

To Corresponding Associations.

Very dear Brethren,—Our present session has been one of unusual interest and comfort. The Lord manifested himself to us, as he does not to the world, and we have been permitted to sit together as in an heavenly place in Christ Jesus. During the past year, *five hundred and sixty-five have been added to our number by baptism*, and you will learn from the preceding Report that most of the churches composing our body, have experienced a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

The annexed Table will give you some additional information, which will not, we hope, be found uninteresting.

CHURCHES.	Collected for Printing Min.	Mission Societies.	Education Societies.	Pract Societies.	SABBATH SCHOOLS.			
					No.	Sup. and Teachers.	Pupils.	Vols. in Library.
1 Poughkeepsie	\$3 50							
2 Oliver street, N. Y.	12 00				1	17	116	216
3 Mulberry street, N. Y.	5 00	5	1	1	3	50	310	450
4 Mount Pleasant	1 50				1	29	200	230
5 Hudson	2 00			1				
6 Troy	6 00	1	1	1	1	24	150	375
7 Albany	5 00	1	1	1	1	41	214	301
8 Catskill	2 00			1	3	39	200	400
9 Albany African	1 00				1	10	37	116
10 South Church, N. Y.	3 00				1			
11 Brooklyn First Church	2 00				1	24	146	348
12 Union Church, N. Y.	3 00				1	25	150	307
13 Lansingburgh,	2 00				1			
14 Mission Church, N. Y.	50				1	17	57	
15 North Church, N. Y.	2 50				1	16	100	100
16 Gibbonsville and West Troy	1 50				1	25	168	217
17 Zion	75				1	12	60	100
18 East Church, N. Y.	1 50							
19 Cairo	1 00				1	10	221	81
20 Lattingtown	1 25				1	6	20	50
21 West Hillsdale	50							
22 Brooklyn Second Church	1 00							
23 Schenectady	1 50				1	10	36	
24 Kingston	50				1	13	100	
25 Pleasant Valley	1 00				1	9	25	60
26 Newark, N. J. Second Church	50				1			
	62 00							

Our next session will be held in the city of New York, with the Oliver street Church, on WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19th, 1833; when we hope to be cheered and instructed by the presence and preaching of your Messengers.

SPENCER H. CONE, Moderator.

ROBERT F. WINSLOW, Clerk.

THE

EIGHTEENTH 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 ever lasting 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 OLIVER-ST. BAPTIST CHURCH, N. Y.

JUNE 19, 20, & 21, 1833.

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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 Rogers of New Jersey, after which the introductory sermon was preached by Brother B. M. Hill of Troy, from Acts xx. 27. *For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.*

2. Took up a collection in aid of the WIDOWS' FUND, amounting to \$36 50.

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 Bennet, of Homer.

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

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Brother Hubbell.

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

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

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS AND MES- SENGERS.	Restored.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Let.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	When Constituted.
Poughkeepsie,	John G. Sturges, Riley Sabins, SPENCER H. CONE, *JNO. STANFORD, *F. WATLAND, SEN. *EBEN. LOONIS, *DANIEL HALL. WM. CURTIS, JNO. W. GIBBS, JNO. C. MURPHY. <i>Joseph Clark,</i> Dea. Thos. Garniss. " Jacob Smith. " Thos. Purser. " Wm. Colgate. " James Wilson. Wm. Williams, R. Pegg, William Butler, Wm. D. Murphy. Isaac Newton, Jos. Cauldwell, Silas J. Evans, ARCHIBALD MACLAY, LUKE DAVIES, <i>James Delaree,</i> <i>Wm. Biddle,</i> Dea. Wm. Winterton. " Thos Day, Abm. Knight, Geo. W. Platt, Alex. Skedd, Jos. P. Simpson, Wm. M'Cutchen.		3	9	7	3		102	1807
Oliver-street, N. Y.	" Jacob Smith. " Thos. Purser. " Wm. Colgate. " James Wilson. Wm. Williams, R. Pegg, William Butler, Wm. D. Murphy. Isaac Newton, Jos. Cauldwell, Silas J. Evans, ARCHIBALD MACLAY, LUKE DAVIES, <i>James Delaree,</i> <i>Wm. Biddle,</i> Dea. Wm. Winterton. " Thos Day, Abm. Knight, Geo. W. Platt, Alex. Skedd, Jos. P. Simpson, Wm. M'Cutchen.		26	31	62	2	17	726	1795
Mulberry-st. N. Y.	" Thos Day, Abm. Knight, Geo. W. Platt, Alex. Skedd, Jos. P. Simpson, Wm. M'Cutchen.		12	18	13	2	9	336	1809

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS AND MES- SENGERS.	Restored.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Let.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	When Constituted.	
Mount Pleasant.	*JOHN PUTRESS. Dea. Caleb Willis, Leonard Bleecker, Wm. Sing, Samuel Haight. WILLIAM RICHARDS, *WILLIAM STURGES, Henry P. Skinner, Dea. Samuel Gifford. Dea. Simeon S. Hatheway, James P. Van Buren, William Alger, B. M. Hill, *Jas. M. Husserll, Dea. Joshua Harpham. Dea. Isaac Wellington. Isaac Lovejoy, Jas. M. Cooper. Frederick B. Stowitz, B. T. Welch, Dea. J. G. Wasson, " Wm. Adams, " Halsey Woodruff, " Charles Pohlman, Ezekiel C. McIntosh, Isaac C. Davis, JOHN DOWLING, Nathaniel Jacobs, SAMUEL TREADWELL, Richard Thompson, John Topp, CHARLES G. SOMMERS, John Spier, N. Caswell. J. Going, C. C. P. Crosby, E. Raymond, A. Stewart, J. H. Smith, George Gault. GEORGE B. BENEDICT, Dea. H. Phelps, " Benj. Thompson, J. Cowan, D. Ludlam, Jun. J. Plymar, W. H. Knapp, J. L. Everett. *E. F. WILLEY, Dea. Peter Newell, Lewis Pents, Jonathan Brooks, JACOB H. BROOKER, *SAMUEL DUNBURY, <i>Sam. Barnard,</i> Dea. Edward Clover, " Jas. H. Townsend, John Hatt, Saml. W. Kirby, Caleb C. Crane,	2		3	3	1			55	1790
Hudson.	WILLIAM RICHARDS, *WILLIAM STURGES, Henry P. Skinner, Dea. Samuel Gifford. Dea. Simeon S. Hatheway, James P. Van Buren, William Alger, B. M. Hill, *Jas. M. Husserll, Dea. Joshua Harpham. Dea. Isaac Wellington. Isaac Lovejoy, Jas. M. Cooper. Frederick B. Stowitz, B. T. Welch, Dea. J. G. Wasson, " Wm. Adams, " Halsey Woodruff, " Charles Pohlman, Ezekiel C. McIntosh, Isaac C. Davis, JOHN DOWLING, Nathaniel Jacobs, SAMUEL TREADWELL, Richard Thompson, John Topp, CHARLES G. SOMMERS, John Spier, N. Caswell. J. Going, C. C. P. Crosby, E. Raymond, A. Stewart, J. H. Smith, George Gault. GEORGE B. BENEDICT, Dea. H. Phelps, " Benj. Thompson, J. Cowan, D. Ludlam, Jun. J. Plymar, W. H. Knapp, J. L. Everett. *E. F. WILLEY, Dea. Peter Newell, Lewis Pents, Jonathan Brooks, JACOB H. BROOKER, *SAMUEL DUNBURY, <i>Sam. Barnard,</i> Dea. Edward Clover, " Jas. H. Townsend, John Hatt, Saml. W. Kirby, Caleb C. Crane,		28	7	49	3	1		169	1810
Troy.	*JOHN PUTRESS. Dea. Caleb Willis, Leonard Bleecker, Wm. Sing, Samuel Haight. WILLIAM RICHARDS, *WILLIAM STURGES, Henry P. Skinner, Dea. Samuel Gifford. Dea. Simeon S. Hatheway, James P. Van Buren, William Alger, B. M. Hill, *Jas. M. Husserll, Dea. Joshua Harpham. Dea. Isaac Wellington. Isaac Lovejoy, Jas. M. Cooper. Frederick B. Stowitz, B. T. Welch, Dea. J. G. Wasson, " Wm. Adams, " Halsey Woodruff, " Charles Pohlman, Ezekiel C. McIntosh, Isaac C. Davis, JOHN DOWLING, Nathaniel Jacobs, SAMUEL TREADWELL, Richard Thompson, John Topp, CHARLES G. SOMMERS, John Spier, N. Caswell. J. Going, C. C. P. Crosby, E. Raymond, A. Stewart, J. H. Smith, George Gault. GEORGE B. BENEDICT, Dea. H. Phelps, " Benj. Thompson, J. Cowan, D. Ludlam, Jun. J. Plymar, W. H. Knapp, J. L. Everett. *E. F. WILLEY, Dea. Peter Newell, Lewis Pents, Jonathan Brooks, JACOB H. BROOKER, *SAMUEL DUNBURY, <i>Sam. Barnard,</i> Dea. Edward Clover, " Jas. H. Townsend, John Hatt, Saml. W. Kirby, Caleb C. Crane,	6	19	22	14	6	2	443	1795	
Albany.	*JOHN PUTRESS. Dea. Caleb Willis, Leonard Bleecker, Wm. Sing, Samuel Haight. WILLIAM RICHARDS, *WILLIAM STURGES, Henry P. Skinner, Dea. Samuel Gifford. Dea. Simeon S. Hatheway, James P. Van Buren, William Alger, B. M. Hill, *Jas. M. Husserll, Dea. Joshua Harpham. Dea. Isaac Wellington. Isaac Lovejoy, Jas. M. Cooper. Frederick B. Stowitz, B. T. Welch, Dea. J. G. Wasson, " Wm. Adams, " Halsey Woodruff, " Charles Pohlman, Ezekiel C. McIntosh, Isaac C. Davis, JOHN DOWLING, Nathaniel Jacobs, SAMUEL TREADWELL, Richard Thompson, John Topp, CHARLES G. SOMMERS, John Spier, N. Caswell. J. Going, C. C. P. Crosby, E. Raymond, A. Stewart, J. H. Smith, George Gault. GEORGE B. BENEDICT, Dea. H. Phelps, " Benj. Thompson, J. Cowan, D. Ludlam, Jun. J. Plymar, W. H. Knapp, J. L. Everett. *E. F. WILLEY, Dea. Peter Newell, Lewis Pents, Jonathan Brooks, JACOB H. BROOKER, *SAMUEL DUNBURY, <i>Sam. Barnard,</i> Dea. Edward Clover, " Jas. H. Townsend, John Hatt, Saml. W. Kirby, Caleb C. Crane,	2	25	26	15	2	14	321	1814	
Catskill.	*JOHN PUTRESS. Dea. Caleb Willis, Leonard Bleecker, Wm. Sing, Samuel Haight. WILLIAM RICHARDS, *WILLIAM STURGES, Henry P. Skinner, Dea. Samuel Gifford. Dea. Simeon S. Hatheway, James P. Van Buren, William Alger, B. M. Hill, *Jas. M. Husserll, Dea. Joshua Harpham. Dea. Isaac Wellington. Isaac Lovejoy, Jas. M. Cooper. Frederick B. Stowitz, B. T. Welch, Dea. J. G. Wasson, " Wm. Adams, " Halsey Woodruff, " Charles Pohlman, Ezekiel C. McIntosh, Isaac C. Davis, JOHN DOWLING, Nathaniel Jacobs, SAMUEL TREADWELL, Richard Thompson, John Topp, CHARLES G. SOMMERS, John Spier, N. Caswell. J. Going, C. C. P. Crosby, E. Raymond, A. Stewart, J. H. Smith, George Gault. GEORGE B. BENEDICT, Dea. H. Phelps, " Benj. Thompson, J. Cowan, D. Ludlam, Jun. J. Plymar, W. H. Knapp, J. L. Everett. *E. F. WILLEY, Dea. Peter Newell, Lewis Pents, Jonathan Brooks, JACOB H. BROOKER, *SAMUEL DUNBURY, <i>Sam. Barnard,</i> Dea. Edward Clover, " Jas. H. Townsend, John Hatt, Saml. W. Kirby, Caleb C. Crane,		6	6	12		2	71	1803	
Albany African.	*JOHN PUTRESS. Dea. Caleb Willis, Leonard Bleecker, Wm. Sing, Samuel Haight. WILLIAM RICHARDS, *WILLIAM STURGES, Henry P. Skinner, Dea. Samuel Gifford. Dea. Simeon S. Hatheway, James P. Van Buren, William Alger, B. M. Hill, *Jas. M. Husserll, Dea. Joshua Harpham. Dea. Isaac Wellington. Isaac Lovejoy, Jas. M. Cooper. Frederick B. Stowitz, B. T. Welch, Dea. J. G. Wasson, " Wm. Adams, " Halsey Woodruff, " Charles Pohlman, Ezekiel C. McIntosh, Isaac C. Davis, JOHN DOWLING, Nathaniel Jacobs, SAMUEL TREADWELL, Richard Thompson, John Topp, CHARLES G. SOMMERS, John Spier, N. Caswell. J. Going, C. C. P. Crosby, E. Raymond, A. Stewart, J. H. Smith, George Gault. GEORGE B. BENEDICT, Dea. H. Phelps, " Benj. Thompson, J. Cowan, D. Ludlam, Jun. J. Plymar, W. H. Knapp, J. L. Everett. *E. F. WILLEY, Dea. Peter Newell, Lewis Pents, Jonathan Brooks, JACOB H. BROOKER, *SAMUEL DUNBURY, <i>Sam. Barnard,</i> Dea. Edward Clover, " Jas. H. Townsend, John Hatt, Saml. W. Kirby, Caleb C. Crane,		5		12	8	3	137	1821	
South Bapt. Church, New-York.	*JOHN PUTRESS. Dea. Caleb Willis, Leonard Bleecker, Wm. Sing, Samuel Haight. WILLIAM RICHARDS, *WILLIAM STURGES, Henry P. Skinner, Dea. Samuel Gifford. Dea. Simeon S. Hatheway, James P. Van Buren, William Alger, B. M. Hill, *Jas. M. Husserll, Dea. Joshua Harpham. Dea. Isaac Wellington. Isaac Lovejoy, Jas. M. Cooper. Frederick B. Stowitz, B. T. Welch, Dea. J. G. Wasson, " Wm. Adams, " Halsey Woodruff, " Charles Pohlman, Ezekiel C. McIntosh, Isaac C. Davis, JOHN DOWLING, Nathaniel Jacobs, SAMUEL TREADWELL, Richard Thompson, John Topp, CHARLES G. SOMMERS, John Spier, N. Caswell. J. Going, C. C. P. Crosby, E. Raymond, A. Stewart, J. H. Smith, George Gault. GEORGE B. BENEDICT, Dea. H. Phelps, " Benj. Thompson, J. Cowan, D. Ludlam, Jun. J. Plymar, W. H. Knapp, J. L. Everett. *E. F. WILLEY, Dea. Peter Newell, Lewis Pents, Jonathan Brooks, JACOB H. BROOKER, *SAMUEL DUNBURY, <i>Sam. Barnard,</i> Dea. Edward Clover, " Jas. H. Townsend, John Hatt, Saml. W. Kirby, Caleb C. Crane,		37	13	2	2	3	207	1822	
Brooklyn 1st Church, N. York.	*JOHN PUTRESS. Dea. Caleb Willis, Leonard Bleecker, Wm. Sing, Samuel Haight. WILLIAM RICHARDS, *WILLIAM STURGES, Henry P. Skinner, Dea. Samuel Gifford. Dea. Simeon S. Hatheway, James P. Van Buren, William Alger, B. M. Hill, *Jas. M. Husserll, Dea. Joshua Harpham. Dea. Isaac Wellington. Isaac Lovejoy, Jas. M. Cooper. Frederick B. Stowitz, B. T. Welch, Dea. J. G. Wasson, " Wm. Adams, " Halsey Woodruff, " Charles Pohlman, Ezekiel C. McIntosh, Isaac C. Davis, JOHN DOWLING, Nathaniel Jacobs, SAMUEL TREADWELL, Richard Thompson, John Topp, CHARLES G. SOMMERS, John Spier, N. Caswell. J. Going, C. C. P. Crosby, E. Raymond, A. Stewart, J. H. Smith, George Gault. GEORGE B. BENEDICT, Dea. H. Phelps, " Benj. Thompson, J. Cowan, D. Ludlam, Jun. J. Plymar, W. H. Knapp, J. L. Everett. *E. F. WILLEY, Dea. Peter Newell, Lewis Pents, Jonathan Brooks, JACOB H. BROOKER, *SAMUEL DUNBURY, <i>Sam. Barnard,</i> Dea. Edward Clover, " Jas. H. Townsend, John Hatt, Saml. W. Kirby, Caleb C. Crane,		8	3	5	1	1	136	1823	
Union Church, N. Y.	*JOHN PUTRESS. Dea. Caleb Willis, Leonard Bleecker, Wm. Sing, Samuel Haight. WILLIAM RICHARDS, *WILLIAM STURGES, Henry P. Skinner, Dea. Samuel Gifford. Dea. Simeon S. Hatheway, James P. Van Buren, William Alger, B. M. Hill, *Jas. M. Husserll, Dea. Joshua Harpham. Dea. Isaac Wellington. Isaac Lovejoy, Jas. M. Cooper. Frederick B. Stowitz, B. T. Welch, Dea. J. G. Wasson, " Wm. Adams, " Halsey Woodruff, " Charles Pohlman, Ezekiel C. McIntosh, Isaac C. Davis, JOHN DOWLING, Nathaniel Jacobs, SAMUEL TREADWELL, Richard Thompson, John Topp, CHARLES G. SOMMERS, John Spier, N. Caswell. J. Going, C. C. P. Crosby, E. Raymond, A. Stewart, J. H. Smith, George Gault. GEORGE B. BENEDICT, Dea. H. Phelps, " Benj. Thompson, J. Cowan, D. Ludlam, Jun. J. Plymar, W. H. Knapp, J. L. Everett. *E. F. WILLEY, Dea. Peter Newell, Lewis Pents, Jonathan Brooks, JACOB H. BROOKER, *SAMUEL DUNBURY, <i>Sam. Barnard,</i> Dea. Edward Clover, " Jas. H. Townsend, John Hatt, Saml. W. Kirby, Caleb C. Crane,		20	11	7	2	2	186	1823	
Lansingburgh,	*JOHN PUTRESS. Dea. Caleb Willis, Leonard Bleecker, Wm. Sing, Samuel Haight. WILLIAM RICHARDS, *WILLIAM STURGES, Henry P. Skinner, Dea. Samuel Gifford. Dea. Simeon S. Hatheway, James P. Van Buren, William Alger, B. M. Hill, *Jas. M. Husserll, Dea. Joshua Harpham. Dea. Isaac Wellington. Isaac Lovejoy, Jas. M. Cooper. Frederick B. Stowitz, B. T. Welch, Dea. J. G. Wasson, " Wm. Adams, " Halsey Woodruff, " Charles Pohlman, Ezekiel C. McIntosh, Isaac C. Davis, JOHN DOWLING, Nathaniel Jacobs, SAMUEL TREADWELL, Richard Thompson, John Topp, CHARLES G. SOMMERS, John Spier, N. Caswell. J. Going, C. C. P. Crosby, E. Raymond, A. Stewart, J. H. Smith, George Gault. GEORGE B. BENEDICT, Dea. H. Phelps, " Benj. Thompson, J. Cowan, D. Ludlam, Jun. J. Plymar, W. H. Knapp, J. L. Everett. *E. F. WILLEY, Dea. Peter Newell, Lewis Pents, Jonathan Brooks, JACOB H. BROOKER, *SAMUEL DUNBURY, <i>Sam. Barnard,</i> Dea. Edward Clover, " Jas. H. Townsend, John Hatt, Saml. W. Kirby, Caleb C. Crane,		19	4	2	3	1	186	1804	
North Church, N. Y.	*JOHN PUTRESS. Dea. Caleb Willis, Leonard Bleecker, Wm. Sing, Samuel Haight. WILLIAM RICHARDS, *WILLIAM STURGES, Henry P. Skinner, Dea. Samuel Gifford. Dea. Simeon S. Hatheway, James P. Van Buren, William Alger, B. M. Hill, *Jas. M. Husserll, Dea. Joshua Harpham. Dea. Isaac Wellington. Isaac Lovejoy, Jas. M. Cooper. Frederick B. Stowitz, B. T. Welch, Dea. J. G. Wasson, " Wm. Adams, " Halsey Woodruff, " Charles Pohlman, Ezekiel C. McIntosh, Isaac C. Davis, JOHN DOWLING, Nathaniel Jacobs, SAMUEL TREADWELL, Richard Thompson, John Topp, CHARLES G. SOMMERS, John Spier, N. Caswell. J. Going, C. C. P. Crosby, E. Raymond, A. Stewart, J. H. Smith, George Gault. GEORGE B. BENEDICT, Dea. H. Phelps, " Benj. Thompson, J. Cowan, D. Ludlam, Jun. J. Plymar, W. H. Knapp, J. L. Everett. *E. F. WILLEY, Dea. Peter Newell, Lewis Pents, Jonathan Brooks, JACOB H. BROOKER, *SAMUEL DUNBURY, <i>Sam. Barnard,</i> Dea. Edward Clover, " Jas. H. Townsend, John Hatt, Saml. W. Kirby, Caleb C. Crane,	1	14	8	14	1	2	170	1827	

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Gibbonsville & West Troy.	A. VAUGHN, Orrin Dodge, Dea. Thos. Shrimpton, Abel W. Richardson, Cyrus Kenney, Edward Learned, Amos Allen,		15	15	4	3	117	1828
Zion, Orange Co.	ARCH'D. C. SANGSTER, J. MIDDLETON,		1	3	1		31	
East Baptist Church, New-York.	Wm. J. Loomis, Dea. Rob't. Robinson, Jona. C. Quackenbush,		15	7	2	3	81	1829
Cairo, Greene Co.	THOMAS STOKES, Levi H. Stone, John C. Alton,		7	1	3	1	60	1799
Laltingtown.	Dea. John Hammond, Tennis S. Waring, Samuel Covert,		21	3	3	1	88	1812
West Hillsdale.	SAMUEL POMROY, Dea. A. Van de Boe,		5	3	1		66	
Brooklyn 2d Church.	JACOB PRICE, Dea. Gideon Flowers, Richard S. Davison,		5	7	2		39	1831
Schenectady.	A. D. GILLET, Dea. J. C. Bailey, B. F. Moon,	1	55	14	5	1	183	1822
Kingston, Ulster Co.	MANSFIELD BARLOW, JESSE JONES, Dea. Reuben Nichols, " D. L. Wells, James Irvin,	1	41	23	5	1	83	1831
Pleasant Valley.	Peter W. Burhans, Dea. Richard Lawrence,				2	1	34	
Newark, N. Jersey, 2d Church.	P. L. PLATT, DAVID FORD, David Tuttle, Peter Storms,		2	6	10	4	27	1831
2d Church, Broome.	JOHN ORMSBEE, Harvey Bliss, Isaac Moore,		6	1	1	1	53	1831
Westkill, Church, Lexington.	Eder Barnum, Philo Bushnell, Alanson Bushnell,		2	3			60	1831
Athens.	Dea. G. S. Turner, " E. S. Fox, J. Sanderson,		6	36			42	1832
Broome-street, N. Y.	JOHN MITCHELL, Dea. S. McCorkle, S. Dolbeer,		2	37	1		38	1833
Amity-street, N. Y.	WM. R. WILLIAMS, Dea. Robert Edwards, John H. Harris, Robert King,		3	58	1		60	1832
Bowery Church, N. Y.	OCTAVIUS WINSLOW, Wm. C. Dusenberry, R. F. Winslow, Francis Moore,			20			20	1833
Coxackie.	REUBEN WINEGAR, Dea. Ambrose Baker, Isaac Werden,	14	11	2			40	1832

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

6. The rules of order and the Constitution were read.

7. Ministering brethren present were invited to a seat and to assist in our deliberations. Invitation accepted by brethren A. R. Martin, W. G. Miller, Webb, Lewis, Segur, Dunbar, Stewart, Jas. E. Welch, Stout, and Hutchinson.

8. The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Association, on the subject of the Second Church in Broome and the Westkill Church in Lexington, presented the following report, which was adopted.

The Committee appointed to investigate the circumstances of the constitution, and inquire into the Faith and Practice of the churches in Broome and Westkill, Lexington, report, That, with the exception of three members, who were prevented by Divine Providence, they have attended to the duty of their appointment by visiting the church at Westkill, where a Committee from the church in Broome was present, together with the members of the Lexington Association, who protested against the reception of those churches into this body.

Your Committee in the course of a laborious investigation of the subject, ascertained that the churches in question consist of a considerable number of very respectable inhabitants of the towns of Broome and Lexington; that in both cases, about one half the number of members are males and heads of families; that they maintain the public and social worship of God, and administration of christian discipline and ordinances according to the faith and order of the gospel of Jesus Christ, in locations of importance, and where they do not infringe upon any reasonable privilege of sister churches; and that they appear to be intelligent, active and humble christians, with warm hearts, and hands ready for the performance of good works in Christ's name. The church in Westkill occupies a neat house of worship, recently built, and entirely paid for from their own purses. The church in Broome is making arrangements to erect one for their accommodation immediately.

Your committee learned with much regret, however, that the constitution of these churches, particularly that in Westkill, originated in an unhappy state of feeling in churches previously existing, or, rather, a reluctance on the part of their pastors, to sanction any measure that might lead to such a result. From such feelings embarrassments were created and thrown in the way of the brethren who desired the privileges of a Gospel church, that led them into a departure from the usual mode of constituting churches, which your committee can but disapprove as an *unexpedient*, though lawful measure, viz. that of proceeding without any other council or assistance but one regularly ordained minister.

Besides this your committee discovered some other circumstances uncommon on such occasions, but they were such as originated in the very peculiar situation in which the constituent members of those churches were placed, by those who were unfriendly to their being Constituted, and such as on that account, may be justified in the case. Your committee are therefore unanimous in recommending that both the above churches be received into this association.

9. The Athens church, the Broome-street church, N. Y. the Amity-street church, N. Y. the Bowery Baptist church and the Coxackie church applied for admission into this Association. The letters were read, and referred to brethren Maclay, Sommers, 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, and to the messengers from the Second church in Broome, and the Westkill church, the right hand of fellowship.

10. A communication was read from brother Peck on the subject of the New-York State Convention, whereupon,

Resolved, That brother Peck be appointed to preach to-morrow at 11

o'clock, A. M. and in case of failure, brother Bennett. After the sermon a collection to be taken up in aid of the Convention.

11. *Resolved*, that brethren Maclay, Welch, Hill, Colgate, Leonard Bleecker, Gillett and W. D. Murphy, be a committee to report on the subject of Foreign and Domestic Missions.

12. *Resolved*, That it be referred to the same Committee to consider and report on the best method of appropriating the moneys raised by the churches of this Association, and usually remitted by their delegates for Domestic Missionary purposes.

Letters and Messengers from sister associations were received.

ASSOCIATIONS.	MIN.	MESSENGERS.	BAP.	TOTAL.
Shaftsbury, Vt.	1832	E. D. Hubbell, C. C. Williams,	336	1509
Madison, N. Y.	1832	Peck,	353	4285
Oneida, do.	1832	A. M. Bebee,	327	1938
Philadelphia,	1832	C. W. Denison,	368	3156
Charleston, S. C.	1832	Peter Lindlow,	493	5217
Bridgewater, Pa.	1832	A. Stilwell,	184	1154
Union, N. Y.	1832	Thos. Larkham,	118	1334
Union, Pa.	1832	Thos. Teasdale & Hurd.		
Warren, R. I.	1832			
Boston, Mass.	1832		27	797
Salem, do.	1832		283	2287
New London, Conn.	1832		142	1784
Hartford, do.	1832		36	888
New Haven, do.	1832		169	1995
Warwick, N. Y.	1832		159	715
Rensselaerville, do.	1832		92	1024
Saratoga, do.	1832		561	2398
Lake George, do.	1832		103	667
St. Lawrence, do.	1832		32	369
Cayuga, do.	1832		384	1597
Franklin, do.	1832		70	772
New Jersey,	1832		62	874
Delaware,	1832			

13. The Union Association, Penn. and the Stephenstown Association solicited a correspondence, which was granted.

14. A Committee, consisting of Brethren John C. Murphy, Thomas Stokes and Jacob Price was appointed to examine the minutes of corresponding associations.

15. Brethren Going, Vaughn, Barlow, Williams and Dowling were appointed to report the state of religion within the bounds of the Association.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by brother Webb of New Jersey.

Agreeably to appointment, brother B. T. Welch preached at 8 o'clock P. M. from Proverbs xvii. 9. *The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips.*

Prayer by brother Gillett.

After the sermon, a collection was taken up in aid of the New-York Baptist Theological Seminary, amounting to \$41 17.

Thursday June 20. 9 o'clock, A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by brother Jones.

The minutes of the preceding day were read, amended, and approved.

16. The Trustees of the Ministers' Widows' Fund have not been called upon for any expenditure during the year. The account of the Treasurer is submitted.

The Hudson River Baptist Association account with William Colgate, Treasurer.

1832.	1833.	Cr.	Dr.
Balance in hand, us per Minutes \$1255 00			
May 1. Interest from May 1, 1832 to May 1, 1833, at six per cent. per annum,	77 10		
		\$1332 10	
Jun. 19. Collection after Annual Sermon, Oliver-street,	36 50		
	19 10		
			\$1450 00

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

Poughkeepsie, A. Raymond; Oliver-street, Jun. A. Ostrander; Mulberry street, William Winteron; Mount Pleasant, William Sing; Hudson, Robert L. Abbott; Troy, C. Warner; Albany, Walter S. McInnes; Catskill, N. Jacobs; Albany African, John Topp; South Church, N. Y. J. K. Moore; Brooklyn, J. Quarena; Union Ch. N. Y. G. C. Wood; Lansingburg, John Sands; North Church, N. Y. J. H. Townsend; Gibbousville and West Troy, A. Wheeler; Zion, William Atkinson; East Church, N. Y. Peter Baylen; Cairo, David Johnson; Lattingtown, William Mitchell; West Hillsdale, J. Van der Boe; Second Brooklyn Church, G. Flowers; Second Newark, N. J. Peter Storms; Schenectady, Wm. Van Dusen; Pleasant Valley, Richard Lawrence; Kingston, Reuben Nichols; Second Church, Broomie, Scholastic Co. Harry Bliss; Westkill Church, Henry Gannon; Athens, John Patterson; Broomie-street Church, Samuel McCorkle; Amity street Church, Horace Bulden; Bowery Baptist Church, Robert F. Winslow; Coxsack, E. S. Keep.

18. The following report was read and adopted.

The committee to whom were referred the minutes of corresponding associations beg leave to report that they discover nothing in them requiring the attention of this association.

19. *Resolved*, That the next meeting of the Association be held on the 3d Tuesday of June 1834, with the church at Kingston, at 3 P. M.

20. Brethren Barlow, Sing, and Ezekiel C. McIntosh were appointed a committee to report the arrangements necessary for the next year.

21. The committee appointed last year, to whom was referred the resolution of the church at Albany, respecting the practice of wearing Mourning Apparel, presented the following report, which was read and adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution of the First Baptist Church in Albany, relative to the discontinuance of mourning apparel, respectfully report.

That after serious consideration upon the subject, they have arrived at the conclusion that it was duty to express their unqualified approbation of the resolution submitted by that church, and to recommend its adoption by the churches composing this body.

Your committee approach this subject, both apprised of the danger of cherishing a spirit of innovation, in dissenting from the long established customs of society; but, they are equally convinced, that when a custom, however venerable for their antiquity, or sanctioned by universal prevalence, is obviously useless in themselves, and injurious in their tendency, they constitute an oppressive domination that may and should be resisted,—and such, in the opinion of your committee, is the custom of wearing fashionable mourning garments as indicative of grief.

It certainly is not commended to our observance by any considerations of practical utility.—there is nothing in the true more than in a peculiar form of dress that is expressive of the desolation of heart consequent upon afflictive bereavements. This view of the subject is fully sustained by the fact, that a diversity of colours have been adopted by different nations for this purpose,—some have preferred to mourn in white, others in black, and it would require an ingenious casuist to assign very plausible reasons for the preference of either.—If a mere display of sorrow be the object in view, it is difficult to conceive, why *grief*, rather than any other passion should assume a peculiar garb, or obtrude itself upon the public eye in any form of exhibition; unless indeed, pride must be gratified even in the trappings of death, and parade and display attend the mortifying monuments of the curse of sin.—It is moreover to be feared, that there are cases, where the habiliments of mourning, are but the disguise of the most base and contemptible hypocrisy,—it is very possible and perhaps not of infrequent occurrence, that it covers any thing but sadness; it is alike assumed by the vicious and the virtuous, the benevolent and the covetous; it may sometimes indicate a wounded spirit, or, the heir in his weeds of wo may be exulting in heart, that he is following to the grave the only obstacle to the gratification of his cupidity.

But inutility is not the only objection that may be urged against this custom; considerations of a more serious character, call for unequivocal expressions of disapprobation of a practice evidently unhappy, if not injurious in its tendency.—It is worthy of serious consideration, whether the Apostolic precept, "Be not conformed to the world," is not infringed, by the conformity of professing christians, to a custom unsustained by the precepts of the Saviour, or the example of the Apostles, and having nothing to recommend it, but the fashion of the world. Should this point, however, be conceded, and it be admitted that there is nothing to direct us upon this subject in the New Testament, yet the embarrassment to which it subjects an afflicted family, is a sufficient reason to induce a renunciation of the practice.—If there is ever a time when seclusion and serious reflection are desirable, it is when God visits our families in a dispensation so solemn and affecting; there is much that is revolting to a sensitive and delicate mind, in these circumstances, to be compelled to give their attention to the fitting of dresses, and the quality of goods, and the officious suggestions of friends with relation to their personal appearance.—In fine, when the body is oppressed with fatigue, wearied with unremitting and affectionate attention around the bed of sickness and death, and the spirit is overwhelmed with sorrow; when the one requires rest, and the other communion with God, these impertinent interruptions are not only embarrassing, but frequently distressing in the extreme.—There is another evil inseparably connected with this custom, which should be seriously considered; its imperious demands upon the often limited resources of the survivors.—Although the expenditure attending this *pride of grief*, may be of no moment to those who are abundantly "blessed in basket and in store," there is a class of the community, and not a few of "the poor of this world" who are "rich in faith" only, who have realized it to be severely oppressive; it is to be feared that in many instances, submission to the tyranny of custom, lest the invidious should exclaim against a supposed want of respect for the memory of the dead, has deprived the widow and the fatherless of many of the comforts and necessities of life.

Your Committee wish to be distinctly understood as disclaiming any intention of interfering with the most perfect freedom of opinion and practice in this matter.—They contemplate it as an error which must find its corrective in the discrimination, good sense, and correct taste of their brethren: yet, impressed with the importance of the considerations to which they have briefly adverted; and persuaded that the example of christians, and the recommendation of this body, would exert a salutary influence in removing the evil, they request leave to submit the following resolution,

Resolved, That this Association disapprove of the practice of wearing mourning apparel as an indication of grief, and recommend the subject to the serious consideration of the churches with a view to its discontinuance.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.—Prayer by Bro. Stewart of Canada:

At 11 o'clock, A. M. Bro. Peck preached from Luke 11, part of 2nd verse. "Thy kingdom come."
Prayer by Bro. Bennett.

After the sermon a collection was taken to aid the funds of the N. Y. Baptist State Convention, amounting to \$37 80

The following sums were also communicated for Missionary purposes—

Poughkeepsie, (Foreign Miss.)	57 94
Oliver-street, N. Y.	213 16
Mount Pleasant	16 00
Hudson	23 00
Troy	60 00
Albany	50 00
Albany African	5 00
First Brooklyn	20 00
Union Church, N. Y.	20 00
Lansingburgh, (Foreign Miss.)	32 06
North Church, N. Y.	20 78

Gibbonsville and West Troy . . .	\$12 00
Zion	5 50
East Church, N. Y.	9 00
Cairo, (Home & For. Mis.) . . .	26 50
Lattingtown	20 03
West Hillsdale	13 00
Second Brooklyn, (H. & For. M.)	8 00
Schenectady	35 50
Kingston	7 37
Amity-st. N. Y.	15 00
Athens	20 14
Broome-st. N. Y.	4 00
Westkill	17 00
Coxsackie	10 00
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	\$758 78

Met pursuant to adjournment, prayer by Brother J. E. Welsh.

22. The Committee on the state of Religion, presented their Report, which was adopted and referred to the Moderator and Clerk, together with the writer, to be printed with the minutes. (See page 13.)

Adjourned until to-morrow at 9 o'clock, A. M. Prayer by Br. Maclay.

Friday Morning, 21st June, 1833.

Met pursuant to adjournment, Prayer by Br. Hill, of New Jersey.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

23. The Committee to whom was referred the subject of For'n. and Domestic Missions, &c. presented the following report, which was adopted.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the manner of appropriating the funds of this association for Missionary purposes,—

Report, That they have been favoured with an interview with the Agent of the New-York State Convention, the result of which is an entire conviction that liberal and even increased effort is necessary to sustain the extensive and important operations of that body, and that the usual method of appropriating the principal part of the missionary funds of this association through the medium of their treasury, is the most simple and desirable one which they are, at present, able to devise.

We have long enjoyed cheering evidence of the happy influence exerted by the State Convention in planting and nourishing churches; giving direction to the labours of active, faithful ministers; effecting Indian reform and promoting the advancement of other kindred objects; and we have been the delighted witnesses of their success in seconding the great operations of the Baptist General Convention. All this usefulness we feel assured will continue and be increased greatly by their recent act of becoming auxiliary to the Am. Baptist Home Mission Society; but it will also increase their pecuniary liability, and their claims upon the patronage of the churches throughout the state.

At the same time your committee have realized with much interest that within a short period some interesting changes have presented themselves in the spiritual aspect of things within the boundaries of this association, which seem to require immediate fostering superintendence. Several promising, but, at present feeble churches, have been recently organized, and there are places of importance upon the banks of the Hudson, which ought to be immediately occupied and where, if a few well directed efforts were made for their spiritual benefit we should, probably, soon perceive the most satisfactory results.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend the following resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*, That this association make an effort to raise at least, one thousand dollars for missionary purposes, the ensuing year.

2d. *Resolved*, That one hundred dollars of the amount raised, be paid to the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions, and one hundred dollars to the Am. Baptist Home Mission Society, and that the whole residue be given to the Baptist Convention of the State of New-York, for missionary purposes.

3d. *Resolved*, That the churches of this Association be earnestly requested to raise their proper proportion of the proposed amount in whatever way they may judge most convenient.

Your Committee, reposing, in common with the whole association, heartfelt confidence in the benevolent disposition of the State Convention towards the churches, and destitute places in the vicinity of the Hudson River, as well as in all other parts of the state, would also recommend, that a committee be appointed to consist of Bre. Hill, B. T. Welch, Richards, Gillett, and C. C. P. Crosby, to correspond from time to time with the Board of the Convention, respecting those churches and places, suggest such measures as they may deem essential to their spiritual prosperity, and act as the medium of transmitting appropriations to them from the Convention. It being always expected that they will report their proceedings to this body at its annual session.

Your Committee were also directed to take into consideration the subject of Home and Foreign Missions, which duty they have likewise discharged and concerning which they present the following preamble and resolutions.

Whereas, the rapid increase of the population of our beloved country, surpassing all the examples of former ages, and the expectations of our own, demands the utmost possible activity in disseminating the knowledge of salvation through Jesus Christ; and whereas the exertions hitherto have fallen far behind the exigencies of the times; and many parts of our widely extended country are left exposed, to the influence of error, and the inroads of a debasing and ruinous superstition, which, when suffered to develop its effects, has never failed to bury mankind in ignorance; oppress them with civil tyranny; and corrupt their minds with earthly fables, and delusive expectations, instead of enlightening them with the truths of Heaven; and whereas the languishing condition of many of our churches, which are unable to procure and sustain Pastors, calls loudly for immediate and effectual aid:—

Resolved, That in the opinion of this association, the American Baptist Home Mission Society, whose object is to furnish the destitute regions of our country, with the Gospel of Christ in its purity, and to aid feeble churches in maintaining among them the ministry of reconciliation and the administration of divine ordinances, by Pastors of their own choice, is entitled to the cordial approbation and efficient support, with the fervent prayers of the whole Baptist denomination throughout the United States.

In relation to Foreign Missions your committee take the liberty of proposing the following Resolutions for the concurrence of the body.

1st. *Resolved*, That we highly approve of the proceedings of the Board of Managers of the Baptist General Convention, in relation to the missions committed to their care; and we would unite with them in grateful acknowledgments to the God of all grace for the success which has attended the labours of our missionaries in the empire of Burmah and among the aborigines of our own country. And we would earnestly recommend the noble enterprise in which they are engaged to the liberal support of our christian brethren, especially the churches composing this association; and ardently solicit their fervent prayers for its success.

2d. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this association, for many reasons it is very desirable a mission to the empire of China should be engaged in as speedily as practicable. And under the full conviction that if it were immediately attempted it would be amply sustained by the prayers and contributions of our denomination, we would respectfully submit this important subject to the Board of Managers of the Baptist General Convention; and that brethren Cone, Maclay, and Summers, be a committee to correspond with the Board on this subject.

3d. *Resolved*, That the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions be respectfully requested to consider the expediency of a mission to Egypt, in view of recent occurrences which promise its feasibility.

24. The following Report of the Committee of Arrangements was read and adopted.

The Committee of Arrangements recommend Brother CHARLES G. SUMMERS to preach the Introductory Sermon, and in case of failure Brother GEORGE BENEDICT; at the close of which a collection to be taken up in aid of the Widows' Fund.

Brother W. R. WILLIAMS to preach in the evening; Bro. GILLETT, his substitute; after the sermon a collection to be made for the New-York Baptist Theological Seminary.

25. *Resolved*, that the Moderator be instructed to remit \$100 to

H. Lincoln, Esq. Treasurer of the Baptist General Convention for missionary purposes; that \$20 50 (received for that purpose,) be paid to the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and that the balance \$633 28 be paid to Bro. Peck, the accredited agent of the New-York Baptist State Convention.

The Moderator stated that we had fallen short \$261 72, of the \$1000 proposed to be raised this year for Missionary purposes; whereupon the following sums were subscribed.

Mulberry-street Church	\$ 50 00	Amity-street Church, N. Y.	20 00
Catskill Church	10 00	Troy Church	20 00
1st Brooklyn Church	10 00	Gibbonsville and West Troy	8 00
East Church, N. Y.	5 00	Oliver-street Church	129 22
Schenectady	4 50		
2d Newark Church	5 00		
			\$261 72

26. The following Brethren were appointed Delegates to Corresponding Associations.

To Shaftesbury, Vt. Br. Hill, Vaughn and Learned, *Four Corners, 1st Wed. in June, 1834*;—Warwick, N. Y. John C. Murphy;—Reusselaerville, Dowling, Stokes, and Winegar, *Sloanesville, Sept. 11, 1833*;—Saratoga, Francis Wayland, sen. and Gillett, *2d Gulway Ch. June 26, 1833*;—Madison, Crosby, and J. C. Murphy, *1st Eaton Ch. Sept. 10, 1833*;—Oneida, Crosby, *Deerfield, Sept. 4, 1833*;—Philadelphia, J. C. Murphy, *Spruce-st. Ch. Phil. Oct. 1, 1833*;—Bridge-water, Simpson, Barnard, *Braintrim, Aug. 23, 1833*;—Union, N. Y. Benedict, Mitchell, Platt, R. F. Winslow, *Fishkill 1st Ch. Sept. 4, 1833*;—Central, N. J. Jno C. Murphy, Crosby, Maclay, *Washington, Oct. 16, 1833*;—Union, Pa. John C. Murphy, *Philadelphia, 4th Wednesday in May, 1834*;—Stephentown, Lovejoy, Harpham, and Wellington.

27. Brethren Crosby, Jno. C. Murphy, and Gillett, were appointed delegates to the New-York State Convention to meet in Mendon, Monroe Co. 3d Wednesday in October next.

28. Brethren B. T. Welch, Gillett, O. Winslow, Wm. D. Murphy and Platt, were appointed delegates to the Anniversary meeting of the Am. Baptist Home Mission Society, on the first Wednesday in May next.

29. *Resolved*, that this association deeply deplore the removal by death, since their last session, of deacons Thomas Stokes, of the Mulberry-street Church, whose ardent piety and great devotedness to the interests of the Baptist denomination, were long known and highly appreciated, and who was, for many years, the clerk of this association; of Salem Dutcher, of the first Church in Albany; of Platt Titus, of the Church in Troy; of Francis Marsh, of the Albany African Church; and of Br. Garret N. Bleecker, well known and beloved as the excellent Clerk of the Oliver-street Baptist Church. While the association would feel suitably humbled, under these painful bereavements, they accept with resignation, the admonitions so solemnly given them, of their approach to the end of their course, and deeply sympathising with the bereaved families and churches of the deceased, they seek with them consolation in the assurance that in heaven they do rest from their labours, and are blessed in the Lord.

30. Whereas the American Bible Society has already paid to the Baptist General Convention of the U. S. the sum of \$6200 toward printing and circulating the sacred 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.

31. *Resolved*, That this association recommend to the churches which they represent, to observe the first Monday in January 1834, in the religious exercise of fasting and prayer to Almighty God, for his blessing on the means employed for the conversion of the world to the religion of Christ.

32. *Resolved*, that this association highly approve of the Baptist Annual Register, published by Ira M. Allen, Gen'l. Agent of the Baptist Tract Society, and recommend that its author be encouraged to continue its publication.

33. *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.

34. *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 *Baptist Repository and Home Mission Record*, of New-York; the *American Baptist Magazine*, printed at Boston; and the *N. Y. Baptist Register*, of Utica; as useful mediums of communication on missionary and other subjects, important to the general welfare of our churches.

35. *Resolved*, That this Association highly approve of the exertions now making by the American Sunday School Union, to supply the South and 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.

36. This Association cordially approves the operations of the *Baptist General Tract Society*; and 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 *J. K. Moore, cor. of Nassau and Beekman-sts. N. York*, and *C. Pohlman, 438 South Market-street, Albany*.

37. The Moderator and Clerk were directed to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes.

38. The minutes were read, corrected, and approved.

The minutes of Corresponding Associations were distributed. The business being finished, the session was closed with a short but affectionate address and prayer by the Moderator.—The association adjourned to meet with the church in Kingston, on the 3d Tuesday, 17th June, 1834, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

SPENCER H. CONE, *Moderator*.

ARCHIBALD MACLAY, *Corresponding Secretary*.

ROBERT F. WINSLOW, *Clerk*.

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 putting a stop to the use of the deadly poison, and especially, that they advise their own members to abstain from manufacturing and vending distilled spirits.

REPORT

OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Narrative of the state of Religion within the borders of the Association, present the following Report:

REVIEW OF THE CHURCHES FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1833.

The year, that has gone, has been marked by events which should awaken deep and vivid gratitude towards our Heavenly Father. The peace and harmony that have prevailed amongst and within the churches comprising this body; the proofs given us of an increase, gradual indeed, yet general and evident; the growing interest felt by our brethren in the dissemination of the gospel throughout the field of the world; and the mercy, which so gently attempered and so speedily removed the pestilence that swept over our borders, are causes for devout thankfulness. Yet the scenes presented in this retrospect are of that varied and conflicting character, which leaves no room for indolent triumph or vain self-gratulation. Our blessings have been neither duly valued, nor fully improved: even upon our prosperity, are seen the traces of our unfaithfulness, and "the print of man's defiling hand," is upon the very work of his God. And whilst counting our increase we would remember withal, the law of the ancient dispensation, all whose numberings were to be followed by a ransoming, "that there be no plague among them when thou numberest them;" and by whose rules, every one reckoned in the host was to make for himself an offering unto the Lord its Captain. We would pray, that such may be the spirit of our annual retrospect, and that whilst "the flock is passing under the rod of him that telleth them," the season may be made one of solemn gratitude, of anxious vigilance, and of renewed and personal dedication. The following account of the present condition of our churches has been prepared from their letters to the association.

POUGHKEEPSIE. This Church laments, in strong terms, the removal of their beloved pastor, the Rev. Aaron Perkins, as having cast a deep "gloom over their minds and darkness over all their prospects." It has however been with perfect kindness of feeling on either side. Their Sunday School is flourishing, and their desires for the prosperity of the various benevolent institutions of the day, "have been strong before God." Some cases of discipline, painful in their character, are traced to the influence of "the demon of intemperance." They have contributed for Foreign Missions \$57 94.

OLIVER-ST. N. Y. Have dismissed during the past year a large number of members, of whom some went to form the **AMITY-ST.** and the **BOWERY CHURCHES**, in that city. Of 17 members removed by death, 9 fell "by that desolating scourge the Asiatic Cholera." Although they have "lengthened their cords" by the establishment of colonies, their contributions to various objects of Christian benevolence, have equalled the amount of the preceding year, being about \$2500.

MULBERRY-ST. N. Y. Have been preserved in the enjoyment of union and peace. In the absence of any remarkable revival, they have yet found the word not inefficient either within or without the church. The various claims of Christian benevo-

lence they have been enabled to answer more liberally than in any former year. the amount of their contributions exceeding \$1000. Among those removed by death has been the lamented Thomas Stokes.

MOUNT PLEASANT. The numbers of this body are nearly the same as at the last meeting of the association. They enjoy internal peace, express their gratitude to God for the preservation of their members, amid the ravages of pestilence; and mention their union with Presbyterian brethren in a weekly meeting for prayer, and in the good work of Monthly Tract Distribution. Contributions \$16 00.

HUNSON. The revival existing in this band of believers, at the date of their last epistle, continued for several months. They bewail the coldness which has since succeeded it. Their numbers have been lessened by dismission, principally, however, to constitute into a distinct church, 30 of their members, residing in the village of Athens. From their S. S. 10 scholars and 1 Teacher, have been gathered into the Church. A second S. S., as a missionary experiment, has been opened in a destitute section of the city. The Maternal Society flourishes, and with pious gratitude rejoices in twelve of the children of its members converted to God, in addition to the sixteen who were gathered in, during the year preceding. Contributions about \$120.

TROY. Its state is described as exhibiting those alternations of excitement and discouragement familiar to the Church of God. Some of their number were removed from the earth by the late desolating scourge of pestilence. Since that period, they have been called to mourn the loss of an efficient and excellent member, the oldest of their deacons, Platt Titus. They have several societies for the various objects, which in our age demand the charities of the churches, and have contributed more than \$1200.

ALBANY. Unanimity and perfect harmony have marked the state of this Church, during the year, and they have been favoured "with a good measure of prosperity." Six of their number fell victims to the cholera; and among them their esteemed deacon, Salem Dutcher, who is described as having, in his office, "purchased to himself a good degree." Their efforts in the cause of benevolence, have this year exceeded those of any former period, more than \$1000 having been contributed. Of this amount \$250 were applied to the support of one of their members as a City Missionary. Three Sunday Schools are connected with the church. Measures have been taken for the erection of a new edifice, and the constitution of a second Church, in a central part of the city.

CATSKILL. Much gratitude is expressed to God, for having directed to the Church, when enfeebled by the removal of several active brethren, an efficient pastor, in the Rev. John Dowling, recently from England. Their house is unable to contain their congregation, and they would gladly erect an edifice of double the size, in a more eligible situation. The Church rejoices in their peace and the uniformity of sentiment amongst them. Their Sabbath School is more prosperous than formerly. A Home Mission Society has been formed. Contributions for various benevolent objects \$52.

ALBANY AFRICAN CHURCH. Although not marked with the signal manifestations of divine grace enjoyed in former years, the year now closed has been to them one of blessing, yet they have been called to deplore the removal of a faithful and beloved deacon "Francis Marsh, long an example of zeal, liberality, piety and faithfulness." The large number appearing under the head of exclusions is occasioned by the erasure from the records of several names of members no longer to be found. Contributions for missionary purposes \$5.

SOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH, N. Y. Gratitude to God is expressed, for peace, a good degree of prosperity, and the preservation of the members amid the ravages of pestilence. Meetings for prayer, and the administration of baptism, have been much blessed in arousing sinners to inquiry. Connected with this church is a school held on Monday evening for the gratuitous instruction of coloured adults and children. Five young men are preparing for the ministry. Contributions \$1250.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BROOKLYN. Are again destitute of a pastor, their "highly esteemed brother" Rev. J. E. Lazell, having removed ere the close of 1832. Have meanwhile been greatly indebted to the labours of Rev. Dr. Going among them. Consider the station occupied by them as one of great importance, if an estimate may be formed from the efforts of other denominations. A flourishing Sunday School is attached to the Church, which is also largely interested in the support of an infant school, held daily. The youth of the Church have among them two benevolent societies. The church has formally resolved itself into a Missionary Society. Contributions about \$400.

UNION CHURCH, N. Y. Brotherly love has prevailed, and sinners have been converted. The congregation could not find room in the place of worship hired from the Reformed Dutch Church. That denomination determining themselves to reoccupy the place, our brethren were destitute of a house, until arrangements were made for their accom-

modation with the Baptist Church in Delancy street. Exertions are now making to erect an edifice, and with very cheering hopes of success. Much seriousness and solemnity distinguished their assemblies, before their removal. Their Sunday School has greatly increased. Contributions \$125.

LANSINGBURGH. Express their interest in the benevolent enterprises of the day, and are favoured with brotherly union. Have contributed to the Bible Society, and to the support of one of their number now preparing for the Christian ministry. Send also for Foreign Missions \$32 06. A Bible Class, Missionary Society and a Sunday School, are attached to this church.

NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH, N. Y. The day of fasting and prayer recommended to the Churches by this association, on occasion of the impending visitation of the Cholera, was blessed to this Church. One of their number was removed by that disorder. Gradual additions have been made to the Church. They have a Tract Society, but find themselves unable, in their present circumstances, to manifest the interest they continue to feel in the mission enterprise. Contributions \$25.

GIBBONSVILLE AND WEST TROY. Have been prosperous and harmonious. Their pastor, whom ill health removed for six months from his flock, has returned. The Church was during his absence supplied by Rev. Isaac Orchard of England. One of the brethren has been licensed to preach. Contributions \$110.

ZION CHURCH, (Cornwall, Orange County.) To this little branch the last year has added twelve, of whom nine were by baptism. "Peace is within our walls but we sigh for more prosperity." Rev. Archibald C. Sangster is still labouring among them with acceptance and usefulness. Contributions \$5 50.

EAST BAPTIST CHURCH, N. Y. A protracted meeting having been held "renewed zeal, humility and fervour of spirit almost immediately followed." The congregation increased until the month of April, when they removed to their present place of worship, last occupied by the Romanists and before them by the Universalists. This Church maintains the ground, taken soon after its organization, "to admit no retailer of ardent spirits to its communion." Several are inquiring the way of peace. Contributions \$30.

CAIRO. Prospered though not abundantly. "The cause of missions is dear to us; we can give little else than our prayers, yet \$6 50 has been gathered in small sums by our beloved pastor, which we tender as the Widow's Mite." To this has since been added \$20. A small Sunday School is taught during the summer. Contributions \$26 50.

LATTINGTOWN. Shortly after the last session of the association "our hearts were made to rejoice in the special presence of the Lord manifested amongst us." Br. James Haddow of Scotland, during the larger portion of the year their pastor, has recently left them. They have the ministerial services of a licentiate Dr. J. C. Allison. Contributions \$200.

WEST HILSDALE. This Church are represented as adhering steadfastly to the truth, and united in love. Though without large additions they have cause "to offer grateful praise to the throne of grace." Contributions \$13.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH, BROOKLYN. A spirit of brotherly kindness has pervaded the body. The congregation is small but the brethren are not discouraged. "Our dearly beloved brother, and late pastor, Jacob Price, has to our heavy affliction resigned his charge." A Sunday School with a library of ninety-three volumes, is attached to the Church. Contributions \$10.

SCHENECTADY. The state of this Church is truly gratifying. "The labours of its pastor have been attended with evident tokens of the Holy Spirit accompanying them." Fifty-five have been baptized. One of the brethren has relinquished, though at no small sacrifice, the unrighteous traffic in ardent spirits. "One dear brother yet remains, over whom we must shed the tear of Christian forbearance, as guilty of putting the bottle to his neighbours' mouth." Three of the Church are preparing for the ministry of reconciliation. Contributions \$142 50.

PLEASANT VALLEY. Destitute of a pastor, this Church affords an afflictive contrast with that last named. They have received during the year no additions to their number, nor have they been visited by any members of the association. "We solicit (say they), our brethren to come and minister the word amongst us." Their present number is thirty-four. "Elder Leland has preached four sermons amongst us." Can nothing be done for this deserted branch?

KINGSTON. Far different from the last appears the condition of this Church, blessed during the past year with an outpouring of the spirit. But two years since, this Church was planted in a soil preoccupied by other denominations. It numbered but fifteen members. During the autumn and winter of 1832, "the Lord was pleased graciously to revive His work. Saints were led to pray, sinners were heard inquiring. Many, as we trust, were brought to a knowledge of the truth, and having been buried with their

Lord by baptism, continue to abound in His work. Among the number were three masters of vessels, with nearly their entire crews. Most of the baptisms were in the vicinity of Ulster, (formerly Saagerties,) where we have organized a branch, who have engaged our brother Jesse Jones to labour for the present with them. They have also a Sunday School of fifty scholars and a good library. The Monthly concert of prayer is also observed by them. The Lord hath been pleased to add unto our gifts: we have licensed two to preach the gospel; one is labouring with a Church in the bounds of this association, the other is pursuing his studies at Hamilton. We have also been able to erect a house of worship thirty-two by fifty feet, with a basement story, at an expense of \$2200, \$1000 of the amount we have obtained: for the remainder we look to our brethren. We have two Sunday Schools, one already mentioned at Ulster, the other at this place with thirty scholars, and a library of one hundred and fifty volumes. Contributions \$40. Number baptized forty-one." Two circumstances are observable in this happy and efficient Church. They consider themselves a Missionary Society, and they observe the Monthly Concert of Prayer for Missions, a meeting, we fear, neglected by others of our country Churches.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH, NEWARK, N. J. The letter of our brethren at this place speaks of various trials. Three of their number were swept away by the overflowing scourge of the Cholera. The congregation has of late increased; the Church are united. They are now erecting a meeting house in a part of the town, remote from their sister Church. They implore the prayers of their brethren for humility, singleness of intention, and spiritual prosperity.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH, BROOME. This Church (the first of seven this year added to our numbers,) and the one next following applied, it will be remembered, last year for admission into our body. Objections having been made to the regularity of their constitution, a committee of nine members was appointed, who examined, and this year reported unanimously in their favour. In July 1831, this Church was blessed with a revival. There is yet a degree of attention and solemnity. A Missionary Society, a Bible Class, and a Sunday School, are attached to the Church.

WESTKILL. (Lexington.) This Church was constituted in December 1830. The brethren, who are here united, mention the prevalence of harmony and union in their midst. They have a Sunday School of fifty scholars, and a Missionary Society, and are also "doing something in the Bible cause." Contributions \$18.

ATHENS. In November last this Church was constituted of thirty-four members, of whom thirty were from the Church at Hudson. Their present number is forty-two. "We have, we trust, an eye single to the glory of God, and a fixed determination to do what we can for the promotion of His kingdom in the earth." Spared amid the surrounding pestilence, they resolved "in view of God's goodness and mercy," to build a place for His worship, which is now in progress: of the expense, \$2500, they have collected more than four-fifths. Br. Richards of Hudson labours amongst them twice each week. They hope next year to support a regular ministry. Contributions \$20 14.

BROOME-ST. N. Y. Was erected in part from the remains of a former member of this body, the Mission Church. "Our prospects are encouraging in the enlargement and attention of our congregation. An interesting Sunday School is conducted by a brother belonging to the Oliver-st. Church." An efficient Female Mite Society is connected with this Church, who are stationed in a district of the city greatly needing the faithful proclamation of the word.

AMITY-ST. N. Y. Are a colony from Oliver-st. Church who have granted the land on which their meeting house is to be erected; forty-four members of that Church being dismissed to till a new field in the Master's service. Their present number is sixty. They fear that in the anxiety attendant upon their temporal concerns, they may not have duly remembered their spiritual interests, but would gratefully acknowledge that yet the favouring hand of God has been with them. Have a flourishing Sunday School. From the heavy expenses of their new edifice, have contributed but about \$200 to other benevolent objects.

BOWERY BAPTIST CHURCH, N. Y. This interesting Church has been but recently constituted of members from several other churches in the city. Eight individuals are waiting for reception into it by baptism, the fruits of the ministry since March last. Rev. Octavius Winslow its pastor was a licentiate of Oliver-st. Church. They assemble in the Military Hall, Bowery, in a room formerly occupied for the blasphemous meetings of a knot of infidels, on the Sabbath day. They have a flourishing Sabbath School and a Missionary Society yet in its infancy. Their present number is twenty. "Our strength and our confidence is in Him who loved His Church, and who gave Himself for it, and who of God is made unto us Wisdom and Righteousness. Sanctification and Redemption."

COXSACKIE. From the epistle of this infant community we learn that it was organized in August 1830, with seventeen members; by subsequent additions (of which fourteen

have been by baptism.) it has attained its present number of forty. They have a flourishing Sabbath School, and also a Bible Class. They have enjoyed a good measure of peace and union. They express their sense of "the mercy of God, in having been blest through nearly their whole course with the labours of their present pastor, Keibel Winegar, Jr." Contributions \$25.

The committee have prepared three tables, affording at a glance a view of the doing and state of the churches. The first, a table of pastors, ministers ordained and undordained, and students for the christian ministry, in the several churches, contains also column showing the character of the places occupied for worship, whether owned or hired by the Church, with notices of those erecting meeting houses. The wants of the Churches will thus be presented broadly and constantly before the Association. The second table affords a sketch, imperfect indeed, of the Sabbath Schools of our body and the third an account of the various benevolent societies, found in our limit. These tables are all imperfect, but it was thought that by their publication in the minutes of the present year, a model would be furnished for the reports of the churches and that our next annual meeting would thus supply our present deficiencies. Regular and complete tables of the sort would be, evidently, of the greatest value. The Sunday School table might be filled up, if the churches would but send to the Association a duplicate of their annual reports as made to the societies with which they are nearly always connected. We notice that but one Church has reported a Maternal Association; but that Church reports also a fact which should stimulate others to imitation. The prayer of the christian mothers who compose it have not been unheard, during the past year that which preceded it.

TABLE I.

Churches.	Pastors & Ord. Min	Licentiates.	Students.	Theol. Sem at which they study.	Meeting Houses
Poughkeepsie, Oliver-st. N. Y.	SPENCER H. CONE, John Stanford, Fr. Wayland, Sen. Ebenezer Loomis, Daniel Hall, John W. Gibbs, John C. Murphy,		Joseph Clark,	Hamilton,	Own their M. H. do do
Mulberry-st. N. Y.	ARCH. MACLAY, Luke Davies,	James Delaree, Win. Biddle,			do do
Mount Pleasant, Hudson,	JOHN PEWTRESS, WM. RICHARDS, Wm. Sturges,		W. Richards, jr.	Hamilton,	do do do do
Troy, Albany, Catskill, Albany African, South Bn. C. N. Y. 1st Ch. Brooklyn.	BENJ. M. HILL, BART. T. WELCH, JOHN DOWLING, SAM. TREADWELL, CHAS. G. SOMMERS,	J. H. Haswell, James Green,	J. Quackebush,	Hamilton, Hamilton,	do do do do do do
Union Ch. N. Y. Lansingburgh, North B. Ch. N. Y.	Ch. C. P. Crosby, GEO. BENDICT, ELIJAH F. WILLEY, J. H. BROUNER, Sam. Duxbury,			D. Bratton,	Hamilton, Hire their M. H. Own their M. H.
Gibb. & W. Troy, Zion, East Bp. Ch. N. Y. Cairo, Lattintown, West Hillsdale, 2d Ch. Brooklyn, Schenectady, Pleasant Valley, Kingston, 2d Ch. Newark,	A. VAUGHN, A. C. SANGSTER, J. MIDDLETON, TH. STOKES, S. POMROY, A. D. GILLET,	Sam. Barnard, Orrin Dodge, Wm. J. Loomis, J. C. Allison,			do do do do
2d Ch. Broome, Westkill, Athens, Broome-st. N. Y. Amity-st. N. Y. Bowery Ch. N. Y. COXSACKIE,	JOHN ORMSBEE, ISAAC MOORE, J. MITCHELL, W. H. WILLIAMS, O. WINSLOW, I. WINEGAR, Jr.	W. H. Hadley, J. Moore,	Levi Hill,	Hamilton, Hamilton,	Hire their M. H. Own their M. H. Are build'g M. H. Are build'g M. H. Hire their M. H. do do do do

* Are about to erect a new M. H. † M. H. on leasehold ground, lease nearly expired. ‡ Built within the year. || Are building M. H.

TABLE II.

Churches.	Superint'ts.	Names of Superint'ts.	Schools.	No. of Teachers.	No of Scholars.	Teachers who have prof. relig.	Scholars who have prof. relig.	St. & Tea. prepar. for industry.	Fols. in Library.
Poughkeepsie* Oliver-street	3	I. D. Rawlings John W. Rand Deborah Cauldwell	1 3	17 45	115 330				216 570
Mulberry-street Mount Pleasant Hudson	4	George W. Houghton G. W. Bleecker	1 1 2	23 7 49	250 40 172		10		250 394 301
Troy* Albany Catskill*		W. S. McIntosh	3 1 1	41 50 37	214 380 118			1	350
Albany African South Bap. Church 1st Ch. Brooklyn*	1	Jno. Speir E. Raymond	1 1	25 25	149 150	1	1		350 307
Union Church Lansingburgh North B. Church Gibb. & W. Troy Zion	1	J. Cowan	1 1 1 1	27 13 30 15	115 60 180 70				155 230 100
East Bap. Church Cairo		Peter Baylen	1 1	23 6	90 25				100 60
Lattingtown West Hills-lale 2d Ch. Brooklyn Schenectady Pleasant Valley Kingston 2d Church Newark 2d Church Broom Westkill	2 2 2	Jabez Ward	1 2 2	12 26	50 230		25 T. F. & G.		93 150
Athens Broom-st.*	1 2	E. S. Fox Joshua Gilbert Margaret Bowers	1 1 1	13 16	50 70 100				115 160
Amity-street Bowery Coxsackie	1 1 1	Timothy R. Green Robert F. Winslow R. Winagar, Jr.	1 1 1	23 30 14	160 150 70	2 1 5	1		140 75 120

* Numbers taken from Minutes of last year.

TABLE III.

Churches.	Contr. for Minutes.	For Miss.	Domestic and Home Missions.	Widows' Fund.	Benevolent objects generally.	Educ. Soc.	Foreign Mission S.	Temp. U. S.	Indeb. Soc.	Sub. Soc. S.	Mother's S.	Temp. Soc.	Tract So.	Bib. Class.	W. Soc.	Church hold membs. con. of prayer.
Poughkeepsie Oliver-st.	2 00	57 90			2500 00	1										obs.
Mulberry-st.	10 00	213 16		7 00	1000 00	1	2	1	1							obs.
Mt. Pleasant	1 50		16 00		16 00											obs.
Hudson	1 50		123 00		123 00	1	1	1								obs.
Troy	5 00	125 00	131 70	5 00	1261 00											obs.
Albany	5 00		360 00	10 00	1600 00											obs.
Catskill	1 00				32 00											obs.
Alb. African	1 00		5 00													obs.
South Bp. C.	3 00		370 F. & D.		1250 00		1									obs.
1st C. Brook.	2 00		20 00		400 00		12	1								obs.
Union	3 00	20 00			126 00											obs.
Lansingburgh	2 00	32 00			34 00		1									obs.
North B. C.	2 50	20 78		4 22	45 00											obs.
G. & W. Troy	2 00		12 00		110 00											obs.
Zion	0 60		5 50		30 00											obs.
East Bp. Ch.	1 50		9 00		26 50											obs.
Cairo	1 00	10 00			20 00											obs.
Lattingtown	1 50		20 3		13 00											obs.
W. Hills-lale	0 50		13 00		10 00											obs.
2d C. Brook.	1 00	4 00	4 00	1 00	112 50											obs.
Schenectady	2 00		35 50		40 00											obs.
Plea. Valley	1 00															obs.
Kingston	1 00															obs.
2d C. Newk.	1 00															obs.
2d C. Broom	0 50															obs.
Westkill	1 50		17 00		13 00		1 F. & D.									obs.
Athens	1 00	20 14			20 00											obs.
Broom-st.	1 00		4 00													obs.
Amity-st.	3 00		15 00	5 00	200 00											obs.
Bowery	0 50															obs.
Coxsackie	2 00	5 00	5 00		25 00		1									obs.
Donations	15 00															obs.

NOTE.—This Table is necessarily incomplete. It is hoped that most of the churches observe the Monthly Concert, although, from ignorance as to the fact, several blanks are left in the columns.

It will be observed that but four of our churches, those at Lattingtown, Kingston Hudson, and Schenectady, have during the year been favoured with those revival which have so largely blessed our American Israel, whilst nearly all within our bound have rejoiced in a gentle and regular increase. Never forgetting to regard these season of holy gladness and renewed strength, as the effects of a grace which man can neither deserve nor command, we would yet remember that their Author is a Lord, who wait to be sought of; and upon this fact would build the question. "Have they been dul sought and humbly expected?"

The Asiatic Cholera, in its flight over our guilty land, has not been commissioned to spare the servants of God, and six of our churches have been called to lament over members thus snatched into eternity. But if from judgments we look to mercies, not onl have the churches formerly established been enlarged, but by the institution of new churches fresh encroachments have been made on the territories of the adversary; an the present session adds to our number several new communities, five of them consti tuted within the year. The advance of our churches is rendered evident also by th edifices which have been erected, commenced or planned. The church at Kingston have within the last year completed a new temple for the worship of God. Three others, the churches at Athens, and Newark, and the Amity-st. church, are now em ployed in building. Two others, the first church at Albany, and the Union Baptist church are preparing for the construction of enlarged houses of worship; whilst seventh church, that at Catskill is but waiting sufficient aid and pecuniary encourage ment to imitate the example. If the gratitude, which this apparent prosperity excites is breathed heavenward, the result of our increase will be augmented strength: other wise it will but add an unwieldy and burdensome weight, at the same time heightening our self-confidence, and hindering our exertions.

For the progress which the cause of Temperance, has made within the borders o this Association, and throughout our land, we owe to God profound gratitude. May the work spread, till this temptation be removed from the sinner, and the foul scanda be driven from the church. Another delightful feature in the religious feelings of on age is the new sense which the church seems to have received of the accessibility o the world, and of the duty of stretching her exertions to the full measure of a Saviour' commands and a Saviour's promises. For this spirit devising liberal things we woul be duly grateful, and watch, pray, and strive for its infinite increase. The Christianity o the scriptures is not a principle of enjoyment merely, it is one of exertion withal; an much has been gained for its professors, when they have learned to look with desire not only to the joys of the reaper, but to the toils of the sower, that he that sows an he that reaps may rejoice together. And these efforts must be redoubled. They ar yet far—very far, from the measure of our abilities and the standard of our duties.

But while with wondering thankfulness we hail the tokens of a better era, the Com mittee would proceed further. The trust committed to them, of reporting on the statu of religion, seemed to contemplate not merely its external and mechanical manifesta tions, but its internal and vital growth; thus calling for a notice of the evils which may threaten to tarnish the purity, and lessen the power of religion amongst us. We deem it therefore a solemn duty to remember for ourselves, and to remind each the other o the peculiar temptations, that in an age of benevolent enterprise and activity, spring up to beset our way. One of the perils of our time would seem to be a neglect o personal religion, amid the amount of public action, which must accompany wide and systematic exertions for the benefit of others. The religion of the closet may be super seded by that of the public assembly; the besetting sin of the christian ministry, the temptation arising from the frequency, publicity, and regularity of its services, may become the besetting sin of the whole church. Inst ad of the regular and healthful glow of life obtained from that vital union with our Lord which shall send the currents of divine life through all the pulses of the soul, we may substitute the violent and convulsive agitations of a zeal not of God, and therefore soon self exhausted as it was self-excited. Is there not reason to fear that devotional retirement is unduly neglected? Are we, like our fathers, mighty in prayer? Is our character like theirs imbued with a piety which we cannot conceal, and the world are unable to deny?

The prompt and energetic action of the age opens the way for new temptations. In the rapid and vigorous determination and action of society upon every theme, and in every task, we see renewed causes for christian watchfulness. We are called to exer tion without much reflection: nothing but deep piety can meet this exigency. The public mind in our times is moving with unwonted speed and intense power. It is an age in which decision and action promptly follow inquiry and consideration, well nigh quick as the thunderbolt waits on the gleam of the lightning. In such a period the Ark of God is naturally carried onward with a speed and vehemence which require no common steadfastness and sureness of foot in those that bear the holy charge. In its rapid move.