

THE  
SIXTEENTH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE  
HUDSON RIVER  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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*Maintaining inviolably, the important doctrines of three equal persons in the Godhead; eternal and personal election; original sin; particular redemption; free justification by the righteousness of Christ imputed; the absolute necessity of the Spirit's operation; efficacious grace in regeneration; the obligation of believers to attend to all the precepts of Scripture; the final perseverance of real believers; the resurrection of the dead; the general judgment of the last day; the eternal happiness of the righteous, and the everlasting misery of such as die impenitent; the baptism of believers by immersion; and the independence of their respective Churches.*

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HELD IN THE  
MEETING-HOUSE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH, POUGHKEEPSIE.

MAY 25 & 26, 1831.

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# MINUTES

OF THE

## HUDSON RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. At 10 o'clock, A. M. public worship was introduced with prayer by Brother A. Maclay: after which the introductory Sermon was preached by Brother B. T. Welch, from 1st Chronicles xxii. 16. *Arise, therefore, and be doing, and the Lord be with thee.*

2. Took up a collection in aid of the WIDOW'S FUND, amounting to \$21 60.

At the close of public worship there was an intermission of ten minutes, at the expiration of which the Moderator called the Association to order. Prayer by Brother Aaron Perkins.

3. Made some progress in reading the Letters from the Churches; and then adjourned to 3, P. M. Prayer by Brother John Peck. Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Brother Charles Bartolette.

4. Finished reading the Letters from Churches, and took minutes of their changes the past year, and present situation, as follows, viz.

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS AND MES- SENGERS.	Restored.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Dism. by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	When con- stituted.
Poughkeepsie,	AARON PERKINS, Deacon A. Raymond, do Benj. L. Briggs, William Cary, Isaac More, J. G. Sturges.		2	5	2		2	95	1807
Oliver-st. New York.	SPENCER H. CONE, *JOHN STANFORD, *FRANCIS WAYLAND, EBENEZER LOOMIS, *DANIEL HALL, Dea. Jacob Smith, do Thomas Purser, do James Wilson, do John Bowen. J. Gilbert, R. Pegg, W. D. Murphy. Wm. Lewis, Joseph Cauldwell. A. Maclay, *LUKE DAVIES, *James Delarce.	1	31	17	17	7	8	676	1795
Mulberry-street. N. Y.	Geo. W. Houghton. R. F. Winslow. C. F. FREY, Dea. Calob Willis, Samuel L. Mott.	1	40	6	2	2		303	1809
Mont Pleasant	WILLIAM STURGES, Dea. Samuel Gifford, S. S. Hathaway, Wm. Alger, Henry Palmer, Peter Robinson, H. P. Skinner.		3	5	6	1	1	133	1810

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS AND MES- SENGERS.	Restored.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Dism. by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	When con- stituted.
Troy,	B. M. HILL, Mansfield Barlow, Dea. J. Harpham, do Joseph Hastings, Isaac Lovejoy, Amos Allen, J. V. Powelson. B. T. WELCH, Dea. Friend Humphrey, E. G. Holiday, Amos T. Holmes.	3	102	20	7	1	3	329	179
Albany,	John Wendell, John Marshall, Walter S. McIntosh, Charles Pohlman, William G. Wasson.	3	30	11	11	3	3	273	181
Catskill,	PETER SIMONSON, J. J. Ashley, Calvin C. Williams.		7	2			2	60	180
Albany African.	John Top, *C. G. SOMMERS, Joseph Bancard, N. Caswell.	1	70	2	6	2		143	182
South Baptist Church, New-York,	JOSIAH DENHAM, J. Wait, J. Ward.		40	15			2	214	182
Brooklyn.	Alex. Stewart. G. BENEDICT, Octavius Winslow.		12	6	1	1		109	182
Union Church, N. Y.	Jas. Cowan, Wm. H. Knapp, J. W. Gilmore.		13	5	11			137	182
Lansingburgh,	*ELIJAH F. WILLEY, Durlin L. Breyton, Charles Cole, Eleazer Peck.	1	82	20	10			155	180
Mission Church.	Henry Oldring. Wm. Cullis, Wm. R. Williams.		1		2	3		36	182
North Church.	J. H. BROWN, Dea. Jas. H. Townsend, Luke N. Steele.		19	6		1		149	182
Gibbonsville and West Troy,	ASHLEY VAUGHN, Dea. Thomas Shrimpton, H. Ackerman.		48	8	6	2		90	1822
Zion Church, East Baptist Church, Cairo,	Samuel Brooke. Jno. MIDDLETON. THOS. STORES, E. T. Carbine.		1	13	1	1	2	16	71
Lattingtown.	ALANSON DRAPER, Jno. Hammond, Lamuel Covert, Elijah Woolsey, Roswell Holmes, Wm. Mitchell, Jr.		3	4		2		50	1799
West Hillsdale.	SAMUEL POMEROY, A. Van De Boe.		6	1	4	3	1	83	
			2	1				39	
		10	526	139	88	27	25	3273	

N. B. The names of Ordained Ministers are in SMALL CAPITALS—of Licentiates, in *italic*—those not present, are marked thus \*

5. Brother Spencer H. Cone was chosen Moderator; and Robert F. Winslow, Clerk.

6. The rules of order were read.

7. Ministering brethren present were invited to a seat and to assist in our deliberations. Invitation accepted by brethren Webb, Winter, and Warren.

8. The Second Baptist Church, in Broome, and the Westkill Church, Lexington, applied for admission into this Association. Their letters were read, and referred to brethren Maclay, Stokes, Simonson and Purser, to make the necessary inquiries respecting their faith and order, and report.

9. Brother John Peck, general agent of the New-York Baptist State Convention, gave an interesting statement of the operations of that body and of the want of funds to sustain the Missionaries at present in their employ. Whereupon it was

*Resolved*, That brother Peck be requested to preach to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, A. M.; after the sermon, a collection to be taken up in aid of the Convention.

*Resolved*, That brethren Welch, Frey, and Gilbert be a Committee to confer with brother Peck upon the best method of raising further funds in aid of the same object, and to report to-morrow.

10. Letters and messengers from sister associations were received.

ASSOCIATIONS.	MINUTES.	MESSENGERS.	BAPTIZED.	TOTAL.
Warren,	1830	—	307	3658
Boston,	1830	—	301	3400
Salem,	1830	—	231	2646
New-London,	1830	—	312	2164
Hartford,	1830	John Garnsey,	45	1608
New-Haven,	1830	—	148	1455
Shaftsbury,	1830	—	84	2080
Warwick,	1830	—	198	1368
Rensselaerville,	1830	—	49	1035
Saratoga,	1830	Thomas Powell,	100	2335
Lake George,	1830	—	222	793
St. Lawrence,	1829	—	34	1142
Madison,	1830	John Peck,	126	2867
Oneida,	1830	do.	249	2321
Cayuga,	1829	do.	—	1258
Franklin,	1830	—	531	2332
New-Jersey,	1830	—	92	1584
Philadelphia,	1830	—	118	3000
Delaware,	1829	—	11	520
Baltimore,	1830	—	51	762
Columbia,	1830	—	138	1615
Ketockton,	1830	—	93	1699
Charleston,	1830	—	966	6723
Abington,	1830	—	96	782
Bridgewater,	1830	—	123	914
Genesee,	1830	—	111	1221
Portsmouth,	1830	—	126	557
Union,	1830	Benedict and Wiley,	24	1177
Central, N. J.	1830	Bartolette.	18	841

11. The Central Baptist Association, N. J. solicited a correspondence, which was granted.

12. Brethren Bronner, Vaughn, and Middleton, were appointed examine the minutes and letters of Corresponding Associations.

13. The *Circular Letter*, written by brother Wm. G. Miller, read, and referred to brethren Maclay, Denham, W. R. Williams, the author.

14. The *Corresponding Letter*, written by brother Ebenezer Loomis was read and referred to brethren Perkins, Draper, Harpham and author.

15. A Committee, consisting of brethren Hill, Loomis, Banve Humphrey and Gifford, was directed to report the state of religion within the bounds of the Association.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by brother Powell.

Agreeably to appointment, brother Maclay preached at 8 o'clock P. M., from John vii. 37, 38. *In the last day, that great day of feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, if any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.* After the sermon collection was taken up for the New-York Baptist Theological Seminary, amounting to \$13 25.

*Thursday, May 26th, 1831. Nine o'clock, A. M.*

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by brother Denham.

The Minutes of the preceding day were read, amended and approved. 16. The Committee on the application from the 2nd Baptist Church in Broome, and the Westkill Church, Lexington, to be admitted in this Association, recommended the appointment of a Committee to make the necessary inquiries in the case, and report at our next session. The recommendation was adopted; Whereupon,

Brethren Cone, Maclay, Perkins and Purser were appointed for that purpose.

17. The Committee on the Minutes of Corresponding Associations reported, that they had not found any thing in them, requiring of special notice. Report concurred in.

18. The Committee appointed last year to consider the propriety of dispensing hereafter with *Circular and Corresponding Letters*, made the following Report, which was adopted.

"Your Committee have given this subject particular attention, and unanimously recommend that Circular and Corresponding Letters be dispensed with, and that an Annual Report be substituted therefor, according to the recommendation of the Committee of Arrangements last year."

19. Brethren Miller and Loomis, who had presented circular and corresponding letters for this year, requested permission to withdraw the same; which was granted.

20. The Committee appointed to confer with brother John Peck made the following Report, which was accepted and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee report, that they have heard with much pleasure from the General Agent of the extended operations and increasing use

fulness of the Baptist Missionary Convention of the State of New-York; and in view of its present engagements in *Indian Reform*, and also of the missionary labours contemplated during the ensuing year; and from the fact that its pecuniary resources are limited, and require the immediate aid of the friends of missions; they recommend the following Resolutions:—

1. *Resolved*, That this Association make an effort to raise at least the sum of *One thousand dollars* for missionary purposes, the ensuing year.
2. *Resolved*, That one-sixth of the amount so raised, be paid over annually to the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions, with a view on the one hand, to aid the cause of missions in foreign lands, and on the other, to give this Association a representation in the General Convention of the Baptist denomination in the United States.
3. *Resolved*, That the Churches in this Association be earnestly requested to raise their proper portion of the \$1000, in whatever way they may judge to be most expedient.
21. The Trustees of the Ministers' Widows' Fund, having made no disbursements during the year, have only to submit to the Association the following Report of the Treasurer, viz.:

*The Hudson River Baptist Association in acct. with Wm. Colgate, Treasurer of the Widows' Fund,*

	Cr.
Aug. 5, 1830. By balance as per minutes	\$970 00
May 1, 1831. Interest on ditto, at 6 per cent. per annum, } from Aug. 1, 1830, to May 1, 1831, }	43 69
May 25, :: Collection after Annual Sermon	21 60
:: :: do from Oliver-st. Church	20 82
:: :: do Mulberry-st.	10 56
:: :: do Mount Pleasant	4 00
:: :: do Troy	10 00
:: :: do Albany	20 00
:: :: do South Baptist, N. Y.	8 00
:: :: do Brooklyn	5 00
:: :: do Union Church, N. Y.	2 00
:: :: do North Church, N. Y.	4 33
	\$1120 00

22. Brethren Colgate, Stokes, A. Raymond, F. Humphrey, and Joshua Harpham were reappointed Trustees of the Widows' Fund for the ensuing three years.
23. *Resolved*, That the investment of the Widows' Fund be left to the discretion of the Trustees of the same.
24. The following brethren were selected to obtain subscriptions and donations for the Widows' Fund, viz. Poughkeepsie, *J. Raymond*; Oliver-st. *Theodore Clark*; Mulberry-st. *Wm. Winterton*; Mount Pleasant, *Wm. Sing*; Hudson, *Peter Robinson*; Troy, *C. Warner*; Albany, *W. S. McIntosh*; Catskill, *N. Jacobs*; Albany African, *F. March*; South Church, N. Y. *John Barker*; Brooklyn, *A. Stewart*; Union Church, N. Y. *J. C. Wood*; Lansingburgh, *John Sands*; Mission Church, N. Y. *Henry Oldring*; North Church, N. Y. *J. H.*

*Townsend*; Gibbonsville and West Troy, *Thos. Shrimpton*; Zion *Wm. Atkinson*; East Church, N. Y. *Peter Baylen*; Cairo, *Davi Johnson*; Lattingtown, *Wm. Mitchell*; West Hillsdale, *A. Van De Boe*.

25. *Resolved*, That the time of holding the Annual Meetings of the Association be altered from the last *Wednesday of May* to the *THURSDAY OF JUNE*, and that the next meeting be held with the 1st Church of Albany.
  26. Brethren Welch, Hill and Pohlman were appointed a Committee to Report the arrangements necessary for next year.
  27. *Resolved*, That a Committee to draft an Annual Report as substitute for the Circular and Corresponding Letters, be appointed early on the 1st day of each session.
- Adjourned to half past 2 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by brother Webb.

After a recess of 10 minutes, brother John Peck preached from 2 Cor. iv. 7. *But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.* After the sermon: a collection was taken to aid the funds of the New-York Baptist Stat Convention, amounting to

Presented by the Poughkeepsie Female Sewing Society	\$32 00
Collected for Missionary purposes from	
Poughkeepsie Church (Foreign Mission)	20 00
Oliver-st. do	154 00
Mulberry-st. do	50 00
Mount Pleasant do	15 00
Hudson do	53 00
Troy do	88 00
Albany do	61 00
Catskill do (Foreign Mission)	5 00
Albany African do	14 50
South Baptist do N. Y.	40 00
Brooklyn do	20 00
Union do	8 00
Lansingburgh do (Foreign Mission)	5 00
Mission do	3 00
North do	3 00
Gibbonsville and West Troy Church	10 10
Zion Church	5 50
East Church, N. Y.	7 25
Cairo do	5 50
Lattingtown do	9 00
West Hillsdale do	13 00

\$631 94

The Moderator remarked that we had fallen short of the *Six hundred Dollars* proposed to be raised this year, and also that we were \$100 in arrears for 1829, whereupon the following sums were subscribed, viz.

Thos. Purser, \$5; Jas. Wilson, \$5; J. Gilbert, \$5; Wm. D. Murphy, \$5; Jno. Bowen, \$5; E. Loomis, \$5; W. Colgate, \$5; a Friend, \$5; B. T. Welch, \$5; Friend Humphrey, \$5; J. A. Burke, \$5; Thos. Stokes, \$5; W. Winterton, \$5; N. Caswell, \$5; a Female, \$1	71 00
Brought forward	\$631 94
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	\$702 94
Paid Jno. Peck, Agent of N. Y. Bap. State Con.	602 94
Remitted to Heman Lincoln, Esq. Boston	100 00
	\$702 94

Thursday, May 26. Half past 2, P. M.

Met, pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Brother Frey.

28. The Committee, consisting of Brethren Perkins, Hill, Sommers, Loomis, and Purser, appointed last year to inquire what measures could be adopted for the improvement of Libraries in our *Sabbath Schools*, presented the following Report, which was adopted, and the Moderator added as Chairman of the Committee.

Your Committee regard the subject referred to them in the 44th Section of your last year's Minutes as of vital importance to the denomination; and not having been able to give it that attention which its character demands, they recommend that the subject be recommitted, that your Committee be requested to have an interview during the current year, and to bring in a Report at your next session.

29. The Committee of arrangements made the following Report, which was adopted.

Brother *Spencer H. Cone* to preach the *Introductory Sermon* next year, and in case of failure, Brother *B. M. Hill*.

Brother *Denham* to preach in the evening; Brother *Perkins* his substitute; after the sermon a collection to be taken up for the *New-York Baptist Theological Seminary*.

30. We highly approve the exertions of our churches in the cause of Missions during the past year, and of the amount contributed,

*Resolved*, That the Moderator be instructed to remit *One Hundred Dollars* to *H. Lincoln, Esq.* Treasurer of the *Baptist General Convention* for *Missionary purposes*; and that the balance, viz. \$602 94 be paid to *Brother John Peck*, the accredited Agent of the *New-York Baptist State Convention*.

31. The Moderator stated that the *American Bible Society* had not completed the supply of the destitute families in the United States with copies of the *Holy Scriptures* in the period contemplated in their resolution of *May 1829*; that this failure was to be attributed to the want of funds to meet the necessary expenses, the want of a sufficient number of competent agents to labour in arousing to exertion the Auxiliaries in the various parts of the United States, and the neglect of many of those Auxiliaries to investigate their districts and send for the books necessary for their supply; rather than to the want of a sufficient quantity of Books to meet all the demands which might be made on the *Depository* of the *Parent Society*;

Whereupon it was unanimously

*Resolved*, That we still cordially approve the *Resolution* of the *American Bible Society*, passed at their Anniversary in *May, 1829*, to supply every destitute family in the *United States* with a copy of the *Scripture within two years*; and anticipate with confidence the accomplishment of their noble enterprise, by the first of *May 1832*.

*Resolved*, That we earnestly recommend to the churches and ministering brethren belonging to this Association, to co-operate, as far as practicable, with the *American Bible Society*, in the circulation of the *Holy Scriptures* in our own, and other lands, as *Divine Providence* may open the way.

32. *Resolved*, That we highly approve of the "*Essays on Christian Baptism*," written by brother *C. F. Frey*, as containing a scriptural and lucid statement of the will of the great Head of the Church, in relation to this ordinance, and recommend the work to the patronage of the churches, and to all desirous of obtaining information upon this important subject.

33. The following Brethren were appointed Messengers to Corresponding Associations, viz. to *Warren, Boston, and Salem, Barnard, Shaftsbury, Harpham and Metcalf*; *Warwick, Perkins and Purser*; *Renssellaerville, A. T. Holmes*; *Saratoga and Lake George, Wayland and Burke*; *Oneida and Cayuga, John Peck*; *Philadelphia, Pomeroy, Maclay, and Brouner*; *New-Jersey, Maclay, Wilson and Gilmore*; *Central, Frey and Cone*; *Union, Frey, Perkins, Benedict, Middleton, Draper, Knapp, and Willis*.

34. Brother *Perkins* was appointed a delegate to the *Baptist General Convention* of the *United States*, to meet in *Oliver-street, New-York*, the last *Wednesday* in *April, 1832*.

35. Brethren *Cone, Perkins, Welch, Purser, Sommers, Gilbert, and Allen*, were appointed Delegates to the *New-York State Convention*, to meet in *Elbridge, the third Wednesday* in *October, 1831*.

36. The ministering Brethren of the Association were affectionately solicited to supply with preaching, as frequently as possible, the *Zion, Hudson, and Mission Churches*; and such other destitute churches and neighbourhoods within the bounds of the Association, as may be within their reach.

37. *Resolved*, That we recommend to the churches of this Association, to observe the *4th of July* as a day of *Public Religious Worship*; and that upon that, or any other day which they may deem most convenient, a collection be taken up to aid the *African Baptist Mission*.

38. *David Clark*, of *Philadelphia*, having published a new stereotype edition of *Watts' and Rippon's Hymns, arranged*, we cheerfully recommend the book to our churches.

39. *Resolved*, That we continue to regard with lively interest, every effort made to advance the literary progress of our denomination, and that we recommend the *American Baptist Magazine*, printed at *Boston*; the *N. Y. Baptist Register*, of *Utica*; the *Christian Index*, of *Philadelphia*; and the *Baptist Repository*, of *New-York*; as useful mediums of communication on *Missionary* and other subjects, important to the general welfare of our churches.

40. *Resolved*, That this Association highly approve of the exertions

now making by the American Sunday School Union, to supply the destitute valley of the Mississippi with Sabbath Schools, and that we earnestly recommend these efforts to the attention and co-operation of the churches.

41. A memoir of *Ann H. Judson*, late Missionary to Burmah, composed by *James D. Knowles*, has been recently published in Boston, and we hope every member of our churches that can do so, will obtain a copy of this most interesting and valuable work. It contains not only a narrative of our dear departed Sister's birth, education, conversion to God, Missionary labours, sufferings and death; but presents also a view of the Burman Empire, and a history of the origin, progress, and present flourishing condition of our Mission, to that distant and benighted country. It exhibits the portrait of a woman whose devotional fervour, untiring zeal, habitual patience, and unconquerable fortitude, admirably qualified her for the wife and coadjutor of a Missionary of the Cross. We do most cordially recommend the work, not only because of its intrinsic excellence, but because it is the property of the *Baptist General Convention*, and the profits arising from its sale are sacred to the cause of Missions.

42. This Association cordially approve the operations of the *Baptist General Tract Society*; we are convinced that religious Tracts have been greatly blessed in the dissemination of truth, and the extension of Messiah's empire; therefore

*Resolved*, That we recommend to the churches the formation of Auxiliary Tract Societies, and the purchase and distribution of Tracts, which may be had of the *General Agent in Philadelphia*, or of *E. Loomis*, 40½ *Chatham-street, New-York*, and *C. Pohlman*, 512 *South-Market-street, Albany*.

43. Brethren *Frey*, *Perkins*, and *Purser*, were appointed to visit the *Lattingtown Church*, in pursuance of the request contained in their letter that some of the brethren would meet with them on the *third Saturday in June next*, and continue over the Lord's day, for the purpose of uniting in prayer, preaching, and breaking bread.

44. The Committee on the State of Religion presented their Report, which was adopted.

45. The Moderator and Clerk were directed to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes.

The Minutes were read, corrected, and approved.

The Minutes of Corresponding Associations were distributed.

The business being finished, the session was closed with an affectionate address and prayer by the Moderator, and the Association adjourned to meet with the first Baptist Church in Albany, on the *third Wednesday in June, 1832*.

ROBERT F. WINSLOW, *Clerk*.  
SPENCER H. CONE, *Moderator*.

## ANNUAL REPORT.



The Committee appointed to present a view of the state of religion within the bounds of the Association,

*Report*, That upon a review of the several communications received from the Churches composing this body, we find abundant reason for thanksgiving and praise. The Redeemer's kingdom is advancing, and the displays of His grace are glorious. Good news of the triumph of the cross have reached us from the North and South and from the East and West.

To give a correct exhibition of the subject confided to them, the Committee know of no better plan than that of simply preparing a digest of the principal items of information contained in the letters of the respective churches, and from this source present the following summary.

*Poughkeepsie*. The letter from this church states, that for the year past "they have been permitted to enjoy blessings in such variety and abundance, as to have made very large demands on their gratitude;" uninterrupted harmony prevails.

*Oliver-st. Church, N. Y.* Has been favoured with a visible token of Almighty goodness, in inclining a considerable number to come and tell what they believed *the Lord had done for their souls*. Brotherly kindness and peace, combined with vigorous efforts to advance the interests of Messiah's kingdom, are among the blessings for which they desire to render unfeigned thanks to the God of all grace!

*Mulberry-st. Church, N. Y.* After a long and dreary winter, have experienced the return of a Spiritual spring; in which the flowers and fruits of grace are seen, and the songs of young converts heard. Some of the teachers and scholars of the Sabbath School have recently been brought to a knowledge of the truth.

*Mount Pleasant*. This Church in its epistle mourns that the time to favour that part of Zion is not yet come; and requests on their behalf, an interest in the prayers of the saints.

*Hudson Church*, Though afflicted by being deprived of a pastor, is nevertheless encouraged by the attention and seriousness which pervade their meetings. Their Sabbath school is in a flourishing condition, and when they have no preaching on the Lord's day, they usually meet, read a sermon, sing and pray, and have found from sweet experience, that it is not a vain thing to wait upon the Lord.

*Troy Church*. It appears from the letter of this Church, that during the month of November last, there were evident indications

of an approaching blessing, and soon after, the sound of abundance of rain was heard. Meetings for prayer at 6 o'clock in the morning were established, and notwithstanding the darkness of the hour, and the coldness of the season, great numbers were found regularly in the conference room, in the attitude of humble suppliants at the Throne of Grace. The anxiety of many soon became so great as to render it necessary to discontinue their weekly Sunday School teachers' meeting, and some others, and appropriate every evening in the week to meetings for preaching, exhortation and prayer. Even then, the earnest desires of the people could not be satisfied without numerous meetings of groups of neighbours, who assembled for inquiry and prayer at private dwelling-houses during the day. The anxious meetings were unusually full and solemn. Some of the brethren, impelled by the urgent calls for attention from the penitent, spent whole days in visiting from house to house. The subjects of this glorious work of grace were of all classes and ages. The baptismal occasions have been very precious and profitable, though they occurred during the most inclement season of the year. The grave where many of the happy converts were buried with Christ in baptism, was cut through the thick ice of the Hudson, which furnished safe and convenient accommodation to the many hundred persons who encircled us during the administration of the ordinance. We cannot forbear mentioning a fact which was particularly noticed by some of the spectators, and ought to silence forever the oft repeated objection to the scriptural assertion of *the immersion of three thousand persons* on the day of Pentecost. The first administration of the ordinance to *twenty persons* occupied *nine minutes*, including the time necessary for the administrator to ascertain the state of the shore. At another time the ordinance was administered to *twenty-two candidates* in *eight minutes and thirty seconds*; and at another time *twenty-two* were baptized in only *seven minutes and twenty-one seconds*; and at each time the ordinance was administered decently and in order.

*Albany.*

The First Baptist Church in this place under the influence of the sincere milk of the Word, trust that they are making progress in the divine life, and are growing in grace and in the knowledge of their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

*Catskill.*

This Church is at present blessed with a revival of the good work. For the last three weeks scarcely a day has passed in which some new cases of conviction or conversion have not been found by the Pastor. They have Prayer-Meetings at 5, A. M.

*Albany African Church,*

has been visited with a *time of refreshing* from the presence of the Lord. Saints have been quickened and encouraged, and sinners have been converted from the error of their ways. The revival is still progressing.

*South Baptist Church, N. Y.*

Since the last session of the Association,

have also enjoyed a refreshing season of love and mercy. The first indications were seen in the fervency of the prayer and the desires of the brethren, for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Soon the Lord fulfilled the desires he gave. Sinners were convicted of their sins, and the great question was heard from many, *What must we do to be saved?* number of whom have since been converted and baptized. Besides the Sabbath schools, they have two schools on week evenings for the instruction of females and coloured adults. They have Prayer Meetings at 6 o'clock, A. M. Several of the Sabbath scholars profess to have experienced a change of heart, some of whom have been baptized.

*Brooklyn Church,* for the last few months, has been cheered with a cloud of mercy. Three days' Meetings have been held when it was evident the Lord was there, and through the instrumentality much good was evidently accomplished.

*Union Church, N. Y.* During the current year have passed through many changes. Their pastor, Samuel Eastman, in consequence of ill health, tendered his resignation, and since they have been most of the time without an under shepherd. Elder G. Benedict has since succeeded to the pastoral office. They have also during the year changed their place of worship twice;—once it was burnt down, on which occasion the S. S. Library was destroyed. Among their congregation there are a number *inquiring the way to Zion.*

*Lansingburgh.* This Church has been favoured with a precious outpouring of God's Spirit, and besides the quickening influence it had upon Christians, stubborn-hearted and stiff-necked sinners have been sweetly subdued and constrained to take upon them the yoke of Jesus.

*Mission Church* has experienced several trials, and among them want of love and union among themselves. They have no Pastor, but are supplied by ministering brethren from other Churches. Some of the congregation are inquiring after the way of life.

*North Church* has received a gradual increase. They have for some time been striving to erect a meeting-house, which is so far finished as to permit them to assemble in it, although it is neither ceiled nor pewed. They are still dependant upon the friends of the cause to aid them in its completion.

*Gibbonsville and West Troy.* The First Baptist Church in this place has experienced a joyful season of spiritual refreshing. Saints have been comforted and sinners convicted and converted. Many have been slain and made alive again. The first indications of an approaching revival were discovered in the prayers of the church, and soon after the cloud of mercy burst and showered down a copious blessing.

*Zion Church* is destitute of a Pastor, and has not had the privilege of preaching more than once a month during the year. They earnestly request an interest in the prayers and sympathies of the churches, and especially beg of ministering brethren

ren to visit them occasionally, and break to them the bread of life.

**East Baptist Church, N. Y.** Has had a gradual accession to its numbers. They have passed a resolution not to receive any into their fellowship who retail ardent spirits.

**Cairo.** This Church has had its seasons of rejoicing and mourning. Some have been made alive from the dead, and some have been numbered with the dead. They have been called to mourn over the remains of two of their number, one of whom was the wife of their dear Pastor; and both of whom died in the triumph of faith. *Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.*

**Lattingtown.** This Church has set apart the third Saturday in June and the Lord's day following, as a time of general prayer, and affectionately invite their brethren to meet with them on that important occasion.

**Hillsdale.** The former Pastor of this Church, *Brother Hart*, has resigned his charge, and been succeeded by *Brother Pomeroy*. Their congregation has considerably increased, and their prospects are at present encouraging.

This is a hasty sketch of the principal facts contained in the letters from the churches. In addition, we would say, they all appear to be heartily engaged in the Sabbath School cause, and some of them have besides flourishing Bible Classes and Infant Schools. We have reported that many of the Churches have been refreshed by showers of grace divine; and it is worthy of observation, that in all these Churches there was evinced a spirit of fervent prayer. The brethren appear to have felt *that help must come from God alone*; and hence to God they looked, and on Him depended. Some of them, for a long time, had been travelling in the wilderness under the hidings of God's countenance; crying out in the language of the desponding Psalmist, *Has the Lord forgotten to be gracious? Is his mercy clean gone for ever?* when suddenly the cloud was dissipated, their darkness removed; and they were constrained to take down their harps from the willows, and strike them again to songs of thankfulness and praise. Let this encourage those who are yet in the valley, not to despond, but to trust in Him, *who hath never said to the seed of Jacob, seek ye me in vain.* There is also, with but one or two exceptions, a great degree of love and unity, a circumstance which calls for our devout acknowledgments to *the Father of lights, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift!*

It gives us much pleasure to say that the present meeting of the Association has been distinguished by an unusual degree of solemnity, Christian affection, and deep-toned religious feeling. The brethren appeared to have come together with their minds deeply imbued with the Spirit of their Master, and with a desire to advance his cause by a union of effort. The meetings for devotional exercises were peculiarly solemn and affecting. Interesting accounts of revivals were given verbally, which tended greatly to cheer and encourage our hearts.

### To Corresponding Associations.

Beloved in the Lord,—The opportunity afforded us in our annual meetings, of interchanging minutes and fraternal greetings, is among the sources of our greatest happiness. From our minutes of this year, together with the preceding Report, you will perceive that *grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ*, have been vouchsafed us; and within the last nine months, *Five hundred and twenty-six* have been added to our number by baptism.

The annexed Table will give you some additional information, which we trust will not prove altogether useless and uninteresting.

CHURCHES.	Collected for Printing Minutes.	Mission Societies.	Education Societies.	Tract Societies.	SABBATH SCHOOLS.			
					No. Superintendents & Teachers.	Pupils.	Vols. in Library.	
1. Poughkeepsie	\$2 50	1			1	16	111	171
2. Oliver street, N. Y.	10 00	3	2	1	3	39	280	400
3. Mulberry-street, N. Y.	5 00	2			1	28	300	200
4. Mount Pleasant	1 50		1		1	6	37	
5. Hudson	2 50	1	1	1	1	25	130	350
6. Troy	6 00	1			1	40	250	200
7. Albany	5 00	1	1	1	1	23	185	345
8. Catskill	1 00	1	1	1	1	10	72	55
9. Albany African	1 00	1			1	6	64	
10. South Church, N. Y.	3 00	1		1	1	24	137	256
11. Brooklyn	2 00	1			1	24	144	231
12. Union Church, N. Y.	2 00				1	22	100	
13. Lansingburgh	2 00				1	15	60	
14. Mission Church, N. Y.	50				1	18	100	120
15. North Church, N. Y.	2 00	1			1	24	168	110
16. Gibbonsville and West Troy	2 00	1			1	12	60	
17. Zion	50							
18. East Church, N. Y.	1 50				1	22	184	
19. Cairo	1 00				1	10	50	
20. Lattingtown	1 50							
21. West Hillsdale	50							
	53 00							

N. B. This Table is necessarily incomplete, but will be rendered more perfect the next year; and the Churches are earnestly requested to furnish the Association with such minute and specific information in their annual communications, as may secure this desirable object.

Our next session will be held with the First Baptist Church in Albany on the **THIRD WEDNESDAY IN JUNE, 1832**: when we hope to enjoy the presence and counsels of your Messengers.

SPENCER H. CONE, *Moderator.*

ROBERT F. WINSLOW, *Clerk.*