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NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

INSTITUTED IN 1810; INCORPORATED IN 1848.

1849

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The President of the previous year shall call the meeting to order, and preside until another is appointed.
2. The Secretary of the last year shall serve until another is appointed.
3. The Committee for the nomination of officers for the ensuing year shall be appointed.
4. Immediately after the organization of the Convention, the President shall read the Rules of Order.
5. Every sitting of the Convention shall be opened and closed with prayer.
6. The usual invitation may be given to visiting brethren.
7. Appointment of Committees, to be nominated by the chair:
 - On the admission of Churches.
 - On the Circular Letter.
 - On the Examination of Minutes of Corresponding Bodies.
 - On the Collection of monies for various objects.
 - Other Committees, if any.
8. No subject shall be open for discussion until a motion has been made and seconded.
9. When a motion has been made and seconded, if any member oppose it being discussed, the President shall immediately put the question—shall this question be discussed? and if negative, the subject shall be dismissed.
10. Every person speaking on a motion shall rise from his seat and address the President, and shall avoid using personalities in debate.
11. No person shall speak more than twice, nor longer than five minutes on any subject without permission from the President.
12. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded, unless so ordered by the Convention.
13. Delegates sent to this Convention shall remain until the business is finished, unless excused by the President.
14. All resolutions presented to the Convention shall be reduced to writing.
15. Unfinished business of the previous year.
16. Written accounts from the churches, with prayers and singing, as the President may request.
17. Applications for admission.
18. Reading the Roll of the Convention.
19. Reports of Committees in the order of their appointment.
20. Choice of a place for the next meeting of the Convention.
21. Choice of a preacher and alternate.
22. Choice of a writer of the Circular Letter.
23. Business connected with the Relief Fund.
24. Miscellaneous business.

American Baptist Historical Society

MINUTES.

PHILADELPHIA, August 17, 1849.

1. At 8 o'clock, P. M., the Convention assembled in the First African Baptist Church. Bro. H. H. Butler presided the Introductory Sermon, from Hebrews xii. "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us."
2. A collection was taken up of \$3.02.
3. The Convention was called to order by the President of the past year. Prayer by Bro. Henry T. Smith.
4. On motion, a Committee was appointed to nominate officers for the ensuing year. The following were the committee—H. T. Smith, D. Scott, M. C. Clayton, R. Vaughan, T. Jefferson, E. Jamison, W. Thompson.
5. On motion, adjourned to meet on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by the President.

SATURDAY MORNING, August 18.

- The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.
1. Prayer by Bro. Hawkins.
 2. The following named Brethren were nominated and appointed officers for the ensuing year—D. Scott, of Philadelphia, President; W. Thompson, of New Haven, Ct., Vice President; W. Jackson, West Philadelphia, Recording Secretary; H. H. Butler, of Washington, Assistant Secretary; S. White, Brooklyn, N. Y. Corresponding Secretary; Paul Pontou, of New York, Treasurer.
 3. After which the President briefly but solemnly addressed the Convention upon the importance of the work before it, the Redeemer's cause, that kingdom that shall last forever.
 4. The following Committees were appointed on Churches:—Bro. Thompson and Jefferson.
 5. On Circular Letter—Bros. L. A. Grimes and L. Black.
 6. On Correspondence—Bros. D. H. Crosby and J. Cary.
 7. On Finance—Bros. Randal and Fells Smith Clayton.
 8. On Devotional Exercise—Bros. R. Vaughan and J. Henderson.—Henderson being absent, Bro. David J. Crosby was added.
- Letters from Churches and auxiliaries being called for, the following were read.
1. Union Baptist Church, Philadelphia.
 2. First African Baptist Church, Philadelphia.
 3. First Colored Baptist Church, Baltimore.

4. Shiloh Baptist Church, Newburg, N. Y.
 5. Concord St. Baptist Church of Christ, Brooklyn, N. York.
 6. Third Baptist Church, Stonington Borough, Connecticut.
 7. 12th Baptist Church, Boston, Mass.
 8. Third Baptist Church, New Haven.
- Letter from the Missionary Society, Washington, D. C., do-
 nation \$10 00
 Missionary Society, Union Baptist Church, Philadelphia, 8 46
 Meeting Street Baptist Female Mite Society of Providence,
 R. I. 10 00
- The committee to whom was referred the circular letter, reported the same, which was read, adopted, and recommended to be printed with the minutes.
- The Committee on the admission of Churches, reported the first Baptist Church of Weekaville, which was received.

MONDAY MORNING, AUG 20.

- The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.
1. Prayer by Bro. Carey,
 2. The proceedings of the last meeting were read and approved.
- The Convention then heard the reading of letters, which were as follows:
1. Oak Street Baptist Church, West Philadelphia. \$5 00
 2. Female Missionary Society, West Philadelphia, 3 00
 3. Female Missionary Society of Boston, 3 00
- On motion, that the committee on applications of Churches, make a report; whereupon the letter from the first colored Baptist Church, Washington, was read, and referred to a committee of seven—the following named Brethren: W. Thompson, T. Jefferson, R. Vaughan, S. White, Miller, Hawkins and Clayton.
- Committee on Missionary Fields—W. Thompson, R. Vaughan, W. Jefferson, S. White and M. C. Clayton.
- Resolved, That the letter from Bro. Samson, of Washington, D. C., be read and published with the minutes.
- Resolved, That Bro. D. Scott preach the Introductory Sermon, and L. Black his alternate; Bro. T. Jefferson write the Circular Letter, M. C. Clayton his alternate, Sermon on Education by Bro. H. H. Butler, his alternate. W. Jackson.
- On motion, adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.
- Prayer by Bro. Coolly.

MONDAY EVENING.

Missionary Sermon by Bro. H. S. Smith—Mark, chap. x., verse 16. "Go ye therefore into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." A collection was taken up amounting to \$12 00

TUESDAY MORNING, August 21.

- Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The President in the chair.
1. Prayer by Bro. Jamison.
 2. The proceedings of the previous meeting were read and approved.

3. The committee on the First colored Baptist Church of Washington, D. C., respectfully report, that they have deliberately examined their letter, and recommend the said Church to put on Charity, which is the bond of perfectness, inasmuch as we are striving together for the faith of the gospel, and as they say, that they desire to be in union with all Churches of the same faith and gospel order, for the Lord's sake be in union with the fifth Baptist Church of their city. Charity beareth all things.

Heard the report from Bro. Hall, our Norfolk Agent, the report of the corresponding Secretary, and ordered it to be printed with minutes.

Resolved, That we open a correspondence with the Columbian Baptist Anti-Slavery Association, and any member of this Convention presenting a copy of our Minutes, shall be considered our delegate.

The Corresponding Secretary handed in his report which was read.

Resolved, That it be printed with the minutes of this Convention.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The American Baptist Missionary Convention, in Account with PAUL PONTAU, Treasurer.

1847-9.	Da.	
Cash paid for Printing minutes,		\$16 00
" " " Cor. Sec's. papers and letters,		2 00
" " " to Rev. S. White, for Miss. labor at Brooklyn,		50 00
" " " Wm. Thompson, for Miss. labor at N. Haven		30 00
" " " L. A. Grimes, for Miss. labor at Boston		30 00
" " " Wm. Jackson, for Miss. labor at W. Phila.		15 00
" " " J. Asher, for Miss. Lbr. at Balt. & Wash.		50 00
" " Filing Certificate,		12 1/2
Dec. '48. Cash paid to Postage, letters to President,		75
		<u>\$193.87 1/2</u>
Balance on hand at the last settlement in Baltimore,		\$296 26
Expenses brought down,		193 87 1/2
		<u>Whole amount of cash in hand, \$102 38 1/2</u>
Aug. By balance in Treasurer's hands,		\$102 38 1/2
Union Baptist Church,		3 00
First Colored Baptist Church, Balt.,		3 00
First African Baptist Church, Philadelphia,		3 00
Shiloh Bap. Church, Newburg, N. Y., two years,		6 00
Concord st. Baptist Ch., Brooklyn, N. Y.,		3 00
Third Baptist Ch., Stonington, Ct.		6 00
Oak St. Baptist Church, W. Philadelphia,		3 00
Third Baptist Church, N. Haven, Ct.		3 00
Twelfth Baptist Church, Boston,		3 00
First Baptist Church, Meeksville, N. Y.,		3 00
Third Baptist Church, Philadelphia,		4 00
Fifth Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.,		3 00

AUXILIARIES.

First Col. Miss. Society, Washington, D. C.	5 00
Daughters of Convention, Little Pine st. Phila.	8 45
Daughters of " Baltimore,	10 00
[A missionary discourse for the benefit of the Convention was preached by the Rev. M. Clayton, and a collection taken up amounting to \$1.33.]	
Meeting St. Female Mite Society, Providence, R. I.	10 00
Daughters of Convention, Blockley, Phila.,	5 00
Independent Female Society, Boston,	3 90
Sons of the Baptist Convention, Norfolk, Va.,	8 00
Daughters of the Bap. Missionary Con. Norfolk, Va.,	5 00
Daughters of Con. First African Bap. Ch. Phila	6 36
Cash,	2 62

Whole amount, \$248.52;
PAUL PONTAU, Treasurer.

This is to certify that we have examined the above account and find it correct,

L. BLACK,
JON. C. MILLER, } Auditing Committee.
JOHN CARY,

WEDNESDAY MORNING, August 22.

1. Convention met, pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. Bush.
2. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.
3. Bro. L. Black, Miller and Cary, were appointed Auditing Committee.
4. On motion, the name of Wm. B. Serrington was dropped from our minutes.
5. Bro. Hawkins was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon, and Bro. Evans his alternate.
6. On motion, adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Bro. Hawkins.
7. 2 o'clock, P. M. Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. Clayton. President in the chair.
8. The Committee on Missionary Fields reported—"That they recommend the appropriation of \$20 to the field of Newburg; \$24 to Boston; \$16 to Stonington, and \$20 to Meekville; Long Island. Your Committee would also recommend New York and Baltimore as interesting fields of missionary labor, to be possessed as soon as practicable. And that the next Session of the Convention be held with the Union Baptist Church, Philadelphia.
9. That the following persons be appointed in their respective churches to take up subscriptions and donations for the Widow's Fund.

First African Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa.	Mrs. R. Blackston.
Union " " "	Mrs. E. Fells.
Main Street " " "	Mrs. A. Hooper.
West Philadelphia " " "	Mrs. J. Jackson.
Abyssinian Baptist " New York, N. Y.,	Mrs. N. Pontau.

Zion " " "	Mrs. C. Copeland.
Hamilton Street Baptist " Albany, "	Mrs. C. Allicott.
Shiloh " " Newburgh, "	Mrs. Kendal.
Second " " Geneva, "	Mrs. J. Bland.
First Independent " " Boston, Mass.	Mrs. E. R. Davis.
Second " " " "	Mrs. R. E. James.
York Street " " Nantucket, "	Mrs. Godfrey.
Second " " N. Bedford "	Mrs. H. Betts.
Central " " Brooklyn, N. Y.	Mrs. P. Anderson.
Second " " Stonington, Ct.	Mrs. S. Lewis.
Third " " New Haven, Ct.	Mrs. R. Thompson.
First Colored " " Baltimore, Md.	Mrs. M. M. Clayton.
Meeting Street Bap. Church, Providence, R. I.	Mrs. L. Jones.
Colored " " Richmond, Va.	Mrs. E. Hawkins.
Colored " " Petersburg, "	Mrs. J. Curry.
Colored " " Washington, D. C.	Mrs. E. Jamison.
Bell " " Norfolk, Va.	Mrs. M. Sanford.
Colored " " Buffalo, N. Y.	Mrs. Brown.
Colored " " Rochester, "	Mrs. E. Joiner.

10. Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. Scott.

THURSDAY MORNING, August 24.

1. Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. Jackson. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.
2. On motion, the thanks of the Convention were tendered to the citizens of Philadelphia for their kind hospitality.
3. That Wm. Washington be Treasurer of the Widow's Fund.
4. Whole amount collected during the Session of the Convention, \$145.44 For the Widow's Fund \$40.00.
5. Resolved, That we cordially approve of the "Baptist Harp,"—the Hymn Book prepared by the American Baptist Publication Society, and recommend its use to the members of our Churches, as well adapted to increase the spirit of devotion in our families &c. And that we tender to the Society our sympathies and prayers for its continued prosperity.
6. That we agree to meet next year at the time and place before specified. Prayer by the President.

WM. JACKSON, Rec. Sec.
H. H. BUTLER, Ast. Rec. Sec.

DANIEL SCOTT, President.

THE AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

Certificate of Names of Officers, Board of Managers, Inventory of Property effects and liabilities, &c., and affidavit of the truth of the same.

We, the subscribers, members of the Executive Committee, or Board of Managers of the American Baptist Missionary Convention, and a majority of said Committee or Board, do hereby certify under our hands, that the following are the names of the Officers and Executive Committee, or Board of Managers of the American Baptist Missionary Convention:

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OFFICERS.

President—Daniel Scott. Vice President—William Thompson. Corresponding Secretary—Sampson White. Recording Secretary—Wm. Jackson. Treasurer—Paul Pontau.

Executive Committee.—Daniel Scott, William Thompson, Paul Pontau, Sampson White, A. Archer, Simon Bundick, J. J. Washington, H. Smith, and William P. Serrington.

That the property and effects of said Convention consist in 227 dollars and 76 cents, in the hands of their said Treasurer, and that there are no liabilities against the said convention.

SIMON BUNDICK, A. ARCHER,
JOHN J. WASHINGTON, SAMPSON WHITE.

City and County of New York, L. S.—Sampson White, the above named Corresponding Secretary, being duly affirmed, deposes and says, that the foregoing certificate is true, and that the said The American Baptist Missionary Convention has not been engaged directly or indirectly in any other business than such as is set forth in the original certificate on file.

Affirmed, December, 1848, before me.

ROBT. B. CAMPBELL.

LETTER FROM REV. GEO. W. SAMSON, OF WASHINGTON, D. C.
To the Convention of Brethren, of the Baptist Faith, to be assembled in Philadelphia.

DEAR BRETHREN.—At the request of one of your esteemed members, with whom I have had some years of pleasant Christian acquaintance, I address to you a few words of fraternal encouragement in the work to which you are devoted.

Brethren, let our faith in our Divine Redeemer and in His Holy Word never waver. Having tested for many years the value of the religion of Jesus in personal experience, having, for several years made His Word my sole study, and having had the rare privilege of visiting the land where our Saviour lived and died, a sweet privilege it is, to be enabled to say, that religion has ever been growing more precious, and that same blessed word has seemed more and more to be the volume of Eternal Truth. Let us love that Saviour, and prize more that Sacred Book.

Let us take that word as our Guide. Many go to other books to learn doctrine, and make other books their guide in heaven. Let us have but one book for our rule—the blessed Bible. Many follow Paul, or some others, it may be, now eminent in the Church of Christ, and if that disciple whom they follow go wrong they tread in his steps and go astray with him. But let us follow CHRIST, until we have looked in the book He has given to see how He walked.

Let us depend on Jesus alone as our great Redeemer and the Redeemer of the world, and employing the simple means He has appointed, strive to save our own souls and to do good unto others. There are many associations in our days, but the Church is Christ's only established Society for benefitting the world. There are measures and expedients which Christians sometimes employ; but Jesus appointed the preaching of the gospel and prayers for the Holy Ghost to descend and renovate men's hearts.

Brethren, I write no new thing unto you; judge ye, but in words such as Jesus spoke and the Apostles wrote, gladly would I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance.

May God bless you and make your meeting together a rich blessing to His Church. Pray for us brethren in Washington that the Lord would revive His work greatly.

Your brother in Christ,
GEO. W. SAMSON.

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CIRCULAR LETTER.

THE MISSIONARY SEASON.

BELoved BRETHREN:—To every thing there is season; this is the most auspicious to some, as they rejoice in hope of the glory of God, and ought to be magnified by all, because our heavenly Father, at this time, gives grace, and is rich unto all that call on him. But this favorable time for sending Missionaries, is prevented by those who have not the love of God in them; they are teaching the most baneful and appalling doctrines of the age in which we live; they are apprehended by some persons to their utter and irrecoverable ruin, except the Lord interpose in their behalf. The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright; a man hath joy by the answer of his mouth, and one in a certain place testified saying, "a word spoken in season how good it is."

God's ordinary way of interposition, is by sending the weak and strong; the feeble say we are strong in Christ, and the gigantic say without Christ we can do nothing. These standing together in the holy place, lift up their voices, and with all boldness speak the word of Christ. Notwithstanding they are reproached by some, and calumniated by others, because the disposition and deportment of every man is not in them, separately this is no manual, we know that they do not need infallibility. The wisdom of God makes use of ministers of different dispositions and deportment, whereby some souls are gained and others left unconquerable. Let us, therefore, take courage, and abide in the doctrine of Christ, drop it as the rain and it shall distil as the dew, the season will be glorious, and as the saying will be verified, "wisdom is justified of her children."

Every one called and sent by the King of Zion to preach the everlasting gospel, ought to hold fast the form of sound words, and speak the things which become sound doctrine. There never was a period in the history of this Convention, more propitious for teaching all nations to observe all things whatsoever Jesus has commanded you, and of developing evangelical effort, than this; therefore, a religious phenomenon, after the salvation of the souls of men, ought to be zealously evinced by every one that has passed from death unto life.

My dear brethren, the Missionary season is one of diversities of tongues, and your liberality are called on to assist those now in the field, and the rising ministry, that they may preach the gospel to every creature, in his own tongue, wherein he was born. The ungodly are called on now, as it is written, "Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things."

We hope some will say, the calls are too often, and others say, we have no money for that purpose, and thus say to Jesus, who is Lord of all, the gold and the silver are not yours, and thou shalt not have it to aid those who go holding forth the word of life, and cause the poor widow, who of her want cast in all that she had, even all her life—Mark xii. 44—to rise in the judgment and condemn you. We are persuaded that you hate the mysteries of iniquity, and love the mystery of the gospel of the blessed God made known to all nations, for obedience to faith, so much, that you will respond to the laudable call with cheerfulness, in view of the sufferings of Christ, the Cross, the nails, the spear, and his redeeming love, when he hung upon the tree, and gave his life a ransom for many, and now appears in the presence of God for us. Could we ascend some commanding eminence in creation, from which the nations of the earth, with their different tongues, could be surveyed at one glance, we should find ourselves surrounded by about one thousand millions of men, women and children, the principal part of whom are now ignorant of the way of salvation through Jesus Christ; multitudes, multitudes of mental and moral beings, in the broad road that leadeth to destruction, are those in the road to death because there is no way to life? Surely not, Jesus is the living way to God and heaven, and out of all nations hath taken a people for His name, and employed us, as instrumentalities, to turn the hearts of the fathers with the children, and the disobedient to the

wisdom of the just, it is our imperative duty to do all we can, that they may walk in Him by faith. And as we advance toward heaven and the mansions of the tomb, give more to support the ministry, that when their bodies are dead and our spirits are with Jesus beholding his glory, our prayers may be memorials, and our sins a word in season to the brethren: That this sect every where spoken against, may stand disenthralled, and go every where preaching the word, and baptizing every one that believeth in Jesus, and stand in sight of Emperors, Kings, Princes, Nobles, Presidents, Generals of armies, Tyrants and Possants, and preach Jesus and the Resurrection.

AN ACT

FOR THE INCORPORATION OF BENEVOLENT, CHARITABLE, SCIENTIFIC, AND MISSIONARY SOCIETIES, PASSED APRIL 12, 1848.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Any five or more persons of full age, citizens of the United States, a majority of whom shall citizens of this state, who shall desire to associate themselves for benevolent, charitable, scientific or missionary purposes, may make, sign, and acknowledge before any officer authorized to take the acknowledgements of deeds in this state, and file in the office of the secretary of state, and also in the office of the clerk of the county in which the business of such society is to be conducted, a certificate in writing, in which shall be stated the name of title by which such society shall be known in law, the particular business and objects of such society, the number of trustees, directors or managers of such society for the first year of its existence, but such certificate shall not be filed unless by the written consent and approbation of one of the justices of the supreme court of the district in which the place of business or principal office of such company or association shall be located, to be endorsed on such certificate.

§ 2. Upon filing a certificate as aforesaid, the persons who shall have signed and acknowledged such certificate, and their associates and successors, shall thereupon by virtue of this act, be a body politic and corporate, by the name stated in such certificate, and by that name they and their successors shall and may have succession, and shall be persons in law, capable of suing and being sued; and they and their successors may have and use a common seal, and the same may alter and change at pleasure, and they and their successors, by their corporate name, shall, in law, be capable of taking, receiving, purchasing and holding real estate, for the purposes of their incorporation, and for no other purpose, to an amount not exceeding fifty thousand dollars in value, and personal estate, for like purposes, to an amount not exceeding the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars in value, but the clear annual income of such real and personal estate shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars; to make by-laws for the management of its affairs, not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this state, or of the United States; to elect and appoint the officers and agents of such society, for the management of its business, and to allow them a suitable compensation.

§ 3. The society so incorporated may annually elect from its members its trustees, directors or managers, at such time and place, and in such manner as may be specified in its by-laws, who shall have the control and management of the affairs and funds of said society, a majority of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business; and whenever any vacancy shall happen among such trustees, directors or managers, by death, resignation, or neglect to serve, such vacancy shall be filled in such manner as shall be provided by the by-laws of such society.

§ 4. In case it shall at any time happen that an election of trustees, directors

or managers shall not be made on the day designated by the by-laws, said society for that cause shall not be dissolved, but it shall and may be lawful on any other day to hold an election for trustees directors or managers, in such manner as may be directed by the by-laws of such society.

§ 5. The provisions of this act shall not extend or apply to an association or individuals who shall in the certificate filed with the secretary of state, or with the county clerk, use or specify a name or style the same as that of any previously existing incorporated society in this state, nor shall they authorize the formation of any corporation which can be incorporated under the act entitled, An act to provide for the incorporation of religious societies, passed April 5, 1813, and the several acts amending the same; or in the formation of any secret societies.

§ 6. Any corporation formed under this act, shall be capable of taking, holding or receiving any property, real or personal, by virtue of any devise or bequest contained in any last will or testament of any person whatsoever, the clear annual income of which devise or bequest shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars; provided, no person leaving a wife or child or parent shall devise or bequeath to such institution or corporation more than one fourth of his or her estate, after the payment of his or her debts, and such devise or bequest shall be valid to the extent of such one fourth, and no such devise or bequest shall be valid in any will which shall not have been made and executed at least six months before the death of the testator.

§ 7. The trustees of any company or corporation organized under the provisions of this act, shall be jointly and severally liable for all debts due from said company or corporation contracted while they are trustees, provided said debts are payable within one year from the time they shall have been contracted, and provided a suit for the collection of the same shall be brought within one year after the debt shall become due and payable.

§ 8. All institutions formed under this act, together with their books, and vouchers, shall be subject to the visitation and inspection of the justices of the supreme court, or by any person or persons who shall be appointed by the supreme court for that purpose, and it shall be the duty of the trustees, or a majority of them, in the month of December in each year, to make and file in the county clerk's office where the original certificate is filed, a certificate under their hands, stating the names of the trustees and officers of such association or corporation, with an inventory of the property, effects and liabilities thereof, with an affidavit of the truth of such certificate and inventory, and also an affidavit that such association or corporation has not been engaged directly or indirectly, in any other business than such as is set forth in the original certificate on file.

§ 9. Each corporation formed under this act shall possess the general powers conferred by, and be subject to the provision and restrictions of the third title of the eighteenth chapter of the third part of the Revised Statutes.

§ 10. The Legislature may at any time, amend, annul or repeal any incorporation formed or created under this act.

State of New York,)
Secretary's Office. }

I have compared the preceding with an original law on file in this office, and do certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of said original. ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL,
 Albany, April 13, 1848. Dep. Sec. of State.

FORM OF A BEQUEST TO THE CONVENTION.

I also give and bequeath to the American Baptist Missionary Convention for the use and purpose of said convention; and I hereby direct my executor to pay the said sum to the Treasurer of the said convention within _____ months after my decease.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

OF THE
AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

We, the subscribers, persons of full age, and citizens of the United States, and of the state of New York, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that we have associated ourselves with others, for benevolent, charitable, and missionary purposes; that the name assumed to distinguish such association, and by which to be known in law, is "THE AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSIONARY CONVENTION;" that the particular object of said Convention is to propagate the Gospel of Christ, and to advance the interests of His kingdom by supplying vacant churches when requested; by sending ministers into destitute regions within our reach, and by planting and building up churches whenever a favorable opportunity offers; that the place of business and principal office of said Convention is in the city of New York; that the management of the business affairs of the said Convention is vested in an EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OR BOARD OF NINE MANAGERS; and that the following named individuals compose said Committee or Board.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

DANIEL SCOTT,	A. ARCHER,
WILLIAM THOMPSON,	SAMPSON WHITE,
WILLIAM JACKSON,	SIMON BUNDICK,
WILLIAM WASHINGTON,	JOHN R. GOINGS,
PAUL PONTAU.	

ALBANY, June, 26, 1848.

I certify that the Certificate of Incorporation of "The American Baptist Missionary Convention," was this day received and filed in this office.

ARCH'D. CAMPBELL, *Dep. Sec. of State.*

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be called "THE AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSIONARY CONVENTION." It shall hold its sessions annually, at such time and place to be agreed upon at each meeting.

ART. 2. It shall be the object of this Convention to propagate the gospel of Christ, and to advance the interests of His kingdom by supplying vacant churches when requested; by sending ministers into destitute regions within our reach, and by planting and building up churches, whenever a favorable opportunity offers. This Convention shall in no case interfere with the internal regulation of the churches or Associations.

ART. 3. Every Baptist minister who is in good and regular standing in any regular Baptist Church, and who is acceptable to the pastor or pastors of said church or churches, provided he or they are members of this Convention, may become a life member by contributing one dollar to its funds. Every Church, Association, or Missionary Society, contributing three dollars annually, shall be entitled to one representative, and another for every additional three dollars. Any person may become a member by contributing one dollar annually. None but a Baptist in good and regular standing, shall be entitled to vote on questions before this Convention.

ART. 4. The Officers of this Convention shall be a President, Vice President, the Secretaries and Treasurer; and they shall be members of the Board, and the Board shall not exceed nine in number.

ART. 5. The Executive Committee shall constitute a Board, for the transaction of all business during the recess of the Convention. They are to apply the funds appropriated by the Convention, on approved Missionary fields and labors. Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum, without which number no business shall be transacted.

ART. 6. The Treasurer shall give such security as shall be approved by the Convention, for all monies committed to his trust, he shall keep a faithful account of all monies received and expended, and report the same at each annual

meeting. No money shall be drawn from the Treasury during the recess of the Convention, without an order from the Corresponding Secretary, signed by the President or Vice President, and regularly ordered by a majority of the Executive Committee.

ART. 7. The Recording Secretary shall keep a faithful record of all the doings of the Convention; he shall enrol the names of all the members of the Convention, from its origin to the time being, and submit the same for examination at each annual meeting.

ART. 8. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Board. All communications from Societies, Churches and individuals, relating to the Convention, must be made to him. All letters, papers, packages, &c., officially received by him, shall be the property of the Convention. He shall present bills of the postage on the same, and shall present the reports of the doings of the Board at each annual meeting, for acceptance and payment. He shall draw drafts on the Treasurer, according to Article 6 of this Constitution.

ART. 9. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting, provided that at least three months notice has been given to the Corresponding Secretary, who shall report the same to the annual meeting.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

1. That in view of our profession as ministers of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and the legitimate claims of the people upon us, for correct gospel knowledge and instruction, we will devote all the time which we can spare from our other labors connected with the ministry, to reading the scriptures, and such standard works on divinity and ecclesiastical history, as we are able to obtain, and by every means within our reach, to improve ourselves, and we will encourage all our ordained and licensed ministers to do the same, thereby elevating the standard of ministerial education, piety and usefulness among us.

2. That the use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, is injurious, and most destructive to morals, and we recommend all over whom we have influence, immediately to abandon their use.

3. That each minister be requested to use his influence to procure donations, form auxiliaries to the Convention, and in every laudable respect further the views of this body.

4. That the great destitution at present among the colored population of this country, calls loudly upon the members of the Convention to use every laudable exertion to supply the perishing with the appointed means of grace.

5. That the Bible, Sabbath School and Tract Societies, are institutions which commend themselves to the confidence of the Churches and members of this Convention.

6. That the education of young men for the gospel ministry is an object which commends itself to the pastors of the Churches and the members of the Convention.

7. That the Cor. Secretary be requested to furnish each Missionary with a copy of the following Rules.

RULES FOR MISSIONARIES.

1. Every Missionary shall be required to make a report to the Cor. Secretary quarterly, from the time he enters upon his labors, containing the number of sermons preached, the probable number of persons that attend on his ministry, the number of scholars in the Sabbath School, the different stations occupied by him, and the manner in which his labors are divided amongst them.

2. The present state of the Church, the number of members attached to it, the number received, and how, whether by letter, baptism or experience, the number excluded, and for what, also the number deceased.

3. That appropriations be made quarterly only when the above requisitions are complied with.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Daniel Scott,
Sampson White,
Armstrong Archer,
John E. Nepean,
Richard Vaughan,
Moses M. Clayton,
Joseph Henderson,
Jeremiah Asher,
William Jackson,
William Thompson,
Stephen Dutton,
Thomas U. Allen,
William B. Serrington,

John T. Raymond,
Thomas Jefferson,
Jeremiah Durham,
John B. Meschum,
John Carey,
Edmond Kelly,
Daniel Jackson,
B. F. Drayton,
Leonard A. Grimes,
Joseph Lewis,
Peter Johnson,
Washington Christian.

LICENTIATES.

David Noffit,
John R. Goings,
David Evans,
Leonard Black,
Elisha Hawkins,
Henry F. Smith,

David Miller,
B. Cooley,
J. E. Crawford,
David Thomas,
J. Lewis,
Simon Bundick.

ERRATA.

An error occurred in the table on page 15, in the list of Churches and Auxiliaries, with names of the Pastors, Licentiates, and Delegates. That portion which is incorrect in said table should read thus:

PASTORS.	CHURCHES.	LOCATION.
W. B. Serrington,	First Independent Baptist Church,	Boston, Mass.
Wm. Thompson,	Third Baptist Church,	New Haven, Conn.
J. E. Crawford,	Third Baptist Church,	Nantucket, Mass.
E. Hawkins,	Shiloh Baptist Church.	Newburgh, N. Y.
T. Jefferson,		Baltimore, Md.
Jeremiah Durham,		Philadelphia,
J. B. Meschum,		Missouri.
B. F. Drayton,		Monrovia, Liberia.
W. B. Taylor,		Hampton, Va.
S. White,	Concord Baptist Church.	Brooklyn, N. Y.
J. Lewis,		Boston, Mass.
L. A. Grimes,	Twelfth Baptist Church,	Philadelphia.
Jeremiah Asher,	Shiloh Baptist Church,	

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Daniel Scott,	John T. Raymond,
Sampson White,	Thomas Jefferson,
Armstrong Archer,	Jeremiah Durham,
John E. Nepean,	John B. Meachum,
Richard Vaughan,	John Carey,
Moses M. Clayton,	Edmond Kelly,
Joseph Henderson,	Daniel Jackson,
Jeremiah Asher,	B. F. Drayton,
William Jackson,	Leonard A. Grimes,
William Thompson,	Joseph Lewis,
Stephen Dalton,	Peter Johnson,
Thomas U. Allen,	Washington Christian.
William B. Serrington,	

LICENTIATES.

David Noffit,	David Miller,
	R. Cooley,

A LIST OF CHURCHES AND AUXILIARIES WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THIS CONVENTION,

WITH NAMES OF THE PASTORS, LICENTIATES AND DELEGATES.

Pastors and Ordained Ministers.	Licentiates supplying Churches.	Names of the Churches.	Year.	Place of Location.
Daniel Scott,		Union Baptist,	1841	Philadelphia, Pa.
I. T. Raymond,		Abyssinian Baptist,	"	New York, N. Y.
A. Archer,		"	"	"
John Carey,		First Colored Church,	1842	Baltimore, Md.
M. C. Clayton,		Haynes Street "	"	Philadelphia, Pa.
Jos. Henderson,	D. H. Crosby,	Second Baptist "	"	Brooklyn, "
Wm. Jackson,		First African "	"	Philadelphia, "
H. Vaughan,		Meeting Street Baptist,	"	Providence, R. I.
Gustavus Brown,		First Colored Baptist,	"	Washington, D. C.
Stephen Dalton,		Second Baptist,	"	Geneva, N. Y.
E. Kelley,		"	1846	Paterson, N. J.
Joseph Lewis,		Second Baptist Church,	"	New Bedford, Mass.
S. B. Serrington,		"	"	Boston, "
Wm. Thompson,		First Independent Baptist,	1842	Albany, N. Y.
J. E. Crawford,		Hamilton Street Baptist,	"	New Haven, Conn.
Nash Davis,		Third Baptist Church,	"	Nantucket, Mass.
E. Hawkins,		York Street "	"	Newburgh, N. Y.
T. Jefferson,		Second Colored Church,	"	Baltimore, Md.
Jeremiah Durham,		Shiloh Baptist "	1846	Philadelphia, Pa.
J. B. Meachum,		"	"	Missouri,
B. F. Drayton,		"	"	Monrovia, Liberia.
Wm. B. Taylor,		Conserved Baptist Church,	"	Hampton, Va.
S. White,		Third Baptist "	"	Brooklyn, N. Y.
J. Lewis,		Second Baptist "	"	Stonington, Conn.
L. A. Grimes,		Shiloh Baptist,	"	Boston, Mass.
Jeremiah Asher,		"	"	Philadelphia, Pa.
		"	"	Boston, Mass.
		"	"	Baltimore, Md.

Names of Delegates.	Auxiliary Societies.	Year.	Where Located.
By Letter,	From the Ch. and Congregation,	1843	Washington, D. C.
D. Scott,	Independent Female Society,	"	Boston, Mass.
R. Vaughan,	Daughters of Conv. Little Fine St.	"	Philadelphia, Pa.
Sampson White,	" " First African	"	"
H. T. Smith,	Daughters of the Baptist Missionary Convention,	1845	New York, N. Y.
William Jackson,	Auxiliary Union Missionary Soc'y	1846	Richmond, Va.
R. Vaughan,	Young Men's Missionary Society,	"	"
	Daughters of Conviction,	1847	Brooklyn, Pa.
	Sons and Daughters of Vaughan,	"	Philadelphia, Pa.

LICENTIATES WHO ARE LIFE MEMBERS.

David Noffit,	1841	Pennsylvania.
John R. Goings,	"	New York, N. Y.
David Holland,	"	"
David Evans,	1843	Pennsylvania.
Henry T. Smith,	1846	Huffalo, N. Y.
Daniel Jackson,	"	Virginia.
David Miller,	"	Newburgh, N. Y.
R. Cooley,	1847	New York, N. Y.
David Thomas,	"	Pennsylvania.
J. Lewis,	"	New Bedford, Mass.

LIST OF MEMBERS BY ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

NEW YORK			
Dea. Low Octon,	1847	Dea. Coffin Pitts,	1845
" Alexander Duncan,	1848	E. R. Davis,	1846
" John Osborne,	"	Simpson H. Lewis,	1847
" Thomas Wilson,	"	Mary Williams,	"
James Hamilton,	"	Mary A. Butcher,	"
George H. Dixon,	"	Paul Shiels,	"
Lewis B. Napoleon,	"	William Jackson,	"
Isaac Loney,	"	Mills Crosby,	"
J. O. Bonnor,	"	Betsy Brown,	"
John Anderson,	"	John Butler,	"
Paul Pontau,	"	R. Johnson,	1840
George Washington,	"	Mary M. Pitts,	"
William H. Jackson,	"	Mrs. M. Thomas,	"
Peter Wilson,	"	Peter Randall,	"
Mrs. Hector,	"	Mrs. Smith,	"
William Thomas,	"	RHODE ISLAND	
James Johnson,	"	Dea. George C. Willis,	1844
Elizabeth Brown,	1846	George Waterman,	"
Gilbert Gilmore,	"	William H. Howard,	"
Harrison Powell,	"	Charles K. Cozzins,	1845
Matilda Thomas,	"	Zebedee H. Martin,	"
Mrs. Gray,	1847	Phillis Church,	"
Win. L. Nichols,	"	David Oftee,	"
J. J. Washington,	"	Sylvia Oftee,	"
Eliza Jones,	1848	Sarah E. Warren,	"
David Pearson,	"	Susan Roberts,	1847
Mary Ann Segins,	1849	John Blue,	"
Ann Jones,	"	William J. Brown,	"
Susan Richardson,	"	Charles Gorbam,	"
Ann Maria Jackson,	"	Z. Jones,	"
Ann Jenkins,	"	MARYLAND.	
PENNSYLVANIA.		Mary Williams,	1846
Dea. Joshua Bundick,	1840	Charles Smith,	"
Thomas Watkins,	"	John Wey,	1847
Reuben Coats,	"	L. Olden,	1848
James Harris, jr.	"	Thomas Jones,	"
William Stephens,	"	Gheesman Roberts,	"
John Irvin,	"	James Goldham,	1849
Henry B. Anderson,	"	Ann Williams,	"
Frederick Woodson, jr.	"	Rev. A. T. Driver,	"
Joseph Hart,	"	VIRGINIA.	
Charles M. Freeman,	"	Renderson R. Daily,	1845
David Thomas,	"	Richard Henderson,	1846
Jonathan Miller,	"	Nelson Morae,	"
Frederick Woodson, sen.	"	Michael Hall,	"
John Deputy,	"	William D. Baptist,	"
James Gibbons,	"	J. R. Bowling,	1847
John Henderson,	"	J. S. Kinney,	"
Mary Loudon,	"	H. Davenport,	"
James M. M'Crummell,	"	T. Gyodwill,	"
Randall Jackson,	"	Rev. Robert Whitehead,	1849
Rev. J. J. G. Bias, M. D.	"	Peter Huett,	"
F. Malichi,	"	Richard Johnson,	1849
James Fells,	1847	James Moseley,	"
William Washington,	"	Samuel Dickson,	"
Randolph U. Campbell,	1848	Edward White,	"
Elias Ferrell,	"	LOUISIANA.	
Leviticus Delinas,	"	William Steward,	1846
James Bivins,	"	DISTRICT COLUMBIA.	
Mrs. Edith Mayhew,	"	Henry H. Butler,	1848
Mrs. Ann Goines,	"	William Bush,	1848
Win. Goines,	"	M. Jenkins,	1848
MASSACHUSETTS.		E. Jamison,	1848
John E. Nepean,	1843		
Thomas Prior,	1844		