

MINUTES
OF THE
General Association

OF
BAPTISTS IN KENTUCKY,

HELD WITH THE
WALNUT STREET BAPTIST CHURCH,

LOUISVILLE,

COMMENCING ON

Thursday, November 8th, 1855.



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MINUTES.

The General Association met at the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., November 8, 1855, at 11 o'clock.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. D. R. Campbell, L.L. D., from 2 Kings iv., 26: "Is it well with thee?"

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M.

THURSDAY, 3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Association met, and proceeded to business.

The Chairman being absent, the Association was called to order by Elder John Bryce.

It was moved that a Committee on Nominations be appointed.

The Chair appointed Brethren William M. Pratt, Cad. Lewis, and D. S. Colgan, said Committee.

The Committee retired, and immediately returned and made a partial report—naming Rev. R. T. Dillard, D.D., Chairman, and Rev. A. R. Macey, Secretary, of the present session—which was adopted.

Letters were then read from District Associations and Churches, and Messengers' names enrolled, viz:

LETTERS FROM ASSOCIATIONS AND NAMES OF MESSENGERS.

Concord Association.—R. R. Revell, Elder B. Garnett.

Salem.—Elder W. Wright, S. Haycraft, J. W. Rogers, J. J. Jeffries.

Goshen.—David Herndon, D. Dowden.

Middle District.—H. S. Carris.

Little Bethel.—Elder John Bryce.

South District.—Elders V. E. Kirtley, Daniel Buckner, John L. Smith, A. W. La Rue, W. B. Smith.

Sulphur Fork.—Elders A. Smith, W. W. Foree, E. B. Stratton and Bros. Wm. Coons, R. H. Buckley.

Freedom.—Elders R. C. Buckner, S. L. Sumer.

Baptist.—Col. Thomas Edwards.

Bracken.—Elders W. W. Gardner, J. W. Warder.

Franklin.—Elders Cad. Lewis, B. T. Quinn, A. R. Macey, J. M. Lewis.

Elkhorn.—S. W. Lynd, D.D., D. R. Campbell, L.L. D., W. M. Pratt, R. T. Dillard, D.D., N. Long, J. E. Farnum, J. Thorp, S. F. Gano.

Russell Creek.—Elders H. McDonald, Colonel R. Ball, Elder Cheney.

Long Run.—Elders X. X. Buckner, Smith Thomas, T. J. Drane, and A. H. McKay, J. T. Want, S. O. Bennett.

Tates' Creek.—Waller Chenault, Dr. R. N. Coffey.

North Bend.—D. G. Hatch, Isaac Cooper.

Little River.—Elder W. H. McGowen.

Bethel.—Elders N. Lacy, A. D. Sears.

Nelson County.—Chas. Y. Duncan, J. B. Lewis.

Daviess County.—David Miller, — Miller.

LETTERS FROM CHURCHES AND NAMES OF MESSENGERS.

Burks' Branch, Shelby County.—Eld. Thos. M. Vaughan.

Bloomfield, Nelson County.—John Sutcliffe, C. Y. Duncan.

Henderson.—Elder John Bryce, J. W. Clay.

Georgetown.—S. W. Lynd, D.D., D. R. Campbell, L.L. D., S. F. Gano.

Bethlehem, Marion County.—W. Edmundson, J. Green.

Great Crossings.—N. Long.

Walnut Street, Louisville.—J. M. Cooper, W. B. Caldwell, J. L. Smith, W. W. Everts, J. S. Patch, J. W. Newland, J. E. Tyler, F. Hegan, George Varden.

Carrolton.—J. Hogan, B. T. Vories.

Shelbyville.—A. B. Knight, T. J. Drane, S. Vannetta, Thos. Hansborough, Wm. Hansborough, W. F. Hill.

New Liberty.—L. D. Alexander, B. Garnett, C. M. Riley, C. Bond, F. Brown.

Mt. Vernon.—D. Price.

Covington.—D. G. Hatch, J. Cooper.

White's Run.—J. M. Barrett.

Maysville.—J. W. Warder.

Jefferson Street, Louisville.—J. Edmunds, Wm. Garnett, J. V. Scofield, T. A. Read.

Danville.—V. E. Kirtley, John L. Smith.

Harrodsburg.—A. W. La Rue.

South Benson.—A. R. Macy, B. T. Quinn.

East Church, Louisville.—S. H. Ford, R. Gailbreath, F. B. Webb, J. F. King, W. Mitchell, S. O. Bennett.

Portland Mission.—J. H. Brown.

German Mission, Louisville.—Charles Shultz, S. Kulp, Thos. S. Haydon, Wm. Garnett, John F. King.

LIFE MEMBERS OF GENERAL ASSOCIATION PRESENT.

Ministers.—John Bryce, R. L. Thurman, J. W. Warder, W. M. Pratt, W. W. Everts, S. H. Ford, S. W. Lynd, D.D., D. R. Campbell, L.L. D., A. R. Macey, A. D. Sears, W. W. Gardner, X. X. Buckner, D. S. Colgan, V. E. Kirtley, J. H. Brown, R. T. Dillard, D.D., C. Lewis, A. Broaddus, R. N. Coffey, D. Buckner, D. Dowden, S. Thomas, A. Smith, L. D. Alexander, B. Garnett, T. J. Drane, T. J. Fisher, W. B. Smith, W. W. Foree, Jno. L. Smith, E. B. Stratton, Jno. Dulaney.

Lay Brethren.—J. E. Farnum, William Garnett, R. Ball, C. Vanbuskirk, T. Hansborough, J. M. Cooper, C. Duffield, J. E. Tyler, W. P. Jarvis, J. E. Haynes, D. Herndon, J. M. Clay, W. Chenault, John M. Hunt, N. Long, Thomas S. Haydon, D. G. Hatch, A. O. Brannin, W. B. Caldwell, J. B. Lewis, D. Price, John M. Delph, George J. Rowland, D. C. Miller, R. H. Buckley, Thos. Edwards, S. F. Gano.

ANNUAL MEMBERS.

Arthur Peter, Elder J. B. Link, Mrs. M. E. Cooper, J. W. Newland, J. S. Patch, Mrs. Ferguson.

On motion, Rev. A. M. Poindexter, of Virginia, Rev. W. B. Crisler, and Gen. Stapp, of Indiana, and Rev. ——— Bastion, of Ohio, were invited to seats in the Association.

On motion, W. W. Everts, A. B. Knight, and D. S. Colgan, were appointed a Committee of Arrangements.

The Report of the Executive Board was called for and read, and referred to a committee of Brethren—S. W. Lynd, D. S. Colgan, C. Lewis, W. M. Pratt, J. W. Warder.

Elder Wm. M. Pratt introduced the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That we hold a prayer meeting early in the morning to implore the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit upon the ministry of the Churches of Kentucky, that all jealousies, heart-burnings, and enmities may be erased from our hearts, and that love to one another and harmony in our efforts to advance the Redeemer's kingdom may exist, and that a deep-toned piety may abound, and that the Lord of the harvest would prompt those in the field to work heartily.

The Committee of Arrangements made the following report, which was adopted, viz :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

As arrangements have already been made for religious services for to-night, and miscellaneous business may require some time in the morning, the Committee recommend that the hour of 10 o'clock, to-morrow, be designated to hear reports and brief addresses, in the following order :

1. On Religious Periodicals, one hour.
2. Domestic Missions, one hour.
3. Home Missions, one hour.
4. Bible Cause, one hour.
5. Georgetown College, half hour.
6. Ministerial Education, half hour.
7. Sunday Schools, half hour.
8. Systematic Benevolence, one hour.
9. Agencies, half hour.
10. Temperance, one hour.
11. German Missions, half hour.
12. Indian Missions, half hour.

The Committee recommend this body to meet at 8½ o'clock, and adjourn at 10 ; meet again at 2½ o'clock, and adjourn at 5 ; and that Rev. A. M. Poindexter be requested to deliver an address on to-morrow night at 7 o'clock.

Adjourned to meet at 8½ o'clock on to-morrow.

Prayer by Elder H. McDonald.

FRIDAY MORNING, 8½ O'CLOCK.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder L. D. Alexander.

A letter was read from C. Lewis and others, Committee from Franklin Association, setting forth the condition of the Church at

Frankfort, and asking a donation to the same, which was referred to the Executive Board with instructions, that after mature deliberation, and a full survey of the claims of the entire State, to give such aid as the condition of the treasury will warrant.

On motion, Brethren A. D. Sears, C. Lewis, John Bryce, W. W. Everts, and D. R. Campbell, were appointed a Committee to consider and suggest further measures to increase the efficiency of the General Association, and report on to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

The Treasurer's Report was called for and read, and referred to an Auditing Committee—D. G. Hatch and S. Vannetta.

The hour of 10 o'clock having arrived, took up the order of the day—

I. Religious Press.

Dr. Everts presented a lengthy report, which was read, and, on motion, referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Brethren S. W. Lynd, W. Chenault, and D. R. Campbell.

II. State Missions.

Elder J. W. Warder offered the following Report, which was read and adopted, viz:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

In the Report of the Executive Board this body is recommended to take into consideration the causes of the destitution of the means of grace which exists in Kentucky; therefore—

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend to our brethren the prayerful consideration of the following inquiries:

1. Is not one cause of the extent of the existing destitution to be traced to a want on the part of the ministry of apostolic zeal for the extension of the kingdom of Christ, and a failure to properly instruct the Churches in their duty in regard to this destitution?
2. How far may our destitution be referred to the worldliness and illiberality of the lay membership of our Churches?
3. How far is the alarming want of ministers traceable to the neglect of prayer "to the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into the harvest?"

III. Domestic Missions.

Elder William M. Pratt read the following Report, which was adopted:

REPORT ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

WHEREAS, Supplying the destitution of our native land with the preaching of the Gospel is paramount to that of every other benevolent enterprise; and whereas, the providence of God has brought to our very doors an immense number of foreigners that have their minds darkened by the traditions and superstitious connected with

state religions in the father land, and has also added a vast extent of territory to these United States, and thus thrown open a door of access to thousands in New Mexico and other numerous tribes of benighted aborigines; and whereas, the tide of emigration is pouring like a mighty flood into the West, forming large settlements in regions but yesterday in all the wildness of nature, causing villages and cities to spring up in a few months, and it is of the utmost importance to have the Gospel standard early raised in all these settlements, towns, and cities, and all their destitution moulded under the influence of the Gospel of Christ; therefore—

Resolved, That Home Missions, promoting the religious and spiritual influence of our own country, has the highest conceivable claims upon our affections and contributions.

Resolved, 1. That we advise the Churches, to first endeavor to meet the religious wants of the people where they are respectively located.

2. That they contribute to the General Association to supply the destitution of Kentucky. And—

3. That they contribute to the Domestic Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to aid in disseminating the Gospel throughout the entire length and breadth of the North American continent.

On motion, adjourned to 2½ o'clock.

FRIDAY EVENING, 2½ O'CLOCK.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder T. J. Drane.

IV. Bible Distribution.

Elder A. D. Sears made the following Report, which was adopted, viz:

REPORT ON BIBLE DISTRIBUTION.

Since the Reformation in the sixteenth century there have been hundreds of different translations of the Bible made, among which may be numbered translations, in whole or in part, into most European languages, several of the languages of Asia, some of the languages of Africa, and a few of the Indian languages. But still there are said to be nearly two hundred millions of the human race that are without any translations of the sacred Scriptures into their languages. Since the organization of the first Bible Society, many different societies for the circulation of the Scriptures in different parts of the world have been organized. These societies, together with what have been published by individual enterprise, have published and circulated millions of copies of the word of God. And to them is the world indebted for most of the knowledge which its inhabitants now have of the sacred Scriptures. When we consider the different circumstances which have been connected with the printing and circulation of the Bible in our own, as well as in the heathen lands, during the past history of the Churches, we are forced to admit that a great work has been accomplished. But still, when we take into consideration the present condition of the inhabitants of the earth, together with the multiplied facilities which Christians now enjoy for printing as well as for distributing the word of

God, we feel that what has been accomplished may be looked upon only as the beginning of that great and sublime work which the Churches of Jesus Christ have to do in order to prepare the world for the introduction of that glorious era when "all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord," and when man shall not have to "teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, know the Lord;" but when God says "all shall know me, from the least to the greatest." According to a statement made in the report of the Bible Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, at the last session of that body, the opportunity for the circulation of the word of God in China alone, is now so favorable that the Baptist Churches of the Southern States have a field accessible to them equal to their most enlarged exertions. And while the Baptist Churches in other States composing the constituency of the Convention, seem to be engaging with increasing zeal and energy in this good work, the Baptist Churches of Kentucky should also be prepared to furnish the missionaries of the Convention with a just proportion of the means necessary for the circulation of the sacred Scriptures. Central Africa, too, will soon appeal to our Churches for a portion of the funds necessary for distributing the Bible among its benighted millions. And when we recollect the interesting relation a portion of the African race sustains to the States of the South, the members of our Churches will no doubt be disposed to furnish the means to enable the Convention to carry on the noble work of evangelizing that interesting people. But without any reference to an enlargement of the field for the distribution of the Scriptures in foreign lands—when we take into consideration the work of the Bible Union for the revision of the English Scriptures, with the encouragement which we have that a revision of the Bible will soon be completed, joined to the foreign field already occupied by the missionaries of the Southern Convention—we can readily see that a great increase to the treasuries of the Bible Board, sustained in part by the Baptists of Kentucky, will necessarily be demanded. These important truths cannot be too forcibly impressed upon the minds of the ministers and members of our Churches. For we all must acknowledge that it is important that some efficient system should be used to awaken our people to the importance of the appeals which, under the direction of divine Providence, will soon be made upon them. And could we produce in their minds a deeper sense of their obligations to God, together with a more perfect knowledge of the true condition of the heathen world, it would no doubt prove a stronger stimulant to urge men to give the world the Bible. Respectfully submitted,

A. D. SEARS.

V. Georgetown College.

Dr. Campbell read the following Report, which called forth a number of able speeches in behalf of the College, after which it was adopted :

REPORT ON GEORGETOWN COLLEGE.

The internal condition of Georgetown College may be stated in a few words, but how to meet its necessities and estimate its importance is a very different matter.

At present the College is in quite a healthful and prosperous condition as far as the harmony and laboriousness of the Faculty, and the discipline, the character,

and the proficiency of the students, are concerned. In these respects it will compare advantageously with any College in the land.

Its pecuniary condition is, at present, its most important and pressing interest—one which must receive serious attention, and call forth the most rigorous and liberal efforts of the denomination throughout the State. To neglect its claims in this respect any longer, or to take them up and respond to them, as has been done for ten years past, or even with any ordinary addition of energy and liberality, will be to keep it in a crippled and uncertain condition, or, perhaps, in certain contingencies, to wind it up altogether, bringing a calamity on the denomination from which it might not recover in the next twenty years.

The real condition of its funds, according to the last Annual Report of the Treasurer, is as follows: In the hands of the Trustees, and invested in various profitable ways, yielding from six to ten per cent. annually, \$17,000; in the hands of subscribers, part of which will pay legal interest, but much of which may never be collected, \$20,983 89. The present indebtedness to the Faculty, about \$6,000, to to meet which there is between \$3,000 and \$4,000 of interest which will be paid this winter or next summer, leaving still between \$2,000 and \$3,000 due to the Professors.

This shows that there is in the hands of the Trustees, after their debts are paid, only about \$4,000, bearing interest. Of the \$20,000 or \$21,000 in the shape of subscriptions unpaid, perhaps half or two-thirds may be collected in course of time.

There is of course an annual infringement on the actual endowment now invested and under the control of the Trustees. Such is the ratio of this infringement that it is believed three years more will compel us to wind up if the denomination do not at once raise such an amount as will place the enterprise in a permanently safe condition.

The importance of the College to the denomination may not fully appear to all who ought to be deeply interested in it from anything I might say in this report. Should it be compelled to wind up, however, I believe the disaster would soon be felt by all—even by those who will not permit themselves now to look at the matter in its proper light. Since 1841 it has sent forth among the Churches over eight hundred young men to preach the Gospel, who are now scattered all over the West and South. In our own State we have now not a few actively and efficiently engaged in the ministry who fully appreciate its value to them,—Gardner, La Rue, Warder, Thurman, Macy, the two Kirtleys, James, Puryear, Isbell, Link, the two Buckners, Dobbs, Hunt, Storts, Tharp, Smith, Foree, and others too numerous to mention. What should we be without these brethren?

These fruits are but the offspring of the College in its infancy. Let it be placed on a footing of maturity and what might it not accomplish in this and other respects? Can we get along with it? Shall we permit it to expire? Are we able to endow it? Are the times favorable? These are questions to be answered in the light of eternity as shed upon us on the pages of revelation. May God help us to act right in the matter.

I suggest the following resolutions:

1. That this body do realize the necessity of an immediate, vigorous, and general effort throughout the State to complete the endowment of Georgetown College.
2. That the effort should be made on the plan that a certain amount, say ———,

shall be obtained on good notes or cash before any of the individual subscriptions shall be payable.

3. That a resolution from this body shall be sent to the Trustees of the College urging an immediate arrangement with some man or men to secure the result within twelve months from Christmas next, pledging the individual co-operation of the friends of the College present in all their respective neighborhoods.

Respectfully submitted,

D. R. CAMPBELL.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock.

FRIDAY EVENING, 7 O'CLOCK.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Rev. A. M. Poindexter, of Richmond, Va., occupied the floor in a thrilling address in behalf of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, after which a collection was taken up amounting to \$651 50.

On motion, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, 1. That we hail with devout gratitude to God the success which has attended the labors of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

2. That in the new and inviting fields which are opening before us, especially in Central Africa, we recognize the call of divine Providence for increased effort on our part in sending the Gospel to the heathen.

3. That a collection be now taken in aid of the funds of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

On motion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Western Recorder as a weekly and the Christian Repository as a monthly are periodicals worthy of the cordial and entire support of our denomination throughout the State, and that we pledge ourselves in aid of their wider circulation and more extensive usefulness.

On motion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we recommend to the Trustees of Georgetown College to enter upon immediate measures to raise one hundred thousand dollars as an additional endowment fund, and that we pledge to them our hearty co-operation and influence.

Adjourned to meet at 8½ o'clock, to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, 8½ O'CLOCK.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Brother W. Wright.

On motion, Brother W. Chenault was granted leave of absence.

The Committee appointed to suggest measures for the greater efficiency of the General Association, made the following Report :

REPORT ON GREATER EFFICIENCY OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of suggesting some modification or improvement of the system which at present directs the action of the General Association, respectfully offer the following Report :

They freely admit, that under the present system much good has been accomplished, but still, as in all human systems, time and use alone will test the efficacy of their adaptation to secure a contemplated end, so these have shown the necessity for an improvement in our present excellent organization. They recommend that hereafter the different interests now sustained by the Board of the General Association, be placed under the management of four different Boards. 1. A Board for Foreign Missions, to be located at Lexington, and to have the management of the First District, which is to be composed of all the Associations North of Kentucky River ; 2. A Board for Publication and for the sale of books, and to be called the Board of the General Association, to be located in the city of Louisville, and to have the management of the Second District, which is to be composed of the Associations North of Salt River, and the Northern boundary of Russell Creek Association ; 3. A Board for the Bible Cause, to be located in Henderson, and to have the management of the Third District, which is to be composed of Salem, Russell Creek, Goshen, Gasper River, Little Bethel, and Daviess County Association ; 4. A Board for Domestic Missions, to be located in the town of Hopkinsville, and to have the management of the Fourth District, which is to be composed of the remaining Associations in the State—each of these Boards to appoint an Agent for their respective District, who, when appointed, shall be considered the Agent of all the Boards collectively, and he shall report all money collected by him to the Treasurer of the Board for which such may have been collected.

The Committee also recommend that the time of holding the Annual meeting of the General Association be changed to the last Thursday in May, at which time each of the Boards contemplated in this Report shall make a statement of what it has done for the General Association.

Said Report, by motion, was laid on the table till the next meeting, and ordered to be published in the Minutes.

On motion, the following Brethren were appointed a Committee to report forthwith on the interests of Georgetown College : W. B. Caldwell, A. Peter, A. O. Brannin, D. G. Hatch, W. M. Pratt, John L. Smith, S. F. Gano, J. W. Warder, T. J. Drane, John Bryce, A. D. Sears, David Herndon.

The Committee, in a few minutes, made the following Report, which was adopted :

Resolved, That this Association do recommend to the Board of Trustees of Georgetown College, to appoint President D. R. Campbell their agent to raise the endowment fund of said College, and that he be requested to take the field for that purpose in connection with his position as President of the College and its general interests.

On motion, the following preamble and resolution were adopted, viz:

WHEREAS, The Baptist denomination in many parts of the State is suffering greatly from the want of efficient ministers of the Gospel; and whereas, there are many young men who would qualify themselves for the ministry if they had the means to do so; therefore—

Resolved, That all the Baptist Churches in Kentucky be earnestly requested, through their pastors, to take up collections at their earliest convenience for the purpose of educating the indigent and worthy young men who are disposed to qualify themselves for the ministry.

The Report of the Auditing Committee was received and adopted, and ordered to be published, together with the Treasurer's Report.

Elder W. W. Gardner read the following Report on Systematic Benevolence, which was adopted:

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

Your Committee on Systematic Benevolence beg leave to offer the following resolution and remarks, based on 1 Cor. xvi., 2:

Resolved, That it is the duty of every Christian to contribute steadily to the cause of Christ according to his ability.

1. It is the duty of every one to devote a portion of his regular income to benevolent purposes. Says Paul: "Let every one of you lay by him in store." This duty is equally binding upon all Christians, without exception, whether rich or poor, male or female. The duty may be neglected, but the obligation remains, and such neglect involves guilt.

2. It is the duty of every one to give according to his ability. Says Paul: "As God hath prospered him." Under the old dispensation one-tenth was required, but under the new the amount is not specified. It is simply said: "Let every one lay by as God hath prospered him," leaving every one free to graduate his gifts by the measure of his prosperity. Liberality to the cause of God is both an evidence and a test of our love to Christ and his cause. In urging the Corinthians to liberality, Paul says: "Show to them (Titus and other agents), and before the Churches, this proof of your love." 2 Cor. viii., 24.

3. It is the duty of every one to contribute steadily. Says Paul: "Upon the first day of the week," that is, on the Lord's day. It is important that some time be fixed or the duty will be neglected. But whether we contribute every Lord's day, or less frequently, we are required to lay by a portion of our weekly income on that day for benevolent purposes, that it may be ready when opportunity offers. Says Paul: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings (or collections) when I come."

Such is the Divine rule of Christian benevolence, and it possesses many advantages, only a few of which can be mentioned at present.

1. It tends to make Christians benevolent from principle and not merely from impulse. Acting under this rule Paul tells us, that the primitive Christians were

“willing of themselves,” and needed not the appeals and entreaties of agents to awaken their sympathies and move them to action. They had their benevolent money ready when the agents come, and prayed them with much entreaty to receive it. 2 Cor. viii., 2-4.

2. This rule is adapted to all classes and conditions, and, if universally adopted, would furnish ample means for all our benevolent purposes. It enabled the poor Churches of Macedonia to abound in the riches of their liberality. 2 Cor. viii., 2. It is calculated to cultivate and strengthen the benevolent feelings of all God's people, and to enlist the sympathies and call into requisition the means of both rich and poor. Let this Divine rule be carried out by all our Churches and the Macedonian cry for help, which is borne to us upon every breeze, would receive a substantial response, and soon the wilderness and the solitary places would rejoice and blossom as the rose.

3. In conclusion, therefore, your Committee would affectionately recommend to all our Churches and ministers the immediate adoption of the above or some other plan of systematic benevolence. Let the time and the objects be specified, let every one lay by him in store as God prospers him, and let all our pastors present the claims of said object, and the work will be done.

The Corresponding Secretary presented a letter and circular from the Bible Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, which was read and ordered to be spread on the Minutes. (See circular in the Appendix.)

On motion, Brethren R. T. Dillard and D. R. Campbell were granted leave of absence.

Dr. S. W. Lynd was then chosen Moderator, until the next session.

Adjourned to 2½ o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by C. Lewis.

SATURDAY EVENING, 2½ O'CLOCK.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Bro. R. H. Buckley read a report on Temperance, and, on motion, it was laid on the table until 7 o'clock, and Brother Buckley to occupy the floor.

Elder V. E. Kirtley made an extempore report on Agencies.

Elder A. W. LaRue, not being prepared to report on Sunday Schools, was granted time until the next meeting to bring in a report.

On motion, Brother Jas. Edmunds, Corresponding Secretary of

the Bible Revision Association, was granted an opportunity to address the meeting on the subject of Revision.

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

Resolved, That the principle of true versions of the word of God meets our cordial approbation, and that it is our duty to do all in our power to give all men the Scriptures in the most faithful translations possible.

The Committee appointed by the Board on German Missions, made the following report, which was ordered to be published in the Minutes :

LOUISVILLE GERMAN BAPTIST INTEREST.

In addition to what has been reported by the Board, we would respectfully submit the following :

About sixty days since this Church had dwindled, by removals, &c., to five in number. It was then taken charge of by the Rev. Chas. Shultz, who has proved highly acceptable to the little band. Since which time one has been added by baptism, and twelve by letter—so that the Church now numbers some eighteen good, reliable members, and its prospects highly promising. By the blessing of God we hope it will wield a mighty influence on the twenty thousand Germans in this city and vicinity, most of whom are infidel or Catholic.

Gustave Mitkoskie, who was appointed an agent to raise subscriptions for the purpose of buying a lot and building a house, succeeded in raising—

By promise,.....	\$618,50
In cash,.....	301,25
	\$919,75
Less, expenses of collection, &c.,.....	70,50
	\$849,25

To this we hope a sufficient sum will be added to give this people a comfortable place in which to worship, in a short time.

WM. GARNETT,
THOS. S. HAYDON, } Com.
J. F. KING,

On motion, Brethren A. D. Sears, V. E. Kirtley, W. B. Caldwell, N. Lacy, R. L. Thurman, John Bryce, and W. H. McGOWEN were appointed a committee to report to-night on the time of holding the next meeting of this Association.

The Committee of Arrangements made the following report :

Next Introductory to be preached by J. W. Warder, H. McDonald alternate. Subject—Home Missions.

A discourse on Foreign Missions, W. W. Gardner, John L. Smith alternate.

REPORTS TO BE READ.

Domestic Missions—A. D. Sears.
 State Missions—Jas. H. Brown.
 Bible Cause—R. L. Thurman.
 Ministerial Education—V. E. Kirtley.
 Georgetown College—J. E. Farnum.
 Sunday Schools—A. W. LaRue.
 Religious Periodicals—S. W. Lynd.
 Temperance—B. T. Taylor.
 Agencies—W. W. Everts.

Elders John Bryce, S. W. Lynd, and R. L. Thurman were appointed delegates to the Virginia General Association.

The Committee on the Annual Report of the Board recommended its publication.

Adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock, P. M.

 SATURDAY, EVENING, 7 O'CLOCK.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee on Nominations made final report, which was adopted, viz :

Your Committee on Nominations recommend the following Brethren as officers and managers for the ensuing Associational year :

President—S. W. Lynd, Louisville.

Corresponding Secretary—J. M. Cooper, Louisville.

Treasurer—A. O. Brannin, Louisville.

Managers—Thos. S. Haydon, W. Mitchell, F. B. Webb, Jas. E. Tyler, J. E. Haynes, W. B. Caldwell, Chas. Duffield, F. Hegan, S. J. Evans, Wm. Garnett, John F. King, Geo. J. Rowland, Wm. P. Jarvis, J. H. Brown, J. V. Scofield, T. A. Read, S. H. Ford, A. O. Brannin, J. M. Cooper, W. W. Everts, B. C. Hord, J. S. Patch, J. Lawrence Smith, John S. Hubbard, J. W. Newland, John M. Delph, A. Peter—Louisville. Y. R. Pitts, C. Lewis, Junius Caldwell, B. T. Taylor, L. McKay, O. H. Morrow, John L. Smith, Thos. M. Vaughan, N. Lacy, W. H. McGowen, L. Fletcher, H. McDonald, J. C. Wilkins, T. J. Drane, P. B. Samuels, W. W. Gardner, D. J. Hatch, Wm. M. Pratt, Rice Maxey, R. T. Dillard, D. S. Colgan, J. A. Kirtley, J. D. Black, P. H. Todd, A. R. Macy, 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. Summers, Samuel Haycraft, W. W. Foree, C. T. Noel, R. H. Buckley, B. O. Branham, A. W. LaRue, Isaac Newland, J. J. Jeffries, Smith Thomas, S. L. Helm, D. R. Campbell, LL. D., V. E. Kirtley, A. Smith, Wm. R. McFerrin, J. W. Warder, A. Broaddus, H. Wingate, A. D. Sears, J. W. Brooks, Wm. Vaughan, John Bryce, 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 Reports from the General Agents were called for, read and adopted, and ordered to be published. (See Reports in the Appendix.)

After a very able address by Col. R. H. Buckley, on Temperance, his preamble and resolutions were adopted and ordered to be printed. (See Report in Appendix.)

The Committee on the time of holding our next meeting, reported in favor of holding it on the Friday before the second Sunday in May, which was adopted.

It was voted that the next meeting be held in the city of Henderson.

On motion, the publication and distribution of the Minutes was referred to the Corresponding Secretary and Executive Board.

Brethren W. B. Caldwell, W. W. Gardner, and J. W. Warder were appointed a Committee to prepare a letter to the Green River Convention, when met at Bowling Green, and Brother W. H. McGowen appointed to bear it.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this body is tendered to the Brethren in Louisville for the kindness and hospitality we have received at their hands during this meeting."

The pulpits of the Second and Fourth Presbyterian Churches, the Walnut Street Reform Church, and Rev. Mr. Heywood's Unitarian Church, were all kindly tendered to the Association, and occupied on Sunday.

Adjourned to meet in Henderson on Friday before the second Sunday in May, 1856.

S. W. LYND, D.D., *Mod.*

A. R. MACEY, *Sec'y.*

APPENDIX.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD.

The time having arrived for your Annual Meeting, it again becomes our duty to render an account of our stewardship.

The past year has been one of embarrassment, and your Board have met with much to discourage them in their operations. The great drouth of last year, followed by an almost unparalleled monetary pressure, bearing alike upon every class and community, had its effect upon the benevolence of our country; and perhaps in no department of the benevolence of our State have these financial difficulties been more severely felt than by your Board. Our country has also been the arena of one of the fiercest political contests known in its history. This has tended to repress vital godliness, to impair the energies of the churches, to check the efforts to benevolence, and to grieve the Holy Spirit in the hearts of God's people. Many worthy members of our churches, during the past year, have fallen asleep in Jesus, and among the number, one of the most worthy and efficient members of your Board, brother Charles Quirey. In his death we have lost one of our most active members, and we feel that his place in the denomination cannot easily be filled. May we all ever strive to emulate him in his acts of Christian love and deeds of charity to the churches and to the world. But thanks to our Heavenly Father, his loving kindness has not been entirely withdrawn from us; and, in many respects, the past year has been one of rejoicing. Many of the churches in our State have been revived, and considerable accessions have been made to them, under the ministrations of those laboring under the patronage of our Association; and even now, from various portions of the State, the grateful news is coming up of sinners turning to God. Let this fill our hearts with gratitude, and stimulate us to prosecute with renewed energy the great work we are called, in the decrees of Providence, to perform.

GENERAL AGENTS.

The Board failed to obtain the services of any one to act as General Agent until the 21st of October, 1854, when they employed Elder Daniel S. Colgan to labor in the southern portion of the State, at a salary of \$600 per annum and his traveling expenses. Bro. Colgan's labors have been greatly retarded by pro-

tracted sickness in his family during a large portion of the year, in consequence of which he has not been able to do as much as was desired by himself or your Board. For particulars in reference to his labors, see General Agent's Report.

On the 1st January, 1855, the Board employed Elder Andrew Broaddus to labor as General Agent in the northern portion of the State, at a salary of \$600 per annum and his traveling expenses. Bro. Broaddus' success in the collection of funds has been very good, considering the great pressure in money matters. His labors, as well as Bro. Colgan's, has been blessed in many instances in the conversion of sinners, where he has stopped to preach the word of life. For particulars in reference to his labors, see Report of General Agents.

MISSIONARIES.

The following missionaries have been appointed, and in your service a part or the whole of the year, viz :

Elder Daniel Buckner, who was appointed last year, and whose time had not expired at your last Annual Meeting, to labor at Perryville, Boyle county, and vicinity, at a salary of \$400, \$300 of which he was to raise on the field.

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

Elder W. W. Wayne, appointed last year, but time not out at your last meeting, to labor in the Little Bethel Association one hundred days, at \$1 per day, one half to be raised on the field.

Elder Robert T. Gardner, of Dripping Spring, to labor in the counties of Hart, Edmundson, Butler, &c., at \$1 per day for all labor actually performed.

Elder Pascal H. Todd, of Owen county, to labor in any destitution he may think proper, and also to act as agent in the collection of funds, at a salary of \$1 per day for all labor actually performed ; he to raise one half on the field.

Elder Wm. Johnson, to labor a part of his time with the Church at Carrollton, Carroll county, at a salary of \$100, the church at that place to raise one-half.

Elder Jacob Weller, to labor among the Germans in Louisville and vicinity, at a salary of \$600 per annum.

Gustave Mitkoskie and Philip Winterstine, to labor one month in raising funds to build a house of worship for the Germans in Louisville, and Mitkoskie to fill the unexpired time of Elder J. Weller, at the same salary.

Elder Charles Shultz, to fill the unexpired time of Gustave Mitkoskie among the Germans in Louisville, at a salary of \$500 per annum.

Elder G. W. Broaddus, who was appointed last year to labor

in the counties of Madison, Estill, &c., and whose time expired last May, reports forty-nine days' labor. Preached forty sermons, delivered thirteen exhortations, baptized one, and received four by letter; collected and forwarded to the Board \$10,25; traveled five hundred and ninety miles, and constituted one new Church.

Elder Robert Vickars, to labor in the counties of Campbell and Kenton, and the cities of Covington and Newport, at a salary of \$200, one-half to be raised on the field.

REPORTS OF MISSIONARIES.

Elder Daniel Buckner, labored thirty-three days, traveled four hundred and sixteen miles, preached thirty-five sermons, baptized twelve, and witnessed the baptism of twenty by other ministers, where he preached; and collected \$20 toward paying his salary. In March last, Bro. Buckner sent in his resignation, having been called to the pastoral care of the church at Salvisa, Mercer county, Kentucky.

Elder Darnell Dowden, labored one hundred and forty-five days, traveled fifteen hundred and sixty-one miles, preached one hundred and twenty-seven sermons, besides delivering numerous lectures and exhortations; baptized forty-four; sold twenty-eight copies Bibles and Testaments; also circulated over two hundred copies of religious books, besides tracts, pamphlets, and papers.

Elder W. W. Whayne, to close out the balance of last year; labored sixteen days, traveled one hundred and twenty miles, preached eleven sermons, delivered twelve exhortations, baptized four, and collected \$8,25.

Elder Robt. T. Gardiner, labored forty-five days, preached forty-five sermons, delivered twenty-five exhortations, witnessed thirty-two professions, baptized twenty-three.

Elder Pascal H. Todd, labored about thirty days, traveled — miles, preached about thirty sermons, delivered — exhortations, baptized about twenty; collected \$40.

Elder Wm. Johnson, has labored a part of his time with the church at Carrollton. They report fourteen members added to the church since Bro. Johnson's appointment, the 15th Sept. last; seven by experience and baptism, seven by letter, and \$46 raised by subscription toward paying his salary, and confidently hope to extend the amount to \$60. This is an important field, and should receive the special attention of the General Association. Bro. Johnson is the only ordained Baptist minister in the county of Carroll.

Elder Jacob Weller labored about six months, and owing to the great political excitement in the city, he says he became discouraged and resigned his mission. The Board have received no report from him since the 5th of March, 1855. The following is an extract from his report at that time: "I have had eighty-five

meetings in my field of labor, up to this time. In January I visited the brethren in Cannelton and Troy, Ind., and Hawesville, Ky., and had four meetings while there. Our little church in Louisville has increased to sixteen members, five baptized."

Gustave Mitkoskie. The Board employed him and Philip Winterstine on the 4th of June, to labor in raising funds for the purchase of a house of worship for the Germans in Louisville, and he labored until August. For particulars, see report of Committee on German Missions.

Charles Shultz. The Board appointed him in September last, and he has labored about two months for the German Mission in Louisville. See report of Committee on German Missions.

Elder Robert Vickers has just commenced his labors, under the patronage of the Board; and his field is an important one, and should receive the special attention of the Association. The Board has received no report from him yet.

Elder G. W. Broadus, who was appointed last year, was sick nearly the whole of the year, and was able to perform only forty-nine days' labor; preached forty sermons, thirteen exhortations; baptized one, received four by letter, constituted one church, collected \$10,25, and traveled about five hundred miles.

OTHER APPLICATIONS AND DONATIONS.

Many other applications for missionary labor, funds, &c., have come up from various parts of the State, most of which your Board has been compelled to deny, owing to our limited means.

Elder Henry H. Prather, of Washington county, subscribed to Bro. Kirtley, while agent, thirty days' labor, at \$1 per day, to constitute him a life member; and, in addition to the performance of that work, he reported to the Board twenty-three days' labor, and constituted one church in the northern part of Washington county, and baptized eleven persons. He adds—"I have met with great encouragement in the destitute places that I have visited. Sinners are anxious to hear the gospel." Elder Prather's field of labor is in a very destitute part of the State. Application was made to the Board by Elder Wm. Vaughan, for an appropriation to Bro. Prather, but owing to our limited means, we could give him only \$23.

Application was made by the Mount Carmel church, Taylor county, for an appropriation of the amounts due on Life Memberships of twelve members, living in the bounds of Russell Creek Association, and in the vicinity of that church, for the purpose of enabling them to finish a house of worship, which the Board granted. See amount collected and paid over in General Agent's report.

Your Board made an appropriation of \$20 to Elder Y. R. Pitts,

balance of his Life Membership, in consideration of his laboring for the Hartwood church, in Scott county, which is a small, weak church, and located in a very important field.

An appropriation of \$26 was made to Elder Archie Smith, of Trimble county, balance due him for labor performed in 1853, in the Sulphur Fork Association.

In November, 1854, the Walnut Street Baptist Church, in Louisville, took up a collection in cash and subscriptions, amounting to \$339, for Home Missions, which was handed over to your Board, with instructions that it be appropriated to the Jefferson Street Church, Louisville, which has been done.

Elder James H. Jenkins, of Nolin, Hardin county, who subscribed thirty days' labor to Brother Kirtley, at \$1 per day, to constitute him a Life Member, says, "Owing to sickness I failed to make my report last fall. I spent nine days among the destitute last year, and preached fifteen sermons. I have labored twelve days, and preached sixteen sermons this year. The gospel was gladly received in the neighborhoods that I visited, and I hope good has and will be done."

Elders E. T. Hickerson, of Mead county, and B. Kemper, of Garrard. Each report thirty days' labor, to constitute them Life Members, which has doubtless resulted in much good.

Elder A. M. Ragsdale, of Henry county, who subscribed thirty days' labor to constitute him a Life Member, reports forty-six days' labor performed, during which time he had some very interesting meetings, and a number of persons were converted and added to the church.

Besides paying the current salaries of the Missionaries, your Board have paid about \$350, balances due from last year.

Brother John Dulaney, who subscribed thirty days' labor to constitute him a Life Member, says, "I have labored ten or fifteen days in a destitute portion of Henry county, and baptized eight or ten persons. I preached twelve months steadily at West Port—received two by baptism. West Port is sixteen miles from where I live. I have also performed other labor, perhaps double the amount of my Life Membership."

BIBLES AND OTHER BOOKS DISTRIBUTED.

Over two hundred and fifty Bibles, besides a number of Testaments, have been distributed by your Board in various parts of the State.

A Book Depository is still kept in the rooms of the General Association, by your Corresponding Secretary, from which he has sent out over ten thousand copies of religious, and mostly denominational books, besides tracts, etc.

An increased demand for religious books is rapidly springing up among the Baptists of our State, and indeed of the whole West

and South ; consequently an extensive publishing house and book depository is greatly needed by our denomination in Louisville, or some accessible point in our State, and we hope some of our brethren, who have capital, will feel it a duty, as well as a profitable enterprise, to engage in it immediately.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Board paid over to Brother F. C. McCalla, Agent for China Missions, \$71, amount of balance due from the Treasury from last year. They have also instructed the General Agents to take subscriptions and collect funds for Foreign Missions, Bible Cause, Indian Missions, &c., wherever they might find persons disposed to contribute to these objects, believing it to be not only the design of the General Association to advance the interests of Home Missions, but as far as it can, every object of benevolence in our State.

For amount collected for each of these objects, see General Agent's Report.

DESTITUTION.

The amount of Baptist preaching in Kentucky is alarmingly disproportionate to the wants of the people. Doubtless, in the days of the Apostles, every church, as far as practicable, had its pastor. Such seems to have been the order ordained by Christ. The Apocalyptic epistles were directed to the *angel* or *minister*, of each of the Seven Churches of Asia. Paul and Barnabas, it is said, in Acts 14: 23, *ordained Elders in every church*. It is utterly impossible that any church can grow in grace and in knowledge, as it should do, without the constant ministrations of a pastor. Comparatively few of the churches in our State are supplied with pastoral labor as were the apostolic churches. A considerable number of the churches have preaching twice a month ; but far the larger portion have preaching only once a month, while very many have none at all. Many large districts in the State are totally destitute of regular preaching, and have little or no Baptist preaching, and in no county or district, or city is there as much Baptist preaching as there should be.

There are several counties in which there is not more than one Baptist preacher residing ; and we are informed that in Butler, and perhaps some other counties, there is not one. What Baptist can look at this picture unmoved ? Who can calmly contemplate the religious famine in our State, and say to the starving inhabitants, be ye supplied with preaching, and yet not give of their abundance to supply the destitution ? Can any man be said to love his brother, who will not, if he can, administer to his spiritual wants ?

This destitution ought to be remedied, and it can be, unless

the Baptists of Kentucky prove recreant to the trust which God, in his providence, has confided to their care. We have over eighty thousand Baptists in the State, a membership almost double that of any other denomination. The Lord has prospered us with an abundance of the goods of this world; and the small effort that we have been making from year to year to promote the cause of Christ, has been blessed, even beyond what we had a right to expect. Why, then, be discouraged? Why not take hold afresh? The Baptists, if they will, can supply every destitute corner in our State with the gospel.

The lamented Waller, in an appeal in behalf of Home Missions, says: "The Baptists were the religious pioneers of Kentucky. The songs, and prayers, and preachings of our fathers were disturbed in the wilderness by the scream of the catamount and the yell of the Indian. Our first churches, for the want of meeting houses, had to assemble in the wilderness, surrounded by armed soldiers to protect them against the assaults of the wily savage, while stumps were the pulpits of their preachers, and the heavens their sounding board. We have grown up with the growth and strengthened with the strength of Kentucky. Surely, then, it is *our* duty, more imperatively so than it is of any other denomination, to endeavor by every legitimate means to promote the prosperity of the cause of God in our State."

Yes, we cannot, without criminality, be idle and indifferent spectators, while hundreds of Churches are starving for the bread of life, and thousands of immortal souls hastening into eternity unwarned of the judgment, or if warned, not warned by Baptist ministers. Brethren, we appeal to you, and to every Baptist in Kentucky. It will not do to content ourselves with the little effort we have made. We must wake up and redouble our diligence in this great work. If every Church in our state would give one hundred dollars annually to the cause of Home Missions, what a work might be accomplished in a very few years. It will not do for Churches to content themselves with *monthly* preaching. Upon meals so few and far between no flock can thrive. Let each Baptist in our State ask himself, "Am I doing all I can to remedy this state of things? Do I pray as often as I should, as fervently as I ought, that God would send more laborers into his vineyard?"

Brethren, are we soldiers of the Cross? And have we our armor on? Are our weapons bright in the service of our great captain? Or are we reposing supinely while the enemy is storming the citadels of our King? Or is our light under a bushel, so that it does not shine forth from every hill-top, and illuminate every dark valley in our State? The injunction of Holy Writ is, "As ye have opportunity do unto all men, *especially to them who are of the household of faith.*" How many such households are there in our very midst, as it were, who need our assistance.

An opportunity is presented to all to give them aid through the General Association. Will all do it? We fear it cannot be said of many of our wealthy Baptists, even as it was said of the rich men in the days of the Saviour's incarnation, they have "of their *abundance* cast in unto the offerings of God." To how many of us can be applied the language of the Apostle to the Hebrews, "For God is not unrighteous to forget your works and labor of love which ye have shown toward his name, *in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.*" Brethren, let us think of these things, and "let us work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work."

CAUSES OF DESTITUTION.

The causes which lead to the lamentable destitution in our State, are too numerous to be noticed in this Report.

But we recommend the full investigation of this subject to your body, and we hope you will be able to suggest some remedy that will be effectual in removing these difficulties.

The General Association was organized to supply the destitution in our State, and it has succeeded beyond the most sanguine expectations of its friends. But a great work is still before us. There is much to be done by this body that can not otherwise be accomplished so easily.

The following resolutions were adopted at the organization of this body, and if faithfully carried out, the object of its formation will be accomplished.

1st. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Association, nothing ever will be effected of a permanently beneficial character towards supplying the Churches of this State with a stated ministry, until the Churches can be influenced to practice upon the principle that "they that preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel."

2d. *Resolved therefore*, That one of the primary objects of this Association should be to effect this important measure on the part of the Churches.

3d. *Resolved*, That whenever the Churches can be influenced to discharge their duty in this respect, other missionary efforts will be measurably, if not entirely superseded within the limits of this State.

4th. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Association, it is the duty of every District Association, to ascertain the amount of destitution within its own limits, and, if possible, to supply such destitute portions with the Gospel.

5th. *Resolved*, That when District Associations are unable to supply their own destitution, and expect aid from the General Association, they be requested in their report to state particularly the resources which they possess, the labor to be performed, and the amount necessary to procure the requisite supply.

It will be seen by the above resolutions, that the General Association did not from the first, design sending out directly any missionaries among the Churches and Associations. The object contemplated, was to arouse them, to the performance of their duty, by means of concentrated action to aid the feeble, and to send missionaries to those places, if there should be any, where there was no Church, and which were not comprehended in the boundaries of any Association.

WE NEED MORE MINISTERS.

It is plain that one of our greatest duties is to obtain more ministers. To do this, our dependence must be on Him who has said: "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He would send more laborers into His harvest." We think it would be well if all our Churches on a given day, would appear before the Lord in fasting, humiliation and prayer, humbly beseeching him to remember our destitution, and send us more faithful and able ministers of the New Testament. The promise is, "Ask, and ye shall receive; Seek, and ye shall find; Knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

The Churches should look out and encourage the gifts they may have among them. If the Churches will seek by prayer and a diligent attention to duty in this respect, there can be no doubt but their prayers will be heard, and their diligence rewarded. "Be not faithless, but believing."

FINANCES.

For a full statement of our finances, we refer you to the Reports of our General Agents, and Treasurer.

The pressure of pecuniary affairs has been great, but still we fear our brethren have not felt that interest in the objects of this Association that they should. We invite the attention of our Brethren, Churches and Associations to the above destitution in our State, and we ask them to lend us their aid to relieve it. A very small contribution from those who can well afford to give, would enable us speedily to supply with the preached Gospel, many of these destitute places.

EDUCATION.

We are happy to know that the Baptists of Kentucky are becoming more alive to the interests of Education. Colleges and Schools, both male and female, are being established on a permanent basis in many parts of our State.

We learn, from President D. R. Campbell, that Georgetown College opened its present session with twenty per cent more scholars than at any previous session, and is, in every way, in a more flourishing condition than it has ever been before.

We think we have reason to congratulate ourselves, and the whole Baptist denomination South and West, on having an Institution of so high an order, and one so accessible to the youth of our country. To this Institution we look with anxious expectation for important helps in supplying the destitution of our State. Intelligence is the hand-maid of religion, and to keep pace with the age, we must labor to have an intelligent ministry.

We also have cheering news from the Bethel High School, located in Russellville, in the southern part of our State. It is in a very flourishing condition, so much so that the Trustees have made arrangements to petition the Legislature at its next session for a change in their charter, so as to entitle them to all the rights and privileges of a College. This School is a grand accession to our State Institutions, and to the whole South and West. We hope the day is not far distant when Kentucky Baptists can boast of many such Institutions.

Georgetown Female College, Henry Female College, Bethel Female College, New Liberty Female College, Maysville Female College, Kentucky Female College, (Shelbyville,) Kentucky Female Institute, (Louisville,) Eclectic Female High School, (Columbia,) Glasgow Female High School, Lafayette Female College are all in a flourishing condition. Beside a number of High Schools, both male and female, scattered over our State, whose prospects are the most flattering.

CONCLUSION.

In the great work of sending the Gospel to the destitute. In giving the bread of eternal life to dying mortals, we should be neither disheartened by difficulties, nor dismayed by opposition. Let us study to know our duty, and having ascertained it, fearlessly perform it. A great responsibility rests upon us as a denomination. We have it in our power, by the aid of him who has given us this position, to accomplish a mighty work in the salvation of the souls of dying men and women. Shall we do it, or will we stand still and see them struggling in their moral darkness without lending our aid.

In giving a preached Gospel to the destitute millions, the language of the great apostle, as spoken on Mars Hill, is made to reverberate throughout the land: "God now commandeth all men everywhere to repeat." Fill the world with the Gospel, and then the beautiful sentiment of the poet will be realized:

"One song employs all nations, and all cry,
'Worthy the Lamb, for he was slain for us,'
The dwellers in the vales, and on the rocks,
Shout to each other, and the mountain tops,
From the distant mountains, catch the flying joy,
Till nation after nation taught the strain,
Earth rolls the rapturous hosanna round."

Let us not tire in our exertions until the great end for which this Association was organized is accomplished, for until we have done our whole duty in every good word and work, we can hardly expect, in the day of judgment, to receive the welcome plaudit of the Redeemer:—"Well done, good and faithful servants."

Done by order of the Board,

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

TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. O. BRANNIN, TREASURER,		Dr.
In account with the General Association of Kentucky.		
1854.		
Oct. 13.	To balance,.....	\$717 49
21.	To Cash of J. M. Cooper, viz :	
"	Elkhorn Association, per G. Long,.....	\$63 50
"	Concord Association,.....	16 10
"	West Union Association,.....	10 00
"	Fredonia Association,.....	5 10
"	Bloomfield Church,.....	27 28
"	Daviness County Association,	2 00
"	Eight Annual Members,.....	8 00
"	Sundry persons,.....	14 50
15.	To Cash of Walnut St. Church for Home & Foreign Mis.,	307 75
Nov. 13.	" Walnut St. Church for Jefferson St. Church,...	339 00
"	" Same for Kentucky Mission,.....	51 00
Dec. 7.	" Sam. Minor, Treasurer for Indian Mission,....	6 50
"	" Same for Kentucky and Foreign Bible Society,.	5 00
27.	" Mrs. Ames,.....	5 00
"	" Mrs. Davis for Jefferson St. Church,.....	5 00
1855.		
March 7.	" Jas. Hollingsworth for German Mission,.....	5 00
31.	" A. Broaddus, Agent, Quarterly Report,.....	512 01
"	" Same for Kentucky and Foreign Bible Society,	192 00
"	" Same for American Bible Union,.....	5 00
"	" Same for Revision Association,.....	10 00
June 30.	" Same for " "	369 15
"	" Same for " "	299 00
21.	" D. S. Colgan, Agent, through Branch Bank, Greensburgh,.....	107 00
Aug. 25.	" Mrs. Patch, Treasurer for German Mission,....	25 00
Oct. 10.	" D. S. Colgin, Agent, through Branch Bank, Greensburgh,.....	383 25
Sept. 30.	" A. Broaddus, Agent, for General Association,..	298 83
"	" Same for Kentucky and Foreign Bible Society,	25 00
"	" Same for Indian Mission,.....	22 65
"	" Same for Revision Association,.....	118 00
Nov. 9.	" Same for Elkhorn Association, through Rev. W. M. Pratt,.....	75 00
"	" Of Mt. Vernon Church for China Mission,.....	5 00
"	" Of Daviess Fork Church for same,.....	9 50
"	" Of East Hickman Church for same,.....	8 00
Amount carried over,.....		\$4272 61

	Amount brought over,.....	\$4272 61
Nov. 9.	To Cash of Great Crossing Church for Foreign Mission,	6 50
"	" Mt. Vernon Church for Bible Society,.....	5 00
"	" J. M. Cooper for proceeds of Bibles,.....	6 99
"	" Same received of sundry persons,.....	20 00
"	" Same received of Maysville Church,.....	11 75
"	" Of D. S. Colgin, Agent, donation to General Association,.....	397 75
"	" Of collections of Life Members to General Association,.....	157 00
"	" Of collections on Life Membership to Kentucky and Foreign Bible Society,.....	61 00
"	" Of Life Members and donations to Bible Revision Association,.....	337 90
"	" Of Indian Missions,.....	34 04
"	" Of Burman Missions,.....	2 95
"	" Of Waller Monument,.....	5 00
"	Collected by D. S. C., viz:	
"	For Nelson Association,.....	8 15
"	For Russell Creek Association,.....	360 00
"	For Barren River Association,.....	200 00
"	For Goshen Association,.....	300 00
"	For Bay Fork,.....	200 00
"	" Of Tates Creek Church by Bro. Chenault,.....	14 00
"	" Of A. Peter,.....	1 00
"	" Of Mrs. Ferguson for General Association,....	5 00
"	" Same for Foreign Mission,.....	1 00
"	" Of Bethlehem Church by D. Buckner,.....	13 15
Oct. 31.	" Of A. Broadus, Agent for Home Mission,....	149 33
"	" Same for Kentucky and Foreign Bible Society,	35 00
"	" Same for Revision Association,.....	40 00
"	" Same for Indian Mission,.....	2 00
Nov. 8.	" Same for Home Mission,....	10 00
"	" Same for Jefferson St. Church,.....	139 25
"	" Of White's Run Church,.....	3 45
"	" Of New Liberty Church,.....	8 25
"	" Of Owenton Church,.....	5 00
	Total.....	\$6593 37

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1854.		
Oct. 21.	By Cash paid D. Dowden for services,.....	\$12 50
"	" H. H. Prather for services,.....	23 00
23.	" John James, for services,.....	39 95
27.	" J. N. Beedles, Secretary Ex. Board,.....	75 00
30.	" D. Buckner for services,.....	25 00
Nov. 7.	" Jacob Waller, German Missionary, 1 qr. salary,....	117 00
Dec. 4.	" F. C. McCalla, Agent for China Mission,.....	71 00
6.	" Jefferson Street Church,.....	339 00
11.	" Jacob Weller for services,.....	25 00
"	" Same 1 qr. services,.....	150 00
1855.		
Jan. 18.	" Jefferson St. Church, amount Mrs. Davis' subscription,	5 00
16.	" Remitted J. B. Taylor, Sec'y For. Miss., Richmond,.	153 88
"	" Remitted Marion Board,.....	153 87
5.	" Hull & Brother for printing,.....	124 25
Mar. 14.	" Jacob Weller 1 qr. salary,.....	150 00
31.	" A. Broadus, Agent, for horse,.....	115 00
"	" Elder A. Smith, by A. B., Agent,.....	26 00

Amount carried over,.....\$1605 45

	Amount brought over.....	\$1605 45
Mar. 31.	By Cash paid C. Y. Freeman, by A. B., Agent,.....	15 02
"	" James Edmunds, Sec'y, by A. B., Agent,.....	15 00
"	" Counterfeit Bank Note,.....	2 00
"	" Expenses of A. Broaddus, Agent, 1 qr.,.....	47 35
"	" A. Broaddus, Agent, 1 qr. salary,.....	163 46
Feb. 7.	" W. W. Wayne,.....	8 25
"	" D. Buckner, 1 qr. salary,.....	25 00
April 3.	" D. Dowden, 1 qr. salary,.....	25 00
Feb. 7.	" J. M. Cooper, Sec'y, for Letter Press,.....	13 60
June 5.	" G. Mitkoskie, German Mission, 1 qr. salary,.....	150 00
30.	" By A. Broaddus, Agent, to Bro. White, Ch'n of Middle District Association,.....	11 10
"	" Refunded by A. B., Agent, to T. A. Shelby, over paid to Kentucky and Foreign Bible Society,.....	10 00
"	" A. Broaddus, Agent, traveling expenses,.....	20 90
"	" A. B., Agent, 1 qr. salary, \$150, less amount charged Revision,.....	79 50
"	" Same to James Edmunds, Sec'y,.....	195 00
"	" A. Broaddus, Agent, proportion of salary chargeable to Revision,.....	70 50
"	" Jas. Edmunds, Sec'y R. B. due in my hands to date,.....	33 50
July 30.	" D. Dowden, 1 qr. salary,.....	25 00
Aug. 25.	" Mrs. Bisaff rent of church for Germans,.....	23 60
Oct. 4.	" Chas. Scholtz, G. M., 2 months salary to 10th Nov... ..	83 00
Sept. 30.	" A. Broaddus, Agent, 1 qr. salary, \$150 less amount charged to R. B., \$38 10,.....	111 90
"	" Elder A. Smith, by A. Broaddus, Agent,.....	10 40
"	" A. Broaddus, Agent, traveling expenses,.....	11 05
"	" Amount chargeable to R. B., proportion of A. B.'s salary,.....	38 10
Oct. 5.	" J. Eblin, of Carrolton, for missionary labor,.....	12 50
Nov. 7.	" D. Dowden, 1 qr. salary,.....	25 00
"	" J. M. Cooper, postage, stationery, etc.,.....	13 67
"	" Robt. T. Gardner, 45 days services,.....	45 00
8.	" By D. S. Colgin, Agent, to Thomas Underwood, by order of the Board,.....	60 00
"	" By same to J. Edmunds, Sec'y, through A. Broaddus,.....	35 00
"	" These amounts, viz: \$107, \$383 25, having been included in amount of collections reported by D. S. Colgin, 8th instant, and remitted to Treasurer heretofore,.....	490 25
"	" Nelson Association,.....	8 15
"	" Russell Creek Association,.....	360 00
"	" Barren River Association,.....	200 00
"	" Goshen Association,.....	300 00
"	" Bays' Fork Association,.....	200 00
"	" D. S. Colgin, Agent, 10 months and 2 days salary,.....	540 25
"	" A. Broaddus, Agent, balance salary to date,.....	109 19
"	" Balance cash on hand,.....	1400 50
	Total,.....	\$6593 37

Respectfully submitted with accompanying vouchers,

A. O. BRANNIN, *Treas.*

The undersigned, appointed a Committee for that purpose, have examined the Treasurer's account and find the addition correct, and the debts supported by proper vouchers.

Nov. 10, 1855.

D. G. HATCH, }
S. VANNATTA, } *Com.*

P. S.—I have received, since my report was closed and submitted to the General Association at its last meeting, the following sums, viz:

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Nov. 9.	To Cash of Mrs. Daniel Brannin, third instalment for life membership to General Association,.....	\$ 5 00
"	" Henderson Church, by John Bryce,.....	10 65
"	" Covington Church, by J. S. Cooper,.....	10 00
"	" Georgetown Church, by Dr. Campbell,.....	33 50
"	" " " " " for Foreign Mis'ns.	25 00
"	" J. B. Link,.....	1 00
"	" General Association, cash collection Nov. 11th and 12th, for Foreign Mission, Southern Board,.....	309 70
"	" General Association, pledges for For. Mis'n, S. Board..	360 00
	Total,.....	\$754 95

Of the above collection at the General Association, \$262 50 for Foreign Missions, was received from members of Walnut St. Church.

A. O. B., *Treas.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL AGENTS.

To the Board of the General Association:—

DEAR BRETHREN:—Having made monthly reports through the Recorder of my labors, as one of your General Agents, it will be expected, I presume, that in my Annual Report I enter much into detail. I propose, therefore, to present to the General Association, through you, quite a condensed view of my operations since my appointment.

I have endeavored to bestow *some* attention upon *all* the objects contemplated in my agency; but, owing to the low state of the finances, and the increasing demand for missionary labor, I have confined my efforts mainly to the collection of funds. I remember that one injunction laid upon me in your original instructions, was to spend a portion of the year in traversing the mountain regions of my district, that I might act as a missionary as well as seek out and report the "waste places in Zion." This would have been to me a delightful employment, but subsequently I received intimations from individuals of your body that I had better defer such work till the state of the treasury would more fully justify it. The result has been, that thus far, I have made no excursion to the mountains, but have spent the time in visiting the Churches and obtaining contributions.

Permit me here to suggest, that if such an arrangement *could* be made, it might be well for the General Association to have, in addition to their present arrangement, some two other Agents, whose duty it should be to act as General Missionaries. Thus might the work of collection go on and at the same time reports be coming in from the mountains and other destitute regions, that would serve to "stir up the pure minds" of the brethren and lead

them to the practice of more extended liberality. For the support of those State Missionaries, it is hoped that many brethren might be found who would contribute liberally.

I have visited most of the Churches in the bounds of Long Run, Sulphur Fork, Concord, Franklin, and Middle District, and some of those in South District, and Ten Mile Associations. Elkhorn, Bracken, and North Bend Associations have made such arrangements as render my labors among them unnecessary, inasmuch as they have local boards and agencies under their own control. Boone's Creek, with portions of some of the above-named bodies, remains to be visited.

In my travels, while I met with *some* brethren who are decidedly anti-missionary both in theory and in practice, I have been gratified to find that the Churches *generally*, as light increases, and ignorance of the objects and mode of operation of the General Association recedes, are becoming more deeply imbued with the spirit of benevolence. Should any, in view of the small amount in many instances contributed, be disposed to question the truth of this statement, they should have in mind that owing to the recent unparalleled pressure in money matters, many have been involved in pecuniary embarrassments, while others have had great difficulty in providing food and raiment for their families. On the whole I think the friends of missions have much cause for thanksgiving that so much has been accomplished. It is, however, lamentable that so many of our fellow-beings, even in our own State, are without the Gospel, and that there is not far more of that self-sacrificing spirit that is requisite to prompt us to "come up and possess the land." May the great King in Zion infuse into all His people the "mind that was also in Christ Jesus," and may the time soon come when His will shall be done on earth as it is in heaven!

My plan, in the prosecution of my work, has been to visit the Churches, in most instances, at their meetings; and after preaching to them the Gospel, present the claims of the General Association publicly—and from house to house my preaching, I trust, has accomplished *some* good. In some instances I preached several days at a place; and, in *one* particularly, I continued some two weeks. The last-named meeting resulted in the hopeful conversion of a number of precious souls.

It will be recollected that an arrangement was made with the Bible Revision Board, that I should make collections for *that* Association—they consenting to pay a proportionable part of my salary. The Treasurer's Report will show the amount collected.

I have endeavored to make my traveling expenses as light as possible. A trip last spring to the Convention at Hopkinsville, made at your instance, was quite expensive, and may help to account for the comparatively large amount expended.

In the following statement of money collected, etc., I simply give amounts, and refer you to the Treasurer's Report for specifications:

I have collected, since the first of January last--

For Home Missions,.....	\$1458 36
For Kentucky and Foreign Bible Society,.....	292 00
For Bible Revision,.....	472 00
For Indian Mission,.....	24 62
	\$2247 01
Total,.....	
Amount of my traveling expenses,..	85 65

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. BROADDUS, *Gen. Agent.*

TO THE BOARD OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS IN KENTUCKY.

When I commenced laboring as your General Agent I was aware that, in consequence of the failure of the crops last year, the great pressure in the monetary affairs of our country was such that the prospects before me were exceedingly discouraging. In my anticipations I was not disappointed, but found things worse than I thought them. Often when I traveled many miles to see an individual or Church, I would obtain nothing, but was invited to come back again.

I devoted the month of January, principally, in a protracted meeting at Greensburg. In February, what time I was able to labor,—for I was sick during part of the month—I was engaged in a meeting in Campbellsville. Our labors were not in vain in those meetings, but the Lord abundantly blessed us.

During the months of March and April I was providentially hindered in my operations, and it was not until May that I was enabled to do much regular work; still money was scarce and I was greatly retarded in my agency, and it was not until September that money became easy.

During most of the summer I was confined at home by protracted sickness in my family; but I desire to be thankful to a kind Providence that they have been spared, and that they are now in comparative health.

In the month of April I met the Board at their request, and they directed me to visit District Associations that were not engaged in supplying their destitution in their own boundary, and see their Boards of Managers where they had them, and get them to appoint a missionary in the bounds of each association, and permit the General Agent to go into their Churches and collect funds, and the Board of the General Association would pay the mis-

sonary. In this department of my duties as agent I have been greatly discouraged, on account of the almost universal jealousy that prevails in relation to the General Association; and the agent could not get many persons to see how it was necessary for their money to be taken to Louisville, and then taken back again; and many good brethren could not be induced to give any thing.

SOUTH DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Was the first visited, and their Board declined accepting the proposition, but told me to go among the Churches and collect what I could for General Missionary purposes, and that they would try and supply their own destitution; but I was enabled to do but little beyond the installments due on life memberships to the General Association, the Bible Revision Association, Indian Missions, &c.

FREEDOM ASSOCIATION

Had some missionary labor performed at my suggestion, and at their session they appointed Bro. Summer, from Tennessee, their missionary, for a year; but your agent has been able to do but little towards raising his salary, and I fear there could be but little done there for that object; there may be as much as \$150 or \$200 got there. This is a very destitute field.

RUSSELL CREEK ASSOCIATION

Declined accepting the Board's plan, and with my assistance raised \$360 to sustain a mission in her district all the time for a year, and appointed Bro. J. W. Brooks for that service.

BARREN RIVER ASSOCIATION

Also declined the proposition, and, after I had made an earnest appeal, they raised about \$200, and appointed a missionary, Bro. Gillick, allowing him to preach to one Church.

GOSHEN ASSOCIATION,

Which, like other Associations, had given up almost entirely the missionary enterprise; but being visited by your agent, and, after having declined to adopt the plan of the Board, he urged them to adopt a plan of their own. They subscribed nearly \$300, and appointed Bro. J. Armstrong, their missionary, and he has commenced his labors.

BAY'S FORK

Is a small Association. They thought they could do their own work, but I had to make a second effort in their body before they could be brought up to the proper point. They raised in money and subscriptions near \$200, and their ministers pledged themselves to present the subject before their Churches, and they were certain a missionary would be continued in the field during the entire year; and there is but little doubt but that Bro. Wither-
spoon will be their missionary.

The gross amount of my labor for this year is as follows:

Collected for General Association, in donations,.....	\$397 75
Collections on Life Memberships to General Association,.....	157 00
“ on Life Memberships to Kentucky and Foreign Bible Society,	61 00
“ on Life Memberships and donations to Bible Revision Asso-	
ciation,.....	337 90
Collected for Indian Missions,.....	34 04
“ for Birman Missions,.....	2 95
“ for Waller Monument,.....	5 00
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Total collected in cash,.....	\$995 64
Collected in cash for Nelson Association,.....	\$8 15
“ in part cash for Russell Creek Association,.....	360 00
“ “ “ for Barren River Association,.....	200 00
“ “ “ for Goshen Association,.....	300 00
“ “ “ for Bay’s Fork Association,.....	200 00
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Total,.....	\$1068 15
All of which is submitted.	

D. S. COLGAN, G. A.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Presented to General Association of Kentucky Baptists, and adopted.

At the last annual meeting of this Association, Temperance was considered worthy of a place among the special subjects to be reported upon at this Session, and this duty was confided to me. A more appropriate subject for your consideration could not have been suggested—for of the legions of darkness that rise up against the kingdom of Jesus Christ, none hath at this day power like intemperance. It is the friend and ally of every vice, and opens wide the portals of every sin. It is the patron of the gambler, the accomplice of the murderer, and the fast friend of her whose house inclineth to death, and her paths into the dead. It has cast its dark shadow across the pathway of every benevolent enterprise—stayed the march of human greatness, and raised its hideous form against the progress of religion. It hath so mixed itself with the business and pleasures of life, and deluded the senses of youth and age that it has eat into the brain, and corroded the soul of a nation; and the national law has protected it, and by their example commend it as an inheritance to their children. Thus entrenched, we meet this unrelenting enemy to God and humanity—a barrier to all good, a coadjutor of all evil. Is there no remedy for this vice, no antidote for this sin? “The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin.”

The subject of Temperance, in its achievement through organized effort, has commended itself to all good men of the great ameliorators of man, and it is now too late to agitate the question whether or not the cause of total abstinence has in it the elements of success, or for cavil, about the means by which the good attained

has been effected. Skeptics on this subject have had their day, and that day is numbered with the past. The temperance reform is no longer problematical—a glorious day has dawned upon us, and in its light we have seen the hand of God with those that have lifted up the poor drunkard and made him again a man.

Concessions as to the good effected by the temperance effort are gratifying to those engaged in the work, but fall far short of our Christian duty. The Church has not come up to the support of this cause as was her privilege and her duty to do.

Open, fearless teaching, by precept and example, against its use, traffic and manufacture as a beverage by its members has not obtained among us—and short of this the Church is not in the discharge of her high mission. The Church is the ordained light of the world, and upon its members rest the obligation to support every good word and work, and whether its members belong or not to this Association, the Bible cause, Temperance, or other kindred organizations for good, the obligations of them all are more or less upon them; with this additional and world wide command: "As you have opportunity do good unto all men." Religion is not a something to put on and off as a garment, nor are its offices limited to a day. It is for all ages and to defeat the wicked imaginings of man. It does not confine itself to the bettering of the condition of man by an improvement of any particular class of his faculties, but goes to the entire man, and claims him as its subject, with all his talents.

Religion is the soul in action, and when viewed thus, what a field it opens to the soldier of the cross. His enemies are principalities and powers, spiritual wickedness in high places, sins within and sins without. These, our enemies, are mighty, but blessed be God, we are able through Christ to come off more than conquerors. Then let us work together for the restoring of the peace of Zion. Let us not waste the precious time of our life in useless details, but in the name of God strike at every evil, and as we progress in our mission to save the world, the hints of each day's experience will bring such helps to aid as to make us more than equal to our adversary. Purification must begin at the house of God. Then let us with fidelity look after this earthborn spirit, intemperance, that has taken refuge at the Church of God. Driven from this sacred place, we may confidently hope for and expect its banishment from the humble home of the poor, the mansion of the rich, and from the protecting wings of Legislature. God speed the day—and to commend this subject to the Churches,

Resolved, That we believe it to be the duty of all Churches to discountenance the manufacture, sale and use, as a beverage, of all intoxicating liquors, in their members, and by precept and example, to discountenance its use in the world.

Which is respectfully submitted.

R. H. BUCKLEY.

CIRCULAR.

WANTS OF THE BIBLE BOARD.

1st. *We want Bibles and Testaments for China.* All our Missionaries there have ample opportunities to circulate the Holy Word. Our late lamented Brother Goddard wrote, just before he died, that he had distributed to the learned classes a thousand copies of his version of the New Testament in a single day. Our Missionaries there are calling on us now, through the Foreign Mission Board, to send them new supplies.

2d. *We want Bibles and Testaments for the Chinese in California.* God has sent some fifty or one hundred thousand of these heathen to our own shores. They are a *reading people*, as appears from the fact that they have established in California a weekly Chinese newspaper. They will read the Scriptures with more avidity in this country than they would in their own. Many of them will gladly receive and eagerly examine a book in their own tongue, found here in a land of strangers. We can supply them, through our brother J. Lewis Shuck, who was for years a Missionary in China, and is now preaching to them in Sacramento City. *A copy of the whole New Testament can now be had in China for a single dime.* Who can refuse to help to circulate it among these heathen ?

3d. *We want Bibles and Testaments for Africa.* At present we need for this field only the English Scriptures ; but our beloved Brother Bowen will, we trust, soon have the New Testament translated into the Yoriba language, which is spoken by great multitudes in the interior of Africa, and who must be supplied with the precious Word of Life.

4th. *We want Bibles for the supply of our Indian Missions.* When our Brother Buckner, who has been laboring with great success among the Creeks, was with us, he informed us that there were very many among the Indians who could read English, and who would prize a copy of the Word could it be placed in their possession. These Missions are now under the care of the Southern Baptist Convention, and *we must* furnish them with the Scriptures.

5th, and last (though far from *least*), *We want Bibles and Testaments to supply the immense destitution of many parts of our own country.* Thousands of families (as we learn from the reports of those colporteurs who have explored the dark corners of our land) are without a copy of the Word of Life. We earnestly desire to place it within their reach ; to induce them to buy it where they can and will, and to *give it* where they cannot buy.

Brethren and sisters, we think these are reasonable wants, and we ask you if you are not willing, each of you, to *do something* to aid in supplying them. Wherever it is thought practicable, we suggest the formation of a Bible Society, according to the plan

which was recommended by the last Southern Baptist Convention (a constitution suitable for which I have sent you); but if you do not think it best to form a society, we beseech you at least *to take up a collection* for this purpose, at this or your next meeting. Don't put it off, for precious souls will be perishing while you are waiting. And don't hesitate to do what you can, though it should be but little. It is the little streams that fill the channels of the mighty rivers. It was high praise of one when Jesus said of her, *She hath done what she could.*

A. C. DAYTON,

Cor. Sec'y of the Bible Board S. B. Convention.

STATISTICS FROM DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

GOSHEN ASSOCIATION.

This Association held its last Session with the Church at Walnut Grove, Breckenridge county, Ky., on the Friday before the 2d Sunday in October, 1855; is composed of 27 Churches, has 12 ministers, and 5 licentiates; received by baptism the past year 66: total membership 1731.

The following extract, taken from their Corresponding Letter to the General Association, will give some idea of their missionary operations:

"Our missionary operations the past year have been limited, from circumstances which we need not name, yet we feel thankful that those operations have not been without good effect. Our missionary Elder, G. Armstrong, labored seventy-three days, preached seventy-nine sermons, delivered twenty-two exhortations, witnessed the reception of twenty-three by baptism into the Churches, and four by letter; for which services he has received \$73.

We have appointed a Home Mission Board, and selected Elder G. Armstrong as Home Missionary, to labor within our bounds next year, at \$300, and we have the following resources to pay for said labors, to-wit: Balance paid in by brethren and Churches on amounts pledged last year, over and above paying for the labors of our missionary last year: \$39,75; cash paid in for next years' labor, \$7,50; cash on hand, \$47,25; amounts pledged by the Churches and brethren to be paid in during the next year, \$250,25—making in all, \$297,50—which amount, during the next year, will be increased by collections no doubt over the amount our missionary is promised for his labors.

"Besides the above there has been forty days' labor contributed and agreed to be performed by other ministers within our bounds."

Elder James E. Stone is Clerk; his Postoffice, Hawesville, Ky. Their next meeting will be held with the Church at Bethlehem, Hancock county, Ky., on Friday before 3d Sunday in October, 1856.

SALEM

Held its last session (70th) with the Church at Middle Creek, LaRue county, Ky., on the 21st and 22d days of Sept., 1855; is composed of 27 Churches, and has 10 ministers; received by baptism the past year, 206: total memberships, 2453; they have a Missionary Board, and had 3 missionaries in the field a portion of last year; amount of cash receipts for missionary purposes during the year, \$356 28; amount paid out, \$202 15; its next session will be held at Forks of Otter Creek, Hardin county, Ky., on Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1856. John J. Jeffries Clerk; Postoffice, Nolin, Ky.

WEST UNION

Held its last session with the Church at Clinton, Hickman county, Ky., on the 22d, 23d and 24th days of September, 1856; is composed of 43 Churches, and has 23 ministers, 13 licentiates; baptized 333: total membership, 6000. At their last meeting the Board of Home Missions made report to the following effect:

During the first quarter of last year they had 3 missionaries engaged, but after that time had only one. Their reports show the following labors: Elder Wm. McClane preached at only one point, and had spent 6 days in the services of the Board, preached 6 sermons, and traveled 48 miles. Elder H. R. Puryear had spent, in active service in behalf of the Board, 37 days, preached 39 sermons, and delivered 27 exhortations. Elder J. P. Edwards had labored during the year, and was actively engaged 157 days; preached 89 sermons, and traveled 1,576 miles. The missionaries had all been paid, and a surplus still remained in the hands of the Treasurer of \$59 66, with which to begin a new year.

The following Preamble and Resolution was offered by Elder E. Owens, and adopted:

WHEREAS, With a view to perpetuate the missionary operations in the bounds of this Association,

Resolved, That the Association appoint one Missionary in each District, to supply the destitution in their respective bounds; and to be subject to the control of the Executive Board, as the missionaries heretofore.

To carry the above Resolution into effect, the Association elected four Missionaries to ride in the Districts.

They will hold their next annual meeting with the Church at Blood River, Calloway county, Ky., on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1856. J. N. Beadles, Clerk, Mayfield, Ky.

ELKHORN

Is composed of 27 Churches; has 15 ministers; held its last session with the Church at Bryants' Station on the 14th, 15th, and 16th days of August, 1855; baptized during the last year, 533: total number of communicants, 6840.

They have an Executive Board located at Lexington, with a Book Depository and system of colporteurage.

The following contributions have been made by the Churches in her bounds during the past year, viz: For Elkhorn Association, \$174 68; General Association, \$114; Bible Society, \$124 50; Indian Mission, \$296 40; Foreign Missions, \$42 30; various objects, \$1160 90: total, \$1912 23.

The next session to be held with the Church at Mt. Vernon, Woodford Co., Ky., on Tuesday after the second Saturday in August, 1856. Elder W. M. Pratt, Clerk, Lexington, Ky.

SULPHUR FORK

Is composed of 18 Churches; has 10 ministers; held its last session with the Church at Sligo, Henry Co., Ky., on the 11th, 12th, and 13th of Sept.; baptized 136 during the past year: total membership, 2496.

They have an Executive Committee and system of benevolence within their bounds; they have had two missionaries in the field a portion of the year; cash contributed for Home Missions, \$78 70; Indian Missions, \$72 98; General Association, \$26: total, \$177 68; besides pledges in contributions which have not been paid. The Churches of this Association, with one exception, pledged 25 cts. for each white member, to be paid during the present year, for Home Missionary purposes.

They will hold their next session with the Church at East Fork, Henry Co., Ky., on the second Tuesday in Sept., 1856. Elder W. W. Foree, Clerk, Campbellsburg, Ky.

CONCORD.

We have received no minutes or letter from this Association. They reported last year 21 Churches and 10 ministers: total membership, 3067.

LITTLE BETHEL

Has 31 Churches and 11 ministers; their last session was held with the Bethel Church, Henderson Co., Ky., Oct. 13th and 15th, 1855; baptized 135: total membership, 2051.

They have an Executive Committee, and had one missionary in the field last year 111 days, for which they paid him \$111; cash on hand for Home Missions the present year, \$138 36; subscriptions, \$62: total, \$200 36.

Their next session will be held with the Uniontown Church, Union Co., Ky., on Saturday before the second Sunday in Oct., 1856. Elder A. Hatchett, Clerk, Hibbardsville, Ky.

UNION.

No minutes or letter. They reported last year 13 Churches and 4 ministers: total membership, 855.

FREEDOM

Is composed of 13 Churches; baptized last year, 42: total membership, 707.

They have an Executive Committee for Home Missions in their bounds, and 1 missionary engaged for the year.

Their next meeting will be held with the Sulphur Church, Cumberland Co., Ky., on the fourth Saturday in August, 1856. R. J. Maxey, Clerk, Tompkinsville, Ky.

SOUTH DISTRICT

Is composed of 24 Churches, and 8 ministers; baptized the past year, 518: total membership, 3021.

They have an Executive Board located at Danville, Ky.; "employed Elder John L. Smith as agent and missionary 2 months," who accomplished a good work for the Churches while in the field—constituted one new Church, which numbers 60 members. They report missionary labor 114 days; gratuitous labor 48 days: total, 162 days. This Association has a laborious and successful ministry.

Next session to be held with the Church at Bethlehem, Washington Co., Ky., on Tuesday after the third Saturday in August, 1856. Elder John L. Smith, Clerk, Danville, Ky.

BAPTIST

Has 14 Churches, 6 ministers, and reported last year 990 total membership. Sent a delegate, but no letter or minutes.

RUSSELL CREEK

Has 31 Churches, 10 ministers, and total membership of 3096; baptized during the past year, 169.

They took up subscription, and appointed an Executive Committee at their last meeting for the purpose of employing missionary labor in their bounds. Amount subscribed, \$360.

Next annual meeting to be held with the Mt. Carmel Church, Taylor Co., Ky., on the third Saturday in Sept., 1856. James D. Allen, Clerk, Greensburg, Ky.

LITTLE RIVER

Is composed of 40 Churches, 14 ministers; baptized last year, 273: total, 3150.

They have an Executive Board for Home Missions; they have paid out for missionary labor, \$218 25, and balance cash on hand at their last meeting, \$167 45; contributions for Home Missions this year, \$182 25—making \$349 70 on hand; contributed to Indian Missions, \$6; Foreign Missions, \$6; Book Depository, \$4 50. They have a Book Depository in successful operation.

The next meeting will be held with the Church at Cadiz, Trigg Co., Ky., on the Saturday before the third Sunday in Aug., 1856. J. E. Thompson, Clerk, Cadiz, Ky.

DAVISS COUNTY

Is composed of 23 Churches; has 9 ministers; baptized 98: total membership, 2087.

They have an Executive Board for Home Missions in their own bounds; collected for missionary purposes last year, \$172 05; had 2 missionaries in the field a part of the year; they have also a Book Depository located at Owensboro'.

Next meeting to be held with the Mt. Liberty Church, McLean Co., Ky., Saturday before the first Sunday in Oct., 1856.

SOUTH FORK OF KENTUCKY

Is composed of 17 Churches; baptized during the past year, 12: total membership, 427.

At their last meeting they took up a subscription for missionary purposes, amounting to \$51 25.

Their next meeting will be held with the Church at Liberty, Clay Co., Ky., on Friday before the first Saturday in Sept., 1856.

NELSON COUNTY

Sent delegates, but no letter or messenger.

BAY'S FORK

Is composed of 11 Churches; baptized 42: total membership, 1176.

They had a missionary employed 40 days in their bounds last year (Elder J. Durham), who reported 56 conversions and 46 baptisms. They took up a collection at their last meeting, amounting to \$86 85 for Home Missions. Amount in treasury for paying a missionary, \$191 85.

Next meeting at Friendship, Warren Co., Ky., second Sunday in Oct., 1856.

BAREN RIVER

Has 27 Churches, 14 ministers, and 4 licentiates; baptized 212: total membership, 2353.

They resolved at their last meeting to employ a missionary to labor in their bounds, and a subscription was taken up for same, amounting to \$195. Bro. D. S. Colgin, our Agent, was present and was allowed to take up a collection for the General Association. The ministers present also subscribed 115 days labor, to be performed gratuitous in their bounds.

The next session will be held with the Church at Peters' Creek, on the Glasgow and Scottsville turnpike road, near Barren River, on the fourth Saturday in September, 1856. James W. Scrivner, Clerk, Glasgow, Ky.

LIBERTY

Has 32 Churches; baptized last year, 190: total membership, 2216. \$124 were subscribed at their last meeting for missionary purposes.

Their next meeting will be held with the Church at Rock Spring, Barren Co., Ky., on Saturday before the first Sabbath in Oct., 1856. Henry Eubanks, Clerk, Glasgow, Ky.

LONG RUN

Is composed of 24 Churches, and has 15 ministers. For contributions to Home Missions, see reports of Churches in her bounds.

A collection taken for Indian Missions at their last meeting amounted to \$83 25. Baptized during the past year, 314: total membership, 4536.

Their next session will be held with the Church in Shelbyville, on Tuesday before the first Friday in September, 1856. J. M. Cooper, Clerk, Louisville, Ky.

TATE CREEK

Is composed of 19 Churches; baptized last year, 25: total membership, 1488.

They have a system of missions in operation in their bounds. Took up a collection at their last meeting for Indian Missions, \$56 25; took up subscription for Home Missions, amounting to \$210.

The next session will be held with the Tate's Creek Church, Madison Co., Ky., the fourth Saturday in August, 1856. Waller Chenault, Clerk, White Hall, Ky.

FRANKLIN

Has 17 Churches; baptized last year, 161: total membership, 3127.

Next session to be held with the Church at Mt. Pleasant, Franklin Co., Ky., on Tuesday after the third Saturday in Aug., 1856.

The Churches in this Association contribute largely to the General Association. They also have a Book Depository located at Frankfort, Ky. Also took up a collection at their last session for Indian Missions. S. E. Miles, Clerk, Frankfort, Ky.

NORTH BEND

Sent delegates to our last meeting, but we have received no minutes.

They have a Board and System of Home Missions in their bounds. They had two missionaries in the field last year, whose labors were attended with good success. They were at a salary of \$600. S. Webb, Clerk, Petersburg, Ky.

BRACKEN.

We have received no minutes from this Association, consequently can give no statistics of membership, etc.

They have an Executive Board for Home Missions, auxiliary to the General Association. They contribute yearly for Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Bible Revision, and Indian Missions, and are supplying their home destitution to a considerable extent. They had one missionary in the field last year whose labors were much blessed.

CHURCHES.

DANVILLE

Sent delegates to our last meeting and contributed liberally to our General Agent. Subscribed for Home Missions, in the bounds of South District Association, \$106; which, if not used by said Association, will be forwarded to the General Association. Elder V. E. Kirtley is Pastor. They have also contributed largely to Foreign Missions, Indian Missions, Bible Revision and in Church repairs during the past year.

BETHLEHEM, WASHINGTON COUNTY,

Sent delegates, and contributed to General Association \$13 15. Daniel Buckner, Pastor.

GREAT CROSSINGS, SCOTT COUNTY,

Sent letter and delegates to our last annual meeting. Contributed to our funds through the General Agent. Y. R. Pitts, Pastor.

NEW LIBERTY, OWEN COUNTY,

Was represented by letter and delegates, and contributed liberally through our General Agent. L. D. Alexander, Pastor.

CARROLLTON

Was represented by letter and delegates. Contributed \$50 to the support of Elder Wm. Johnson, one of our missionaries.

COVINGTON

Sent delegates and contributed \$10. Elder S. L. Helm, Pastor.

WALNUT STREET, LOUISVILLE,

Contributed to benevolent objects during the past year, (beside a large amount for completion of house,) as follows:—

Indian Missions,.....	\$600 00
Home and Foreign Missions,.....	307 75
General Association of Kentucky Baptists,.....	51 00
Ministerial Education,.....	75 00
German Missions in the city,.....	109 00
Jefferson street Baptist Church,.....	465 00
Sabbath Schools,.....	166 21

Total,.....\$1773 96

W. W. Everts, Pastor.

GEORGETOWN.

Sent by her messengers, for

General Association,.....	\$33 50
Foreign Missions,.....	25 00

Total,.....\$58 50

S. W. Lynd, D. D., Pastor,

HENDERSON

Sent up by her delegates for General Association, \$10 75. Elder John Bryce, Pastor.

EAST CHURCH, LOUISVILLE,

Sent delegates, but no letter. Contributed liberally to our General Agent, and also all the benevolent objects of the day.
S. H. Ford, Pastor.

BAPTISTS IN KENTUCKY.

The Baptist Almanac shows the following statistics for 1855, which are very incomplete, much of it being made up from minutes as far back as 1851, and only 16 for 1854. Number of Associations 44; Churches 832; Ordained Ministers 409; Licentiates 26; Baptized in 1854, 6,058: Total membership 73,373. Our probable number is about 85,000

BAPTISTS IN THE UNITED STATES.

Number of Associations 687; Churches 14,193; Ordained Ministers 9,492; Licentiates 593; Baptized in 1854, 64,924: Total membership, 1,190,609. These figures fall far short of our actual numbers, being drawn from the minutes of Associations at various dates, as far back as 1849. But they show that in point of numbers the Baptist Denomination has a most prominent position in the United States.

They have 26 Colleges and 10 Theological Institutes. Their Libraries contain more than 150,000 volumes. Towards the endowment of these Colleges more than \$1,500,000 have been paid during the last five years. Besides these there are 46 chartered Female Seminaries, and 35 chartered Academies for males, under the control of the denomination. These are distinct from the much larger number of Schools, Academies, etc., which are strictly individual property.

Besides the various State Conventions which look after the wants of each individual State, there are 10 general Societies, embracing their respective fields, viz: American Baptist Missionary Union, American Baptist Publication Society, American Baptist Historical Society, American Baptist Home Mission Society, American and Foreign Bible Society, American Baptist Free Mission Society, Southern Baptist Convention, American Bible Union, American Indian Mission Association, Southern Baptist Publication Society. The aggregate receipts of these Societies during the last year have been over \$400,000.

There are 45 Baptist Periodicals, of which 29 are published weekly, 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 to rejoice in the progress which has been made by us as a denomi-

nation, we believe that we possess strength and ability far beyond what has been displayed, and shall we not hope by the blessing of God to see a far greater display of what we can and are doing in his cause during the next year.

Before closing this report we must again urge the importance of every District Association sending a copy of their minutes, or a full report of their numerical strength, missionary operations, etc., to our next annual meeting; and also would urge the Churches to make a full report of all moneys, etc., collected and paid out for missionary and other purposes during the year to their respective Associations.

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, etc., and report regularly to the Board. He shall also raise funds, and in every practicable way promote the objects of the Association; for which he shall receive a reasonable compensation.

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

ART. 9. 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.

KENTUCKY BAPTIST MINISTERS' MEETING

This body assembled in Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., Nov. 7, 1855.

The meeting was called to order by appointing Elder Jno. Bryce, Chairman, and Henry McDonald, Secretary.

The minister appointed to preach the introductory discourse before the meeting being absent, Elder W. W. Gardner was appointed to preach this evening.

The following ministers were present: W. W. Everts, D.D., V. E. Kirtley, R. Gailbraith, J. V. Schofield, S. H. Ford, S. W. Lynd, D.D., D. S. Colgin, J. W. Warder, W. W. Gardner, A. Broaddus, R. L. Thurman, A. Smith, R. N. Coffey, J. M. Lewis, D. Dowden, Dr. Dillard, S. D. Alexander, W. M. Pratt, J. B. Link, W. W. Foree, B. Garnett, G. Varden, and Henry McDonald.

It was motioned that the essays be called for and read.

S. W. Lynd read an essay on "Ministerial Responsibility," which was referred for criticism.

Henry McDonald presented a skeleton of a sermon.

Moved that a Committee on Nominations be appointed—accordingly Brethren W. W. Everts, V. E. Kirtley, and R. L. Thurman, were appointed.

Moved that a Committee on Obituaries be appointed—accordingly Brethren Dowden, Colgin and Gardner were appointed.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock this evening.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 3½ O'CLOCK.

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

Elder J. V. Schofield read his exegesis on 1 Peter iii., 19.

The following ministers' names were enrolled: Elder Daniel Buckner, and R. C. Buckner.

The essay of Dr. Lynd was criticised at some length.

Adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7 O'CLOCK.

Elder C. Lewis having arrived, delivered the introductory discourse from Matt. ix., 38, followed by Elder Poindexter, Secretary of Southern Baptist Convention Board.

Adjourned till Thursday morning, 8½ o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, 8½ O'CLOCK.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer offered by Eld. Quinn. The following members' names were enrolled: B. T. Quinn, C. Lewis, J. B. Tharpe, A. D. Sears.

Elder H. McDonald's skeleton of a sermon, and Elder Schofield's exegesis were criticised.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows:

1. Introductory Sermon—Elder J. B. Link; alternate, A. B. Smith.

ESSAYS TO BE WRITTEN.

1. The comparative importance of Textual, Topical, and Expository Preaching—by Elder W. W. Gardner.
2. The True Object of Theological Education—by Elder W. W. Everts.
3. The True Idea of a Religious Editor—by Elder D. R. Campbell.
4. Exegesis on 1 Cor. vii., 14—by Elder S. W. Lynd.
5. Exegesis on John iii., 1-8—by Elder W. M. Pratt.
6. Sketches of Sermons—by W. W. Foree and J. M. Bennett.

Adjourned to the call of the chair.

SATURDAY EVENING, 9 O'CLOCK.

It was ordered that the essays and introductory sermon be published in the Recorder and the Repository.

The name of A. R. Macey was enrolled.

It was moved, Prof. Farnam having made a statement of the progress of his labors in writing the life of J. L. Waller, L.L. D., and selecting from his writings, that a prospectus of the forthcoming work be published and sent to ministers and others to procure subscribers, in order to the publication of the work.

The report of the Committee on Obituaries was received and adopted. It is as follows:

The Committee on Obituaries beg leave to report, that during the last year it has pleased our heavenly Father to remove from our midst the following Brethren in the ministry, viz: Jacob Rogers, John Harding, W. P. Clark, G. B. Peck, N. B. Waller, and Dr. F. Reese; therefore—

- Resolved*, 1. That in the death of these Brethren we have lost the wise counsels of fathers in Christ and the youthful zeal of able ministers.
2. That we offer the Churches, families, and friends of these departed Brethren our kind condolence, and our warmest sympathy.

The Board of General Association is requested to publish the proceedings of this meeting, and append them to the minutes of the General Association.

Adjourned to meet at Henderson the Thursday before the next General Association.

Prayer offered by Elder A. D. Sears.

JOHN BRYCE, *Pres't.*

HENRY McDONALD, *Sec'y.*