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## PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

### FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

## GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF THE BAPTISTS OF TENNESSEE,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT ENON, RUTHERFORD COUNTY,

October 24th, 25th & 26th, 1846.

The Messengers composing the General Association of Tennessee, together with a large congregation, assembled, according to appointment, at Enon, Rutherford Co., on Saturday morning October 24th, 1846. The Introductory sermon was preached at 11 o'clock, by bro. R. B. C. Howell, from Matt. xvi: 3. "Can ye not discern the signs of the times?" The services concluded, Dr. Howell, the former Moderator, took the Chair, and proceeded to organise the General Association in the usual manner. The following Messengers were present.

#### CONCORD ASSOCIATION.

J. R. Graves, R. W. January, N. Lowe, J. Avant, H. R. Buchanan, W. Bilbro, R. B. C. Howell, N. McFadden, John Bond.

#### LIBERTY ASSOCIATION.

B. Kimbrough, J. C. Holt, J. J. Whitaker, J. M. D. Cates, J. F. Whitaker.

#### BETHEL ASSOCIATION.

W. S. Perry.

#### SALEM ASSOCIATION.

E. W. Haile, S. L. Summar.

#### DUCKRIVER ASSOCIATION.

A. W. Meachum, T. G. Moseley, F. N. Boyd, D. Wagster, H. C. Ferguson, J. H. Leftwich.

Enon Church. J. Avant, R. W. January, J. Burleson.

Murfreesborough. B. Gannaway, J. Malloy, J. F. Fletcher, G. D. Crosthwait, A. D. Trimble.

Harmony. W. S. Perry.

Brawleysfork. J. R. Taylor.

Mountlebanon. G. C. Calhoun, J. Lents, P. Fisher, J. P. O'Neal, J. Delk.

Fellowship. W. F. Luck, J. C. Hood, S. Freeman.

Millcreek. B. F. Everett, H. R. Buchanan.

Shelbyville. J. C. Holt.

McCrorryscreek. Joel Fuqua, P. Fuqua, W. D. Baker.

Littlecedarlick. P. P. Benson, R. S. Hill.

Antioch. N. H. McFadden, T. Warmath.

Nashville 1st Church. J. McIntosh; O. J. Fisk, W. G. M. Campbell, S. A. Davidson, J. H. Shepherd.

Nashville 2d Church. J. R. Graves, R. P. Reaves, H. R. Lovell, J. J. Curtis.

Concord. S. G. Morton, W. A. Whitesitt.

Bradleyscreek. J. G. Putman, R. H. Jarmon, J. J. Martin, J. Selvidge, R. Green.

Carterscreek. A. C. Stanly, W. Poyner, W. McConnico, A. W. Meachum.

Rutlands. L. Lindsay.

McMinnville. O. Clark.

Providence. J. R. Mullins.

Union. John Bond.

Bethel. A. Kimbro, W. Hicks.

Newhope. M. Hillsman, T. G. Moseley, R. T. Osborne.

No other Messengers appearing, the Chair

man announced the body as ready to elect its officers. The rule requiring the elections to be conducted by ballot was suspended, and on motion, R. B. C. Howell, D. D., was unanimously elected Moderator, and W. S. Perry, Clerk, who after a few observations by the former, took their seats. Prayer by brother Eaton.

A communication from the Convention of the Western District, by the hands of bro. R. S. Thomas, was received and read, and the messenger invited to take a seat with us.

The Moderator presented a communication from bro. J. B. Taylor, the Corresponding Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, requesting bro. Howell, the First Vice President of that body, to appear here, as the representative of the Board of Foreign Missions. He was unanimously so received.

Bro. G. B. Davis, Agent of the American Indian Mission Association being present, was invited to a seat in that capacity.

On motion, all the brethren in the ministry present were invited to sit with us, and aid in our deliberations, which invitation was accepted by W. H. Grimmett, C. Dunn, C. F. Johnson, J. H. Eaton, W. Shelton, T. G. Jones.

The Moderator then announced J. J. Whitaker, and B. Gannaway, together with the pastor, and deacons, of this Church, a Committee on Devotional Exercises.

The General Association, on motion, voted a recess until 2½ o'clock.

Met at the appointed hour, and called for the Report of the Executive Board, which was read by the Corresponding Secretary, after which, as some of the missionaries had not reported, he asked and received permission to retain it until Monday for its completion.

The Moderator then announced the following committees—

*To nominate a new Executive Board.*—J. J. Whitaker, N. H. McFadden, A. Kimbro.

*On Finance.* W. G. M. Campbell, W. S. Perry, J. R. Graves.

*On Ways and Means.* A. W. Meachum, J. Malloy, R. W. January, J. Avant, I. Butleson, O. J. Fisk, A. C. Stanley, J. McIntosh.

On motion of bro. J. J. Whitaker, a committee was ordered to consider and report upon the propriety of so amending the constitution of this General Association as that it may embrace the Foreign Mission, Bible, Education, and Publication Societies. Committee J. J. Whitaker, B. Kimbrough, J. H. Eaton.

Bro. G. B. Davis requested that some time which should be most convenient to this body be set apart, in which he might be heard in behalf of Indian Missions. On motion his request was unanimously granted, and the time referred to the Committee on Devotional Exercises.

That committee now reported that they had selected to preach at 10 o'clock on Lord's day, brethren R. B. C. Howell, and M. Hillsman; at 3 o'clock Prof. J. H. Eaton, and at night E. W. Haile.

The General Association then adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by brother Luck.

On Lord's day the brethren appointed delivered discourses to a very large and singularly attentive audience, evidently interested in no ordinary degree. We have reason to believe that much good will result. At the close of the afternoon service a collection amounting to twenty-one dollars and a half was taken to aid the young ministers now prosecuting their studies at Union University.

*Monday morning, 9 o'clock.*

The General Association met according to adjournment. Prayer by bro. Hillsman.

The proceedings of Saturday were read, corrected, and adopted.

The Report of the Executive Committee was again read, adopted, and ordered to be printed with these minutes.

#### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

In presenting the Fifth Annual Report to the General Association, your Executive Board would first acknowledge with gratitude, the goodness of God, in crowning their efforts to send the gospel to the destitute with so good a degree of success. It is true that a small part only of the field has been occupied, and that to many a Macedonian cry of "come over and help us," we have been obliged, from lack of means, to turn a deaf ear. But notwithstanding, the means placed in our hands were so limited, we have sent the gospel to many destitute regions, where its life-giving sound was seldom heard, and many of God's dear children, who were languishing for lack of spiritual food, have been strengthened and revived, and many sinners have been turned from darkness to light.

We have endeavored to carry out the views of the Association, expressed at their last meeting, by advising our missionaries to confine their efforts within narrower limits than had heretofore been done, believing that concentration of effort is necessary to the production of any valuable result, and that missionary labor may be lost, or comparatively useless, by being expended on too large a territory.

At the commencement of the year we appointed brethren Luck and Haile to labor during the whole year, and brethren Harris and Wagster for six months, allowing them at the rate of two hundred dollars a year each. To these we assigned fields of labor, and also to those ministers who subscribed a certain amount to the Association, with permission to pay it in missionary labor.

Several other brethren expressed their willingness to enter into the service of the Association, who, we doubt not, would have been very useful, and whom we would gladly have employed, if our prospects for being able to remunerate them would have justified us in so doing.

We have held during the year monthly meetings, at which our missionaries were requested to correspond with us; and quarterly meetings, at which they were requested, whenever it was practicable to be present and report.

The amount of labor performed, together

with the results, will be found in the synopsis of missionary reports appended to this.

Let us not, brethren, in view of the facts herein contained, yield to a feeling of discouragement that we have been able to accomplish so little in comparison with what the great destitution of our country demands. But let us rather thank God and take courage, surely his blessing has been large in proportion to the means employed for his glory, and we have every encouragement to increase our efforts to extend his Kingdom until the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the face of the whole earth. The interest of Zion is a growing interest. The labor of one year creates a necessity for increased exertions the next. And if God blesses us in our work, and thus increases our labors, shall we find it in our hearts to ask Him to stay his helping hand, or to lighten the obligations which he has placed upon us. Let us rather give him thanks and go forward in this work.

Haile, labored 118 days; delivered 94 sermons; 28 exhortations; baptised 47; witnessed 39 professions; rode 1189 miles; assisted in the ordination of one minister and 2 deacons, and in the constitution of one church.

Luck, 165 days; 136 sermons; 41 exhortations; travelled 1030 miles; witnessed 49 professions; baptised 22.

Wagster, 250 days; 182 sermons; 30 exhortations; 3 temperance lectures; witnessed 70 professions; baptised 10; assisted in the ordination of 3 ministers and a deacon; rode 2000 miles.

Harris, 80 days; 35 sermons; 15 exhortations; rode 1000 miles.

Hillsman, 35 days; 36 sermons; 31 baptised; organized one church.

Perry, 34 days; 15 sermons; 14 exhortations; 8 professions; rode 300 miles.

Garland, 15 days; 9 sermons; 6 exhortations; rode 176 miles.

Meachum, 40 sermons; 14 professions; baptised 12.

Summar, 15 days; 10 sermons; 300 miles.

Liberty Association, 183 days; 119 sermons; 23 baptised; rode 1547 miles; assisted in the ordination of one minister and one deacon.

Summary. 880 days; 666 sermons; 134 exhortations; 155 baptised; 170 professions; 7242 miles.

J. H. EATON, *Cor. Sec.*

[NOTE.—We have not been able to obtain the minutes of the Salem Association, and East Tennessee General Association, Auxiliaries of this body, from which to give the amount of labor performed by them. Hence nearly half of our missionary work is unreported.]

The Report of the Treasurer was then read, and committed to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee to nominate a new Board reported. Their report was received, the committee discharged, and their nominations unanimously confirmed.

The Board is as follows, viz:

R. B. C. Howell, D. D., President.

W. S. Perry, Recording Secretary.

Jos. H. Eaton, Corresponding Secretary.

J. F. Fletcher, Treasurer.

Other members—J. Malloy, B. Gannaway, T. H. Maney, G. D. Crosthwait, J. Avant, Jesse Sykes, E. Jones, A. Kimbro, D. D. Bell, J. Burton.

The Committee on the Constitution reported. Their report was received, and the committee discharged.

#### REPORT, &c.

Your committee recommend such alterations in the constitution of this General Association as will enable us to have united to it such other objects of benevolence besides Domestic Missions as it may think expedient.

J. J. WHITAKER, *Chm.*

The recommendation of the committee was now taken up for consideration, and, after a brief discussion, was referred to the Associations and Churches, with the request that they will communicate to this body at its next meeting their opinions in the premises.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Southern Board of Foreign Missions having, through Dr. Howell, requested that—"Some good man should be secured in each Association in this State, to give two, three, or four weeks to visiting the Churches within its limits, and to bring the subject of Foreign Missions distinctly before the brethren"; the request was taken up for consideration, and after some conversational remarks by several members, was referred to the Executive Board.

The Committee on Ways and Means reported, as follows:

Your committee recommend that the Moderator of the General Association now take up a collection, and receive pledges from the messengers present, and from the congregation, to aid in supplying the destitute within our limits with the preached Gospel.

A. W. MEACHUM, *Chm.*

On motion, the Moderator was unanimously requested to deliver an address before proceeding to the collection. He accordingly made for half an hour a most thrilling appeal to the benevolent feeling of all, which was responded to by many warm hearts. *Three hundred and fifty-five dollars* was collected and pledged, as follows:

Amount of pledges by individuals for Missionaries, taken at Enon in 1846.

N. Lowe \$10; W. G. M. Campbell \$10; A. Kimbro \$10 paid; T. G. Mosely \$5; W. X. Banks \$5; J. H. Shepherd \$10; G. D. Crosthwait \$5; B. Gannaway \$5 paid; J. F. Fletcher \$5; J. Malloy \$5; R. H. Jarmon \$5; H. R. Lovel \$5; J. G. Curtis \$5; B. Kimbrough \$10; W. F. Luck \$5; J. C. Hood \$5; J. Fuqua \$5; N. H. McFadden \$5; J. H. Eaton \$5; J. R. Graves \$5; A. W. Meachum \$10; D. Wagster \$3; T. Warmath \$2 50 paid; R. Boram \$5 paid, R. P. Reaves \$5; James Gray 80 cents paid; Mary Read \$2; Susan Read \$2; Maria L. Fisk \$1; Lucy White 50 cents; Mrs. Malloy \$3; Mrs. Willis \$1 paid; Miss Everett \$1 paid; Frances Henderson \$1; Matt. H. Avant \$1 paid; Mary Hogg 50 cents paid; Frances Burleson \$5; Ann Da-

vidson 40 cents paid; Martha L. Sikes \$5; Cash \$1; Harriet N. Holt \$1; Keturah Henderson 20 cents; Frances Mullins \$1; Louisa Henderson 20 cents; Mrs. Kay, of Dover, \$1.

The following sums were pledged by the different Churches, to sustain the Missionaries for the ensuing year.

#### CHURCHES.

Enon \$25; Murfreesborough, in addition to \$25 by individuals, \$5; Harmony, conditionally, \$20; Brawley's Fork \$5; Mt. Lebanon \$5; Fellowship \$10; Mill Creek \$10; Little Cedar Lick \$10; Antioch \$10; 1st ch. Nashville, in addition to \$20 by individuals, \$30; 2d ch. Nashville, in addition to \$20 by individuals, \$5; Concord \$10; Bradley's Creek \$10; McMinnville, conditionally, \$20; Charity \$5.

The following resolutions were then offered by Dr. G. D. Crosthwait, and unanimously adopted—

1. *Resolved*, That the pastors of Churches in connexion with this General Association be requested to ask in the name of this body, of the members of their respective Churches, annually, to aid in supplying the destitute with the preaching of the Gospel, an amount, large or small, as God shall have prospered them.

2. *Resolved*, That each pastor be solicited to make known this request to his Church, or Churches, at every Quarterly Meeting.

Bro. J. F. Fletcher, of the Church in Murfreesborough, then offered the following preamble and resolution.

*Whereas*, the members composing this General Association have heard with deep regret that our devoted brother R. B. C. Howell, D. D., of the first Church, Nashville, the Moderator of this body, contemplates the relinquishment of his present charge, and a removal from our State; and

*Whereas*, his peculiar position, influence, and relations with our own, and the Churches throughout the South West, are such that his loss, at this juncture, could not be well sustained; therefore

*Resolved*, That we most earnestly request our beloved brother to change his purpose, and to remain with us.

Immediately upon their being read, bro. Howell called bro. Hillsman to the chair, and retired. After some remarks by the mover, the proposition was seconded, and sustained, in an address by brother Kimbrough, of Lincoln, who was followed by several other brethren, with much feeling. By request, a large congregation who were present, were permitted to unite their expression with the General Association, and the sense was taken by a rising vote, which was not only unanimous, but warmly enthusiastic.

Bro. J. R. Graves, of the second Church, Nashville, seconded by Professor J. H. Eaton, of Union University, offered the following, which was unanimously adopted.

*Resolved*, That a copy of the preamble and resolution now passed in reference to Dr. Howell, accompanied by a description of the deep feeling manifested by this body, be forwarded, by the Recording Secretary, to the Incorporat-

ed Baptist Church, in Charleston, South Carolina, earnestly requesting that they will release him from any obligation he may consider himself under, if he has incurred any, to them to assume their pastorship; provided he may be willing to be so released.

These resolutions elicited from Dr. Howell an address of some length, of a most affecting character, which was deeply felt by all present.

The General Association now voted a recess of half an hour.

The General Association assembled at the expiration of the recess.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises, to whom was referred the time when the Agent of the American Indian Mission Association should address the General Association on the subject of his agency, now reported that he should occupy the present hour. Bro. G. B. Davis was formally introduced by the Moderator, and proceeded to make many interesting remarks regarding the condition and prospects of the Indians, and our duty to sustain ministers of the Gospel among them.

On motion, the General Association adjourned until Tuesday morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by bro. Luck.

*Tuesday morning, 9 o'clock.*

General Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by bro. Leftwich.

Read, corrected, and adopted the proceedings of Monday.

The following resolutions were offered by bro. January, which after an extended consideration and discussion, were unanimously adopted, and the Executive Board were instructed to be governed accordingly.

1. *Resolved*, That all the missionaries of this General Association be required to give up, while so employed, all pastoral connexions with their Churches.

2. *Resolved*, That they be not, in any case, allowed to preach to Churches which have pastors.

3. *Resolved*, That they shall confine themselves exclusively to the fields assigned them by the Executive Board.

4. *Resolved*, That they be required, at suitable times and places, to hold protracted meetings, and to effect this that two shall labor together.

5. *Resolved*, That the power to regulate the amount of remuneration to be given to each missionary be left with the Executive Board.

The following offered by bro. Perry, after some affecting descriptions of the condition of things in the region referred to by him, and also by several other brethren, were unanimously passed.

1. *Resolved*, That this General Association recommend the Executive Board to take into consideration, specially, that portion of our territory lying between the Cumberland and Tennessee Rivers, near our northern boundary.

2. *Resolved*, That they use their best endeavors to locate, at the earliest possible time, suitable ministers in the towns of Winchester, Fayetteville, and Pulaski.

The subject of Indian Missions was now resumed, and bro. J. J. Whitaker offered the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That this General Association unite with the Convention of the Western District, according to the proposition they have sent us, in sustaining one Missionary Family among the Indians. After addresses by several brethren, chiefly with regard to the constitutionality of the contemplated measure, the whole subject was referred to the Tennessee Foreign Mission Society.

Bro. Hillsman offered the following resolution, which was advocated by him, and several other members; and unanimously adopted.

*Resolved,* That each Church represented in this body, be requested to appoint, among their own number, an Agent to solicit contributions within its own bounds, and that the Executive Board be requested to appoint a suitable agent within each District Association, to visit the Churches not represented in this General Association, and other Churches that may be willing for them to do so, and solicit contributions for the objects of this General Association. The remuneration of the Agent to be directed by the Executive Board.

The Committee on Finance now reported, as follows, which was received, adopted, and ordered to be published, and the committee discharged.

The Treasurer's report was not present, but was ordered to be prepared and printed with the minutes. It is as follows:

REPORT, &c.

*The Baptist General Association of Tennessee, In account with J. H. Shepherd, Treasurer.*

Dr.

Oct. 22, 1845. To balance due me,	\$2 04
Nov. 26. Cash paid draft of C. K. Winston, issued to N. M. Green 10th Aug.	44 00
Dec. 12. Cash paid draft of J. H. Eaton, in favor of John Bond, for balance due him in settlement at New Hope,	74 10
June 8, 1846. Cash paid draft of same, issued to D. Wagster, 5th June,	41 53
June 24. Cash paid draft of same to W. F. Luck, 16th June,	35 15
Amount reported to me by C. K. Winston, as having been paid in settlements at New Hope and deducted from payments received there, viz:	
W. F. Luck in full,	\$88 95
A. Bass in part,	30 00
Amount paid W. F. Bang & Co. for printing 800 extra copies of The Baptist in 1844 \$12, and 1000 extra copies of same in 1845 \$15,	27 00
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Cr.

Dec. 12, 1845. By cash from Rev. John Bond, from Fall Creek Ch. for last year per W. Williams,	10 00
By sundry payments to C. K. Winston, at the session of General As-	

sociation at New Hope, reported in minutes for 1845,	280 50
Feb. 2, 1845. By cash from J. Fite, for Church at Prosperity, per R. B. C. Howell,	10 00
Balance carried down,	42 27
	<hr/> \$342 27

Oct. 23, 1846. To balance due me brought down,	42 27
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On 27th October the following supplemental account was rendered.

*The Baptist General Association of Tennessee, In account with J. H. Shepherd, Treasurer.*

Dr.

Oct. 23, 1846. To balance due Treasurer,	\$42 27
To amount J. H. Eaton's draft in favor of D. Wagster, paid about 11th March last, omitted in former statement,	22 40
Oct. 26. To cash paid J. H. Eaton's draft for D. Wagster,	99 03
To cash paid draft of same, for balance due A. Bass, dec'd,	55 80
To cash paid draft of same for John Harris,	51 11
To cash paid draft of same for W. F. Luck,	70 28
To cash paid draft of same for E. W. Haile,	75 40
To counterfeit received by Finance Committee, at Enon and handed me,	1 00
	<hr/> \$417 29

Cr.

Oct. 26. By amount D. Wagster's pledge at New Hope deducted from draft in his favor,	25 00
By amount collected by D. Wagster, and deducted as above,	2 00
" amount furnished John Harris by T. H. Maney, for Murfreesboro' church, and deducted from draft in his favor,	10 80
" Collections at General Association at Enon for pledges of individuals last year, viz:	
J. H. Leftwich,	\$8 00
Mrs. Dr. Barksdale,	5 00
Miss H. N. Holt,	0 50
J. H. Carmichael,	5 00
J. H. McMurray,	5 00
R. H. Jarmon,	5 00
E. H. Jones,	5 00
Nancy G. Read,	5 00
W. H. January,	5 00
Matilda J. Hardeman,	5 00
P. F. Norfleet,	20 00
	<hr/> 68 50
Pledges by Churches last year.	
Shelbyville Church,	5 00
Concord,	10 00
1st Church Nashville,	30 00
Bradley's Creek,	10 00
Little Cedar Lick,	10 00
Antioch,	14 00
Bethel,	5 00
Enon,	25 00
Murfreesboro', (balance,)	19 00

McCrary's Creek,	10 00	
Mill Creek,	10 00	
Harmony, in part,	9 00	
Brawley's Fork,	3 00	—160 00
By cash from bro. Lindsay for last year,		1 00
" Payments at Enon for next year viz:		
New Hope Church per M. Hillsman,	\$5 00	
A. Kimbro, of Bethel Ch.	10 00	
B. Gannaway, of Murfreesborough Church,	5 00	
T. Warmack,	2 50	
R. Borum,	5 00	
Jas. Gray 80c. Mrs. Willis \$1,	1 80	
Mrs. Everett \$1, Mrs. Avent, \$1,	2 00	
Mary Hogg 50c. Ann Davidson 40c.	0 90	
Mrs. Kay, of Dover,	1 00	
Dr. Marcus Sneed,	3 00	
J. H. Shepherd, 1st Church Nashville,	10 00	—46 20
By balance,		103 79
		\$417 29

Oct. 27, 1846. Balance in my favor, 103 79  
J. H. SHEPHERD, *Treas.*

The General Association now proceeded to appoint Messengers to corresponding bodies, as follows, viz:

*Convention of the Western District*—Time, Friday before the second Lord's day in September, 1847—W. S. Perry, J. H. Leftwich, W. F. Luck.

*Auxiliary General Association of East Tennessee*—B. Kimbrough, J. M. D. Cates, M. Hillsman, A. W. Meachum, R. W. January.

*Concord Association*—To be held at Murfreesborough, Saturday before the second Lord's day in October—Meachum, January, Cates, Graves, Howell, Perry, Luck.

*Liberty Association*—To be held in Shelbyville, commencing Friday before the 4th Lord's day in September—M. Hillsman, S. L. Summar, Meachum, Fergusson, Avant, Leftwich.

*Bethel Association*—To be held at Friday before the 3d Lord's day in September, 1847—Buchanan, January, Perry, Hillsman, Holt, Davidson, McIntosh.

*Salem Association*—To be held at Cedar Grove, near Lebanon, and to commence Saturday before the first Lord's day in October—N. Lowe, P. P. Benson, Joel Fuqua, January, W. Shelton, H. C. Fergusson.

*Duck River Association*—To be held at New Hope, Bedford county, Saturday before the 2d Lord's day in September—Holt, Kimbrough, Malloy, Hood, January, Haile, Meachum.

*Freedom Association*—to propose a correspondence—Haile, Luck.

*Muscle Shoals Association*—First Sunday in October, to open a correspondence—Holt, Kimbrough, Jesse Seal.

On motion, it was ordered that each of our messengers to the several Associations, be, and

they hereby are, constituted agents, and are instructed, and earnestly requested to secure at their meetings, to as great an extent as possible, the objects of this General Association, and report at our next meeting.

A proposition was now offered, by brother January, to "locate the General Association." After some conversational discussion, it was agreed to refer this matter to the Churches and Associations, and that they be requested to send up to our next meeting an expression of their opinion as to the expediency of the measure.

The next Annual Meeting of this body was then appointed to be held, commencing Saturday before the fourth Lord's day in October, 1847, at Carter's Creek Church, Maury county, (about three miles from Spring Hill, near the road from Nashville to Columbia,) bro. J. R. Graves to preach the introductory sermon, bro. J. H. Eaton his alternate.

Ordered, that the editor of The Baptist be requested to publish these proceedings in his paper, as heretofore, and have five hundred extra copies printed, which the Recording Secretary is instructed to distribute, as he shall think most proper.

Bro. Meachum read the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

*Resolved*, That our thanks are due, and 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 the meeting.

The minutes of to-day were then read, corrected, and adopted, and on motion, the General Association adjourned to the time and place, of the next annual meeting. A pertinent but short address was made, and prayer was offered by the Moderator.

R. B. C. HOWELL, *Moderator.*

Attest—W. S. PERRY, *Rec. Sec.*

#### BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Tennessee Baptist Bible Society met in Annual Session, with the Church at Enon, Rutherford county, October 27th, 1846. The former Moderator being absent brother W. S. Perry was called to the Chair, and bro. J. M. D. Cates requested to act as secretary, pro tem.

The following members had their names enrolled, and paid each, at the time, the sums named—Neri Lowe \$10; W. G. M. Campbell \$10; E. W. Haile \$5; J. J. Whitaker \$1; B. Kimbrough \$1; J. H. Leftwich \$1; Mat. Hillsman \$1; R. B. C. Howell \$1; J. C. Holt \$1; W. S. Perry \$1; J. M. D. Cates \$1; R. W. January \$1; H. C. Fergusson \$1; Sarah Mabry 25 cents; Mary Read 25 cents; Susan C. Read 20 cents; Peter Read 50 cents. Received also from W. Brame, Executor of the estate of Rev. M. Brame, by Mat. Hillsman, \$10. Aggregate collection \$45 20.

Proceeded to the election of officers, when W. S. Perry was elected President, and J. M. D. Cates Recording Secretary, J. R. Graves Corresponding Secretary, and R. W. January Treasurer

Called for the report of the Executive Board. No report!

Called for the Treasurer's report. No report!

On motion, ordered that the Treasurer report to the Recording Secretary in time to have his report published in these proceedings.

REPORT, &c.

Tennessee Baptist Bible Society, in account with H. G. Scoval, Treasurer.

Dr.

April 13, 1846. To sight check on Western Bank of Philadelphia, sent Ira M. Allen, Treas. A. & F. B. S.	\$161 44
To 1 per cent exchange on above check,	1 61
April 30. To Postage on Ira M. Allen, Treas. A. & F. B. S.	0 10
To balance brought down,	10
Cr.	
April 13, 1846. By amount paid by Jesse J. Smith,	\$1 00
By Mr. James Thomas, for Publication Society,	\$50 00
By Mr. James Thomas, for Mothers Journal paid by Eichbaum,	1 00—51 00
Oct. 1845. By sundry subscriptions handed in by Mr. Jones,	6 05
March 3. By amount paid by James Thomas for Mr. Buford,	2 00
April 5. By amount paid by Dr. C. K. Winston, as per annual report of the Baptist General Association, October 26, 27 and 28th,	92 00
April 13. By amount assumed for J. H. Shepherd, which was remitted to him,	11 00
Balance,	00 10
	\$163 15

Most respectfully submitted.

H. G. SCOVAL,  
Treas. T. B. B. S.

On motion, the former Executive Board was reappointed, viz: B. Kimbrough, J. H. Leftwich, J. C. Holt, A. B. Shankland, J. G. Barksdale, A. W. Meachum, J. Rushing, J. Bramlet, R. Lane, M. Hillsman, E. A. Moseley, J. Haynes, J. J. Whitaker, and Thomas Mosley, H. G. Scoval.

The following preamble and resolution was adopted unanimously.

Whereas a mistake was made in former minutes of this Society regarding the amount subscribed by the Church at Shelbyville to make Elder M. Brame, now deceased, a life member of the Bible Society; and

Whereas, there was also a mistake as to the amount as appears subscribed by the Mount Lebanon Church to make Elder A. W. Meachum a life member; therefore

Resolved, That those amounts are not considered binding upon the above named Churches.

The following were also considered, discussed and adopted, one member dissenting from the first resolution.

Resolved, That for the American and For-

eign Bible Society we entertain the highest regard, that we have full confidence in the integrity, and fidelity of its officers, and regret that any cause has arisen to disturb our former happy relations with that society.

Resolved, That, in the present state of affairs, the funds subscribed and paid to this society for the distribution of the Bible among the heathen, be paid to the Board of the Southern Convention for Foreign Missions at Richmond, Va., and that the funds paid for home distribution be paid to the Domestic Mission Board at Marion, Ala.

Resolved, That we recommend to the favorable consideration of our brethren generally the Missionary Journal, published in Richmond, Va., and hope that many will subscribe for it immediately.\*

Resolved, That Pastors of Churches throughout the State of Tennessee, be requested to form Bible Societies in their respective churches.

7. Authorized the Executive Board to appoint an agent or agents, if they think it expedient, in such a manner as not to embarrass this society.

8. Resolved, That the next meeting of this Society be on Friday before the meeting of the General Association, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and that O. J. Fisk, preach the introductory sermon.

The Society then adjourned, to meet at the time and place of the next annual meeting.

W. S. PERRY, Pres.

J. M. D. CATES, Rec. Sec.

EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The Tenn. Bap. Education Society met in Annual Session with the Church at Enon, Rutherford county, Monday, October 25th, 1846. Bro. M. Hillsman, the former President, in the Chair.

Members present—M. Hillsman, B. Kimbrough, R. W. January, J. C. Holt, A. W. Meachum, J. H. Eaton, J. J. Whitaker, T. G. Moseley, D. Wagster, S. L. Summar, R. B. C. Howell, J. H. Leftwich, J. F. Fletcher, W. H. January, J. R. Graves, W. S. Perry, O. J. Fisk, N. Lowe, W. G. M. Campbell, H. R. Buchanan, G. D. Crosthwait, J. H. Shephard, J. Malloy, W. F. Luck, J. M. D. Cates, &c.

Proceeded to the election of officers in the usual method, with the following result.

M. Hillsman, President.

A. W. Meachum, Recording Secretary.

G. D. Crosthwait, Corresponding Secretary.

Thomas H. Maney, Treasurer.

The Report of the Executive Board was now read, received, and ordered to be printed, viz:

Report of the Executive Board of the Baptist Education Society.

The Executive Board of the Baptist Education Society, beg leave to Report:

\*Any person wishing to receive this paper, who will inclose \$1 to H. K. Ellyson, Richmond, Va., will receive the work, or to the Editor of The Baptist, Nashville Tennessee.

That owing to some unaccountable inadvertance, their appointment as such Board escaped the recollection or observation of each one of them until more than half the term of their appointment had expired, which they trust will be received by the Society as a sufficient explanation why nothing was done by them until the 6th June last, when the Board held its first meeting with the Church at Murfreesborough.

The Board was organized at that time, by the appointment of James F. Fletcher, Chairman, and George D. Crosthwait, Secretary; and having considered the affairs of the Union University, were of the opinion, that any thing like a speedy consummation of the wishes of the Society in regard to the endowment of that institution, required that our brother Kimbrough should have assistance in his efforts to secure the funds requisite for that purpose. Brother John H. Sherwin being at that time engaged in a business which brought him into extensive intercourse with our brethren in several counties, it was thought that he would be a suitable agent to labor in that cause, and he was appointed, and instructions transmitted to him to commence the business of his agency immediately, (in case of his acceptance,) but to meet and advise with brother Kimbrough at the earliest practicable period, so that their labors might not conflict.

Brother Sherwin accepted the agency, but labored a very short time and was not able to effect any thing in that time, and having changed his employment, his agency is considered to be at an end.

On the 4th July, the Board again met with the Church at Murfreesborough, and had the pleasure of meeting with our general agent, Elder B. Kimbrough, who delivered a full and satisfactory verbal report of his proceedings in the business of his agency, and explained (also satisfactorily) the different circumstances which had heretofore conspired to delay the completion of the enterprize.

Brother Kimbrough's views entirely coinciding with those of the board, it was unanimously considered, that in order to any thing like a speedy fulfilment of the wishes of the Society in the endowment of the University, still farther assistance to him in his labors was necessary, and brethren W. Carey Crane, of Mi., W. S. Perry, C. C. Conner, A. W. Meachum, and Robert Kimbrough were appointed agents, and suitable fields of labor assigned to them:

From brethren Conner and Meachum nothing has been heard in relation to the matter, so that the Board do not know certainly whether they have ever received information of their appointment. Brethren Crane, Perry and R. Kimbrough have each responded to their appointments, and agreed to do what they could consistently with previous engagements, but neither could go fully and exclusively into the work, at least for the present.

Brother Robert Kimbrough has visited four Churches in East Tennessee, and has procured contributions to the amount of some \$400, and writes cheerfully of the feelings of the brethren

in that section of the State towards our enterprize. Should the Society deem it advisable to continue the line of operations commenced by the Executive Board, it is probable that the services of most, if not all, of those who have been appointed can be procured.

For specific information as to the proceedings of the Board, and the replies of the Agents who have been appointed, reference is made to the minutes of the Board and the letters from agents herewith filed.

Before closing this brief report, it may not be amiss to refer to some of the reasons which have influenced the Board in making a number of appointments. The Board were not unaware of the fact, that many of the brethren, for whose opinions they have the most profound respect, believe that the success of our enterprize is greatly jeopardized by the appointment of any agent more than one, and they would not have made such appointments, over such known opposition, except for reasons which appeared to them paramount.

The amount of labor necessary for the completion of such an undertaking in Tennessee would require, probably, five years of the time of any one agent industriously occupied. Then if one good agent can perform a certain amount of labour in five years, the proposition is most clear, that five agents, equally efficient, can perform the same labor in one year. Nor can the Board perceive that the proposition is less clear than the mere arithmetical calculation here submitted.

In conclusion, the Executive Board will express their firm confidence that success will crown the efforts of the Society at no distant time, should our worthy and beloved agent, brother Kimbrough, keep the field, supported and assisted by a sufficient number of efficient sub-agents.

Respectfully submitted.

G. D. CROSTHWAIT,

Cor. Sec. B. E. S.

*Report of Treasurer of the Baptist Education Society, ending October 23, 1846.*

Treasurer of Baptist Education Society, Dr.

To amount received of W. Crenshaw, of Limestone county Ala. \$5; Mrs. Susan Warren \$5; Rev. B. Kimbrough \$1 50; Thomas H. Smith \$1 50; Mrs. A. Kimbro \$2; J. J. Whitaker \$2 50; Dr. Mabry \$1; Rev. — Halliburton 50 cents; Lay Baptists (Dixon's Springs) \$10; A Lady \$1; Wm. Morton \$1;— Feb. 1846: James Thomas \$2; Wm. S. Perry \$1; Nancy M. Perry 50 cents; Miss Eliza White 50 cents; Miss Penelope Darden 50 cents; Mrs. Lucinda Darden 50 cents; Mrs. Jane Darden 50 cents; Richard Darden 50 cents; Wm. Laprade 50 cents; E. C. Fort 50 cents; Mrs. Sally Allen \$1; Miss Louisa Norfleet \$1; Collection at Mount Hermon; \$1 60; Jesse Davis 50 cents; John E. Garner 50 cents; Micaja Ogg 40 cents; Elizabeth Sanders 50 cents; Elizabeth Crosthwait \$1;—March 10: Lady at Enon \$1;—March 14: A. Kimbro \$5; A. H. Hicks, Nashville, \$1; Miss Hogg \$1;—May 13: J. H. Sherwin, agent, \$17; R. H. Taliaferro \$1 50;—June 4: J. H. Sherwin, agent,

\$6:—June 9: J. H. Sherwin \$5:—June 10:  
N. McFadden, by J. M. D. Cates, \$1:—Oct.  
22: Collection at Enon \$21 10—Total \$105 10  
Cr.

By amount due me at time of publi-  
cation — day of — \$5 70;  
Amounts paid Esqr. Brock at dif-  
ferent times, as per receipts \$88  
25; Amount account J. Manley &  
Son \$9 64; \$103 59  
Balance on hand, \$1 51

The amount due and owing by the Society  
by the end of 1846, will not be less than one  
hundred and fifty dollars, incurred for the  
boarding of two beneficiaries all the year, and  
three a part of it.

Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS H. MANEY,  
Treasurer B. E. S.

The following resolutions were offered, and,  
after remarks by several brethren, unanimo-  
usly adopted—

*Resolved*, That our brother John Selvidge  
be, and he is hereby, appointed, and request-  
ed to act as our Agent, to solicit and obtain the  
necessary funds to defray the expenses of our  
beneficiaries studying, with a view to the  
work of the Gospel Ministry, at Union U-  
niversity.

*Resolved*, That his compensation for this  
service be determined and paid by the Execu-  
tive Board.

The Committee appointed to conduct and  
superintend the publication of The Baptist now  
read their report, which was received, adopt-  
ed, and ordered to be published. It is as fol-  
lows:—

The Committee to conduct the publication  
of The Baptist:—REPORT,

That at the close of the 2d volume in August,  
arrangements were made with Messrs. W. F.  
Bang & Co. to continue its publication upon  
the terms of the former year.

We find that the receipts of the paper will  
be sufficient to defray the expense of its publi-  
cation, but that it does not, and probably will  
not, afford any compensation to an editor.

Bro. Howell has gratuitously, but cheerful-  
ly, given it such attention as his other engage-  
ments would allow, though he has not been able  
to make it at all such a paper as he desired.  
He desires now to be relieved from the burthen  
of the situation.

It is evident that the services of a competent  
editor cannot be secured without a large in-  
crease of the subscription list and receipts; and  
we are of opinion that the most effectual mode  
of accomplishing these, will be to commit the  
publication to some individual who would de-  
voted to it his whole time and energies, and de-  
pend on the proceeds of the paper for remunera-  
tion.

We recommend, therefore, that the subscrip-  
tion list be relinquished to any suitable person  
or persons who may be willing to undertake  
the editing and publishing of the paper—the  
list to remain the property of the Education

Society, and to be withdrawn should the paper  
not be satisfactorily conducted.

Respectfully submitted,

C. K. WINSTON *Chm.*

The following were offered by Dr. Crosth-  
wait, which were extensively considered, dis-  
cussed, and adopted.

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Publica-  
tion having charge of the Publication of The  
Baptist, shall consist of five persons, that they  
be authorized to employ an Editor, and Pub-  
lisher, and to have the paper published at any  
convenient point in the State, where it can most  
profitably be done.

*Resolved*, That until such arrangement is  
made, the present shall stand.

The Society then appointed as the Com-  
mittee of Publication, Dr. C. K. Winston,  
Chairman, Samuel H. Scott, J. H. Shepherd,  
Dr. G. D. Crosthwait, and David D. Bell.

The Society then adjourned to Tuesday the  
26th inst.

Tuesday, October 26.

The Society met according to adjournment.  
The Recording Secretary being absent bro. J.  
C. Holt was requested to act as Recording Se-  
cretary pro tem.

Read, corrected, and adopted the minutes of  
yesterday.

The following resolutions were read, ma-  
turely considered, and adopted unanimously.

*Resolved*, That when, hereafter, any young  
minister shall be educated, in whole or in part,  
by this Society, or by the liberality of individ-  
uals, Churches, or Associations, he, and all  
such beneficiaries, shall be required to enter  
into bonds, payable to the President and Treas-  
urer, for the time being, of the Executive  
Board of this Society, and to their successors  
in office, to pay to them the full amount ex-  
pended in procuring his or their education, to  
be due, if, instead of engaging in the work of  
the ministry, he or they shall be employed in  
the secular pursuits of life.

*Resolved*, That the Executive Board be re-  
quired to govern themselves strictly by this  
rule, and not to receive, or permit to continue,  
any young minister but upon the terms of the  
above resolution.

Proceeded to appoint the Executive Board,  
who are with the officers of the Society above  
named, J. F. Fletcher, J. Malloy; B. Ganna-  
way, John Rushing, A. Kimbro, John Burton,  
D. D. Bell, Hiram Young.

The General Agent reported. His report  
was received, and ordered to be published.

Report of the General Agent of the Baptist Ed-  
ucation Society, 1846.

DEAR BRETHREN:

Subsequent to your last meeting I entered  
fully on the business of taking subscriptions for  
the endowment of the Union University. Up  
to that time the amount of subscription was but  
little over one thousand dollars. Since that  
time I have increased the amount to \$20,162.  
The brethren and friends of Education in this  
country are every day becoming more con-  
vinced of the importance and necessity of en-

dowing this Institution, so that we may, at home, educate young men for the ministry to supply our destitution, and who we may send into the world to preach the gospel. It is beginning to be seen and felt, that foreigners are not the proper educators of our children or our ministers. It is also beginning to be demonstrated that there is no reliance to be placed on the efficiency of those temporary institutions which have from time to time been springing up and dying away, first in one part of the State and then in another. But to accomplish any thing of importance, or to advantage, we must have a permanent and well conducted Institution, which may extend its influence all over the State, and ultimately extend its branches in different parts of the State. Our brethren are beginning to see the necessity of union, of interest and effort to accomplish important results, and will rally around this Institution.

Our brethren in West Tennessee are determined to adhere to the resolution passed by them in 1845. They come up nobly to the work. Six of the brethren there subscribed \$500 each, and one \$1,000 during my short visit among them. Two brethren who had subscribed \$500, wrote to me after I left, claiming the privilege of increasing their subscription to \$1,000. I see from the report of the Agent in East Tennessee, that for the effort he has made, he is doing well. In Middle Tennessee fourteen individuals have subscribed \$500 each, and large numbers are subscribing liberally, say from \$50 to \$200, showing a determination to endow the University.

While some have thought this effort entirely visionary, and that we would be as old as Methuselah before it would be accomplished, others have thought that it could be done in a very short time. I have always thought it could be done, though not in a very short time. I have succeeded fully as well as I expected, and do not think the effort a discouraging one, but believe that at no distant day Union University will be endowed.

#### BRADLEY KIMBROUGH.

The following resolutions, after full explanations by the Agent, and addresses by several members, were unanimously adopted, viz:

*Resolved*, That the subscription and payment of one thousand dollars to Union University by Dr. Wright, entitles him to a *Perpetual Scholarship* in the University.

*Resolved*, That each person who subscribes and pays one thousand dollars for the endowment of Union University, shall be entitled to a *Perpetual Scholarship*.

*Resolved*, That, in accordance with a resolution passed at the last Annual Session of this Society, each person who subscribes five hundred dollars for the endowment of Union University, may, when it is paid in, or as it is paid in, have, in the University, value received in teaching.

*Resolved*, That the contract entered into by the General Agent of this Society with the citizens of Murfreesborough, as to five hundred dollar subscriptions, is received, and approved.

The following resolution was now present-

ed, and, after several addresses by members, was, with much feeling, unanimously passed.

*Resolved*, That we will exert our best efforts to originate, and place in operation, at some suitable point, and at the earliest possible period, an institution of the highest grade, for *Female Education*.

Brother M. Hillsman was then appointed to preach an Introductory sermon on Education before this society at its next Annual Meeting.

The Minutes were read and approved, and, on motion, the Society adjourned to Carter's Creek Church, Maury county, Friday, 3 o'clock P. M., before the fourth Lord's day in October, 1847.

MAT. HILLSMAN, *Pres.*

Attest—J. C. HOLT, *Sec. pro tem.*

#### PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

The Baptist Publication Society of Middle Tennessee, convened at Enon Rutherford co., on the 24th day of October, 1846.

By an order of the last Annual Meeting the introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. M. Hillsman. After which the Society was called to order by Rev. A. W. Meachum, the former President. The Recording Secretary not being present, on motion, H. R. Buchanan was appointed Recording Secretary pro tem.

1. The following persons then had their names entolled as members for the present year, after the conditions of membership was explained by the Chairman.

A. W. Meachum, Ro: W. January, J. C. Holt, M. Hillsman, B. Kimbrough, J. J. Whitaker, R. B. C. Howell, J. F. Leftwich, H. C. Ferguson, W. G. M. Campbell, J. R. Graves, E. W. Haile paid, W. S. Perry, Neri Lowe paid, Samuel J. Davidson, George Lovell, W. A. Whitsitt, S. G. Morton, A. Kimbro, G. E. Calhoun, W. F. Luck, R. P. Reaves, O. J. Fisk, E. H. Jones, J. H. Shepherd, H. R. Buchanan.

2. Then an opportunity was afforded for the ladies present, being granted the privilege of associating themselves as members of the Society, the following reported themselves as members present.

Miss Penelope Darden paid, Mrs. A. Graves paid, Mrs. Mary Read, Miss Susan Read, Mrs. S. G. Morton, Mrs. C. Lenoir paid, Mrs. L. A. Willis, Mrs. M. Fisk, Mrs. N. M. N. Smith paid.

3. The Society then proceeded to elect their officers for the present year.

By motion, Rev. A. W. Meachum was elected President; R. H. Buchanan, Recording Secretary; James Thomas, Librarian and Treasurer; J. H. Shepherd, Corresponding Secretary.

4. The Report of the Executive Committee being called for, and not being in readiness, was referred till the next meeting.

5. On motion, the existing Executive Committee was again chosen to act for the present year, viz: C. K. Winston, James Thomas, J. H. Shepherd.

6. The Executive Committee was then re-

quested to secure the services of one or two efficient Colporteurs for this present year.

Then adjourned till the call of the Chair.

A. W. MEACHUM, *Pres.*

R. H. BUCHANAN, *Rec. Sec.*

*Tuesday Evening, 4 o'clock.*

7. The Tennessee Baptist Publication Society convened at the solicitation of the President, and after the Society was called to order, the Report of the Corresponding Secretary was called for, and after being read, was received and adopted.

8. It was then moved, that brother Eaton address this Society at its next Annual Meeting.

Then adjourned till the next Convention of the General Association, to be held at Carter's Creek, Maury county, commencing on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in Oct. 1847.

A. W. MEACHUM, *Pres.*

R. H. BUCHANAN, *Rec. Sec.*

REPORT, &c.

The Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Publication Society, Report,

That their operations in this behalf during the past year, have been confined to keeping up such a supply of books as seemed to be called for by the demand at the Depository at Nashville. This course of limited operation, seemed to be suggested upon common business principles. We were without a capital to base any extended operations upon, and we could not justly presume upon indulgence from the parent society at Philadelphia in her present condition, nor upon that of individuals of whom we might desire to make purchases.

The policy of this society has ever been to sell all books, kept by it, at the retail-prices of them in the Eastern cities. Without a large stock of books and large sales, we could not therefore employ an efficient colporteur with a reasonable hope that his salary would be defrayed by the profits realized on the books.

It will be seen from the Report of last year, that the means of the Society above its liabilities were then but \$61 51, and this included an outstanding debt of \$282 81, which would probably fall considerably short of being realized. The report of the Treasurer for the year now just-ended, which is herewith presented, shows that the assets of the Society, is \$74 81, but we cannot hope that more than enough will be realized to free the Society from debt, when the present stock of books shall have been sold.

We are therefore without means to prosecute the objects of the Society on a scale commensurate with their importance and the wants of the people.

The only plan which presents itself to us as feasible for securing the services of a Colporteur, is to combine with his duties as such, an agency for The Baptist and other objects connected with the Education Society, and charging a part of his expenses to that Society. On the part of the Publication Society the Board must assume a personal responsibility

for its debts and increase the stock of books, if no capital for this purpose is furnished us.

With regard to the necessity of employing a colporteur, it is only necessary to refer to a report presented two years ago, showing that the colporteur with a stock of books inadequate to the demand, made sales at the rate of about \$1,900 per annum.

The whole amount of receipts at the Depository for the past year, as well for sales as collections, amount to but \$222 36.

An efficient colporteur may do much in stimulating a desire for reading and an interest in behalf of this cause amongst our members.

When the time shall come, as we trust it soon may, when the ministry, whether stationed or traveling, shall take full hold of this enterprise and aid personally in the sale and distribution of our publications, there will be no necessity for incurring the expense of a special agent, but under present circumstances, we see not how the cause is to be effectually promoted without it.

J. H. SHEPHERD,

*Corresponding Secretary.*

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN AND TREASURER.

JAMES THOMAS,

*To the Baptist Publication Society, Dr.*

Oct. 22, 1846. To cash received on sale of books, &c. for the year ending 22d October, 1846,	\$222 36
Balance due the Librarian carried down,	14 10
	\$236 56

Cr.

By cash paid out for the Society during the year ending 22d October, 1846.

To the American Bap. Publication Society,	\$137 50
To the American and Foreign Bible Society,	50 00
To J. Stevens for books left at the Depository,	24 25
To Freight, insurance, postage, &c.	16 76
To Librarian, balance due him 22d October, 1845,	8 05—236 56

*Present condition of the Society.*

Amount of books and tracts on hand,	\$157 93
" " debts due the Society (most of which are for books taken out on sale)	328 28
	\$486 21

*Debts owing by the Society for books, &c.*

To the A. B. Publication and A. and F. Bible Societies,	\$397 20
To Librarian balance over pd.	14 20—411 40

Balance in favor of the Society \$74 81

JAMES THOMAS,  
*Librarian and Treas.*

FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY,  
The Baptist Foreign Mission Society of

Tennessee; met at Enon, Rutherford county, October 26, 1846.

The President, Rev. B. Kimbrough; in the Chair, proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

- B. Kimbrough, President.
- J. H. Leftwich, Vice President.
- J. C. Holt, Rec. & Cor. Secretary.
- A. B. Shankland, Treasurer.

Called for the Report of the Board. No report present.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That this Society will unite with the Convention of West Tennessee, in sustaining a Mission family in the Indian Territory, in connection with the American Indian Mission Association.

Proceeded to take subscriptions and donations for the above named purpose.

The following persons agreed to pay the sums set to their names yearly, viz: B. Kimbrough \$5, paid \$5; J. J. Whitaker \$10; N. Whitaker \$2; Mrs. M. Hester \$1; Mary Ellison 50 cents; Mrs. N. Whitaker \$2; J. T. King \$3; W. Ray \$2; N. H. McFadden \$1; J. M. D. Cates \$1; J. H. Leftwich \$1; I. Burleson \$1; for five years, paid \$1.

The following sums were paid in.

R. B. C. Howell \$17 22; W. G. M. Campbell \$5; Bro. ——— \$5; A friend \$2; R. W. January \$1; T. G. Jones \$1; J. Tillman \$1; M. Hillsman \$1; H. C. Ferguson \$1; N. Lowe \$3; S. A. Anderson \$5; Cash \$2; W. F. Luck \$1; ——— \$1.

Heard the Treasurer's Report—Report accepted.

*Resolved*, That fifty dollars be appropriated to defray the expenses of our delegate, Rev. R. B. C. Howell, to the Triennial Convention in Richmond, in June last.

*Resolved*, That the funds now collected for Indian Missions, be paid to the General Agent, Rev. G. B. Davis.

*Resolved*, That Rev. M. Hillsman preach a Missionary Sermon on the Sabbath included in our Annual Meetings next year, and that a collection be taken for Foreign Missions.

Adjourned to the time and place of meeting of the General Association next year.

J. C. HOLT, Sec.

REPORT, &c.

*Tennessee Baptist Foreign Mission Society, in account with A. B. Shankland, Treasurer.*

DR.		
1845,	FOREIGN MISSIONS.	
Nov. 3.	1st Bap. Ch. Nashville,	\$1 20
Dec. 24.	Bal. in the Treasury per C. W. Anderson,	27 63
1846.		
Jan. 5.	1st Bap. Ch. Nashville,	1 65
" "	E. H. Childress,	10 00
Feb. 2.	1st Bap. Ch. Nashville,	1 85
March 1,	" " " "	1 25
" "	Harmony Church,	10 00
April 6.	1st Bap. Ch. Nashville,	2 95
" "	Collection of the Board,	25 00
May 4.	1st Bap. Ch. Nashville,	1 15
" "	Collection of the Board per C. K. Winston,	20 00

June 1.	1st Bap. Ch. Nashville,	1 30
" 29.	Sarah Kent,	00 50
July 6.	1st Bap. Ch. Nashville,	1 00
Aug. 3.	" " " "	1 30
Sept. 7.	" " " "	1 05
Oct. 5.	" " " "	1 55
" 26.	Rev. R. B. C. Howell,	17 22
" "	Ladies formerly members of the Harmony F. M. Society,	5 00
<i>For I. J. Roberts, or the China Mission.</i>		

1846.		
March 24.	Robert Pully,	1 00
" "	Martin Hodges,	1 00
April 6.	J. Fuqua,	5 00
May 4.	Griffin Wright,	5 00
" "	J. W. H. Mays,	5 00
June 29.	G. W. Young,	5 00
Aug. 3.	Martha W. Dupuy,	0 95
Sept. 3.	per C. C. Tipton	
	Millspring Church,	\$4 25
	Dumplin Church,	2 60
	Rocky Valley Ch.	1 70—8 55

Less 55 cts. retained for next remittance,		
1846. CHINA MISSION.		
Aug. 22.	Malachi S. Morris,	10 00
" 31.	G. W. G. Payne,	1 00
<i>To aid in erecting a Chapel for the 1st Baptist Church in Canton China.</i>		
Aug. 24.	Bap. Ch. Enon, Rutherford county,	72 75
" "	1st Bap. Ch. Nashville,	334 75

Total, \$581 05

*Tennessee Baptist Foreign Mission Society, in account with A. B. Shankland, Treasurer.*

CR.		
May 4,	1846. Transmitted to the Southern Convention by R. B. C. Howell, delegate,	\$117 00
" "	" Paid premium for gold,	1 55
Aug. 26.	Paid traveling expenses of J. Lewis Shuck,	17 50
" 31.	Transmitted to the Board at Richmond,	390 00
Oct. 26.	Paid travelling expenses of Dr. Howell, delegate to the Southern Triennial Convention,	50 00
" 26.	Balance in the Treasury at this date,	5 00

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A. B. SHANKLAND, *Treas.*

Our venerable and beloved brother Col. WM. MARTIN, of Smith county, is dead! He expired on Wednesday of last week—the 4th Nov.—at his residence, of an attack of pleurisy, in the 81st year of his age. We will present a Memoir as soon as we have the necessary facts. A great and good man, is gone to his reward. His departure was most triumphant.

DIED,

Suddenly, on the 5th inst., at his residence in Davidson county, Mr. JOHN R. DABBS.

TABLE OF  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONS, CHURCHES, MINISTERS, &c.  
OF TENNESSEE, for 1846.

Associations.	Age	Chs.	Ms.	Li.	Bapt.	Total.	Date.	Correspondents and Post-Offices.	
Big Hatchie,	?	33	17	?	?	2705	1843	A. J. Spivey, Brownsville.	
Central,	9	18	13	4	105	2675	1844	J. M. Hurt, McLemoresville,	
Concord,	34	33	21	8	284	2729	"	J. R. Graves, Nashville.	
Duck River,	33	21	8	?	?	1700	1843	L. Holt, Rowsville.	
East Tennessee,	6	7	3	2	135	516	1844	W. C. Newell, Morristown.	
Hiwassee,	21	26	18	?	?	273	"	R. Simpson, Limestone,	
Holston,	59	28	21	15	277	2055	"	R. Bayless, Jonesborough.	
Indian Creek,	?	10	8	?	?	600	1840		
Liberty,	6	15	8	?	?	129	1070	1844	B. Kimbrough, Mulberry.
Mount Zion,	5	18	5	?	?	?	762	1841	
Mulberry Gap,	?	15	10	?	?	?	750	1842	
Nolachucky,	?	15	13	6	173	1599	1844	H. W. Taylor, Morristown.	
Northern,	16	10	7	?	?	?	1127	1842	
Obion,	4	6	4	?	?	?	200	1840	
Salem,	21	31	18	3	341	2974	1844	H. Fite, Liberty.	
Sweetwater,	13	22	19	7	288	1937	"		
Tennessee,	15	25	13	?	?	377	2806	"	Homer Sears, Knoxville.
Western District,	22	25	10	9	177	1438	"	C. L. Cate, Paris.	
Total, 18		358	216	54	2499	29219		Gain, 3788.	

ANTI-BAPTIST MISSIONARY ASSOCIATIONS.

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GENERAL SUMMARY OF THE UNITED STATES, for 1846.

STA. ES.	No. of Ass's.	Church's	Minist'rs	Licen's.	Baptized in one year.	Total.	Loss.	Gain.
Maine,	13	298	205	35	314	22,628	1232	
New Hampshire,	7	100	83	9	120	10,148	677	
Vermont,	9	116	76	10	147	10,170	234	
Massachusetts,	12	222	221	28	491	30,945		64
Rhode Island,	2	42	33	7	104	7,309	251	
Connecticut,	6	108	107	17	770	15,921		581
New York,	42	794	708	139	3800	93,855	4702	
New Jersey,	4	80	79	21	483	11,571		119
Pennsylvania,	15	292	185	49	2100	28,080		805
Maryland,	2	20	12	8	92	2,109		39
Virginia,	23	502	246	62	4622	79,134		3200
North Carolina,	21	409	218	74	2291	31,066		742
South Carolina,	12	379	196	32	1131	39,687		1010
Georgia,	27	626	283	100	4661	45,363		1790
Florida,	1	21	6	1	289	973		302
Alabama,	16	401	176	43	2309	26,207		556
Louisiana,	5	72	42	8	25	3,018		281
Texas,	2	24	19	?	125	758		372
Arkansas,	6	58	29	5	150	1,771		150
Mississippi,	17	299	140	39	1486	17,155		850
Tennessee,	18	358	216	54	2499	29,219		3788
Kentucky,	42	665	278	88	1980	60,160		1145
Missouri,	19	292	144	47	1125	15,331		963
Illinois,	19	272	186	54	1146	12,328		1058
Indiana,	22	361	171	39	1307	18,988		3193
Ohio,	25	467	194	40	1838	26,573		13
Michigan,	10	163	103	19	619	8,447		507
Wisconsin,	1	34	24	2	73	1,284		
Iowa,	3	44	28	11	178	1,134		288
Total in the United States,	401	7501	4408	1036	36,381	651,332	7096	21,927
Anti-Mission Baptist do.,	149	1978	889	111	1449	68,641	1022	
Grand total in U. States,	550	9479	5297	1147	37,830	719,973	8118	21,927

## FRAGMENTS OF BAPTIST HISTORY.

One thousand eight hundred and forty-six years since, Jesus Christ came on earth to set up a KINGDOM, which is to endure to the end of time.

The "beginning" was in the ministry of his forerunner John, in the year 26. Its organization was completed under the ministry of the apostles, in the year 33. The *history* of this kingdom, in its Scriptural character and simplicity, and in consecutive order of time, has never been fully written. What is called "Ecclesiastical History," is the narrative of almost every thing but the history of the churches of Jesus Christ.

In this kingdom Jesus Christ himself is King, and his government is absolute. HIS LAWS, as revealed in the holy Scriptures, without addition, interpolation, diminution, or change of any kind, are to be implicitly obeyed. The subjects of this kingdom are spiritually born, or made disciples, through the instrumentality of his word and by the mighty agency of his Spirit, become believers, and are then to be baptised as a symbol of union to him in spiritual life, and to be formed into communities called in the New Testament *churches*, that is, congregations of Christian disciples. Wherever we find in history such congregations of baptised believers, who reject all human authorities, take the holy Scriptures as supreme authority and sole guide in all matters of faith and morals, and require personal evidence of repentance towards God, and faith in Christ in every individual who is received to membership, we recognize them as the churches and component parts of the visible kingdom of Christ on earth. They may have been called by different *names* for the time being. But wherever we find religious communities formed on different principles, and especially connected with and forming a part of the political government, they ought not to be considered any part of the kingdom of Christ. Individual believers, in greater or less numbers, may be members of such communities, and forms of religious worship may be observed, but these circumstances cannot make such communities churches of Christ. "*My kingdom is not of this world.*" (John xviii: 38.)

The New Testament furnishes the principal intelligence of the organization, trials, and progress of the churches in the first century. From this and other records, we learn that the gospel was preached in the various parts of Judea, by the apostles and their fellow-laborers—and in Idumea, Syria, and Mesopotamia by Jude,—in Egypt, Mæmorica, Mauritania, and other parts of Africa, by Mark, Simeon, and Jude—in Ethiopia (Abyssinia) by the Eunuch and Matthias—in Pontus, Galatia, and the neighboring parts of Asia, by Peter—in the region of the seven Asiatic churches, by John—in Parthia, by Matthew—in Scythia, by Philip and Andrew—in the northern and western part of Asia, by Bartholemew—in Persia, by Simeon and Jude—in Media, Carmania, and perhaps India, by Thomas. Paul preached in various countries; from Jerusalem round about Illyricum, in Italy, and very probably in

Spain, Gaul, and the island of Britain. Welch historians state that King Brennius, Prince of Siluria, a province in the south-east part of Wales, was taken a hostage to Rome for his son Caractacus, where he tarried seven years, was converted to the Christian faith, returned with three preachers of the gospel, and by their instrumentality many of the Welch were converted. This was about A. D. 61 or 62.

Pliny's famous letter to the Emperor Trajan, written A. D. 107, gives the character of the Christians in Bythima, their church meetings and their heroic martyrdom. Polycarp, a disciple of John, was burnt to death in the year 166. Great numbers of Christians suffered in the latter part of this century. In 180, Lucius, a king in Wales, embraced the Christian faith, and by the instrumentality of Faganus and Damicanus, two faithful evangelists, and his influence, the gospel made great progress in Wales, and spread into the Isle of Anglesea.

The "Mystery of Iniquity" that began to corrupt Christianity in the days of Paul, (1 Thess. ii: 7,) was probably developed in the latter part of this century by the introduction of two monstrous errors relative to baptism. *First*, the mystical efficacy of baptism to remove original sin, change the *state* of the subject, and procure pardon. This error still lies at the foundation of Romanism, Puseyism, the Greek church, Lutheranism in Europe, High Church Episcopacy, and every ecclesiastical hierarchy in the world. A *second* error that prevailed for a time was the dogma, that if a person committed mortal sin after baptism, he could never be forgiven. The first error, by making baptism essential to salvation from original sin, laid the foundation for infant baptism, and for *affusion*, or copiously wetting the person in cases of extreme necessity. The second error influenced many persons to delay baptism till late in life.

In the *third century*, (about A. D. 250,) according to Eusebius and Wall, Novatian, who had delayed baptism, fell into a dangerous disease, and because he was about to die, had water poured over the bed whereon he lay. The Greek word used to express this act is not *baptizo* in any of its forms, but *perikutheis*, literally *being poured round*. Novatian was chosen bishop of a church in Rome, (A. D. 251,) but was rejected by the clergy and many of the laity in that city, because he had not been baptized, as they alledged, but rather because he preached the gospel in its simplicity, and did not countenance the ecclesiastical hierarchy then in process of formation. His followers became a numerous body of Christians, entirely separate from the church of Rome, and the growing corruptions of the age. They called themselves *Cathari*, or the *Pure*, held the supremacy of the divine oracles over all human traditions, and appear to have preached the gospel and kept the ordinances, according to apostolic example. *Puritan* churches were constituted throughout the Roman empire, in contrast with the corrupt communities, commonly called by ecclesiastical historians, the *church*, with which they maintained no fellow-

ship. Afterwards, when penal laws were made against them, they were often dispersed, their churches dissolved, and they were obliged to worship God in private, and in obscure places. Their doctrinal sentiments appear to have been very Scriptural, and their discipline very strict. Under various names, a succession of them (not always in organized communities) may be traced to the *Reformation* under Luther.

The first great error we have named, "the mystical efficacy of baptism," was taught by Cyprian, A. D. 254; by Ambrose, A. D. 330; by Chrysostom, A. D. 398, and by numerous other writers. Infant baptism, when introduced more extensively, was performed still on *profession of faith*—not made by the unconscious babe, but by proxy, or *sponsors*. These persons, as surety, *professed*, on behalf of the child, to renounce the devil and all his works; to repent and believe the gospel. These sureties are first mentioned by Tertullian, A. D. 202, and are called "sponsors," that is, persons who make themselves answerable for another.

About the year A. D. 300, the tenth pagan general persecution, under the Emperor Dioclesian, began, and extended to Britain and Wales. Christian churches, after the apostolic model, had been formed in that country.—The first martyr was Alban. This was soon followed by the martyrdom of Aaron, Julius, and other renowned men in Wales,

It is a curious fact, that the pagan Druidical system of religion that prevailed in Britain, though cruel and superstitious, never persecuted others. Their motto was, "*Truth against the world*," and they maintained that it was the duty of all men to seek after the truth, and to receive it from every source. From the fifth to the ninth century, multitudes of Christians fled to Wales from other countries. There are a series of facts and strong presumptive evidence that primitive Christianity, and probably even congregations organized according to gospel simplicity, have been preserved in Wales from the first century of the Christian era.

Christianity was introduced into Ireland long before the days of Patrick. Popery and Romanism was introduced in Great Britain. A. D. 597, by Austin, who with forty monks was sent there by Pope Gregory I, to introduce the corrupt Christianity of Rome into the Saxon kingdoms. Ethelbert, King of Kent received him kindly, and was baptized with many of his subjects. Austin and his assistants baptized 10,000 persons in the river Swale, near York, in one day. Baptism then, even by the corrupt church of Rome, was uniformly immersion, except in a few extreme cases of *clinics*, that is, persons on a sick bed. With the old British Christians and their bishops, Austin was wholly unsuccessful. He required them to *give baptism to their children*, and to submit to the jurisdiction of the church of Rome, which they promptly refused. He called a meeting of the ancient Christian pastors, near Bangor, and urged on them submission to Rome, infant baptism, and the observance of Easter, but with none of his proposi-

tions would they comply, and maintained that the word of God alone was their guide. To this response this zealous missionary of popery and pædobaptism replied, "*Sins, therefore, ye wot not receive peace of your brethren, ye of other shall have warre and wretche*." Accordingly he stirred up the Saxons to make war on these ancient Christian Britons, and many hundreds were slain, and the community at Bangor, a flourishing Christian college, was broken up. These facts teach us that the ancient Britons, or Welsh, were Bible Christians—that Austin introduced that monstrous and first error, the mystical efficacy of baptism in converting and saving the soul, into Britain, where it has been continued in the regular line of "SUCCESSION" in the English hierarchy, through the several eras of popery, the "Reformation by Henry VIII.!!" Conformity and non-conformity to the present day, where it remains in the "*BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER*," as the foundation—the *sine qua non* of that ecclesiastical hierarchy.\*

We can trace *principles* of the Cathari or Puritans in Italy and other countries, under various names for successive centuries. The *Paterines*, for a period, were a numerous and flourishing sect. They are called by some historians *Gazari*, a corruption of Cathari. The *Paulicians* were a numerous body of Separatists from the corrupt hierarchy of the sixth and following centuries. In the eleventh century they were spread through the interior of Europe.

The *Berengarians*, from Berenger, a distinguished reformer of the eleventh century, in France, opposed the Romish authority and doctrines, of which infant baptism was one. Catholic writers represent them as most dangerous heretics, but they bear the marks of the true church. About the beginning of the twelfth century, the descendants of these various Christians began to be called *Waldenses* and *Albigenses*. Whatever claims Pædobaptists may make to the modern Waldenses, we have evidence before us, full and conclusive, that the great body of the ancient Waldenses would now pass for sound, consistent Baptists. From them originated the Lollards and Wickliffites in England, and several of the old English Baptist churches.

In 1160, some of the Waldenses migrated from Gascony to England, where they were called *Publicani*, a corruption of one of their ancient names, *Paulicians*. Rapin says, "Henry ordered a council to meet at Oxford in 1166, to examine the tenets of certain heretics called *Publicani*. Their doctrinal tenets were found orthodox, but the monkish historians (their enemies) say, "they rejected baptism, the eucharist, marriage, and the communion of Saints." The meaning is, they rejected infant baptism, and denied the mystical efficacy of this rite,—the dogma of transubstantiation,—marriage as a Romish sacrament—and held no communion with the corrupt church of Rome. Their successors were called *Lol-*

\*See the following articles in the Book of Common Prayer:—Public Baptism of Infants—Private Baptism of Children—Catechism—Confirmation.

*lards*, from an old German word that denoted a person who sung hymns. Wickliffe, after his conversion from popery, became a *Lollard*, rejected infant baptism, and maintained the supremacy of the Scriptures, which he translated into English. EDITOR.

For The Baptist.

PURDY, Nov. 5, 1846.

DEAR BRO. HOWELL:

Please publish the following notice of Ordination in The Baptist.

Pursuant to a call from the Baptist Church at Clear Creek, McNairy county, Tennessee, Elders Elisha Pack and A. A. Sanders met at said Church on the third Lord's day of October, 1846, for the purpose of Ordaining to the work of the Gospel ministry, brother Reuben C. Hill, proceeded in the following order:

1st. Sermon by Elder Elisha Pack, from 1 Tim. vi. 12.

2d. Reading of Scripture by Elder A. A. Sanders.

3d. Examination of the Candidate as to his call to the ministry and views of Scripture doctrine by Elder A. A. Sanders.

4th. Laying on of hands by the presbytery, and Ordaining prayer by Elder E. Pack.

5th. Charge and presentation of the Bible by Elder E. Pack, and right hand of fellowship by the Presbytery and Church.

6th. Benediction by brother Hill.

Affectionately yours, &c.

A. A. SANDERS.

From the Banner and Pioneer.

### GOOD NEWS FROM A FAR COUNTRY

It has been our great happiness to experience, what many of the faithful of our Father's household have been praying to experience for many years—a revival of religion. A few weeks ago, bishop S. S. Burdett, formerly of the Yalabusha Association, in Mississippi, made us a visit, and preached at the Bayou Rouge Church one Sabbath. From there he descended the Bayou Rouge, some ten or twelve miles, and commenced preaching the word, in its plain simplicity, to a community who had hitherto been poorly blessed with preaching. He held his meetings on the bank of the stream, like ancient John, beneath a pleasant shady little grove of forest trees, But it was a grove made sacred by the second birth of many immortal spirits. Forty-three have been "buried with Christ in baptism," and there is reason to expect some more. They intend to be constituted into a church of God in a few days; and we hope and believe they will go on their way rejoicing to meet the church triumphant in glory. Pray for these young brethren.

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Rev. J. J. Smith has removed to Sommersville, Tenn. His correspondents will for the future address him at that place.

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Nashville, Oct. 22, 1846.—2t

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