

# THE BAPTIST.

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## PROCEEDINGS

Of the fifth annual meeting of the Baptist State Convention of Tennessee, held with the Church in Columbia, October 12th to 15th 1838.

THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION of Tennessee met according to appointment, in Columbia, Maury County, October the 12th (Friday before the second Lord's Day) 1838. At 11 O'clock Elder James Whitsitt, who was, at our last annual meeting, appointed for that purpose, preached the anniversary discourse, from John III: 11. "We speak that we do know."

At two O'clock the brethren reassembled in the house of worship of the Baptist Church. Elder Howell, President of the last annual meeting, took the Chair, and Professor Williford, was requested to act as the secretary pro tempore. Elder Howell read a hymn, which was sung by the brethren, and Elder C. Taliaferro led in prayer.

Delegates from the following Churches presented communications certifying their appointment as representatives, which were read and received.

HARMONY, Robertson County. Eld Robert Williams, John Rosson.

MACMINNVILLE, Warren County. Eld N. Cate.

NASHVILLE, Eld R. B. C. Howell. Licentiates, Alfred Holman, John B. Wasson, Deacon J. H. Marshall, and John Powell,\* W. G. M. Cambell,\* and Jacob Hartshorn\*

FRIENDSHIP, Bedford County. Elder John T. Muse, Elder M. Brame,\* and C. C. Taliaferro.\*

COLUMBIA, Maury County. Adam Dale, and Arnold Zelter.

RUTHERFORD'S Creek, Maury County. John Miller,\* and W. L. Williford.

\*Not present.

The brethren from the following Churches, then handed in their names.

NASHVILLE. El. Bradley Kimbrough, General Agent.

MILL CREEK, Davidson County. Elder James Whitsitt, Elder B. Phillips.

FORKS OF MULBERRY Lincoln County. John J. Whitaker, Benjamin J. Whitaker.

COLUMBIA, W. Langley, Charles Watson, Sam'l M. Farrar.

DIXON'S CREEK, Smith County. William Martin.

CONCORD Davidson County. S. G. Morton.

KNOB SPRING, Smith County. Benjamin F. Jones.

BROWNSVILLE Hayward County. Robert L. Thomas.

BETHEL Harpman County. Nat. G. Smith.

FRANKLIN Williamson County. H. L. White.

GILES County. Alfred C. Howell.

WILSON County. Martin A. Key.

AUXILIARY CONVENTION Eastern District Elders Charles Taliaferro, and A. W. Chambliss.\*

AUXILIARY CONVENTION Western District. No Delegates appeared.

The Convention now being organized proceeded to the election of officers, when, on examination of the polls, it was found that Eld R. B. C. Howell, was unanimously elected President, Professor W. L. Williford Recording Secretary, Eld James Whitsitt Corresponding Secretary, and brother Solomon G. Morton Treasurer.

Elder W. H. Halcombe, presented a letter of correspondence from the Baptist State Convention of Alabama, which was received, and read, and brother Halcombe affectionately invited to take a seat with us, and aid us in our deliberations.

The President stated that he was present at the last session of the General Association of Kentucky, held in Louisville, and of Indiana, held in Madison, and knew that both these bodies appointed delegates to represent them here, also that he had learned from their minutes that the State Convention of Mississippi had appointed delegates, but to our regret, none of them appeared.

The Executive Board, in consequence of the failure of the Corresponding Secretary to prepare it, presented no Annual Report, and on motion, it was resolved that a committee be appointed to perform that duty, and report to morrow, Brn.

Williams, Whitsitt, Williford, C. Taliaferro, and N. G. Smith were announced as the Committee.

On motion of Elder Whitsitt it was resolved that a committee be appointed to be called the Committee of Requests, and brn. Whitsitt, Martin, and Marshall were accordingly appointed.

The President then announced the following committees

On Finance. J. J. Whitaker, Jones, and Dale.

To nominate a new Executive Board. Kimbrough, Muse, and Langley.

Of arrangements. Watson, Dale, Langley and Farrar.

On Publications. Martin, Smith, and Phillips.

On Agencies. Marshall, Cate, B. J. Whitaker, Rosson, and Whitsitt.

On fields of labour. Williams, Wasson, Muse, and Holman.

On motion brethren John McIntosh, and L. H. Milliken, who it was ascertained designed to be present, were requested to represent this body in the General Association of Kentucky, to commence in Bowling-Green on Saturday next, the 20th instant, and because the time is too short to allow members of this body after its adjournment to reach Kentucky, in season, that the Recording Secretary be instructed to transmit to them immediately, by mail, a certificate of their appointment as our delegates.

On motion Elder Cate was requested to prepare a letter of correspondence to the State Convention of Alabama.

Bro. S. G. Morton, Treasurer of the Convention, appeared and took his seat.

Adjourned until Saturday morning at 8 O'clock, to give place to the Bible Association of the Baptist, of Tennessee, which immediately commenced its session.

Saturday morning 13th October.

The Convention met according to adjournment. Prayer by brother Williams.

Read, and approved, the proceedings of yesterday.

Bro H. L. White, from Franklin, appeared, and took his seat.

Bro Robert L. Thomas, Corresponding Secretary of the Auxilliary Convention in the Western District also appeared, and took his seat.

The list of members was called, and the roll corrected. Elder James B. Taylor, Corresponding Delegate from the Baptist General Association of Virginia, appeared, laid before us communications from that body, was cordially received, invited to a seat with us, and to participate in our deliberations.

The committee appointed to prepare the annual report of the Board, reported progress, and had leave granted them to sit again.

The committee on fields of labour reported. Their report was received, and the Committee discharged. On motion their report was referred to brother Howell, with the request that he will render it more extensive in the information it imparts and particular in its details. See note A.

The Committee on publications reported. Their report was received, and the Committee discharged. See note B.

The Treasurer read his annual report, which was received, and referred to the Committee on finance. See note C.

Elder Kimbrough, the General Agent for Middle Tennessee, read his report, which was received, and so much thereof as relates to finance was referred to the Committee on finance. Ordered that the report be printed in our minutes. See note D.

The committee on requests read their report, which was recommitted to the committee, with instructions to report on Monday.

Adjourned until 2 O'clock P. M. Prayer by brother Halcombe.

Saturday afternoon 2 O'clock.

The Convention met according to adjournment. Prayer by bro. Barclay Martin.

The Committee on Finance reported. Their report was received and adopted. The Committee asked, and obtained, leave to sit again.

Voted that the next annual meeting of this Convention be held with the Church in the city of Nashville, to commence on Friday before the second Lord's day in October 1839; that Elder B. Kimbrough preach the introductory sermon, and that Elder R. Williams be his alternate.

Voted that Elder S. Love, of East Tennessee, be re-

quested to preach the Convention Sermon on Lord's day, during the next annual meeting.

Brethren Jeremiah Burns, and N. Cate were appointed to represent this Convention at the approaching session of the Baptist State Convention of Alabama, to commence at Grant's Creek, near Tuscaloosa, on Friday before the second Lord's day in November 1838.

Bro C. C. Connor, and John High and any other brethren from this State who may feel disposed to go, or may be present at the meeting, were requested to represent this body in the General Association of Virginia, to be held in Richmond, commencing Saturday before the first Lord's day in June 1839.

Voted that the brethren appointed as delegates by the late session of the Auxilliary Convention of the Western District, held in Somerville, to represent them, be our delegates to represent the State Convention at the next session of the Baptist State Convention of Mississippi.

Appointed brethren Cate, Kimbrough, Haynie, W. Martin, and Howell, to attend the Auxilliary Convention for the Eastern District, to be held at Boyd's Creek Church Sevier County near Knoxville, to commence Friday before the second Saturday in August 1839.

Appointed brethren Muse, and Williams, to attend the Auxilliary Convention in the Western District. (Having no delegates present from that meeting nor from Mississippi, and having been unable to procure a copy of their minutes we have no information as to the time and place of their next annual meetings.)

The Committee on Agencies reported. Their report was received and adopted, and the Committee discharged. See note E.

On motion it was resolved that the Executive Board of this Convention for the current year be instructed to employ for Middle Tennessee, a General Agent, for a time not exceeding six months, allowing him such compensation for his services as, in their judgement, they may deem suitable; and that they employ as many missionaries as the means at their disposal will authorise.

The Committee appointed to nominate a new Executive Board reported the following names, which were duly elected by the Convention, and the committee discharged.

Robt. Boyte C. Howell President.

W. L. Williford Recording Secretary.

James Whitsitt Corresponding Secretary.

S. G. Morton Treasurer.

*Ex Officio* members of the Board.

Other Managers. J. H. Marshall, John McIntush, James Thomas, Wesley Greenfield, J. Hartshorn, Moses Wright, Aaron Wright, W. G. M. Campbell, W. A. Whitsitt, and T. H. Everitt.

On motion it was resolved unanimously that Elder James B. Taylor of Richmond Virginia, be requested to preach on to morrow evening at 7 O'clock, to explain the objects, and wants, of the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions, and that he take up a collection to aid in the support of our missionaries now labouring in heathern lands.

Adjourned until Monday morning half past eight O'clock. Prayer by the President.

Lord's day October 14th.

Notwithstanding the rain which continued the whole day, fell in torrents, a comparatively large congregation assembled in the spacious house of worship of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which had been obligingly offered us and, which, on account of its size, and convenient locality, being much larger than the Baptist Church, we thankfully accepted, for preaching during the meeting, and at 11 O'clock, were addressed by Elder Howell, who was appointed to deliver the Convention Sermon, from the commission. At the close of the services a collection was taken up to aid the objects of the Convention, amounting to thirty three dollars. In the afternoon the assembly was addressed by Elder Halcombe of Alabama; and in the evening by Elder Taylor of Virginia, who in accordance with the request of the Convention yesterday took up a collection in aid of our Foreign Missions amounting to a bout twenty two dollars.—The collections would probably have been three times as large if the weather had been fine.

Preaching was kept up during the session, to large and attentive audiences, and we trust, not without the blessing of God. An excellent effect in favour of religion, and of our denomination, was evidently left upon the mind of the whole community in and about Columbia.

Monday, morning 15th October.

The Convention met according to adjournment. Prayer by brother Kimbrough.

Read the minutes of yesterday, which were unanimously adopted.

Bro Cate reported a letter of correspondence to the Baptist State Convention of Alabama, which was read and adopted, and the committee discharged,

The committee appointed to prepare the Annual Report of the Board reported. Their report was received, and referred to brother Howell to be rendered more full, and explicit, and the committee discharged.

Brethren Alfred C Howell of Giles, and Martin A. Key of Wilson, appeared, and took their seats in the Convention.

On motion it was resolved that the editor of The Baptist be requested to publish in his paper the proceedings of this meeting, and that he have five hundred extra copies of the minutes procured at the expense of the Convention, for the use of the members.

Resolved that brother Howell be requested to prepare these proceeding for publication.

The President of the Executive Board now stated to the Convention, that in their session, on saturday evening, they had had before them the question as to the amount of remuneration they should give the General Agent for his last years services, that they were not able to satisfy themselves on that subject, and that he was instructed to say that they had referred it to the Convention for their arrangement.—On motion the Convention took the subject under consideration, and ordered the Treasurer to pay the General Agent four hundred dollars.

The Committee of Request, made their final report. Their report was received and adopted, and the committee discharged. See note r.

The Committee on Finance read their final report which was received and adopted, and the Committee discharged.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Elder J. B. Taylor, of Richmond Virginia and seconded by Elder R. Williams, of Robinson County, Tennessee.—

They were ably sustained by an appropriate address by the mover and unanimously passed:—

Where as the Lord, in his adorable goodness, has, within a few years past, awakened the Churches of our denomination, to contemplate the condition of the heathen world, and to make enlarged efforts to send the Gospel to every creature; and, whereas the most signal success has attended these operations—Therefore—

Resolved That the Churches of Tennessee be affectionately, and earnestly recommended to make liberal contributions, and fervently to pray, that the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions may be sustained in the glorious enterprise of making known, the word of salvation to all men.

Elder W. H. Halcombe, of Athens Alabama, seconded by brother Marshall of Nashville Tennessee, Offered the following resolution, which was advocated with great ability by the mover, and unanimously adopted:—

Resolved That the cause of Bible translation, and distribution, the circulation of religious tracts and books, the improvement of the rising ministry, and the melioration of the condition of our race by efforts in the cause of temperance, and similar benevolent enterprises, have our earnest prayers and so far as circumstances will permit, our strenuous exertions, for their complete success.

The following resolution was offered by brother Barclay Martin of Columbia, accompanied by a most eloquent and thrilling address, and seconded by brother Kimbrough General Agent, in appropriate remarks, and unanimously adopted:—

Resolved That the great destitution of ministers in Tennessee, and the cry, which comes up to us, from all quarters, for Pastoral supplies, admonish us, while we engage in suitable efforts to secure the end, to unite our constant prayer to the Lord of the harvest, to send forth more labourers into his harvest.

The resolution which follows was offered by Professor Williford and ably sustained in addresses by the mover, and brethren Taylor, and Taliaferro, unanimously passed:—

Resolved That the great success which has attended the labours of our missionaries, and the numerous, and extensive, revivals which are prevailing in many of our effort Churches, in Tennessee, and the neighbouring States, afford unequivocal evidence that God is with us, and encourage the assurance which we have ever undoubtingly entertained

that the cause we advocate will finally triumph.

Elder Whitsitt offered the following resolutions, which were seconded by brother Morton, and passed unanimously:—

Resolved That Elder Whitsitt be requested to take up collections for the objects of this Convention in the bounds of the Concord Association, and wherever else it may be convenient for him to do so. Also that Elder John T. Muse be requested to do the same in Bedford, Maury, and neighbouring counties, south and west. And that Elder J. Bond solicit and receive contributions for the Convention in Salem Association, and wherever else it may be convenient, and that they report to the Executive Board previous to the first of September, 1839.

Resolved That Elder Cate be appointed to labour in Macminville, and its vicinity—months. That Elder Robert Williams be appointed to labour in Robertson and surrounding counties—months. That Elder A. Gilbert be appointed to labour where he thinks best—months. That Elder Thomas Fuqua be appointed to labour in the counties of Davidson, Wilson, Sumner and Williamson—months. And that brother Rich: Anderson be appointed to labour in Bedford and vicinity—months. And that they be instructed to report to the Corresponding Secretary, Elder J. Whitsitt, at Nashville, from time to time, and finally, before the 15th of September 1839.

Resolved That the above blanks be filled by the Executive Board.

The resolution which follows was offered by brother Taylor, seconded by brother Cate, and unanimously passed:—

Resolved, That the cause of Sabbath Schools deserves, the prayerful regard, and zealous co-operations, of all our brethren, in view of the vast amount of good which has been effected through their instrumentality.

The following resolutions offered by brother N. G. Smith were unanimously adopted:—

Resolved That we return our sincere thanks to our Methodist friends of Columbia, for their kindness in permitting us to use their house of worship during this occasion.

Resolved, futher, That we present our acknowledgements to our brethren, and friends, of Columbia, and vicinity, for

the hospitality they have extended to the Convention during its session.

On motion made and seconded that the Convention now adjourn to the time and place of the next annual meeting—after reading, correcting, and unanimously adopting all the foregoing proceedings—the President arose, and took the question, which was decided, unanimously, in the affirmative. He then proceeded in a closing address. He expressed his thanks to the members of the Convention for their continued confidence, and affection, evinced by placing him for the fourth time, consecutively, and that too unanimously, in the chair; for the kind manner in which they had regarded his imperfections in governing the deliberations of the body, and, by their courtesy to him, and evident desire to do whatever would most effectually advance the common cause which we all love, expressed in the most delicate respect for the opinions, and desires of each other, by which they had so ably sustained him in the performance of his duties.

He congratulated the Convention upon the harmony which had so prominetly marked all their deliberations and decisions, and the zeal, and devotion, with which they sought the return of the Tennessee Church to right principles, and practice; those principles, and that practice, which characterized our Fathers for centuries before the propagation of the newly originated theological fictions which have drawn so many into the whirlpool of opposition and to which has been given the contradictory and inappropriate name of "Old Schoolism." He detailed, briefly, the history of benevolent operations in Tennessee, and contrasted the present advancing condition, and brightening prospects, of our beloved Church, with the gloom by which we were surrounded four years ago, adverted to the extensive revivals beginning to prevail among us, and the enlarged views and growing zeal of our ministry, and increased sense of responsibility among the Churches, as evidence of the divine blessing, and affording encouraging assurances that our progress for the future will be much more rapid than it has been heretofore. He descanted upon the importance of union, and co-operation, in the great work, and exhorted to increased holiness, prayer, fidelity and consecration to God; refered to the great desti-

tution of ministers in our state, and the necessity of prayer to God, and scriptural measures, to increase their number, and efficiency; and, as we should probably never all meet again until before the judgement seat of Christ, we should constantly keep in mind the shortness of life, and the account we must one day give of the deeds done in the body, and make the love of Christ and of souls the governing motive in all our actions.

After continuing for an hour, to speak on these and similar topics, he closed by again offering his thanks to the members for their kindness and the gratitude of the Convention, in its behalf, to the citizens, a large number of whom were present, for their liberality, and distinguished hospitality during our session. After which he read, and the brethren sung, as they gave the parting hand, with many tears, the hymn—"Bless'd be the tie that binds" &c. Elder Whitsitt led in prayer, and the Convention dispersed.

R. B. C. HOWELL, *President.*

Attest W. J. Williford, *Rec. Sec.*

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD.

The Committee appointed to prepare the annual report of the Executive Board have had the subject under consideration. They find that a General Agent, and two Missionaries have been engaged in the field, in Middle Tennessee. For an account of the labours of the General Agent we refer you to his report. (Note D.)

Brother Williams has laboured forty days in the counties of Robertson, and Montgomery. He has travelled three hundred and seventy four miles, preached forty four sermons, aided in the constitution of one Church, and the ordination of two Deacons, and witnessed the conversion of more than fifty souls, two only of whom he baptised. The others have been baptised by other Baptist ministers.

Bro Cate laboured six months in Macminnville, aided in the constitution of a Church there collected through his instrumentality &c, who have engaged his services for the present year.

#### EASTERN DISTRICT.

Elder S. Love, General Agent, laboured two months and a half, and baptised fifty one persons. Elder R. H. Taliaferro laboured seven months, travelled three thousand one

hundred and thirty five miles, preached two hundred and forty times, aided in the constitution of one Church, the ordination of one Minister, several Deacons, and baptized 38 persons. Elder D. Buckner, General Agent, laboured four months, travelled one thousand five hundred miles, preached ninety sermons, and assisted in the ordination of two Deacons.

#### WESTERN DISTRICT.

The brethren in this part of the state have, we know, been very actively, and successful, engaged during the year, but as we have not succeeded in obtaining any of their reports, we are unable to give any of the particulars.

#### SUMMARY.

The brethren in the Middle, and Eastern, District have performed two years ten months, and eleven days, of missionary labour. Only four of them have reported the number of miles travelled, and sermons preached, which are seven thousand two hundred and ninety six miles, and six hundred and four sermons. They have ordained one minister, five or six Deacons, constituted three Churches, and Baptized ninety one persons. The brethren in the Western District have probably done much more than both the other portions of the State together.

We rejoice to perceive that upwards of twenty Churches have officially sent delegates this year to the Convention, and we trust their number in future years will be greatly increased.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT WILLIAMS *Chairman.*

#### Note A.

The Committee on Fields of Labour report. Among the destitute towns in Middle Tennessee, which present interesting fields of labour, we number Gallatin, Murfreesborough, Shelbyville, Fayetteville, Franklin, Columbia, Pulaski, Charlotte, and probably several others. For these, Pastors ought, if possible, to be immediately secured.

Missionaries ought, if practicable, to traverse the counties of Dixon, Stuart, Humphries, and parts of Montgomery, Robertson, Davidson, Overton, Coffee Cannon, and Franklin, Counties. Numerous destitute Churches in country places have requested our aid, which principally for want

of properly qualified ministers, we are unable to extend.—O, for more ministers—men of God, called and sent of Jehovah, and willing to devote themselves, exclusively, to this holy work. The harvest truly is plenteous, but where are the reapers? O Lord, send forth more labourers into thy harvest; and put it into the hearts of the Churches to sustain them in the field.—Amen.

Respectfully submitted.

R. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

#### Note—B.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

The Committee on publications beg leave to report—

That, after maturely examining the subject, and conferring with the brethren from different sections of the State, we think it best, all things considered, to continue the publication of *The Baptist*, in its present form and size, monthly. And while we sincerely regret the fact that the state of public feeling is not such as to justify our enlargement of our operations in this particular department, yet may we not, with confidence, look forward to the day, the dawning of which is already begun in our state, when the dissemination of light and truth will loudly call for a more frequent family visitor in the shape of a weekly newspaper. We feel the great importance of activity in this matter. We know that it is only through the active exertions of our brethren that public sentiment can be altered and aroused to useful co-operation with us. We, therefore, most earnestly urge upon our brethren, both ministers and people, to take this matter, forthwith, in hand, and solicit their friends and neighbors to take *The Baptist*. And most especially would we recommend that every Baptist preacher should exert all his influence to procure subscribers, as it is a fact that the present patronage of *The Baptist* is barely sufficient to defray the expense of printing, to say nothing of other incidental expenses. Let them impress on the minds of their congregations, if not publicly, at least in the social circle, the great good necessarily resulting to them, and their children, from the reading of a religious newspaper, and the powerful influence a well conducted periodical may have on the future destiny of thousands of our beloved fellow beings.

Erethren, it is not our wish to trammel the Editor of The Baptist in his views of enlarging the size of that paper, or of publishing it more frequently. These are matters which we would leave to his own sound discretion, connected with the above expression of our opinion.

In conclusion, we would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

1. *Resolved*, That the publication of a religious newspaper in our state, is intimately connected with the prosperity, and advancement, of the Baptist denomination of Tennessee.

2. *Resolved*, That brother Howell is entitled to our thanks for his gratuitous, and able management of The Baptist heretofore, and that he be requested to continue editor of the same, knowing that, if we cannot reward him here, he will receive a reward of our Heavenly Father above.

3. *Resolved*, That we earnestly request, and urge, all our preachers, friendly to effort, to use their best exertions to promote the circulation of The Baptist, and to be active Agents.

4. *Resolved*, That we, once more, call upon our brethren and friends generally to arouse to their duty, and take The Baptist.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. MARTIN *Chairman*.

Note c.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance have examined the financial part of the General Agent's Report, and find he has received during the year four hundred dollars and seventy eight and three quarter cents, besides eighty dollars, which have been subscribed, but not yet paid in. We have also examined the Treasurer's report, and find it correctly cast, and vouched.

JOHN J. WHITAKER, *Chairman*.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

S. G. Morton Treasurer in account with the Baptist State Convention of Tennessee.

Dr.  
For monies received, for the present Conventional year.  
This amount in hand, \$ 340,33.

Received from the Church in Nashville	\$ 35,25.
Do Rutherford's Creek Church, Maury Co.	15,00.
Do Macminville Church,	5,00.
Do Columbia Church,	12,00.
Individual contributions during the session,	19,00.
Received from the General Agent,	400,78½.
Public collection on Lord's day in Columbia,	33,00.

Aggregate received, \$ 860,36½.

S. G. Morton Treasurer, in acc't with the Baptist State Convention. Cr.

For monies paid out, by their order during the present Conventional year.

To R. B. C. Howell for expenses while in the service of the Convention	\$ 25,00
To N. Cate for six months missionary labour	130,00
To R. Williams for forty days labor	40,00
Paid the General Agent, as per order of Conv.	400,00

Aggregate paid out \$ 595,00

Subtract from the amount received into the Treasury 860,36½

The Amount paid out 595,00

And a balance is found now remaining in the hands of the Treasurer of 265,36½

S. G. MORTON, *Treasurer*.

Note—d.

#### REPORT OF THE GENERAL AGENT.

The report of the General Agent, of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, to the messengers and members composing this body, now in session in the town of Columbia.

Dear brethren of the Convention:—In accordance with your request at your last session, I have continued my operations for the middle district of Tennessee, through the year. How far my humble efforts have been instrumental in the advancement of the cause of Christ, I will not presume to say—But I trust the Lord will own and bless my labours to some extent.

Since the last annual session of the State Convention, I have travelled 2287 miles—preached 182 sermons, and lectured 52 times.

The amount of the public and private contributions which I have received for the Convention this year, will be seen below. In the cold season of the year, I made my appointments, mostly, in private houses—in this way I had the pleasure of conversing with a great many families, round their own firesides, after I had preached to them. I am convinced that this is the most successful mode of operation in cold weather. And it affords the minister a very favourable opportunity of urging the heads of families to a more faithful discharge of christian duty; particularly of family prayer. I find this very useful and important part of worship entirely neglected by some professed followers of the Saviour. This is a great evil in the Church. Could not something be done to awaken our brethren to a further discharge of their duty in this matter. Your object in the Convention is the advancement of the kingdom of Christ. But you do not expect success in this, without the blessing of the Lord; the Lord will be sought unto for his blessings. Hence you cannot expect this blessing in its full extent, without the fervent prayers, and co-operations of your brethren. I think our ministers could do much for the remedy of this evil, by visiting the families in the bounds of their respective congregations, and conversing with them at home on the subject of family devotion. By praying with them, and by reading and expounding to them the holy scriptures.

In the summer season of the year, I attended as many protracted meetings as I could. Several of these meetings were highly interesting. Where they are properly conducted, with a full reliance on divine favors, and mercy, they are extensively useful. They that wait patiently on the Lord shall renew their strength. Those Churches and Associations that pursue this course are prosperous.

Perhaps this truth is as fully evinced by the prosperity of the Bethel Association, as any other. They continue their meetings with great perseverance. They are effort in the full sense of the word. Not many years ago this Association did not number 500 members, they now number above 3000. The Red River Association numbered above 2500 members when the Bethel was thrown off from them. The Red River is now reduced to 408 members. They are

opposed to protracted meetings, and missionary work in general.

I yet meet with many objections to the missionary cause. Their objections are various. They cannot agree among themselves on the subject. Some say there is not any need of it.—Others admit something ought to be done, but say the mode is wrong. While others say they cannot see any thing very wrong in it at this time, but it will be wrong after a while. One of them told me it would injure the *printers* and *merchants*, as it reduces the price of Bibles so much. One is for the Foreign Mission, and against the Home; another is for the Home and opposed to the Foreign. Others are opposed to Societies, and think Associations wrong. Some of them in discussing the subject leave the point and introduce the doctrine of two seedism. This doctrine is denied by others, while they defend the doctrine of eternal justification. Others deny this doctrine also. Another says that the commission has ended. This is objected to by some others who insist that the Gospel must yet be preached to every new creature. But notwithstanding all these objections, the great author of the commission is increasing the number in the ranks of the faithful and obedient, who confess themselves to be unprofitable servants after they have done all that they can do. Much of the opposition we met with a short time past has ceased. They were opposed to us for having religious periodicals. They have them now, and see no harm in them. Their preachers edit papers and have pay for it. Their patrons pay them because they think the preacher prints the truth. Why not sustain the minister when he preaches the truth, as well as when he prints it? Why may we not subscribe to a missionary society as well as to sign a prospectus for a religious newspaper? The objects proposed are the same, the dissemination of Gospel truth. Why is it more harm to subscribe for the printing of a Bible, than a newspaper or pamphlet? The opposition cannot survive many years. It is too preposterous.

The contributions for this year are as follows:

<i>Public contributions to the Convention for 1838,</i>		
April. 8	Congregation at Enon M. H.	\$ 11 00
" 15	" at Cedar Grove M. H.	9 00
" 17	" at Barton's Creek M. H.	8 25

"	23	"	at Cedar Lick	14 00
"	29	Individuals	at Pleasant Hill	2 75
May.	3	"	at Walnut Grove	2 12½
"	6	Congregation	in Gallatin	7 00
"	13	"	at Bradley's Creek	9 00
"	20 & Sept. 8	Providence Church		23 18½
"	27	Congregation	at Rutherford's Creek	9 12½
June.	7	"	at Winchester	7 41½
July.	1	"	at New Hope M. H.	13 00
"	8	"	at Mount Hebron	5 06½
"	29	Mulberry Church		16 18½
"		Enon Church, (to self)		10 31½
Aug.	5	Individuals, Giles in County		6 50
"	25	Antioch Church (to self)		7 18½
Sept.	23	Harmony Church		40 06½
"	30	Mill Creek Church		26 00

Aggregate \$ 227 16½

*Private contributions to the Convention for 1838.*

Jan. 10th John W. Record \$ 10 00. 26th Joseph Whitaker 5 00. 27th John J. Whitaker 10 00.

Feb. 3rd Elder M. Brame 10 00. Elder John Gilbert 5 00, Elder J. H. Leftwich 5 00, D. B. Knight 1 00; D. S. Evans 2 00 I. Fonville's children 0 50, Elizabeth A. Evans 1 00. 4th F. Buckner 0 50, Jane, a colored woman 0 12½ 5th W. M. Knight 5 00, 8th Samuel Martin 10 00. 9th John P. Hill 3 00, S. G. Morton 5 00, Sarah H. Morton 2 00, Sarah J. McMurry 0 50. Ama Still 1 50, Martha Kimbrough, 1 50. 19th Nancy Rosson, Sen'r. 0 50, Nancy Rosson, Jun'r. 0 25, Minerva Ann Norflett 1 00, W. S. Perry 5 00, Sampson Rosson 1 00, Richard Connell 0 50.

March 3rd Issac Walton 5 00. 4th Harriet Cuninghame 0 50, Robert Cuninghame 1 00, Eppy Cuninghame 0 25. 5th Jno. Maneese 10 00, Ellen Maneese 2 00, Narcissa Hamlett 1 00, Everett Owen 5 00.

April. Mary Shaw 3 00, William W. Searcy 10 00, Elizabeth R. Scruggs 2 00, Handed me by sister Vaughn 1 00, By Mr. ———— 0 25, Elder William Kirk 1 00, Charles Watkins 5 00.

May. James Dabbs 5 00, Peter Vaughn 2 00, W. Langley 2 00, Samuel Farris 2 00, W. Willis 1 00, Thomas A. Peacock 3 00.

Aug. 12th Mr. House 1 50.

Sept. 10th Elder John Finley 5 00. Elder R. B. C. Howell

5 00, M. Wright 2 00, Major Hodge 1 00, Sister Berry 1 00, John Rosson 0 50, John B. Vaughn 5 00, Nancy R. Vaughn 0 50, Col. Bradford 1 00, By a friend in Columbia 2 00.

Aggregate	\$ 173 62½
Public contributions	\$ 227 16½
Private collections	173 62½
Whole amount of collections	\$ 400 78½

*Subscriptions for the Convention 1838.*

Jan.	8	Liles E. Abernathy	\$ 50 00
Feb.	3	Elder John T. Muse, [two dollars paid]	5 00
"	"	Israel Fonville	3 00
"	"	Jemima Light	5 00
"	"	John B. Brame	1 00
"	"	John B. Brame	1 00
"	4	Evelina Hartsfield	1 00
"	"	William Robinson	1 00
"	"	Thomas Garland	1 00
"	"	Mary A. Burk	0 50
"	"	Elizabeth Burk	0 50
"	"	Elizabeth Stancill	5 00
May.	27	A. Dale	2 00
"	"	Loef Yowol	5 00

Amount added up \$ 80 00

All of which is submitted to the Convention,  
B. KIMBROUGH, Gen'l Agent.

October 15th, 1838.

*Note z.*

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGENCIES.**

The Committee on Agencies have had the subject under consideration.

Your Committee are utterly at a loss to determine what course is best to secure, by the blessing of God, the object of the Convention in the matter before us. Whether it is best to suspend altogether the labours of a General Agent, and make it the duty of our missionaries to solicit funds; or requests the Pastors of our Churches to do this work; or to appoint one, two, or, three, brethren, men endued with wisdom from on high—full of the spirit of Christ—to go forward

as Agents we leave to the wisdom of the Convention to determine.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. MARSHALL, *Chairman.*

Note F.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Requests, report—

That they are advised, that some of our brethren wish the name, **TENNESSE BAPTIST CONVENTION.** (The name by which this body is denominated,) changed to that of *Tennessee Baptist General Association.* Desirable as it might be to accommodate the wishes of brethren in this particular, it is thought to be inexpedient, if not improper, thus to change. Because, to change the name, and retain the features, would be without meaning. And, because, it would be, unappropriate.

The name Convention, is a relative term, and may be properly applied to any assemblage of persons for a given purpose, and who may rightfully, according to the usages among men, organize themselves into a body, by which their united efforts might be so concentrated, as to affect a contemplated good, to much better advantage than by individual exertion. This is the consideration which led to the organization of our Convention, and this term it is believed, is every way, appropriate, in view of the avowed object.

The name Association may be equally entitled to a like application. Though among Baptists, so far as respects their religious intercourse, it is limited to a specific object, viz: a body formed by delegates from different churches, as they may agree, for their mutual benefit.

Hence it may be seen, that the name Association, according to Baptist usage, would not be appropriate to our organization, even if invested with the term General, as is proposed; for the word general, carries the idea beyond individual, and means plural.

Speaking of a General Association, has brought to the recollection of your committee, a proposition made some time ago, by the first section of Salem Association, convened at Dixon's creek, consisting of members from seven Churches; as published in *The Baptist*, having for its object, a combination of Associations, organized under the direction of the

Churches, for the purpose of uniting their whole energies, in the great work of giving increased extension to the preaching of the Gospel. Your committee are highly pleased with this praiseworthy movement of our Salem brethren, and hope it may be followed up, until the desired end is fully effected.

And your committee are of opinion, that whenever, a sufficient number of our Associations, thus form and organize so as to carry into practical operation the great object for which we have been contending, and carrying into practice, to the extent of our means, there would then be no further need for the continuance of this body, but that it ought, in that case to be dissolved, and at the same time, all our individual influence, carried into the said General Association. This step, however, ought not to be taken, only in concert with our Auxiliary Branches of East and West Tennessee.

All of which is submitted,

JAMES WHITSITT, *Chairman.*

PROCEEDINGS

Of the second annual meeting of the Bible Association, of the Baptists of Tennessee.

Columbia October 12th 1838.

The brethren met in the Baptist Church. Elder John T. Muse was called to the Chair, and Elder Robert Williams appointed Secretary. The following brethren had their names enrolled as members:—John T. Muse, J. H. Marshall, N. Cate R. B. C. Howell, N. G. Smith, B. Kimbrough, J. Whitsitt, R. Williams, B. F. Jones, B. Phillips and C. Taliaferro.

On motion Elder John T. Muse was nominated for the office of President, and Elder R. Williams Secretary, and, on the question being taken, they were unanimously appointed.

The Association then adjourned to meet at the call of the President. Prayer by the President.

Monday afternoon the 15th October.

The President called together the Association in the Methodist Church. Prayer by the President.

On motion the Executive Board of last year was reappointed for the present.

Bro Howell, stated that the Treasurer was unable to attend the annual meeting, and had placed in his hands the money now in the Treasury, and an exhibit of the finances. He then read the Treasurers report, which was received, ordered to be printed, and brother W. G. M. Campbell, on motion, unanimously reappointed Treasurer.

NOTE. The Treasurers report has not been handed to the Editor. He remembers that the funds on hand were ten dollars, and two dollars paid by N. Cate, making the whole amount twelve dollars, which was handed to the Editor to be given to the Treasurer. The only document, relating to the proceedings placed in our hands was the list of members. We have supplied all the remainder from our memory which is necessarily very imperfect, because we were engaged, at the time, in other business. We recollect further only that the Association adjourned to the time and place of the next annual meeting of the Baptist State Convention.

### PROCEEDINGS

*Of the second annual meeting of the*  
TENNESSEE BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Columbia, 13th, October 1838.

The brethren, with a large congregation, met in the Methodist Episcopal Church, at 7 o'clock, P. M. and after hearing a sermon, by Elder W. H. Halcombe of Athens Alabama, Professor W. L. Williford of Union Seminary, was called to the Chair, and brother N. G. Smith appointed Secretary.

The following brethren enrolled their names as members.

R. B. C. Howell,	Nashville, Tennessee.
J. H. Marshall,	do. do.
J. B. Wasson,	do. do.
A. Holman,	do. do.
W. L. Williford,	Maury Co. do.
H. L. White,	Franklin, do.
Barclay Martin,	Columbia, do.
William Langly,	do. do.

Adam Dale,	Columbia.	do.
Charles Watson,	do.	do.
J. B. Taylor,	Richmond, Virginia.	
R. Williams,	Robertson Co. Tennessee.	
J. T. Muse,	Bedford Co. do.	
N. Cate,	McMinnville, do.	
C. Talliaferro,	East-Tennessee.	

William Martin	Dixon's Springs, Tenn.
R. S. Thomas,	Western District,
Nat: G. Smith,	" "
W. H. Halcombe,	Athens, Alabama.

The Ministerial Conference now proceeded to the election of officers. Brother W. L. Williford was duly elected President, and N. G. Smith, Recording Secretary, who took their seats accordingly.

Brother Howell enquired of the President whether any annual report was prepared, or might be expected, from the Executive Board. On learning that neither the Board, the Corresponding Secretary, nor the President, had a report to present, he made an address, in which he deplored the listlessness of the Society; presented the condition and necessities of the denomination with reference to this matter; explained the nature of the enterprise; and detailed what he and his own Church, had been doing with reference to the four or five young men which they had been sustaining during the year. He was followed by brethren Taliaferro, and Kimbrough, and others, in interesting and appropriate remarks.

On motion brethren Howell, Taylor, Taliaferro, Williford, and Smith, were appointed a Committee of Ways and Means.

A Committee was appointed to nominate a new Board—brethren Williford B. Martin, and J. H. Marshall

Brother N. G. Smith, Stated to the Society, that the Education Society of the Western District had, at their late annual meeting held in Somerville, rejected as unsatisfactory and inadmissible the charter granted, at their instance, by the last Legislature, for a College at Paris, Henry County, called Paris College, and that a meeting of the friends of education in the District, and in Mississippi, had been ap-

pointed to be held at Holly Springs, Mississippi, to consult and, if thought best, to unite in a College at that place; and suggested that this society should be represented at the proposed meeting: After addresses by brethren Taliaferro, Cate, Kimbrough, Williford, and Howell, in which the great importance of uniting the whole State of Tennessee in the matter of education was fully urged, the impracticability of interesting Middle, and East Tennessee, in an Institution located at so great a distance from them was insisted upon, and the inability of these two latter portions of our state to accomplish, cut off from the Western District, any thing worthy of the Tennessee Church in the matter of education, was demonstrated, brother N. G. Smith was appointed, and requested, to represent our views in the proposed meeting at Holly Springs.

Resolved, That this Society approbate the rejection by our brethren of the Western District of the unsatisfactory charter, which alone the Legislature were pleased to offer for the proposed Paris College.

On motion the Society adjourned until Monday, to meet at the call of the President.

Monday, afternoon 5th, October.

The Ministerial Conference met according to adjournment. Prayer by the President.

In the absence of the Secretary, Elder J. B. Taylor was appointed to act as Secretary pro tempore.

The Committee of Ways and Means, reported, verbally. Their report was received, and the committee discharged.

The committee to nominate a new Board reported and were discharged, and the following persons were elected officers and managers for the ensuing year.

Professor W. L. WILLIFORD, Un. Sem. Maury Co: *President.*

BARCLAY MARTIN Esq. Columbia 1st *Vice President.*

Rev ROBT. BOYTE C. HOWELL, Nashville 2nd. *V. President.*

N. G. SMITH, Hardiman, Co. *Corresponding Secretary.*

W. LANGLEY, Columbia, *Recording Secretary.*

ADAM DALE, ditto *Treasurer.*

OTHER MANAGERS.

Elder J. T. Muse, Bedford. A. S. Langley Columbia.  
B. Kimbrough, Lincoln. Arnold Zelner.

N. Cate Macminnville.

M. Brame, Bedford.

Dr J. Barksdale, Shelbyville.

James Thomas, Nashville.

Josiah Young. Columbia,

Samuel M. Farrar.

J. W. Record Marshall Co.

L. E. Abernathy Giles Co.

On motion, *Resolved*, That brethren R. H. Taliaferro, C. Taliaferro, R. Snead, S. Love, and J. Cannon, of East Tennessee; N. Cate, J. T. Muse, R. B. C. Howell, W. L. Williford, and B. Kimbrough, of Middle Tennessee; and P. S. Gayle, G. Stovall, N. G. Smith, and J. Burns, of the Western District, be, and they are hereby, requested to avail themselves of all suitable occasions to explain publicly, and privately, the design, and objects, of this Society, to solicit funds on its behalf, and report from time to time, to the Board, addressed to the President, at Spring Hill, Maury county, Tennessee.

On motion, after addresses by several brethren, *Resolved*, That the several articles of the constitution be so amended, and to make the name of this Association *The Tennessee Baptist Education Society*—and that the constitution, as amended, be inserted in the Minutes.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to correspond with the Trustees of the several Literary Institutions of this State, in reference to the terms upon which beneficiaries of this Society, will be received as students, and that they report the result of their inquiries to the Board. Brethren Barclay Martin, Wm. Langly, and R. B. C. Howell, were appointed as the committee.

*Resolved*, That Elder R. B. C. Howell be appointed, and requested, to preach an EDUCATION SERMON, on Lord's day, during the next annual meeting.

*Resolved*, That the next annual meeting be held in Nashville during the meeting of the State Convention of the Baptists of Tennessee.

After a free conversation by the Society, several members became personally responsible for one beneficiary, to be sustained and educated for one year, at Union Seminary. Brother Howell presented to their attention, a young minister, brother Alfred Holman, a member of the Church in Nashville, heretofore under his direction, who was cordially accepted by the brethren.

*Resolved*, That the Editor of the Baptist be requested to

publish the proceedings of this meeting in his paper.

On motion, after prayer to Almighty God, and a commendation to his guidance of this Society, and its objects, by brother Taliaferro, the Society adjourned to the time and place of the next annual meeting.

W. L. WILLIFORD, President.

J. B. TAYLOR, Recording Secretary, *pro. tem.*

### AMENDED CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—This body shall be called *The Tennessee Baptist Education Society*, for ministerial improvement.

ART. II.—The design of this Society is to afford brethren of the Baptist denomination, regularly licensed to the work of the ministry, who give satisfactory evidence of their piety, good standing, and capacity for improvement, and usefulness, the means of acquiring knowledge, to enable them, with the greater facility, and perspicuity, to preach the Gospel of Christ.

ART. III.—Any person, who shall subscribe to the funds of this Society, may be a member, provided he is a Baptist in good standing.

ART. IV.—The Officers of this Society shall be a President, Recording, and Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurer, and ten, or more, other managers.

ART. V.—These officers shall form an Executive Board, who shall be chosen at every annual meeting, five of whom shall form a quorum for business. It shall be their duty to adopt such measures as, to them, may appear expedient, to increase the funds of the Society, and to secure their application to the objects proposed; to superintend its concerns during the recess; and to report their proceedings at their annual meeting. The Board shall appoint the time, and place, of their own meetings, and shall have the power of filling all vacancies which may occur, and of calling special meetings of the Society, when, in their judgment, the measure may appear necessary.

ART. VI.—The Society shall meet, annually, at the time, and place, of meeting of the Baptist State Convention of Tennessee.

ART. VII.—This Constitution may be altered, or amended, at any annual meeting of the Society, by the concurrence of two thirds of the members present. *Provided*, however, that no change shall affect the second article.

### EDITORIAL.

THE TENNESSEE ANNIVERSARIES, FOR A. D. 1838.

We have published in this number of *The Baptist* the proceedings, in full, of all the Tennessee Anniversaries.—Our readers, we are confident, expected us to do so, and so far from disliking the occupancy of so much space by these documents, will thank us for their perusal.

The whole business of the Convention, the Bible Association, and the Education Society, was conducted with unusual animation, but especially of the first and last. Necessarily occupied with the deliberations of some committees we were prevented from being present, except at one very short session, of the Bible Association. We regret that so meagre a sketch of its doings is in our possession. The Secretary will, we presume, send us the minutes in full.—When he does so we will publish them entire.

The unity of sentiment in relation to all the prominent enterprises of christian action, by which the present age of the Church is distinguished; the spirit of zealous co-operation manifested throughout, by the harmony of our discussions, and the unanimity with which every prominent measure was adopted; and the glow of christian love which lighted up every countenance, and swelled in every bosom, gave unequivocal evidence that our cause is rapidly progressing. We have noticed, that in all these respects, each of our Anniversaries is an improvement upon the last, and this was certainly the most delightful we have ever yet witnessed in Tennessee.

May the Lord bless the dear little Church in Columbia. A more lovely and public spirited company of brethren, and sisters, for their number, we have never seen. May the Lord send them a Pastor after his own heart. And may the Lord abundantly reward, with his heavenly benediction and grace, the liberal friends of this beautiful little town, who entertained us, during our stay, with so much kindness and hospitality.

MRS. ELIZA JONES GRANTLAND DICKINSON.

"———The good die first,  
And they, whose hearts are dry as summer's dust,  
Burn to their sockets."

Thus beautifully sung one of our sweetest poets. The sentiment accords with that so frequently repeated in the pages of classic story, "Whom the Gods love die young." Beauty is an earlier victim to disease and death than deformity, as the loveliest flower sooner fades than the noxious weed. The fire of genius not unfrequently consumes its own tenement, and the heart which beats to the highest and purest emotions is withered by its cold contact with a world like ours. Those formed by nature, and qualified by intellectual, moral, and religious, cultivation, to bless the human race, often but enter the portal of life, and are thence taken to another sphere. So inscrutable are the ways of Providence.

These reflections have been induced by the melancholy dispensation, since the publication of our last paper, of the departure of one of our dearest, and most valued friends, torn from her weeping family, and disconsolate husband, in the very bloom of youth, and loveliness. Mrs. Eliza Jones Dickinson, the youthful, the beautiful, the accomplished, wife of our young friend Hon. D. W. Dickinson is no more! Her disease was a violent attack of billious fever, which continued two weeks, mocking the control of the best medical attendance and skill, and which bid defiance to every exertion for its removal. All was done which human skill, and kindness, could effect, but to no purpose.

"———We sought to stay  
An Angel on the earth—a spirit-ripe,  
For heaven—and mercy, in her love, refused."

She expired, at the country seat of the family, near Murfreesborough, Rutherford County, Tennessee, whither they had gone on a visit, for a few weeks, on the fifth day of October, 1838. This amiable lady was in the 21st year of her age, and had been married to him who weeps inconsolably over her loss but two years and nine months. She was the daughter of Flemming Grantland, Esq., of Milledgeville, Geo., in which neighborhood now reside her two remaining sisters, whose hearts e'er this have

been pierced with the sad intelligence that they will meet her no more on earth.

But we sorrow not for her as those without hope. Strongly inclined to religion from her childhood, in her 17th year, that vernal period when the gay world, to the giddy girl, is so full of promise, and lays hold, with so firm a grasp, on her affections, and thoughts—she, with subdued spirit, gave her heart to God, and happily experienced, through his grace in Jesus Christ, the regeneration of her soul. She soon after united herself with the Presbyterian Church, of which she was a most exemplary and devoted member until her death. Her piety was of the deepest and most fervent character. No observant christian could mingle in her society, even for a single day, without perceiving that she held daily communion with God. There was a sweet cheerfulness in her countenance, and general demeanor, which proves that pure religion, while it ennobles and sanctifies the soul, at the same time, imparts an influence that drives away sombre melancholy, and adorns the whole character with a halo of brightness, and purity. She was not of that bigoted cast of religion that perceives excellency only in the members of its own communion. Many of her nearest and dearest relatives and friends, both in Georgia, and Tennessee, are members of the Baptist Church, nor was their reciprocal christian affection, on this account, lessened in any degree. To the necessities of the virtuous, and suffering poor, her hand, blessed with the amplest means, was ever as ready to administer, as her heart was susceptible to every feeling of kindness and humanity towards every class of society. Many an anxious hour she spent in prayer for the conversion of her amiable, and beloved husband; and we hope, and believe, her supplications will yet be heard and answered. When in the agonies of death she embraced his neck, declaring she would never let him go until he promised to meet her in heaven.

At an early period of her attack, before her friends became alarmed, she had a presentiment that she would not recover, and expressed herself as entirely prepared for the result. When her disease assumed its malignant, and evidently, dangerous, type, notwithstanding her great suffering, she was perfectly collected, and with unparalleled calmness, patience, and fortitude, she met the destroyer.—

Her eye alone was bright of all present. When her husband's mother and sisters would weep, she would with a cheerful and smiling countenance, rebuke their weakness, telling them she was not afraid to die. That she wished to live for their sake, and for the sake of her dear husband, with whom she had anticipated many years of happiness, but still if it was the will of God to take her hence, she was ready to go. She often quoted that beautifully passage:—"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want."—Sometimes going on through most of the psalm. She sung several times, with her friends, the hymn:—"When I can read my title clear." And, when her strength was so far gone that she was believed entirely incapable of so much exertion, she commenced and sung, as long as she could speak, the hymn:—"How firm a foundation, &c." repeating frequently:—

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
The rivers of wo shall not thee overflow."

Adding "I walk through deep waters—deep waters—and as she again quoted:—The Lord is my Shepherd—her tongue faultered—her voice ceased—and her eyes closed in death:—

"——The Angel of the Covenant  
Was come, and faithful to his promise stood  
Prepared to walk with her through death's dark vale."  
——SHE died—"as sets the morning star which goes  
Not down behind the darkened west, nor hides  
Obscured among the tempests of the sky  
But melts away into the light of heaven."

But yesterday we walked, alone, by her new-made grave; and as the memory of her short life, and exalted character, rushed through our thoughts, and agitated our mind, we could not suppress the exclamation:—"Ye cold clods, rest lightly on her bosom, for never did you p'ess a purer, warmer, and more generous heart." Truly was her being like some bright vision of the night, which delighted the imagination, and vanished forever with the hour that produced it; or like the sweet tones of the Æolian harp, waked by the winds, whose melody thrills the soul for a moment, and, dies away in softness, like a sigh of nature, to be heard no more on earth.

MRS. FANNY C. FANT.

We received, a few days since, from the hand of a dear brother, in Alabama, intimately acquainted with the departed, the following obituary notice.

"Died on the 3d of October, 1838, Mrs. Fanny C. Fant, consort of the Rev. B. F. Fant, of Madison county, Alabama. Her fatal malady was pulmonary consumption, under which she lingered only about three months."

"Mrs. Fant was born in Prince William county, Virginia, where she was married to the husband who now weeps her premature departure, the 20th of December, 1832. About four years ago she joined the Baptist Church in Huntsville, Ala. and ever since has given to all with whom she was acquainted, the most satisfactory evidence that her heart was right with God."

"She was a kind and affectionate wife. Her heart and hand were with her husband in the great work of preaching the Gospel. She was intelligent, pious, and devoted, and beloved by all that knew her. She died in the midst of friends, whose kind attention to all her wishes, and generous solicitude for her recovery, can never be either remunerated or forgotten by her bereaved husband."

"We all mourn her loss, but not as those without hope.—She died triumphantly; to the last moment sustained by the power of that religion which had enabled her to bear pain and disease with so much fortitude, and resignation to the will of God, and now, through Jesus Christ, gave such bright assurances of a blissful immortality. We believe her pure spirit is now basking in the smiles of her glorious Redeemer, and that, at the last day, her slumbering dust will be raised immortal, to praise God in his kingdom forever, and ever."

☞The Religious Herald, and Mobile Monitor and Luminary will please copy the above.

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REV. HARVEY BALL, A. M.

We were delighted, a week or two since, to greet our old friend and brother, whose name stands at the head of this article, in the City of Rocks. When last we parted it was in the classic halls of the Columbian College, at the close of our school-boy life, fifteen years ago. He returned to his

native State, New-Jersey, and we to Virginia. We have devoted our life exclusively to the ministry, but he has, in addition to preaching, been occupied, first as Professor of Hebrew, &c., at Newton, Mass., then as President of the Institution in Suffield, Conn., and in several other capacities, as a teacher of youth. He has received, and accepted, a call to the Presidency of the Female Academy, in Paris, Tennessee, and, when here, was on his way to that beautiful little town to enter upon his duties.

For us to say a word commendatory of his ability and skill as a teacher would be superfluous. His testimonials from such men as Doctors Wayland, Woods, Kendrick, &c., and Professors Ruggles, Chase and many others, are of the amplest character. We congratulate the Paris School particularly, and the State generally, upon the acquisition of such a teacher; and the Baptist Church, especially, upon the removal among us of another able Minister of the New Testament.

#### THE FAMILY VISITER.

We have noticed the article in the Family Visiter of the 1st of October, which comments upon our recent remarks relating to the prospectus for that paper. We appreciate the kindness, and excellent spirit of our brother Williams, and, with great pleasure, place his handsome little sheet upon the list of our exchanges.

#### THE BAPTIST.

We commend to the special attention of our patrons, and friends, the Report of the Committee on Publications, adopted during the late session of the Convention in Columbia, and published in the minutes of their proceedings. Next to the approbation of our God we prize the approbation of our brethren. While we have their countenance, and approval, we ask not for pecuniary reward. We have toiled, and intend still to do so, "without money, and without price," to do good to the souls of our fellow-men, through this medium, and if, in any degree, we have been, or may be, successful, we have so far gained our object, and will "thank God, and take courage." Give us readers, brethren, and the means to pay the printer, and we are content.