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## CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. 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 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 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.

## 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.

SAMSON WHITE,  
W. L. NICHOLAS,  
JOHN CARY,

RUSSELL HUBBARD,  
WILLIAM SPEELMAN.

ALBANY, June 26th, 1848.

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

ARCH. CAMPBELL, Dep. Sec. of State.

## PLAN OF MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND,

*Unanimously adopted, August, 1845.*

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 Savior 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 of 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.

4. 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, further, 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.

7. 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 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.

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.

#### 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 choir:

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 oppose 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 arise 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. Application 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 who attend on his ministry; the number of scholars in the sabbath-schools; 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.

Rev. CHAUNCEY LEONARD, *President.*  
 Rev. JESSE F. BOULDEN, *Vice-President.*  
 Rev. WILLIAM JACKSON, *Recording Secretary.*  
 Rev. JEREMIAH ASHER, *Corresponding Secretary.*  
 Bro. JOHN S. JENKINS, *Treasurer.*

#### 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 REQUEST 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.

## JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

### FIRST DAY.

THE nineteenth anniversary of the American Baptist Missionary Convention, held in the meeting-house of the First Baptist Church, Newburg, N. Y., commencing Friday evening, August 19th, at 7½ o'clock.

The exercises were commenced by singing the 400th hymn of the Psalms. Rev. Wm. Jackson, of New Bedford, read a portion of scripture, and Rev. Jeremiah Asher, of Philadelphia, offered prayer. Rev. Edmond Kelley, of West Philadelphia, then preached the introductory sermon, from the 24th chapter of Luke, 46-48 verses: "And thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations," &c.

A collection was taken, amounting to \$2.26.

The President called the convention to order. Prayer, by Bro. Boulden.

The following brethren were appointed a Committee to Nominate Officers for the ensuing year: Brethren White, N. Y., Jackson, Mass., Carey, N. Y., Evans, Va., and Burriss, Philadelphia.

The following brethren were appointed a Devotional Committee: Brethren Jackson, Mass., Hawkins, N. Y., and Boulden, Philadelphia.

Adjourned to meet 10 o'clock tomorrow (Saturday) morning. Benediction, by the President.

### SECOND DAY.

#### AUG. 20TH, Morning Session.

President in the chair. Opened with singing, and prayer by Bro. Wescott, of N. Y. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. The Committee on Nomination of Officers reported as follows:

For President, Rev. SAMPSON WHITE, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Vice-President, Rev. JESSE F. BOULDEN, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Recording Secretary, Rev. WILLIAM JACKSON, New Bedford, Mass.  
 Corresponding Secretary, Rev. JEREMIAH ASHER, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Treasurer, Bro. JOHN S. JENKINS.

Report adopted, and the following committees were appointed by the President:

- 1st. *On Reception of Churches*: Brethren Kelley, Vaughan, and Wm. Evans.  
 2d. *On Circular Letter*: Brethren Carey, David Evans, and Kelley.  
 3d. *On Minutes of Corresponding Bodies*: Brethren Cooley, Barreughs, and Francis.  
 4th. *On Finance*: Brethren Asher, Leonard, and Carey.  
 5th. *On Fields*: Brethren Nicholas, Jenkins, Clayton, Asher, and Leonard.  
 6th. *On Obituaries*: Brethren Asher, Leonard, and Hawkins.

The President then gave the usual invitation to ministering brethren, and the following presented their names: Rev. Isaac Wescott, pastor 1st Baptist Church; Rev. Joseph P. Thompson, of Zion M. E. Church; both of this city.

The Devotional Committee presented the following report: That the following order be observed during the session: meet at 9, adjourn at 12; meet 2, adjourn 3½; and also spend one hour in religious services; also a prayer meeting be held every day during the convention, from 6 to 7 o'clock. Also, the following appointments for the sabbath:

First Baptist Church,...	Morning, ... Bro. C. Leonard.
	Afternoon, ... Bro. J. Asher.
	Evening, ... Bro. Wm. E. Walker.
Zion A. M. E. Church,...	Afternoon, ... Bro. M. C. Clayton.
	Evening, ... Bro. S. W. Madden.
Fishkill, .....	Afternoon, ... Bro. R. Vaughan.
	Evening, ... Bro. J. Carry.

On motion, *Resolved*, We hear the report of the Board. The Secretary then presented and read the report, which was on motion received. The following amendment was presented and adopted: "That the whole matter of the report of the Board be recommitted to the Board; they offering definite recommendations to this convention touching such subjects as they wish adopted."

On motion, *Resolved*, That the names of the annual members deceased be dropped from the records; pending which the hour of adjournment arrived.

On motion, adjourned till Monday morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer, by Bro. Madden.

### THIRD DAY.

AUGUST 22d, Morning Session.

President in the chair. Opened with singing. Prayer, by Bro. Boulden. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Bro. T. D. Miller, N. Y., be appointed to prepare daily a condensed statement of the doings of the convention, for publication in the "Highland Chief," of this city.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Bro. T. D. Miller be appointed Assistant Secretary of this convention.

Bro. White tendered his resignation as President of the convention, which was after discussion accepted. On motion, *Resolved*,

That Bro. Chauncey Leonard be appointed President, to fill the vacancy occasioned by Bro. White's resignation. On motion, *Resolved*, That Bro. White be appointed to fill the vacancy in the Finance Committee occasioned by the removal of Bro. Leonard.

On motion, *Resolved*, The names of deceased members be retained, with stars annexed indicating their decease.

On motion, *Resolved*, That members' annual membership be continued until they refuse to pay their annual dues.

The President then appointed the following brethren as Auditing Committee: Brethren Dixon, Madden, and Miller.

The Committee on Reception of Churches reported the Salem Baptist Church, New Bedford, Mass., as applying for admission, recommending the same to the convention. Report received, and adopted.

On motion, adjourned. Prayer, by Bro. Walker. Benediction, by the President.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

President in chair. Opened with singing. Prayer, by Bro. Kelley.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to prepare business for the action of this convention; and the following brethren appointed as such committee by the President: Brethren Boulden, Vaughan, and Asher.

The following resolution was offered, and after discussion laid over till tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock: *Whereas*, The present state of affairs concerning our treasury is quite deplorable: *Resolved*, That an agent be appointed immediately, at such a salary as the convention may decide, for the purpose of raising moneys to augment the funds of the treasury.

The resolution of last year, page 13 on the minutes, was called up for action, eliciting considerable discussion, pending which the hour for religious services arrived.

Then listened to a discourse by Rev. Bro. Evans, of Washington, D. C., from John 4: 29: "Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did," &c.

A collection was taken, amounting \$1.04.

Adjourned to 7½ o'clock. Prayer, by Bro. Cooley.

### EVENING SESSION

Opened with singing. Prayer, by Bro. Miller. Then listened to the missionary sermon, by Rev. Sampson White, from Romans 15: 20: "Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation."

A collection was taken, after a fervent appeal by the President, amounting to \$4.53.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock Tuesday morning. Benediction, by the President.

## FOURTH DAY.

MORNING SESSION, Aug. 23d.

Vice-President in the chair. Opened with singing. Prayer, by Bro. Jackson. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The Committee on Nomination of Officers reported the following nominations:

*For Treasurer*, Bro. JOHN S. JENKINS.

*For Executive Board*: Brethren S. White, W. L. Nicholas, J. Carey, W. Spellman, and R. R. Hubbard.

Report accepted, and laid on table.

The hour having arrived for the discussion on the subject of the agency, on motion, resolutions were taken up for discussion, in which Brethren Walker, Clayton, Asher, White and others participated. On motion, amended so as to read — "an agent be appointed at such a percentage as the Board may decide," &c.; and on motion adopted.

The President appointed the following as a committee to nominate preachers of the introductory sermon, missionary sermon, and alternate, widow's fund and alternate, writer circular letter, selection of place for next convention, &c.: Brethren Boulden, Clayton, Burriss, Evans, and Jenkins.

After discussion on the appointment of an agent, an agreement was made that the pastors severally pledge \$25, whom the following responded: Rev. J. Asher, \$25; Rev. C. Leonard, \$25; Rev. S. White, \$25; Rev. J. F. Boulden, \$25; while the other pastors, Brethren Jackson, Miller, Kelley, Clayton, &c., promised to raise what they could. The following brethren also responded: Bro. Burriss, \$25; Bro. Nicholas, \$25; Bro. Jenkins, \$5; Bro. Hubbard, \$5.

The Committee on Fields presented the following report: "In view of the low state of our funds, and the importance of the prosecution of the African mission, therefore we recommend that our strength and means be mostly directed to that field till the mission there is established. To the Salem Church, New Bedford, Mass., we recommend an appropriation of \$25 be made." Report accepted. Pending the discussion on motion of adoption, hour of adjournment arrived.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock. Prayer, by Bro. Vaughan. Benediction, by the President.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

President in chair. Opened with singing. Prayer, by Bro. Burriss.

The reading of the letters from the churches was commenced and completed.

The resolution on page 9 of last year's minutes, relative to Bro. T. D. Miller's essay, was called up. Not being ready, resolutions were ordered to continue over till next year.

Then listened to a discourse by Bro. Wm. Valentine, of Washington, D. C., from Luke 14: 22: "Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room."

A collection was taken, amounting to \$84.

Adjourned to 7½ o'clock. Prayer and benediction, by the President.

## EVENING SESSION.

Vice-President in chair. Opened with singing. Prayer, by Bro. Madden. Then listened to a discourse in behalf of the widows' fund, by Rev. J. F. Boulden, from Matt. 10: 8: "Freely ye have received, freely give." Rev. Wm. Jackson followed with an appropriate address.

A collection was taken, amounting to \$3.19.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Benediction, by Bro. Jackson.

## FIFTH DAY.

MORNING SESSION, Aug. 24th.

President in chair. Opened with singing. Prayer, by Bro. David Evans. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The resolution of last year, page 13, was taken up, and on motion indefinitely postponed.

The report of the Committee on Fields was taken up, and after discussion on motion adopted.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was taken up for action, and on motion adopted.

The Committee on Circular Letter reported letter incomplete. The Committee on Minutes of Corresponding Bodies reported none had been submitted to them.

The agents, &c., of widows' fund and societies were reappointed. On motion, *Resolved*, That the name of Wm. Stevens be dropped from the list of licentiates.

The Committee on the Appointments for next year presented the following report, recommending the convention to be held next year with the First Colored Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.

*Preacher of the introductory sermon*, Rev. T. Daughtry Miller; *alternate*, Rev. J. Carey.

*Missionary sermon*, Rev. Wm. Jackson; *alternate*, Rev. R. Vaughan.

*Widows' fund*, Rev. M. C. Clayton; *alternate*, Rev. E. Hawkins.

*Writer of the circular letter*, Rev. W. E. Walker.

Report accepted, and adopted.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock. Prayer, by Bro. Clayton.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

President in chair. Prayer, by Bro. Madden.

The report of the Treasurer was called for, when Bro. Asher made a statement of the death of the Treasurer, and gave a report, which was on motion adopted.

On motion, *Resolved*, There be a committee of two appointed to confer with the executors of the late Treasurer, relative to the

financial state of the convention, and receive from them the papers, &c., belonging to the convention. The President appointed as such committee Brethren Vaughan and Asher.

The report of the treasurer of the widows' fund was received and adopted.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the treasurer of the widows' fund be requested to inquire of the former treasurer why he did not receive the full amount of money as reported in minutes of 1857.

On motion, *Resolved*, That all money belonging to the widows' fund be placed in such hands where it shall draw interest.

Then listened to a discourse by Bro. Burris, from John 1: 14: "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory," &c.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, on motion, time was extended to 5 o'clock.

The Committee on Obituaries presented the following report: "We are called to record the death of our esteemed brother and fellow-laborer, Dea. Frank Williams, of Philadelphia, Pa., Deacon of the Shiloh Church, and for the last four or five years Treasurer of the American Baptist Missionary Convention; who discharged this duty with honor and fidelity. The loss of our brother we deeply deplore, and sympathize both with the church of which he was a member and his deeply afflicted family, and pray that his family may receive the comfort, support and consolation of the grace of God, that his place in the church may be supplied with another characterized with an equal degree of patience, perseverance, steadfastness and faith with which he was possessed, and that his place in the convention be filled with another who will perform his duties with equal zeal and fidelity. May this admonition of the providence of God be sanctified to all of us, and we quickened in the discharge of every labor, until we shall go hence to join with our fellow-laborer in that world where remaineth a rest to the people of God." Report received and adopted.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Secretaries publish one thousand copies of the minutes for the use of the churches, and that the usual appropriation of \$10 be made to the Secretaries for their services.

On motion, *Resolved*, The convention be authorized to extend the loan of the widows' fund, for a time not exceeding one year.

On motion, time further extended 10 minutes.

Adjourned till 7½ o'clock. Benediction, by Bro. Jackson.

#### EVENING SESSION.

Vice-President in the chair. Opened with singing. Prayer, by Brother Jackson.

The Assistant Secretary then read the report of the Board. Report received. A discussion followed on the motion of adoption, quite interesting, participated in by Brethren Jackson, Asher, Burris, White, Walker, and Kelley; after which, adopted with the recommendations.

A collection was taken, amounting to \$4.62.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this convention are hereby tendered to the First Baptist Church, Newburg, N. Y., for the kind privilege of using their house of worship during the session of our convention; to the Shiloh Baptist Church, and to the citizens generally, for their kind hospitalities shown us during our stay in their midst.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this convention be tendered to the Rev. Elijah Hawkins, for his unbounded hospitality in entertaining the members of this convention and friends from a distance, refusing all compensation for the same, implicitly relying upon the promise of God for his reward. In this, his disinterested benevolence, we commend him to the consideration of a generous public as entitled to their utmost confidence and esteem, and to an all-wise and good God who will not let this act of brotherly love and friendship go unrewarded.

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be published.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Benediction, by the President.

#### SIXTH DAY.

##### MORNING SESSION, Aug. 25th.

Vice-President in the chair. Opened with singing. Prayer, by Bro. White. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The letters from the First African Church, Philadelphia, and Daughters of Convention of same church, were read.

The following resolutions were presented by Rev. S. White: *Resolved*, That slavery is against the progress of the gospel at home and abroad. *Resolved*, That we use all laudable means to abrogate it. *Resolved*, That no slaveholding minister be invited into the pulpits of any of our churches. A lengthy and interesting discussion followed, participated in by Brethren Asher, Kelley, Walker, Randolph, Clayton, Burris, Jackson, White, and Evans; after which, on motion, adopted.

On motion, *Resolved*, The roll of ministers, licentiates and annual members be read for correction.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, on motion, *Resolved*, To continue the session until business is completed.

On motion, *Resolved*, The appointment of an agent to go to Africa with Bro. Barnett be referred to the Board.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the partial indebtedness of the convention, as presented by the Board, amounting to \$178.75, be paid.

The Auditing Committee presented the following report of the Treasurer:

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP.	
NEW YORK.	Eliza Jones,.....2.00
	John S. Jenkins,.....1.00
PHILADELPHIA.	
William T. Dixon,.....\$1.00	
Mr. Williams, by Wm. Spellman, 1.00	James Fells,.....1.00
Elizabeth Nichols,.....1.00	Nelly West,.....1.00
Peter Wilson,.....1.00	Nelly Denney,.....1.00

Ruth A. Miller,.....1.00	S. W. Madden,.....1.00
Charlotte Fittman,.....1.00	Theodore Valentino,.....1.00
Maria Wilson,.....1.00	
John Kenney,.....1.00	
Ranah Logan,.....1.00	
Samuel Parker,.....1.00	
Sarah Parker,.....1.00	
Charlotte Underwood,.....1.00	
Jane Green,.....1.00	
Edward Cook,.....3.00	
Jane Scott,.....1.00	
Matilda Dunnean,.....1.00	
Susan Singleton,.....1.00	
	\$4.00

**AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.**

First Colored, Washington,....	\$4.00
Union, Philadelphia,.....	3.00
Daughters of Convention, Phila.,	3.00
Shiloh,.....	12.36
Daughters of Convention, Balt.,	3.00
First Colored African, Phila.,...	7.00
	\$32.36

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.**

Shiloh, Newburg,.....	\$3.00
Serretors, Baltimore,.....	3.00
Union, Baltimore,.....	3.00
First Colored, Baltimore,.....	3.00
Abyssinian, New York,.....	3.00
First Colored, Washington,.....	3.00
Concord, Brooklyn,.....	3.00
Oak Street, Philadelphia,.....	3.00
Zion, New Haven,.....	3.00
Shiloh, Philadelphia,.....	3.00
Union, Philadelphia,.....	3.00
Salem, New Bedford,.....	3.00
First Colored African, Phila.,...	3.00
	\$30.00

**MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.**

First Colored, Washington,....	\$3.00
Union, Philadelphia,.....	4.79
Hamilton Street, Albany, (for African mission,)	5.00
Shiloh, Philadelphia,.....	4.22
	\$18.01

**COLLECTIONS.**

Friday,.....	\$2.26
Sabbath morning,.....	0.65
Sabbath afternoon,.....	6.88
Sabbath evening,.....	5.07
Monday afternoon,.....	1.04
Monday evening,.....	4.53
Tuesday afternoon,.....	.84
Wednesday evening,.....	4.62
	\$31.89

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP.**

William Valentine,.....	\$1.00
William E. Walker,.....	1.00
	\$168.45

**WIDOWS' FUND.**

Sisters Wilson and Nichols, New York,.....	\$3.00
Sisters Green and Logan, Phila.,	3.00
Eliza Jones, Zion, New York,.....	6.00
Collection, Tuesday evening,....	3.19
	\$153.26
Widows' fund,.....	15.19
	\$168.45

*Resolved*, That the Corresponding Secretary be requested to address circulars to all the churches connected with this body, prior to each annual meeting, to make due preparation for the same, and correspond with Baptist churches which are not connected, or wish to become members of this body.

*Resolved*, That Rev. Bro. Vaughan and Bro. Burris be confirmed as agents to collect for this convention.

*Resolved*, That we reconsider the vote adopting that part of the report of Committee on Nominations relative to the place of next convention. *Resolved*, It be referred to the Board.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the convention through the Corresponding Secretary.

**REPORT OF THE WIDOWS' FUND.**

PHILADELPHIA, August 17, 1868.

At the close of the session in 1858, there was in the treasury..... \$165.61  
 Amount received during present session,.....16.02

\$182.23

**EXPENSES PAID OUT, AS FOLLOWS:**

To Brother Barnett, by Brethren Asher and F. Williams,...	\$76.00
To Widow Burroughs,.....	20.00
To Widow Scott,.....	20.00
To Widow Nodit,.....	20.00
To Widow Serrington,.....	20.00
Postage for the months from Boston,.....	15
Books for treasurer and secretary,.....	.65
	166.40

Balance in treasury,.....\$25.83

WM. WILSON MORRIS, *Treasurer.*

JAS. PELLE, *Secretary.*

We have examined the above, and found it to be correct.  
 WM. T. DIXON, }  
 SANL. W. MADDEN, } *Auditing Committee.*  
 THEO. D. MILLEB, }

**ORDAINED MINISTERS.**

Names.	Post-offices.	Names.	Post-offices.
* Daniel Scott,.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Gustavus Brown,.....	Washington, D.C.
Sampson White,.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.	William Spellman,.....	New York.
John Nepean Evans,.....	Philadelphia.	Thomas Henson,.....	Washington, D.C.
Richard Vaughan,.....	Baltimore, Md.	* Wm. B. Serrington,.....	Newburg, N. Y.
Moses C. Clayton,.....	Philadelphia.	Peter Johnson,.....	Nashville, Tenn.
Joseph Henderson,.....	Philadelphia.	Daniel Reese,.....	Carville, N. Y.
Jeremiah Asher,.....	Philadelphia.	Joseph Amos,.....	Columbia, Penn.
Edmond Kelley,.....	Philadelphia.	Simon Dundick,.....	Sierra Leone, Af.
Josep E. Boulden,.....	Philadelphia.	Robert Finn,.....	Washington, D.C.
John T. Raymond,.....	New Bedford.	Peter Handolph,.....	Newburg, N. Y.
William Jackson,.....	New Bedford.	John R. Gouge,.....	Washington, D.C.
William Thompson,.....	Washington, D.C.	R. G. Merry,.....	Massachusetts.
* James Burroughs,.....	Washington, D.C.	William J. Harbeck,.....	Sierra Leone, Af.
* Stephen Dutton,.....	Washington, D.C.	David Evans,.....	Kataville, N. J.
Cummings Bray,.....	Washington, D.C.	Henry H. Butler,.....	Washington, D.C.
* Thomas G. Allen,.....	Washington, D.C.	* Washington Christian,.....	Washington, D.C.
James E. Crawford,.....	Wentucket, Mass.	S. Cutting,.....	Massachusetts.
David Miller,.....	Exchester, N. Y.	J. J. Brown,.....	Sierra Leone.
Noah Davis,.....	Baltimore, Md.	William Evans,.....	Alexandria, Va.
* Thomas Jefferson,.....	Baltimore, Md.	Theo. Doughty Miller,.....	New Haven, Ct.
Jeremiah Burroughs,.....	Baltimore, Md.	James Underdoo,.....	Philadelphia, Pa.
* John B. Meacham,.....	St. Louis, Mo.	James Hamilton,.....	Williamsburg, N. Y.
John Carey,.....	St. Louis, Mo.	William E. Walker,.....	Williamsburg, N. Y.
B. F. Hayton,.....	Liberia, Africa.		
Leonard Grimes,.....	Boston, Mass.		
* Joseph Lewis,.....	Boston, Mass.		
Elisba Hawkins,.....	Newburg, N. Y.		

## LICENTIATES.

Names.	Post-offices.	Names.	Post-offices.
David Thomas.....	Philadelphia.	Robert Johnson.....	Boston, Mass.
* Henry P. Smith.		Chambliss Hill.	
* Oscar Taylor.		J. K. Carter.....	N. Bedford, Mass.
David H. Crosby.....	Philadelphia.	Wm. Wilson Morris.....	Philadelphia.
W. B. Taylor.		Caleb Burris.....	Philadelphia.
* David Noll.		Frederick Woodson.....	Philadelphia.
Malachi Fernald.....	Philadelphia.	J. P. Miles.	
William Ferguson.		Theodore Valentine.	
John Wey.....	Baltimore, Md.	William Valentine.	
A. Williams.		Samuel W. Madden.....	Baltimore, Md.
Balar Cooley.....	Staten Isl., N. Y.		

## ANNUAL MEMBERS.

Ruth Ann Miller.	* Canvas Reynolds.	Samuel P. Dooney.
Marla C. Kendall.	* Henry Roach.	F. Moore.
* Dec. J. Osborne.	Mary Ann Cooper.	Frances Williams.
A. G. Bennett.	* John Haller.	Ann S. Ferril.
W. H. Jackson.	* Dea. George C. Willis.	Robert Morris, Esq.
Richard Foan.	* James Goldham.	Henry Johnson, Esq.
Malinda Thomas.	* Rev. A. T. Driver.	Louisa Roselleau.
Caroline Gray.	* Michael Hall.	Mr. Preston.
Richard Edwards.	* Peter Huett.	Martha Ouley.
* Dea. Pearson.	* Edward White.	Dea. William Piper.
* Mary A. Higgins.	* Martha Clark.	Faustina S. Carter.
* J. Young.	* Nancy Mauners.	Thomas Jones.
* Dea. Frank Williams.	W. L. Nichol.	Thomas Reama.
* F. Woodson, Sen.	A. M. Goines.	Mary A. Leonard.
* Ann Goines.	Don. Kendrick.	Sarah J. White.
* William Goines.	Eliza Jenkins.	Lury Ashton.
* Samuel Monroe.	Caroline Carter.	Charles H. Brook, Massa-
* Luke Goines.	F. Woodson, Jr.	chusetts.
* Margaret S. Freeman.	Reuben Coats.	June Scott.
* David Peck.	Julia A. Banks.	Sophia Pollard.

THE NINETEENTH REPORT OF THE BOARD  
OF THE  
AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Another year of anxiety and suffering has passed away, and we are not able to report that measure of success which our prospects seemed to warrant; but we trust that our labors in the Lord have not been in vain. And we hope, notwithstanding the disappointment we have encountered and the consequent embarrassment, never to cease our labors until the object we anticipate is fully realized, viz.: to procure a location, and build a chapel, and establish a mission in the region of Sierra Leone, and preach the gospel of the blessed God to the benighted heathen in Africa, and do something in the great work of Africa's redemption. The gospel must first be preached to the untutored heathen, in order to prepare the way for civilization—

and we believe the only effectual remedy for the traffic in human flesh on the shores of Africa.

Soon after the close of the last session of the Convention our missionary returned from Waterloo, Africa, and visited most of the churches, reported his labors and success at his station, which seemed to inspire the Board and the churches with increased confidence and renewed vigor to prosecute the work in which we were engaged. This report being satisfactory to the Board, the balance of his salary was paid in full for missionary labors, up to the 23d Sept., 1858, and he continued in the service of the Convention, as their missionary to Waterloo, at a salary of \$200 per annum.

His object while here was, if possible, to persuade the Board to procure a location and build a chapel at Waterloo. He reported thirty-five native converts through his instrumentality, who had professed faith in the Saviour. He proposed, on his return, to organize them into a church, and thus the mission would be established. He left this field in charge of Brother Weeks, of Sierra Leone, who was a licentiate of the Baptist church there, and whose pastor had baptized these candidates at Waterloo. Accordingly the Board, at their meeting in December, resolved to take measures to raise the amount needed to procure a location and build a chapel; and succeeded in raising about four hundred and fifty dollars, from the following churches and individuals:

## COLLECTIONS.

## NORTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH.

Philadelphia Baptist Assoc.,	\$69.00	Mrs. Blandina Dudley, Alb.,	100.00
Shiloh Baptist Church, Phila.,	31.00	A friend,	10.00
Oak Street Church, West Phila.,	8.00	Mrs. Forbes,	1.00
Oliver St. Baptist Church, N. Y.,	29.80	A friend,	2.00
Concord Street, Brooklyn,	7.00	A friend,	3.00
Hamilton Street Baptist Church,		Rev. Dr. Kennedy,	3.00
Albany,	27.00	C. M. Lockwood,	3.00
State St. Baptist Church, Alb.,	21.00	Lockwood,	3.00
Subscriptions, Troy, N. Y.,	12.00	Mr. George Vail,	10.00
Dea. William Deutz, Albany,	100.00	Other friends, amounting to,	15.00

When it was thought advisable to suspend the collection, and send Brother Barnett at once to his field of labor.

The following resolution was passed by the Board at their December meeting: *Resolved*, That in view of the feeble health of Rev. J. J. Brown, pastor of the church in Sierra Leone, and he being the only ordained minister there, we deem it expedient to ordain brother Barnett before sending him back to his station; and brethren White and Asher be a committee to make the ar-

arrangements for the ordination; which took place in the Shiloh Baptist meeting-house, Philadelphia, December 23d, 1858; and on the 26th he sailed in the brig Colvert, from Philadelphia, and arrived out at Sierra Leone on the 20th of February, 1859. On his arrival he found the land visited by that scourge, the small-pox, in its worst form—carrying the people off by hundreds—and most of his relations and near connections had fallen victims to the disease.

He commenced to labor in Sierra Leone, in company with Brother Brown, in administering the comforts of religion to the sick and dying, and preaching the gospel there. For he found, to his surprise, that the field at Waterloo had been occupied during his absence, by the Southern Board; and Brother Weeks, whom he left in charge, employed at a salary of two hundred dollars per annum to labor in that field; and also the female teacher which Brother Barnett had hitherto employed. Brother Brown thinks it has been rather providential, for he says Sierra Leone is a field sufficiently large without attempting at present to go further; but as we are anxious to commence a mission ourselves he will do all he can to assist us. We wrote him requesting him to assist Brother Barnett, at Waterloo, in the formation of the church, the selection of a location and the erection of the chapel, and what he would consider would be a compensation for his services. But as we did not succeed in Waterloo he has been to Bullom Shore, just across the river from Sierra Leone, and twenty miles east of Freetown. He says there is a great field for missionary labor, and no missionary ever has been stationed there. He thinks we ought to take possession at once, so as to teach the people the commands of our Saviour. "It is a main land, and has an interior of about five hundred miles. He has been to see if a location could be obtained, and arrangements made so that Brother Barnett could proceed, if the Convention approve the measure; but the chief was not at home and he could learn nothing definite about it. He, however, conversed with one of the under chiefs, who seemed pleased with Brother Barnett, and the object of his mission, and wished them to come and preach the word there. He informed them, however, that it was not their custom to sell their land, but to lease it for any length of time required; and promised, when the head chief came home, to send them word, so they can come and meet them and make a selection of land—the quantity required. Brother Brown, in reply to the inquiry of the Corresponding Secretary, whether he would assist Brother Barnett,

says he superintends the mission at Waterloo, for the Southern Baptists, for two hundred dollars a year, and will do the same for us if we wish him. These questions were important—the Board would take no steps in the premises, but refer the whole matter to the Convention for their deliberation and decision. Or, if he thought best, to send out a brother with power to carry into effect the purpose of the Convention. And we would furthermore suggest the importance of sending an agent to get each church in connection with the Convention to enter into this work with renewed zeal, and, in the early part of this conventional year, raise a certain amount towards the prosecution of the great work of preaching the gospel to our brethren in Africa. It is believed that we can do something for the perishing heathen; and if we love the Saviour we will do something, as well as pray that his kingdom may be eternal and his salvation be known to the ends of the earth.

We would also call the attention of the Convention to the present condition of our finances. By reference to the minutes it will be seen that on the 27th of December, after paying our obligations, there remained in the treasury thirty-four dollars and twenty-two cents. This balance is just about the amount required to print the minutes of last year. So that in the commencement of our present undertaking we have had not one dollar in the treasury. The time having arrived that Brother Barnett should return to Sierra Leone, the Board ordered the Corresponding Secretary to loan the treasury twenty-five dollars, from the building fund, to pay his passage to Sierra Leone, which money was to be refunded as soon as sufficient means were received in hand. The passage was thus provided. It was also necessary to provide for the first half year of his salary, which was done by assuming the following obligations, which are now due:

On Perry Davis & Son, Providence, R. I.,	\$50.00
Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia,	20.00
Rev. Thomas Smith, at the Baptist Mission House, No. 33 Moorgate Street, London, England,	35.00
Dr. Granger, Philadelphia,	10.00

Making one hundred and fifteen dollars. These bills were preferred to the money, for they were obtained so that a large percentage was secured in his favor, and immediately converted into money after his arrival. In addition to the above we shall be in debt to Brother Barnett \$85, which will be due on the 23d of September. It will also be borne in mind that the Treasurer of the widows' fund was authorized to loan the Treasurer of the Con-

vention one hundred dollars to defray the expenses of last year. The amount required, however, was but seventy-five dollars. This amount, added to the two hundred dollars for missionary labor and seventy-five dollars from building fund, makes three hundred and fifty dollars to be provided for this session, besides printing minutes, and other incidental expenses.

It is with deep regret that we are called, in the providence of God, to record the death of our lamented and much respected brother and fellow-laborer, Deacon FRANK WILLIAMS, of Philadelphia, a member of the Board, and Treasurer of this body for the last four or five years—respected and beloved by all who knew him, and faithful to the charge committed to his trust. The memory of the just is blessed. We forbear to say more in this connection, leaving it to the Committee on Obituaries, which will not fail to do justice to his character and worth.

In the last communication from Brother Barnett, dated 18th June, he stated that he, in company with Brother Brown, has visited Waterloo, and thinks there is still an opening in that region. They spent seven days there. In the mean time Brother Barnett baptized six native converts—four females and two males—and visited a small town near Waterloo, named Benguma, and preached the word to them. He says the people are anxious to hear about the Saviour.

They like him. He understands their language. They wish him to locate in their town, and build his chapel. They offer him a piece of land—he says enough for a good farm. He is extremely anxious to go and possess the land at once—but the terms are not mentioned. He says the people are anxious everywhere to have him come and tell them of the love of Jesus. He says he is determined to preach baptism wherever he goes.

Now, brethren, what shall we do? Shall we prosecute this work with vigor? Shall we go right up and possess this land, and, in the name of our God, set up our banner, or shall our hands hang down, the work cease, and we become weary, and leave our brethren to perish in their blindness?

The Board now awaits the action of your body, in order to answer the inquiry of Brother Barnett; and which of the places, Bullom Shore or Benguma, you will occupy, or whether you will leave it to the choice of Brother Barnett.

Now, dear brethren, we submit this whole matter to your careful and prayerful consideration. We wish you to look at it in the light of eternity, and with reference to the judgment, when

the assembled heathen of Africa, in the language of a convert of Sierra Leone, in a plea for the spread of the gospel among the heathen of Africa, said "Now if we refuse to tell them of a Saviour's love, they will then say to us Now you been seen us going to hell, and never told us."

The Board intend prosecuting the work necessary to the purchase of a location and building the chapel, as soon as they can ascertain where you will commence, and the amount required. But we must look to you for means to support the missionaries. It will be seen, therefore, that as little change in the Board as possible will be desired, in order to facilitate the object.

All of which is most respectfully submitted, in behalf of the Board.

JEREMIAH ASHER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

After reading the report, on Monday, it was recommitted to the Board, requesting them to give specific recommendations respecting the best course to pursue, in order to establish our Mission.

After careful deliberation we submit the following:

In view of the whole matter, we recommend, in the early part of this conventional year, that an agent be employed at the rate of \$500 per year, and sent to confer with Brother Barnett in the selection of a suitable location, the purchase of a site to build a chapel, and all the necessary arrangements to establish the African mission under the direction of the American Baptist Missionary Convention on a permanent basis.

J. ASHER,  
S. WHITE,  
WM. L. NICHOLAS.

The amount which must be provided for and paid, on or before the 22d September, 1859, is one hundred and seventy-eight dollars and seventy-five cents, in the following amounts:

Perry Davis & Son, .....	\$25.00
Publication Society, .....	20.00
Dr. Granger, .....	10.00
Bro. Barnett, .....	100.00
Rev. David Evans, .....	18.75
Rev. J. Asher and Underdue, for superintending publication, .....	5.00

\$178.75