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Next Session of Association.

Place—Walker's Fork, Sullivan county, Tenn.
Time—Thursday before the Second Friday in August, 1878.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

OPENING SESSION.

Mt. OLIVET CHURCH, UNION, TENN.; }
Thursday, August 9, 1877. }

The ninety-second session of the Holston Baptist Association convened here to-day. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. H. Crouch, of Jonesboro', at 11 o'clock, a. m. Theme—"Jesus and His Resurrection." Text—"Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you that God should raise the dead?"—Acts 26:8.

After the sermon, Elder O. C. Pope led the body in prayer.
On motion, adjourned till 1 o'clock, p. m.
Benediction by Elder A. E. Leonard.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1 o'clock, p. m.

Re-assembled at the sound of singing, "Pass menot, O, gentle Savior."
The Moderator of last year called the house to order, and on invitation, Elder Leonard opened the session by prayer.

By direction of the Moderator, the clerk of last year received the letters from the churches represented, and enrolled the delegates, as follows:

Antioch—Elder E. D. Silver, D. W. Leach and John Kelly.

Buffalo Ridge—Elders J. C. Davidson, T. H. Crouch, G. P. Faw, and brethren R. C. Zimmerman and C. H. Bachman.

Cherokee—Elder J. H. Moore, W. E. Right and J. T. Parker.

Enon—James Smith, R. M. May and W. N. Brown.

Full Branch—E. H. Bachman, A. L. Morgan and Landon Chase.

Indian Creek—J. S. McInturf, G. W. N. Brown and W. S. Irwin.

Jonesboro'—D. W. F. Peoples, T. H. Reeves and R. H. Dungan.

Johnson City—J. J. Forde.

Harmony—Elder W. A. Keen, E. K. Hunt and S. H. Harrold.

Limestone—J. W. Cox, W. K. Cox, E. P. Gharst and J. W. Hunt.

New Salem—W. R. Bayless, J. B. Chase, W. H. Humphrey and Wm. Odell.

Philadelphia—No delegate.

Union—Perry Hunter, J. N. Cristy, A. C. Bowers and Martin Hodge.
Blountville—Elder M. L. Ingram, J. D. Millard, G. W. Hicks and N. J. Phillips.

Chincapin Grove—H. J. Hicks, Wm. Hicks and Jacob H. Smith.

Double Springs—G. W. Ervin.

Fall Creek—No delegate.

Holston—D. Glover, J. W. McGarry, J. L. Wassom and Thos. Campbell.

Holston Valley—G. W. Morton, Thomas Denton, John K. Brown and Francis Garrett.

Kingsport—John Welch.

Mt. Olivet—Elder A. Routh, J. M. Smith, Noah W. Thomas, Richard Arrant and John Harkleroad.

Muddy Creek—Martin Montieth, J. Rodgers, J. R. Rodgers and E. D. Doan.

Walker's Fork—A. J. Gibson, George Murr and Rev. S. Bachman.

Caney Branch—No delegate.

Clear Fork—Henry Montieth and Jacob Hawkins.

Flag Branch—Elder S. H. Price.

Greeneville—O. B. Headrick and John K. Cooper.

New Lebanon—J. B. White, W. R. Killday, John Bailey and Ben White.

Roaring Springs—No delegate.

Beech Creek—S. H. Ball.

Long's Bend—Letter, but no delegate.

McPheter's Bend—J. Hamilton.

Mt. Pleasant—No delegate.

New Hope—No delegate.

Oak Grove—No delegate.

Bethel—J. L. Murray and John S. Wolfe.

Barren Springs—V. R. Simpson.

ORGANIZATION.

Officers for the ensuing year were chosen by ballot, as follows:

Jacob Hamilton, Moderator, R. H. Dungan, Clerk, and W. R. Bayless, Treasurer.

Corresponding messengers and visiting brethren were invited to seats, and the following accepted:

Elders E. A. Leonard and W. N. Buckles, New Lebanon Association; Rev. T. S. Tittsworth and brother A. Edwards, Nolachucky Association; Elders J. H. Hyder, David Kitzmiller, E. F. Jones, and brethren T. E. R. Hunter and J. J. T. Reece, Watauga Association. Elder O. C. Pope, Associate Editor of the BAPTIST REFLECTOR; Prof. W. J. Morrissett, of Bristol Female Institute; Prof. W. T. Russell, of Mossy Creek College; Bro. F. M. Kindrick, of New Lebanon Association; Elder J. F. Moore, of Oxford (Miss.) Association; Elder C. C. Brown, agent Mossy Creek Col-

lege; Prof. W. T. Russell, of Mossy Creek College; Elder J. M. Walters, of Knoxville, Tenn.; Prof. D. C. Wester, President of Bristol Female College; Elders J. S. Thomas, J. H. Crouch, and brethren L. C. Peoples and W. E. Head, of Jonesboro' Church; Bro. E. D. Cox, of Muddy Creek Church.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

On Arrangements—Elders W. A. Keen, G. P. Faw, J. C. Davidson, the Moderator and Clerk of this body.

On Religious Exercises—N. J. Phillips, Prof. W. J. Morrissett, the pastor and deacons of this church.

On Finance—Brethren S. H. Ball, A. C. Morton and E. H. Bachman.

On Resolutions—Brother T. H. Reeves, and Elders O. C. Pope and M. L. Ingram.

On Nominations—Elders J. H. Moore, M. L. Ingram and S. H. Price.

On Digest of Letters—Brethren J. B. Chase, T. H. Crouch and D. W. F. Peoples.

On Obituaries—Brethren John Welch and J. B. White.

On motion of N. J. Phillips, which was discussed by N. J. Phillips, T. H. Reeves and M. L. Ingram, Saturday morning at 10 o'clock was set apart for considering the liquidation of the debt on this church building.

The Committee on Religious Exercises announced preaching in this house to-night by Elder E. A. Leonard.

On motion, adjourned to 8:30 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Elder C. C. Brown.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

Friday, August 10, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Moderator in the chair.

Elder J. S. Thomas led in prayer, after which the Clerk read the Minutes of yesterday, which were approved.

Called the roll of delegates.

On invitation, the following visiting brethren accepted seats with the body:

Elder N. B. Williams, returned Missionary from China; Dr. W. A. Montgomery, Corresponding Secretary State Mission Board; brethren William Roller and Z. T. Johns, of Mossy Creek, and Rev. W. W. Worley, White River Valley (Ark.) Association.

The Committee on Arrangements made their report, which is indicated by the proceedings of this body.

Religious Exercises announced: Preaching at the Methodist Church to-day at 11 o'clock, a. m., by Elder J. M. Walters.

The Committee offered a report on Ministerial Support, as follows:

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Having been appointed to write a report on this important and oft recurring subject, for the consideration of this deliberative body, therefore it is deemed unnecessary to present an array of Scripture quotations in order to prove it to be of divine appointment. Every Bible reader has been convinced of this fact. It only remains to determine why it is not done? and how to do it?

In answering this oft repeated query, it will be necessary to notice which are at fault, the ministry or the churches. It is a deplorable and undeniable fact, that both are at fault. Whether equally so or not, may be regarded a debatable question.

That the ministry are greatly and primarily at fault may be easily determined by their *apparent* want of consecration to the cause of Christ, as the *leaders* in the executive work of his kingdom on earth. As a consequence they are meagrely supported, the churches inefficient, and our home field given over to the enemy. They are, seemingly, afraid to "Trust in the Lord and do good;" for fear they will not be fed. This arises from a want of implicit faith in the promises of a faithful covenant God. They lean too far toward their own efforts, aside from their ministerial work, thereby reverse the command, and walk by *sight* rather than by *faith*. If they cannot see just *how* their support is to be raised and the *extent* of it, they seem unwilling to *work*, to trust Divine Providence and wait the Lord's own way and time. Thus they falter, their charges grow indifferent and but little, if any, good is accomplished. The Lord permits it to be according to their faith. Another cause of their scanty support arises from the fact that they do not teach that "The Lord hath ordained that he who preacheth the Gospel shall live of the Gospel," as a part of that one great plan of eternal salvation.

Too great conformity to the fashions of this world, is the last but not the least cause that need be mentioned. This is seen in the dress, in the use of tobacco, even in the house of God, and in the worldly formality in that service that is offered to God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The secondary cause rests upon the individual members of the respective churches and Christians generally.

While the ministry is greatly at fault in this matter, yet all the blame does not rest upon them. The Great King and Law-Giver in Zion has given special duties and obligations to each one according to the sphere in which he may labor. Therefore the bounden duty resting upon each one is to know his obligations and to perform them.

How To Do It.—This seems to have proven a difficult task to explain, but really it is as easy of explanation as to teach any other doctrine or plain duty taught in the Bible.

The full realization by the ministry and laity that, "Ye are not your own, for ye have been bought with a price. Ye have not been redeemed with corruptible things, such as silver and gold, but by the precious blood of Jesus, therefore glorify God in your body and spirit which are his," will solve it. The great truth taught here lies at the foundation of entire consecration. Consecrated hearts, as well as cultivated heads, upon the part of the ministry will beget a like spirit among their hearers. If he cultivated head *only* be in the work, without a regenerated and consecrated heart, good results need not be expected. The old adage is verified, "Like priest, like people." On the contrary, where the consecrated heart accompanies the work, then great and lasting results will assuredly follow. This spirit once possessing our ministry, and the same Christ-like spirit infused into the hearts and minds of our common brotherhood, what might we not expect in our warfare against the world, the flesh and the devil. Souls would be converted by the score, efficient churches and Sunday Schools would spring up with wonderful rapidity, and Satan's kingdom would be made to tremble at these invincibles of the Lord of Hosts. Who then will consecrate himself unto the Lord this day? To those who feel inclined to do so, remember to "Trust in the Lord and do good, and verily thou shalt be fed." Respectfully submitted,

W. K. COX, Chairman.

After appropriate addresses by Elders O. C. Pope, W. A. Keen, W. A.

Montgomery, M. L. Ingram, J. S. Thomas, and brother N. J. Phillips, the report was unanimously adopted.

The Committee offered a report on the Duty of Deacons, as follows:

THE DUTY OF DEACONS.

Dr. Howell, in his work on the Deaconship, has so ably and fully discussed the nature, and qualifications of the deaconship, the general duties of deacons, the duties of deacons with reference to their pastors, the means of creating and sustaining the necessary revenues in the church, the existence of deaconesses in the primitive churches, the duty of the church and the ministry to co-operate with the deacons, and the importance of faithfulness on the part of the deacons, that it would seem needless for your Committee to write one word upon the subject.

Although this Association, at its last session deemed it proper to have a report, or essay on the deaconship, the undersigned Committee is of opinion, that he cannot do better, in the performance of the work assigned him, than to copy a few extracts from the work styled "The Deaconship: Its Nature, Qualifications, Relations, and Duties," by the lamented R. B. C. Howell, D. D., and to beg that all persons desiring information on this important subject, purchase the book and read it.

Dr. Howell says "a deacon is a minister, or servant. The term, in its broadest sense, describes ministers, or servants, of all classes, whether their department be temporal or spiritual. * * * There is, however, a strict application of the term to a specified class of officers in the church who, in distinction from all others bear this name.

The nature of the deaconship finds its chief and most prominent illustration in the history of the origin of the office. By the acts there set forth, as well as by all that appears in every other part of the word of God, it will be fully seen that, as the pastor has supervision of *all the spiritualities* of the church, and is, therefore, overseer or bishop in that department, so the deacons are overseers of *all her temporalities*, of which they of right, have the full control. This was, certainly, the form of organization in the model church at Jerusalem. Read Acts, 6th chapter, and there find, briefly stated by Luke, the inspired historian, the origin of the deaconship.

As to the qualifications for the deaconship, the Apostles said to the church in Jerusalem that they must be "Men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost, and wisdom." See Acts 6:3, and Paul's charge to Timothy, 1 Tim. 3:8-14. Deacons should be, and should have the reputation of being men of unsullied honor—should support an unimpeachable, moral character. They must be men of distinguished piety, and of sound Scriptural principles.

On the subject of the general duties of deacons, Dr. Howell argues correctly, as I think, that it is not the duty of deacons to preach, nor to administer ordinances, nor to govern and rule in the church, except in their own department.

Every church has, necessarily, a *temporal* as well as *spiritual* department. It must have its place of worship, its pastor, its poor, and expenses of various kinds, requiring money and property. These constitute the temporal department. And while the deacons attend to the temporal affairs, the ministers may give themselves continually to prayer and the ministry of the word. They, each in their department, are not legislators nor judges, but simply executors of the law of Christ.

The obligations really devolving upon deacons are briefly these: By the divine law they are placed over all the temporalities of the church.

For this specific and definite purpose, and for no other, they were appointed. All the property and funds which belong to the church, *as a church*, is placed under their direction. Their command over them, however, is not absolute, but limited to such as the church may order. This gives them the peculiar relation which they sustain to the ordinary and incidental expenses of the church, to the wants of the poor, and to the sustenance of the pastor.

God's word commands: "Let all things be done *decently* and in *order*." Baptism is surely among these "*all things*." But it cannot be fitly dispensed, unless we have a suitable place prepared, and the candidate properly cared for.

The table of the Lord must frequently be spread. The necessary furniture for the purpose, as well as the elements, must be provided and superintended. Means should be placed in the hands of the deacons for the purposes enumerated, and they should carry these important arrangements into effect.

Dr. Howell, on page 83 says, "I next observe that the duties of the deacons require them to administer to the wants of the poor, the distressed, the afflicted, the fatherless, and the widows of the household of faith, and especially of their own particular church.

One of the excellencies of religion is its affectionate care, extended to all these classes of our fellow beings."

These duties, in their performance, necessarily involve another. Much visiting by the deacons will be found positively indispensable, especially among the classes to be benefited.

Again, as the superintendents of all the temporalities of the church, the duties of the deacons require them to see that their pastor receive a competent temporal support. If the pastor's supply should fail, even for a few months, the whole machinery must cease; because pastors, without food and raiment and a place of shelter, if dependent, as they usually are, wholly upon the church, can neither preach nor adequately discharge any other of the claims of their office. Christ has ordained, enacted a statute, established a law, "that those who preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel." Read 9th chapter of 1st Cor. Also Matt. 10:5-16, Luke 10:12.

The obligation rests upon the whole church to give the minister a competent support; but the official superintendence of the matter must not be left to the whole church, if so, it will certainly never be done. The deacons are appointed over all the temporal affairs of the church, and of course this must be also under their special charge.

It is absolutely essential that the church and the ministry co-operate with the deacons. All should work in harmony together.

It is highly important that the deacons be faithful in the discharge of their duty. If they fear God, they must seek earnestly to be faithful in all things. But chiefly, they, as all others, must and will be impelled to duty by *the love of Christ*. This is the glorious impulse, always dwelling in every Christian heart, and always effectual.

When every man—ministers, deacons and people,—is in his place, and fully animated with the spirit of his calling, what power can successfully resist them? "The voice of a king is heard in the camp," and the nations will bow to his supremacy. Then, and not till then, will the church be "clear as the sun, fair as the moon, and terrible as an army with banners."

Respectfully submitted,

N. J. PHILLIPS, Chairman.

On motion, speeches on this subject were limited to five minutes.

Remarks by Deacons Weleb, J. B. White, and Prof. Russell, Dr. Montgomery, and Elder G. P. Faw. Report adopted.

Elder J. S. Thomas, appointed to report on the Relation of the Church and Pastor to Sunday Schools, instead of Dr. Wm. Smith, the standing committee who was absent, offered and read his report. After some remarks, the report was re-committed.

On motion, adjourned till 1 o'clock, p. m. Prayer by Elder Price.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association convened at 1:10 o'clock, p. m., at the sound of singing, "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord."

After prayer by Elder E. A. Leonard, the report on Education was presented and read, as follows:

EDUCATION.

Your Committee beg leave to report that next to our sacred religion is this great cause; that while our Christian religion is for the salvation of the world, good schools, in which is taught knowledge of a purely moral character, are the hope of the country. "Education is the handmaid of religion." It is closely identified with our interests socially. It is the highway to distinction and honor. Without it, indeed, there is no sure road to success. We do know that learning is power, and it exerts a marked influence in advancing the interests of any denomination. It is time for our people to see the importance of exerting themselves and employing their means to build up and foster the schools that are located in their midst. This importance is enhanced when we realize that mind is immortal. Other labor may de-

cay, crumble and perish; but that bestowed upon the development of the mind will be more lasting than the gold of Ophir, or the diamonds of Peru.

"There is within every man a divine ideal, the type after which he was created, the germ of a perfect person, and it is the office of education to favor and direct that germ."

It is with great pleasure that we can refer to the marked progress made in our schools and colleges recently. This is, in a measure, greatly attributable to our more united effort in this cause.

It is with pleasure also, that we recommend to our brethren and the public at large, Bristol Female College, under the Presidency of Prof. D. C. Wester, A. M. It has a competent corps of teachers and an attentive Board of Regents, and is eminently deserving of the liberal patronage of all desiring to educate.

We heartily recommend Mossy Creek Baptist College. With its full and competent faculty of teachers, it affords opportunities of the best character to the sons of our beloved East Tennessee homes and surrounding countries. We know of no clime more genial, no people more hospitable. Besides these colleges there are others under the control of the denomination worthy of liberal patronage.

Then, in view of the demand for the education of the youth of the country, let us "learn wisdom" in this particular, and lay hold of this potent instrumentality for elevating our people and increasing our denominational influence. As one has truly said: "We must educate, or consent to become 'hewers of wood and drawers of water.'"

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. PEOPLES, Chairman.

After a motion for adoption was seconded, the subject was ably discussed by brethren Reeves, Russell, Dr. Montgomery, and Elders Pope and Brown. Report adopted.

The Committee on Queries presented the following report:

QUERIES.

Has a minister any right to baptize a convert who has not been regularly received by a church for that ordinance?—*Beech Creek Church*. ANSWER: Your Committee is of opinion that a minister has no right within the vicinity of an organized church to baptize any one without the concurrence of said church.

Respectfully submitted,

G. P. FAW, Chairman.

A motion for adoption being seconded, the report was adopted by a majority.

On motion, the report on Home Missions was set for 9 o'clock, a. m., to-morrow.

Elder Thomas again offered and read his report on Relation of the Church and Pastor to the Sunday School. After extended remarks by Elders Crouch, Thomas, Keen, and brothers Reeves and White, the following resolution was adopted in lieu of the report:

Resolved, That we urge on all our churches new zeal in the Sunday School work, a work designed and well calculated to save the rising generation from vice, misery and shame, and bring them to Christ, and so serve our highest interests, civil and religious, and perpetuate the benefits of a noble civilization to our posterity.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported preaching to-night at the Methodist Church by Elder Tittsworth; by Elder Leonard at Shell's Chapel; by Elder Silver at Pleasant Grove; to-morrow night in this house by Elder N. B. Williams, returned Missionary from China.

On motion, adjourned till 8 o'clock, p. m. Prayer by Eld. Montgomery.

NIGHT SESSION.

8 o'clock, P. M.

The Moderator in the chair.

After singing "Jesus lover of my soul," Elder N. B. Williams led in prayer.

The report prepared by Elder Joseph H. Crouch, on the Rise, Progress and Statistics of the Holston Association, was read.

On motion, the Committee was requested to continue the history of the Association to the present time, and the BAPTIST REFLECTOR requested to publish the entire paper. Adopted.

On motion, adjourned till 8 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow. Prayer by Eld. C. C. Brown. Benediction by W. A. Keen.

 THIRD DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, Aug. 11, 8:30 o'clock, A. M.

The Moderator in the chair.

Thirty minutes spent in Devotional Exercises.

VISITING BRETHREN.

Brethren C. B. Yarbrough, of Bristol, C. E. Hatcher, of Ocoee Association, Elder R. P. Allison, Chicago, and Bro. D. M. Parker, of Knoxville, accepted seats with the body.

Religious Exercises announced by N. J. Phillips, Chairman of Committee: Preaching at the M. E. Church, South, at 11 o'clock, A. M., by Elder C. C. Brown.

RESOLUTIONS.

Brother T. H. Reeves, from the Committee, made a partial report:

WHEREAS, It has come to the ears of this Association that our sister, Watauga Association, perhaps desires to re-unite with us; therefore,

Resolved, That if said Association wishes such a union, we will gladly welcome it.

After remarks by Elders Hyder and Jones, the resolution was adopted.

Resolved, second, That the churches composing this Association be requested to send up annually, with their letters, a statement of the amounts paid their pastors during the preceding year. Adopted.

Resolved, third, That it is the sense of this body that the Scriptures plainly teach that every Christian should contribute *systematically* and *weekly* to benevolent causes as the Lord may have prospered each. Adopted. L. C. PEOPLES, Chm'n.

On motion, the report on Foreign Missions was set for the night session.

The Committee on Finance made its report:

FINANCE.

The Committee offered the following report:

Received for Home Missions,	\$55.20
" Foreign Missions	5.20
" Indian Missions	50
" Minutes,	53.10
Total,	\$114.00

Elder A. Routh, standing Committee on Home Missions, offered his apology for failing to make a report, and on motion, Elder O. C. Pope was appointed in his stead, and the subject deferred till 2 o'clock, P. M.

Elder J. H. Moore, Chairman of the Committee, offered a report on

NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following Nominations, viz:

CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS.

- Nolachucky Association—O. B. Headrick, N. J. Phillips.
 Watauga—Rev. G. P. Faw.
 Clinch Valley—J. Hamilton.
 Lebanon—Rev. J. S. Thomas.
 New Lebanon—John Welch, Elders A. Routh, J. C. Davidson, J. H. Crouch.
 French Broad—Elders S. H. Price, J. S. McInturf.
 General Association—T. H. Reeves, A. L. Morgan, L. C. Peoples, W. N. Brown, J. H. Moore, D. W. F. Peoples, R. H. Dungan, N. J. Phillips.
 State Convention—R. H. Dungan, T. H. Reeves, Elder W. A. Keen.
 For Standing Committees and Executive Board, see second page.
 Place for next session of this body—Walker's Fork, Sullivan county.
 Time—Thursday before the second Friday in August, 1878. Elder M. L. Ingram to preach the introductory sermon, Elder J. C. Davidson, his Alternate.

On motion, a collection was taken up to pay Elder J. H. Crouch for getting up the history of this Association; collection, \$3.46.

The time set for considering the liquidation of the debt against this church having arrived, Elder M. L. Ingram offered an explanation of the condition of the church and the debt against it. After remarks by Bro. T. H. Reeves, who appealed for bonds to be paid by or before March the 1st, the following were taken: Contribution in bonds, \$231.44; in cash, \$58.00. Total, \$289.44.

The reports of the Committee on Digest of Letters was offered and read by Bro. J. B. Chase, which, on motion of Elder J. H. Moore was re-committed.

The Committee on Resolutions made further report as follows:

Resolved, fourth, That in the opinion of this body, it is of great importance that each church should hold service every Sunday; when there is no preaching, prayer and conference meetings and Sunday School should be held. L. C. PEOPLES.

Resolved, fifth, That we recognize in the BAPTIST REFLECTOR an able exponent of Baptist faith and practice, and cordially commend it to the Baptists of this Association as a paper worthy of their support and patronage. T. H. REEVES.

Resolved, sixth, That the minutes be printed and distributed under the direction of the Clerk, and that he be allowed \$10 for his services. N. J. PHILLIPS.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Resolved, seventh, That the thanks of this body are due and hereby tendered the E. T. V. & G., and the A. M. & O. Railroads for reduced rates of fare to delegates and

visitors attending its session; also to the editor of the *Sullivan Landmark* for the full and accurate report he has made of its proceedings during its sittings; also to the citizens of this town and vicinity for the generous and noble hospitality with which they have entertained its members and visitors.

N. J. PHILLIPS.

Resolutions adopted in their order.

On motion adjourned to 1:30 p. m. Prayer by Dr. W. A. Montgomery. Benediction by Elder Ingram.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:30 o'clock, p. m.

The Association convened pursuant to adjournment.

After prayer by Elder E. F. Jones, the report of the Committee on Digest of Letters was again heard and adopted, as follows:

DIGEST OF LETTERS.

Your Committee beg leave to report the following: Twenty-eight churches reported by letter, and nine not represented. The following churches report Sunday Schools with the following statistics: Beech Creek, officers, 3; teachers, 4; pupils, 56. Fall Branch reports their Sabbath School small, but prosperous. They request this body to meet with them next year. Jonesboro, officers and teachers, 8; pupils, 80; average attendance, 60; takes fifty copies of *Kind Words*, sends three dollars and thirty cents, one half for home and the other for foreign missions. They claim to have a model Sunday School. Blountsville has an ever-green Sabbath School, average attendance, 30; takes twenty copies of *Kind Words*, paid fourteen dollars during the year. McPheter's Bend, officers, 4; teachers, 8; pupils, 56. This church petitions this body to meet with them next year. New Hope, officers, 3; teachers, 6; pupils, 54. New Salem, officers, 2; teachers, 4; pupils, 91. Muddy Creek requests this body to meet with them next year. Limestone requests the minutes to be distributed according to the money sent by each church. Number of deaths during the past year, 24.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. B. CHASE, Chairman.

The annual report of the Executive Board was read and adopted.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR HOME MISSIONS.

From churches and individuals at the hands of N. J. Phillips, Treas.	\$110 28
Received of Treasurer of Association,	55 20
Received of Eld. Moore, missionary,	6 00
Total,	\$171 48

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid to Elder Cross, balance due	\$88 56
" " " Ratliff, " "	36 93
" " " Moore for services this year	16 00
" for postage	1 00
Total,	\$92 24

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

From churches and individuals	\$ 5 00
" Treasurer of Association	5 20
" Public collect at Jonesboro district meeting	13 00
Total,	\$23 20

DISBURSEMENT.

Paid to Eld. N. B. Williams	\$13 00
Balance on hand	10 20

INDIAN MISSIONS.	
From Rebecca Millard	\$2 00
" W. J. Wassam	50
Total,	\$2 50
MT. OLIVET CHURCH.	
From individuals paid to treasurers	\$23 00
Paid for printing bonds	75
Balance on hand	22 25
ADDIE BRUNER FUND.	
From contributions at Association	\$82 00
Paid to Bristol Female College	81 00
Balance	1 00

The report of the Committee on Obituaries was read and adopted.

OBITUARIES.

Your Committee would beg leave to report that after looking over the letters from the different churches composing this Association we find it has pleased the Great Head of the church to call twenty-four of our beloved brethren and sisters from their work here and take them to Himself; ever reminding us that we should always be ready.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN WELCH, Chairman.

On motion the regular business of the body was resumed, and the report of the Committee on Home Missions read, as follows:

HOME MISSIONS.

It is the duty of the churches to see that the Gospel is preached to every creature. We have some destitution in the bounds of this Association, and it is our duty to supply that destitution with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. We heartily sympathize with the effort of the General Association and of the State Convention to have every section of our State supplied with the Gospel in its purity. We are also in sympathy with the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in the work of sending the Gospel to the Indians in the far West, and we recommend to the churches to bestow their benefactions on these instrumentalities of Christian progress. We ask the ministers in our bounds to labor as much as possible in places of destitution and strive to keep up prayer-meetings and Sunday Schools at every available place. Let our churches be liberal in supporting the Gospel at home, that the kingdom of our God may be established all over our beloved State.

Respectfully submitted,

O. C. POPE, Chairman.

Stirring addresses were delivered on this subject by Elders Pope, Montgomery and Keen, and the report was unanimously adopted.

On motion, it was ordered that a collection be taken up to-morrow from each congregation for the State Mission Board.

Bro. T. H. Reeves, Chairman, offered a resolution from J. H. Crouch, on Sunday-school work, which, after remarks by Elders J. S. Thomas, J. H. Crouch, and brethren J. B. White and T. H. Reeves, the following was adopted in lieu:

Resolved, That four additional members be added to the Committee on Sunday-schools, with instructions to present the work as they deem proper, and for its best interest at the next session of this body. (See Committee on second page.)

The Committee on Religious Exercises announced Elder J. C. Davidson to preach at Pleasant Grove to-night; Elder Tittsworth at Shell's Chapel; Sabbath-School Mass Meeting at this house to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, a. m.

On motion, adjourned till 8 p. m. Prayer by Elder Keen. Benediction by Dr. Montgomery.

NIGHT SESSION.

8 o'clock, P. M.

The Moderator in the chair. Sang "What a friend we have in Jesus."
Prayer by Elder C. C. Brown.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The unequivocal command of Christ Himself is our authority for Foreign Missions and the Apostles are our great exemplars in the work. That command and these examples were not given to any particular age or people, but are alike binding upon every Christian, in every age and everywhere. The gates of the nations, once closed to the work of Christian missions, are now open to all and Christians everywhere are invited not only to possess, but to cover every heathen land with the glory of the Cross. What has been done towards it? Much every way. There are now missionaries schools and churches in almost every clime and God is greatly blessing the self-sacrificing labors of our brethren in their work of love. In India, Burmah, Sandwich Islands and some other heathen lands of the East the work has been sustained for half a century, and more than a hundred thousand converts have professed hope in the blessed Redeemer. According to recent estimates a soul has been converted to Christ for every dollar expended in the Foreign Mission field. Truly the words of the Master are being verified, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world." But what share have Baptists in this great work? According to the same statistics nearly one half of the converts have been of Baptist faith and practice, though more than four fifths of the missionary funds have been contributed by other denominations. But the field and work of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is of special interest to this body. The field is,

CHINA,

Where we have Eld. T. P. Crawford, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. J. S. Holmes with one native pastor and three assistants, located at Tung Chau. P. O. Chefoo. Elder M. T. Yates and Mrs. Yates, with one native pastor and one native assistant at Shanghai. P. O. Shanghai. Eld. R. H. Graves, Mrs. Graves, Miss Lula Whilden, with one native pastor and eleven native assistants and Bible women at Canton. P. O. Canton.

AFRICA,

Where we have Eld. W. J. David and two native assistants, located at Abeokuta. P. O. Lagos. Eld. W. W. Colley and one native assistant at Lagos. P. O. Lagos.

ITALY,

With Eld. Geo. B. Taylor and eight native pastors located at Rome and its vicinity. P. O. Rome.

In all these fields, the most important that could possibly be selected, we are glad to report that our mission work is fully established, that our missionaries are not only eminently qualified for the work and most acceptable to their fields, but under their efficient labor the cause of our blessed Redeemer is rapidly progressing. But we regret that we are compelled to bring to your notice the old, old complaint—more funds are absolutely necessary to the work, and more laborers for the field. It is a lamentable fact that the churches at home do not furnish sufficient for the most urgent demands of the fields abroad. While we have the brethren and sisters named above in the foreign field, we have at home Eld. J. B. Hartwell and Mrs. Hartwell at Columbus, Ga., Eld. E. Z. Simmons and Mrs. Simmons at Kossuth, Miss., Misses Lottie and Edmonia Moon at Carter's Bridge, Va., and Eld. N. B. Williams and Mrs. Williams, of Montgomery, Alabama.

All of these are brethren and sisters who have spent years of study and labor to render them efficient laborers in the work of the Master in their peculiar field. Some of them are here in consequence of ill health, but all anxious to return except the three last named, whose health forbids their return at this time. The want of funds is retaining them. We cannot expect them to make money and accomplish the work assigned them, nor that the infant churches they are planting yet can support them. But we believe that they can and will do it in a few years; for in Burmah and other older foreign fields, the mission churches are not only self-sustaining, but contribute annually an average of \$2.00 per member to benevolent enterprises; while we, all the Baptists and

Missionary Baptists too, of the State of Tennessee, who boast of a membership of nearly 100,000, contributed last year the meagre sum of \$771.27, less than one cent per capita, to the soul-saving and soul-developing cause of Foreign Missions. Nor does the contrast improve as we come nearer home. This Association, the oldest in the State, with her thirty-seven churches, and a membership of over three thousand only contributed to this cherished cause \$44.51, a sum but little more than \$1 to the church, and a fraction over one cent per member. Such have been our efforts at a time when our missionaries were returning from the foreign field for the want of means to support them with only absolute necessities; while at the same time the highest interest of the work demanded that the field itself should be expanded. Three new ports have recently been established, besides several trading places of importance on the Yangtse Kiang river, at three of which foreigners are permitted to reside, and at all of which the best interest of our work demands that mission stations should be established.

From these facts and considerations, your committee concludes that the funds contributed by the home churches are inadequate for the work already undertaken; that the missionaries in the field are too few in number, and yet the best interest of the foreign work demands that the field should be enlarged. What then is our duty in this direction? Shall we say to the missionaries at home, remain, and to those in the field, come home? It will do no good to answer this question in the negative, unless we betake ourselves to a systematic, liberal benevolence in spirit and in fact. Let us confess our 'shortcomings' and do better. Let every one do his part; those who do the least as well as those who do the most. Let the pastor instruct the people, and the people obey the word. Let us begin now, to-day, and let us continue until the Gospel of the Kingdom shall be "preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come."

R. H. DUNGAN, Chairman.

Following the reading of the report, Elder N. B. Williams, returned Missionary, gave an interesting lecture upon China, and the morals, habits and language of her people.

Dr. Montgomery followed in a brief but earnest appeal for assistance in the Foreign Mission cause.

Elder O. C. Pope added some stirring words in the same direction, and brother R. H. Dungan concluded by an appeal for an immediate and liberal contribution to the cause, which resulted in a cash collection of \$34.50. The report was then unanimously adopted.

On motion, the body adjourned to the time and place nominated.

Prayer by Dr. Montgomery.

Doxology—"Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Benediction by Elder Brown.

R. H. DUNGAN,

CLERK.

JACOB HAMILTON,

MODERATOR.

APPENDIX.

LORD'S DAY EXERCISES.

9 o'clock, A. M.

Sunday-school Mass Meeting was held at the Baptist Church. Addresses were delivered by Elders Crouch and Leonard.

A collection was taken up to supply the Sunday-school at this place with *Kind Words*. Collection \$4.00.

11 o'clock, A. M.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sermon by Dr. W. A. Montgomery, from Hebrews 2:9.
Collection for State Missions \$7.30.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sermon by Elder O. C. Pope. Theme—"The trials and triumphs of the Gospel." Zech. 9:8. Collection for State Missions \$7.30.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sermon by Elder R. G. Allison, from —. Collection for State Missions \$10.00.
2:30 o'clock, P. M.

Sermon by Elder N. B. Williams at the Baptist church. Text: "Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the Sepulchre?"—Mark 16:3.
8 o'clock, P. M.

Sermon by Elder J. H. Moore at the Baptist church.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FIRST SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD,

HELD AUGUST 12, 1877.

MISSIONARY WORK.

Resolved, first, That the Corresponding Secretary of this Board is hereby instructed to employ Elder A. Routh, Missionary, at \$2 per day, so long as the funds on hand will pay him, with instructions to labor in destitute sections within the bounds of this Association, and to take collections for Home Mission work wherever he may labor, and settle for the amount collected with the Treasurer of this Board.

PLAN FOR RAISING MISSIONARY FUNDS.

Resolved, second, That this Board earnestly requests that each member of the several churches composing this Association contribute as the Lord may have prospered each for Home and Foreign Mission work. Further, it is the opinion of this Board that systematic, and if practicable weekly collections should be taken up, and where weekly collections are impracticable, this duty should be attended to as often as the congregation convenes.

Resolved, third, That Pastors and Deacons are urged to impress this duty upon the membership of the churches, and to assist the Missionary Agents in their efforts to raise funds and forward them to the proper Treasurer.

Resolved, fourth, That, to save expense and trouble, the Board directs that the Missionary Agent or Pastor of each church forward all funds for Home Missions direct to H. W. Butterff, Treasurer State Mission Board, Nashville, Tenn., and all for Foreign Missions to Dr. H. A. Tupper, Treasurer Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., and request a postal receipt for the same; and also to report the sum of the amounts forwarded in the church letter to the next session of this Association.

MT. OLIVET CHURCH FUND.

Resolved, fifth, That the bonds given for the liquidation of the debt against Mt. Olivet Church be placed in the hands of N. J. Phillips, Treasurer, to be collected by or before their maturity.

Resolved, sixth, That the Treasurer pay Elder M. L. Ingram six dollars, for services rendered by him in raising contributions for Mt. Olivet Church.
R. H. DUNGAN, Rec. Sec. G. P. FAW, Chairman.

Statistical Table for 1877.

CHURCHES	CLERKS AND THEIR P. O.	INCREASE.		DECREASE.		MEMBERSHIP.			Contribution for Minutes.
		Baptism.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Letter.	Death.	White.	Colored.	
Antioch	D W Leach, Jonesboro'	17	3	1	1	61		61	\$ 1 50
Buffalo Ridge	Fred. Davault, Buffalo Ridge	20	23	2	1	239		239	3 25
Cherokee	E W Bayless, Jonesboro'	18	1	11	1	180	8	188	2 40
Enon	J E Deakins, Chucky Vale	2	3	1	1	80		80	2 00
Fall Branch	E H Bachman, Clover Bottom	2	1	1	1	204		204	2 00
Indian Creek	J B Erwin, Vardierblt.	1	1	1	1	195		195	2 00
Johnson City	E H Range, Johnson City	2	7	1	3	46		46	1 50
Jonesboro'	D W P Peoples, Jonesboro'	3	4	2	1	137	2	139	2 00
Harmony	John Deakins, Haw's X Roads	25	3	2	1	137		137	2 00
Limestone	R M K Deakins, Jonesboro'	8	9	2	2	135		135	2 00
New Salem	W R Bayless, Brownsboro'	3	2	1	1	96	1	97	2 00
Philadelphia	M Miller, Leesburg	1	1	1	1	38		38	2 50
Union	A Peoples, Johnson City	1	1	1	1	204		204	2 25
Blountville	N J Phillips, Blountville	5	3	1	1	167	3	170	2 25
Chincapin Grove	H J Hicks, Union	3	1	1	1	49		49	1 20
Double Springs						151	5	156	2 50
Fall Creek						54		54	
Holston	J W McGarry, Bristol	11	1	1	1	155	3	158	2 00
Holston Valley	G W Morton, King's Mill, Va.	1	1	1	1	75		75	1 50
Kingsport	Samuel Bachman, Kingsport	1	1	1	1	59	5	64	1 50
Mt. Olivet	J M Smith, Union	1	1	1	1	140		140	
Muddy Creek	J F Cox, Hilton	1	1	1	1	125		125	1 55
Walker's Fork	James Harbour, Clover Bottom	1	1	1	1	102	2	104	85
Caney Branch	Jesse Holt, Caney Branch	1	1	1	1	13		13	
Clear Fork	J Hawkins, Clear Creek	1	1	1	1	40		40	1 00
Flag Branch	P M Price, Peach Grove	1	1	1	1	28	2	30	75
Greenville	O E Headrick, Greenville	1	1	1	1	33		33	1 00
New Lebanon	J B White, Laurel Gap	1	1	1	1	96		96	2 00
Roaring Springs						25		25	
Beach Creek	S H Ball, Van Hill	1	1	1	1	73	2	75	1 50
Long's Bend	William Long, New Hope	14	3	1	1	84		84	1 00
McPeters's Bend	J Hamilton, New Canton	1	1	1	1	126		126	3 00
Mt. Pleasant						37		37	
New Hope	S P Lucas, Van Hill	1	1	1	1	76	1	77	75
Oak Grove						26		26	1 00
Bethel	J L Murray, Carter's	4	1	1	1	51		51	1 00
Barren Springs	J B Davidson, Bristol	1	1	1	1	26		26	1 00

* No letter, total number from last year.

MISSIONARY AGENTS.

CHURCHES.	AGENT.	POST OFFICE.	MISSION FUND.	
			HOME.	FOREIGN.
Antioch	Sarah E. Kelley	Jonesboro'	\$ 3 15	
Buffalo Ridge	Elizabeth Edwards	Carville	18 83	
Cherokee	Fannie Hoss	Garber's Mill	9 05	
Enon	Eddie Bayless	Chucky Vale	2 05	
Fall Branch	Hester Keen	Fall Branch	12 80	\$ 1 65
Jonesboro'	Nora Rinehart	Jonesboro'	12 05	15 35
Johnson City	Nannie Landreth	Johnson City	4 70	
Harmony	S O Harold	Haw's X Roads	1 65	90
Limestone	Martha Deakins	Jonesboro'	9 20	25
New Salem	A M Poingexter	Brownsboro'	7 83	
Philadelphia	M Miller	Leesburg		
Union	Hattie Hunter	Boon's Creek	9 31	
Blountville	Rebecca Millard	Blountville	32 00	5 00
Chincapin Grove	William Hoyer	Union	2 50	
Double Springs	Sarah Bath	Fall Branch	5 15	
Fall Creek	Dr D M Miller	Edgeworth		
Holston	J W McGarry	Bristol		
Holston Valley	Margaret S Watson	Abingdon, Va.	5 75	
Kingsport	Lizzie Bachman	Kingsport	2 10	
Mt. Olivet	Mollie Combs	Union	50	50
Muddy Creek	Sarah B Beard	Hilton	3 30	
Walker's Fork	Rachel Conkin	Clover Bottom		
Caney Branch	Jesse Holt	Caney Branch		
Clear Fork	Dieie Hicks	Clear Creek	3 75	75
Flag Branch	Nancy E Price	Peach Grove	1 00	
Greenville	Bettie Royal	Greenville	5 60	
New Lebanon	Jane Bruner	Laurel Gap	4 75	

CHURCHES.	AGENT.	POST OFFICE.	MISSION FUND.	
			HOME.	FOREIGN.
Roaring Spring.....	Angeline Smith.....	Locust Spring.....	3 50	
Beech Creek.....	Mary Ball.....	Van Hill.....	2 00	
Long's Bend.....	Sue Dykes.....	Mill Bend.....	3 00	
McPheer's Bend.....	M E Hamilton.....	New Canton.....		
Mt Pleasant.....	John Monroe.....	Rotherwood.....		
New Hope.....	Patience Ball.....	Mill Bend.....		
Oak Grove.....	Bettie Mun.....	Rotherwood.....	4 00	
Bethel.....	Letitia Gibson.....	Carter's Station.....	3 40	
Indian Creek.....	Mollie Erwin.....	Vanderbilt.....	1 00	
Barren Spring.....	Elder A H Cross.....	Bristol.....		

PASTORS AND THEIR CHURCHES.

L. B. Ball, Laurel Gap; Clear Fork Church. Elihu Cox, Haw's X Roads; Double Springs Church. J. C. Davidson, Boon's Creek; Bethel and Johnson City Churches. Joseph Flora, Rogersville; Beech Creek and McPheer's Bend Churches. J. H. Hyder, Elizabethton; Chincapin Grove Church. M. L. Ingram, Blountville; Blountville, Kingsport, Muddy Creek and Mt. Olivet Churches. W. A. Keen, Haw's X Roads; Limestone, New Lebanon, Buffalo Ridge and Fall Branch Churches. E. F. Kinchelo, Haw's X Roads; Harmony, New Hope, Walker's Fork and Long's Bend Churches. J. H. Moore, Chucky Vale; Cherokee, Enon, New Salem and Indian Creek Churches. S. H. Price, Peach Grove; Flag Branch Church. A. Routh, Piney Flats; Union Church. E. D. Silver, Jonesboro; Antioch Church. T. C. Teasdale, Knoxville; Greeneville Church. J. S. Thomas, Jonesboro; Jonesboro' Church.

OTHER MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES.

ORDAINED.

S. Bachman, Clover Bottom; N. W. G. Baxter, Clover Bottom; E. D. Cox, Hilton; A. H. Cross, Bristol; J. H. Crouch, Jonesboro; G. P. Faw, Boon's Creek; Eli Ratliff, Fall Branch; James Stone, Johnson City.

LICENTIATE.

D. H. Barrons, Haw's X Roads; W. K. Cox, Locust Mount; T. H. Crouch, Boon's Creek; S. H. Harolds, Haw's X Roads; D. W. Leach, Jonesboro; T. J. Murrell, Fall Branch; James Ratliff, Clear Creek; J. E. Simpson, Bristol.

REMARKS.

Only a few members of our thirty-four hundred respected the request made by the Executive Board last year; viz.: "To set apart some portion of land, garden or personal property, out of which and by which to raise means for the support of missions." Bro. J. D. Millard, of Blountville, from proceeds of one bee hive, contributed \$8.90; Martha E. Spangler, from chickens raised and sold, \$2.50; Miss Rebecca C. Millard, from chickens sold, \$6.75; Mrs. Mary A. Deakins, from one hen, \$1.25; Mrs. Sallie Cooper, from chickens, \$3.00. Neither Bro. Millard nor any one of the sisters named, can boast of large amounts of this world's goods, yet by simply an effort, they have affected a liberal contribution, one equal, perhaps, to any other five members of our entire membership. Had every one done likewise the treasury of the Lord would have contained over \$2,000; His people would have been happy and His cause greatly advanced. The Board still commends this plan. Every one can and every one should do something, and when we shall have made our contributions so systematic that every one does his part as the Lord may have prospered him, our funds will be ample for every good work. Our Associations will no longer be begging machines, but will convene to give thanks unto the Lord and add glory to His name.—CLERK.

THE TENNESSEE BAPTIST CONVENTION meets with the church in Chattanooga, on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1877.

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