

us? The force of numbers is not with us. The literature of the world is not thoroughly with us. The laws of the world are not with us. The fashions of the world are not with us. But if God be with us, it is enough. The Prince of Darkness, in mustering all his hosts to the encounter, bears on his scarred brow the print of the Master's avenging heel. Hell has been already foiled in that hour now past which was the true crisis of the world's history; and prophecy shows us the whole earth soon to be subdued to the obedience of the faith.

The victories here won are never lost. No disastrous battle forfeits them, no adroit diplomacy regains them. The soul gained to the Redeemer shines through all eternity in the crown of the pastor's rejoicing and in the diadem of the Mediator when He makes up his jewels. Are the churches of earth really multiplied with true converts? Then is the heavenly church multiplied also. This church of our Saviour planted in this beautiful village, rejoices in some honoured and beloved names of its earlier members, who are already gone to swell the triumphant acclaim of those who rejoice before the throne, and who look for you to give them fresh causes of rejoicing in new achievements for Christ, new converts won to the Redeemer. All the petty distinctions of earth will there disappear. Even now the earthly church holds out the image and presage of that heavenly unity. It blends the labourers of distant lands, of many tongues and many kindreds, in the one work of our one Lord. Of the ministers who had, up to the last session, been connected with this Association, one fourth were natives of Britain. We are one with the older churches of Britain, and the infant churches of Germany and Denmark—with the missionary churches of the Karen jungle and the Liberian forest. If born into the Zion of God, the accident of earthly birth becomes of little moment. Soon one nation—one family—one church shall have received into its bosom all whom you, my ministering brethren, are permitted to lead to the Saviour's feet—all whom the churches of Christ here recently convened, are gathering from the world. They are gathered at last into the one fold of that One Shepherd, of whom the whole family in heaven and in earth is named. May His fear awe us and His love impel us. Here may we be led by His Spirit, and walking in His commandments, may we pass from the rest He has granted us on earth, in all the privileges and favouring influences of our beloved country, to the better *rest that remaineth for the people of God* in that heavenly country which our fathers have already reached, and where we hope soon to share their perfect holiness and their endless bliss.

THE

TWENTY-EIGHTH 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 immersion of believers only; and the independence of their respective churches.

HELD IN THE MEETING HOUSE

OF THE

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THE CONSTITUTION

OF THE

HUDSON RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Adopted Nov. 21, 1815, and as subsequently amended.

ART. 1. This Association shall be known by the name of "*The Hudson River Baptist Association*;" and shall be composed of ministers and delegates only, who are members of the churches they represent, excepting such as may be invited to a seat by the consent of the body.

ART. 2. This Association shall meet annually, on the TUESDAY BEFORE THE THIRD WEDNESDAY IN JUNE, at the place previously appointed.

ART. 3. After Public Worship, the Association shall proceed to choose by ballot, a Moderator, Treasurer, and Clerk.

It shall be the duty of the *Moderator* to preside and lead in all the transactions of the meeting, and to see that order and decorum are observed by all the members.

The Treasurer shall receive all moneys belonging to the Association, keep an accurate account of the same, and the objects for which they are designated—pay them out according to the order of the Association; and make a report of the state of the Treasury before the close of each session.

It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a fair and impartial record of all the business transacted during the session.

These Officers shall continue in office until succeeded by new appointments.

ART. 4. At the first meeting of this Association, a Secretary shall be chosen, to continue in office at the pleasure of the Association, whose duty it shall be to take charge of all the records, and to correspond with such societies, churches, or individuals as the Association shall direct.

ART. 5. It is expected that the churches will send, with their messengers and letters to the Association, an account of the state of their respective churches; particularly of the additions and diminutions in the past year, and generally of whatever relates to their peace and prosperity, together with the whole number of members in communion. With these letters each church shall forward money for the printing of the minutes.

ART. 6. Churches who wish to be received into this Union, may apply by letter and messengers; and giving satisfactory information of their being sound in doctrine, and correct in practice, they may be received; and as a token of the same, the Moderator, in behalf the Association, shall give them the right hand of fellowship.

ART. 7. This Association has no power as a legislative body. It is merely a fraternal conference, to learn each others state, to cherish brotherly sympathy and union, and to advance each other in the faith, love, and hopes of the gospel, by united prayer for the Spirit, and by free conference. Remembering the past history of the church, and the fatal usurpations of synods, those earlier associations, although constituted upon republican models, by delegates of independent churches, yet building up ultimately spiritual despotism, this Association would, with the strictest jealousy, guard against similar assumptions. It disclaims therefore all power of making law, under any pretext, for the churches.

ART. 8. Although as an associated body we utterly disclaim all power over the churches, so far as it respects an interference with their independency and discipline; yet we deem it our privilege to judge for ourselves of the propriety of continuing any church in our connexion. In order, however, that we may not withdraw our fellowship without sufficient reason, it is proposed, that when a complaint is made by any two churches of this body against a church belonging to this Association, (if thought expedient,) the Association shall appoint a Committee, who shall request a conference with said church, in order to obtain satisfaction on the points which formed the subject of complaint, and the result shall be reported to the next meeting of the Association, in order that they may decide as duty may require.

ART. 9. When a church shall neglect making any communication to the Association for the space of three years together, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and of course shall be dropped from the Minutes, unless two or more members shall request their continuance, and will also engage to inquire into their standing and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. 10. The Association shall have a right to open and hold correspondence with other Associations, as it may think proper.

ART. 11. It shall be the duty of the Association, from time to time, to suggest to the churches what they may think most expedient to be done to promote the spreading of the gospel in the world.

ART. 12. This Association, when convened, shall appoint the time and place of their next Annual Meeting; select a person or persons to preach on the occasion; and shall, from time to time, make such amendments and alterations to this Constitution as experience may dictate.

RULES OF ORDER.

I. At every sitting, business shall be opened and concluded with prayer by the Moderator, or whomsoever he may request.

II. Ministers present, invited to a seat with us, may debate on all subjects, but vote on none.

III. No member of the Association shall absent himself without leave of the Moderator.

IV. No subject shall be discussed, without a motion first made and seconded.

V. No person shall speak oftener than twice on any motion, unless by permission of the Moderator.

VI. Motions made and lost, shall not be recorded on the Minutes, except so ordered at the time.

VII. If, when a motion has been made and seconded, a member opposes its being discussed, the Moderator shall immediately put the question, "*Shall this question be discussed?*" which, if negative, the subject shall be dismissed.

VIII. If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken separately.

IX. Arrangements for the next Association shall not be attended to on the first day of the session.

X. On the opening of business the second day, the roll of the messengers commissioned by the churches shall be called, and the names of those who have not arrived shall be stricken off. Nevertheless, ministers and licentiates shall be inserted with the mark of absence.

XI. Delegates sent to this Association will remain until all the business is finished; if not, their names shall not be recorded, unless they have been excused by the Moderator.

XII. The minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected before the rising of the Association.

XIII. In distributing the Minutes at the close of the Association, only one member from each church shall come forward. If a surplus remains after these are supplied, they may be taken indiscriminately.

XIV. These rules shall be distinctly read from the Chair immediately after the organization of the Association.

MINUTES

OF THE

HUDSON RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Tuesday, June 20th, 1843.

1. At 10 o'clock, A. M., the Introductory Sermon was preached by Brother E. E. L. Taylor, of Brooklyn, from Acts 14th chap., 27th v. — "And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles."

Prayer by Brother Kendrick, of Hamilton.

2. Took up a collection in aid of the Widows' Fund, amounting to \$23.

3. Brother Elisha Tucker, of New-York, was elected Moderator. Brother Garrat N. Bleecker, Clerk, Brother Jas. B. Colgate, Assistant Clerk, and Brother Smith Sheldon, Treasurer.

Adjourned to meet at half-past 2 o'clock, P. M.

Half-Past 2 o'clock, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Brother Lewis Leonard, agent of the N. Y. State Convention.

4. The rules of order were read by the Moderator.

5. Brethren E. E. L. Taylor, D. Bellamy, L. O. Lovell, Henry Davis, C. H. Hosken, T. G. Freeman, and I. M. Coley, were appointed a Committee to report on the state of religion within the bounds of the Association.

6. Brethren Wm. I. Loomis, Wm. Colgate, and W. W. Everts, were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for devotional exercises, and on overtures for religious benevolence.

7. Read letters from the churches composing the Association. The following shows their changes and present situation.

The names of Pastors and Ordained Ministers are in SMALL CAPITALS; those of Licentiates in *italics*; those not present are marked thus, *; — denotes no settled minister.

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS AND MESSENGERS.	Restored.	Expelled.	Rec. by letter.	Rec. by ex-pr.	Dis. by letter.	Discontinued.	Deceased.	Total.	When constituted.	
Foughkeepsic,	*R. BARCOCK, jr. D.D. Dea. A. Raymond, Uriah Gregory, H. W. Morris, Augustus Beadle, Henry L. Van Kleeck. ELISHA TUCKER. *FRA. WAYLAND, sr. *LUKE DAVIES, sr. *IRA M. ALLEN, *JOHN C. MURPHY, *John W. Sartles, Dea. Thomas Purser,		36	17		11	4		236	1807	
Oliver-st., N. Y.	Richard Stout, Uzal P. Ward, Robert C. Trivett, James Sadgebury, George Adams, Calvin Wheelock, G. Noel Bleecker, M. L. KELLY, Dea. Square Griffin, S. B. Smith, T. G. FREEMAN, *WILLIAM STURGES, Dea. H. P. Skinner, C. J. Houghaling, Charles Guilford, John Alger, jr., H. G. Day, Hiram Morrison, Ira Peake, Dennis Stowe, James P. Bortle, William Harman, L. O. LOVELL, *B. M. HILL, *JAS. M. HASWELL, Dea. Calvin Warner, " J. S. Hastings, " G. Buckingham.	1	37	23	2	41		8	673	1795	
Mount Pleasant,	John Alger, jr., H. G. Day, Hiram Morrison, Ira Peake, Dennis Stowe, James P. Bortle, William Harman, L. O. LOVELL, *B. M. HILL, *JAS. M. HASWELL, Dea. Calvin Warner, " J. S. Hastings, " G. Buckingham.	1	4	1		5	16	2	111	1790	
Hudson,	A. Nunan, E. I. Mattocks, C. Wilbur, C. Fales, J. Ford, S. P. Cole, I. M. COLEY, R. C. Rossell, T. Van Husen,		56	10	1	12	2	3	275	1810	
1st Church, Troy,	A. Nunan, E. I. Mattocks, C. Wilbur, C. Fales, J. Ford, S. P. Cole, I. M. COLEY, R. C. Rossell, T. Van Husen,	4	52	23	2	112	14	13	6	453	1795
1st Church, Albany,	A. Fish, J. Bloom, M. King, L. Frisby, J. Frisby.		6	15	22	1	19	10	5	724	1811

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS AND MESSENGERS.	Statistics									
		Restored.	Baptized.	Rec. by letter.	Rec. by expi.	Dis. by letter.	Dropped.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	When constituted.
Catskill,	SAMUEL B. WILLIS J. H. Townsend.		17	2		15		1	0	132	1803
Hamilton-st. Alb'y.	Dea. Ben. Lattimore. " R'd Thompson, Wm. P. McIntyre, F. Willis,	4	21		1	4	6	2		125	1821
South Ch., N. Y.	*CHAS. G. SOMMERS. Wm. C. Uggatt, *Benjamin H. Clift.		25	24	1	17	1	2		427	1822
1st Ch. Brooklyn,	Edmund Burke, JAMES L. HODGE, John Skinner.	1	114	53	7	20	15	5		742	1823
Stanton-st., N. Y.	DAVID BELLAMY, *J. R. BIGELOW, R. C. Aserly, J. Watson, Jr.	4	113	32		22	6	4		543	1823
Lansingburgh,	Dea. Dea. G. Baxter. Taylor J. Fortham, Hamilton Perry, William Millis, Randall F. Follet, JACOB H. BROUNER, *DAVID SAMPSON, *JOHN D. HART, *William Hall, Dea. J. H. Townsend, Robt. M. Waldrick, CHAS. H. HOSKEN, Dea. J. S. Candkins, " M. R. Peak. F. S. Ager, Seth Williams, Charles Cottle.	2	18	3	1	2		1		163	1804
North Ch., N. Y.	Orrin P. Stebbins, Enoch Burrows, Sara E. P. Ford, Benjamin Clark, GEORGE V. WEBSTER, Francis B. Sands, Letter.		21	8		2	1	3		308	1627
West Troy,	" M. R. Peak. F. S. Ager, Seth Williams, Charles Cottle.	3	70	9	2	10	2	2		191	1827
Zion, Orange Co.	GEORGE V. WEBSTER, Francis B. Sands, Letter.					4	3			51	1823
Cairo, Lattingtown.	No information.					5	2	2		75	1812
West Hillsdale,	John Van De Boe, Robt. S. Van Dusen, LEROY WEBSTER.		10	1		3				131	1800
Schenectady,	*Thomas H. Hild, John W. B. Hild, DANIEL ROBINSON, Andrew Nott, Arnold Gayles, Samuel Adams,	7	31	10		26	1	2	6	327	1822
Kingston.	L. L. HILL.	1	102	12		109	1	1		132	1831
Westkill Ch. Lec.	L. L. HILL.		12			1	2			99	1831

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		Restored.	Baptized.	Rec. by letter.	Rec. by expi.	Dis. by letter.	Dropped.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	When constituted.	
Athens.	STEPHEN JONES. Dea. Jehn S. Fox A. W. Green, K. M. Crandall, *Wm. R. WILLIAM, *DANIEL WILLIAMS, *ISAAC ORCHARD, *Aaron Rand, *Harvey S. Dale, Dea. John Bowen, G. B. Houz, THOMAS MURRY, H. L. Gros, Dea. Wm. Baker, CYRUS SHOOK, Thomas Williams, Wm. I. Loomis, Dea. Jos. Gregory, " Isaac B. Fox.		2	3		10	15		1		126	1821
Amity-street. N. Y.	Reuben Underwood, A. V. P. Gregory, Justus E. Gregory, Orlando Horton, Geo. W. HARRIS, JAMES W. JONES, M. GRIFFIN, Isaac Jaycocks, Gabriel Odell, B. T. WELCH, Dea. P. Humphrey, " Wm. Adams, " Gayl'r Sheldon, " Hubb. Russell, Thos. C. Morley, Thos. L. Greene, E. Dyest.	1		10		17	2		2	239	1832	
Corsoghic,	Dea. Wm. Baker, CYRUS SHOOK, Thomas Williams, Wm. I. Loomis, Dea. Jos. Gregory, " Isaac B. Fox.	2	20	1		7		2	1	117	1832	
Saugerties,	Reuben Underwood, A. V. P. Gregory, Justus E. Gregory, Orlando Horton, Geo. W. HARRIS, JAMES W. JONES, M. GRIFFIN, Isaac Jaycocks, Gabriel Odell, B. T. WELCH, Dea. P. Humphrey, " Wm. Adams, " Gayl'r Sheldon, " Hubb. Russell, Thos. C. Morley, Thos. L. Greene, E. Dyest.	1	21	2	1	13	2	9		74	1833	
Sand Lake 2d Ch.	Reuben Underwood, A. V. P. Gregory, Justus E. Gregory, Orlando Horton, Geo. W. HARRIS, JAMES W. JONES, M. GRIFFIN, Isaac Jaycocks, Gabriel Odell, B. T. WELCH, Dea. P. Humphrey, " Wm. Adams, " Gayl'r Sheldon, " Hubb. Russell, Thos. C. Morley, Thos. L. Greene, E. Dyest.	1	29	7	4	3	1	2	1	109	1831	
Kinderhook,	Reuben Underwood, A. V. P. Gregory, Justus E. Gregory, Orlando Horton, Geo. W. HARRIS, JAMES W. JONES, M. GRIFFIN, Isaac Jaycocks, Gabriel Odell, B. T. WELCH, Dea. P. Humphrey, " Wm. Adams, " Gayl'r Sheldon, " Hubb. Russell, Thos. C. Morley, Thos. L. Greene, E. Dyest.		9	2		14	4	3	1	81	1834	
Phillipstown First Church,	Reuben Underwood, A. V. P. Gregory, Justus E. Gregory, Orlando Horton, Geo. W. HARRIS, JAMES W. JONES, M. GRIFFIN, Isaac Jaycocks, Gabriel Odell, B. T. WELCH, Dea. P. Humphrey, " Wm. Adams, " Gayl'r Sheldon, " Hubb. Russell, Thos. C. Morley, Thos. L. Greene, E. Dyest.		25	3	21					67	1833	
Pearl-st. Albany.	Reuben Underwood, A. V. P. Gregory, Justus E. Gregory, Orlando Horton, Geo. W. HARRIS, JAMES W. JONES, M. GRIFFIN, Isaac Jaycocks, Gabriel Odell, B. T. WELCH, Dea. P. Humphrey, " Wm. Adams, " Gayl'r Sheldon, " Hubb. Russell, Thos. C. Morley, Thos. L. Greene, E. Dyest.	1	222	18	2	19	7	5	5	563	1834	
Hamburg, Germ'y	John Peckton, R. P. Myers, Smith Sheldon, William Harrison, G. Sord, A. R. Hasey, Wm. Phillips, Jeron. B. Howard, Letter.		50							160	1834	
Pittstown,	HARVEY SLADE, Smith Sharp, JOSIAH HATT, *JOHN BERTHAM, *John Hall, *George Howes, William Clark, G. F. HENDRICKSON, *Jacob Sneur.		6	2	1	2	5	1		65	1834	
1st Ch., Orange, N. J.	HARVEY SLADE, Smith Sharp, JOSIAH HATT, *JOHN BERTHAM, *John Hall, *George Howes, William Clark, G. F. HENDRICKSON, *Jacob Sneur.		37	2		3				70	1837	
New Durham, N. J.	HARVEY SLADE, Smith Sharp, JOSIAH HATT, *JOHN BERTHAM, *John Hall, *George Howes, William Clark, G. F. HENDRICKSON, *Jacob Sneur.		34	4		2	1	4	1	78	1837	

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS AND MESSENGERS.	Restored.	Baptized.	Rec. by letter.	Rec. by expt.	Dis. by letter.	Dropped.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	When constituted.
Tabernacle Chur. N. Y.	*ARCH. MACLAY, GEORGE HATT, *JOHN BLAIN, *Jos. STODERIDGE, *Hezekiah Harney, Dea. Wm. Colgate, " John Barker, Thos. J. Van Zandt, Jos. H. Adams, Jas. B. Colgate, HENRY DAVIS, *ABM. VAN GELDER.	2	102	22	6	161	22	15	977	1839	
Cannon-st., N. Y.	Wm. A. Walker, James Forrester, Rich. C. McCormick, A. HAYNES.	25	24	7	29	7	1	3	681	1838	
First Church, Jersey City,	William Boorman, John Jones, Donald McIntosh, LAWSON MUZZY, Dea. F. D. Tucker,	1	53	12	12	52	5	3	122	1839	
Bethel Ch., Williamsburg,	John B. Wells, John H. Drake, J. G. West, J. Roper,	1	55	10	2	3	2		111	1839	
Sixth-street, N. Y.	*JOHN O. COULES, Ab. A. Van Gelder, E. E. L. TAYLOR, *Wm. M. Parsons,	7	6			23	2		151	1840	
Pierpont-street, Brooklyn,	*Daniel Thomas, Dea. John Spier, John H. Smith, Geo. BENEICT, W. G. King,	54	9			13	1		279	1840	
Norfolk-st, N. Y.	B. T. Chamberlin, E. P. Cassidy, John Vanderwater, C. FERGUSON,	146	20			62	2	3	668	1841	
1st Church, Guilderland,	Dea. J. H. Case, " J. McGowan, " Rich. Hermans, F. Lyon.	44	5	2		5	1		90	1840	
North Ch. Staten I. Putnam Valley,	J. T. SEELEY, MARCUS GRIFFIN, JOHN COOKSON,	43	10	5		5	1		148	1841	
Fourth-st. Church, N. Y.	Alexander Black, Wm. K. Tattersall, R. J. Jimmison, W. W. EVELTS, Dea. C. W. Boughton,	5	1			4			36	1842	
Laight-st., N. Y.	Emory Townsend, J. H. Low, M. B. Spaulding, Alm. Williams,	2	9	1					59	1843	
		74	125	1					200	1842	

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North Ch., Troy,	LELAND HOWARD, Dea. Elias Johnson, " Ev. Ostrander, Isaac Wellington, Ephraim Wood,		2	30		1				81	1843
South Ch., Albany,	STEPHEN WILKINS, Dea. A. T. Teal, " A. C. Churchill Ruel Clapp, Harlow H. Seaver, Daniel K. Kelly, Edward Frisby, Enoch J. Stevens, John Curly, Geo. W. Daily,	248	101	2		7		3	1	340	1842
Rosendale,	DAVID MORRIS, William Grant, E. W. Buddington,	121	29			4				146	1843
		47	236	90	180	1018	96	149	30	11750	

48 Churches, 61 Ordained Ministers, 13 Licentiates.

8. Ministering brethren were invited to seats, and to assist in our deliberations. Invitation accepted by

William Hutchinson, of Leroy, Genessee co., N. Y.
James M. Whipple, Westfield, Mass.
G. C. Fripp, } Berkshire, Mass.
John V. Ambler, }
Isaiah Mattison, Shaftesbury, Mass.
Sidney Dyer, Brownville, Jefferson co. N. Y.
John Alden, jr., North Adams, Mass.
Chas. Evans, South Reading, Mass.
A. Kinsbury, Pittsfield, Mass.
William Sym, Newark, N. J.
Nathaniel Kendrick, D. D., and J. Edmonds, Hamilton, N. Y.
Silas Bailey, agent Board Foreign Missions.

9. The following churches applied for admission into the Association:

Fourth Street Baptist Church, New-York,
Laight do. do. do.
South Baptist Church, Albany.
North do. do. Troy,
Baptist Church, in Rosendale, Ulster county, N. Y.

Their letters were referred to a Committee, consisting of brethren Welch, Davis, Hosken, Lovell, and Wm. Colgate.

10. The committee on devotional exercises, reported, recommending "That after the sermon this evening, Dr. Kendrick, of Hamilton,

present the claims of the Education Society, and a collection to be taken up for that object.

"That prayer meetings be held on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, at 5 o'clock, in the Presbyterian meeting house, agreeably to invitation.

"That Brother Leonard, occupy the pulpit to-morrow morning at half-past 11 o'clock, in advocating the claims of the New-York Baptist State Convention.

"That Brother Wescott present the claims of the Foreign Mission Board, to-morrow afternoon at half-past 3 o'clock, and take up a collection in aid of the Board. Brother Sidney Dyer, agent of the American Indian Mission Association, to make an address in behalf of that Institution, immediately after Brother Wescott's appeal.

"That Brother W. W. Everts preach to-morrow evening." Report accepted, and on motion was unanimously adopted.

Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning, for business.

EVENING SERVICE.

Met at half-past 7 o'clock, for worship. Prayer by Brother Wm. Sym, of Newark, N. J.

Br. Wm. R. Williams, who was appointed to preach the Education sermon, being absent, Br. J. H. Brouner, of New-York, his alternate, preached from Galatians, 6th chap. 14th verse, "God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me and I unto the world."

After which Brother Kendrick, of Hamilton, and Brother Everts, of New-York, advocated the cause of the New-York Baptist Education Society, and a collection was taken up, amounting to \$14 35.

Wednesday Morning, June 21, 1843.

Met pursuant to adjournment, at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Brother Wilkins.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

11. The committee to whom was referred the applications from churches which wish to unite with the Association, reported favourably, and recommended their admission—whereupon it was unanimously

Resolved, That they be received into this Association; and the Moderator gave to Br. Cookson, pastor of Fourth-st. Church, Br. Everts, pastor of Laight-st. Church, Br. Wilkins, pastor of South Church, Albany, Br. Howard, pastor of North Church, Troy, and Br. Morris, pastor of Baptist Church, in Rosendale, in behalf of their respective churches, the right hand of fellowship.

All of the above churches have been constituted since the last session of the Association.

12. Letters and Messengers from sister Associations were received.

Association.	Min.	Messengers.	Bap	Tot.
Dutchess Co. N. Y.	1842	John Noye, Benj. Clapp, Jones, Shuck, Robinson, Howard.	160	1010
*East New Jersey,	1843	John McKewan, R. Thompson, R. Hartley.		
*Madison, N. Y.	1842	Nath'l Kendrick, J. Edmonds.		
New York,	1843	Minutes.	1026	4163
Rensselaerville,	1842	L. O. Lovell, Thos. Stokes.	121	1148
*Stephentown,	1842	J. S. Gifford, J. D. Rogers, E. B. Crandell. J. W. Pitts, J. S. Lewis, L. Palmer, W. Harris, J. V. Arabler.		
*Union, N. Y.	1842	Lewis Leonard.		
*Worcester, N. Y.	1842	Lewis Leonard.		
Saratoga, N. Y.	1842	Isaac Wescott, Levi Parmlee, Marvin Eastwood, D. S. Parmelee, J. W. Gibbs.	310	3136
*Otsego, N. Y.	1842	Lewis Leonard.		
*Wash. Union, N. Y.	1842	Wm. Arthur, B. F. Garfield, S. Gale, jr., I. O. Mason, A. Wait.		
*Lake George, N. Y.	1842	Lewis Leonard.		
*Franklin,		Lewis Leonard.		
Seneca, N. Y.	1842	Lewis Leonard.	203	2621
*Harmony, N. Y.		Lewis Leonard.		
*Jeff'n Union, N. Y.		Lewis Leonard.		
*Black River,		Sidney Dyer.		
*Fairfield Co., Ct.				

* No Minutes received, consequently are unable to fill up the tables correctly.

13. The following delegates were appointed to Corresponding Associations.

Associations.	Delegates.	Time and Place of Meeting.
Boston,	J. Cookson, Hosken, Haynes, Coley, Everts, E. E. L. Taylor,	Boston, 3d Wednes. Sept.
Central, N. J.	E. E. L. Taylor,	Flemington, 3d Wed. Oct.
New-London,	G. Benedict,	Essex, last Wednes. in Sept.
Dutchess Co. N. Y.	R. Babcock, jr., L. Howard,	Pine Plains, 1st Wed. Oct.
Madison,	Coley, Gros, Van Horne.	2d Tuesday in September.
New-Haven,	J. Cookson, L. L. Hill, Tattersall, Brouner, Sadgebury,	1st Wednesday in October.
New-York,	E. Tucker, Taylor, Everts, Haynes, E. Tucker, B. T. Welch, W. W. Everts, T. Pursser, Brouner, Haynes, Bowen, J. M. Coley, Hendrickson, Taylor, Bellamy,	Scotch Plains, last Tues. May.
Philadelphia,	J. H. Smith, Freeman, Haynes, Everts,	Philadelphia, 1st Tues. Oct.
Salem, Mass.	C. Furguson, Lovell, Taylor, Hosken, Willis, Coley, H. L. Gros, Howard, Welch,	Salem, 4th Wed. in Septem.
Saratoga,	A. Haynes, P. Roberts, L. Howard, S. Jones,	Amsterdam, last Wed. June.
Stephentown,	B. T. Welch, Willis, Wm. Baker,	Petersburg, Rens. c. Sep. 20.
Union, N. Y.	Charles Furguson,	Carmel, N. Y. 1st Wed. Sep.
Rensselaerville,	S. Jones,	2d Ch. Broome, 3d Wed. Sep.
Jefferson Union,	G. F. Hendrickson,	28th September.
Sussex, N. J.	J. H. Brouner, John B. Wells,	Last Wednesday in June.
East New-Jersey,	R. Babcock, jr.	Newark, 6th June.
Warren,	E. Tucker.	Woonsocket, R. I. 2d Sept.
Black River,		

14. The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Association to consider and report "what branches of business come within the Constitution and Rules of this body," presented the following report, which was accepted:

The Committee appointed by the Association at their last Session, "to consider what branches of business come within the Constitution and rules of this body," would respectfully submit the following REPORT:

The object of their appointment seemed best attained by inquiring—

1. What the language of our existing Constitution is, as to the appropriate business of the Association.
 2. What our practice in past years has been under these existing rules.
 3. Whether experience has suggested any changes as desirable in that practice, or in the language of our Constitution, in order to confine the doings of the Association within the legitimate bounds of its authority, to render its sessions profitable, harmonious, and edifying, and to guard the independence of our churches from invasion by the action of this or any similar body.
- I. As to the language of our Constitution, it seems vague, and the powers given under it, are quite too large and unrestricted. By the 10th article we learn that the Association will not confine its views to its own boundaries, but look abroad over the whole extent of the earth.

"It shall be the duty of the Association, from time to time, to suggest to the churches what they may think most expedient to be done to promote the spreading of the gospel in the world."

Far be it from us to quarrel with the letter or spirit of this provision in the Constitution. Our Lord gave to his Church a wide commission, and made their field to include the world. In the cause of Foreign and Domestic Missions, this Association has long given its aid, and we hope will continue to give yet increased and untiring aid, long as it shall exist. Yet, under this article, where it is provided, that the Association, *may suggest what they may think most expedient*, for this purpose, it is evident that unless there be further explanation, or a restriction found in some other part of the Constitution, to guard the interpretation of *this* clause, almost any object may be introduced, that a majority of the delegates may judge expedient, by its remote or its immediate influence, to affect the evangelization of the world. But it is in the 11th article, that your committee find still looser language.

"This Association—shall—make any other appointments, or transact any other business they may judge expedient."

Now it is true, that in the construction of this clause, we must be guided by the language of an earlier article, the 7th, that, as an Association, we utterly "disclaim all power over the churches, so far as it respects an interference with their independency and discipline." Yet we cannot but see, that should it ever be wished to give admission to any popular scheme, or vexed question of the day, "ample scope and verge enough," are given for it in the loose phraseology of this last article of our Constitution, and that the Association are under this phrase clothed with almost any power they may choose to assume, or the assumption of which, on their part, the churches may choose to permit. Should the delegates erect a theological institution, incorporate themselves into a bank, levy taxes, or even in some hour of popular frenzy, proclaim war, whatever else might be said of them, it could not be said justly of them, the Constitution remaining what it is, that they had travelled out of the letter of that instrument. The advocate of the widest and most extraneous innovations, could build himself upon a clause so widely worded, and while it remained, it could never be said that the Constitution excluded him—that the bed was shorter than that the man could stretch himself upon it, or the covering narrower than that he could wrap himself in it.

II. We pass to the practice of the body. It has, we believe, been customary with your body, after hearing the reports of the churches, and discourses by brethren appointed for the purpose, to pass resolutions in recommendation of books or periodicals that it might be deemed advisable to circulate among the churches; and to consult as to the best mode of aiding feeble churches in the erection of their meeting houses, or in the liquidation of the debts they have in this manner incurred. Then have followed the recommendations of existing voluntary societies. Some, in the support of which, brethren have been united, have received year by year votes of sympathy and co-operation on the part of this body. Others, concerning which there was a difference of opinion, have given occasion to debate; and in the final passage of the vote concerning them, whether carried or lost, there has often been a feeling now on the part of those favouring them, and now of those opposing them, that the whole discussion has been of too hurried a character to allow a frank and full examination of the question, and its true merits. Resolutions snatched, as it were, from the Association, after a brief and imperfect discussion, are of little intrinsic worth; and yet, as the expressions of opinion on the part of a large and influential body of churches, they pass with multitudes for far more than their real value.

Your committee by no means hold that good has never been done in the transaction of such business. We have periodicals and volumes that receive in a large degree the support and confidence of the churches, and that deserve all, and more than all they receive. Yet it is very questionable, whether such publications need, or their conductors greatly value, the formal recommendations of your body. In meeting-house cases, resolutions have been passed, which have not, as far as the action of the churches went, been fully redeemed. And, in the limited time allotted necessarily, for the sessions of your body, it has not always been possible to secure for these cases the hearing, or to devote to them the amount of time required, in order that the Association might reach an intelligent and equitable decision. And as to the voluntary societies that are doing so much in our day, the most important are, we suppose, too well known, to our churches to require that this Association should endorse their merits, or volunteer its aid to the churches in canvassing their character, their plans, and their claims.

On the minds of many the impression has been made, that it would be no loss to the publications or voluntary societies of our day, were such resolutions on the part of our associations given up, and that it would be to the Association itself, a great gain, a gain of time, of harmony, and devotional feeling, were the periodicals, books, or societies left to work their own way with the individual churches.

It has been, in the course of such discussions, that the body has most resembled a political meeting, and questions of order have arisen, that seemed to make it as requisite for the members to be familiar with Jefferson's Manual, as with their Bibles. And in cases of divided opinion, the question has sometimes been asked by the defeated party, whether in copying the actions and rules of proceeding of political bodies, we ought not also, in common honesty, to copy their principles of equal and equitable representation, and to limit accordingly the number of delegates to be sent from the several churches. If we act in any sense, as a legislative body, it seems but just that we should be more regularly and equitably constituted, by fixing the quota of delegates to be allowed to each church in the body.

But the grand objection is this. The Association is not, was not originally intended to be, and *never should be allowed to become*, a legislative body. We could not make it such, without virtually surrendering a tenet we and our forefathers have held most tenaciously, the strict and proper independence of each church of Christ; and, without relinquishing another favourite sentiment of Baptists, the sufficiency of the New Testament as the sole code of the Christian church. Your committee believe most firmly, that, on this subject, the history of the early Christian church reads us a most significant lesson. It is stated by writers of many religious communions, by Mosheim, Gieseler and Neander, the Lutherans; by Waddington, the Episcopalian; and by Gibbon, the infidel; that the primitive churches were independent of each other. We believe them such on the face of the New Testament. Whence came the widely spread and dominant usurpations that replaced this independent equality? In the opinion of your committee, much was done to effect this change from independency to priestly and episcopal ascendancy, by the intervention of *annual Synods*. They were in fact *Associations*. Owen, the ablest writer, perhaps, the church has yet had in defence of Congregationalism, in discussing and defending the use of what are now called *Associations*, gives them the title of *Synods*. The one is but a Latin title, and the other a Greek one. We do well then to guard the tendencies of Assn-

citations now, by remembering the effects of Associations then. Now these earliest Synods began in Greece, the seat of ancient democracy, and were a reminiscence of the confederated republics of Greek antiquity. They were originally republican institutions, and yet they became stepping stones to a spiritual despotism. They were first gathered from the districts, or political divisions of the Roman empire, and were provincial according to the provinces or political departments of that empire. From similar causes, our Ecclesiastical Associations are modelled upon political models, and often bounded by political lines of division, as the counties of a state. When the ancient Synods came together, they soon began to legislate. The scenes of strife and intrigue there displayed, so disgusted one of the old Greek fathers, Gregory Nazianzen; that he determined never to attend another. It was, in part at least, as your committee believe, out of such mismanaged republican meetings, that the consolidated despotism of the Man of Sin grew into unity and strength.

III. We do well, therefore, to cherish a sacred and vigilant jealousy against the possible usurpations of Associations upon the liberty of separate churches. The legitimate purpose of such Associations, we believe to be fraternal conference and devotional union. We come together by delegates for much the same causes for which Timothy was sent by Paul to the Philippian church, to know exactly the state of the church visited; "That I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state."—(Philipp. ii. 19.); and the same causes for which Tychicus was sent to the Ephesian church, "that ye might know our affairs, and that he might comfort your hearts."—(Ephes. vi. 22.) Our messengers are to carry information as well as receive it, to tell the state of their own churches, as well as to learn the state of other churches, and a mutual interchange of information and feeling is to add to the unity and enjoyment of the brethren. It was for similar purposes that the Apostle himself desired, in his own person, to visit the Roman believers: "That I might impart some spiritual gift unto you," (Rom. i. 11.) "and be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me." (Rom. i. 12.); or, as towards the close of the same Epistle, he says: "be somewhat filled with your company," (Rom. xv. 24.) "that I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed." (Rom. xv. 32.)

Your committee believe, that devotion should predominate over business in all such gatherings of Christians, instead of business being allowed, as it often is, to predominate over devotion. If the delegates come together for no other end, than to spend three days in united prayer and exhortation, your committee believe that the time thus employed would be no more wasted than was the time so given to prayer, in an upper chamber at Jerusalem, by the disciples, who, there met, and, thus employed, received the memorable baptism of Pentecost. We believe, that the interchange of Christian affection, and the friendships thus formed or cherished, the mutual flow of fraternal sympathy, and the upward streaming of united prayer, would do more for our true profiting and increase, than ten Associations given to dry details of business, to resolution-making, and speech-making.

Your committee are not forgetful that there will, from time to time, occur questions of great moment to the purity and order of the church—questions as to the social reforms or benevolent organizations of the times, on which it may be desirable, highly so, for the churches to meet and consult. But we think such questions better discussed in assemblages called together for that explicit and exclusive purpose, and by delegates whom the churches shall appoint and send on that specific errand. There will be more leisure for deliberation, and more intelligent and profitable debate, than there can be in bodies like our Associations, whose time is limited, who are hampered with other business, and composed of delegates who are most generally not selected by the church, to represent her views as to the matter in question.

Holding these views, therefore, your committee would suggest the addition of another Article to the Constitution of the Association, to be placed between the existing 6th and 7th Articles, and to be numbered henceforward as the 7th Article, and to the following effect:

"ARTICLE 7. This Association has no power as a legislative body. It is merely a fraternal conference, to learn each other's state, to cherish brotherly sympathy and union, and to advance each other in the faith, love, and hopes of the gospel, by united prayer for the Spirit, and by free conference. Remembering the past history of the church, and the fatal usurpations of Synods, those earlier Associations, although constituted upon republican models, by delegates of independent churches, yet building up ultimately spiritual despotism, this Association would with the strictest jealousy guard against similar assumptions. It disclaims, therefore, all power of making laws, under any pretext, for the churches."

The existing 7th would thus become the 8th Article of the Constitution, and the other Articles following it be numbered accordingly.

Your committee would not think it necessary, after the insertion of such an Article, to add any further restriction to the language of the 10th Article, which would then have become the 11th. Its words: "*what the Association may think most expedient to be done,*" would, of course, be understood to exclude all idea of any new legislation on the part of this body, even for that good object.

In what is now the 11th, but which, should the proposed addition have been made, would have become the 12th Article, your committee would propose to strike out the words: "*transact any other business they may judge expedient,*" or substitute for them the following: "*transact any other business, necessary, and coming within the powers of this body.*"

While speaking of changes in the words of the Constitution, your committee may be pardoned if they notice what, although not coming within the objects of their appointment, has come under their notice in attending to these objects. It is an ambiguity in the words of the existing 7th Article. It refers to complaints against a church in the Association. The Association, in the earlier part of the Article, speaks of itself in the first person as "*we,*" "*ourselves,*" "*our,*" and "*us.*" It then goes on to say, that should two churches complain to the Association against a third, "*they,*" shall appoint a Committee of Conference. Here, the sudden change from the first person "*we,*" to the third person "*they,*" would lead naturally to the construction, that the committee was appointed by the two complaining churches, and not the Association. Yet we suppose there can be no doubt this was not the real intention of the framers of the article. They meant that the Association should appoint the committee. To express this meaning, your committee would suggest that, for the words "*they shall appoint a committee,*" there be substituted either the phrase "*we will appoint a committee,*" or this, "*the Association shall appoint a committee.*"

With these changes in the Constitution, to guard that instrument against misconstruction, and to preserve this body moving within its original and appropriate limits, your committee would suggest the inquiry, whether our religious publications might not advantageously be left to work their own way; whether our various voluntary societies might not continue to receive, through this Association, the sums sent from the churches for the objects of the society, their agents be heard, and it then be left for the several churches to take such action in regard to them as they may individually prefer; and whether the churches needing new houses of worship, or finding it difficult to pay for their present edifices, might not have their several cases more deliberately and intelligently examined by three or four of the churches in their immediate vicinity, than by this Association; and having been so examined, and duly sanctioned, make their appeals for aid to the separate churches, and no longer to this associated body.

We cannot tax our constituency, nor bind them to any course in which they are not already, by their own choice, agreed and united together. No association has the right to fling, as in a lump, its delegates into any scheme or society they do not individually or as churches, choose for themselves. And although it may seem to agents of churches or of voluntary societies, a great economy of time to receive, in mass, the pledges or approval of an Association, we question whether, after all this, they can generally obtain any real or effectual co-operation, except by personal appeals to the separate churches in their own sanctuaries and homes. And if, first or last, such appeals are to be made by the agent, and no approval of an association can dispense with them, it seems but an empty form for the Association to resolve what the church should or should not do in the matter.

The striking off these matters from the regular calendar of business for the sessions of our Association would, as it seems to your committee, add much to the harmony, devotion, and interest of your meetings, guard with but due vigilance the rights of our separate churches, and leave the power of decision in disputed questions, and the pressure of obligation in our general burdens and duties, to rest where they of right belong, and where we suppose the New Testament leaves them to rest—in the individual churches of your body, and upon the consciences of their individual members.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ELISHA TUCKER, *Chairman.*

W. R. WILLIAMS, *Secretary.*

15. On motion of Br. Welch, it was unanimously *Resolved*, That in pursuance of the recommendation of the committee, we adopt the following as the 7th article of the Constitution.

ART. 7. This Association has no power as a legislative body. It is merely a fraternal conference, to learn each other's state, to cherish brotherly sympathy and union, and to advance each other in the faith, love, and hopes of the gospel, by united prayer for the spirit, and by free conference. Remembering the past history of the church, the fatal usurpations of synods, those earlier associations, though constituted upon republican models, by delegates of independent churches, yet building up ultimately spiritual despotism, this Association would with the strictest jealousy guard against similar assumptions. It disclaims, therefore, all power of making law, under any pretext, for the churches.

16. On motion of motion of Brother Welch, it was *Resolved*, That the eleventh article of the Constitution, (now the twelfth,) be so amended as to read

"This Association, when convened, shall appoint the time and place of their next Annual Meeting; select a person or persons to preach on the occasion, and shall from time to time, make such amendments and alterations to this Constitution as experience may dictate."

17. The hour having arrived for Br. Leonard to occupy the pulpit, he accordingly addressed the Association in behalf of the New-York Baptist State Convention. A collection was taken up amounting to \$29 82.

18. After which the Association resumed its business, when the Treasurer presented his report, which was approved.

Whereupon it was

Resolved, That he be instructed to pay \$1145 60 to L. Leonard, the agent of the New-York State Convention; \$280 51 to H. Lincoln, Treasurer of the Baptist General Convention, U. S., for missionary purposes; also that \$172 00, sent for minutes, be paid to printing committee; \$86 25 to the Treasurer of the "Widows' Fund;" \$88 30 to the Treas. Amer. Bap. Home Mission Society; \$24 35 to the Treasurer of the New-York Baptist Education Society; \$4 04 to the Treasurer of the City Bible Society; \$2 50 to the Treasurer of the American Seamen Friend's Society, and \$2 50 to the Treasurer of the American Baptist Publication and Sabbath School Society.

19. The following sums were transmitted by the churches to aid the funds of the New-York Bap. State Convention, amounting to \$1145 60.

Oliver-street, N. Y.	\$202 00	Saugerties,	\$14 22
Hudson,	25 62	Kinderhook,	5 25
First Church, Troy,	50 00	Pearl-street, Albany,	110 00
First Church, Albany,	60 00	New Durham, N. J.	4 00
Catskill,	12 27	Tabernacle Church, N. Y.	126 00
Hamilton-street, Albany,	5 00	First Church, Jersey City,	8 32
First Church, Brooklyn,	80 00	Bethel Church, Williamsburg, L. I.	20 00
Stanton-street, N. Y.	50 00	Norfolk-street, N. Y.	40 00
North Church, N. Y.	25 00	North Church, Staten Island,	24 00
West Troy,	12 00	Laight-street, N. Y.	150 00
Zion, Orange county, N. Y.	2 31	South Church, Albany,	10 00
West Hillsdale,	12 00	Rosendale	15 00
Kingston,	27 00	Collection after Sermon,	29 82
Athens,	11 19		
Amity-street, N. Y.	3 00		
			\$1145 60

20. Brethren Howard, Coley, Colgate, Brouner, and Haynes, were appointed a committee to report the necessary arrangements for the next anniversary.

Adjourned to meet this afternoon at half-past 2 o'clock. Prayer by Br. Arthur of the Washington Union Association.

Half-Past 2, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Br. Cookson.

21. *Resolved*, That the Report of the Committee appointed at last Association, "to consider and report what branches of business come within the Constitution and Rules of this body," be printed with the minutes.

22. *Resolved*, That brethren Brouner, Coley, and Haynes, be a committee to examine the minutes of Corresponding Associations.

23 The following account of the Ministers' Widows' Fund, was presented and approved.

Hudson River Baptist Association in account with Wm. COLGATE, Treasurer of the Widows' Fund.—Interest 6 per cent. per annum.

1842	Dr.	1842	Cr.
July 1—Paid Widow of Elder Ford,	\$100 00	June 16—By Balance due this date,	\$830 70
1843		Dec. 28—By interest on loan to the Detroit Bap. Church, of \$1650,	110 00
May 5—Paid Widow of Elder A. L. Covel,	100 00		
June 16—Paid Widow of Elder Whitaker,	30 00	1843	
" To balance bro't forward	842 65	June 16—Balance of interest on acct. to this date,	45 70
		By collection after sermon, do from 2d Bap. Ch. Sand Lake,	23 00 3 00
		By col. fm. Poughkeepsie Ch. do Oliver-st. do N. Y. do 1st Ch. Albany, do 1st Ch. Brooklyn, do North Ch. N. Y. do Schenectady Ch. do Amity-st., N. Y. do New-Durham, N. J. do Cannon-st., N. Y. do 1st Ch. Jersey City, do Putnam Valley Ch.	13 00 10 00 2 50 5 00 10 00 2 00 2 50 1 00 2 25
			\$1072 65
		June 16—By balance to new account,	\$842 65

E. E.
New-York, June 16, 1842.

PLAN OF MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND.

Unanimously adopted, August 3, 1836, and amended June 17, 1835.

In pious and grateful remembrance of our departed brethren in the ministry, whose widows and orphans may be left in circumstances of need, the Hudson River Baptist Association *Resolved*, to contribute to their relief, as far as our compassionate Saviour may indulge us with ability. In order, therefore, to create a *Fund* for this benevolent purpose, we recommend.

MEANS.

1. That on the fourth Lord's Day in May, in every year, the respective churches composing this Association, make a public collection, for the purpose of aiding this fund.
2. That a subscription book be opened in every such church and congregation to receive, whether annual subscriptions or donations, to this desirable object.

OBJECTS.

1. Persons intended to receive the benefit of this fund, are the widows and orphans of deceased ministers, who at the time of their death, whether *ordained* or *licensed*, shall have been in good standing in this Association; and no others.

As to all the portions of said fund, received or accruing at or after the session of 1835, the Trustees of the Fund have power, when the case of the applicant seems to be a peculiar one, to extend the advantages of the fund to the family of any deceased minister in good standing, who may at any time have belonged to this Association.

2. Relief afforded to widows to continue during their widowhood, and no longer.
3. If there be no surviving widow, and the children, if any, of such deceased minister be under twelve years of age, and in need, they shall receive the same portion as allowed to a widow, until they arrive at their fifteenth year. Provided also, that should any one of the said children, destitute both of father and mother, be found, by disease or accident, incapable of providing a living for him or herself, the allowance from this fund may continue until such person shall have arrived at twenty years of age.

MANAGERS OF THE FUND.

1. That this Association, at their annual meeting, shall elect and appoint out of its members, five Trustees, who shall have the sole management of this fund; one of whom shall be appointed Treasurer, and one other as Secretary; and that such trustees continue in office three years, and until others are appointed.
2. That this Board of Trustees, (three of whom shall form a quorum,) shall meet annually or oftener as the case may require, for the transaction of business; and that the said Board shall have power to fill up any vacancy in their number which may be occasioned by death, or otherwise, until the next meeting of the Association.
3. All applications for relief shall be made to the Board in *writing*, stating the name, residence, and circumstances of the applicant.
4. It shall be the business of this Board to receive and keep in charge, all moneys collected, or otherwise contributed to this fund. To receive and examine all applications for relief, and that they make such allowance of money to the needy, as in their opinion the case may require, and the state of the funds may warrant.
5. It is further *Resolved*, that this Board of Trustees, whenever the moneys in hand shall amount to \$300, and there be no applicant for immediate relief, be and they are hereby authorized to invest the same in some secure stock, or loan the same on bond and mortgage, for the purpose of creating a PERPETUAL FUND; the interest of which only shall be employed to relieve the necessitous.—And, further, whenever other moneys in their hands successively shall amount to \$100, and not be immediately required, for use, the said sum shall be added to the *perpetual fund*: which it is presumed will ultimately prove essentially beneficial to the object intended.—And likewise, that the said permanent fund shall in no wise be disposed of but by the order of three-fourths of this Association.
6. Finally, it is required that the Trustees of this Board present to this Association at their annual meeting, a statement of their funds, collections and disbursements; with whatever else may be combined with this benevolent object, and the performance of their duty.

N. B. Whereas, it is highly probable that benevolent persons will be disposed to remember the *Ministers' Widows' Fund*, while making their last will and testament, the following form of a bequest is respectfully submitted to their attention.

I give and bequeath to my executors herein named, the sum of _____ Dollars, in trust for the *Ministers' Widows' Fund* of the Hudson River Baptist Association, and direct my said executors to pay the same to the person, who, at my decease, shall be acting as Treasurer of the said Fund, whose receipt shall be a sufficient discharge therefor.

24. The following brethren were selected to receive subscriptions and donations to the Widows' Fund.

Poughkeepsie, Oliver-st. N. Y.	A. Raymond, George Adams,	Sand-Lake, 2d Ch.	Albert R. Fox.
Mount Pleasant, Hudson,	S. W. Smith, H. B. Day,	Kinderhook, Philipstown, 1st Ch.	Ebenezer B. Hodge, Miles Bonnell,
1st Ch. Troy, 1st Ch. Albany,	Calvin Warner, Chas. Pohlman,	Pearl-st. Albany, Pittstown,	Gaylor Sheldon, George Gibbs,
Catskill, Hamilton-st. Albany,	Francis N. Wilson, Benj Luttimore, jr.	1st Ch. Orange, N. J.	John Hutt, Wm. H. Tracy,
South Church, N. Y.	Lurad C. Heath,	New Durham, Tabernacle Ch. N.Y.	R. C. McCormick, Thomas Kingsford,
1st Ch. Brooklyn.	David Lester.	Cannon-st. N. Y.	Thomas Stephens,
Stanton-street, N. Y.	R. C. Ackerly,	1st Ch. Jersey City,	David K. Stephens,
Lansingburgh, North Ch. N. Y.	I. Felshaw, J. H. Townsend,	Sixth-st. N. Y.	Thomas Buskirt, John Speir,
Zion, Orange co. Cairo,	W. Atkinson, David Johnson,	Pierpont-st. Brooklyn,	John Speir, Rich'd S. Geary,
Lattingtown, West Hillsdale,	Oliver Cosman, Jacob Roswell,	1st Ch. Guilderland,	Rich'd Hermans, George Thompson,
Schenectady, Kingston,	John Vine, Corn's S. Felter,	North Ch. S. Island,	J. Stephens, Samuel F. Ford,
Westkill Ch. Lex'a, Athens,	Henry Clossou, A. W. Green,	Putnam Valley, West Troy,	Ephraim Wood, A. C. Churchill,
Amity-st. N. Y.	Rich. J. Bradford,	North Church, Troy,	C. W. Houghton, Peter B. Amery,
Coxsackie, Saugerties,	Cyrenius D. Craig, Thomas Williams,	South Ch. Albany, Laight-st. N. Y.	Walter Buddington.
		Fourth-st. N. Y.	
		Rosendale,	

25. The Missionary Committee made the following report, which was accepted.

The Missionary Committee appointed at the last Annual Meeting of this body, have great pleasure in being able to report, that during the past year they have had under consideration special applications from twelve Baptist churches within the bounds of this Association; all of which seemed upon the most careful investigation of their circumstances, to require pecuniary assistance in sustaining their respective stations.

The following are the appropriations recommended to the Executive Committee of the New-York Baptist State Convention:—

1842.	To aid in establishing a new interest on 42d street, and 8th Avenue, provided they obtain the services of Bro. Backus,	\$200
July 18.	To the First Baptist Church in Jersey City, provided they continue Bro. Haynes, as their pastor,	100
"	To the Baptist Church in Coxsackie,	75
"	" in Guilderland,	75
"	" in Putnam Valley,	50
"	" in New Durham, New-Jersey.	50
Oct. 5.	" in Cold Spring,	50
1843.	" in Williamsburg, L. I.	200
Jan. 3.	" in Kingston.	25
April 19.	" in Orange, New-Jersey.	30
"	To assist the newly formed Baptist Church in Rosendale in supporting Elder Morris,	100
		\$955

In each of the above appropriations your committee have entertained a scrupulous regard to the known deficiencies in the Treasury of the Convention; and in several instances, the recommendation of your committee was obtained only upon the repeated and urgent appeal of the applicants. This arose from no unwillingness to dispense

the bounty of the Association, but from the necessity of a judicious disbursement of your funds among so many whose claims appeared to be so nearly equal. To prevent, as far as possible, a single misapplication of the funds, your Committee in July last, published in the Baptist Advocate the following statement, as a guide to those who solicited the aid of the Association, viz.—

1st, That appropriations be recommended only for churches which are statedly supplied by an acceptable ordained minister, unless it should be deemed expedient to employ an itinerant minister within the bounds of the Association.

2nd, That it be understood as a condition to all appropriations, that they cease when the stated labours of the minister named in the application of a church are discontinued, unless a special agreement is otherwise made.

3rd, That applicants be required to furnish definite answers to the following questions, viz:

1st, What is the number of inhabitants in your town? The probable number (of all ages) considered as belonging to your society? The number of communicants in your church? and the average attendance (of all ages) at public worship on Sundays?

2nd, What is the amount of property in your society? And what is the amount in the church?

3rd, Have you a Sunday school? If so, how many teachers and scholars are connected with it, and how many volumes belong to the library?

4th, What is the name of your minister? What is his age? Has he a family? If so, how many of them depend upon him for support? Is he regularly ordained? What portion of time does he statedly supply the church?

5th, What is the whole amount necessary for the support of your minister per annum, so that he can give himself entirely to the work of the ministry? What proportion of that amount will your church engage to pay him? What proportion does he expect from any other source? What is the least proportion of it that will answer from the Convention.

6th, What is the distance from your place or places of worship to that of the nearest Baptist church, and what churches of other denominations are in your vicinity?

N. B. From the above it will be seen that such churches as intend to apply for the recommendation of the Committee, will prevent delay by giving the information required with their applications, and those who have applied, and omitted the information, will also please forward another letter containing the statements required.

Your committee have not been officially informed whether the whole of the foregoing amount has been actually paid by the Board of the Convention; but they feel a strong conviction that every dollar appropriated, has been like bread cast upon the waters which shall be found after many days. Already have the fruits of your beneficence sprung up in several places to cheer the hope of a future and abundant harvest. In Williamsburg the Lord has poured out his spirit upon the church and many in the congregation have been converted from the error of their ways. A commodious house for public worship capable of accommodating 800 persons is in a course of completion; and in their last communication, the church remark: "Your past favours encourage us again to ask your aid, with the confident hope on our part that this will be the last year we shall be compelled to solicit assistance." In Orange, New-Jersey, a work of grace has also been experienced. A considerable number have been added to the church, and they are making arrangements to erect a house for the worship of God. Rev. Josiah Hatt, of Hamilton Seminary has been ordained as their Pastor. The infant church in Rosendale, have also been greatly encouraged by the aid which you have rendered them in supporting the gospel ministry, in that place. Brother Morris their pastor has laboured with evident success. Similar statements might be made in regard to the churches at Jersey City, New Durham, Forty-Second-street, and other places where you have contributed to the support of the Gospel of the kingdom. All these churches are the advocates, and as far as they are able, the zealous promoters of Bible, Tract, and Missionary Societies, while Sunday schools and the Temperance enterprise are cherished by the prayers and pecuniary contributions of their members.

Your committee cannot close their report without grateful praise to God, the giver of every good and perfect gift, for so much that is encouraging in the retrospect, and animating in the prospect. They confidently anticipate that the feeble churches, at present nourished by the benevolence of the Hudson River Baptist Association, will

ere long acquire a strength and efficiency which will enable them to replenish your Treasury for the support of other destitute churches, and for the diffusion of the gospel at home and abroad.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES G. SOMMERS, *Chairman*.

GARRAT N. BLEECKER, *Secretary*.

26. Brethren C. G. Sommers, George Benedict, J. L. Hodge, E. Tucker, W. W. Everts, B. M. Hill, Thomas Purser, J. H. Brouner, Wm. R. Williams, D. Bellamy, E. E. L. Taylor, H. Davis, J. O. Choules, and William Colgate, were appointed the Missionary Committee for the ensuing year.

27. The 8th Article of the Constitution was amended so as to read,

"ART. 8. Although as an associated body we utterly disclaim all power over the churches, so far as it respects an interference with their independency and discipline; yet we deem it our privilege to judge for ourselves of the propriety of continuing any church in our connexion. In order, however that we may not withdraw our fellowship without sufficient reason, it is proposed, that when a complaint is made by any two churches of this body, against a church belonging to this Association, (if thought expedient) the Association shall appoint a Committee, who shall request a conference with said church, in order to obtain satisfaction on the points which formed the subject of complaint, and the result shall be reported to the next meeting of the Association, in order that they may decide as duty may require."

The 12th Article of the Constitution was also amended as follows:

"This Association, when convened, shall appoint the time and place of their next Annual Meeting, select a person or persons to preach on the occasion, and shall, from time to time, make such amendments and alterations to this Constitution as experience may dictate."

Brother Wescott, agent of the Board of Foreign Missions, addressed the Association on that subject, and took up a collection amounting to \$35 and two gold rings.

Brother Sidney Dyer, also made an address in behalf of the American Indian Mission Association.

28. "Whereas, This Association embracing in her location, the cities of New-York and Brooklyn, a large portion of Long Island, and more than 150 miles on the line of the Hudson River, including a greater amount of population than is connected with any other Association in our country, possessing a large amount of means to bring the gospel to bear upon many thousands in this community, totally destitute of religious instruction, which have been greatly neglected by this body, therefore,

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to consider what can be done by this Association, throughout all her borders for the vast multitudes that are perishing without the ordinary means of the gospel, and report, as far as practicable, at this session, and more fully at the next Annual Meeting.

Resolution adopted, and referred to a committee consisting of Br. Wm. Colgate, Welch, Taylor, Bellamy, and Brouner.

29. The following resolution, offered by Bro. Bailey, agent of the Board of Foreign Missions, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we approve of the arrangements which have been made for a Missionary Mass Meeting, at Hamilton, to be held on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, the 12th, 13th, and 14th of August next, and we would recommend to the churches of this Association, to excuse their pastors from filling their pulpits on this Sabbath; and to as many of the brethren as cannot attend the above meeting, to assemble in their respective places of worship, and spend the day in prayer, that the Great Head of the church would deepen the missionary spirit in the hearts of the members of our denomination throughout our land.

30. The Committee to whom was referred the state of religion within the bounds of the Association, presented the following report which was read and adopted.

REPORT

OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The Committee on the state of religion in the bounds of this Association, beg leave to report—That having examined the letters from the different churches, they have seen that revivals of religion have been more general and more powerful the last year, than during any preceding year since the organization of this body. In no part of our Zion has a blessing been withheld from well-directed efforts to advance the interests of religion. The plain preaching of Christ and Him crucified, has been the power of God to the salvation of multitudes. Never before has this Association been permitted to record the accession of such numbers by conversion and baptism. May these additions prove a blessing to the churches, in rendering them more efficient in their efforts to enlarge the cause of Christ.

Poughkeepsie.—The pastor of this church has tendered his resignation, of whose ability and devotion they speak in terms of high commendation. They are prospectively destitute of an under-shepherd. May the great Head of the church supply their need.—R. BAUCOCK, JR. Pastor.

Oliver-street, N. Y.—This long cherished church has been favoured with a precious revival of religion during the past year. Extra meetings were held for about seventy successive evenings, during which the power of God was displayed both in the reviving of saints and in the conversion of sinners. It is with devout gratitude that we behold this ancient body, giving her example and consecrating her influence, to extra efforts for the salvation of souls. Her contributions prove her undiminished interest in the benevolent efforts of the day.—ELISHA TUCKER, Pastor.

Mount Pleasant.—No special revival. No stated Pastor. A new interest in Tarrytown has recently sprung up in connexion with this body. Harmony prevails.—No Pastor.

Hudson.—Have settled a new pastor, and seem disposed to thank God and take courage in view of the displays of divine mercy which they have enjoyed the past year. They are enabled to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace.—T. G. FREEMAN, Pastor.

First Church, Troy.—Important changes have taken place with them during the past year. Their former pastor, Rev. J. Cookson, having resigned, the pastoral charge was assumed by Rev. L. O. Lovell. In addition to these changes, they have harmoniously parted with nearly eighty of their members who have organized under happy auspices, into a distinct Baptist church. A revival has been enjoyed and more than fifty baptized. Great harmony exists in the body, and all things appear promising.—L. O. LOVELL, Pastor.

First Baptist Church, Albany.—The history of this church the past year has been rendered memorable by the wonderful displays of the mercy of God. More than three hundred have been baptized, a pastor has been settled, and a new church constituted. They bow with humble gratitude to Him who builds the temple, to whom be all the glory.—I. M. COLEY, Pastor.

Catskill.—The letter from this church is very brief, and contains but little beside statistical information; but from this we gather that a refreshing has been enjoyed during the past year. They are engaged to some extent in forwarding the various objects of benevolence, thus giving proof as well as by conversions in their midst, that the Spirit of the Master is there.—SAMUEL B. WILLIS, Pastor.

Hamilton-street, Albany.—This interesting branch of Zion have waded through some deep waters, but have been sustained and carried forward by the arm of Him who looks upon all His children with favour, but regards with special complacency those who are most faithful to their vows. His smiles are evidently vouchsafed to this devoted little band, and His grace is sufficient for them.—No Pastor.

South Church, N. Y.—Expresses her gratitude to God "for the gracious tokens of his condescension and mercy" towards her. Love and harmony prevail, and she is encouraged to continue her efforts for the salvation of souls.—C. G. SOMMERS, Pastor.

First Church, Brooklyn.—God has caused this efficient body to rejoice in seeing the work of her hands established. Having sown liberally, she has been permitted to gather an abundant harvest of souls. Active in effort—fervent in spirit, and strong in the Lord, she rejoices in abundant prosperity; and expresses her gratitude to God for favours bestowed. Her interesting and growing Sabbath school has shared largely in the revival of religion with which she has been favoured.—J. L. HODGE, Pastor.

Stanton-street, N. Y.—This church has again been favoured with the outpouring of the spirit of God, by which many souls have been converted. She expresses her confidence in protracted meetings, when judiciously conducted, and regards them as among the richest blessings of the modern church. The converts of her extra efforts in former years, are generally persevering in grace. She contributes liberally to the benevolent efforts of the day.—D. BELLAMY, Pastor.

Lansingburgh.—This church being without a pastor, is praying that God would send her one, whose labours may be owned to the salvation of souls.—No Pastor.

North Church, N. Y.—Says "a review of the providences of God during the past year, convinces us that the great Head of the church has watched over us." Peace and harmony are in her midst, and she trusts the Lord will yet show himself gracious to her.—J. H. BROUWER, Pastor.

West Troy.—This church has had to record, the present year, a greater amount of prosperity than had ever before been experienced; enjoying the labours and ministry of the Rev. C. H. Hosken, late missionary to Ireland and the Bay of Honduras. Nearly ninety souls have been added to the church during the year; which, with the erection of a chaste and commodious edifice in which to worship, has filled their hearts with joy and gladness. Unity, peace and prosperity prevail among them, and greater efforts are being put forth in behalf of the perishing heathen, the results of which the ensuing year will develop.—C. H. HOSKEN, Pastor.

Zion, Orange Co.—A change of Pastors has occurred; brotherly love continues and abounds.—GEORGE WEBSTER, Pastor.

Cairo, Greene Co.—Their motto seems to be "faint yet pursuing." In danger of losing their house of worship, becoming more and more reduced by removals, unable to sustain preaching without aid from the Convention, they throw themselves upon the favourable consideration of their brethren. Notwithstanding their reduced and impoverished condition, they esteem it a privilege to seek to maintain their meetings for prayer, and trust that the Highest vouchsafes to them his holy benediction.—No Pastor.

West Hillsdale.—This church, though destitute of a pastor, is in the enjoyment of peace and love; whilst some dew-drops of mercy have fallen in their midst. They state that the sentiments held by the Baptists for more than 1800 years, are fast gaining ground in their part of the moral vineyard. They desire a pastor, and request an interest in the prayers of the Association.—No Pastor.

First Church, Schenectady.—This church has enjoyed a precious revival, by which she has been encouraged to continue in the work of the Lord. She records the death of Deacon Job Champion, a father in Israel, by whose zeal and faithfulness she had long been aided.—LEROY CHURCH, Pastor.

Kingston.—Records the faithfulness of God, has been permitted to enjoy a revival, and speaks in terms of gratitude for the past, and hope for the future.—D. ROBINSON, Pastor.

Vestkill.—This church report a pleasing state of prosperity in their midst, the conversion of souls, the increase of their Christian graces, and a general spirit of benevolence.—I. J. HILL, Pastor.

Athens.—Testifies to the mercy of God in reviving his work in its midst—some loss by death and removals—requests dismission, to unite with the Greene Co. Baptist Association.—S. JONES, Pastor.

Amity-street, N. Y.—This church, under the pastoral care of our esteemed Brother Williams, though not visited with an especial revival of religion, has nevertheless received marks of Divine approbation. One of their number has been sent out as a Medical Missionary to China; relinquishing flattering prospects of success in his native land, that he may become a blessing temporally and spiritually, to the benighted heathen;—to this end the prayers of the Association are earnestly requested.—Wm. R. WILLIAMS, Pastor.

Coxsackie.—This church speak of the removal of their pastor, Br. Gros, in March last. During the winter they enjoyed a refreshing from the presence of the Lord. They speak of pecuniary embarrassments, and fearful anxieties in relation to the final retention of their house in consequence of them.—No stated Pastor.

Saugerties.—This church has had to endure trials, and has enjoyed prosperity. The cause has been sustained, and additions made to the church; their spiritual strength has been renewed, and their comforts multiplied. The church now enjoys the ministry of the Rev. Cyrus Shook.

Sand Lake.—This church with open heart and hand welcome the Association to their hearths and altars, and with a truly liberal and Christian spirit provide for our comfort while among them. They have enjoyed a season of revival in which about thirty have been added to Zion. They have contributed to the benevolent enterprises of the day.—WILLIAM I. LOOMIS, Pastor.

Kinderhook.—This little church, though slightly decreased in numbers, encourages pleasing expectations for the future, under the pastoral care of the Rev. G. W. Harris. They profess to be at peace among themselves, but aspire to a higher standard of piety.—G. W. HARRIS, Pastor.

Philipstown.—This church rejoices, that in the providence of God, they are again permitted to meet with the Association. Twenty-five have been added by baptism, and the church seems to rejoice in hope. "May the little one become a thousand."

Pearl-street, Albany.—This church has abundant occasion to take the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. The seed which has long been faithfully sown, has of late brought forth fruit bountifully, through the gracious power of the Holy Spirit. The church is much increased in numbers and strength, and still ready for every good word and work. The spirit of the Chief Shepherd of Israel so freely imparted to His under-shepherd over this branch of Zion, seems likewise to pervade the hearts of this highly favoured flock.—B. T. WELCH, Pastor.

Baptist Church, Hamburg, Germany.—No communication has been received from this body; but from a letter directed to Brother Sommers, late Corresponding Secretary of the American and Foreign Bible Society, we are enabled to state the following interesting facts:—

1. That the Baptist church in Hamburg, though persecuted, is not forsaken. The preaching of the Gospel by Brother Oncken continues to be blessed, and frequent accessions are made to the number of those who, through grace, are made willing to forsake the world and follow Christ.

2. That Brother Oncken, the evangelical and active pastor of the church, aided by brethren Werner, Kriebner, and other zealous brethren, continues to distribute the Sacred Scriptures among the destitute millions of Germany and Denmark.

3. That present indications encourage the hope that, at no distant period, the cause of truth is destined to obtain that favour in Germany, for which American Baptists have been praying since the first establishment of the church of Christ in Hamburg.

Church at Pittstown.—Have passed through many trials, yet no weapon has been permitted to prosper against them. They have often been led to compare themselves with God's ancient people of Israel in their judgments and mercies.

First Church, Orange, N. J.—This little church has enjoyed a precious season of revival. Nearly forty have been baptized and added to the church. They now contemplate the erection of a house of worship. Doubtless their wealthy neighbours will sympathize with them in this noble effort. They have requested permission to unite with the East New Jersey Association.—JOSIAH HATT, Pastor.

New Durham.—This church have during the whole of the past year, enjoyed the presence of the Holy Spirit. They have had additions to their number every month by baptism. Their congregation has increased so that they expect to enlarge their meeting house some time during the ensuing year. They thank God for having sent

and continued among them, their devoted Pastor, who has been a blessing not only to themselves, but also to destitute places in their vicinity.—G. F. HENDRICKSON, Pastor.

Tabernacle, N. Y.—Events of importance have also transpired in this church during the past year. A body of its members, associated with some from other churches, obtained at a very favourable rate, the meeting-house corner of Laight and Varick streets, and were organized into an independent Baptist church. For this enterprise this church dismissed more than one hundred of its members, and in addition parted with their pastor, Bro. W. W. Everts, who assumed the pastoral charge of the infant church. Since that period they have been destitute of a pastor, but have enjoyed a rich revival, in which numbers have been converted. Bro. George Hatt administers the ordinances of the Gospel among them.—No Pastor.

Cannon-street, N. Y.—Their letter is brief, but very interesting. During the past year a change of pastors has occurred. Br. Grenell having resigned, his place is filled by Bro. Henry Davis. The past year has been with them a season of unexampled prosperity, more than two hundred having been added by baptism. Their Sabbath School consists of more than five hundred scholars.—H. DAVIS, Pastor.

Jersey City and Harsimus.—This church speak of mingled joy and sorrow. They were in trouble for a season, but having dismissed a large number of their members to join other churches, peace and harmony have been restored to the church. They have during the past year, received a large number by baptism, and in view of the past, they feel increased confidence that God is willing to bless them in the discharge of duty.—A. HAYNES, Pastor.

Williamsburg.—This youthful body have experienced a year of favour from the Most High. Between fifty and sixty have been added by baptism. They occupy a most important position, and with tokens of encouraging success. They have a meeting-house nearly completed, but their means are insufficient to defray the entire expense. Their debt, particularly that contracted for three lots of ground, amounting to 2200 dollars, they hope to be able to extinguish if they can have the aid of the churches of this Association.—LAWSON MUZZY, Pastor.

Sixth-street, N. Y.—Important changes have taken place in the affairs of this church, during the past year. They have sold their house of worship in Sixth-st., with the view of building another for their better accommodation; paid the debts of the church, and have a balance on hand towards the erection of a new house. They have been accommodated for the last six months at the Stuyvesant Institute, where they have had much religious enjoyment, and witnessed the increase of their congregation. Several have found peace in believing in Christ, and a spirit of harmony and brotherly love continue to prevail in the church.—J. O. CHOULES, Pastor.

Pierpont-st., Brooklyn.—Like most of our churches, this body has also been favoured with a revival. They have hitherto occupied a hired place of worship, but are now about erecting a neat and commodious meeting-house in Pierpont-street. In consequence of this, the name by which they have been known is changed from "the East Church in Brooklyn," to "the Pierpont-st. Church." Their prospects are highly favourable.—E. E. L. TAYLOR, Pastor.

Norfolk-street.—They report an accession by baptism of nearly one hundred and fifty, and seem to be in all respects in prosperous circumstances. During the past year they have dismissed some fifty of their number for the purpose of forming another church, which has already been done, and is known as the Fourth-st. Church, under the care of Br. Cookson. The rapid progress of the Norfolk-street church during the brief period of its history, is at once occasion of devout gratitude to God, and of encouragement to the denomination, of the success with which well-directed efforts may be crowned in our great cities.—GEO. BENEDICT, Pastor.

Guilderland.—This little church has experienced a revival season under the labours of the brother recently ordained as their pastor. It expresses a decided interest in the benevolent operations of the church, while it regrets its inability to do any thing more. Its language is, "We send for the aid of missions our most fervent prayers along with your faith and money."—C. FERGUSON, Pastor.

North Church, Staten Island.—This church record their testimony to the faithfulness of a covenant keeping God. They have been blessed during the past year with peace and prosperity. They have, however, suffered great inconvenience from the location of their meeting-house in a place remote from the residences of almost the entire congregation. In view of this fact, they are intending in accordance with the advice of a council, composed of ministering and lay brethren from abroad, to build a substantial brick house, 40 by 60 feet, at Port Richmond. Measures are already adopted for this purpose, and they hope soon to be able to accomplish their object.

The church have during the past year, enjoyed a gracious revival of religion, and received repeated accessions to their number.—J. T. SEELY, Pastor.

Putnam Valley.—This church has been severely tried, but does not yield to discouragement. Had some season of refreshing from the Divine presence.—MARCUS GRIFFIN, Pastor.

Fourth-street Church, N. Y.—The origin of this church is as follows: A few members of the Norfolk-st. church, with the unqualified approbation of the church of which they were members, procured their present place of worship with the view of forming a new interest. After deliberate consideration, and earnest prayer, forty-seven brethren and sisters were publicly recognized as the Fourth Street Baptist Church, of the city of New-York, May 11th, 1843. Their present number is 59. They have an interesting and attentive congregation, and a flourishing Sabbath school.—J. COOKSON, Pastor.

Laight-st.—This church is among those formed during the past year. It consisted originally of members from the Tabernacle church, who, in kind feeling, and with a most liberal spirit of enterprise, separated from the mother church, and with some aid from sister churches, purchased a house in a destitute and most desirable part of the city. Their prospects are highly encouraging, having nearly trebled their number since their organization in December last.—W. W. EVERTS, Pastor.

North Baptist Church, Troy.—This new interest, which has commenced its operations under promising circumstances, was cordially welcomed as a member of the H. R. Association. The field which it occupies is important, and the great Head of the church seems thus far to have graciously smiled upon the infant body.—LELAND HOWARD, Pastor.

South Church, Albany.—This church in her first letter to this Association, and in the first year of her existence, has had to recount marvellous displays of Divine grace. Commencing with seventy-nine members, she has grown in less than one year, to the astonishing number of 340! More than quadruple the number of members at formation. The church is engaged in building a commodious house of worship, to meet the necessities of an increased congregation. Their beloved pastor, the Rev. S. Wilkin, labours with acceptance among an affectionate people.

Rosendale.—This church was constituted in November last, with but 26 members, under very interesting circumstances, through the instrumentality of Br. Morris, late of Kingston. They have been richly blessed with a gracious out-pouring of the Spirit during the last winter under the labours of their pastor, and brother Lewis Raymond. They have built a good meeting-house, and are enjoying prosperity. Present number 146.—DAVID MORRIS, Pastor.

In the accessions to the churches, and in the addition of churches to this Association, we have special occasion to acknowledge, that God has done great things for us. Though in the production of this great work, instruments have been used, yet we rejoice that all the churches unite in ascribing the power and the glory to "Him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will." During the past year, nearly all the churches in this Association have engaged in special efforts for promoting religion, and have held extra meetings in which they have had clear evidences of the readiness of God to answer prayer, and to succeed humble efforts for enlarging the cause of Christ.

With such encouragement to faithfulness and diligence, may we zealously engage in the service of our divine Lord; looking to him that he will continue to bless our efforts and to crown the coming year with loving kindness.

E. E. L. TAYLOR, <i>Chairman,</i>	
D. BELLAMY.	} <i>Committee.</i>
L. O. LOVELL.	
HENRY DAVIS.	
C. H. HOSKEN.	
T. G. FREEMAN.	
J. M. COLEY.	

31. The Committee appointed "to consider what can be done by the Association, throughout all her borders, for the vast multitudes that are perishing without the ordinary means of the Gospel," presented the following resolution, which was accepted, and on motion was adopted:—

Resolved, That the Missionary Committee of this Association be authorized to act in concert with the Missionary Committee of the New-York Association, if they deem it expedient, in supplying the destitution that exists within the bounds of this Association, particularly in the city of New-York and upon Long Island.

32. Whereas the Hamilton Lit. and Theological Institution is the one to which we principally look for the instruction of our young men preparing to preach the Gospel, both in our own country and amongst the heathen; and whereas the Board of our Education Society are struggling to pay off a large debt, and to meet the current expenses of the institution, which are about 14,000 dollars annually, and must raise 5,000 dollars during the next sixty days, therefore

Resolved, That this Association recommend to the churches composing this body, to take a public collection the last Lord's-day in July, or the first in August, to assist the Board in making up the above sum.

33. Brethren Elisha Tucker, J. M. Coley, Henry Davis, H. L. Gros, D. Bellamy, S. B. Willis, L. Howard, W. W. Everts, L. O. Lovell, B. T. Welch, D. Morris, S. Wilkins, C. H. Hosken, were appointed delegates to attend the Anniversary of the New-York State Convention, to be held in Syracuse, on the third Wednesday in October next.

34. The following brethren were appointed delegates to attend the next Anniversary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and also of the American and Foreign Bible Society, to be held in Philadelphia, on Tuesday, April 23, 1844:—E. Tucker, E. E. L. Taylor, D. Bellamy, H. Davis, J. H. Brouner, G. Hatt, J. M. Coley, T. Purser, D. Morris, A. Haynes, and L. Howard.

35. The Committee appointed to examine the minutes of Corresponding Associations, reported "That they have performed the duty assigned them, and find nothing requiring the particular attention of this body."

36. The Committee of Arrangements for the next meeting, made the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee of Arrangements recommend that the Association meet at half past 3 o'clock, P. M., on Tuesday, preceding the third Wednesday in June, 1844, with the Baptist church in Hudson. Brother Elisha Tucker, to preach the introductory sermon; Brother Leroy Church his alternate; after which a collection to be taken in aid of the Widows' Fund.

Brother Wm. R. Williams to preach the Education Sermon in the evening, Brother L. O. Lovell his alternate; and a collection to be taken up in aid of the New-York Baptist Education Society.

37. The following Churches requested permission to withdraw from this Association for the purpose of uniting with other Associations, if they shall think it expedient to do so before the next annual meeting: Stanton-street Church, New-York; Baptist Church, in Athens, Greene county, N. Y.; Westkill Church, in Lexington county, N. Y.; Baptist Church, in New Durham, New-Jersey, and First Church, Orange, New-Jersey.

ASSOCIATIONAL STATISTICS.

This Association embraces 48 Churches, 61 Ordained Ministers, 13 Licentiates, and 11,750 Members.

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Hamilton-st. Alb South, N. Y.	William C. Ulyatt Benjamin H. Clift	Univ. of N. Y.	1 00 A 2 00	...	5 00	...	1500 00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Obs.	1	John J. Ashley	1	17	72	17	6	1	154
First Brooklyn Stanton-st. N. Y.	William S. Mikel A. Gamble	Hamilton do.	10 00 A 5 00	108 00 67 50	81 00 250 00	10 00 2 50	900 00 1140 13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Obs.	1	Elizabeth Lewis	1	63	408	60	30	600	
Lansingburgh North, N. Y.			1 00 A 4 00	...	25 00	2 50	...	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Obs.	1	Miss A. Cox	1	47	249	47	14	2	230
West Troy Zion, Orange Co.			53 00 A 1 00	12 00	12 00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Obs.	1	Hamilton Perry	1	16	103	13	16	167	
Albany, N. Y. Actingtown West Hilldale			1 25 C 1 25	...	2 31	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Obs.	1	Jas. H. Townsend	1	35	280	32	3	782	
Shenectady Wingston	Katharine Cook	Hamilton	1 00 A 5 00	24 00	12 00	5 00	35 00 50 00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Obs.	1	Han. M. Talmadge	1	15	70	15	16	315	
Westkill Athens	W. H. Purdy Geo. W. Holbrook	Hamilton do.	2 00 A 1 00	10 12 11 10	10 12 18 00	...	32 00 650 00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Obs.	1	Jonas Orser	1	20	100	20	6	350	
Coxsackie Saugerties 7d Sand Lake Kinderhook Phillipstown Pearl-st. Albany			1 25 A 1 00 A 3 00 A 1 50 A 1 25 A 10 00	7 00 30 00 30 00 4 7 6 10	14 22 3 00 5 25	30 00 25 00 100 00 42 00 2000 00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Obs.	1	A. Baker	1	9	45	10	1	100	
Pittstown 1st Orange, N. J. New Durham Farrucastle, N. Y.			1 00 A 1 50 A 10 00	3 00 ...	4 00 120 00	...	700 00 4442 00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Obs.	1	George C. Germond	1	37	354	4	1	600	
Watson-st. N. Y.			5 00	...	2 50	750 00	...	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Obs.	1	Peter Bacon	1	48	584	46	36	250	
Jersey City Eschel, Wmshg.			2 00 A 1 50	5 00 5 00	8 35 59 00	100 00	...	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Obs.	1	Harriet Whitney	1	15	120	150	
Sixth-st. N. Y. Parport-st. N. Y. Norfolk-st. N. Y.			2 50 C 3 00 A 10 00	...	15 00 160 00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Obs.	1	John B. Wells	1	150	130		
1st Gaiderland North, Sixton I. Patham Valley Fourth-st. N. Y.			1 00 A 2 50 A 1 25 A 3 50	30 00 5 00	21 00 9 55	75 00	...	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Obs.	1	George Parker	1	6	20	6	40	55	
Eight-st. N. Y. South, Albany North, Troy			8 00 C 5 00 A 1 25	...	150 00 10 00 17 19	300 00 215 00	...	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Obs.	1	Ann Crookson	1	36	295	6	6	604	
Roseville			2 00 A 172 00	...	15 00	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Obs.	1	C. W. Houghton	1	22	131	22	30	121	
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The Churches are requested to be more particular in making up their next Report, of sums contributed for benevolent purposes.

A Own meeting-house

B Own meeting-house on leased ground.

C Building.

E Hire.

38. *Resolved*, That the grateful thanks of this Association be tendered to the church and friends in Sand Lake, for their kind and liberal entertainment of the members of this body, during its present session.

39. The Moderator and Clerk were appointed a committee to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Hymn beginning

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love,"

was sung, after which the Moderator affectionately addressed the Association, and offered fervent prayer to the throne of grace, when the Association adjourned to meet with the Baptist Church in Hudson, at half-past 3 o'clock, P. M., June 18, 1844.

ELISHA TUCKER, *Moderator*.

ARCHIBALD MACLAY, *Corresponding Secretary*.

GARRAT N. BLEECKER, *Clerk*.

JAMES B. COLGATE, *Assistant Clerk*.

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Wednesday Evening, 8 o'clock.

Agreeably to appointment, brother Everts preached a sermon from the 2d Epistle of John, 9th v. "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son."

Prayer by brother Chas. Evans, of South Reading, Mass. Appointments were made for religious services to take place the following day.

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Standing Resolutions.

1. *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.

2. We also recommend our churches to observe the concert of prayer for Sabbath schools on the second Monday evening of every month.

3. *Resolved*, That the churches belonging to this Association be requested in their future letters to state definitely the sums contributed for the several benevolent organizations respectively.

1. *Resolved*, That the Association recommend to the churches of which it is composed, to observe the first Monday in January of each year, in the exercise of religious fasting and prayer to Almighty God for his blessing upon the various means employed for the conversion of the world to the obedience of the faith.

5. *Resolved*, That the religious education of the young is a duty commending itself to every parental and Christian feeling; that this Association hail with gratitude the increasing interest manifested by Christians generally, in Sabbath school instruction, and the tokens of enlarged success with which God is prospering that Institution;—That they commend to all the churches of this body, the establishment and increase of these schools, to be furnished with good libraries, and to receive regular visits from the pastor.

6. *Resolved*, That the churches be requested to observe the last Thursday in February in each year, as a season of prayer for revivals in the various colleges and literary institutions in our country.

7. *Resolved*, That any member of this Association, who may attend Associations with which we correspond, shall be considered our delegate, provided he presents a copy of our Minutes.

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☞ The churches are requested to furnish the information for the Table of ASSOCIATIONAL STATISTICS, in the order in which they are printed in the Minutes of this year; and to enclose all moneys in separate letters to the Treasurer of the Association—by observing which much time and labour will be saved. Corresponding Associations will please send a copy of their last minutes by their delegates to the Annual Meeting, or by mail to the clerk of this Association, at any time previous to the next meeting. Direct to 48 Franklin-street, New-York.