for the Lord of hosts was with us, and to Him be all the glory.

The amount of new subscription up to the present is \$120, which is to be paid by ministers of the gospel in preaching among the destitute of the state, at \$1 per day, sixty days of which have been reported by Elders D. Buckner and S. P. Forgey, viz.:—Thirty days each with good results. Thirty-one days have been reported by other brethren, which makes a total of ninety-one days, equal to \$91 cash.

Amount collected for Home Missions	- - - -	\$198 11
For Bible distribution	- - - -	338 50
For the Foreign Mission Society	- - - -	73 00
For the Indian Mission Society	- - - -	80 50
Cash Total	- - - -	<u>\$690 11</u>

Add to this ninety-one days labor, and the amount would be \$781 11. Of the amount collected on the old subscription to the Kentucky and Foreign Bible Society, \$107 50 has been transferred by the donors to the American Bible Union, or the Revision Association.

I have traveled up to this date about two thousand miles; expenses, \$31 95; preached more than usual, and upon various subjects.

Thus you have in this report the sum total of my six months labor, with an additional sum of about \$1000 towards the purchase of a lot and the erection of a house of worship at Portland, making about \$1859 11, for the various objects of benevolence which have claimed my attention.

And now, dear brethren, in presenting this my last report as your agent, permit me to return my sincere thanks to you as a Board, and to the former Board at Georgetown, for the kindness and Christian courtesy which has been manifested towards me for the last three years and a half. And may the Lord smile upon you and upon all the ministers and brethren.

ren throughout the State who have so cordially received me into their churches and families as an agent. Long will I remember with pleasing emotions the many friends and acquaintances which I had the pleasure of making in the last few years in Kentucky.

And now, may the Lord of this vast and much-neglected harvest direct you, as a Board, in the appointment of some good brother, whom the people will receive cordially, and upon whose labors the Lord will be pleased to smile, so that your efforts and sacrifices as a Board may be crowned with the best of consequences, and the glory of Christ rest upon our missions throughout the State and the entire world.

Yours in hope of heaven,

V. E. KIRTLEY.

APRIL 28, 1854.

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

DEAR BRETHREN :—Inasmuch as I have been engaged in your service as General Agent for several weeks past, and being advised of the fact that our annual meeting is very near at hand, the present is deemed a proper time to render to you something in the form of a general account of my labors.

You are aware that at the time I accepted the agency the financial concerns of the Board were rather in an embarrassed condition. I resolved, therefore, to raise all the funds I could in order to enable you to meet honorably your liabilities.

I suppose I could have reported a larger amount had I taken subscriptions payable next year, but under the circumstances preference was given to cash in hand.

My services amount to sixty-four days labor; traveled six hundred miles; visited thirty-three churches and three associations; preached fifty-one sermons; baptized one very excellent lady; collected for the General Association of the churches and Associations visited,

Cash	\$230 40
On subscription not yet paid for same	6 00
Collected on Life-Memberships obtained by Elder Kirtley for same	120 00
Indian Missions	18 75
American Bible Union	5 00
Revision Association	5 00
On Long-Run subscription for Portland Mission	5 00
Raised on subscription for Baptist meeting-house at Portland	10 00
Making in all	\$400 15

Which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. BROWN, *General Agent.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. O. BRANNIN, TREASURER,

In account with BOARD OF GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

DEBITS.

1853.				
Dec. 17.	To cash per Rev. J. Bray, for German Mission,			\$10 00
1854.				
Jan. 2.	"	Rev. W. W. Everts, for same		10 00
" 3.	"	Former Treasurer, balance on hand Oct. 1853		884 00
" 6.	"	General Agent for China Mission		71 00
" 6.	"	S. Minor, Esq., for Kentucky and Foreign Bible Society		22 40
Feb. 4.	"	F. Troutman, Esq., for China Mission		5 00
" 7.	"	Walnut-Street Church for German Mission		200 30
May 1.	"	George Johnson, Esq., for same		5 00
" 1.	"	George Johnson, Esq., for Portland ditto ..		5 00
" 12.	"	Mr. Minor, per Bracken Association, for Ky. and Foreign Bible Society		12 50
July 1.	"	Rev. J. H. Brown, per sundry collections for Portland Mission		43 00
May 1.	"	General Agent, viz. :		
" 1.	"	For Home Missions		193 11
" 1.	"	For Bible distribution		333 50
" 1.	"	For Indian Missions		80 50
Oct. 11.	"	(\$2 counterfeit)		338 20
" 11.	"	Georgetown Church, per Dr. Lynd		108 00
" 9.	"	J. M. Cooper, sale of Bibles and sundry collections		255 99
" 9.	"	Mrs. Daniel Brannin (annual installment) ..		5 00
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				\$2592 50

CREDITS.

1853.				
Dec. 7.	By cash paid	Rev. G. Oncken, for papers, tracts, &c. ..		\$25 00
" 30.	"	For freight on the same		5 00
" 20.	"	Rev. J. Weller, 1 quarter salary		87 50
1854.				
Mar. 15.	"	Same for same		87 50
June 13.	"	Same for same		87 50
Sept. 7.	"	Same for same		87 50
1853.				
Dec. 16.	"	D. Dowden, services		50 00
1854.				
Jan. 7.	"	Rev. A. Hatchitt, services		8 00
Feb. 9.	"	Hull & Bro., printing, &c.		60 00

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Mar.	15.	By cash paid	Rev. S. A. Beauchamp, services	100 00
"	15.	"	Rev. D. Dowden, one quarter salary ..	25 00
"	20.	"	J. N. Beadles, Sec. Ex. Board West Union Association	37 50
April	3.	"	Rev. J. H. Brown, one quarter salary, Portland	112 50
"	5.	"	W. W. Whayne, services	3 70
May	1.	"	Rev. V. E. Kirtley, Agent, expenses, &c..	31 95
"	1.	"	Rev. V. E. Kirtley (this amount he paid Wm. Smith, Esq., by order of the Board) ..	35 00
"	1.	"	General Agent, six months salary	500 00
June	8.	"	J. N. Beadles, Sec. Ex. Board West Union Association	37 50
"	21.	"	Rev. S. Dowden, services	37 50
"	23.	"	Rev. J. H. Brown, one quarter salary ..	112 50
July	1.	"	Same, under general order of Board, for Portland Mission	43 00
Sept.	7.	"	Wright & Bridgford, stoves, &c.	22 09
Oct.	2.	"	Rev. J. H. Brown, Agent, services	180 55
"	9.	"	J. M. Cooper, sundries	32 22
"	9.	"	Hull & Brother, printing	61 00
"	9.	"	Rev. J. H. Brown, Port. Mis.	5 00
			Balance.. .. .	717 49

\$2592 50

A. O. BRANNIN, *Treasurer.*

Your Committee have examined the above account and find it correct.

THOS. S. HAYDON, }
CHAS. QUIREY, } *Committee.*

STATISTICS FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

It will be seen in the proceedings of this meeting, that the corresponding letters from District Associations, Churches, and brethren, were referred to the Executive Board, with instructions to take from them a synopsis of such statistics and other matter as will be of interest to the denomination, and have the same published in the Minutes.

Below is all that seems to be of interest in the correspondence put in our hands. A large number of the associations are very unsatisfactory in their reports; others having failed to give statistics, or any account whatever, of their proceedings during the past year; and but few of the minutes have been sent in. Consequently our report must be very incomplete, which no one will regret more than the Board.

GOSHEN ASSOCIATION

Held its last session with the Church at Litchfield, Grayson co., on 8, 9, 10 days of October, 1854. Elder Wm. Head, of Cloverport, moderator; and James E. Stone, of Hawesville, clerk. Is composed of 26 churches, has 12 ministers and five licentiates, received by baptism the last year 115: total of members, 1813.

They have an executive Board to conduct the business of Home Missions in their bounds, and have kept up an auxiliary relation with the General Association for a number of years.

They have had one missionary (Elder J. Armstrong) employed during the past year, who has labored 118 days, preached 132 sermons, delivered 52 exhortations, baptised 84, received by letter 3, by relation 1; constituted one new church, collected \$43 85 on the field. The Board has paid him \$118, and have remaining in the treasury, in cash and good pledges, \$136 65.

A collection was taken by Elder Jacob Miller at their annual meeting for German Missions at Cannelton, Ia., of \$10 60.

Elder D. Dowden has also been laboring the past year in the bounds of this Association, under the patronage of the General Association, an account of whose labors will be seen in the report of this Board.

They have a Book Depository located at Cloverport.

The next meeting on Friday before the second Sunday in Oct., 1855, at Walnut Grove, Breckenridge, co., Ky.

WEST UNION

Is composed of 41 churches, 4 of which were received at its last meeting. They report 21 ordained ministers, 15 licentiates, 278 baptisms, during the past year; received by letter 140, dismissed 136, excluded 32, dead 35, restored 5: total number of communicants, 2167.

Has a Missionary Board auxiliary to the General Association, a report of which is given in the annual report of this Board.

ELKHORN

Is composed of 26 churches, has 11 ministers; held its last annual meeting with Clear Creek Church, Woodford co., on Tuesday after the 2d Saturday in August, 1854. Elder R. T. Dillard, moderator; Elder W. M. Pratt, clerk, Lexington.

They report 146 additions by baptism the past year; received by letter 66, restored 21, dismissed 64, excluded 41, dead 57: total number of communicants, 6451.

They have a Book Depository and system of colporteurage located at Lexington, which is in successful operation.

They have failed to furnish us with a statement of the whole amount collected and expended the past year for missionary purposes. Amount contributed to General Association, \$63 50; Indian Missions, over \$200.

The next meeting will be held with the Church at Bryant's Station, Tuesday after the 2d Saturday in August, 1855.

SULPHUR FORK

Met with the Liberty Church, Oldham county, on the 2d Tuesday in Sept., 1854. Is composed of 19 churches, have 10 ministers; received by baptism the past year, 114: total, 2415.

They have had one missionary (Elder A. Smith) during the past year, whose labors have been greatly blessed. He has preached 251 sermons, baptized 57. The Association has paid him for his labors \$286.

Next Meeting to be at Sligo, Henry co., Ky., on second Tuesday in Sept., 1855.

CONCORD

Met with the Church at Lockport on the 29th August, 1854. Elder D. L. Alexander, moderator; and R. R. Revell, clerk.

Next annual meeting to be at Dallasburg, Owen county, Ky., on Tuesday after the 4th Saturday in August, 1855.

This Association is composed of 21 churches, has 10 ministers; received by baptism the past year, 237; total number of communicants, 3067. Contributed to the General Association, \$16 10.

The Association, by a resolution, requested her churches to set apart two days each for the purpose of raising funds for missionary purposes.

LITTLE BETHEL

Was held with the Church at Harmony, Hopkins county, Ky., on the 4th day of Oct., 1854. Is composed of 29 churches, and has 11 ministers; total number of communicants reported in last year's minutes, 3755.

Has an executive Board for Home Missions; and hold an auxiliary relation with the General Association.

They have failed to furnish us with their statistics for the present year.

They have had one missionary (Elder John Withers) in the field the past year, who has labored 168 days.

UNION

Is composed of 13 churches, numbers 855 members; has only 4 ministers, 2 of whom are scarcely able to preach, being almost worn out in the cause.

They have established a plan of domestic missions auxiliary to the General Association, which it is hoped will succeed and be a means of accomplishing much good.

This is a helpless though important field, and should have the sympathies, prayers, &c., of their brethren, that the Lord would send them more laborers.

SALEM

Has 26 churches and 7 ministers; reported in minutes of last year 2292 communicants.

They have an organization for Home Missions in their bounds, and are auxiliary to the General Association. This Association has accomplished much good in her bounds.

They have had a missionary constantly in the field for the last three years. Eighty-one have been added to the churches through the instrumentality of their missionary the last year. Receipts for missionary purposes the past year, \$441 93; amount expended, \$301 80; balance in the treasury, \$140 13. They have appointed two missionaries to labor in their bounds the next year.

DAVISS COUNTY.

Is composed of 21 churches, and has 10 ministers ; total memberships reported last, 1987.

They have a Missionary Board, and auxiliary relationship with the General Association.

They represented themselves at our last meeting, but sent up no report.

NELSON COUNTY

Sent representatives, but no report or minutes sent up.

FREEDOM

Is composed of 13 churches, and has 4 ministers, and is one of the most destitute fields in the state. Total number of communicants reported last year, 593.

No report of statistics sent up this year.

Contributed to General Association, \$5 10.

SOUTH DISTRICT

Has 22 churches and 13 ministers ; baptized the past year, 190 : total, 2575. They have an executive Board through which they supply the destitute (in part) in their bounds.

They report about 101 days missionary labor performed during the past year.

Paid cash as follows :—Home Missions in their bounds, \$55 ; General Association, \$13 ; Indian Missions, \$17 : total, \$85.

They have also a Book Depository located at Danville, which is in successful operation.

They state in their communication to this body that during the last year they have found it much harder to obtain ministers to labor to the destitute than to raise means to pay them.

Their next session will be held in Harrodsburg on Tuesday after the third Saturday in August, 1855.

BAPTIST.

This Association is composed of 14 churches, and has 7 ministers ; received by baptism the past year, 175 : total memberships, 990. This Association has a devoted ministry, who have accomplished much good in the last few years.

They have a Book Depository located at Salvisa, through which they are doing a good work. Amount contributed to Book Depository last year, \$72 38 ; to General Association, \$35 75.

Next meeting to be with the Friendship Church, Anderson co., Ky., on Tuesday after the 4th Saturday in August, 1855.

MINUTES OF THE
RUSSELLS CREEK.

Is composed of 29 churches, and has 7 ministers: total number of communicants last year, 2974.

Sent messengers to the last meeting of General Association, but no report.

BRACKEN

Has 15 churches and 5 ministers; received by baptism the past year 64, by letter 21, restored 6, dismissed 26, excluded 15, dead 20: total memberships, 1427.

They have an executive Board for Home and Foreign Missions auxiliary to the General Association, and a Book Depository.

The following is a summary of moneys contributed for various objects by the churches, and sent up to their last annual meeting:—Kentucky and Foreign Bible Society, \$17 50; Indian Missions, \$36 50; Southern Board of Foreign Missions, \$19 77; Southern Board of Home Missions, \$6 50; Bracken Home Missions, \$87 15; cash and pledges, \$46: amounting in all to \$206 92.

They have sustained two ministers at important points during the last year, have collected \$177 in cash, and \$60 in pledges, and have paid but \$165 for missionary work; leaving on hand \$200 in money, and \$136 in pledges

Their next meeting will be held in Mayslick, Mason co., Ky., on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1855.

LITTLE RIVER

Sent a representative to our last meeting, but no letter or minutes. Consequently we can make no report.

FRANKLIN

Has 17 churches and 7 ministers; baptised during the last year, 237: total memberships, 3031

They have a Home Mission Board located at Frankfort, and are auxiliary to the General Association. They have also a Book Depository at Frankfort.

They were represented in the last meeting of the General Association, but furnished us no report of missionary labor or of Book Depository.

Their next annual meeting will be held with the Church at North Fork, Franklin county, on Tuesday after the 3d Saturday in August, 1855.

TATES CREEK

Is composed of 16 churches and 5 ministers, and reported in last year's minutes 1457 members.

They failed to represent themselves in the General Association and we have received no minutes for the present year. Consequently we can make no report.

LIBERTY

Has 30 churches and 10 ministers; reported last year 2055 members.

They failed to represent themselves to this body either by letter or representatives, and we have not received their minutes. Consequently can make no report.

NORTH BEND

Has about 10 churches; has an executive Board auxiliary to the General Association. But they failed this year to send us any report, or to represent themselves at the last meeting.

LONG RUN

Is auxiliary to the General Association in her missionary operations; is composed of 25 churches, and has 15 ministers. Baptized the past year, 383: total memberships, 4239.

Paid last year to Portland Mission, \$105 50; to German Missions, about \$285; collections by Bro. J. H. Brown at last annual meeting for General Association, \$10 25; Indian Missions, \$6 50. Amount collected by Elder X. X. Buckner from churches in her bounds for General Association, \$166.

The next annual meeting to be held with the Little Mount Church, in Spencer county, on Tuesday after the first Friday in September, 1855.

BARREN RIVER

Has 23 churches and 12 ministers; baptized the past year, 314: total memberships, 2243.

They report \$90 collected and paid out in cash for Home Missions in their own bounds. One missionary (Brother T. Scrivner) labored 189 days; baptized 141. Two others labored 47 days. Balance cash in the treasury, \$24 25.

The above is taken from the minutes of this Association, no report or representation being sent up.

MINUTES OF THE
CHURCHES.

GEORGETOWN CHURCH.

During the past year has contributed—

For Bible purposes	\$144 00
For Foreign Missions	102 00
For Home Missions.....	26 00
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	\$272 00

Of the money received for Bible purposes, \$69 have been sent for distributing Bibles in China, and \$75 to the Bible Union.

Of the collection for Foreign Missions, \$25 have been sent to China for Brother I. J. Roberts, and \$77 to the General Association, and also the \$26 for Home Missions.

S. W. Lynd, D.D., is pastor.

GREAT CROSSINGS

Sent up to the annual meeting of the General Association \$28 85. Elder Y. R. Pitts is pastor.

HENDERSON.

Elder John Bryce, pastor. This church reports \$40 paid the last year for Home Missions.

WALNUT STREET, LOUISVILLE.

W. W. Everts, pastor. This church reports contributions for the year (after great outlay for building house of worship) as follows :

For Indian Mission.....	\$189 47
For Foreign ditto.....	189 48
For Ministerial Education.....	67 10
For Sabbath Schools	87 41
For City Mission, Jefferson-Street Church.....	696 90
For City Mission, Portland Church	500 00
For City Mission, German Baptist Church	300 00
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	\$2030 36
Rooms Furnished Board of General Association.....	100 00
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Making for the year.....	\$2130 36

BLOOMFIELD CHURCH.

Elder Wm. Vaughan, pastor. This Church contributed to the General Association at its last meeting, \$27 28.

BAPTIST IN KENTUCKY.

We take the following statistics from the Baptist Almanac, which is very incomplete, many of the minutes from which this estimate is made being returns for 1847, 1851, 1852, and only 22 for 1853. Number of Associations, 44 ; Churches, 832 ; ordained Ministers, 407 ; baptized one year, 6100 ; total communicants, 72,777. Add to this 13,000 baptized at this rate the last two years makes 85,777.

BAPTIST IN THE UNITED STATES.

Number of Associations, 650 ; Churches, 13,536 ; ordained Ministers, 7530 ; average number of baptisms per year, 62,320 ; total memberships, 1,173,569.

These figures fall short of our actual strength, being drawn from the minutes of the Associations at various dates ; but they show that in point of numbers the Baptist denomination stands amongst the most prominent, being equaled by no other denomination of Christians in the United States, and by one only in America. The Regular Baptist alone number 808,754.

There are 25 Baptist Colleges in the United States ; 10 Theological Institutions. Their Libraries contain more than 120,000 volumes. Towards the endowment of these institutions more than \$1,500,000 have been paid during the last six years. Besides these there are 42 chartered Female Seminaries, and 34 chartered Academies for males, under the control of the denomination. These are distinct from the much larger number of schools, academies, &c., which are strictly individual property.

Besides the various State Conventions, which look after the wants of each individual state, there are eight general societies, embracing their respective fields, viz. :—American Baptist Home Mission Society, American Baptist Missionary Union, American Baptist Publication Society, American and Foreign Bible Society, American Baptist Free Mission Society, Southern Baptist Convention, American Indian Mission Association, and Southern Baptist Publication Society. The aggregate receipts of these societies during the last year were \$407,884. This is exclusive of the amount contributed for educational purposes.

There are 45 Baptist periodicals, of which 27 are published weekly, 2 semi-monthly, 15 monthly, and 2 quarterly.

From the foregoing statistics it will be seen that our numerical increase has not been barren in results. But, while we have cause for thankfulness in the progress which has been made, we believe that we possess strength and ability beyond what has yet been displayed, and we look hopefully for a time, not far distant, when the results above-named will be tenfold in comparison.

Before closing this report we would urge the importance of every District Association sending a copy of their minutes, or a full report of their numerical strength, missionary operation, &c., to our next annual meeting ; and also the importance of every church making a full report of all moneys, &c., collected and paid out for missionary purposes during the year, and report same to their District Association or to the General Association.

The above sketch is respectfully submitted.

J. M. COOPER, *Cor. Sec.*

CONSTITUTION OF GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

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

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

ART. 3. The payment of one dollar shall constitute an annual member, and the payment of thirty dollars a member for life.

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

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

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

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

ART 8. The Annual Meeting of this Association shall be on Thursday before the 3d Lord's day in October, commencing at 2 1-2 o'clock P. M.

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

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KENTUCKY BAPTIST MINISTERS' MEETING.

This body assembled in the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, October 11, 1854, at eleven o'clock A. M.

The meeting was called to order by appointing Elder V. E. Kirtley Chairman, and E. D. Isbell Secretary.

The following ministers were present: W. W. Everts, D.D., V. E. Kirtley, S. Thomas, X. X. Buckner, A. B. Knight, J. W. Brooks, H. McDonald, T. Underwood, B. O. Branham, T. M. Vaughan, J. L. Smith, Dr. F. Reese, A. D. Sears, R. Galbraith, J. V. Schofield, S. H. Ford, and E. D. Isbell.

Elders S. Dyer, of Indianapolis, Ind.; Wm. Price, of New Albany, Ind.; Thomas G. Keen, of Mobile, Ala.; being present, were invited to seats in the meeting.

Elder C. Lewis, appointed to preach the introductory discourse before the meeting, being absent, and also Elder J. H. Yeaman, his alternate, on motion Elder H. McDonald was appointed to preach the sermon this evening at a quarter to eight o'clock.

An essay on the permanency of the deaconship was read by W. W. Everts, D.D., and referred to a future meeting for criticism.

On motion, a Committee on Obituary Notices was appointed: Committee—A. D. Sears, W. W. Everts, S. Thomas, S. H. Ford, and A. B. Knight.

Moved, That a Committee on Nominations be appointed: accordingly Brethren J. M. Pendleton, D. S. Colgan, X. X. Buckner, R. L. Thurman, and E. D. Isbell, were appointed.

Because of the funeral services occasioned by the death of John L. Waller, LL. D., adjourned till half-past six o'clock this evening.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 6½ o'clock.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair. Prayer by Elder A. Broaddus.

The following ministers' names were enrolled: A. Broaddus, Wm. Vaughan, Y. R. Pitts, S. W. Lynd, D.D., D. S. Colgan, J. A. Ireland, and J. W. Warder.

Elder James B. Taylor, of Richmond, Va.; Wm. McCoy, of Ind.; being present, were invited to the privileges of the meeting.

Elder Wm. Vaughan, appointed to give an exegesis of 1 Cor., xv: 29, failed to write, but proceeded to give his views verbally.

It was moved that Brother A. Broaddus be excused for failure, on the ground of ignorance of duty, caused by the failure of the Secretary to inform him, as voted by the last meeting.

Elder S. H. Ford, who was to write an essay, "Is prayer consistent with fixed laws?" failed to write, but gave verbally his views on the subject; and was requested by a vote of the meeting to prepare his essay, and read it at a future session.

The sermon was then delivered by H. McDonald, from Philippians ii: 5, 8.

An essay was read by S. W. Lynd, D.D., on the insufficiency of the present number of ministers, and referred for criticism.

Adjourned to meet Thursday morning, at nine o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The meeting called to order. Prayer by Elder Y. R. Pitts.

The following ministers' names were enrolled: John Bryce, A. R. Macey, W. W. Gardner, C. E. B. Armstrong, W. B. Smith, W. M. Pratt, and P. B. Samuels.

Brother S. H. Ford's essay was called for. Press of business having prevented his compliance, on motion, he was excused from further responsibility.

Dr. Lynd's essay was taken up and subjected to criticism. Pending which, the meeting adjourned to the call of the Chair.

FRIDAY MORNING, 8 o'clock.

The Chairman called the meeting to order. Devotional exercises for half an hour, engaged in by S. W. Lynd and E. D. Isbell.

The following ministers' names were enrolled: W. P. Clark, D. A. McCormick, W. R. Combs, Joel Gordon, and J. Armstrong.

Adjourned to the call of the Chair.

FRIDAY EVENING.

On motion, a Committee was appointed to devise some plan in reference to the services to attend the interment of J. L. Waller, LL.D., in the Frankfort Cemetery. Brethren S. L. Helm, Y. R. Pitts, and V. E. Kirtley, Committee.

Adjourned till eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The body met. Prayer by Elder J. H. Brown.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows, which was received and adopted: 1. Next introductory sermon by C. Lewis: J. H. Yeaman, alternate.

ESSAYS TO BE WRITTEN.

1. Design of Baptism, by J. W. Warder.
 2. The best means of Promoting elevated Piety in our Churches, A. B. Knight.
 3. Ministerial Responsibility, by S. W. Lynd, D.D.
 4. The best Method of Sermonizing, E. D. Isbell.
- Exegesis of Rev. xx: 1, 9, by W. M. Pratt.
 Exegesis of 1 Peter, iii: 19, by J. V. Schofield.
 Skeletons of Sermons, by H. McDonald, and Thomas M. Vaughan.

Report of Committee, and plan of services for interment of J. L. Waller, LL.D., at Frankfort, read by Chairman, and received and adopted, as follows: The Committee appointed to report suitable services to be had on the occasion of the removal of the remains of Rev. J. L. Waller, LL.D., to the Cemetery at Frankfort, for final interment, beg leave to report:

That they have conferred with the immediate family of Brother Waller, and find that some suitable ceremonies on the occasion of the removal of his remains, would be grateful to their feelings. We therefore recommend the following as suitable exercises for the occasion:

That the mortal remains of Brother Waller be removed from this city to Frankfort, on the morning of Friday, the 27th day of October; and that the following brethren be appointed a Committee to superintend the removal, viz: Elder Wm. Vaughan, S. H. Ford, J. D. Black, R. T. Dillard, S. W. Lynd, D. S. Colgan, T. J. Fisher, J. M. Pendleton, D. R. Campbell, Y. R. Pitts, W. W. Everts, W. M. Pratt, A. D. Sears, S. L. Helm, James H. Brown, V. E. Kirtley, W. W. Gardner, T. J. Drane, C. Lewis, E. G. Berry, Thomas M. Vaughan, R. L. Thurman, A. W. La Rue, A. Broadus, and Smith Thomas: and that Elder Wm. Vaughan be requested to preach on the occasion, at the arrival of the corpse at Frankfort, after which voluntary addresses will be made; and that the proceedings be published in the Recorder, with the request that other papers in our State copy this report.

We beg leave to offer the following:

Resolved, That a subscription be now opened and circulated throughout the West and South, asking contributions of one dollar and upwards, to purchase a lot, and erect a suitable monument over Brother John L. Waller's grave.

Resolved, That whatever, if any, may be left after the expenses of said lot and monument are paid, be given to Brother Waller's orphan children.

Resolved, That Henry Wingate, Esq.; R. W. Scott, Esq.; and N. Craig, of Frankfort; N. B. Waller, F. C. McCalla, of Georgetown; S. H. Ford, and J. M. Cooper, of Louisville, be a Committee to receive the money, purchase the lot, and superintend the erection of the monument.

Resolved, That the following brethren be requested to receive subscriptions in their respective counties and neighborhoods, and forward same to the above Committee as early as practicable, viz: Dr. R. M. Jones, and Rev. R. T.

Dillard, Lexington, Ky.; W. W. Gardner, and Thomas Y. Payne, Maysville; J. Holiday, Millersburg; C. King, Carlisle; S. Allen, Sharpsburg; J. A. Kirtley, Burlington; J. H. Barbee, Cynthiana; W. J. Morin, and T. German, Campbell county; S. L. Helm, Covington; P. B. Samuels, Bullitt county; X. X. Buckner, Taylorsville; A. B. Knight, and S. Vannatta, Shelbyville; F. Hodges, Franklin county; C. Lewis, H. Wingate, R. W. Scott, and N. Craig, Frankfort; B. F. Kenney, A. R. Macey, Y. R. Pitts, Great Crossings; Lewis Summers, J. M. Cooper, Charles Quirey, W. W. Everts, Thomas S. Haydon, William Garnett, and James E. Tyler, Louisville; John Burnham, and Dr. Helm, Bowling Green; N. Long, Russellville; J. -P. Campbell, and A. D. Sears, Hopkinsville; J. M. Bennett, Christian county; S. Haycraft, Jacob Rogers, and R. Richards, Hardin county; H. Haynes, Brandenburg; H. H. Wale, Garnettsville; W. M. Moorman, Thomas O. Moorman, Thompson Green, and George Duncan, Breckinridge county; Wm. Moorman, Hardinsburg; Wm. Head, Cloverport; J. E. Stone, Hawesville; C. R. Moorman, Owensboro; H. Ellis, Lewisport; John Bryce, Henderson; Wm. Morrison, Union county; A. Hatchett, and W. W. Whyne, Henderson county; Mercer Whyne, Asham Allen, and Dr. C. T. Noel, Daviess county; W. R. McFerrin, Glasgow; J. C. Rush, Munfordsville; W. L. Morris, Hodgenville; L. McKay, Bardstown; Wm. Vaughan, Bloomfield; V. E. Kirtley, J. L. Smith, Thomas Hutchison, and Felix Fisher, Boyle county; D. Buckner, Perryville; J. S. Higgins, Crab Orchard; B. Kemper, Lancaster; T. J. Drane, Nicholasville; A. W. LaRue, and E. H. Burford, Harrodsburg; D. S. Colgan, Lebanon; G. W. Robertson, Campbellsville; B. T. Taylor, Columbia; H. McDonald, Greensburg; E. D. Isbell, and Thomas Brown, New Castle; E. G. Berry, Smithfield; W. W. Foree, Campbellsburg; A. Broaddus, Pleasureville; J. B. Hollingsworth, Simpsonville; Dr. R. Nelson, Salvisa; W. F. Norton, T. L. Garrett, and J. H. Harrington, Paducah; James H. Wortham, and D. Dowden, Litchfield; John Haynes, Fordsville; Alfred Taylor, Ohio county; Rice Moxey, Albany; H. Moss, and B. C. Bradley, Versailles; E. Bondurant, Christiansburg; L. W. Chambers, and J. T. Hedger, Lawrenceburg; G. B. Long, J. E. Farnam, Georgetown; J. A. Darnaby, Pine Grove; P. P. Gentry, Martin Haggard, Winchester; Josiah Felix, Mortonsville; Colonel R. Ball, Haskinsville; J. H. Yeaman, Paris; J. F. Barkley, Jessamine county; J. D. Black, and S. Branham, Stamping Ground; H. McIlvane, and J. P. Metcalf, Mayslick; L. D. Alexander, and James W. Goodnan, New Liberty; C. A. Jackson, Cadiz; T. Fisher, Ghent; P. H. Todd, and B. O. Branham, Owenton; J. N. Beadles, Mayfield; J. J. Jeffries, Nolin; E. G. Lair, Stanford; Linton Snapp, Mount Washington; J. M. Brown, Augusta; S. Chorn, Mount Sterling; G. W. Broaddus, Richmond; Dr. A. B. Coon, Fisherville; Smith Thomas, Fairfield; Waller Chenault, Madison county; Wm. Carey Crane, W. Sparks, Dr. W. L. Balfour, M. W. Phillips, D. E. Burns, Mississippi; J. D. Winston, and Dr. Jones, Nashville, Tenn.; I. T. Tichenor, Alabama; Dr. Coons, St. Louis, Mo.; D. L. Russell, J. M. Waddell, J. Farnam, and A. B. Williams, Mo.; Gen. Milton Stapp, Madison, Ind.; and all others having a wish to bear a part in this last tribute of respect to Brother Waller.

The report of Committee on Obituary Notices was read by Brother A. D. Sears, Chairman, received and adopted, viz :

The Committee on Obituaries find from an examination of the history of the past year that Rev. B. F. Keeling, Rev. R. T. Anderson, and Rev. John L. Waller, LL. D., have been removed by death from the scenes of earthly labor.

Rev. B. F. Keeling had labored several years in the ministry, and was justly considered a pious and useful minister of the gospel. And although

he filled a comparatively humble sphere in our denominational history, he nevertheless was highly esteemed by a large circle of friends, among whom he had been greatly blessed in promoting the interest of the kingdom of Christ.

Rev. R. T. Anderson was a native of Virginia, from which State he emigrated while yet a youth. He was baptised in Green County, Ky., by Rev. Wm. Warder; and being impressed with an ardent desire for the salvation of sinners, he was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1828, and for upwards of twenty-six years was a laborious and faithful defender of the truth: and in the Green River country, where he was widely known, he was justly esteemed for his piety and zeal in serving the cause of Christ.

The Committee feel that in an ordinary obituary they are incapable of doing justice to the memory of Rev. John L. Waller, LL. D. His wide spread fame, well established reputation, and pre-eminent talents, demand that the ablest mind in the denomination should be selected to write a suitable history of his life: and they have no doubt that some one better qualified than they are, will prepare a biographical sketch of his life and character, worthy of his fame. The members of the Committee, however, recommend, as an expression of our feelings upon this sad bereavement, the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That in the death of Brother John L. Waller a great man has fallen, and our denomination has lost an able advocate, and the Baptist ministers one of their brightest ornaments.

2. *Resolved*, That while we bow submissively to the dispensation of Providence by which he was taken from us, we will fondly cherish his memory, strive to emulate his virtues, and copy his example.

3. *Resolved*, That we tender to the bereaved family and relations of our deceased Brother the warmest sympathies of our hearts; and assure his orphan children that their interest and happiness will ever be dear to the Baptist ministers of Kentucky.

4. *Resolved*, That a Committee consisting of five brethren be appointed, who shall, with the consent of his brothers, take charge of his miscellaneous and other unpublished writings, and make suitable arrangement with some one competent to prepare them for publication, so as to secure the profits arising therefrom exclusively for the benefit of his children.

A. D. SEARS, *Chairman Committee.*

On motion, it was resolved that it is the opinion of this meeting that Prof. J. E. Farnam is a proper person to whom shall be entrusted the care of bringing out a work to be entitled "The Life and Writings of John L. Waller, LL. D.;" and that the copy-right of such work be secured to Brother Waller's children.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to confer with Brother Waller's family, to effect a publication of his life and miscellaneous writings. The Committee to be S. W. Lynd, D.D.; D. R. Campbell, Y. R. Pitts, N. B. Waller, and S. H. Ford.

The following resolution was offered by Brother Thomas J. Fisher, and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, as we have just received the sad intelligence of the death of London Ferrell, the humble and beloved Pastor of the first colored Baptist Church in Lexington, Ky., therefore,

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the Church of which he was Pastor in this their sad bereavement; and we hereby add the tribute of our respect to his memory.

On motion, Elder W. M. Pratt was appointed a Committee to prepare a biographical notice of London Ferrell, to be published in the *Western Recorder*.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to meet in Louisville, on Wednesday before the next meeting of the General Association of Kentucky Baptists.

V. E. KIRTLEY, *President*.

E. D. ISBELL, *Secretary*.