

Standing Resolutions.

Resolved, That we most affectionately request our churches to attend punctually on the *Monthly Concert of Prayer for the spread of the Gospel*, and to endeavour by all proper means to excite and strengthen a Missionary spirit among our people; and that they engage with renewed energy and zeal in promoting the interests of *Foreign and Domestic Missions*, which at this moment loudly call for the best exertions, the fervent intercessions, and the liberal donations, of every Christian.

Whereas it hath pleased the Lord to influence many of the friends both of the souls and bodies of men, to make a stand against the desolating custom of drinking intoxicating liquors, therefore

Resolved, That it be recommended to the churches composing this Association, to unite their efforts in the general object of checking the use of the deadly poison, and especially, that they advise their own members to abstain from retailing distilled spirits.

THE
SEVENTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

HUDSON RIVER

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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.

HELD IN THE

MEETING-HOUSE OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ALBANY,

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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 Lewis Leonard, after which the introductory sermon was preached by Brother Spencer H. Cone, from Philippians ii. 13. *For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.*

2. Took up a collection in aid of the WIDOWS' FUND, amounting to \$27 81.

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 Jno. C. Murphy.

3. Made some progress in reading the letters from the Churches; and then adjourned to 3, P. M. Prayer by Brother Herrick.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Brother Maclay.

4. Finished reading the letters from the 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 Let.	Dis. by Let.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	When Consti- tuted.
Hudson,	WILLIAM RICHARDS, *WILLIAM STURGES, Henry P. Skinner, Dea. Simeon S. Hathaway, William Allger, James B. Van Buren. B. M. HILL. *James M. Haswell, Dea. Platt Titus, do Joshua Harpham,		74	6	9	3	1	194	1811
Troy,	Isaac Lovejoy, Calvin Warner, Amos Allen, John B. Geer, F. W. Stouits, S. E. Gibbs. B. T. WELCH, Deacon J. A. Burke, do Friend Humphrey, do Salem Dutcher, do J. G. Wasson, William Adams, H. Woodruff.	2	47	27	26	6	6	424	1795
Albany,	*PETER SIMONSON, Deacon George M. Kendall, SAMUEL TREADWELL, Francis March, Henry Ostrander, William P. Griffin, Primus Robinson, Robert Pough. Richard Thompson.	1	33	22	13	2	5	306	1811
Catskill,	*CHARLES G. SOMMERS. *Joseph Banzard, N. Caswell, J. E. LAZELL, C. C. P. CRISBY, George Gault, *GEORGE BENEDICT, *Octavius Winslow, J. W. Gilmore.	17	2	4			2	73	1803
Albany African,	ELIJAH F. WILLEY. Dea. Peter Newell, Joseph Metcalf, Jonathan Choat, Eleazer Peck, Lewis Filkie, Abraham Francisco, Rollin C. Merriam. William Cullis.	1	21	2	1	7	2	157	1821
South Baptist Church, New-York,	JACOB H. BROENER, Dea. Jas. H. Townsend, Zebadiah Parker.		39	16	12	2	1	254	1822
Brooklyn, 1st Church,	ASHLEY VAUGHN, Dea. Thomas Shrimpton, Dea. Isaac J. Fonda, Abijah Wheeler, Cyrus Kenny, Miron R. Peak, Orin Dudge.	1	40	7	23		2	132	1823
Union Church, N. Y.		1	35	9	16	1		164	1823
Lansingburgh,			18	8	4	7	1	169	1804
Mission Church, N. Y.		1	2	11	1			49	1826
North Church, N. Y.		1	13	16	5	6	6	163	1827
Gibbonville and West Troy,			15	6	10	4		97	1828
Poughkeepsie,	AARON PERKINS, Dea. B. L. Briggs, I. G. Sturgess, Thos. Platt, SPENCER H. CONE, *JOHN STANFORD, *FRANCIS WAYLAND, sen. *ELEN LOONIS, *DANIEL HALL, *JOHN W. GIBBS, *Wm. CURTIS, *Wm. R. Williams, Dea. Jacob Smith, do James Wilson, Isaac Newton, Wm. Butler, Jno. Scribner, William Lewis, Henry Tomes.		5	5	2			102	1807
Oliver st. New York,	ARCHIBALD MACLAY, *LUKE DAVIES, *James Delaree, Robert F. Winslow, F. Britton, *C. F. FREY, JOHN PUTRESS, Deacon Caleb Willis.	1	52	30	7	2	12	744	1795
Mulberry-street, N. Y.		1	23	11		2	4	330	1809
Mount Pleasant,		1	3		1	1		54	1790

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS AND MES- SENGERS.	Restored.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Let.	Dis. by Let.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	When Constituted.
Zion, Orange Co. East Baptist, N. Y.	*ARCHIBALD C. SANGSTER, JOHN MIDDLETON, THOMAS STOKES, Levi Stone, James Beckwith, Edmund Z. Carbine,	1	17	5	12	3	3	65	1829
Cairo, Greene co.	James Cowee, Knight Bennet, John Pierce, James Traver.	5	4	3	1			55	1799
Lattingtown, Ulster co.	John Hammond.			12		3		68	1812
West Hillsdale, Colum- bia county,	SAMUEL PUMROY, Deacon A. Van de Boe, John Snook,		19					58	
Brooklyn, 2d Church,	JACOB PRICE, Gideon Flower.	8	13	2				29	1831
Schenectady,	*ABRAHAM D. GILLETT, Dea. Asa Sheldon, B. F. Moon, William Van Dusen, Dea. Jabez Ward,	42	16					123	1822
Kingston, Ulster co.	MASSFIELD BARLOW, Reuben Nichols, John Newhouse,	4	6					23	1831
Pleasant Valley, Dutch- ess county,	Dea. Richard Lawrence, Isaac Travis, P. L. PLATT,					1		37	
Newark, N. J. 2d Bap.	James Becroft, Peter Jacobus.	15	3	9				33	1831
		12	565	226	176	47	51	3923	

N. B. The names of Ordained Ministers are in *SMALL CAPITALS*—of Licentiate in *Italic*—those not present are marked thus. *

5. Brother Spencer H. Cone was chosen Moderator; and brother 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 Joshua Bradley, Abijah Peck of Clifton Park, Streeter, Ormsby, and William H. Hadley.

8. The Second Church in Brooklyn, the First Church in Schenectady, the Church in Pleasant Valley, Dutchess county, the Kingston Church, and the Second Church in Newark, applied for admission into this Association. Their letters were read and referred to brethren Welch, Brouner, and Harpham who after having retired, returned and reported favourably on all the applications. Whereupon it was

Resolved, That they be received into this Association—and the moderator gave to their messengers the right hand of fellowship.

9. Brother Lewis Leonard, agent of the New York State Convention, delivered his credentials. Whereupon,

Resolved, That brethren Perkins, Humphrey, and Caswell be a Committee to confer with brother Leonard upon the best method of promoting the objects of the Convention, and report to-morrow.

Resolved, That brother Leonard 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.

10. The Moderator, on behalf of the Committee appointed last year, to whom was referred the application for admission from the Second Church in Broome and the Westkill Church, Lexington. Reported favourably thereon. After some discussion the Committee was discharged, and the subject was referred to brethren Kendall, Skinner, Vaughn, Sturges, and Burke, to report at as early a day as practicable.

11. Letters and Messengers from sister associations were received.

ASSOCIATIONS.	MIN.	MESSENGERS.		BAP.	TOTAL.	
Shaftsbury,	1831	W. G. Johnston, E. D. Hubbell.		121	1920	
Warwick,	1831	John C. Murphy, Dea. Burt. Z. Grinnell		156	1332	
Rensselaerville,	1831	Elijah Herrick, Ephraim Crocker.		167	980	
Saratoga,	1831	Thomas Powell.		164	1929	
Madison,	1831	Lewis Leonard.		1033	3815	
Oneida,	1831	A. M. Beebe.		455	2765	
Union,	1831	William Wiley.		78	1228	
		BAP. TOTAL.	ASSOCIATIONS.	MIN.		
Warren,	1831	287	Baltimore,	1831	31	794
Boston,	1831	422	Columbia,	1831	256	2027
Salem,	1831	473	Katockton,	1831	76	1634
New London,	1831	142	Charleston,	1831	614	7094
Hartford,	1831	209	Abington,	1831	96	752
New Haven,	1831	210	Bridgewater,	1831	45	952
Lake George,	1831	91	Genessee,	1831	542	1940
St. Lawrence,	1831	216	Portsmouth,	1831	48	535
Cayuga,	1831	650	Central, N. J.	1831	18	841
Franklin,	1831	281	Otsego,	1831	212	1873
New Jersey,	1831	219	Michigan,	1831	52	356
Philadelphia,	1831	126	Accomac,	1831	22	459
Delaware,	1831	6	Washington,	1831	84	1202

12. A committee consisting of brethren Maclay, Hill, Richards, Lazell, and J. G. Wasson, was directed to report the state of religion within the bounds of the Association.

13. Brethren Pumroy, Willis, and Middleton were appointed to examine the minutes and letters of corresponding associations.

14. The trustees of the ministers' widows' fund having made no disbursements during the year, have only to submit the following report of the treasurer.

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

May 25, 1831.	By balance in hand as per minutes,	\$1120 00
June 13, 1831.	" Cash from South Baptist Church,	2 80
	" One year's interest to May 1st. 1832. / at 6 per cent per annum.	67 37
	Collected for the same object after Ann. Comm.	27 81
	do. from Oliver street Church,	22 02
	do. Mulberry street,	8 00
	do. Troy,	9 00
	do. Albany,	10 00
	do. South Baptist,	5 00
	do. First Brooklyn,	6 00
	do. Union, N. Y.	2 00
	do. North Church, N. Y.	3 00
	do. Second Brooklyn,	2 00

\$1495 00

15. The following brethren were selected to obtain subscriptions and donations for the widows' fund, viz.:

Poughkeepsie, *A. Raymond*; Oliver-street, *Theodore Clark*; Mulberry-street, *William Winterton*; Mount Pleasant, *William Sing*; Hudson, *Peter Robinson*; Troy, *C. Warner*; Albany, *Walter 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, *Thomas Shrimpton*; Zion, *William Atkinson*; East Church, N. Y. *Peter Baylen*; Cairo, *David Johnson*; Lattingtown, *William Mitchell*; West Hillsdale, *A. Van der Boe*; Second Brooklyn Church, *G. Flowers*; Second Newark, N. J., *James Beecroft*; Schenectady, *William Van Dusen*; Pleasant Valley, *Richard Lawrence*; Kingston, *Reuben Nichols*.

16. Brethren Brouner, Stokes and Jacob Smith were appointed a committee to consider and report on the time and place of meeting of the next Association.

Adjourned to to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Prayer by brother A. M. Beebee.

Agreeably to appointment, brother Aaron Perkins preached at eight o'clock, P. M. from 2 Cor. iv. 2. *By manifestation of the truth, commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.* Prayer by brother Thomas Powell, of the Saratoga Association. After the Sermon a collection was taken up in aid of the New York Baptist Theological Seminary, amounting to \$14,00.

Thursday, June 20, 1832. 10 o'clock, A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by brother E. D. Hubbell.

The minutes of the preceding day were read, amended and approved. 17. The committee to consider and report the time and place of the next meeting, reported, recommending a change in the time of holding the same from the third Wednesday in June, to the first Wednesday in August. The consideration of which after free discussion, was postponed, and the churches requested to express their wishes on the subject in their next letters.

Resolved, that the next meeting of the Association, be held on the third Wednesday in June, with the church in Oliver street, New York.

18. The committee to whom was referred the minutes of corresponding associations presented a report which was read, amended and adopted as follows:

The committee find nothing in those minutes requiring the special notice of the Association, save a caution respecting *Samuel Thomas, Luke Forest, Joseph Trapnell, and James Horner*, (recently from England) who are represented as imposing their persons and services upon the churches as ministers of our denomination.

19. The Committee appointed to confer with brother Lewis Leonard, made the following Report which was accepted, and the resolutions adopted.

The Committee report, that they have heard with much pleasure from the agent of the extended operations and increasing usefulness 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 hundred dollars* of the amount so raised be paid over to the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions, and that the whole residue be given to the Baptist Convention of the state of New York for missionary purposes.

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.

20. Brethren Platt, Butler, and Stokes were appointed a Committee to report the arrangements necessary for next year.

Prayer by brother Richards. Adjourned.

At 11 o'clock, brother Leonard preached from John iv. 35, 36. *Say not ye there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest. Behold I say unto you, Lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal, that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.*

After sermon a collection was taken	First Brooklyn do.	21 00
to aid the funds of the N. Y. Baptist State	Union, N. Y. do.	15 00
Convention, amounting to	Lansingburgh do. (Bur. Miss.)	23 12
\$ 26 82	North do.	21 00
The following sums were also	Gibbonsville and W. Troy church	8 14
communicated for Missionary	Zion do.	5 00
purposes.—	East Baptist do.	5 50
Poughkeepsie church	Lattingtown do.	17 25
Oliver-st. N. Y. do.	West Hillsdale do.	12 19
Mulberry st. do.	Sec. Brooklyn do.	10 00
Mount Pleasant do.	Kingston do.	4 00
Hudson do.		
Troy do.		
Albany do.		
Albany African do.		
		652 64

Immediately after the sermon the Association resumed its session. Prayer by brother B. M. Hill.

21. The Committee of Arrangements made the following report, which was adopted.

Brother B. M. Hill to preach the introductory sermon next year, and in case of failure, brother William Richards. At the close of which a collection to be made in aid of the widows' fund.

Brother B. T. Welch to preach in the evening; brother William R. Williams his substitute.

After the sermon a collection to be taken up for the New-York Baptist Theological Seminary.

22. The Committee on the State of Religion within the bounds of this Association presented their Report, which was adopted; and ordered to be printed with the minutes.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by brother Putress.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Brother Price prayed.

23. The Committee appointed in 1830, and continued by a resolution of 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 Committee discharged.

"The Committee Report that they do not see any way in which our Sabbath School Libraries can be materially improved unless by forming a Baptist Sunday School Union, embracing the whole Baptist interest in this State, and eventually in the United States.

"But apprehending, as we do, that the Baptist Churches in this Association are not fully prepared for such a measure, we therefore recommend that the subject be indefinitely postponed, and the Committee discharged."

24. The Committee on the subject of the 2d Church in Broome, and the Westkill Church in Lexington, presented the following Report, which was adopted.

"Your Committee respectfully Report that, in their opinion, the subject on which they were appointed involves in it things too intricate to warrant the reception of those churches into the Association without further consideration. They do therefore unanimously recommend the appointment of a Committee, to visit them as soon as practicable, and to fully and faithfully investigate the circumstances of their Constitution, carefully inquire into their faith and practice, and report at the next session of the Association."

Whereupon Brethren Hill, Welch, Richards, Stokes, Vaughn, Harpham, Humphrey, Kendall, and Skinner, were appointed a Committee for that purpose.

25. Resolved, That the Moderator be instructed to remit \$108 77 to H. Lincoln, Esq. Treasurer of the Baptist General Convention for Missionary purposes, and that the balance, \$543 87 be paid to Brother Leonard, the accredited agent of the New-York Baptist State Convention.

26. The following brethren were appointed Messengers to Corresponding Associations, viz.—

Associations.	Messengers.	Time and Place of Meeting.
Warren	Middleton	Warren, R. I. Sept. 12.
Boston	Crosby	Newton, Sept. 19.
Salem	Crosby	Salisbury, Sept. 26.
Hartford	F. C. M'Intosh	Hartford, Oct. 10.
New-Haven	Lazell & Sturges	Southington, Oct. 3.
Shafisbury	Vaughn & Harpham	Shaftsbury, June 6.
Warwick	Perkins, Maclay, and Platt	Orange, June 12.
Rensselaerville	Stokes, Butler, Welch, Carbine & Pierce	South Westerlo, Sept. 12.
Saratoga	Burke & M'Intosh	Broadalbin, June 27.
Madison	Crosby, Burke, and Holmes	Pitcher, Sept. 11.
Oneida	Holmes	Deerfield, Sept. 5.
Cayuga	Crosby	Throopsville, Sept. 18.
Otsego	Crosby	Salisbury, Aug. 29.
New-Jersey	Platt	Salem, Sept. 25.
Philadelphia	Crosby & Tomes	Southampton, Oct. 2.
Baltimore	Welch	Pleasant Valley, May 16.
Union	Maclay, Perkins, & Platt	Danbury, 2d Church, Sept. 5.

27. Resolved, That we recommend to the several churches composing the Association to observe Thursday 28th of the present month (June) as a day of Fasting, Humiliation, and Prayer to the Lord, that the cala-

mity of pestilence which threatens our land may be stayed in its progress, or if permitted to overtake us, that it may be sanctified to the nation.

28. Resolved, That we cordially approve of the object and plan of the American Baptist Home Missionary Society, and would earnestly recommend to our churches and to our brethren throughout the Union, to give it their efficient support.

29. Brethren Perkins, Maclay, and Hammond, were appointed a committee to inquire into and report respecting the state of the Lattingtown Church, who after retiring brought in a report recommending that church to apply for aid to the American Baptist Home Mission Society; which was adopted.

30. The following resolution submitted by the First Baptist Church in Albany was read and referred to Brethren Perkins, Welch, and Maclay to report thereon next year, viz.—

"Viewing the present fashion of clothing ourselves in black at the death of a friend, as not only useless, but often very burdensome and expensive, and without an example or precept in the Scriptures; and occurring too at a time when the mind should be solemnly contemplating the providence of God which removes the friend from us, instead of being occupied with preparing fashionable mourning garments;

"Resolved therefore, That we recommend the discontinuance of the practice of wearing mourning apparel."

31. Brethren Cone, Welch, Crosby, Wasson, Gillet, Sommers, Vaughn, and Maclay, were appointed delegates to the New-York State Convention, to meet in Rome the 3d Wednesday in October 1832.

32. Resolved, That brother Ira M. Allen, General Agent of the Baptist Tract Society, be encouraged in the publication of the Baptist Annual Register, and for this purpose we recommend to all the pastors and churches to forward to brother Allen the information requested.

The Register will include the following:—

I. An Almanac for 1833, prepared for several meridians, with other important information.

II. The statistics of each state separately, with a summary view of the whole.

III. The names, locations, and post offices of the churches, associations, ministers, deacons, clerks, and principal members, with the additions, total number of members, and the times and places of associational meetings in 1833.

IV. The statistics of our literary and theological institutions, state conventions, Sunday schools, missionary, education, tract and other benevolent societies.

V. A brief account of the books, pamphlets, and periodicals, published by our brethren, with their prices and places of sale, if proper information be duly received.

VI. Obituary notices of those ministers, and other eminent persons who are removed by death from the time of one associational meeting to another.

VII. An Appendix containing an account of the Baptists throughout the world, with some brief notices of other denominations.

33. Resolved, That we highly approve of the "Essays on Christian Baptism," written by brother C. F. Frey, and those by Carson and Cox on the same subject, as containing a Scriptural and lucid state-

ment of the will of the great Head of the Church, in relation to this ordinance, and recommend these works to the patronage of the churches, and to all desirous of obtaining information upon this important subject.

34. *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.

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

36. *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.

37. *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.

38. 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 *John Gray, 4 Bowery, New-York*, and *C. Pohlman, 433 South-Market-street, Albany*.

39. The Moderator stated that the American Bible Society had nearly effected the supply of every destitute family in the United States with a copy of the Scriptures, as contemplated in their resolution passed in 1829, and were now turning their attention to foreign lands; Whereupon the following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted.

Whereas the American Bible Society contributed in 1830, \$1200 toward printing and circulating the Scriptures by our Missionaries in Burmah, and has furthermore proposed to appropriate \$5000 to the same object during the present year; therefore

Resolved, That while this Association feels a deep sense of gratitude for the generosity thus manifested by the American Bible Society, we will endeavour, as we have opportunity, in our several spheres of action, to awaken an interest in behalf of the Bible cause, and particularly to elicit contributions in aid of those extensive Foreign Distributions of the Scriptures contemplated by that Society in the course of the current year.

40. 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 Baptist Church in Oliver-street, New-York, at 10, A. M. on Wednesday, June 19th, 1833.

Standing Resolutions.

Resolved, That we most affectionately request our churches to attend punctually on the *Monthly Concert of Prayer for the spread of the Gospel*, and to endeavour by all proper means to excite and strengthen a Missionary spirit among our people; and that they engage with renewed energy and zeal in promoting the interests of *Foreign and Domestic Missions*, which at this moment loudly call for the best exertions, the fervent intercessions, and the liberal donations, of every Christian.

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Resolved, That it be recommended to the churches composing this Association, to unite their efforts in the general object of checking the use of the deadly poison, and especially, that they advise their own members to abstain from retailing distilled spirits.

ANNUAL REPORT.

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

Report, That from a review of the interesting communications received from the churches blended in this associate body, that most of them during the past year have shared largely in those blessed outpourings of the spirit of God, which have made the wilderness and the solitary place to blossom as the rose and the desert sing for joy. Rich and copious as is the river on whose fruitful shores they are located, it is but faintly emblematical of those streams of grace and salvation which have rolled their precious and inexhaustible treasures to fertilize and bless the borders of our Zion.

The duty of your committee being to give a faithful *narration* of the state of religion in the several churches, they judge it proper to follow the plan adopted the year past and present you with a digest of the principal facts stated in the different communications.

Po'kepsic. This church has not been blessed, during the past year, with large additions, but their letter states "that they have been favoured with many spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus—that their prayer meetings are peculiarly interesting, and a few, it is hoped, have been

savingly benefited by the means of grace." Collected for benevolent purposes, \$28.00.

Oliver-street Church, N. Y. This church in its epistle states, "As a church we have been blessed with a good increase of numbers, and of such as, we trust, are the sincere followers of the dear Redeemer; while union, harmony and peace continue to diffuse a salutary influence on all our proceedings." Raised for benevolent purposes during the year, about \$2500.

Mulberry-street Church, N. Y. Although this Church has not the satisfaction to record any remarkable outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon them in the awakening and ingathering of large numbers, yet they have to express their gratitude to Almighty God for the lively interest felt among them in reference to the Bible, Tract, Missionary and Temperance Societies. Their epistle also states, that some begin to feel the importance of establishing a *Plain dress Society* as suggested by dear brother Judson; and expresses their ardent wish that the voice from *Burmah reiterating the forgotten voice of God will be heard and heeded.* There seems to be a peculiar interest in the congregation at the present time. Many are anxiously inquiring the way to Zion with their faces thitherward. This church has raised during the past year upwards of \$500 for religious purposes.

Mount Pleasant. The letter from this church expresses that they are much in the same state as last year—they enjoy peace and union and have been blessed with some additions to their numbers. Raised for benevolent purposes, \$23.

Hudson Church. This epistle breathes a spirit of ardent gratitude to the God of all grace for the showers of mercy with which they have been so abundantly refreshed during the year past. The great shepherd of the sheep has sent them a pastor whose labours he has been pleased to bless to the salvation of many precious souls. A protracted meeting was held in November last, which was attended with a special blessing. Baptizing seasons were enjoyed with blessed frequency during the winter months. On one occasion our pastor baptized 16 in two minutes. Their letter also states that one brother, formerly a teacher in the Sunday school, has received license to preach the Gospel, and is now pursuing his studies at Hamilton Seminary. The youths' prayer meetings are kept up with increasing interest. The monthly concerts for missions and S. schools are much improved. The Female Tract and Education Societies are continuing their operations with success; and the Maternal Society has been peculiarly blessed, as may be seen from the following extract from their last report. "There are 32 members in the Society, and 14 of our children have experienced religion during the past year, 2 others gave evidence of a change of heart, and 1 is seeking the Lord sorrowing."

Our brethren who reside in Athens have recently established a Sunday school there, consisting of 60 children and 12 teachers, which appears already to be crowned with the blessing of God. A library is attached to the school, consisting of 80 vols. Raised for benevolent purposes about \$200.

Troy Church. The epistle from this church states, that although they have not been without their trials, yet the mercies they have enjoyed abundantly outweigh them. They enjoy peace and no common share of spiritual prosperity. "At present we have much to encourage

us. There is evidently an increasing interest among us in relation to the various objects of Christian benevolence. Our young members are firm in the faith of Jesus and steady in their attachment to his cause. Our S. school and Bible Class are in a prosperous condition. We continue to receive accessions to our numbers, and among our new members is an uncommonly large proportion of heads of families." Raised about \$350 for benevolent purposes.

Albany Church. The letter from this church states that love and union prevail among them—that prayer and conference meetings are well attended—that they have received a happy increase during the year past, and that all who have joined their ranks for the last five years continue good soldiers of the cross of Christ. Raised for benevolent purposes about \$500.

Catskill Church. This church has been blessed with much spiritual prosperity during the past year. The letter states that "the revival which was in progress during your last session continued with unabating interest during the whole summer. Our young men in general walk together as heirs of the grace of life. Our members drink deeply into the missionary spirit." They are at present destitute of a pastor. Raised for benevolent purposes, \$95.

Albany African Church. This letter is expressive of gratitude to God for his great goodness to them during the past year. "We have called and ordained brother Treadwell as our pastor, and the Lord's work has prospered in his hand. We have a Temperance Society attached to the Church, which professes to 'touch not, taste not, handle not,' that which has destroyed so many precious souls and is an abomination to God." Raised for benevolent purposes, \$7.

South Baptist Church, N. Y. The communication from this church states that they have had a gradual increase during the past year. "Prayer meetings quite well attended—have raised and paid over this year, for missionary and other benevolent purposes, about \$600.00 Sunday school is prosperous." They have an interesting school of 10 coloured adults on Monday evening, and also a Temperance Society connected with the church and congregation.

Brooklyn 1st Church. Nothing very special has occurred in the church during the past year. They have been blessed with a gradual increase. Their letter states that the S. school was never more flourishing than at the present time. The temperance cause has many warm advocates among them. Raised for benevolent purposes \$400.00

Union Church, N. Y. This church has enjoyed a good degree of union during the year past, and has been blessed with a happy increase. They lament the great inconvenience arising from the want of a large place of worship. Raised, \$17.00.

Lansingburgh. The communication from this church is quite encouraging. Their letter states, "that saints have been edified, sinners converted and the church strengthened. The greatest union and harmony prevail among us." Raised \$23,12½.

Mission Church, N. Y. This church is still sorrowing, being destitute of a pastor, but "their bitter cup is not without a good mixture of peace and love and joy." Their number has been increased during the year past.

North Church, N. Y. The communication from this church states

We have great cause of thankfulness for the many and abundant mercies bestowed upon us by our heavenly Father—we have the gospel faithfully preached among us, which has been made the power of God unto salvation to some poor souls since we last addressed you. We have been enabled by the goodness of God towards us, to finish our place of worship. The Sabbath school is in a prosperous state. Several of the teachers during the past year have made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and united with the Church. Raised, &c. \$24.

Gibbonsville and West Troy. This epistle states, in reviewing our past experience since the last session of the Association, we find cause both for gratitude and sorrow—for gratitude that God has not forgotten to be gracious, inasmuch as he has distilled upon us a few mercy drops and blest us with spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus—for sorrow that the goodness of God manifested to us in such rich variety and abundance has not kindled in our hearts livelier emotions of thanksgiving and praise. In our history one thing in particular is worthy of note—since the first constitution of the church death has never entered our ranks. We are in peace and enjoy circumstances of common prosperity. We feel that our success depends upon the promise and power of our covenant God. Raised for benevolent purposes, \$121,14.

Zion Church. In the fellowship of saints, in the liberality of your enlightened and zealous body, and in every other indication of the increase of the kingdom of the Prince Messiah we realize an increase of joy which bears some small proportion to the magnitude of the objects obtained.

We have recently called to the pastoral office among us our beloved brother Archibald C. Sangster, lately arrived from England. Raised for benevolent purposes, \$5,00.

East Baptist Church, N. Y. After referring to a painful trial in the exclusion of one of their number their epistle states, "But from that time to the present the Holy Spirit has been pleased to bless the word of his grace in a special manner. We had a series of religious exercises which continued four days, these were blessed to the increase of our union and to the excitement of a more serious and prayerful spirit. Love and union, unity of faith and mutual exertion in endeavouring to promote the precious cause of Jesus are the chief characteristics of our church at this time, for which we cannot be too thankful. Raised \$7,00.

Cairo Church. The letter from this church states, "We are as a church at peace and in fellowship one with another. We have not been blessed within the past year with a special revival in our church, yet we have been made to rejoice in the goodness of God inclining a number to come and tell us what they believed the Lord had done for their souls."

Lattintown. This church is destitute of a pastor. They keep up prayer meetings on Lord's day—they mourn their present low condition. Raised for benevolent purposes, \$17,25.

West Hillsdale. Their letter states, "during the past year the Lord in much mercy has visited us by the quickening graces of his Spirit and by bringing sinners to the saving knowledge of the truth of God." Raised for benevolent purposes, \$12,19.

Brooklyn 2nd Baptist Church. This church was constituted in October last by the advice and aid of a council convened for that purpose, consisting chiefly of members of this body. In January last they unanimously agreed in a call to brother Price, who was then ordained as their pastor. Their prospects are encouraging. Raised \$27.

Schenectady 1st Baptist Church. The letter from this church states, the most encouraging part of our history is within the past year—the greater part of the time we have enjoyed the faithful labours of our present pastor. We enjoy a good degree of union and fellowship. Raised for benevolent purposes, \$70,00.

Pleasant Valley. This church expresses a sense of gratitude to God for the unity they enjoy. They have at present no settled pastor, and earnestly wish ministering brethren to visit them.

Kingston. This church, as it appears from their letter, are enjoying harmony and peace and a good degree of prosperity. They consider themselves a Missionary society and bound to do all in their power for the promotion of the Redeemer's kingdom. Raised for benevolent purposes \$4,00.

2nd Baptist Church, Newark. The epistle from this church states, "God has apparently from the time of our first commencing to hold worship together, been pouring out his Holy Spirit in our midst, for which we would praise his holy name. Our congregation has been gradually increasing."

Thus, dear brethren, your committee have endeavoured to fulfil the task assigned them, and present you with a brief sketch of the progress of the Redeemer's kingdom amongst us, drawn from the records which have been laid before you. Many more interesting facts might have been inserted would the limits of the report have admitted it. Shall we not from this brief review of the work of Divine grace erect an Ebenezer to our covenant God and take courage to go forward with renewed vigour?

Your committee would suggest that the signs of the times call upon us to address ourselves to the work with redoubled energy. They would remind you of the words of him whose we are and whom we serve. "No man having put his hand to the plough and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." In this season of general agitation and alarm, when the scourge of the old world has visited the new, remember, "The name of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous runneth into it and is safe." Safety is not in flight, but in faith. "He that believeth shall not make haste." Stand then, dear brethren, with your loins girt, your lamps burning and your vessels replenished with holy oil. The Prince of darkness is doing his work—the angel of death is doing his work, and shall the saints of the Most High be inactive? No: rather let us sacrifice ease and health and life itself, than subject ourselves to the reproach and danger of inactivity. Let each of us adopt as our motto the words of the Lord Jesus and say to all and to every thing that would hinder us in our Christian warfare, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"