

PROSPERITY—H M Fite, Thos Davis, H M Fite, Jr.
 SMITHSFORK—H W Pickett, D B Smith, M B Lester, J A Jennings, J Wand.
 BRAWLEYSFORK—B Walker, R Williams, J R Taylor.
 PLEASANTGROVE—No messengers present.
 ROCKSPRING—Thos Martin, J Gambrell.
 FALLINGCREEK—W Williams, Preston Henderson, D H Benton, A Monnt.
 MOUNTLEBANON—W E Sutton.
 LEBANON—J A Bullard, Thos A Jones, J C Lash, — Averitt, H Lash.
 FELLOWSHIP—W F Luck, J Saunders, J C McCullough, John O Hord.
 MILLCREEK—W M Harwood.
 MACMINNVILLE—J M D Cates.
 DIXONSCREEK—Wm Martin.
 BETHEL, Smith county—H Farmer, S Robertson.
 CARMEL—A Zachary, G W Woolen, W Weatherly.
 SHELBYVILLE—A W Meachum, J C Holt.
 HICKMANSCREEK—E Newbell, J Jones, Fielding F Gray.
 NEWHOPE—J Garrison, G Thomason.
 BETHEL, Rutherford county—J W Simpson.

AUXILIARIES.

CONVENTION, WESTERN DISTRICT—Jesse J Smith.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF EAST TENNESSEE—Messengers failed to attend.

The meeting now proceeded to the election of officers, by ballot. The Chairman announced brethren McIntosh, and Avent, to take the votes, who, after waiting upon the members, and counting the suffrages, announced the following brethren as elected:

Rev. Robt. Boyte C. Howell, D. D., Mod.
 Rev. William S. Perry Rec. Secretary.
 Bro. Chas. K. Winston, M. D., Cor. Sec.
 Brother Joseph H. Shepherd, Treasurer.

The officers took their respective seats; the Moderator made a brief address, and the General Association proceeded to business.

The Moderator introduced to the General Association, Rev. Rufus Babcock, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the American and Foreign Bible Society; Rev. John Stevens, Agent of the Baptist Board of Missions; Rev. John M. Peek, Corresponding Secretary of the American Baptist Publication Society, and Rev. Prof. W F Nelson, Southwestern Agent of the Western Baptist Theological Institute, at Covington, Ky; who severally made brief and interesting addresses, and were cordially welcomed, and invited to seats with us.

On motion, visiting brethren in the ministry, were invited to seats, which was accepted by brethren I. H. Bethel, J. Harris, P. T. Henderson, and J. T. S. Sherrill.

1. The Annual Report of the Executive Board was read by Dr C K Winston, Corresponding Secretary, which was received, adopted, and ordered to be printed with the minutes.

2. The report of the Treasurer was order-

ed. Brother John Bond stated that the Treasurer was confined at home by indisposition, and had committed his papers and funds to him, to be delivered to the General Association. On motion it was ordered that they be referred to the Committee on Finance, yet to be appointed, with instructions to them to prepare and submit the Treasurer's report.

3. The following committees were then ordered and announced by the Moderator.

1. To nominate a new Board—Selvidge, Avent, Kimbrough, J Lash, Marshall, Bond, and January.

2. On Finance—Norfleet, Holt, Sybert.

3. To nominate missionaries—Marshall, Avent, Simmons, Bilbro, and Martin.

4. On Devotional Exercises—McIntosh, Avent, Norfleet, John Wiseman, and Bass, with the Church at this place.

5. On Ways and Means—Bond, Kimbrough, Haile, January and Selvidge.

6. To settle with the Agents and Missionaries—McIntosh, Kimbrough, Marshall, Jas. Thomas, Norfleet, Nicholas Smith, January.

4. The Moderator then read and laid before the General Association a communication from the 2nd Baptist Church in Nashville; which, on motion, was received, and committed to the Committee to nominate missionaries.

5. The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported in part as follows—Rev Dr Babcock to preach to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, followed by Rev John M Peck, after which Rev Dr Howell to administer the Lord's Supper; Rev brother L H Bethel to preach at night. The report was unanimously received, and adopted.

On motion, the General Association adjourned until 9 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by the Moderator.

LORD'S DAY MORNING, Oct. 27th.

We met, at 10 o'clock, an immense congregation. Rev Doctor Babcock preached, from John iv: 35, 36—"Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh the harvest? Behold I say unto you—Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto eternal life; that both he that soweth, and he that reapeth may rejoice together."

At the close of a most thrilling and animating discourse, to hear which large numbers stood in a torrent of rain, the preacher presented the claims to our support of the American and Foreign Bible Society, and set down. The Moderator then arose, and proposed a collection, in Life Memberships, individual subscriptions, and cash, to the Tennessee Baptist Bible Society, auxiliary to the American and Foreign, which he immediately took, and which amounted to *four hundred and eighteen dollars and eighty cts.* The following brethren made themselves Life Members, by the subscription of Thirty Dollars each—Col W Martin, J Burleson, J A Bullard, E W Haile, J H Eaton, A Bass; and the following brethren were made Life Members, by the subscription of Thirty Dol-

lars for each, by brethren and friends present—John Wiseman, John Bond, H B Fite, Jonathan Wiseman, James Bond, J A Bullard, Peter Fuqua.

The following persons subscribed Five Dollars each, to make Elder Fite a Life Member—Col W Martin, H Bass, J Goodner, Mary Grindstaff, D Rucks, M Fite.

Elder John Bond was then made a Life Member, by the subscription of Five Dollars from each of the following persons—R Jarman, A Simmons, J Davis, Preston Henderson, C K Winston, J Avent.

For making John Wiseman a Life Member, N Smith subscribed Ten Dollars, and Nancy Ellison, — Jackson, H D Lester, R Sybert, subscribed Five Dollars each.

For making Jonathan Wiseman a Life Member, One Dollar was subscribed by each of the following persons—J S Carr, J Phillips, P Jeffreys, J Weatherhead, J Crimm, F Gray, H S Jones, A Jones, Sarah Wiseman, Nancy Wallers, James Jones, E Cragwell, L Baird, H S Jones, Mary Sybert, Jane Patterson, R Smith, Polly Turner, R Sybert, P Smith, H Fite, T D Simmons, L Smith, P Hubbard, R Wiseman, C Turner, J E Willis, C Jones, R McFadden, M Hughes.

For making brother Bullard, who is now a missionary, a Life Member, John Wiseman, Jonathan Wiseman, and Wm Bilbro, subscribed Five Dollars each, and T A Jones, J McDougal, A Simmons, J M D Cates, R Lyon, J Dillon, N H McFadden, J S Carr, — Bolen, R W January, T H Gole, Preston Henderson, J H Smith, R Jordan, J Chambers, H D Lester, subscribed One Dollar each.

For making Elder Peter Fuqua a Life Member, the following persons subscribed One Dollar each—A Simmons, John Bond, J R Taylor, Wm Bilbro, J E Willis, Wm Martin, B Fergusson, W D Baker, R Jarman, W Williams, Rachael Bass, J Hagar, H Bass, H Lester, J Hunter, Wm Oakley, W C Stykes, S C Odum, L Chambers, J W Barton, E W Benson, W M Bryan, N B Oakley, M J Smith, J Phillips, R W January; and W Bilbro subscribed Four Dollars.

For making Jas Bond a Life Member, Preston Henderson, R Jarman, W Simms, subscribed Five Dollars each, W T Cartwright Two Dollars, and W F Luck, R Black, A Simmons, W Bilbro, H Lester, D Davis, Sister Wiseman, R Bond, P Henderson, J Dillon, J Cunningham, P Smith, J Waller, M Grim, T L Turner, M B Lester, T W Bond, subscribed One Dollar each.

Collected in cash \$11 65.

The whole amount named was then appropriated by the General Association to the Bible Society, to aid in printing and circulating the word of God in foreign languages—the particulars of which will appear in the minutes of that body.

A letter, affecting in its character, from our venerable and afflicted brother Rev Wm Dale, was then read, and a collection proposed for his personal benefit, which was immediately taken, amounting to *twenty five dollars*, and making the whole collection to-

day, *four hundred and forty three dollars and eighty cents.*

The feelings of the assembly were now most intense, and as the time was far advanced, it was thought best by brother Peck, and concurred in by the assembly, that he should defer his discourse until Monday.* Doctor Howell, therefore, according to the instructions of the General Association, proceeded, assisted by brethren Wiseman, Fite, Kimbrough, and Babcock, to administer the Lord's Supper to the largest number of Baptists that were perhaps, ever before, in the South West, associated together in that significant ordinance. All eyes were in tears, and the closing hymn was sung in such a manner as plainly evinced rapturous delight in every bosom. Thus terminated, at 4 o'clock P. M., after a continuance of *six hours*, which seemed less than two, one among the most joyful Sabbath services to us all, which we ever witnessed upon earth.

MONDAY Morning, (Oct. 28th) 9 o'clock.

The General Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by brother Rev. Jesse J Smith.

7. The minutes of Saturday were read, corrected, and adopted.

8. The Committee to nominate a new Executive Board, reported as follows:

REPORT.

Your Committee have had the subject referred to them under consideration. We recommend the following, any five of whom will form a quorum for business—John McIntosh, Joseph H. Marshall, Benjamin F. Jones, James Thomas, Thomas H. Everitt, Berryman Fergusson, Lewis Linsey, Nathan H. McFadden, Dr. P. F. Norfleet, and A. Simmons.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN SELVIDGE, Chairman.

The report was received, and the committee discharged; and, on motion, the brethren nominated were unanimously elected.

9. The committee on *Ways and Means* reported. Their report was received, and the committee discharged; and, on motion, their report was unanimously adopted—

REPORT.

1. We recommend the appointment of *four* missionaries for *twelve* months each; *two* missionaries for *six* months each; and *two* missionaries for *three* months each.

2. We recommend the Association to fix the allowance made to missionaries for their support at the rates of from *one hundred and fifty to two hundred dollars* a year for *those who have families*; and for *those who have no families* at from *one hundred to one hundred and fifty dollars*.

3. We recommend the Association to divide Middle Tennessee into two districts, and to appoint two of the missionaries for twelve months to each of these districts.

* Brother Peck preached on Monday, to a very crowded assembly, and greatly to the instruction and edification of all his hearers.

The two missionaries for six months, and the two for three months, to have smaller districts, parts of the larger ones, and two in each district.

4. We recommend the Association to request her Moderator to take of the members of this Association, a subscription, and collection, in the following manner:—

1. Request the *ministers* of the Association to say how much each of them will solicit in funds for the Association, and forward to the next annual meeting.

2. How much the delegates from each Church will pledge themselves for in behalf of their several Churches.

3. How much each individual will pledge himself for.

4. Take up a collection.

Respectfully submitted.

B. KIMBROUGH, *Chairman*.

10. On motion, the General Association unanimously requested her Moderator now to address them, and carry into effect the 4th paragraph in the report, which he did, with the following results:—

1. After a warm appeal, he called upon the ministers, who pledged themselves as follows:—

B. Kimbrough,	\$50	A. W. Meachum,	\$30	
R. B. C. Howell,	50	J. A. Bullard,	30	
John Bond, (con-		W. S. Perry,	30	
ditionally.)		50	H. W. Pickett,	10
R. W. January,	30	J. M. D. Cates,	10	
John Wiseman,	30	W. F. Luck,	10	
E. W. Haile,	30	J. Harris,	10	
John Selvidge,	30	W. Williams,	10	
A. Bass,	30	N. M. Green,	5	
John Wiseman,	10	P. T. Henderson,	10	
S. C. Odom,	20	H. B. Fite, Sr.,	10	

Aggregate, \$195

The Moderator now called upon the Messengers to pledge themselves in behalf of their Churches, which they did, as follows:—

Nashville, 1st ch.	\$50	Harmony,	\$20
Littlecedarlick,	10	Prosperity,	10
Antioch,	20	Murfreesborough,	30
McCroryscreak,	10	Rockspring,	10
Bradleyscreak,	10	Lebanon,	25
Cedargrove,	10	Fellowship,	10
Concord,	10	Millcreek,	20
Sandersfork,	10	Dixonscreak,	16
Roundlick,	10	Bethel, S. co.,	5
Union,	10	Bethel, R. co.,	10
Enon,	20	Hickmanscreak,	5
Smithsfork,	15	Newhope,	5
Rutland's,	10		

Aggregate, \$360

Moderator now called upon individuals, who pledged themselves as follows:—

Mrs. Mary Cowan,	\$20	00
P. J. Smith,	1	00
Sarah Erwin,	1	00
Sarah Bond,	1	00
Nancy Forbes,	0	50
Peany Smith,	0	50
Mary Williams,	1	00
Cash,	0	25
Harriet Jones,	0	50

Jane Jones,	0	50
Patience S. Weatherhead,	0	50
Harriet N. Holt,	1	00
Jane Patterson,	1	00
D. C. Holt,	2	00
W. D. Baker,	2	00
W. H. Jackson,	1	00
J. W. Bond,	5	00
T. W. Bond,	5	00
Josiah Burke,	2	00
Presley S. Lester,	5	00
M. N. Grinnitt,	0	50
Joel M. Grinnitt,	1	00
J. H. Barclay,	5	00
William B. Jones,	1	00
David G. Hughes,	1	00
Robert Young,	0	50
Cash,	3	25

Aggregate, \$63 00

The Moderator then took up a collection, the amount of which did not come to the knowledge of the Secretary.

The whole amount of collections by the Moderator to-day for missionary purposes is EIGHT HUNDRED AND NINETY-EIGHT DOLLARS. The Churches sent up in their letters the following sums:—

Littlecedarlick,	\$2	25	Brawleysfork,	\$1	00
Antioch,	12	95	Rockspring,	2	15
Bradleyscreak,	5	00	Mount Lebanon,	1	00
Cedargrove,	10	05	Fellowship,	4	21
Sandersfork,	3	00	Millcreek,	11	50
Union,	1	00	Concord,	3	25
Enon,	11	50	Bethel, S. co.,	2	00
Knobspring,	4	50	Carmel,	1	00
Rutland's,	5	00	Columbia, (color-		
Prosperity,	5	00	ed church,) 1	50	

Amounting to \$57 86

This amount with the \$443 80 collected yesterday, and the \$898 above, make our collections \$1,429 66, besides \$100 90 collected for Foreign Missions, the collections for the Publication and Education Societies, and about five hundred dollars appropriated directly by the Salem and Liberty Associations, and a hundred and thirty dollars by the Tennessee Churches of Bethel Association.

11. Ordered that the next annual meeting of this body be held with the Church at Newhope, Bedford county, twelve miles east of Shelbyville, to commence Saturday before the fourth Lord's day in October 1845. Bro. J. H. Eaton to preach the Introductory Sermon; bro. John Bond his alternate.

12. Resolved, That the editors of The Baptist be respectfully requested to publish the minutes of this meeting in their paper, and to furnish eight hundred extra copies to us for distribution.

13. The Committee on Finance reported. Their report was received, and ordered to be printed, and the committee was discharged.

REPORT.

The Committee on Finance submit the following report, which embraces also that of the Treasurer.

James T. Gambrill, \$5 00

L. Kimbrough,	50	
Jno. Wiseman, (Ag't.)	7	01
B. Kimbrough,	20	00
Jno. Bond, (Agent,)	31	00
James Avent,	10	00
same	1	50
Antioch Church,	12	95
Concord do.	3	98
Littlecedarlick do.	2	25
Carmel do.	1	00
Fellowship do.	4	21
Prosperity do.	5	00
Cedargrove do.	10	05
Bradleyscreak do.	5	00
Enon do.	10	09
same do.	1	50
Athens do.	2	35
Knobspring do.	4	45
Rockspring do.	2	20
Sandersfork do.	3	00
Millcreek do.	10	09
J. Melatosh,	5	00
Rutland's do.	5	60
Lebanon do.	3	00
same do.	1	00
J. Barleson,	15	00
Brawleysfork do.	1	00
Jesse Sikes,	10	00
R. W. January,	10	00
Wm. Harwood,	3	00
J. C. Holt,	2	50
W. S. Perry,	5	00
J. H. Marshall,	15	00
N. Lowe, (Treas.)	27	90
Millcreek,	1	50

Whole amount, \$256 78

P. F. NORFLEET, *Chairman*.

The Committee appointed to settle with Agents and Missionaries beg leave to present the following report:—

John Wiseman labored two months,	
worth	\$33 33
Received of the Board	40 37½

Due the Board	\$7 04
John Bonds labored 212 days, worth	133 10
Received of the Board	164 03

Due the Board	\$30 83
P. T. Henderson labored 8 months and two-thirds, worth	140 40
Received of the Board	59 90

Due him	\$80 50
A. W. Meachum labored 8 months, worth	133 33
Received of the Board	55 50

Amount due him	\$77 80
W. F. Luck labored 214 days, worth	167 94
Received of the Board	86 57

Due him	\$81 37
A. Bass labored 10 months, worth	162 00
Received of the Board	56 33

Due him	\$105 62
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John Harris labored 4 months, worth	66 66
Received of the Board	109 67

Due the Board	\$43 01
E. W. Haile labored 59 days, worth	31 56
Paid out to Agents and Missionaries during the last Association year	\$572 42
Still due Agents and Missionaries	377 15
To liquidate which, there is on hand in cash and subscriptions of the last year, about	530 00
C. K. WINSTON, <i>Chairman</i> .	

The communication from the second Baptist Church in Nashville was returned by the committee, and upon their recommendation, referred to the Executive Board.

14. The Committee to nominate missionaries presented their

REPORT.

Your committee to nominate missionaries for the present year, beg leave to name the following brethren—John Bond, John Selvidge, A. Bass, W. F. Luck, for twelve months; for six months, John Rushing, N. M. Green, and for three months J. T. S. Sherrill and John Harris.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. MARSHALL, *Chairman*.

15. Ordered that the individual arrangement and contract with our missionaries as to fields of labor, and compensation, in accordance with the recommendation which we have adopted, of the Committee of Ways and Means, be referred to the Executive Board.

16. On motion, the *rules* adopted last year by the Executive Board for the government of missionaries, were unanimously adopted as the Rules of the General Association, and the Board was instructed to be governed by them, until repealed by this body—viz:

RULES.

1. Our missionaries will be at liberty to exchange labors with each other, provided an equal amount of effort is rendered in each district; and in their respective districts, the largest amount of their time and attention they are to give to those points which promise the best results.

2. Our missionaries and agents are required to report through the Corresponding Secretary to the Executive Board, at each quarterly meeting of the Board; no brother appointed shall be considered a missionary or agent of this body until he has signified his acceptance of the appointment, and of the conditions proposed, in writing; and any brother failing to make his quarterly report, from that time, thereby, forfeits his appointment.

3. Our missionaries are not at liberty to report as labor, any work done with a Church having a regular pastor, unless it be repaid by the pastor doing as much work with them in some destitute place in their district; and they are instructed not to visit such Churches, unless specially invited by pastors to aid in protracted meetings, and then only on the conditions specified.

4. Missionaries, who accept employment from us, are required to give up their Churches, and hold no pastorate, during the time they engage to preach as missionaries.

5. Our missionaries and agents are required to report all funds (not articles of clothing) received by them for any purpose, while under our direction.

17. The Messengers appointed to visit auxiliary and corresponding bodies were called upon and made satisfactory reports.

18. Appointed delegates to associate bodies as follows:—

1. To SALEM ASSOCIATION, to be held with the church at Hickman's creek, Smith county, Tenn., commencing on Saturday before the 1st Lord's day in Oct. 1845, J. A. Bullard, W. F. Luck, R. W. January, J. M. D. Cates, John Bond.

2. To CONCORD ASSOCIATION, to be held with the Church at Macroryscreek, Davidson county, commencing Saturday before the second Lord's day in August 1845, R. B. C. Howell, J. A. Bullard, R. W. January, W. F. Luck.

3. To BETHEL ASSOCIATION, to be held in Russellville, Ky., to commence Saturday before the fourth Lord's day in September 1845, W. S. Perry, P. F. Norfleet, John McIntosh, E. W. Haile, R. W. January, A. W. Meachum, Joseph H. Marshall.

4. To DUCKRIVER ASSOCIATION, to be held with the Mount Lebanon church, Marshall county, on Saturday preceding the 2d Lord's day in October, 1845, B. Kimbrough, A. W. Meachum, John Harris, Joseph H. Marshall.

5. To LIBERTY ASSOCIATION, A. W. Meachum, J. C. Holt, John Harris, W. F. Luck.

6. To THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF EAST TENNESSEE, to be held with the Church at Cedar Grove, Blount county, Friday before the third Saturday in August 1845, J. M. D. Cates, B. Kimbrough.

7. To THE CONVENTION OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT, to be held with the Church at Spring Hill, Gibson county, W. S. Perry, John Harris, N. M. Green, W. H. Harwood.

19. The following resolutions were then severally presented, and unanimously adopted:—

1. *Resolved*, That we have, with the sincerest pleasure, welcomed among us at this meeting our beloved brethren Rev. Rufus Babcock, D. D. of the American and Foreign Bible Society, Rev. John Stevens, of the Board of Foreign Missions, Rev. J. M. Peck, of the American Baptist Publication Society, and Rev. W. F. Nelson, of the Western Theological Institute.

2. *Resolved*, That any member of this body, who shall be present at the anniversaries of either of these bodies, or at the General Associations, Conventions, or anniversaries of other benevolent institutions, of any of our sister States, or Territories, and shall show the minutes of this General Asso-

ciation containing his name, be, and he is hereby, authorized to act as our messenger.

3. *Resolved*, That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to transmit to the Corresponding Secretary of each of the State General Associations and Conventions, of the States and Territories of our country, a copy of these minutes, and request a copy of theirs in return, for the use of this General Association; and that the same thing be hereafter done annually.

4. *Resolved*, That our thanks are due, and are hereby tendered, to the brethren and friends of this Church and neighborhood, for the liberal hospitality with which we have been entertained by them during this meeting.

20. A motion for adjournment being now made, the minutes of the day were read, and adopted. The Moderator then addressed the General Association at some length, presenting our prosperity and success in past years, as motives for increased gratitude, exertion and faith; he exhorted the ministers and churches to persevere in maintaining brotherly love, union, and fidelity to Christ, and above all to be men of prayer, spiritual and laborious, trusting alone in God, who will, by his spirit, bring to pass the desires of our hearts. He then led in prayer, and the General Association adjourned to the time and place of the next annual meeting. A hymn was now sung, during which the brethren gave each other the parting hand with tears of affection and melancholy joy.

Signed:

ROBT. BOYTE C. HOWELL, *Mod'r.*

Attest:

W. S. PERRY, *Rec. Sec.*

REPORT

Of the Executive Board of the General Association of Tennessee, for the Associational year of 1844.

At the last meeting of the General Association of Tennessee, it was resolved "That we keep six Missionaries and two General Agents in the field during the present year." The individuals were named, but their compensation, fields of labor, and mode of operations were left to the discretion of the Executive Board.

Immediately after the adjournment of the General Association, the Executive Board held a session, and took into consideration the compensation of missionaries. After much discussion it was determined that all missionaries should be allowed the same sum per annum, viz: \$200.

On the 27th of October, a called meeting was held in Nashville, at which time the fields of labor were laid off:

1st District, composed of the counties of Jackson, Smith, Sumner, White, DeKalb, Warren, Cannon and Coffee.

2d District, composed of the counties of

Davidson, Rutherford, Williamson, Maury, Bedford, Lincoln, Franklin and Marshall.

3d District, composed of the counties of Dickson, Stewart, Humphreys, Hickman, Lawrence, Wayne, Giles, and those parts of Hardin and Perry on this side of the Tennessee river.

These districts were somewhat altered at the meeting of the Board the 20th of last January, by adding Coffee, Giles and Marshall to the second district, and Macon to the first.

Brethren Bass, and Luck were assigned to the first district; Selvidge and Haile, to the second, and Nixon and Meacham to the third.

Brethren Haile, Nixon and Selvidge did not accept their appointment, and their places were filled subsequently by brethren Henderson, Harris and Jonathan Wiseman, the last of whom also refused to accept his appointment.

The missionaries thus appointed and disposed of, were allowed to exchange labor with each other, to distribute books, tracts, &c., to take up public collections on fit occasions, to receive sums from annual contributors and receipt for the same, to preach to destitute churches and neighborhoods and report faithfully all their labors, as well as all sums of whatever character collected quarterly, to the Board. They were moreover, required to give up their pastorships, to preach for no church having a pastor unless invited, and then only upon condition that the same amount of labor be returned in some destitute portion of the country.

A committee was also appointed to settle with the General Agents, Rev. John Bond, and Rev. John Wiseman, for services during the past year, and to determine what compensation they would require for the present. This committee reported the 20th of January, 1844, that the General Agents charge nothing for past services, and that they would require at the rates of \$200 per annum for their services the present associational year; which amount was to be paid to each out of his own collections.

The Board has used every means to keep in the field six missionaries and two agents, (the number decided upon by the General Association) but on account of sickness, resignations, and nonacceptances, it has had but two missionaries employed all the time; and at our last meeting we received the resignation of brother Jno. Wiseman, General Agent, so that we have had but one General Agent, employed all the time. With these difficulties, however, we are able to present the following abstract of labors and results:

STATISTICS.

Travelled 12544 miles; delivered 1063 sermons; conversions 654; exhortations 408; additions to the churches 380; baptised 993; ordained 14 Deacons; constituted 2 churches; formed 2 Sunday Schools; 2 Temperance Societies; 2 lectures on temperance; distributed a few books and tracts; received

in money \$140 47; paid to missionaries and agents about \$572 which taken from annual contribution, subscriptions and donations will leave about \$150, besides a small amount in the hands of the Treasurer.

The above constitutes a synopsis of our operations during the past year, except some labors performed the last quarter and not yet reported—and whilst we regret that more has not been done, we can but feel grateful that so much has been accomplished. God has sustained and blessed us. Numbers have been brought to repentance, and added to those as we trust who will be saved; backsliders have been reclaimed, the lukewarm stirred up, churches constituted, and doubtless much bread cast upon the waters which will be gathered in many days hence. Our denomination is now united as it has not been for many years, objections have been removed, the cause of benevolence advanced, our ministry is improving, ignorance is giving way before the light of truth, and the day rapidly approaching when the gospel will be preached in its purity in every dark place of our beloved State.

Although Mid. Ten. has been laid off regularly into districts and missionaries appointed to each, we have found it impossible to occupy the whole ground, and we call your attention particularly to that portion of the country north of the Cumberland river from Gallatin to the Kentucky line, as well as some counties of the south west. In the first mentioned portion the destitution is immense—there scarcely being a Baptist minister in that whole region.

Since our last report the E. Society has commenced the publication of a Newspaper, called *The Baptist*, under the editorial charge of the Rev. R. B. C. Howell, and Rev. W. C. Crane. This removes one important obstacle to our progress mentioned in our last communication, and we cordially recommend it to the patronage of the denomination.

We would still urge upon the churches the importance of rendering more comfortable their houses of worship. The winter is approaching, and much important time will be lost unless it is attended to.

In thinly settled portions of the country especially, the propriety of erecting shelters and holding camp meetings statedly, will be found one of the most efficient means of advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom.

The towns and villages also should be occupied. But this cannot be done without houses of worship. We would then recommend, that the churches in each county, whose towns are destitute of places of worship, unite their means and efforts to the accomplishment of this vastly important object. Such a course has succeeded in other States, and we know it may succeed here.

We have received communications from the auxiliaries in the Eastern and Western divisions of the State, which bring to us delightful intelligence, and show that our brethren in those parts are greatly ahead of us in their works of faith and labors of love.

That from the Convention of the Western District, says that that body was organized at the Bethel church, Hardeman county, Tenn. by the election of Rev. P. S. Gayle, President, J. F. Ruffin, Secretary, and H. Owen, assistant Secretary. The reports of missionaries show a good state of religious feeling in the field of their labors, which pretty much embraced the destitute regions. The labor performed by them was nearly equal to two years constant labor of one man. Received into the Treasury in cash upwards of \$900 and a subscription of \$200 yet unpaid—remaining last year in the Treasurer's hands, over \$400—making in all \$1500. They have paid off every debt, and have in the Treasury upwards of \$400. They have sent out six heralds of the cross, besides Rev. H. L. Pettus, who also does the work of a missionary, and efforts are being made to secure the services of Elder P. S. Gayle for the space of three years. They also held a meeting of the Bible Society, during which, forty life members were secured, which together with some money and subscriptions obtained make the sum of \$1200. Elder Gayle is President and Thos. Owen, Jr., Secretary. They appointed Elders P. S. Gayle, C. C. Conner, J. J. Smith, Thos. Owen, H. L. Pettus, and R. Day, to meet with the General Association of Middle Tennessee, commencing to-day, and express a hope that you will meet them at their next annual meeting to be held at Spring Hill, Gibson co., Tenn., to commence on Friday before the second Lord's day in September.

The communication from East Ten. informs of a glorious meeting of the Convention held at Mossy Creek, Jefferson county, Tenn., the Friday before the third Lord's day in August, 1844, at which time that body resolved itself into a General Association. About fifty ministers besides laymen, were in attendance. They adopted a Constitution similar to ours, with this marked difference, that the Executive Board is composed exclusively of Deacons. (Would it not be well, that ministers be excluded from our Executive Board?) They do not give any statistics, but state that the cause is in a flourishing condition. Perhaps we may receive additional information from them during our present session.

Adopted by the Board, Oct. 26th, 1844.

C. K. WINSTON, Cor. Sec'y.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1.—This Body shall be called the Baptist General Association of Tennessee.

ART. 2.—It shall be the entire object of this Association, to seek by appropriate scriptural means, the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom, by supplying at their request vacant Churches, by aiding feeble Churches to avail themselves of the regular services of Pastors, and by so assisting Preachers as to enable them to labor in destitute regions in or near the limits of the State.

ART. 3.—Any Association or Church co-operating in the designs of the General Association, and reporting their labors to it, shall be entitled to representation; there shall not however, be a larger number than ten delegates for any one Association, and five for any one Church; and provided that no person shall be eligible to a seat in this body who is not a member in full fellowship of some Baptist Church.

ART. 4.—These delegates when so convened in General Association, shall in no case interfere with the internal regulations of the Associations or Churches, nor pursue any other objects than those specified in the second Article.

ART. 5.—This General Association shall appoint an Executive Board to transact all business during its recess, who shall be, ex-officio, members of the General Association.

ART. 6.—The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall be members of the Executive Board. They shall be elected at the regular annual meetings of the Association.

ART. 7.—Any amendment may be made to this Constitution, at any regular annual meeting, by the concurrence of two thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1.—It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preserve order; and state clearly and fairly propound every question, which may be presented for consideration. He shall always rise from his seat to take the vote of the Association. He shall take no part in the discussion, unless he first call some other person to the chair. If the sense of the Association be taken by ballot, the Moderator may vote, but in no other case unless there be a tie; he shall then give the casting vote. He shall appoint all Committees not otherwise ordered by the Association. He shall decide all questions of order and his decision shall be final, unless an appeal be had to the Association and his decision reversed. He shall enforce strictly and impartially the Constitution and Rules of this Association.

It shall be the duty of the Clerk to note all the proceedings of the General Association at its regular meetings, and transcribe them into a book prepared for that purpose, which he shall always have present at the regular annual meetings. He shall read all documents presented for the consideration of the Association, and keep and preserve all papers.

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct all the correspondence pertaining to the General Association or its interests, he shall act as Recording Secretary to the Ex. Board, carefully record all its proceedings and transcribe them into a book prepared for that purpose, and make a full report, which shall

previously have been examined and adopted by the Board, to the regular annual meetings of the General Association, of all their transactions, and which shall be the annual report of the Ex. Board.

The Treasurer shall receive all the moneys of the General Association, keep a regular account of all his receipts as well as expenditures in a book set apart for that purpose, pay out all moneys ordered by the Association or Ex. Board, and make an annual report to the Association, exhibiting the state of the Treasury.

All officers of this body shall be elected by ballot.

RULE 2.—Any member wishing to speak, shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the Moderator. He shall closely confine himself to the subject under consideration. He shall use no other than decorous, courteous, language, and shall scrupulously avoid, all personal reflections, and objectionable epithets. No member shall speak more than once on any one subject until all the members who may indicate a desire to speak shall have been heard; nor shall any member speak more than three times on the same subject without the consent of the Association. No member speaking shall be interrupted, except to explain, or by a motion to adjourn, unless he be out of order; he shall then be called to order.

RULE 3.—No question shall be discussed, or change the deliberations of the Association, unless brought up by motion, or resolution, and while such motion or resolution, is before the Association, no other shall be admitted, except as a substitute for it, to amend it, to refer it to a committee, to postpone it, for the previous question, or for adjournment.

To prevent unnecessary delay in the decision of important questions, it shall be the privilege of any member to call for the previous question, and if the call be sustained by a majority of the Association, the question shall be taken on the original motion or resolution, to the exclusion of all amendments and all debate.

When a question is decided, no further debate shall be allowed, unless a member who voted in the majority shall move a reconsideration.

RULE 4.—It shall be the duty of all the members present to vote, unless especially excused, on all questions coming before the Association, except those who are personally concerned in the issue. All absent members are considered as voting with the majority. The person first named in a resolution is always Chairman. When various motions are made with respect to a question, or when the question is divided into several parts, the highest number of yeas shall determine on the whole, and the lowest number on the parts. When the Moderator calls on a member to state his vote, no further remark shall be admitted, unless to correct mistakes, nor shall a member change his vote after the decision is pronounced, unless by the consent of the Association.

The yeas and nays may be called for by any member, and if sustained by the Association,

shall be taken and recorded. The names shall be called in alphabetical order.

No member after having taken his seat, shall absent himself, without leave of the Moderator, or, if he choose to refer the petition, without leave of the Association.

RULE 5.—The meetings of this Association, shall be opened and closed with prayer, by the Moderator, or he shall call upon some other person to perform that service.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TENNESSEE BAPTIST BIBLE SOCIETY, Held at the Roundlick Meeting house, Wilson county, October, 25th, 1844.

Present, P. F. Norfleet, President, Elder R. W. January, Dr. C. K. Winston, J. H. Shepherd, J. H. Marshall, Elders R. B. C. Howell, John Wiseman, J. C. Holt, W. S. Perry, B. Kimbrough, W. F. Luck, E. W. Hale, P. T. Henderson, N. H. McFadden and Jas. Thomas. The Society was called to order, and proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year—

P. F. Norfleet, re-elected President.
H. G. Scovel, Cor. Secretary.
James Thomas, Rec. Secretary.
W. G. M. Campbell, Treasurer.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

W. S. Baldry, John McIntosh, Sr., J. H. Shepherd, J. Darden, John McIntosh, Jr., Saml. Hodges, A. B. Shankland, J. H. Marshall, H. Gossett.

The Treasurer being absent, Jas. Thomas was elected Treasurer pro tem—Rev. Dr. Babcock, Cor. Secretary of the A. and F. Bible Society, being present, was introduced to the Society and made a short, but very appropriate address, after which the Society adjourned to meet at the end of the President.

The amount collected in Life Memberships, individual subscriptions, and cash, to the Tennessee Baptist Bible Society, was four hundred and eighteen dollars eighty cents.—[For names of subscribers, names, &c., see proceedings of Genl. Association.]

Monday, Oct. 28th.

The Society was called to order by the President, when the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Executive Board be instructed to employ, if they deem it expedient, a suitable agent to solicit the co-operation of the churches in Tennessee, which have not contributed for the diffusion of God's word. The Society then adjourned to the time and place of the next General Association.

JAMES THOMAS, Rec. Secretary.

Cash received for the Bible Society at the annual meeting—from Elder John Wiseman, Bible agent for Salem Association, \$26 50— and from Elder A. Bass, \$7 50, designed for the China mission, \$31—from brother N. H. McFadden 50 cts—collection taken up on Sabbath, \$11 65—from John Cunningham,

his subscription to make Elder James Bond a life member of A. and F. Bible Society, \$1—from Elder W. F. Luck, on life membership of Elder James Bond, \$1, making \$48 15.
Nov. 2—Received of W. S. Perry \$3, the subscription of R. W. January, B. Ferguson and J. R. Taylor.

JAMES THOMAS, Treas. pro tem.

TENNESSEE BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

The Tennessee Baptist Publication Society met in Annual Session with the Church at Roundlick, Wilson county, Tenn., Oct. 2, 1844, C. K. Winston in the Chair, and P. F. Norfleet, Secretary.

PRESENT.

James Thomas, P. F. Norfleet, W. F. Luck, J. M. D. Cates, John Bond, John Selvidge, E. W. Benson, E. W. Halle, R. B. C. Howell, P. T. Henderson, B. Kimbrough, F. Grey, J. H. Eaton, J. A. Ballard, R. W. January, R. B. Syper, J. C. Holt, W. S. Perry, John Phillips, John S. Carr, C. K. Winston, J. H. Shepherd, J. H. Marshall.

The following officers were elected to serve the ensuing year.

C. K. Winston, President—P. F. Norfleet, Rec. Secretary—James Thomas, Treasurer and Librarian—J. H. Shepherd, Cor. Sec.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

J. H. Marshall, J. C. Holt, John Selvidge, John Bond, R. B. C. Howell, R. W. January, John Rushing, W. S. Perry, B. Ferguson, B. Kimbrough, John McIntosh, J. H. Eaton.

The Report of the Treasurer and Librarian was read, received and adopted, and a committee, consisting of brethren Marshall, Kimbrough and Shepherd, appointed to prepare it for publication in these minutes.

REPORT

Of James Thomas, Treasurer and Librarian of Tennessee Baptist Publication Society, for the year ending 24th Oct. 1844.

RECEIPTS:

Sales of books and collections of outstanding accounts,	\$1,203 41
Contributions of sundry persons per A. Wedge,	136 12
Payment of D. Ferguson on account of his life directorship in the parent society, (one half of his subscription relinquished to this auxiliary.)	25 60
James Thomas, on loan,	324 65
J. H. Shepherd, donation,	\$1 00
do, do,	25—125 60
Nashville Bap. Ch. contribution,	10 00
	\$1,887 18

DISBURSEMENTS:

Payments to A. B. Pub. So. at sundry times,	\$722 00
Payments to Gould, Kendall & Lincoln,	562 91
Payments to A. & F. B. Soc.,	50 00

Exchange \$19 76; Freight, Postage, &c. \$38 98	58 74
Printing minutes for 1842,	7 50
Rec'd A. Wedge, Colporteur 439 95—1,891 10	

Excess of disbursements over receipts—due J. Thomas,	\$3 92
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The following is a statement of the general condition of the Depository:

Stock of books on hand, embracing over 1,200 vols. and 57,000 pages tracts, worth	\$695 62
Books left by Colporteur with several brethren for sale, to be reported at present meeting of General Association,	157 12
Books sold on time by Colporteur, payments to be made at this meet'g,	127 69
Am't. overpaid A. Wedge, Colporteur, Due from "The Baptist" for obtaining 200 subscribers,	64 95
Due by sundry persons for books,	100 00
	327 93
	\$1,463 31

Due from the Society to A. B. P. Soc. for books, \$689 50	
do. for half payment of D. Ferguson on life directorship,	14 60—653 50
Am. & F. B. Society,	142 08
Cash borrowed,	419 65
Tenn. Marine & Fire Ins. Co. for insurance,	25 25
Excess of disbursements due James Thomas,	3 92—1,255 00

Excess of means over liabilities forming the present capital of the Society, \$228 31

I have been advised of the shipment of books ordered from Philadelphia, Boston and New York, which are included in this report.
JAMES THOMAS, Lib. & Treas.

We have examined the foregoing statements and account of bro. Thomas, and find them correct.

J. H. MARSHALL,
B. KIMBROUGH,
J. H. SHEPHERD.

Called for report of the committee appointed to fix the price of books and employ Colporteur; J. H. Shepherd reported as follows:

REPORT

Of Special Committee of Publication Society.

The undersigned were appointed at the last annual meeting of the Tennessee Baptist Publication Society, a Special Committee to employ a colporteur, and attend minutely to some other interests of the Depository.

In prosecution of this appointment, we ordered at an early day an additional supply of books from the parent society in Philadelphia. Early in January we employed Elder Albert Wedge to serve as a colporteur. With

a very limited stock of books, he succeeded far beyond our expectations in making sales, and he obtained, towards forming a capital for the society, subscriptions to a very gratifying extent. He found, during his first tours, that the supply of books at our Depository was inadequate to the demand. In order to meet this demand, to give full employment to bro. Wedge, and to realize from his services the means of defraying their expense, we deemed it expedient to enlarge our operations. The society being without any considerable capital, we ordered early in April, on our individual responsibility, a lot of Bibles and Testaments from the American and Foreign Bible Society, and from a publishing house in Boston a lot of other books. The books were not received till July, and during the months of April, May and June, when there is usually most money in circulation, and when the weather is favorable for travelling, our operations were limited or wholly suspended. During this time we employed bro. Wedge mainly in obtaining subscribers for the Baptist, for which service we expect to receive \$100, if the avails of the paper will afford the means.

It has been a principle with us to sell all books, on which we receive a discount, at Eastern prices, and to fix such a price on others as will but pay the cost of transportation and making the sales. The discount which we receive will not justify our selling books at present prices, unless we can sell a large amount; and we have pursued the course adopted, with a view to give every inducement to our brethren and others to purchase and read our books—preferring a very small advance on large operations, to the usual profits on a smaller one. Our sales are necessarily made for cash as far as possible, and our brethren will see the necessity of a hearty co-operation and liberal patronage to save us from loss and disappointment.

The amount of sales by our colporteur for the last six months, have been, for cash \$655 78, on time \$127 69, and he left with different brethren books, which we presume are all sold, amounting to \$157 12—making in all \$940 59.

Respectfully submitted,

C. K. WINSTON,)
JAMES THOMAS,) Committee.
J. H. SHEPHERD,)

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Executive Committee of the Tennessee Baptist Publication Society beg leave to Report: that no regular proceedings have been had in our quarterly meetings; a large amount of the business which would have devolved on us, having been discharged by a Special Committee, appointed at our last annual meeting, to whose report we beg to refer.

A want of the means of conducting our operations upon a scale at all extended, has constituted our main difficulty. Our object has been to disseminate as widely as possible, books which would give enlarged views

of christian and social duties, correct and uniform views of doctrine, elevate the standard of christian morals, and lead impenitent men and women to our Lord and Saviour, by fixing very low prices on the books, and employing a colporteur to take them into every neighborhood.

If we can pay the expenses of transportation on the books, and the expenses of the colporteur, we shall have gained our wishes as far as profits are concerned, relying for a capital, as a means of enlarging our operations, upon the liberality of our brethren and friends. It will be remembered, that all the trouble of keeping the Depository, and attending to the sales, is assumed by bro. James Thomas, without any reward in this world; and our expenses are in this way greatly lessened. The colporteur, employed by the Special Committee alluded to, in two different reports mentions some pleasing and cheering evidences of God's favor in the conversion of souls, and in removing the prejudices of our brethren by the instrumentality of the books circulated by us; and to his reports we refer.

The Society has added to its operations the sale of Bibles and Testaments; and of these, together with tracts, we have circulated gratuitously about \$40 worth. We should have been glad to distribute a much larger number; and there are those who would have gladly read, but could not purchase them. Our means would not permit us to do more. Shall we not in future receive the united and hearty support of all our brethren, that we may be able to give greater power to this mighty engine of good?

Our limited means, as exhibited in the Treasurer's Report, would seem to indicate, that to employ a colporteur longer, would absorb our capital rapidly. We cannot, however, reconcile it to our views of christian policy to dispense with the services of an active, zealous and pious agent—operating not in behalf of this society alone, but aiding directly or indirectly all the great enterprises of our denomination in this region.

By order of the Board.

J. H. SHEPHERD, Cor. Sec.
Oct. 24th, 1844.

The Report of the Colporteur was read, received and adopted, and ordered to be printed.

As Colporteur of the Tennessee Baptist Publication Society, I present the following Report of six months labor, commencing 12th April, 1844.

My labors have been mostly within the bounds of the Middle District. I made one short tour in the Western District, of four weeks, and distributed a few books.

The sale of books has not been as large as we anticipated, owing to the change of times in regard to money. Hundreds of dollars more in value might have been distributed, if the means had been at hand to purchase. It is encouraging to say, that an increasing interest is manifested by the churches to obtain that

instruction which the Publication Society wishes to disseminate through the medium of books; and where a few are distributed, it only increases the appetite for more. With the increase of knowledge and piety, ministers and churches are waking up to every good word and work.

One incident related to me by a brother in the ministry, is worthy of notice, and may serve as an illustration. Said the brother, "a few years since, I was opposed to missions and benevolent objects generally; and the reason why I was thus opposed (to say the truth) was mere ignorance. I had not the means of information, and besides, I did not wish it. I thought I knew as much as any body, consequently I did not concern myself about books. I supposed they were made up of men's opinions, and were calculated to divert the mind from the true source of knowledge, thereby proving a real injury to those who read them. At length a good brother gave me a book. It being something new, and a present too, I thought I would read it, and did so with great interest. For the first time I began to doubt whether I knew every thing or not. Soon after, I was presented with another book, my doubts increased in regard to my former views and notions, until, at length, I received and read the third book. By this time I concluded I did not know anything. Having obtained the means of information, I saw at once that the cause of missions was for God. My views of all the benevolent operations of the day were changed and I was now prepared warmly to advocate them. I now feel the need of books, but am too poor to get them." This is one example among many others that might be presented, showing the happy influence of the Publication cause.

A part of the time my attention has been taken up in obtaining subscribers for *The Baptist*. During six or seven weeks thus employed, I gave up the distribution altogether.

In the course of my labors, I have travelled 1,791 miles—preached 60 times—visited 50 churches—visited 5 associations—visited (besides calls) 90 families—sold books to amount of \$655 78—lent for sale at different points \$157 12, which are mostly disposed of, but the proceeds are not realized—obtained on subscription for the Publication cause \$106 41—distributed books gratuitously \$19 92—travels gratis 10,500 pages—travelling expenses \$30 25—Due from the Education Society for obtaining 200 subscribers for *The Baptist* \$100.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. WEDGE.

Nashville, Oct. 14 1844.

Adjourned to meet with the Church at New Hope, Bedford county, Tenn., on Friday before the annual meeting of the General Association. J. M. Peck is to preach the introductory sermon and J. H. Eaton, his alternate.

C. K. WINSTON, Pres.

P. F. NORFLEET, Sec.

TENNESSEE BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Tennessee Baptist For. Miss. Society, met in Annual Session with the Church, at Roundlick, Wilson county, Tenn., Oct. 26, 1844; J. H. Marshall in the Chair, and C. K. Winston, Secretary.

PRESENT.

B. Kimbrough, C. K. Winston, J. H. Marshall, R. B. C. Howell, A. W. Meachum, John McIntosh, R. W. January, J. M. D. Cates, J. H. Eaton, R. Jarman, P. T. Henderson, W. F. Luck, W. S. Perry, James Thomas, J. H. Shepherd, John Bond, John Wiseman, Sarah Wiseman, E. W. Benson, P. F. Norfleet.

The following officers were then elected to serve the ensuing year:

J. H. Marshall, President—C. K. Winston, Recording Secretary—J. H. Shepherd, Cor. Sec.—C. W. Anderson, Treasurer.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

H. G. Seovell, W. F. Bang, W. G. M. Campbell, G. D. Crosthwait, A. Wright, J. McIntosh, Senr., C. C. Trahne, T. L. Marshall, James Thomas, W. L. Murfree.

Appointed a committee, consisting of brethren Howell, Norfleet and Stevens, to draft resolutions, then adjourned to call of the President.

Oct. 26, 1844.

Met agreeably to a call from prayer by Rev. Dr. Babcock. Read a letter from the Female Missionary Society, of Robertson county, Tenn., which was received and ordered to be printed with the minutes.

An excellent address was then delivered by Rev. John Stevens, Agent of the B. F. M. S. After which a collection of \$10 was taken up.

The Committee on Resolutions, reported the following, which were adopted, and the committee discharged.

Resolved, That the wide providential openings for the spread of the Gospel among the heathen now before us, unite with the commands of Christ, in calling loudly upon us for zealous and enlarged effort in the Foreign Mission cause.

Resolved, That the Churches be requested to observe faithfully the monthly concert of prayer for Foreign Missions; and that they take up collections at these meetings, however small, and transmit the amounts to the Treasurer at Nashville.

Resolved, That we respectfully invite each Baptist Minister, in Tennessee, to preach an annual Missionary Sermon; and in connection with it, to take a collection or subscription for the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions.

Resolved, That we recommend the Baptist Missionary Magazine, and the Macedonian to the patronage of our Churches and brethren. At least one copy of the Magazine should be in every church, and a copy of the Macedonian in every family.

Rev. John Stevens was then appointed to

preach the Annual Sermon on Foreign Missions, and Rev. Dr. Howell his alternate.

Adjourned to meet the Thursday before the Annual Meeting of the General Association, New Hope, Bedford county, Tenn.

J. H. MARSHALL, Chairman.

C. K. WINSTON, Rec. Sec.

The Harmony Female Missionary Society, to the Tennessee Foreign Missionary Society.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Our Society was constituted in 1842. Owing to some oversight, our funds have hitherto been forwarded to the Foreign Missionary Society, connected with the Bethel Association, Kentucky. Hoping to stimulate to action our sisters in Tennessee, and feeling that our State should have the credit for what she does, we have resolved to forward the small amount we raise to your Treasury.

Our Society is composed of members who pay an annual subscription of fifty cents. They, together with any other ladies who feel disposed, meet once a month to work, the proceeds of which we put into the Treasury of the Society.

A variety of causes have prevented our doing as much the past year as usual. We are making arrangements, by which we hope the usefulness of our Society will be greatly increased.

Permit us to recommend to your board, to urge upon the sisters of our Churches the formation of similar societies. By systematic persevering effort on their part, a large sum might be sent annually to replenish the treasury of the parent society. Tennessee, with her 45,000 Baptists, contributed in 1843, according to the Baptist Missionary Magazine, the sum of \$25 to the Foreign Missions. "Fell not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Aklon."

We do hope that our Churches will feel the importance of cultivating more of the missionary spirit. The spiritual condition of millions of our fellow beings—the necessities of our missionaries, who are laboring in foreign lands, and the dying command of our Saviour, furnish motives which should prompt to vigorous self-denying efforts in sending the gospel to every nation.

Let us, dear brethren, work while the day lasts; soon our work will be done, and we must lay our heads upon the pillow of death. May our last moments be cheered by the consciousness that we have done something for the spiritual benefit of those who know not God and obey not the Gospel.

In behalf of the Society,

M. LOUISA B. FISK.

Oct. 19th, 1844.

P. S. We send you by bro. Perry the small amount of \$13 40.

M. L. FISK.

REPORT of Treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Foreign Missionary Society.

Dr.

To amt. on hand for the year ending Oct. 1843,

\$29 80

" " rec'd of Nashville Baptist Church at monthly concerts from Oct. 1843 to Oct. 1844.	46 20
" " rec'd of bro. Perry from Harmony Female Miss. Society,	13 40
" " " collection at Gen. Asso.	10 00
" " " Rev. J. Selvidge of Bradley's creek church,	00 50
" " " J. A. Jennings of Smith Fork church,	1 00
	\$100 90

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October 1844.

By this amt. remitted bro. Stevens, agent Baptist F. M. Society,

\$100 90

C. W. ANDERSON, Treasurer
Baptist F. M. Society.

TENNESSEE BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The Tennessee Baptist Education Society met in annual session with the church at Roundlick, Wilson county, Tenn., Oct. the 25th, 1844; P. F. Norfleet in the chair and C. K. Winston, Secretary.

Present, R. B. C. Howell, C. K. Winston, B. Kimbrough, J. H. Marshall, A. W. Meachum, John McIntosh, Sr., R. W. January, J. M. D. Cates, J. H. Eaton, R. Jarman, P. T. Henderson, W. F. Luck, W. S. Perry, Jas. Thomas, J. H. Shepherd, John Bond, John Wiseman, P. F. Norfleet, J. C. Holt.

The following officers were then elected to serve the ensuing year.

P. F. Norfleet, President—J. H. Marshall, Vice President—C. K. Winston, Rec. Secretary—J. C. Holt, Cor. Sec.—Thos. H. Maney, Treasurer.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

H. G. Seovell, W. F. Bang, Jas. Thomas, W. G. M. Campbell, A. Wright, John McIntosh, Sr., G. D. Crosthwait, C. C. Trahne, T. L. Marshall, W. L. Murfree.

The report of the Treasurer was then read, received and adopted.

Jas. Thomas, Treasurer, Education Society,

In account with the Tennessee Baptist Education Society—

Oct. 24, 1843. } To cash on hand at annual meeting,	\$1 75	
	To amount contributions received at same,	7 50
	To amount do Nashville Baptist church,	5 00
	To amount do at Ministerial Conference, pr J. C. Holt,	10 00
		\$24 25

Credit by amount paid for printing Minutes,

7 50

By amount paid J. B. Wasson, per J. C. Holt,

10 00

\$17 50

Balance on hand,

\$6 75

Appointed a committee to secure assistance for the editor of the Baptist, consisting of brethren Kimbrough, Eaton, and Marshall.

Continued the supervisory committee, brethren Winston, Shepherd and Marshall.

Appointed a committee to report in regard to Union University, consisting of brethren Eaton, Bullard and January. Adjourned to call of the President.

Oct. 2, 1844—Met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee on Union University were allowed time to report and hand over their views for publication in the Baptist.

The committee upon the subject of newspaper publications, and especially the Baptist, were allowed also to write out their views for publication in the Baptist.

The duty of obtaining assistance for the editor of the Baptist, entrusted to a committee at the last session, was transferred to the committee of Supervision, who will attend to that business as soon as practicable.

Requested the Executive Board to appoint a Mass Meeting for the benefit of educational purposes.

Brother Nelson was requested to furnish some numbers, upon the subject of Education, to be published in the Baptist.

Resolved, That we consider the cause of education, and especially that of the christian ministry as fundamental to the greatest success in the cause of God; and therefore pledge ourselves by all practicable means to foster and sustain all our institutions devoted to this great work, especially Union University, at Murfreesborough, Tenn., and the Western Baptist Theological Institute, at Covington, Ky., co-laborers in this most important enterprise.

Adjourned to Thursday before the annual meeting of the General Association, and same place.

P. F. NORFLEET, President.

C. K. WINSTON, Rec. Sec'y.

NASHVILLE, NOV. 1, 1844.

DEAR BROTHER HOWELL:

In compliance with the request of the Tennessee Baptist Education Society, I hereby send you for publication in "The Baptist," some statements and remarks upon a resolution offered by brother J. H. Marshall, and passed by that body at its annual session just closed. The resolution can be seen by reference to the minutes in another column of this paper.

This resolution assumes, it is true, a bold position that "*Ministerial Education is fundamental to our greatest success in the cause of God*"—and yet I am prepared to maintain its *sober verity*. Let me however, premise that in this position I assume no hostile attitude to other benevolent enterprises: we rather unitedly, constitute that "three-fold cord" of human instrumentality which "is not easily broken." How, I ask, could the Bible be faithfully translated into the thousand languages of the world—or other books defending and enforcing the doctrines and precepts of the Bible without education? And on the other hand, how could the Missionary field at home and abroad, be supplied with the most effective laborers without organization, and institutions for Ministerial Education? Each fold of this cord, therefore, is essential to its strength.

Before proceeding further however, let me pay a tribute of sincere and well earned regard to those venerated and beloved fathers in the ministry, who have fallen and their sons who still stand shoulder to shoulder with

us, fighting manfully the battles of the Lord. Uneducated they may be, and yet in another sense it is not so. What though their armor be unpolished—it is of heavenly temper—and though their sword be somewhat rusty its edge is still keen and effective. No! gladly would I sit at the feet of the humblest of them and learn many a lesson of self-denial in the school of Christ—and palsied be the arm and mute the tongue that would move or murmur against them. Oh! I have seen these hardy veterans while the tear of joy coursed down their furrowed cheeks, bless God that their young brethren were enabled to enjoy advantages of education of which they were deprived. God grant that the zeal, fidelity, and success of the sons may not disappoint, but even surpass the hopes of the fathers!

But why not continue in the path so successfully trodden by our ancestors? Whence the necessity for an educated ministry? To this inquiry we reply—the *design* of the ministry indicates it—the *Divine teaching* inculcates it—and *experience and observation* demand it.

The christian ministry is intended to elevate man as an intellectual, social, moral, and immortal being to his proper sphere and prepare him for his high and glorious destiny. But how I ask, can all this be achieved without education? Can the stream rise higher than its fountain? The adage "like priest like people," is as true as it is ancient; and while knowledge among the people is so rapidly advancing, how can a minister hope to be able to "teach others" unless he preserve his pre-eminence in knowledge? and shew himself "a workman that need not to be ashamed"—which, be it remembered, is a very different thing from a workman that is *not ashamed*: of which latter class we have, alas! but too many.

But the teaching of God, both by precept and example, shows us the necessity of an enlightened ministry. Witness the teachings of Paul to Timothy and Titus—as also the uniform voice of Divine inspiration wherever allusion is had to this subject—testimony clear and unwavering as the sunbeam. True, Paul affirms that God was pleased by the *foolishness of preaching* to save them that believe, but this, he it remembered, was a very different thing from *foolish preaching*. But it is said the Apostles were "ignorant and unlearned men." Let us examine this position. Men of private station indeed they were, for such is the true meaning of *idiotai* (rendered in our version *ignorant*)—and untaught in the wisdom of their schools; in other words, they were not scribes or authorized teachers, hence the surprise of the Jewish rulers at the fearless confidence of Peter and John, when brought before them. The apostles ignorant men!! Would that all our ministers at the present day had a full measure of such ignorance! But let us examine this matter a little more closely, and that we may rightly understand it, we will leave the case of Paul to be considered by itself. No one, I presume, will deny that the Apostles were

men of clear heads as well as strong hearts, and possessed of a good share of sound common sense. They were moreover thoroughly acquainted with the original languages of the Bible, having been trained in them as every Jew was from earliest childhood; they were besides, familiar with the habits, manners and customs and geography of their own and neighboring nations, all of which cannot now be acquired without years of severe patient study. But besides all this they enjoyed for *three years and a half* a course of Theological instruction under the tuition of Him who spake as never man spake. Nor even then does the Great teacher consider them fully qualified for their work, for he does not send them out but in pairs that one may correct and aid the other, and whither the Master was immediately to follow to supply what was wanting and correct their errors. And when at last He was about to be finally taken up from them, behold says He, I send the promise of my Father upon you, but tarry ye at Jerusalem until ye are endowed with wisdom from on high. Such was the ignorance of the Apostles. Oh! could we but have such preparation, how gladly would we for it exchange our poor three years, or even six or seven years study in our Theological Schools. Look now for a moment at the case of Paul. He had not it is true, the Saviour's personal instructions and doubtless on that account he was selected from among the most learned men of his age; besides which he possessed the miraculous gift of inspiration. Oh! how directly then does the teaching and example of the Saviour rebuke the presumption of those who like Ahimanaz, the son of Zadok were disposed to run before *their tidings are ready*. See 1 Sam. 18: 19-30.

But our experience and observation more-over most clearly demonstrate the necessity of an enlightened ministry. Even those who oppose in theory, in practice are found to prefer it, and in proportion as the minds of men are informed and cultivated is this preference more strongly developed. Hence in our cities and large towns where information is more diffused and the general mind cultivated, we always expect (other things being equal) that the most intelligent ministry will attract the largest congregations. This single fact affords a ready solution to the inquiry why in Eastern cities the Baptist denomination is so much more flourishing in comparison with others, than in those of the West. *There* we have men of thorough education. Let us however, never forget our grateful acknowledgements to the Great Head of the Church, who from a feeble band, persecuted for our inflexible adherence to truth, and despised for our ignorance, has so increased us that our principles are now embraced by a larger number than those of any other denomination in the United States. A change, however, is rapidly taking place and this high vantage ground will soon be irretrievably lost without an educated ministry.

Heresy also, which, within the last fifteen years, has made such havoc in our churches;

enticing away thousands and tens of thousands of our members could never have gained admission had our ministry been thoroughly educated, so as to expose and refute their specious sophistry.

But there still is another crying evil among us, attributable in a great degree to this same source. The standard of Christian morality among us, is *lamentably low*; and moreover thousands of our church members are *grossly ignorant* of the *fundamental doctrines* of the Bible, and consequent inability to explain or defend them. The reason is obvious, they *have not been instructed*. When has any one of us heard a sermon by a baptist, devoted to the duty of observing the Sabbath—the reciprocal duties of parents to children—husbands and wives, rulers and ruled—or upon the great cardinal doctrines of justification—sanctification—perseverance of the saints—the atonement—election—future eternal punishment—the trinity, &c. &c. Let it not be presumed that these doctrines are too well understood to need discussion. I know of many members in our churches, who doubt, not to say disbelieve, one or more of them. Alas! alas! why is it thus? Blame not the ministry. They have wisely confined themselves to a range of topics with which they were familiar—the depravity of the heart—the sinners lost state by nature, and recovery by Christ—the necessity of repentance and faith to secure forgiveness. In preaching these, they could testify that they knew and felt, and the Lord has graciously blessed their ministry, by the conversion of multitudes; but when once within the pale of the church, they lie down upon the very threshold instead of going on unto perfection. I said that our ministry had *wisely* confined themselves to these first principles of the doctrines of Christ, because they understand them. Correctly judging that *truth but half defended is truth betrayed*. But shall it always be thus? Shall we never be able to grapple with the great principles and doctrines of the cross? Must we be *always babes* in Christ?

But there is still a greater danger than any we have noticed impending over us. A more insidious, formidable system of error than any we have yet encountered threatens us. A crisis is approaching, and how soon the tempest may burst upon us in all its fury, is known only to the Great Arbiter of our destiny. Signs of the times indicate most clearly that the "Man of Sin" is marshaling his forces for a final struggle. Romanism, infidelity and irreligion, of every form, will soon combine their forces to put down the truth. And who of us is ready for the conflict? Who will enter the lists in controversy with the wily, lying Jesuit, trained from early childhood to his work of deception, or the crafty insinuating infidel, insinuating his subtle poison under the specious guises of policy and interest.

Oh, to meet the crisis we need men, not only of sound heads and strong hearts, but thoroughly trained and educated in all the means of defending truth. But where are the men for this work? We ask, alas! and echo answer *where?*

But it is said this notion of theological schools is a modern invention; and should be regarded with suspicion. A *modern invention* truly!! And who was its father? Ask *Elijah the Tishabite*. What meant those schools of the prophets, where provision was made, not only for the maintenance of the teachers, but of the pupils also, at public cost. But is it not a Jewish custom? Yea, verily and christian too. Sending out from the Seminaries of Babylonia and Alexandria and others, such giant defenders of truth as Eusebius and Origen, and a host of others. Verily "there were giants in those days." But as soon as christianity had emerged from the cimmerian darkness of the middle ages, into the morning light of the reformation, than she turned her attention to the establishment of Seminaries to train the defenders of her principles. Behold as an instance, a Luther at Wittenberg. Indeed the whole history of christianity shows that her purity and prosperity has always been commensurate and co-extensive with the learning and piety of her teachers, but when ignorance occupied the chair of instruction, superstition, formality and error stalked forth unabashed and unrebuked.

We hail, therefore, the establishment of schools for the education of the rising ministry as a bright bow of promise in our moral horizon. And as lovers of truth and the cause of God, we are bound to sustain them with our utmost ability. I rejoice that brethren in Tennessee are determined to take rank among their brethren in other States in this good cause. And wisely have they determined to do one thing at a time—that it may be done *well*—to train her young men in general literature and science, by which they will be well prepared to enter successfully upon a course of theological study in our Central Theological Institute. Thus is the proposition of the resolution fully sustained, viz: that they are co-laborers in this great work.

But to show more fully the design and prospects of this latter institution let us briefly allude to its history.

The plan was suggested about ten years ago in the General Convention of Western Baptists, held at Cincinnati, of founding in some suitable spot a great central theological institution for the use of the Baptist denomination principally throughout the whole Western Valley. Numerous and disastrous failures had shown conclusively, that a State single handed could not furnish the students nor the funds to build up a thorough theological institution, and hence the necessity—while each maintained its own literary institution—that we should combine our energies in the establishment of the theological school. Covington, Ky., was, on mature and prayerful deliberation, selected as affording advantages to be found combined in no other place, viz: *centrality; accessibility; healthfulness; economy; means of improvement*, both from the living preacher and from books, and general attractiveness. Divine Providence most signally united upon this decision, and threw in their way a tract of land, by the enhanced val-

ue of which—now laid out as a city—they have realized about \$50,000, besides an amount of property in hand and still unsold, worth at a low estimate (after paying their debts of about \$10,000) from \$30,000 to \$50,000. All this has been realized, while the benevolence of the community has not been taxed for a single dollar.

Their buildings are now complete, viz: a College edifice of brick, four stories high, and capable of accommodating about 100 students, and a president's house, which, with some alterations, might accommodate the families of two professors.

But how can they be supported? Our students are preparing for the ministry—most of them poor, and consequently we cannot rely upon tuition fees. If the providence of God would still further aid us by putting into the heart of some of his *stewards*, to blend their name imperishably with the Institute, by permanently endowing it or one or more of its professorships, the work is accomplished, but in default of this we can gain the same result by dividing the professorships of \$20,000 into scholarships of \$500 each, allowing to the donors the privilege of naming the scholarship, and by the interest of this fund, sustaining always at the Institute some young minister whom they may select, whose tuition will be given him. These donations, if secured to the trustees, may be paid in annual instalments, of from two to four years. This amount may be pledged by an individual—by a family—by a neighborhood, or by a church; and every State which aids in proportion to her number and strength, will be entitled to a share in the management of its affairs. Tennessee has already made a good beginning in the work, and although, like most of the other States, having a literary institute of her own to sustain, our hope is, that while she realizes the importance that this should be done, she will not leave the other undone.

PRES. QUINCY cried out, When I was in a low condition I had no hope of salvation; when I was advanced to be a cardinal I greatly doubted; but since I came to the Papedom, I have no hope at all.

If the Christian's spirit was as often making wings to fly away to God as from him, what would be his history.

RECEIPTS.

For the 1st year of the Baptist during the past week—
J. H. Knott, Charles Leeper, John Keys, E. D. Stephenson, P. A. M. Daniel, Joel Burdison, James Burdison, Jesse Siskley, Wm. H. Day, S. John Eutenam, Raymond Head, Evelyn Reed, R. Weathered, Robert Davis, J. Williams, Thos. W. P. and James Groom.

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HIWASSEE ASSOCIATION.

The minutes of the twenty-first annual session of this body, held with Pondcreek Church, McMinn county, beginning Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1844, are before us. They number 26 Churches, 18 ministers, and 1,576 members; baptised during the year 273, nett increase 173. Their next session is appointed to be held with the Church at Shiloh, Meigs county, at the same period as last year. They appointed as delegates to the next annual meeting of the General Association of East Tennessee, to be held with Cedargrove Church, Blount co., beginning Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1845, B. P. Mays, E. A. Taylor, C. Fahnstero, A. J. McNabb, R. Simpson, A. F. Gerald.

ABERDEEN ASSOCIATION, MI.

Extract from a letter from Rev. W. H. Holcombe, dated Aberdeen, Oct. 23d, 1844.

"Dear Bro Crane: I have just returned from our Association. We had a pleasant meeting. We number 13 churches. We have employed one missionary, all of his time, for the ensuing year. We have changed the name of our Association from *Central to Aberdeen*. This is as it should have been at first. Our next session will be with the Foxslie Church, Pontotoc county, Friday before the 31 Sabbath in Oct. 1845. I will forward you a copy of the minutes as soon as they are printed."

Bro. A. W. Elledge, we presume, has become the missionary of this new body. May the Lord grant him abundant success in his labors.

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PASSAGES FROM THE DIARY OF AN ALABAMA PASTOR.

No. 2.

A Trial of Faith, or a contrast between the religious principles of Woman not professing Christianity, and of her companion, Man, professing adoption into the Kingdom of God.

A portion of the month of February, 1839, was distinguished for the bland temperature of the atmosphere, bland and soothing, even, for a Southern latitude. On one of those days, when all nature seemed to be wrapped in the graceful folds of a dignified calm, when not the rustling of a leaf could be seen or heard, and the sun himself, refused to shine in glory bright, the Pastor of M——, for the first time, made his appearance on the suburbs of that extraordinary place. He had just passed through the savannahs, and cane brakes, of a sparsely populated portion of Alabama; log-cabin residences and log-cabin fare, had become so familiar to him that the elegant mansions of a highly improved plantation, were an agreeable surprise. The town of M—— greeted his eye, suddenly; the tin-roofs of cotton warehouses faintly glistened under the sun's rays; the smoke curled into circumvoluntary folds as it slowly proceeded from chimney tops, and the hazy blue line of half mist and half smoke, beautifully marked out the half circular course of the noble Alabama river. The "coup d'œil" view of that morning will never be effaced from the image warehouse of his mind. Passing through the main portion of the town, he proceeded to call on the only gentleman of whom he had any knowledge. Perhaps there are very few persons, who have not been similarly situated, who know how fully to appreciate the feelings and the thoughts which then occupied the heart and