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OF THE

Charleston Baptist Association,

Convened at Hopewell, a Branch of the Wateree creek Church, on Saturday the 1st of November, 1817.

1st. Two sermons were delivered on Saturday, and two on the Lord's day to numerous congregations. The solemnities of the Sabbath were closed by the administration of the Lord's Supper. It is hoped that in the course of these exercises much good was done, and that many hearts were warmed with the love of God.

2d. On Monday, at 11 o'clock, the Association sermon was delivered by the Rev. J. B. Cook, from Matt xvi. 18. *Upon this rock will I build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*

3d. Rev. Dr. Furman prayed at the opening of business. Letters from twenty-eight churches were read, the names of their messengers enrolled, and the accounts transmitted of their present state minuted. Rev. Wm Dossey prayed, and the Association adjourned to Tuesday 10 o'clock.

4th. Met on Tuesday morning. Rev. Dr. Roberts prayed. Elected Rev. Dr. Furman, Moderator, and Rev. Wm Dossey, Clerk. Read the minutes of the last Association.

5th. Received letters of correspondence, and minutes from the Bethel and Moriah Baptist Associations;—those of the Bethel were delivered by their messengers, Rev. Messrs. J. Rooker and Samuel M'Creary; those from the Moriah by their messenger, Rev. Mr. Pegg, who were cordially received. Also received Minutes, to some of which printed General Letters were annexed, from the Philadelphia, Boston, Warren, Savannah River, Hephzibah, Hudson River, and Pedee Associations. The letter of General Correspondence from the Boston, which contains a judicious and animated Address to our churches, at large, recommending to them a vigorous co-operation in measures for promoting the *Education* of pious young men designed for the gospel ministry, and for the erection of one Theological Seminary, or more, for this purpose, was read with much interest, and cordial approbation.

6th. The Moderator read an address from the Baptist Convention which was assembled at their Triennial Meeting at Philadelphia in May last;—gave a general account of their proceedings at that meeting, and of their prospects; also, of the Missionary and Bible Societies in various parts of the world;—Whereupon, it was agreed, That as this Association have a high sense of the usefulness of the Baptist Convention in the United States, so they cordially approve of the measures pursued by that venerable body.

7th. Agreed unanimously, that this Association feel themselves brought under great obligations to the Honorable Judge Tallmage, for his kind attention to the appointments of the General Committee of these Churches, by his attending as their deligate, in Philadelphia, at the former and late meeting of the Convention; in which he rendered important services to the cause of God, and served the Churches at much expense and labour.

8th. Agreed that Dr. Roberts and Messrs. J. B. Cook and Davis Collins, be a committee to examine the Minutes and Letters from corresponding Associations.

9th. Appointed the following brethren to write to the corresponding Associations: viz Dr. Roberts to the Philadelphia, Warren, New-Jersey, Hudson River and Neuse; Furman to the Boston, Cook to the Bethel, Waldo to the Georgia, Dossey to the Savannah River, Chrestman to the Edgesfield, Good to the Hephzibah, H. D. Roberts to the Sandy Creek, Collins to the Cape Fear, J. Woods to the Moriah, and A. Woods to the Pedee.

10th. Appointed Messengers to the following Associations: Dr. Roberts and J. B. Cook to the Bethel and Edgesfield; Todd to the Savannah River; Dossey and Pope to the Moriah; Pope to the Sandy Creek; Gilledge to the Pedee; Good and Hill to the Cape-Fear

11th. Agreed that the general concert for prayer, on the first Monday in each month, as recommended by the Convention, be adopted; and that where it is not convenient for churches living in country places, to assemble all their members and friends, at such meetings, in one place, that individuals, who live convenient to each other, should be earnestly requested to meet in little societies on those days; or be careful to observe them in their individual capacity.

