

REPORT

OF THE

THIRTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSIONARY CONVENTION,

HELD IN THE MEETING-HOUSE

OF THE

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH,

NEW BEDFORD, MASS.,

On Friday before the third Lord's Day,

AUGUST, 19th, 1853.

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This body shall be called "THE AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSIONARY CONVENTION." It shall hold its sessions annually, at such time and place as shall 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 desolate 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 the Convention.

ART. 4. The Officers of this Convention shall be a President, Vice President, the Secretaries, and a 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 laborers. 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 moneys committed to his trust; he shall keep a faithful account of all moneys 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 enroll 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.

American Baptist Historical Society

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 shall 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 Money 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 opposes its being discussed, the President shall immediately put the question—Shall this question be discussed? and if negatived, 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 of the Relief Fund.
24. Miscellaneous business.

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 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 from 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 this 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 Corresponding 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 Corresponding 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.

OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION AND EXECUTIVE BOARD.

<i>President,</i>	WILLIAM THOMPSON.
<i>Vice President,</i>	L. A. GRIMES.
<i>Corresponding Secretary,</i>	WILLIAM JACKSON.
<i>Recording Secretary,</i>	D. H. CROSBY.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	PAUL PONTAU.

MEMBERSHIP.

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.

FORM OF A BEQUEST TO THE CONVENTION.

I give and bequeath unto "The American Baptist Missionary Convention," incorporated in the city of New York, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, the sum of _____ dollars, for the purposes of the said Convention.

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 interest 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;—

SAMPSON WHITE,	LEONARD BLACK,	L. A. GRIMES,
PAUL PONTAU,	GEORGE H. DIXON,	WM. JACKSON,
WILLIAM NICOLAS,	WM. THOMPSON,	D. H. CROSBY,

At 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.*

PLAN OF MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, AUGUST, 1846.

In pious and grateful remembrance of our departed brethren in the ministry whose widows and orphans may be left in circumstances of need, the Baptist Missionary Convention *Resolved* to contribute to their relief, as far as our compassionate Saviour may indulge us with ability. In order, therefore, to create a Fund for this benevolent purpose, we recommend the following:—

MEANS.

1. That on the fourth Lord's day in May, in every year, the respective churches composing this Convention, make a public collection, for the purpose of aiding this Fund.
2. That a subscription book be opened in every such church and congregation, to receive either annual subscriptions or donations, to this desirable object.

OBJECTS.

1. Persons intended to receive the benefit of this Fund, are the widows and orphans of deceased ministers, who at the time of their death, whether ordained, or licensed, shall have been in good standing in this Convention, and no others. As to all the portions of said Fund, received or accruing at or after the session of 1847, the Trustees of the Fund have power, when the case of the applicant seems to be a peculiar one, to extend the advantages of the Fund to the family of any deceased minister of good standing, who may at any time have belonged to this Convention.
2. Relief afforded to widows, to continue during their widowhood, and no longer.

3. If there be no surviving widow, and the children, if any, of such deceased minister be under twelve years of age, and in need, they shall receive the same portion as allowed to a widow, until they arrive at their fifteenth year: Provided, also, that should any one of the said children, destitute of both father and mother, be found by disease or accident, incapable of providing a living for him or herself, the allowance from this Fund may continue until such person shall have arrived at twenty years of age.

MANAGERS OF THE FUND.

1. That this Convention at their annual meeting, shall elect and appoint out of its members *five* Trustees, who shall have the sole management of this Fund; one of whom shall be appointed Treasurer, and one other as Secretary; and that such Trustees continue in office three years, and until others are appointed.

2. That this Board of Trustees, (three of whom shall form a quorum,) shall meet annually, or oftener as the case may require, for the transaction of business; and that the said Board shall have the power to fill any vacancy in their number which may be occasioned by death or otherwise, until the next meeting of the Convention.

3. All applications for relief shall be made to the Board in writing, stating the name, residence and circumstances of the applicant.

It shall be the business of this Board to receive and keep in charge, all moneys collected, or otherwise contributed to this Fund,—to receive and examine all applications for relief, and that they make such allowance of money to the needy, as in their opinion the case may require, and the state of the funds may warrant.

5. It is further resolved, That the Board of Trustees, whenever the moneys in hand shall amount to \$300, and there be no applicant for immediate relief, be and they are hereby authorized to invest the same in some secure stock, or loan the same on bond and mortgage, for the purpose of creating a PERPETUAL FUND,—the interest of which only shall be employed to relieve the necessitous. And, farther, whenever other moneys in their hands successively shall amount to \$100, and not be immediately required for use, the said sum shall be added to the Perpetual Fund; which it is presumed will ultimately prove essentially beneficial to the object intended. And, likewise, that the said Permanent Fund shall in no wise be disposed of, but by the order of three-fourths of this Convention.

6. Finally, it is required that the Trustees of this Board present to this Convention at their annual meeting, a statement of their funds, collections and disbursements; with whatever else may be combined with this benevolent object, and the performance of their duty.

N. B. Whereas, it is highly probable that benevolent persons will be disposed to remember the Ministers' Widows' Fund, while making their last Will and Testament,—the following form of a bequest is respectfully submitted to their attention.

Form of a Bequest to the Ministers' Widows' Fund of the Baptist Missionary Convention of Baptist Ministers and Churches for Missionary purposes.

I bequeath to my executors the sum of _____ dollars, in trust, to pay over the same in _____ after my decease, to the person who, when the same is payable, shall act as Treasurer of the Widows' Fund of the American Baptist Missionary Convention, formed in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, to be applied to the aid of widows and orphans of deceased Baptist Ministers, as expressed in their Constitution.

CERTIFICATE, &c.

A majority of the Executive Board made and filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York on the eleventh day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, the names of the officers of the Convention, inventory of the property, effects and liabilities thereof, with an affirmation of the truth of the same.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

NEW BEDFORD, August 19, 1853.

PURSUANT to adjournment, August 20, 1852, the Thirteenth Annual Meeting of "THE AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSIONARY CONVENTION" met with the Second Baptist Church, New Bedford, Mass., on Friday evening, August 19, 1853. The exercises were opened by singing, reading of Scriptures and prayer. Agreeably to previous appointment, Rev. L. A. GRIMES, of Boston, Mass., preached the introductory discourse from Colossians, chap. i., v. 28: "Whom we preach warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus." A clear illustration of the effects of the gospel.

After which the Convention was called to order by the President, Rev. RICHARD VAUGHN, of Philadelphia, Pa. Prayer by Rev. C. BRAY. A collection was then taken amounting to \$4 12½.

On motion, Resolved, That the missionaries be paid the balance due them for their year's labor, and other contingent expenses.

The following brethren were appointed to nominate a list of officers for the ensuing year:—Wm. THOMPSON, D. H. CROSSY, Wm. BRAY, Wm. JACKSON, and THOS. HENSON. After singing, adjourned to meet on Saturday morning, at 10 o'clock A. M.

RICHARD VAUGHN, President.

August 20, 1853. Morning Session, 10 o'clock.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Rev. R. VAUGHN, President, in the chair. Prayer by Rev. JOSEPH AWOS. The Committee on Nomination reported the following list of officers for the ensuing year:—

President—Rev. WILLIAM THOMPSON, Boston, Mass.
Vice President—Rev. L. A. GRIMES.
Recording Secretary—DAVID H. CROSBY, Philadelphia, Pa.
Corresponding Secretary—Rev. WILLIAM JACKSON, Philadelphia, Pa.
Treasurer—PAUL PONTAU, New York.

The report was accepted and approved.

The following committees were appointed:—

1. Committee on Reception of Churches—Brs. BUSH and CLAYTON.
2. Committee on Circular Letter—Brs. WHITE and GRIMES.
3. Committee on Examination of the Minutes from Corresponding Bodies—Brs. HAWKINS and RANDOLPH.
4. Committee on Finance—Brs. KELLY, JOHNSON and BLACK.
5. Committee on Devotional Exercises—Brs. BRAY, KELLY and NELSON.
6. Auditing Committee—Brs. WHITE, YORK and BRAY.

Visiting brethren were invited to sit with us in the Convention. Whereupon the Rev. C. B. RAY, of New York, and the Rev. M. D. WARR, of New Bedford, Mass., accepted the invitation.

Resolved, That the following be the order observed during the session: To meet at 9 A. M., and adjourn at 12 M.; meet at 2 P. M., and adjourn at 5 P. M.; and meet at a quarter before 8 P. M.

Resolved, That this Convention adjourn on Tuesday, and that Wednesday and Thursday be spent in devotional exercises.

After singing, and prayer by Rev. M. C. CLAYTON, adjourned to meet at 11 P. M.

Afternoon Session.

President in the chair. Prayer by Rev. L. BLACK.

The Devotional Committee reported having appointed Brother E. HAWKINS to preach this evening at a quarter before 8 o'clock; also the Rev. RICHARD VADON on to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock; Rev. S. WHITE at 3 P. M., and the Rev. Wm. THOMPSON at a quarter before 8 o'clock.

Resolved, That the Convention adjourn to meet on Monday morning at 9 o'clock A. M. Prayer by Wm. H. HOWARD.

August 22. Morning Session.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. President in the chair. Prayer by Deacon C. PIERCE. Minutes read and approved.

A committee of two, consisting of Rev'ds. R. VADON and NICOLAS, were appointed to nominate a preacher and an alternate, to preach the introductory sermon at the next session.

Rev. L. A. GRIMES and Rev. J. E. CRAWFORD were appointed a committee to nominate a writer of the Circular Letter. After which the Convention adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by the Rev. J. T. RAYMOND.

Afternoon Session.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. President in the chair. Prayer by the Rev. M. D. WARD, of the A. M. E. Church, New Bedford.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats in the Convention; whereupon the Rev. F. URSAM, of New Bedford, and the Rev. D. PATTON, of Fall River, accepted the invitation.

The Committee on the Reception of Churches reported the Third Baptist Church in Williamsburg, L. I., and the Shron Baptist Church in New York, which was received. After which the Convention adjourned until a quarter before 8 o'clock P. M. Prayer by Bro. Wm. NICOLAS.

Evening Session.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. President in the chair. Prayer by Rev. L. BLACK. They followed addresses on missionary operations, by Bros. JACKSON, CRAWFORD, BLACK and RAYMOND. The addresses were brief, but able and interesting, and produced a happy effect upon the congregation. A collection was taken, amounting to \$5 52.

August 23. Morning Session.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. President in the chair. Prayer by Brother RANDOLPH.

Resolved, That the minutes be received and approved.

Resolved, That the reading of letters be continued.

Whereupon the letter from the Independent Baptist Church, of Boston, Mass., was read; also a letter from the Sabbath School Home Missionary Society of Williamsburg, L. I., which were received and adopted.

Resolved, That the following preamble and resolution be received and adopted, and that a copy of the same be transmitted to the widow of Brother JOSEPH LEWIS, deceased:

Whereas, This Convention has heard, with deep regret, that, since its last annual meeting, death, the King of Terrors, has removed from us one of our members, Brother JOSEPH LEWIS, a minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and a life member of this Convention. But we rejoice to learn that, like a good and faithful soldier, he fell asleep in the arms of Jesus Christ with his armor on. Therefore—

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with his bereaved widow, relatives and friends.

L. A. GRIMES,
J. E. CRAWFORD, Committee.

A committee of three were appointed to choose a place for our next session, consisting of Bro. HOWARD, CRAWFORD and HAWKINS.

The committee who were appointed to choose a brother to preach the introductory sermon at the next session of the Convention, and also an alternate, reported the Rev. J. T. RAYMOND to preach the sermon, and the Rev. E. KELLY as his alternate, which was received and adopted.

Convention adjourned till 2 o'clock P. M. Prayer by Rev. CUMMINGS BEAR.

Afternoon Session.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. President in the chair. Prayer by Bro. B. COUNTRY.

The Committee on Circular Letter reported Rev. SAMUEL WHITE to write the Circular Letter, which was accepted.

The following persons were added to the Executive Committee: Brothers S. WHITE, J. T. RAYMOND, L. BLACK and Wm. L. NICOLAS.

A committee was appointed on Missionary Fields, consisting of Brothers WHITE, GRIMES, BOSS, JACKSON and NICOLAS.

Resolved, That any member of this Convention travelling west at the time of the session of the Western Colored Baptist Convention, at Jacksonville, Illinois, Friday before the Second Lord's Day in March, A. D. 1854, shall be considered our delegate on the presentation of a copy of our minutes to that body.

Believing an efficient gospel church to be the only sovereign and effective remedy for the many complicated evils which are the result of sin, therefore—

Resolved, That we, the members of this Convention, will put forth our united efforts for the abolition of Slavery, the annihilation of the A. C. Society, the removal of Intemperance and all other kindred evils, endeavoring thereby to promote the salvation of the world—God being our helper.

Convention adjourned. Prayer by Rev. J. F. BOULDER.

Evening Session.

President in the chair. Reading of the Scriptures by Rev. Wm. THOMPSON. Prayer by Rev. E. KELLY. The Rev. J. T. RAYMOND then delivered a sermon, from which a happy impression was made on the audience.

Morning Session, Aug. 24.

President in the chair. Prayer by Bro. MALACHI FERRELL. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. On motion the resolutions offered by Rev. E. KELLY were read. The following reports were read and accepted.

DEAR BROTHERS:—

The Committee appointed to audit the Agent's accounts, having examined them to their satisfaction, believe the following to be a true and correct statement of his proceedings, and submit the following report of the same.

Received by Pledges,	\$562 63
Of the above there has been collected in cash,	307 63
Leaving balance on Pledges not collected,	\$255 00
Expenses for travelling during the year, has been,	\$119 18
Expenses for Postage,	8 06
Amount of expenses,	\$127 24
Which expenses, deducted from the \$307 63, which was collected, leaves a balance of,	\$180 39
Agent has received from the Board,	100 00
Total,	\$280 39

For which he has given receipts to the Board, and the Convention now owes

him the sum of \$119 61, which sum we recommend to be paid by the Convention.

The Committee would further recommend the Convention to authorize Brother LEONARD to collect the pledges that have been made, bearing his travelling expenses to and from the various places where they are made, and that he pay the same over to the Treasurer, and report the same to the Corresponding Secretary, within sixty days from the adjournment of this Convention.

We also recommend the Agent's General Report to be read. The following named persons were appointed to act with the Board to examine the Agent's Report. L. A. GRIMES, CRAWFORD, WASHINGTON, CUMMINGS BRAY, WM. D. LEWIS. With all due respect, we are your humble servants.

On motion Convention adjourned. Prayer by J. E. CRAWFORD.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. President in the chair. Prayer by Rev. S. WARR.

On motion the above Committee's Report was read and approved.

On motion the Report of the Agent was read.

On motion the Report was received and printed with the minutes.

On motion the rules of order was suspended for fifteen minutes to bear the debate on the propriety of having an Agent.

On motion Convention adjourned. Prayer by Rev. R. VAUGHN.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. President in the chair. Prayer by Bro. LEONARD. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

On motion it was voted the Agent be paid the balance due him.

On motion the thanks of this Convention be tendered to Bro. LEONARD for a writing desk.

On motion it was voted the Convention read and pay the following Bill.

	Dr.
The A. B. M. Convention to L. LEONARD,	
To paper, pens and ink,	\$3 12
To letter postage,	1 60
	\$4 72
Received payment,	
C. LEONARD.	

The Committee on the choice of a place for the next session, made the following Report.

Your Committee recommend this Convention to hold their next session with the Shiloh Baptist Church, Philadelphia.

Signed, WM. H. HOWARD,
J. E. CRAWFORD,
E. HAWKINS.

The Report was accepted.

Resolved, That the Circular Letter be received and preserved, also the Introductory Sermon, which are always to be kept on file.

On motion Convention adjourned. Prayer by Rev. Mr. HENSON.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. President in the chair. Prayer by Bro. D. NOFLER. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on Fields then made Report, as follows:—

Resolved, That the sum of \$45 be paid to the Third Baptist Church of Williamsburg, L. I.

To the Great Cold Baptist Church, Baltimore, \$25.

And to Shiloh Baptist Church, Newburgh, \$25.

On motion Convention adjourned. Prayer by Br. CROSBY.

Morning Session.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. President in the chair. Prayer by Rev. J. ASHER. Minutes read and approved.

Treasurer's Report read and accepted, viz.,

Cash paid to C. Leonard, Agent, Salary,	400 00
Rev. M. Clayton, Miss., Baltimore, Md.,	25 00
Rev. E. Hawkins, Miss., Newburgh, N. Y.,	25 00
Incidentals,	42 33
Balance in the hands of the Treasurer,	\$127 67

PAUL PONTEAU, Treasurer.

WHITE, }
BRAY, } Auditing Committee.
YONK. }

Resolved, That Bro. C. LEONARD, be appointed our receiving agent, for the ensuing year, that he be allowed ten cents on a dollar over his expenses, and that he report to Corresponding Secretary quarterly.

On motion, C. LEONARD and R. VAUGHN were appointed delegates to the Provincial Convention, in September, 1853.

Resolved, That Bro. F. HANCOCK be our missionary in Barton, N. B., and that \$12 be appropriated to pay his expenses.

Report of Treasurer of the Widows' Fund.

We have in the Treasury the whole amount of last year,	\$119 72
Amount paid to Sister SCOTT,	5 00
In hand,	\$114 12
Now deposited in the Savings Bank of Boston,	32 18
	\$146 90

On motion Convention adjourned. Prayer by Rev. C. CLAYTON.

Afternoon Session.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. President in the chair. Prayer by Bro. WATKINS. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Resolved, That this Convention, appoint a brother and alternate to deliver a missionary discourse on the first Monday evening of our next annual session, to be placed with the circular letters and sermons, as property of the Convention.

On motion it was voted that Brother KETTER preach that Sermon.

Resolved, That this Convention extend a vote of thanks to the members of the Second Baptist Church of New Bedford, and to the citizens generally, for their hearty welcome and kind hospitality shown us, while in this city. Also our thanks to the Choir, for their kindness in contributing to the interest of our social and religious exercises.

Resolved, That our Corresponding Secretary be instructed to address circulars to the churches and auxiliaries composing this body; laying before them the object of this Convention, and urging upon them the necessity of representing themselves. And that he be authorized to address letters to other churches, composed of colored people who are not members, soliciting their co-operation.

	August 20th, 1853.
Collection of Money, Friday Evening, 19th,	\$4 12
" " Saturday Evening, 20th,	5 52
	\$9 64

On motion, that the Minutes be approved.

On motion, that two thousand copies be printed.

On motion, Convention Adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. RICHARD VAUGHN.
Attest—D. H. CROSBY, Recording Secretary.

First Annual Report of the Agent of the American Baptist Missionary Convention,
Presented August 24th, 1838.

DEAR BRETHREN:

It is a cause for much gratitude and praise, that we are again assembled with so favorable an opportunity for peaceful and devout counsel, especially when our churches and their pastors, so urgently require in all their movements, whatever can impart wisdom to their minds, direction to their efforts, and courage to their hearts.

We would feel a grievous deficiency, were we deprived of these happy occasions for interchange of sentiment, mutual encouragement, and united prayer. May such a blessing from on high rest on all our minds, and on all our proceedings, as shall render this present session distinguished for its sacred pleasures and benefits.

During the past year, I have endeavored to attend to all the duties enjoined upon me. I viewed the mission in which I was about to engage, as combining in itself the elements of all that was sublime in human purpose; an enterprise which would ultimately effect the temporal and eternal interest of the whole race of man. Believing that if all action sprang from sentiment and conviction, and the great spring of all practical realities were to be found in mind and its workings, then to act upon the mind, and move the hearts of Christians, would be the sure way to worthy deeds. I have endeavored to adopt this course, and I trust my efforts will prove successful. Having commended myself to the care and protection of our heavenly father, I entered upon my labor as your Missionary Agent.

In surveying the field statistically, I found thousands of our own dear people destitute of that religion which has power to save; shackled by ignorance, and enfeebled by vice, they have been drawn from their destinies to a level with the brute. By infidelity, by error, by superstition, thousands perish; darkness covers the earth—and gross darkness, the people; not only in this land, but in the British Provinces there is a large field of moral darkness and destitution. The light and truth of the Gospel must be diffused around this large and constantly increasing class of people, or they will perish. They are destitute of the living ministry, and are crying for help. The Missionary enterprise is adapted to this work. It alone can supply the spiritual necessities of these destitute fields. I believe their condition need only be known, to excite your sympathy and stimulate you to action.

In view of their condition, and claim upon all who love the Saviour, let me call your attention to the number of unoccupied stations, their perishing condition, and the advantage to be derived to the cause of the Redeemer, by sending Missionaries to this destitute and long neglected field.

There are twelve settlements of colored people in the Province of Nova Scotia, in many instances several miles from any white settlement. Scattered in their several districts by those who rescued them from the degradation of slave life, being captured by the British from the American slave ships, as they were dragging them from their native land, to a bondage worse than death. They discovered them in their helpless condition, torn from the fond embrace of fathers and mothers, and from the pleasing associations of their own favored clime, to be the subjects of cruel oppression, tyranny and death. They plucked them as brands from the fire, and triumphantly bore them away to their own free and happy land.

One of these settlements worthy of our notice, is Yarmouth; it contains a large population of colored people, among whom are to be found many whose hearts have been quickened by the enlightening and cheering influence of the

divine spirit; others are earnestly seeking after that treasure which is free from dross, secure for the sated believer in the store-house above; but much the larger portion are in benighted darkness, preferring darkness rather than light. There are other settlements, the character and condition of whose inhabitants, are as varied as are their ages; some are delighted with the story of the cross, but others, while they do not actually abhor the glorious Gospel, have not sufficient courage to love, admire and embrace it, under no pure and healthful influence, knowing little or nothing of the cheering and elevating influences of social and religious intercourse. They live and die strangers to themselves, and to the world.

In some settlements they have the Gospel preached twice or three times a year, while many never hear the joyful sound. I have held meetings in private houses, where many had for a long time been denied the privilege of listening to the precious truths of the Gospel. I have seen the mother with her babe in her arms, and a young child by her side, coming the distance of twenty-five and thirty miles of an evening to hear the Gospel; another aged sister said she was willing to go thirty-five or forty miles to hear the Word of God proclaimed from the mouth of his servants; she had come that distance on this occasion, and would gladly do so again. I have conversed with those who have said it was the first time they had been asked if they had a soul, or if they wished to live the life of a Christian, and with tearful eyes they asked me to pray with them and for them. Christians, let us heed their cry. There are in different sections of the Province, some six colored Baptist churches, small but interesting fields.

There, deep-toned piety is to be found. There are many warm hearts, and although in these places sin reigns and iniquity abounds, yet that truth which the Church has been commissioned to proclaim and spread, has touched their hearts; regenerating and disenthraling them from mental and spiritual bondage. After a full survey of all the varied and peculiar wants of the class just referred to, it is my deliberate conviction that there is no human instrumentality within the reach and control of the Church of God, which has the ability to accomplish so much for the present and eternal welfare of our people in the Provinces, as this society. Nothing can preserve them from moral putrefaction, but a knowledge and love of that truth which emancipates man from the thralldom of sin, and it is through the untiring efforts of the Missionary, that the truths of the glorious Gospel are to be carried to the destitute portion of our country. This Gospel, wherever it is enjoyed, enlarges the heart, elevates the tastes, enlightens the mind, purifies the affections, and raises the hopes to nobler and better things than earth can give. Shall not the Missionary go and bear this message of love to this long neglected class of men? Deep is the sympathy and interest cherished throughout the Provinces, for the noble enterprise of Missions, as engaged in by this Convention, and if suitable men can be found to engage in the work, they will help to sustain them.

Our white brethren have long felt the need of Christian effort among the colored people of the Provinces, and have earnestly prayed that God would send laborers into that portion of his vineyard.

Brethren, the signs of the times are bright with hope for you, and the changes of the times are continually presenting to you fresh openings and opportunities for effort and advancement. Nothing can be a more cheering indication of Divine favor of our Churches, than to witness an enlarged and enlightened spirit of enterprise in this body, for the religious good of our unfortunate brethren in the Provinces. This cause pleads with too plain and too strong a voice to be unheeded by a body of Christians who have chosen the position occupied by this Convention. It is a position which forbids supineness, despondency, or unconcern, respecting the religious interests of our land, and if we will at once engage in the work, our efforts will doubtless be crowned with encouraging success, for he that respect receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit to eternal life, that both he that soweth and he that

renoth, may rejoice together. In regard to the Churches and Mission stations in the States, I would say, that notwithstanding the efficient labors of pious devoted men of God have been engaged, very many fields are destitute of a stated ministry, and praying that God would send them a man after his own heart, to break unto them the bread of eternal life. There is a coldness in the Churches, and we fear that while many have's name to live, it is but a name.

I am fully persuaded, dear brethren, that if church-members felt generally and deeply the great responsibility resting upon them, there would be an humbled, sustained, prayerful devotedness, which would not only give new life and vigor to the ministry, but it would give new joy to Christians, and new necessities of converts to the Saviour.

One great reason of this dearth is that Christians do not feel sufficiently the great responsibility resting upon them: not that they forget the language of the Lord, but they forget their duty as Christians, whose influence should always be in favor of the gospel of Christ. The church is the appointed channel in which spiritual good is to flow down to the world; but if this channel is filled with all manner of uncleanness, no spiritual good can pass through it. Let, then, my brethren, this channel be kept free from all impure and unholy influences—let your combined influence be what it should be, and the church will soon yield her blessed fruit in the garden of the Lord.

Dear brethren, we must aim to be men of deep-toned piety; then shall we see a more fervid and devotional spirit pervading our public services. Devotion with us must be a fixed orbit in the temple of our spirits, a fire on the altar of our hearts, ever burning with increased brilliancy. Nothing can supply this deficiency in our services. If there be a lack of devotional feeling in the speaker, there will be a death-like torpor over the whole assembly. Your services must be conducted by a devout mind—one who holds frequent communion with God; and, as such, strong feeling is contagious; very many of the members will be impressed with the same pure and holy feeling, however simple and undorned. Such services will never want impressiveness, but they will cause every devout heart to exclaim, "How dreadful is the place; honor and majesty are before him, strength and beauty are his sanctuary."

My field during the past year has embraced many of the free States; after supplying the vacant churches with religious services until near the close of the first quarter. I began to appeal to the churches for aid. Many and various were the objections raised against a society of this kind. It has taxed my patience with, and my charity for those who profess to be the children of God, while listening to the objections raised and the seeming obstacles thrown in the way to hinder our progress in this noble enterprise; but, with Divine assistance, I have thus far answered every objection, and removed every obstacle to the entire satisfaction of the inquiring mind. And although the way seemed hedged up, and the prospect of success clouded, yet, by degrees, these obstacles have been removed and the clouds dispersed until the times indicate encouraging success.

I have visited during the past year fifty-one white and sixteen colored churches. Many have received me into their churches and manifested their readiness to co-operate with us in our labors. In visiting our colored churches I have endeavored to be faithful to my trust as a steward in my Master's service. I have visited sixteen Sabbath schools, and fourteen of them I have addressed upon the necessity of treasuring up the truths of the gospel in the tender years of youth. I have held thirty-nine prayer meetings, and have endeavored to press home upon the heart the necessity, the importance, and the efficacy of prayer. I have endeavored to preach one hundred and thirty discourses, and in these sermons I have pleaded in behalf of this convention. I have pointed them to poor bleeding Africa. I have referred them to my dear but oppressed brethren in bondage. I have begged them to pray for us, sympathize with us, and give us their aid.

I have travelled four thousand six hundred and thirty-six miles by steam, and one hundred and twenty-four on foot, preaching, praying and distributing tracts. I have visited two hundred families, and distributed three thousand six hundred and fifty pages of tracts, besides a number of printed sermons. I have sent to the churches in the provinces and the New England States, near eight hundred circulars in behalf of this convention. Many have cheerfully responded; others have interested themselves in our behalf, and have pledged us their aid.

In view of the large number of destitute fields presented to your view, and the great amount of good needful to us done, let me urge upon you, dear brethren, the necessity of doing much for the poor and destitute of our own color, both at home and abroad. It is a cause which demands your earnest prayers and sympathies. Shall they be withheld? The cry is, "Come over and help us." Shall we not heed it? Again we renew our appeal for means to carry on this great work. The work must fail unless favored with the blessings of God; we therefore entreat every Christian to remember us in their public and private supplications and to contribute of their means to sustain the missionaries who now devote their time to this service. Men and brethren help.

The Rev. CHANCEY LEONARD is the agent of the Convention to receive all monies contributed to this object by the friends of missions. Will the churches respond to the call, and aid us in giving a pure gospel to our poor but oppressed brethren.

CHANCEY LEONARD,

Missionary Agent, ~~at the residence of the Rev. Mr. Leonard, No. 100 Broadway, New York.~~

THE FOLLOWING SISTERS WERE APPOINTED AGENTS FOR THE WIDOWS' FUND, ETC.

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<i>Williamsburg, L. I.,</i>	Mrs. Mary A. Harrie and Mrs. Mary Williams.
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Pleasant St. Church, Nantucket, Mass., E. Nuken,	2 25
Twelfth Baptist Church, Boston, Sister James,	3 00
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Shiloh Baptist Church, Philadelphia,	2 00
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