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—OF THE—

Holston Baptist Association,

August 13th-16th, 1874.



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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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On Home Missions—Elder N. W. G. BAXTER.

On Foreign Missions—Elder A. ROUTH.

On Education—Elder J. H. WOOD.

On Our Duty to Freedmen—Bro. E. H. BACHMAN.

On Ministerial Support—Bro. S. H. BALL.

On Books and Periodicals—Elder W. A. KEEN.

On Sunday Schools—Elder J. B. CHASE.

On Intemperance—Elder R. N. LEE.

On Family Worship—Bro. G. P. FAW.



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The HOLSTON ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS convened in its Eighty-ninth Anniversary with the CLEAR FORK BAPTIST CHURCH, Greene county, East Tennessee, "Thursday before the second Friday in August," 1874, at 11 o'clock, A. M. After singing and prayer, Elder ASA ROUTH, of Sullivan county, preached the *Introductory Sermon* from Phil. II, 9; THEME—"The Excellency of the Name of Jesus." Elder W. A. KEEN offered prayer, after which the Association adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M. Benediction by Elder J. T. KIN-CANON.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled at the sound of singing. Prayer by Elder JOSEPH FLORA.

A permanent organization for the ensuing year was effected by the election of brother JACOB HAMILTON, of McPheter's Bend Church, Moderator; R. H. DUNGAN, of Jonesborough, Clerk; S. H. BALL, of Beech Creek, Treasurer.

After remarks by brother G. P. FAW, explaining the cause of the delay of last year's minutes, the letters from the Churches represented were called for and the

DELEGATES ENROLLED.

BUFFALO RIDGE.—S. E. Edwards, F. Devault, and G. P. Faw.

CHEROKEE.—R. R. Bayless and J. B. Mulkey.

- ENON.—William Deacons, jr., and Rufus May.
 FALL BRANCH.—J. H. King, E. H. Bachman, A. L. Morgan and Jasper Dykes.
 JONESBOROUGH.—R. H. Dungan, D. W. F. Peoples and L. C. Peoples.
 HARMONY.—W. A. Keen, E. F. Kinchelo, Daniel Barnes and John Carriger.
 LIMESTONE.—Wm. K. Cox, J. W. Cox, A. Shipley and Jno. Taylor.
 NEW SALEM.—R. N. Lee, J. B. Chase, R. A. Bayless and W. R. Bayless.
 PHILADELPHIA.—John Murdock and T. J. Galloway.
 UNION.—A. C. Bowers.
 BLOUNTVILLE.—James H. Galloway.
 DOUBLE SPRINGS.—T. J. Clark, Elihu Cox, Jas. H. Moore and Eli Ratliff.
 FALL CREEK.—J. R. Rogers and Joel Litz.
 HOLSTON.—S. M. Jones and W. J. Wassom.
 KINGSPORT.—David Nelson and Samuel Bachman.
 MUDDY CREEK.—M. Monteith, C. C. Cross and E. D. Cox.
 WALKER'S FORK.—Jacob Conkin, Thomas Dykes and G. M. Murrell.
 HOLSTON VALLEY.—W. N. Buckles, James Glover and Jas. Bland.
 CHINQUEPIN GROVE.—William Golver and A. Richards.
 CANEY BRANCH.—Not represented.
 FLAG BRANCH.—S. H. Price.
 CLEAR FORK.—Jacob Hawkins and J. H. Brandon.
 NEW LEBANON.—Elijah Kilday, Uriah Hunt, S. B. Ball and John B. White.
 ROARING SPRINGS.—J. R. Holden.
 GREENEVILLE.—O. B. Headrick and John Cooper.
 BEECH CREEK.—S. H. Ball, Wyley M. Barnard and Thos. Dykes.
 LONG'S BEND.—B. Tucker.
 MCPHETER'S BEND.—Samuel Skelton, Jacob Hamilton, A. B. Bailey and Enoch Cavin.

- MOUNT PLEASANT.—Solomon Bachman
 NEW HOPE.—S. P. Lucas, O. B. Bailey and G. R. Crook
 OAK GROVE.—J. S. Hamilton
 CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS.

On motion, corresponding messengers and visiting brethren were invited to seats with the Association.

- From LEBANON, VA.—Elder J. T. Kincanon, Corresponding Messenger and General Agent for Bristol Female College
 From NOLAUCKY.—Elder Joseph Flora.
 From CLINCH VALLEY.—Elder M. L. Ingram.
 From MISSOURI VALLEY, Mo.—Brother W. S. Crouch.

COMMITTEES.

The Moderator announced the following additional committees to report during the present session of the Association:
 ON ARRANGEMENT.—W. A. Keen, G. P. Faw with the Moderator and Clerk of the Association.

ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.—E. H. Bachman, J. S. Hamilton, A. C. Brown, with Deacons and Pastors of this church.

ON FINANCE.—D. W. F. Peoples and Samuel Bachman.

ON NOMINATIONS.—W. R. Bayless, S. E. Edwards and Alvin L. Morgan.

ON RESOLUTIONS.—M. L. Ingram, W. N. Buckles and Elbert Cox.

ON QUERIES.—B. F. White, R. N. Lee and Thos. J. Clark

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—J. H. Moore, S. H. Price and O. B. Headrick.

ON OBITUARIES.—Wm. Cox, Eli Ratliff and L. B. Ball.

ON DIGEST OF LETTERS.—N. W. G. Baxter, B. Tucker A. Shipley and L. C. Peoples.

On motion of Elder Keen, the committee appointed at our last annual session by the Sunday School Convention, was invited to meet with the committee on Sunday Schools appointed by this body.

Elder J. H. Crouch, appointed at our last annual meeting a standing committee on BOOKS AND PERIODICALS, being absent, the Moderator appointed Elders J. T. Kincanon and J. Flora a committee in his stead.

The Committee on Religious Exercise reports preaching in this house to-night by Rev. J. Flora.

On motion of Elder Keen adjourned till 9 A. M., to-morrow; prayer by Elder M. L. Ingram.

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SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, August 14th.

At 8:45 o'clock the Association convened for Devotional Exercises. At 9:15 o'clock the Moderator announced that the Association was ready for the transaction of business.

Read and approved the Minutes of the previous day.

Called the roll of Churches and Delegates.

Elders N. B. Goforth and C. L. Boling, visiting the Association in the interest of Mossey Creek College, were invited to and accepted seats with the Association.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS.

1. Read and correct the Minutes of the previous day.
2. Roll-call of Churches and Delegates.
3. Hear Report of Committees: 1st on Arrangements; 2d on Religious Exercises; 3d on Books and Periodicals; 4th on Education; 5th on Sunday Schools; 6th on Ministerial Support; 7th on Our Duty to Freedmen; 8th on Finance; 9th on Digest of Letters; 10th on Home Missions; 11th on Foreign Missions; 12th Reports of Executive Board; 13th on Committee on Querries; 14th on Resolutions; 15th on Obituaries; 16th on Nominations.

W. A. KEEN, Chairman.

Received and adopted.

The Committee offered the following:

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

FRIDAY.—Preaching at the stand at 11 o'clock by Elder C. L. Bowling, of Mossey Creek; 1:30 P. M., by Elder M. L. Ingram; at night, at this Church, by Elder Eli Ratliff; at Detherage School House by Elders J. H. Moore and S. H. Price.

SATURDAY.—At 11 o'clock, preaching at the stand by Elder R. N. Lee; at 2 o'clock by Elder Asa Routh; at night at

this house by Elder W. N. Buckles; at Detherage School House by Elders N. W. G. Baxter and J. Flora.

SUNDAY.—At 10 o'clock, sermon by Elder J. T. Kincanon; after intermission by Elder W. A. Keen; at night, at Thompson's School House by Elder A. Routh.

Respectfully submitted.

J. S. HAMILTON, Chairman.

Adopted.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

That the circulation and reading of good religious books and papers among our people is a matter of the very highest importance, will not be questioned, yet how sadly true it is, that a large majority of our families are without such books as teach and defend our peculiar faith and practice, and as we claim the faith and practice of the gospel. Few are in possession of even a religious newspaper, such as would prove a means of keeping members of the church posted and interested on all matters of importance to our denomination. It is a matter of universal experience that those who read most, and hence are the best informed with reference to the great interests and enterprises of the denomination, are the most easy of access, and come most promptly to the moral and pecuniary support of every interest. How can they be interested in that of which they have not heard and how shall they hear if they do not avail themselves of the ordinary means by which such information is communicated? Our people must be a knowing and an intelligent people, if they would be an efficient people; and in order to possess such knowledge as will make them interested supporters of every good word and work, they must read such books and papers as teach and defend our doctrines and keep before the people the enterprises, great and small, which, as a denomination we are trying to carry forward.

Among the many religious papers that might be recommended, your committee would call the attention of the Association to *The Baptist*, at Memphis, and *The Christian Index*, at Atlanta, Ga., as able exponents of Baptist doctrine and practice. We especially commend *The Monthly Messenger*, published at Bristol, Tenn., as a medium of communication for this and neighboring Associations.

Respectfully submitted.

J. FLORA,
J. T. KINCANON. } Committee.

After remarks by Elders Routh and Goforth, commending the great importance of this subject to the Association, the report was unanimously adopted.

Elder W. N. Buckles moved that the *College Echo*, published by the Faculty and Students of Mossey Creek College, be added to the list of papers commended as worthy of Baptist patronage. Carried.

Report of the committee on Education was read and received. After an interesting discussion of the subject by Elders Keen and Routh, Elder W. N. Buckles moved to amend the report by recommending certain Schools.—(See Report.) The motion prevailed.

Elder R. N. Lee moved to suspend Associational work till after preaching. Brother R. H. Dungan moved to amend this motion so as to read—to suspend the consideration of the subject of Education till 2 o'clock, and in the meantime take up other items of business on the programme. The amendment prevailed.

Elder J. H. Moore, chairman of the committee submitted the following report:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, the Sunday School Convention having maintained a separate existence from this Association, does now for satisfactory reasons desire to be re-united with the Association; we, therefore, respectfully recommend that the Sunday School Convention be re-organized in connection with this Association as it existed before its separation.

After earnest remarks by Elders Lee and Moore and brethren Dungan, King and Kilday, on motion seconded, the report was unanimously adopted.

AMENDMENTS.

Amendment to the 5th Article of Constitution was offered by Elder Buckles. *Amendment*:—"The officers of this Association shall be one Moderator, one Clerk and a Treasurer. None of which shall be eligible to office more than two years in succession, all of whom shall be elected by ballot, and the majority of votes cast shall be necessary to a choice. The election shall take place annually as soon after the delegates

convene as practicable." [Words italicised indicate the change contemplated.—CLERK] The motion was lost.

Amendment to 10th Rule of Order of Business was offered by Elder W. N. Buckles. Rule: "All Resolutions must be reduced to writing before received." Adopted.

An amendment to 11th Rule of Order Business was offered by same. Rule: "No member shall be allowed to speak more than thirty minutes, unless by permission of the body." Adopted.

On motion of Bro. J. S. Hamilton, adjourned for one hour. Benediction by Elder Asa Routh.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock, P. M.—Re-assembled at the sound of singing; prayer by Elder B. F. White.

Elder J. H. Moore moved that the appointment for preaching at the stand this evening be re-called. The motion, duly seconded, was lost.

Pursuant to previous motion, resumed the discussion of the subject of Education. After a full and animated address on the subject by Elder J. T. Kincaison, who spoke with special reference to the claims of Bristol Female College, the report as amended was unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION:

BRETHREN, your Committee on Education has nothing of much interest to report. The subject has been discussed from the stump, the pulpit, and the press, until little more remains to be said. What more then can we expect in a report on Education than the repetition of a dull formula. The subject, however, is one that is full of interest. Every citizen, every parent, feels or should feel a deep interest in the education of his children.

Much has been done already for the education of the masses. Our public men are doing much to arouse and quicken an interest in our public schools. Many intelligent, enterprising men and women are devoting their time and talents to raise the standard of education in our midst, among whom are some of our own brethren.

Your Committee think it superfluous to urge upon this body

the necessity and importance of educating our children. A few thoughts, however, suggest themselves. Should we be content to give our children a partial instead of a thorough course of mental training? No my brethren, we should not stop here. Indeed we should not begin here. We hold that education should be First, Physical; Second, Religious; Third, Moral and Fourth, Mental.

Your Committee is of the opinion that as touching the subject of Education we as an Association of Baptist Churches overlook the most important feature of the subject, viz:

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

As a consequence much precious talent is lost to the church and many of our most promising young ministers, are kept down for want of a helping hand, or forced to go from among us to find succor in more liberal fields of labor, whilst many others struggle on under great disadvantage. The consequence is the churches are not thoroughly educated in doctrine and practice. Errors prevail, and the church is crippled in her efforts to convert the world. Then as Christian parents let us educate our own children. As Baptist Churches, let us aid our young brethren that we ordain and set apart for the work of the Ministry. Then may we pray in hope for the good times that are coming from the presence of the Lord. We further and heartily recommend to this Association the Bristol Female College, Col. Dungan's School, at Jonesboro, and Mossey Creek College as institutions worthy of your fostering care and at which you may successfully educate your sons and daughters.

J. H. KING, Ch'n.

Elder W. N. Buckles moved that Bro. S. H. Ball, standing Committee on Ministerial Support, be relieved from duty on said committee. Carried.

On motion of Elder Keen another committee was appointed to report on this subject to-morrow. Committee—Elder R. N. Lee and Bro R H. Dungan.

Dr. Wm. Smith, Standing Committee on "Our Duty to Freedmen" being absent, Elder W. N. Buckles moved to pass that subject for this session. The motion, being seconded, was lost. Elder A. Routh moved that another committee be appointed to report on this subject to-morrow. Carried.

Committee—Elder Routh and Ingram.

The Report of the Committee on Digest of Letters was read and on motion recommitted for correction.

The report of the Committee on Finance was offered and read by D. W. F. Peoples, chairman. On motion of Elder Routh the Johnson City Church, or any other church not having reported, is allowed the privilege of reporting to the Clerk before the publication of the Minutes and the Clerk is directed to correct the Finance report accordingly.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

PRINTING MINUTES

Amount received from churches	\$46 05
From G. P. Faw, former clerk.	3 00
Amount paid clerk since adjournment.	2 20
Total	\$51 25

HOME MISSIONS.

Amount received from churches	\$54 75
Contributions from Individuals,	29 50
Amount reported to clerk since adjournment,	13 58
Total	\$97 83

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Amount received from churches,	\$9 40
Amount reported to clerk since adjournment.	3 86
Total	\$13 26

Grand Total \$102 34

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON QUERRIES.

On motion of Elder W. A. Keen the report was re-committed.

Moved by Bro. J. S. Hamilton that the Association now adjourn till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Carried.

Prayer by Elder N. W. G. Baxter. Benediction by Elder Keen.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, August 15th.

The Association convened pursuant to adjournment. After singing—

"How tedious and tasteless the hour
When Jesus no longer I see,"

The Moderator read the 24th Psalm and Bro. John Chase led in prayer.

Called the roll of delegates and corrected the minutes of previous day.

REPORT ON DIGEST OF LETTERS:

Your committee beg leave to submit the following report:

There are thirty-four churches belonging to this Association, five of which have not yet been represented.—(See Statistical Table.)

N. G. W. BAXTER, Chm'n.

Three of the five churches which were not represented have since been reported to me and placed in Statistical Table.—CLERK.

EXTRACTS FROM CHURCH LETTERS:

FLAG BRANCH.—Contributes for Home Missions \$2 30.

FALL BRANCH.—Contributes for Home Missions \$13 95; Foreign Missions \$2 75. Has a Sunday-school of seven teachers and forty-five pupils.

HOLSTON VALLEY.—Pledges for Home Missions \$5; for Foreign Missions \$2 50.

NEW LEBANON.—Pledges for Home Missions \$9 45.

HOLSTON.—Contributes for Home Missions \$3.

CHINQUEPIN GROVE.—Individual pledges for, 1875; J. W. Watson 1 15; Susan Mothorn 25c; Nancy Crumley 25c; Agnes Glover 50c; Amanda Glover 25c; Wm. Glover 2 00; J. H. Smith 50c; H. J. Hicks 1 00; W. W. Crumley 50c; Wm. Mothorn 25c. Total \$7 25.

ENON.—Has built a house of worship and received forty-three by baptism, and has a Sunday-school of 105 members.

MT. OLIVET.—Has a weekly prayer meeting and an "Evergreen" Sunday-school.

MCPhETER'S BEND.—"We are in a healthy condition. Our

membership has increased under the faithful labors of our beloved pastor—Elder Eli Ratliff. We are at peace among ourselves. Have kept up a prayer meeting, but regret that we have no Sunday-school. We contribute for Home Missions \$10 00"

OAK GROVE.—We are without a pastor. Have had no preaching during the year. Our condition is spiritually gloomy. Have a house of worship nearly completed, but are unable to finish it.

HARMONY.—Contributes for Home Missions \$1.

BUFFALO RIDGE.—Contributes to Home Missions \$10; to Foreign Missions \$5 90. Received an entire household of five members to-day—July 25th.

CLEAR FORK.—Pledges to Foreign Missions \$3.

BLOUNTVILLE.—Has an "Evergreen" Sunday-school which averages thirty pupils and three teachers. Takes four copies of Baptist Teacher and twenty copies semi-monthly "Kind Words."

GREENEVILLE.—"Dear Brethren: pray for us. We are a weak and feeble band, having great difficulties to contend with. A debt of \$600 yet hangs over our church house, which we are unable to pay. Brethren, may we not ask you to provide some way to liquidate this debt?—E. W. Headrick, C. C."

Elder Joseph Flora represented the claim of this church, setting forth minutely her condition and prospects. A collection was at once taken up amounting to \$18. Eight brethren volunteered to raise \$25 each, if possible, to be paid by 1st October.

A church has been recently constituted at Carter's Station with Jas. L. Murray, Clerk, and a total membership of twenty. She has not yet united with the Association, but sends 70 cents for printing minutes.—CLERK.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Elder Ratliff read the report of the committee.

After remarks by Elders Keen, Ratliff and Moore, and brethren Bachman and Faw, the report was amended by striking out the last sentence and inserting another. The report as amended reads—

FIRST AFRICAN MISSIONS.

The convention at its last meeting suspended most of our Missionaries in Africa, but notwithstanding the suspension the Missionaries have continued their labors at their own expenses and with much suffering. Here is what they say: "We do not deem it right to omit duty because the the Board has forsaken us. We have continued to preach to the natives, for woe is us, if we preach not the gospel. Our Mission in Africa is suffering greatly for want of means to support it."

CHINA MISSIONS.

Our Missions in China is in a more flourishing condition. Bro. J. B. Hartwell and wife are at Chefoo. The following is from his pen. "We have at our evening family prayers a company of twenty Chinese." Bro. T. P. Crawford under date of November 17th, 1872, writes: "We feel no misgivings as to the ultimate success of our work in China." Bro. R. H. Graves and wife write, "We begin to see the glory of God made manifest. Even the children in the yard as soon as they can speak are singing Happy Land." He says the word of God is being sounded abroad throughout all that wide plain. Let us praise the Lord for his glorious work.

OUR ITALIAN MISSIONS.

Bro. G. B. Taylor writes under date of December 17th, 1873. "I am just in receipt of letters from all five of our Evangelists. I think we may now feel that the only troubles are well over and that things are moving on with fair prospects. In Rome we have a flourishing Evangelical School: I do not despair of a living Church here." Our Missionaries in Italy are doing a glorious work. The seed of the woman is bruising the serpents head.

There is now before the Board of Foreign Missions applicants for mission work from eight States of the South. The prayers for laborers have been heard, and shall we refuse to send them into the field? To our earnest calls, each has said, "here I am! send me," and who will say, thou can'st not go, and yet, if the means are not offered to send them, does not the fearful charge of forbidding them rest upon us all? This year's toil has been saddened by the fall of two of our Missionaries, viz: Dr. A. SNEED and Dr. A. G. WORTHAM. These two brethren died at their posts. They fell asleep about the same time. In their death they were not divided. Who will fill their place in the Master's vineyard? Your committee advise that the amounts contributed by churches and individuals to Foreign Missions be at once forwarded by the Treasurer of this Association to Dr. M. T. Sumner, Cor. Secretary S. B. C., Marion, Ala., with instructions to appropriate the same to the support of our African Missions.

A motion offered by Elder Buckles relative to annual contributions was, on motion of Elder W. A. Keen laid on the table.

OUR DUTY TO FREEDMEN.

Your committee recommend that the spiritual welfare of the colored population within the bounds of this Association should not be neglected by us. It is evident that the great majority of them are in the depths of poverty and ignorance, and have not the facilities within themselves to meet the great and pressing wants with regard to the salvation of their souls. We therefore recommend that the churches and pastor of this Association do all they can to instruct them in the way of truth and righteousness, remembering the words of our blessed Lord: "That unto the poor the gospel is preached." Respectfully submitted,

M. L. INGRAM, Chm'n.

On motion the report was unanimously adopted.

HOME MISSIONS.

Elder Wm. A. Keen, Standing Committee read:

Your committee on Home Missions offers the following: Home Mission work is of the first importance to the general interest, and activity of the churches and their ministry. But to make it successful we must have a zealous and thoroughly awakened pastor for each church who will take hold of this holy work with a hearty good will, and pray and work till he gets his church or churches thoroughly aroused to the great importance of this department of Christian labor. Your committee is convinced that the want of system is the chief cause of our failure to accomplish more desirable results in our missionary operations. Resolves and reports have been offered and adopted year after year, but notwithstanding all this we have not advanced one step—rather gone backward.

We have proved to ourselves and to our readers that Home Missions is a good thing. We have been telling ourselves and our people that we have large districts of unoccupied territory till we have all needful information in regard to the destitution in the bounds of the Association.

In order to success, we must have an Executive Board which will make it a point to attend all the meetings of the Board and join prayerfully in the deliberations of those meetings: then faithfully, and energetically strive to carry into execution all the plans of the Board to raise money and employ the most effective talent upon which to expend the resources of the Board. Then we may reasonably expect to see the good cause of Home Missions taking hold of society with that deep and moving force which is necessary to give tone and character to the whole Baptist popula-

tion in our bounds. The Board should have a Corresponding Secretary who ought to be a *live man*, one that will keep the churches posted in regard to all the wants of the Board and the Missionaries. The Board is the Association's agent or executive, to act in its behalf while it is not in session. The Secretary is the organ of the Board through which it makes its wants known to the churches and appeals for help and co-operation. A man ought not to accept the position of Secretary unless he is willing to *do this work and do it thoroughly*.

The mode of raising money with us is as destitute of system as anything can well be. A few churches pledge a few dollars each and a few individuals pledge from a few cents to a few dollars and the Board waits twelve months for the money, a considerable margin of which is never paid into the hands of the Treasurer; but is lost to the Board and the cause. Yet in this unsuccessful way we continue to drag the heavy years along, doing but little. This plan is offered for the consideration of this worthy body. Let each church be canvassed by the deacons and see what each member will give weekly as God has prospered him, and let this become the basis of pledge to the Board. One-fourth of the whole amount obtained to be appropriated to the Foreign Mission Board. By thus uniting the Foreign and Domestic Mission work it will be a stimulus to Pastors, Churches, Deacons and Executive Board. Thus all may be brought into harmonious co-operation in the great work of Missions, making the Home Mission work the basis of the whole. This plan has this advantage, it is Scriptural. Paul endorses it. See 1 Cor. 16: 2.

WM. A. KEEN, Chm'n.

The subject of Home Missions was discussed at length and with much energy by Elders Keen, Kincaid, J. H. Moore and brethren Crouch and Faw; after which the report was unanimously adopted.

Moved by Brother Faw that the "Circular" published by Holston Baptist Association held at Lick Creek, Greene county, Tennessee, the 2d Friday in August, 1816 be published in our Minutes immediately after Elder Keen's report on Home Missions. The motion prevailed.

CIRCULAR.

The elders and delegates of the Holston Baptist Association, convened at Lick Creek meeting-house, Greene county, on the 9th of August, 1816—to the churches they represent, sendeth christian salutation.

DEARLY BELOVED BROTHERN, through the preserving dis-

pensation of God, we have once more enjoyed the privilege of assembling ourselves in a social capacity, and having by your letters discovered your state, we were led to mourn or rejoice according as it was declining or prosperous; and having gone through our business, permit us now to address you on the important subject of the duty of the household of faith contained in two particulars, viz. the laity to the clergy, and the clergy to the laity, or rather, first the clergy to the laity, and then the laity to the clergy, or the particular duty of ministers or preachers to the members, that the holy ghost have made them overseers over; and then (2) the duty of such members to their preachers, &c.

DEARLY BELOVED BROTHERN, the minister being put upon his work, proceeds first to preach the word of God unto them, thereby to feed the flock, and therein ought to be faithful and laborious, studying to show himself a workman that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth, 2 Tim. ii, 15. As he is a steward of God in the mysteries of the gospel, 1 Cor. iv, 1, 2. Feeding the flock of God with knowledge and understanding, Jer. iii, 15. He must be faithful in declaring the whole counsel of God, Acts xx, 20. He is to instruct them in all practical Godliness, laying before them their manifold duties, and urge them upon their consciences, Titus ii, 1-15; Tim. iv, 6. Secondly: He must watch over them, as one that must give an account to God, Heb. xiii, 17. Such must have an eye upon every member to see how they behave in the house of God, where the presence of the Lord is more eminently, and where the angels do always attend, and also their behaviour in the families they belong to, and their conversation abroad; according to their capacities, they are not to sleep under their charge. Thirdly: He is to visit his flock, to know their state, in order to minister suitable doctrinal relief unto them, that the unruly may be reprov'd, Prov. xxvii, 23; 1 Thes. v, 14, 15. Fourth: He is to administer all the ordinances of Christ among them, as baptism and the Lord's supper, and herein he must be careful to follow the primitive pattern, thereby to hold forth the great end, whereof they were ordained. He must be constant with God in his prayers for and with them, as opportunity may serve; he must show them a good example in precepts, in conversation, sobriety and charity, faith and purity, 1 Tim. iv, 12. Behaving himself impartial unto all, not preferring the rich before the poor, nor lording over God's heritage, nor assume greater power than God hath given him, James ii, 4; 1 Tim. v, 21; 1 Peter v, 3, and 5.

Ministers, who are the stewards of the mysteries of the gospel, are in an eminent manner to be regarded, as being the ambassadors of II. Cor. v: 20, though they are not to hunt for it, as the Pharisees of old, Mat. xxiii, 5, 6, 7. The duties of church members toward their teachers, ministers and pastors, may be included in their (1st) praying for them, that would open a door of utterance unto them, to unfold the mysteries, Eph. 6, 18, 19, 20.

2dly. To obey them in the Lord, in whatsoever they admonish them, according to the word of God, Heb. xiii, 17, 22. (3.) in following their examples and footsteps, as far as warranted by the word of God. I. Cor. iv, 16, chap. xi, 1, Phil. iii, 17, Heb. xiii, 7. (4.) in standing by them, in all their trials and afflictions, and in defending them in all good causes, as far as in them lies; in II Tim. i, 15; of Isaiah are blamed for turning away, or not standing by the apostles, (5.) in not exposing their persons for their infirmities as far as may be, considering the prosperity of the gospel much depends on their good report, Acts xxiii, 5. (6) in contributing toward their maintenance, that they may attend wholly on teaching, and give themselves to the ministry of the word and to prayer, Acts vi, 6, 4. The reason thereof is evident, by a threefold law, (1) the law of nature from whence the apostle argues, I Cor. ix, 7, 11. (2) the Levitical law, I Cor. ix, 13. (3) the gospel enjoineth and requireth the same, Gal. vi, 6; I Cor. ix, 14.

Let the above cited places of scripture be considered with many others of like importance, and the nature and tendency of the work of the ministry be well weighed, and it will be clear that it is a duty required of God himself; and that not in a way of alms, as to the poor, but it is to be performed in love to Christ, and in obedience to his laws, in order to support and carry the interest of the gospel; yet this is not to be given to any that may pretend to be a minister, or thrust himself upon a church, or such as run without a mission for filthy lucre sake. But churches ought to take a special care who to call forth to the ministry, according to the rule of instruction given by inspiration of God, be they learned or unlearned as to human learning, be they rich or poor as to worldly wealth, the liberality of the people (if they be able) should surmount the necessity of the minister, so as that he may exercise those acts of love and hospitality, as is required of such, that therein he may be exemplary in good works, &c. Moreover it is a duty on all those that attend on their ministry, to assist therein, Gal. vi, 6, and as people do sow, so they shall

reap, Gal. vi, 7, 8. When people neglect their duties toward their ministers, such ministers must neglect their reading and studies and betake themselves to other secular employments to support themselves and families, or be worse than infidels; then such people must be great spiritual losers in their edifications; yet when and where a church is not able to raise a comfortable maintenance for to support their minister, there it is not only lawful but the duty of such ministers to labor with their hands; for to leave such a congregation destitute, to languish without the ministry, would be very uncharitable and smell very much of filthy lucre; and to expect from a people more than they are able to pay would be oppression or extortion.

Signed JAMES SEWELL, Pastor Flag Branch Church.
CALEB WITT, Pastor Bent Creek Church.
R. MURRELL, Pastor Doable Spring Church.
JONATHAN MULKEY, Pastor Buffalo Ridge ch.
FRANCIS WINSTEAD, Pastor Richardson Creek.
DANIEL HOWREY, Pastor Prospect Church.
ISAAC BARTON, Pastor Bethel South Church.

Moved by Elder Keen that the 17th Article of the Minutes of the Holston Baptist Association, held at Cherokee Meeting House, Washington county, Tennessee, the Second Friday in August, 1815, be published in our minutes. Carried.

SEVENTEENTH ARTICLE.

Brother Jonathan Mulkey read a Circular letter concerning MISSIONARY BUSINESS; unanimously agreed, that Brother Mulkey be appointed to receive the communications of the *Missionaries*. Also agreed that the Clerk pay Bro. Mulkey \$5 to defraying the communications.

JONATHAN MULKEY, Moderator.

FRANCIS WINSTEAD, Clerk.

On motion of Elder Keen the resolution offered by Elder Buckles was taken from the table.

On motion of Elder J. H. Moore said resolution was unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, that we recommend that the churches of this Association send up contributions in money to our next annual meeting for Home and Foreign Missions and that the pastors of churches be requested to give personal or written report of the action of their churches under this resolution.

Moved by Elder Buckles that the Association now take up a collection for Missions. Carried.

Amount of collection \$15 20.

Pledges to be paid at next annual meeting: Anna Kilday, Mary Dugger, Mary Ann Dykes, Lyda Mays, Mary Babb, Francis Bailey, Rebecca McNeice, Mary A. Bolin, Lyda Jerolds, Nancy Mays, and W. Barkley each 25c; J. A. Roddie, J. Harson, M. White, Mollie Basket, Joel Fitz, Alexander Smith, and R. G. Ratliff each 50c; S. Edwards, Eld. Baxter, Elbert Cox, C. C. Cross, J. R. Rogers, I. Carver, Eli Ratliff, Benj. White, Jasper Dykes, D. H. Barnes, David Nolens, W. H. Cox, A. Shipley, J. K. Cooper, Mark Monteith, Joseph Dykes and G. W. Basket each \$1 00; Dr. J. H. Kings, Wm. Glover, and J. A. Tolley each \$2 00; J. S. Hamilton \$3 00. Total \$32 25.

Moved by Elder Keen that another collection for Missions be taken up to-morrow (Sunday) immediately after the first sermon. Carried.

On motion, adjourned for one hour.

Benediction by Elder Baxter.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

Re-assembled at the sound of singing—

"Am I a soldier of the cross," &c.

Prayer by Bro. G. P. Faw.

REPORT OF MISSIONARIES.

Since the 5th of October last I have labored 190 days; preached 206 sermons; delivered 103 addresses; made 111 visits; traveled 1545 miles; baptised 81; witnessed 180 conversions; received on the field \$85.

Respectfully submitted.

N. W. G. BAXTER, Missionary.

J. W. Ford, Colored Missionary, respectfully submits:

"Since my appointment as Missionary at your last annual session I have labored 120 days; preached 62 sermons; delivered 4 addresses; made 20 visits to the sick; made 60 other religious visits; held 4 prayer meetings; received 16 into the church; witnessed 25 conversions; administered the Lord's Supper 3 times; attended 2 funerals; preached 1 funeral; traveled 554 miles; distributed 1000 pages of Tracts; received on the field \$3 18.

On motion, the Association appointed Elders G. W. Murrell, J. H. Moore, and Dr. J. B. White, a committee to secure a title in the name of the Trustees—Elijah Kilday, O. B. Headrick and L. B. Ball—to the property at Stony Point, which Brother Thomas McAmes, sen., designed for the benefit of the Missionary Baptist denomination.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

The Scriptures clearly teach that the Gospel must be preached. The Minister must disseminate the word of God to the people; must feed the flock and therein should be faithful, showing himself a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. II Tim. xxvii: 28. He must administer the ordinances of Christ in the churches, and how shall he do these and his manifold other duties, unless he give his time and talents to study and preparation? Must he neglect his study and betake himself to secular employment for the support of his family, that he may not become worse than an infidel? What then must be done? *Manifestly the churches should support the Ministers.* This duty is plain and practicable. The law of nature requires it, "for who feedeth a flock and eateth not of the milk of the flock"—"He that ploweth, should plow in hope."—I Cor. ix, 7-11. The law of Moses demands it: "do ye not know that they which minister holy things, live of the things of the temple and they which wait at the altar are partakers of the altar?" I Cor. ix, 13. The law of the gospel enjoins it: "let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him (the minister) that teacheth in all good things—(his substance among others). Gal. vi, 6. Let us then, brethren, heed the teachings of the Scriptures, our professed rule of faith and practice. We can support our ministering brethren on their mission of love. We *must* do it, if we would imitate the spirit of our blessed Master. He gave *Himself* for us. Let us then sustain the messengers of His gospel by our affections, our prayers, and a reasonable share of our worldly goods, even as the Lord has prospered us.

R. H. DUNGAN.

After remarks by Elder Lee, the report was adopted.

On motion the report of the Committee on Querries was indefinitely postponed.

RESOLUTIONS.

Elder W. N. Buckles from the Committee read:

1st. *Resolved*, That we recommend the MONTHLY MESSENGER to our churches, as eminently fitted to advance the interests of Missions, Sunday-schools, and Education.

2d. *Resolved*, That we recommend to the churches that they should disapprove the Union Sunday-school System.

3d. *Resolved*, That we recommend that the churches adopt such measures as will secure a more prompt and larger attendance on their church meetings.

4th. *Resolved*, That we recommend the Southern Baptist Publication Society as a suitable place at which our people may purchase books and we specially call attention to the Hymn book published by that Society. Address D. W. Mayfield, Memphis, Tenn.

5th. *Resolved*, That the Association tender a vote of thanks to Elder J. T. Kincanon for the able and successful manner in which he defended our principles in the recent Debate at Blountville with Rev. Mr. Robeson.

6th. *Resolved*, That we urge all Sunday-schools within the bounds of this Association to send Delegates and full statistics to our next annual meeting with a view to re-organizing the Sunday-school Convention and its re-union with this Association.

7th. *Resolved*, That we tender a vote of thanks to the Clear Fork Church and community for hospitalities extended us during our session.

8th. *Resolved*, That in the judgment of this Association, the permanent establishment of Bristol Female College for the liberal Education of our daughters is a matter so essential to our proper denominational influence and standing, that we earnestly recommend our brethren to aid it as far as possible and further to pledge to our brethren of the Lebanon Association our hearty co-operation in endeavors to make this School a perfect success.

WM. A. KEEN.

These Resolutions, being read and severally acted upon, were adopted as a whole.

OBITUARIES.

Elder Eli Ratliff from the Committee on Obituaries offered the following :

During the past year the Lord has taken from our midst thirty-eight members. They have left their *fields of labor* in the world and gone to their *rest in Heaven*, to be rewarded according to their works. Among the number was our much beloved brother, DAVID FINE. He died July 10th, 1874, aged 59 years. He was a member of the Cherokee church thirty-two years—served as a deacon of said church for twenty-five years and represented it in this body for many years in succession. He was a man of undoubted piety. We sympathize with the be-

reaved church in her loss. But let us not sorrow as those who have no hope, for when the Lord comes he will bring them with him.

On motion, the report was adopted.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Your Board desires to report that nothing has been done since the last meeting of the Association, until this time. We have just received \$110 83 of Missionary funds which we distribute as follows :

To N. W. G. Baxter, Missionary,	\$48 09
To J. W. Ford, Missionary,	62 74

Respectfully submitted, (colored)

J. S. HAMILTON, Chm'n.

Adjourned to meet at Fall Branch on Saturday before the Second Sabbath in September.

Brother A. L. Morgan, from the committee, read report on Nomination.

On motion of Elder Buckles, a Standing Committee on Family Worship was added.

Moved, by Elder Routh, to further amend the report by striking out "Cherokee" and inserting "Union" as the place at which to convene the next association. Carried.

NOMINATIONS.

Messengers to other Associations :

GENERAL ASSOCIATION.—Elders W. N. Buckles, A. Routh, and R. N. Lee.

WATAUGA.—Elders W. A. Keen, A. Routh, and W. N. Buckles.

LEBANON.—Elders A. Routh, W. N. Buckles, R. N. Lee, W. A. Keen, and Bro. E. D. Cox.

NOLACHUCKY.—Elders W. A. Keen, J. H. Moore, S. H. Price and Bro. J. H. King.

CLINCH VALLEY.—Bro. S. H. Ball.

MULBERRY GAP.—Elder B. F. White.

We further recommend that the next session of this Association be held with Union Church, Washington county, on Thursday before the Second Friday in August, 1875. Elder Eli Ratliff to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder J. H. Moore his Alternate.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

For Standing Committee see page 2.

Moved by Elder Buckles that the Clerk be allowed Twelve Dollars from the amount contributed for Minutes for his services, and that he be instructed to use the remainder of that fund for printing Minutes and to distribute them according to the amounts sent up for that purpose from the respective churches. The motion, being seconded, prevailed.

On motion, the Association finally adjourned to the time and place appointed for next session. After singing, "Oh, for a closer walk with God," and extending the hand of fellowship to delegates and visiting brethren, Elder W. A. Keen led the deeply solemn congregation in prayer, and Rev. J. T. Kincaid pronounced the benediction.

JACOB HAMILTON, Moderator,

R. H. DUNGAN, Clerk.

SUGGESTION:

That the Clerk of each church see that *not less than an average of two cents to each member* be sent to the Association for printing Minutes. This amount will secure the printing of one thousand minutes in good style. Should our number increase, the amount for printing and the demand for minutes would mutually increase; so that confusion upon this point would never occur.

CLERK.

NAMES OF CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES:

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.
<i>Washington Co.,</i>		
Buffalo Ridge,	G. W. Kitzmiller,	Fordtown.
Cherokee,	R. R. Bayless,	Jonesborough.
Enon,	James E. Deakins,	Jonesborough.
Fall Branch,	E. H. Bachman,	Clover Bottom,
Johnson City,	P. P. C. Nelson,	Johnson City.
Jonesboro',	D. W. F. Peoples,	Jonesborough,
Harmony,	John Deakins,	Haws X Roads.
Limestone,	R. M. K. Deakins,	Jonesborough,
New Salem,	W. R. Bayless,	Brownsboro'.
Philadelphia,	M. Miller,	Leesburgh,
Union,	Uriah Peoples,	Johnson City.
<i>Sullivan County,</i>		
Blountville,	N. J. Phillips,	Blountville,
Chinquelin Grove,	H. J. Hicks,	Union.
Double Springs,	Wm. Riggs,	Fall Branch.
Fall Creek,	D. M. Miller,	Edgeworth.
Holston,	J. W. McGarry,	Bristol.
Holston Valley,	C. R. Buckles,	Bristol.
Kingsport,	Sam'l Bachman,	Eden's Ridge.
Mount Olivet,	J. M. Smith,	Union,
Muddy Creek,	E. D. Cox,	Hilton.
Walker's Fork,	Wm. Crawford,	Fall Branch
<i>Greene County,</i>		
Caney Branch,	Jesse Holt,	Caney Branch.
Clear Fork,	Jacob Hawkins,	Clear Creek.
Flag Branch,	W. J. Ruble,	Greeneville.
Greeneville, :	E. W. Headrick,	Greeneville.
New Lebanon,	John B. White,	Lost Mountain.
Roaring Spring,	James Holden,	Laurel Gap.
<i>Hawkins County,</i>		
Beech Creek,	S. H. Ball,	Van Hill.
Long's Bend,	William Long,	Mill Bend,
McPheter's Bend,	Jacob Hamilton,	New Canton,
Mt Pleasant,	John Monroe,	New Canton,
New Hope,	S. P. Lucas,	Van Hill,
Oak Grove,	J. S. Hamilton,	New Canton.
Barren Spring church, Va., sends no delegates. Pastor last year.		
Rev A. H. Cross; Clerk, V. R. Simpson.		

NAMES OF PASTORS, THEIR POST OFFICES AND CHURCHES.

PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CHURCHES.
W A Keen.	Washington co., Fall Branch.	Buffalo Ridge, Harmony, Fall Branch, and Limestone.
R N Lee.	Brownsboro',	New Salem and Philadelphia.
Eli Ratliff.	Fall Branch.	Fall Branch, Muddy Creek, McPheter's Bend, and Double Springs.
N. G. W. Baxter.	Sullivan co., Missionary.	Jonesboro', Cherokee and Enon.
Asa Rout ^b .	Clover Bottom.	Johnson City, and Union.
W N Buckles.	Union, Bristol,	Holston Valley, and Chinquepin Grove.
M L Ingram.	Blountville.	Blountville, and Kingsport.
D Kitzmiller.	Elizabethton, Greene co.	Holston, and Mt. Olivet.
L B Ball.	Laurel Gap,	Clear Fork, Roaring Spring, New Lebanon.
Joseph Flora.	Greeneville,	Beech Creek, Greeneville,
S H Price.	Greeneville, Hawkins co.	Flag Branch.
B F White.	Mill Bend,	Long's Bend, New Hope.
S Bachman.	Fall Branch.	Mount Pleasant.
ORD'D MIN. (not Pastors.)	Washington co.,	
J H Moore.	Fall Branch.	Double Springs.
T J Murrell.	Fall Branch.	Walker's Fork.
J H Crouch.	Jonesborough.	Walker's Fork.
Eld Kincheloe.	Haw's X Roads	Harmony
Elihu Cox.	Fall Branch.	Double Springs.
LICENTIATES	Greene co.	
James Ratliff.	Clear Creek.	Clear Fork.
Elijah Kilday.	Laurel Gap, Sullivan co.	New Lebanon.
Robert Bates.	Edgeworth,	Fall Creek.
E D Cox.	Hilton.	Muddy Creek.
John B Chase.	Washington co. Brownsboro',	New Salem.
Thomas Yopp.	Cedar Lane,	Walker's Fork.
W K Cox.	Locust Mount,	Limestone,
David Cox.	Fall Branch,	Double Springs.
Wm Chase.	Fordtown.	Buffalo Ridge.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Decrease :			Increase.			No. Whites.	No. Colored.	Total.	Amount for Minutes.
	By Letter.	Exclusions.	Deaths.	By Baptism	By Letter.	Restoration.				
<i>Washington county.</i>										
Buffalo Ridge,	9	1	4	6	9	1	157	10	167	\$ 3 00
Cherokee.	5		4	10	12	9	167	11	178	1 35
Enon.		4		43	14		84		84	1 50
Fall Branch.	10	12		39	2	5	230		230	3 00
Jonesboro'.	4	10	5				100		100	1 50
Johnson City.	7		1	19	6		40		40	1 50
Harmony.	2	5		1	1	1	112	5	117	2 00
Limestone.	4		1	2	4		150		150	3 95
New Salem.	20		1	8	3	1	82		82	1 25
Philadelphia.							39		39	1 10
Union.	9	6	1	11		1	176		176	2 50
<i>Sullivan county.</i>										
Blountville.		3	3	18	3		116	2	118	2 50
Double Springs.	10	7	3	4	7		150	7	157	2 00
Fall Creek.	1						53		53	1 00
Holston.	9	8	3	1	1	1	150	4	154	2 00
Kingsport.	6		1				32	5	37	1 25
Muddy Creek.	1	1	3	5	3	1	100		100	2 00
Walker's Fork.	1		1				102	2	104	1 00
Mount Olivet.	5			2	4	1	101		101	1 50
Holston Valley.		1		31	2	1	76	1	77	1 50
Chinquepin Grove.	1		1	10	11	2	48		48	
<i>Greene county.</i>										
Clear Fork.	4				1		49	1	50	1 25
Flag Branch.							35	2	37	75
New Lebanon.	1	2	1	4			82	1	83	1 15
Roaring Springs.	3		2		4	1	30		30	1 00
Greeneville.	4		1	16	5		32		32	1 00
<i>Hawkins county.</i>										
Beech Creek.	5			2	2	2	79	1	80	1 00
Long's Bend.	1	1	2	5	2		62		62	1 00
McPheter's Bend.	2	1		19	6	1	130		130	1 50
Mount Pleasant.					4		34		34	
New Hope.			1	5			80	1	81	1 00
Oak Grove.	2	2		2			35		35	1 00
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Caney Branch, and Barren Springs, Va., not represented.

EXTRACTS FROM PROCEEDINGS

— OF A —

Meeting of the Executive Board

— HELD AT —

Fall Branch, Washington Co.,

SEPTEMBER, 12th. 1874.

PLAN FOR RAISING MISSIONARY FUNDS:

Resolved, First, That "this Board, through the Clerks of the various churches of this Association do hereby respectfully and earnestly request each member of our churches to contribute as the Lord may have prospered him or her, a sum not less than fifteen cents for Home Mission purposes to be paid to the Treasurer, or some member of this Board by or before its next session." (First Saturday, 5th day, in December next.)

MISSIONARIES.

Elder N. W. G. BAXTER, Clover Bottom, Sullivan county,
Elder J. H. MOORE, Fall Branch, Washington county.

On motion, adjourned to meet at Limestone Church on Saturday before the first Sabbath in December next at 2 o'clock, P. M.

J. H. HAMILTON, Chm'n.

E. H. BACHMAN, Clerk.

