

The minutes having been read and approved, the Moderator made an affectionate address to the Association, and after offering a fervent prayer to the throne of grace, adjourned the Association, to meet with the Eleventh-street Baptist Church, in the city of New York, on Tuesday, the 15th day of June, 1847, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

JAMES L. HODGE, *Moderator.*

DAVID BELLAMY, *Clerk.*

DAVID A. BOKEE, *Assistant Clerk.*

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 endeavor by all proper means to excite and

6. *Resolved*, That the churches be requested to observe the last Thursday in February in each year, as the 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.

N. B.—The statistical information for the year has been rendered in so imperfect a manner by the respective churches, (with but three or four exceptions) that the Tables are of necessity very incomplete. It is particularly urged, that hereafter the clerks of churches furnish tables in the order and form in which they are printed in the Minutes of this year; and to enclose all moneys in separate letters to the Clerk or Treasurer of the Association—by observing which much time and labor will be saved.

Corresponding Associations will please send a copy of their last minutes by their delegates to the Annual Meeting, or by mail, at any time prior to the next meeting, addressed to the Clerk, Rev. David Bellamy, New York.

THE

THIRTY-SECOND 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

TWELFTH-STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, NEW-YORK.

JUNE 15, 16, 17, 1847.

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1847.

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. No person shall be eligible to an election as Moderator two years in succession.

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 of 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 negatived, 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. Immediately after the Association has met, the Moderator of the last session, or in his absence the Chairman who presides at the organization of the Association, shall forthwith, after taking the chair, appoint a Committee to report upon the state of religion, and the members of such Committee whilst engaged in preparing their report, shall be excused from their attendance upon the Association.

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

MINUTES.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 1847.

At 10 o'clock, A. M., the Association assembled in the meeting-house of the Twelfth-st. Baptist church, in the city of New York.

Introductory prayer by brother J. H. Walden, of Troy.

1. The sermon was preached by Rev. Henry Davis, of New York, from 2 Timothy, 2d chapter, 10th verse.

Concluding prayer by brother Rodgers of New Jersey.

After which a collection for the Widows' Fund was taken, amounting to \$20 72.

2. The Chair was then taken by Rev. J. L. Hodge, the Moderator of last year, and the Association proceeded to ballot for its officers; the following brethren were elected:

Brother Jacob H. Brouner, Moderator; Garrat N. Bleecker, Clerk; William Winterton, Treasurer.

3. Ministering brethren present, belonging to sister associations, were invited to take seats with us, and assist in the deliberations of the body. The invitation was accepted by

Brethren E. H. Ballard, C. Brinkerhoff, B. C. Morse, from the Union Association; Wm. E. Waterbury, from Nassau, N. Y.; O. Tracy, from Hartford, Conn., and Agent of the Amer. Bap. Mis. Union; Andrew Wilkins, Rose Valley, Wayne co., N. Y.; A. P. Buell, Peekskill, N. Y.; W. D. Corbin, Monroe Association, N. Y.; Edward Kelly, a member of the Concord Association, of Tennessee.

The rules of order were read by the Moderator.

Prayer by brother S. H. Cone, of the New York Association.

4. Brethren William R. Williams, Wm. Arthur, Clapp, Mason, and Seely, were appointed a Committee to report on the state of religion within the bounds of the Association.

5. Brethren Sidney A. Corey, Davis and Tucker, were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for devotional exercises, and on overtures for religious benevolence.

Progress having been made in reading the letters, the Association adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by brother Sommers.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by brother Stokes.
Resumed the reading of the letters from the churches, and which were completed.

The following is a statistical table compiled from the information which they furnish—viz :

The names of Pastors and ordained Ministers are in SMALL CAPITALS; those of Licentiates in italics; Ministers not present are marked thus, *; (the names of other delegates are not noted unless present); — denotes no settled minister; U denotes unlimited; Y, yearly.

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS AND MESSENGERS.	Restored	Baptized	Rec. by Letter	Rec. by expe.	Dis. by Letter	Dropped.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	When consti- tuted.	Pas. since org.	Time prs. Pas	How called.
<i>Poughkeepsie.</i> Henry L. Van Kleeck.	*CHAS. VAN LOON, ELIPHAZ FAY. John Hazlet, H. L. VAN Kleeck. ELISHA TUCKER, *F. WAYLAND, SEN. LUKE DAVIES. IRA M. ALLEN, JOHN C. MURPHY, John W. Saries, James M. Hope, Geo. M. Van Derlip, Dea. Thomas Pursert. " Robt. Edwards. " Roger Pegg, " James Wilson.		7	11		9		2		2305	1807	6	3	U
<i>Oliver-street, N. Y.</i> Garra N. Bleecker.	Calvin Wheelock, jr. Peter Anderson, A. B. Capwell, John Haviland, Samuel Raynor, Lewis B. Reed, jr. Robt. Thompson, George Childs, Benj. F. Ford, George Adams, Garra N. Bleecker, LEROY CHURCH, WILLIAM STURGES, Dea. H. P. Skinner. G. C. BALDWIN, BENJ. M. HILL, Dea. Abm. Numan, " G. Buckingham	1	4	13	21	2	12		6	585	1795	3	8	U
<i>Hudson,</i> H. P. Skinner,	WILLIAM STURGES, Dea. H. P. Skinner. G. C. BALDWIN, BENJ. M. HILL, Dea. Abm. Numan, " G. Buckingham		3	13		16	3	5		228	1810	12	2	U
<i>1st Church, Troy,</i> D. Hathaway	Curtis Wilbur, Willam Fabre, E. I. Mattock, M D. Wm. Tillinghast.	4	10	20		19	1	6		5615	1795	7	3	U

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS AND MESSENGERS.	Restored	Baptized	Rec. by Letter	Rec. by expe.	Dis. by Letter	Dropped.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	When consti- tuted.	Pas. since org.	Time prs. pas.	How called.
<i>1st Church, Albany,</i> N. A. Fish.	WM. S. CLAPP, Luther B. Hart, Ebenezer Jones, Isaac Polhemus, James Pike, Jacob MrMicken.		120	1	32	10	17			1403	1811		3	U
<i>Catskill,</i> George S. Marsh.	E. F. PLATT, GEORGE WEBSTER, Dea. F. N. Willson, " Charles Willson.		8	3	1	4	5	1		141	1803			
<i>Hamilton-st. Albany</i> W. S. McIntyre,	W. B. SERRINGTON.					1		6	1	67	1821			
<i>South Ch. N. York.</i> E. Kingsley.	CHAS. G. SOMMERS, Wm. C. Ulyat, Dea. Jas. Forster, E. Kingsley, Wm. Sharp, Robt. C. N. Bell, Geo. W. Bloecker. JAMES L. HODGE, *ROBT. R. RAYMOND, Dea. Elijah Lewis, " Eph'm Corning, " David Lester, " Jas. Tushill, " William Hagar,		8	10		25				3449	1822		126	U
<i>1st Ch., Brooklyn.</i> E. L. Brown.	I. W. Raymond, J. W. Peck, A. N. Lewis, J. P. Williams, Wm. H. Colton, David A. Bokee. STEP. REMINGTON, JOHN R. BIGELOW, John Pettis, Dea. James Cowan,		8	17	1	35		4	9	635	1823		5	6 U
<i>Stanton-st. Ch. N. Y.</i> James Cowan.	Wm. Plumb, David Bailie, Benj. M. Thompson, Drake P. Todd, Wm. H. Taylor, Chas. B. Stout.	2	26	22	4	52	4	8	7	445	1823		3	1 U
<i>Lansingburgh.</i> S. C. Bull,	WM. ARTHUR, S. G. Bull, Jas. McFarland, JACOB II BROWNER, Wm. Hatt, Dea. J. H. Townsend, " John Remsen, " Henry P. See,			5		12	8	8		189	1804			
<i>North Ch., N. Y.</i> Jas. H. Townsend,	Edward Clover, Saml. W. Kirby, Wm. K. Randolph, Thomas Coppins, Thomas Coppins, jr.		5	4	1	18		2	6	291	1827		3	1 U
<i>Cairo.</i> W. Noble.	Lewis Purrington.		4		6	12		1		60	1812			

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS AND MESSENGERS.	Restored.	Baptized.	Rec. by Letter.	Rec. by expe.	Dis. by Letter.	Dropped.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	When com- mited.	Pas. since org. Time pr. Pas.	How called.
Hope Chapel, N. Y. A.M.Fanning.	DAVID BELLAMY, Thomas Fanning, Wm. H. Field, Malby G. Lane, Wm. D. Salisbury, Leonard Bond, B. S. Longstreet, John R. Simpson, Bela S. Squire, Henry Estwick, Abram M. Fanning.		10	11						128	1947	1	U
Totals,		15	445	485	35	699	109	180	119	12092			

This Association is composed of 60 churches; 79 ordained ministers; and 20 licentiates.

6. Brethren C. H. Underhill, Stokes and Morris, were appointed a Committee to examine the Minutes of Corresponding Associations.

7. Brother Arthur reported in behalf of the Committee appointed at last meeting of the Association to visit the church at Pittstown, "that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that in answer to prayer, the divisions unhappily existing in that body, had been healed. They are now united and have a settled pastor."

8. Brethren E. Lathrop, R. Thompson, S. Wilkins, D. Williams, and Geo. Benedict were appointed a Committee to whom were referred all applications of churches for admission into this Association.

On motion, adjourned with prayer, by brother S. Remington, to meet at 8 o'clock, P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

Met at 8 o'clock, for worship.

9. Brother David Bellamy, of New York, preached in behalf of the N. York Education Society, from Ephesians, 4th chap., 11th o 14th verses inclusive.

After which a collection was taken up for the Education cause, amounting to \$18 17.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 16.

The Association assembled at 9 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by brother Thompson.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

10. A communication was received from the Sixth-st. Church, communicating the following extract from their church minutes:

Whereas, in the Providence of Almighty God, this church has been harassed with difficulties for several years, arising from a suit in chancery, brought by one Johnson Chase, making it evident that it could not sustain its visibility in the worship of God by supporting the stated preaching of the Gospel; and have in accordance with such indications of Providence, been dismissing its members to other churches, with a view that as soon as circumstances should justify, it would dissolve itself as an independent Baptist church of Christ;

And whereas, the time having now arrived when we ought so to dissolve as a church; be it therefore

Resolved, That we do now dissolve ourselves as a Church of Christ; believing that in so doing we are in the path of duty, and shall have the approbation of the Great Head of the Church, and that by uniting as individuals with other churches, we can be more useful in advancing the Redeemer's kingdom in the world.

11. Brethren J. L. Hodge, H. Davis, E. E. L. Taylor, W. W. Everts, and A. Haynes, were appointed a Committee to report the necessary arrangements for the next anniversary.

12. Brother Wm. R. Williams having resigned as a member and chairman of the Committee on the State of Religion within the bounds of the Association, brother Wm. Arthur was chosen chairman of the committee, and brother Isaac Orchard was appointed to fill the vacancy.

13. Brother Everts offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were seconded by brother Wm. Colgate, and, on motion, laid on the table until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Whereas, By the unprecedented commercial activity of the population of this country, and especially of the large cities; by the universal and intense political excitements attendant upon the progress of a free government; by new and ever varying modes of social and moral organization, tending to divert from christian institutions the time, the sympathy, and the pecuniary support of the people; and by the influx of a foreign population, without churches, religious teachers, or adequate means for their evan-

gelization; the progress of religion greatly hindered among us, and the permanency and even the existence of its institutions menaced; therefore

Resolved, 1. That a portion of each session of this Association should be devoted, according to the provisions of the 11th article of the constitution, to serious and prayerful conference and inquiry as to the best modes of bringing the means of grace to bear in their pliancy and adaptation, upon every class and condition of the community.

2. That the employment of domestic missionaries to travel and preach among the destitute, keeping the churches advised of opening fields of usefulness, and acting as pioneers in rearing new interests; would greatly facilitate the duty of the Association, in the establishment of religion throughout its borders.

3. That whereas, places of worship must be multiplied in large and growing communities in proportion to the increase of population, and in their erection there is generally a reliance upon foreign assistance to a greater or less extent; and whereas that assistance should be rendered by neighboring churches, and should seldom be sought beyond the bounds of an Association;

Therefore, Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to report at the next session of the Association, upon the best mode of providing places of worship for destitute communities, and especially for the growing population of our large cities.

14. Brother E. Lathrop reported in behalf of the Committee on Letters from Churches making application for admission into the Association—that “applications had been received from the ‘*Hope Chapel*’ Baptist Church in the city of New-York, and from the Green Point Baptist Church, Long Island.”

After the above mentioned letters were read, and other desirable information obtained, it was

Resolved, That we recommend that the letters from the above churches be read before the Association, and that they be received as members of this body.

15. In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee, the letters from the two churches named in the report were read and on motion it was unanimously

Resolved, That they be admitted as members of this Association,—

Whereupon, the Moderator, in behalf of the Association, gave the right hand of fellowship to the representatives severally of the following churches, viz: Brother David Bellamy, Pastor of the Hope Chapel, and brother A. Gamble, pastor of the Greenport Church, Long Island.

16. The following delegates were appointed to Corresponding Associations, viz:

Associations.	Delegates.	Time of Meeting.
Boston, Mass.	Sommers, Everts, Stockbridge, Walden, Remington and Wilson, Minutes.	3d Wednesday in Sept.
Central N. Jersey.	Minutes.	2d Wednesday in Oct.
New London, Dutchess Co.	Perkins, E. Robertson, Mikels, Pursor, Fox, Hagar, Benedict and Tucker, Minutes.	Last Wednesday in Sept.
Madison, New Haven, New York,	Sommers, Hodge, Arthur & Orchard, Tucker, Perkins, Taylor, Hodge, Davis, Morris, Forrester, Brouner, Pursor and Orchard, Minutes.	1st Wednesday in Oct. September.
Philadelphia,	Sommers, Everts, Perkins, Taylor, Wilson, Brouner,	Last Tuesday in May.
Salem, Mass.	Stockbridge, Everts, Colby, and Summers,	1st Tuesday in October.
Saratoga,	H. G. Doy, Bigelow, Welch, Lawton, Haynes, Walden, Minutes.	4th Wednesday in Sept.
Stephentown, Union, N. Y.	Benedict, Underhill, Hazen, Skinner and Church,	4th Wednesday in June.
Rensselaerville,	Ferguson, Seely, Wilkins, Clapp, Church, Skinner, and Barnes,	2d Wednesday in Sept.
Jefferson Union, Sussex, N. J.	Walden, Orchard and Skinner,	1st Wednesday in Sept.
East New Jersey,	Sommers, Pursor, Seely, Tucker, Brouner, Stockbridge, Haynes, Covell, Underhill, Price, Morris,	3d Wednesday in Sept.
Warren, R. I.	Lathrop, Mikels, Stockbridge and Wilson,	Last Wednesday in June.
Black River, Harmony, Shaftsbury, Washington Union, Oneida, Fairfield, Ct.	Minutes, Minutes, Perry, Minutes, Davis and Corey, Seely, Benedict, Orchard, and Bellamy,	1st Tuesday in June.
Otsego, Worcester, Mass.	Minutes, Remington, Marble, Bigelow, Perkins, Perry, Taylor, and Wilson,	September.
Seneca,	Minutes.	June.
Lake George, Franklin, Abington, New Jersey,	Clapp, Arthur, and Church, Minutes, Minutes, Sommers and Davis,	August.
Worcester, N. Y.	Remington and Seely,	1st Wednesday in June.
Onondaga, Berkshire, Mass.	Minutes, Church, Skinner, and D. Robinson,	1st Wednesday in June.
		September.
		2d Wednesday in Oct.
		July.
		1st Thursday in August.
		1st Wednesday in Oct.
		1st Wednesday in Sept.
		4th Wednesday in June.
		1st Wednesday in Sept.

17. The Committee on Devotional Exercises, reported, that three applications had come before them, and they recommend that brother B. M. Hill, Secretary of the Home Mission Society, be allowed to address the Association at 12 o'clock, that brother Herman Norton be permitted to present the claims of the American

Protestant Society, immediately following brother Hill; and also that brother Wm. H. Wyckoff deliver an address in behalf of the American and Foreign Bible Society, immediately after the opening of the afternoon session. Report accepted.

18. Letters and messengers from sister Associations were received, viz :

Associations.	Messengers.
Dutchess County, N. Y., East New Jersey, New York,	Roberts. Sagebury, Rudd, Locke, Hendrickson, Fish, Rodgers, Rollinson, Drake, Thompson, Hatt, Jones, and Staniels. Cone, Dowling, Spencer, White, Griffiths, Steward, and Hopkins.
Stephentown, Washington Union, N. Y. Sussex, N. J., Saratoga, Fairfield County, Ct. Salem Union, Va.	Caleb G. Gurr and — Agan. Minutes received. White. Isaac Wescott. Henry H. Rouse. Minutes received.

19. The Committee of Arrangements presented the following report, which was adopted, viz :

"The Committee recommend that the Association meet on the Tuesday before the third Wednesday in June, 1848, at 10 o'clock, A. M., with the 1st Baptist Church, Williamsburg, Long Island. Brother Stephen Wilkins to preach the Introductory Sermon; brother A. P. Mason his alternate; after which a collection to be taken in aid of the Widows' Fund. Brother George C. Baldwin to preach in the evening; brother A. Haynes his alternate. After the sermon a collection to be taken in aid of the 'New-York Baptist Education Society.'"

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

Widows' Fund of the Hudson River Association in Account with WILLIAM COLGATE, Treasurer.

DR.		CR.	
1846.		1846.	
Oct. 14.—To cash paid Mrs. Vnn Gelder, through Rev. Henry Davis,	\$25 00	June 16—By balance,	\$779 15
1847.		1847.	
Jan'y 9—To cash pd B. T. Welch's draft at sight for Mrs. Ford,	75 00	June 16—By balance of interest to date,	49 64
April 21—To cash paid Sarah J. W. Covell,	100 00		
" To cash paid Mrs. Vnn Gelder, through Rev. Henry Davis,	25 00		
To Balance,	596 79		
	<u>\$821 79</u>		<u>\$821 79</u>
		By balance in the Treasurer's hands,	\$596 79

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

Poughkeepsie, Oliver-st., N. Y. Hudson Church, 1st Church, Troy, 1st Church, Albany. Catskill, Hamilton-st. Albany, South Church, N. Y. 1st Church, Brooklyn, Stanton-st., N. Y., Lansingburgh, North Church, N. Y. Zion, Orange co., Cairo, Lutlinton, West Hillsdale, Schenectady, Kingston, Westkill Ch., Lex'n, Athens, Amity-st., N. Y. Coxsackie, Saugerties, Sandlake, 2d Ch. Kinderhook, Phillipstown, 1st Ch. Purl-st., Albany, Pittstown, New Durham.	A. Raymond, George Adams, Jas. B. Van Beuren, Calvin Warner, Daniel Smith, Francis N. Wilson, Benj Lattimore, jr. Lurad C. Heath, David Lester, R. C. Ackerly, T. Fishaw, J. H. Townsend, W. Atkinson, David Johnson, Samuel Covert, J. Rossman, John Draper, Geo. Southwick, A. Bushnell, A. W. Green, W. A. Crocker, Cyrenus D. Craig, Thomas Williams, Albert R. Fox, Eben. B. Hodge, Miles Bonnell, Gaylor Sheldon, George Gibbs, Wm. H. Tracy,	Tabernacle Ch., N. Y. Cannon-st., N. Y. 1st Ch., Jersey City, 1st Ch., Williamsburgh, Pierrepoint st. B'klyn, Norfolk-st., N. Y. Richard S. Geary, 1st Ch., Guilderland, North Ch., S. Island, West Troy, North Ch., Troy, South Ch., Albany, Laight-st., N. Y. Fourth-st., N. Y. Rosendale, 1st Ch., Hyde Park, Twelfth-st., N. Y. First Ch., Tarrytown, Laurens-st., N. Y. Central Poughkeepsie, Woodstock, Harlem, 1st Ch., Rondout, 2d Ch., Woodstock, Grand-st., J. City, 1st Ch., Haverstraw, State-st., Albany, Hope Chapel, Greenpoint,	R. Larcombe, James Forrester, Thos Kingsford, D. K. Stephens, John Spier, Richard S. Geary, Richard Hermans, George Thompson, Samuel F. Ford, Ephraim Wood, A. C. Churchill, G. H. Clapp, Peter B. Amory, W. Buddington, Lewis L. Lansing, Nelson Bailey, H. H. Robertson, Andw. McRoberts, W. B. West, J. Crouse, G. Mason, A. B. Hathaway, A. L. Freeman, H. Domarest, Den. Irvine, William Newton, Malthy G. Lane, A. Gamble.
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PLAN OF MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND.

Unanimously adopted August 3, 1826, 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 of both 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 the 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.

22. *Resolved*, That agreeably to the request of the First Baptist Church of Putnam Valley, we hereby dismiss them to the Union Association, praying that their connexion may prove of mutual benefit.

23. The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of Corresponding Associations, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and recommend the adoption of the following preamble and resolutions, from the Minutes of the New-York Association, relative to the future plan of conducting our

DOMESTIC MISSIONARY OPERATIONS.

Whereas, the order adopted last year of forwarding to the New-York State Convention the moneys contributed by the churches for Domestic Missions within the bounds of our Association, has subjected our brethren, who receive aid, to frequent embarrassments and delays in obtaining the quarterly payments for the amount due to them: *And whereas*, it is desirable to simplify this operation as much as possible in order to render it efficient—therefore

(1.) *Resolved*, That our Treasurer be instructed to retain the funds contributed for this purpose in his own hands, and to pay them out only upon the order of the Missionary Committee, certified by their Secretary.

(2.) That the Missionary Committee be requested to hold regular quarterly meetings to receive applications, make appropriations, and give orders due for the previous quarter's service. The first of these meetings to be held immediately after the Association, the others on the last Mondays in the months of August, November and February, at 3 o'clock. P. M.

(3.) That the Committee be instructed to give orders for the amount due to the different missionaries, only upon condition that a satisfactory quarterly written report shall be presented to them of the labor performed.

(4.) That the doings of our Missionary Committee be forwarded to the Board of the State Convention for their approval.

Report accepted and laid on the table.

24. Brethren Tucker, Davis, Sommers, Corey, Everts, Remington, Townsend, Walden, Day, Stockbridge, Hill, Brouner, Orchard, Wilson, Taylor, were appointed delegates to attend the Anniversary of the New-York State Convention, to be held in Utica, on the third Wednesday in October next.

25. The following brethren were appointed delegates to attend the next Anniversary of the American and Foreign Bible Society: Brethren Benedict, Brouner, Haynes, Colby, Morris, Mason, Hatt, Balen, Covell, Orchard, E. M. Townsend.

26. The Moderator and Clerk were appointed a Committee to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes.

27. Brother Winterton offered the following preamble and resolution, which was seconded by Brother Tucker, and on motion was laid on the table, to be taken up in connexion with Brother Everts' resolutions, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

In view of the rapid increase of our population, especially from immigrants constantly arriving on our shores, among whom there is a large number of our Baptist brethren, especially from Germany, coming as strangers to a strange land, whose prayers, and efforts, and substance, might be secured to the cause of Christ in this country, provided the friendly hand be extended, and friendly advice be proffered them, on their arrival among us; and believing that thus may be kept alive in their hearts that sense of duty and responsibility with which the Christian profession is always accompanied, and which would render them efficient helpers to the churches here, in acting for the spiritual good of their numerous countrymen who are coming in throngs among us:

Therefore, Resolved—

That this Association would feel great pleasure on learning that measures were adopted for the support of a German Baptist colporteur, to labor in this city and vicinity, whose duty it should be to do good as he has opportunity in promoting the object above named.

28. Agreeably to the recommendation of the Committee on Devotional exercises, brother B. M. Hill addressed the Association in behalf of Home Missions.

29. The Report of the Treasurer of the Association was read and adopted, and ordered to be printed with our Minutes.

30. Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay over the moneys in his hands to the agents representing the several interests specified in his account.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Hudson River Baptist Association in acct. with Wm. WINTERTON, Treas.
Account of moneys paid in at the Session held June 15, 16, 17, 1847, in New York.

CHURCHES.	Printing Minutes.	Widow Fund.	Mission. Com. of Assess.	Baptist Mission Union.	Amer. M. Mission Society.	New York State Conven.
Oliver-street, N. Y.,	10 00		100 00			
Twelfth-street, N. Y.	4 00					
First Church, Albany,	4 00	3 55				
do Troy,	5 15					
Hamilton-street, Albany,	1 00					
Second Sand Lake.	2 50	3 00		30 00	6 00	
Catskill,	1 00					
First Jersey City and Harsimus,	2 00					
Stanton-street, New York	5 00					20 00
First Poughkeepsie,	1 00					
First Brooklyn,	10 00	10 00				
Lansingburgh,	1 17			3 00		3 00
North Church, New York,	3 00	2 00	9 00			
Zion do Cornwall,	1 50			8 00		
West Troy,	2 00			20 34		
Cairo,	63					
West Hillsdale,	1 66			19 73	4 33	
Schenectady,	3 00		13 00	13 00		
Westkill,	1 50			13 00		
Athens,	21			11 25		
Kingston.	1 50	2 00		9 00	9 00	
Coxsackie,	1 00			9 00		
First Haverstraw,	1 00					
Saugerties,	27			15 50	1 56	
First Phillipstown,	1 00			8 15		
Amity-street, New York,	5 00	15 00	25 00			
Pearl-street, Albany,	7 00					110 00
Hudson,	2 00					
New Durham.	1 00					2 00
Tabernacle, New York.	10 00		*103 00			
Cannon-street, do	5 00	9 32				
Williamsburgh,	4 00					
Guilderland,	1 00					
Norfolk-street, New York,	10 00		50 00			
North Ch., Staten Island.	2 50		13 00	13 00		
Fourth-street, New York,	5 00	7 71				
Laight-street, do	5 00					
North Church, Troy,	2 77					
South do Albany.	5 00					
Hyde Park,	1 00					3 00
Lattingtown,	1 00			5 00	5 00	
Laurens-street, New York,	2 00	6 03				
Grand-street, Jersey City,	1 00			9 00		
State-street, Albany,	5 00					
South Ch., New York	1 00					
Pierrepont-st., Brooklyn,	5 00					
Central Poughkeepsie,	3 00					
Hope Chapel, New York,	2 00					
Haylem,	1 50					
Rondout,	2 00			14 00		
First Ch., Tarrytown,			3 00	3 00		
Woodstock Ch. (by a lady.)				2 00		
Collected after sermon,		20 72				
From Minutes of last year,		59 32				
Total,	155 56	133 76	316 00	197 82	34 04	132 00

Collected after Sermon for Education Society \$18 17.

* Fifty dollars of which for Church at Harsimus.

31. On motion of brother Davis, brother Herman Norton was requested to address the Association in behalf of the American Protestant Society.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by brother Locke of the East New Jersey Association.

WEDNESDAY, 3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by brother Wescott of the Saratoga Association.

Minutes read and approved.

32. Brother Win. H. Wyckoff, Corresponding Secretary of the American and Foreign Bible Society, addressed the Association in behalf of the Bible cause.

33. Brother Perkins presented the following preamble and resolution which were unanimously adopted :

In view of the enlarged efforts of the American and Foreign Bible Society to circulate the Scriptures throughout continental Europe, particularly in France and Germany, and also considerably to extend the work of home distribution, therefore

Resolved, That the churches and their pastors connected with this Association, be requested to make special efforts during the coming year, in favor of this truly christian enterprise.

34. Brother Welch, Chairman of the Missionary Committee, being prevented by indisposition from attending with us, brother Clapp, Secretary of the Committee, presented the following Report, which was adopted and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

The Missionary Committee would report: that during the year they have endeavored to effect the purpose of their appointment, by investigating and responding to the urgent appeals from feeble churches within the bounds of the Association. The fund at the disposal of the Committee was small, and it has been distributed in a manner judged to be the most satisfactory to the body that imposed upon the Committee its responsibilities.

At the last meeting of the Association, it was requested that representatives should be sent from the churches applying for aid, together with their letters, to the meetings of the Committee. From their statements together with inquiries, a more accurate knowledge was obtained of their real necessities. We feel constrained to say, they were great,—far too extensive to be met with any prospect of success from the limited means of the Com-

mittee. Far too extensive when the aggregate amount expended within the last few years is taken into consideration.

One fact was made evident by the statements of these representatives,—that within the bounds of some churches who have long applied for aid, and usually received it, are brethren who are able to double, and in some cases to triple, their support for a preached gospel; and yet they compel the respective churches to which they belong to seek an appropriation from the funds of your Committee;—compel them by withholding, through a worldly spirit, what God in the blessing of prosperity has fairly made known as their duty to bestow.

The funds in the hands of the Treasurer has been appropriated as follows:

1846.			
July 27—	To the Baptist Church in Cairo, N. Y..		\$50 00
	“ “ “ in Schenectady, N. Y.,		27 52
Oct. 26—	“ “ “ in Harlem, N. Y.,		20 40
	“ “ “ in Grand-street, Jersey City.		20 40
	“ “ “ in Jersey City and Harsimus,		20 40
			<u>\$138 72</u>

Drafts on the Board of the State Convention have been voted to the amount of four hundred and thirty dollars.

July 27—	Baptist Church in Haverstraw, N. Y.,		\$100 00
	“ “ in New Durham, N. J.,		80 00
	“ “ in Tarrytown, N. Y.,		100 00
	“ “ in Seamen's Bethel, N. Y.,		50 00
	“ “ in Schenectady for year ending Sept., '46,		100 00
			<u>\$430 00</u>
			138 72
			<u>\$568 72</u>

The business character of the Committee in its connexion with the State Convention, has been a subject for our serious consideration, as we met from time to time. The mode of operation is marked with so many deficiencies that embarrassments seem necessary. The Committee at present depend in a great measure upon this organization for its financial ability; and this at the greatest is but weak. It is not necessary, however, to mention particulars; but in view of the difficulties attending this connexion, and the consequent lack of efficient aid to the feeble churches within your bounds, it is recommended, either to direct the entire fund to the State Convention, or to the Home Mission Society, or otherwise to retain it at the disposal of your Committee.

Brethren, let some course be adopted, and that right early, to give greater efficiency to this department of your liberality. We trust that the Committee will not be disbanded. On the contrary our hope is that it will continue, but on a different basis: and more distinguished for its ability

by the increase of its funds and the economy of their distribution. Then will there be something above a mere pittance to extend to the feeble ones associated with you in this honored body,—and in due time their increased strength, and the abundance of their joy shall abound unto the riches of your liberality.

For the Committee,

WM. S. CLAPP, *Secretary.*

35. On motion of brother Wm. R. Williams, it was

Resolved, That the Missionary Committee of this Association receive and disburse the funds for Domestic Missions within our bounds, and that they report their doings to the New York State Convention, and, if they deem it expedient, pay over to the New York State Convention any surplus unappropriated.

36. Brethren B. T. Welch, Wm. S. Clapp, S. Wilkins, W. Arthur, G. C. Baldwin, Friend Humphrey, L. Church, J. H. Walden, and A. Perkins, were appointed a Missionary Committee for the ensuing year.

37. Brother Everts called up the resolution offered by himself this morning. On motion it was

Resolved, That this matter, and also the resolution offered by brother Winterton be referred to a committee to take the subject into consideration and report at the next meeting of the Association.

Brethren Wm. Colgate, Thomas Purser, E. Tucker, W. W. Everts, Wm. R. Williams, J. H. Brouner, and J. L. Hodge. were appointed said Committee.

38. *Resolved*, That the American Protestant Society, whose Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Herman Norton, has addressed this Association, is worthy the confidence of the churches of this body, and is hereby commended to their christian co-operation.

39. *Resolved*, That we meet for devotional exercises this evening at a quarter before eight o'clock, and that brother S. Remington be requested to preach.

Adjourned, with prayer by brother Wm. R. Williams.

EVENING SERVICE.

Prayer by Brother Charles J. Hopkins, of the New-York Association.

40. By special request, brother Stephen Remington preached from Galatians 6th chap., 14th verse, "But 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."

Concluding prayer by Brother Ira R. Steward of the New-York Association.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 1847.

The Association assembled at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Brother Covell.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

41. The Committee appointed at the last meeting of this Association for the purpose "of corresponding with sister Associations upon the subject of preparing a history of the church of God, from its organization to the present time; tracing the progress and condition of the Saviour's kingdom through successive ages, and the best course to be adopted by the denomination for the attainment of this important object," not being prepared to report, it was

Resolved, That this matter be referred to Brethren Tucker, Ludlow, and Everts, who retired for consultation, and returned with the following report, which was unanimously adopted, the Association signifying their unanimous approbation by rising.

Whereas, This Association have received at its present session, no report from the committee appointed last year to correspond with sister Associations, upon the subject of preparing a history of the church from its organization to the present time, and believing the subject to be one of great importance—therefore,

Resolved unanimously, That this Association believing that Rev. Wm. R. Williams is eminently qualified to execute this work, do earnestly request him with as little delay as possible to enter upon its prosecution.

And whereas, Such a work in procuring the necessary documents and carrying on an extensive correspondence, will necessarily involve great personal labor and pecuniary outlay. therefore,

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to present the above resolution to Rev. Wm. R. Williams, and to co-operate with him in carrying out their design, and provide the necessary means.

42. On motion, Brethren E. Tucker, W. W. Everts, William Colgate, John R. Ludlow, and Friend Humphrey were appointed said Committee.

43. On motion of Brother Mason, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the continual development of circumstances

and events in our country, especially in the Western states, affecting the social and moral condition of community and the spiritual interests of Zion, show the necessity of establishing the institutions of the gospel freely, at all important points.

Resolved, That the experience, diligence, and wisely arranged appliances of the Home Mission Society for obtaining information and prosecuting their appropriate work of promoting the preaching of the gospel in North America, furnish ample grounds of confidence to its patrons, that their contributions to its treasury will be profitably and efficiently employed.

Resolved, That we recommend to the churches of this Association, such a liberal co-operation with the Home Mission Society, as will meet as far as practicable, the rapidly increasing wants of the country, particularly the feeble churches and needy ministers in the new states of the great west.

44. *Whereas*, It is a divine requisition that we be instant in season and out of season, and to do good as we have opportunity; and whereas, approbation and encouragement greatly strengthen the hands of those engaged in promoting the spiritual well-being of their fellows, therefore,

Resolved, That this Association cordially approbates, and looks with pleasure upon the efforts of any brother or company of brethren belonging to the churches composing this body, who by the employment of Colporteurs or otherwise, shall endeavor to promote the spiritual well-being of the foreign population pouring in upon us in such overwhelming numbers.

45. *Resolved*, That the surplus money received at the last meeting of this Association for printing minutes, amounting to \$59 32, be paid into the Widows' Fund.

46. *Resolved*, That in order to allow to the Committee on the State of Religion, the leisure requisite for the due preparation of their report, and to insure its earliest presentation, we henceforward add to our Rules of Order the following as

RULE XIV. Immediately after the Association has met, the Moderator of the last session, or in his absence the Chairman who presides at the organization of the Association, shall forthwith, after taking the chair, appoint a Committee to report upon the state of religion, and the members of such Committee whilst engaged in preparing their report, shall be excused from their attendance upon the Association.

46. Brother Arthur from the Committee on the State of Religion, made the following Report which was accepted, and directed to be printed with the minutes.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The letters of the churches present, with remarkable uniformity, one prominent and deeply interesting fact relative to the tone of feeling and the course of action prevalent during the past year. Instead of the voice of complaint, the letters this year bespeak gratitude to God for his fostering care in preserving to the churches his stated means of grace, and keeping them in the unity of the Spirit and bonds of peace.

There is a manifest return of confidence felt in the divinely appointed means, and a cheerful abiding trust that in their faithful and unceasing use, the church will in due time see the salvation of God.

This, in the view of your Committee, betokens good, and we seem to see arising from it the little cloud which, though no larger than a man's hand will in due time span the heavens; and though, as yet, but a *drop* has here and there fallen, we seem to hear in the distance the sound of abundance of rain.

1. *First Church, Poughkeepsie*—Are walking in the unity of the Spirit and bonds of peace. During the past winter and spring the Lord revived his work. Backsliders were reclaimed and sinners converted. While every thing indicated an extensive work of grace among them, it pleased God to lay upon a sick bed their beloved pastor. In him they continue to be strongly united. On account of feeble health, have consented to relinquish his labors till September next. Acknowledge the good hand of the Lord, in enabling them promptly to meet their pressing liabilities in the purchase of their meeting house. Have paid upwards of \$3,500 for that object. Sabbath school never more flourishing. Regard it emphatically the nursery of the church. Rev. Charles Van Loon, pastor.

2. *Oliver-street*.—This old and efficient body, in reviewing the dealings of the Lord towards them the last year, are led to exclaim, "Oh, that we were as in months past, when the candle of the Lord shined upon us!" still have not been without tokens of Divine favor. The Holy Spirit has accompanied the word preached to the hearts of saints and sinners. The spirit of union and brotherly love continues uninterruptedly to prevail. Feel a lively sympathy in all the various benevolent efforts of the day, and have been enabled to contribute their usual amount for their support. Rev. Elisha Tucker, pastor.

3. *Hudson*.—Nothing has occurred to interrupt the peace and unity of this Zion. They look back upon the past year as one of prosperity and encouragement. Rev. Leroy Church, pastor.

4. *First Church, Troy*—This church express their gratitude to God for enabling them to complete and dedicate to His service their meeting house, on the site where their fathers worshipped for more than half a century. Enjoy peace—congregations large and attentive. Under the smiles of a

kind Providence, some mercy-drops have descended, and sinners have been brought into the fold of the great Shepherd. Deeply interested in all the benevolent operations of Zion. Rev. George C. Baldwin, pastor.

5. *First Church, Albany*.—Feel that they are unprofitable servants, and mourn that the Lord has passed them by. Are, however, enjoying peace among themselves, are happily united in their pastor, and hope that, under his arduous labors, the showers of Divine grace may soon descend. Rev. Wm. S. Clapp, pastor.

6. *Catskill*.—Though they cannot make mention of any great outpouring of the Spirit, yet they have not been left without some tokens of the Divine favor. Their esteemed pastor, Bro. Webster, having resigned his charge of the church, has been succeeded by Rev. E. F. Platt, their present pastor.

7. *Hamilton-street, Albany*.—This feeble church has in the last year been rendered more feeble by discord, and the path it has trodden has consequently been strewn with thorns; yet the ministry is sustained, and there are some of its members who have been found faithful. Rev. W. B. Ser- rington, pastor.

8. *South Church, New-York*.—Amongst other pleasing information communicated by this church, we find it stated that from its members there have been dismissed, during the last year, twelve German brethren, who have been duly recognized as the "First German Baptist Church in the city of New-York," under the pastoral care of Rev. John Aschman, who was also a member of this church: "May the little one become a thousand, and the small one a strong nation." The South Church enjoys much harmony, and in its present circumstances finds great cause for thankfulness. It is ready to every good work. Rev. C. G. Sommers, pastor.

9. *First Church, Brooklyn*.—This highly favored body has, in the last year, dismissed 13 of its members to unite in forming the East Brooklyn Church, and expects soon to dismiss about 30 more of its number, to become part of the constituent members of another church. The pastor has been called by Divine providence to wade through the waters of deep affliction. His much loved wife and only child have been removed by death; but the grace of God has sustained him, and the people of his charge have deeply sympathized in his sorrows, and mingled their tears with his. The church prospers, and is forward in aiding the efforts of Christian benevolence. Rev. James L. Hodge, pastor.

10. *Stanton-street, New-York*.—About one hundred of the members of this church, having been dismissed for that purpose, united, during the last winter, with Rev. David Bellamy, the late pastor, in rearing the standard of the cross in another part of the city. This has decreased its number, but the work of the Lord prospers; during the year, 28 persons have been added by baptism, three of the Sabbath school teachers, with two of the scholars, are believed to have experienced the grace of God, and works of faith and labors of love are regarded with zeal and affection. Rev. Stephen Remington, pastor.

11. *Lunsingburgh Church*.—They enjoy the choice blessings of peace. Their seasons of prayer are unusually interesting, and they rely upon this

fact as the best evidence that the vision will come. The means of grace seem to be blessed to the edification and the increase of spirituality. Still they pray that they may be made the power of God unto salvation to many. Present number 189. Rev. Wm. Arthur, pastor.

12. *North Church, N. Y*.—God has taken six of their number to himself. The affliction has been sanctified to their peace, and their zeal for God's glory. Sovereign grace has been displayed among them in the conversion and baptism of five. They deeply deplore the multiplication of worldly societies that attract too many professors of religion. Their prayer is, that they may be sanctified through the truth. Baptized five. Present number 291. Rev. Jacob H. Brouner, pastor.

13. *West Troy Church*.—They hold undiminished attachment to the principles upon which the Association is founded. They remember liberally benevolent objects, and have extinguished the debt upon their house of worship. Have an increasing Bible Class and Sabbath School. Present number 154. Rev. J. C. Burrows, pastor.

14. *Zion Church, Cornwall*.—Continue in a good degree of prosperity. They mention no local matters of interest. Present number 70. Rev. Charles A. Raymond, pastor.

15. *Cairo Church*.—Under the care of Lewis Purrington, Licentiate. They have parted, with deep regret, with their pastor, E. F. Platt. Nothing special to communicate. Attendance on the means of grace good. Present number 60.

16. *Lattington Church*.—They have been called to witness the death of two influential brethren, one a deacon. They enjoy the preached word, but it has gathered no fruit among them from the ranks of the enemy. Present number 85. Rev. S. L. Barrett, pastor.

17. *West Hillsdale Church*.—Have dismissed their former pastor, and now enjoy the labors of Daniel Robinson. Their congregations are large and attentive. Three weekly prayer meetings observed. Present number 123. Rev. Daniel Robinson, pastor.

18. *Schenectady Church*.—This branch of Zion has been really blessed in the coming of brother Day among them. They called him to ordination in May last, and are fondly united in him as their minister. No divisions or troubles. Baptized three. Present number two hundred and seventeen. Rev. Horace G. Day, pastor.

19. *Kingston Church*.—Since their last address to the Association, they have been called to part with an esteemed pastor. They are now favored with the joint labors of Augustus Beadle and George Barnes, licentiates. Laboring under pecuniary embarrassments, they have curtailed their contributions for benevolent objects. Maintained two weekly prayer meetings. Baptized three. Present number 112. No pastor.

20. *Westkill Church*.—The past year has been one of blessing. Church and congregation enlarged. Grateful to God, they pray for a continuance of the heavenly grace. Baptized six. Present number eighty-eight. Rev. I. P. Barrett, pastor.

21. *Athens Church*.—The past year has been one of spiritual declen-

sion, excepting a few weeks in the spring. Their number diminishes through various causes. Rev. H. L. Gross, their pastor during three years, has left them. Owing to their pecuniary condition they cannot do as they wish for benevolent objects. Baptized *five*. Present number ninety-four. No pastor.

22. *Amity-st. Church, New York*.—The year past has witnessed anew to them the forbearance and goodness of their Heavenly Father. Preserved in union and peace, they nevertheless find their course marked by remissness, and they fear, of worldliness. They have been united in their pastor for fifteen years. Baptized *six*. Present number 258. Rev. Wm. R. Williams, pastor.

23. *Cozsackie*.—This church has passed through a year of severe trial. Rev. Samuel Ward was their pastor, but in July last he was laid aside by affliction, and after lingering until the 8th of April, he finished his earthly course with joy, at twenty-nine years of age. The Sabbath School is in a prosperous state. No pastor.

24. *Saugerties*.—The letter from this church breathes a christian spirit. The low state of religion, and the inability to do more for benevolent objects are mentioned with regret, yet we observe that there have been additions to the church, and its benevolence has been more than nominal. Rev. L. L. Hill, pastor.

25. *Sund Lake*.—One of the sisters of this church died in January, and in March Deacon Fox was called to the upper sanctuary. These bereavements appear to have been blessed. Meetings for prayer were commenced. They have been continued, sinners have been converted and added to the church. One of the young brethren has been licensed to preach the gospel. Rev. E. G. Perry, pastor.

26. *Phillipstown*.—This church speaks of the death of two of its members, brethren who were beloved and useful. It records with thankfulness the goodness of God. The church is small, but it does something for benevolent objects. Rev. I. W. Jones, pastor.

27. *Kinderhook*.—No letter.

28. *Pearl-st., Albany*.—This large and influential church has been deprived by sickness, of the labors of its beloved pastor six months of the past year, and after noting this dispensation in a very appropriate manner, records with gratitude the privilege of having again been permitted to hear his voice in the sanctuary. In reviewing the list of members, the names of twenty have been dropped, and this has caused an apparent rather than real decrease of numbers. The friendly disposition of this church to works of christian benevolence is well known. Rev. B. T. Welch, pastor.

29. *Hamburg, Germany*.—No letter.

30. *Pillstown*.—No letter.

31. *New Durham*.—The letter speaks with gratitude of divine mercy, but laments that no one within the bounds of the congregation, as far as information has been received, has in the last year been born into the kingdom of God. Rev. Edward Conover, pastor.

32. *Tabernacle Church, New York*.—Evince, by their zeal and liberality,

a disposition to sow bountifully beside all waters. In the removal of some of their worthy members to the church triumphant, they feel that God plainly spoke to them. They fasted and they prayed: God heard;—and within two months they were permitted to welcome twenty-two to their church by Baptism. Rev. Edward Lathrup, pastor.

33. *Cannon-st.*—Thankful to the Great Head of the church for temporal and spiritual prosperity. Congregations on the Sabbath large and attentive. Weekly lectures and prayer meetings well attended. Efforts to reduce their debt successful. Sabbath school flourishing. Have raised \$1150 for the cause of God at home and among the heathen. In addition the Lord has blessed them with one of the most powerful and interesting revivals they have ever experienced. They pray for grace that they may improve these blessings to the glory of God. Rev. Henry Davis, pastor.

34. *First Church Jersey City and Harsimus*.—Are grateful for the unity and peace which they have enjoyed, and the tokens of Divine favor granted them. Rev. Wm. W. Smith, pastor.

35. *First Church, Williamsburgh*.—Dwell together in the unity of the Spirit and bonds of peace. The ministration of the word has been profitable. Saints have been quickened and comforted. Sinners in anguish led to the cross, have looked up and rejoiced in Christ. Thank God and take courage. Sabbath school increasingly interesting. Rev. A. P. Mason, pastor.

36. *Pierrepont-st. Church, Brooklyn*.—They have great reason to speak with gratitude of the continued goodness of the Great Head of the church. Converting grace has gathered its trophies in their midst. They enjoy a heavenly union, but their meetings for prayer are thinly attended. The labors of their esteemed pastor are highly appreciated. Above thirty of their members, with the assistance of friends from other churches, have commenced a new interest in Myrtle Avenue. Baptized ten: present number 372. Rev. E. E. L. Taylor, pastor.

37. *Norfolk-st. Church, New-York*.—Rejoice that some mercy drops have fallen upon them during the past year, and feel still to hold on their way, "looking unto Jesus." Rev. George Benedict, pastor.

38. *Guilderland*.—Have been supplied a part of the time with the preaching of the word. They request the aid of their brethren to enable them to enjoy this blessing through the present year. No pastor.

39. *North Church, Staten Island*.—Lament their poor improvement of the privileges which they enjoy, and their want of zeal in their master's cause. They feel however, that they have great cause of gratitude for some manifestations of the Spirit's convincing and converting power among them. Rev. David Morris, pastor.

40. *Putnam Valley*.—Though favored with the ministration of the word of life by Elder Griffen once in two weeks, yet mourn the low state of piety among them. Enjoy peace. Pray and hope that showers of divine grace will soon descend upon them. Being near the Union Association, ask to be dismissed to that body.

41. *Fourth-St., New-York*.—Speak of the continued favors of their Heav-

only Father. Congregation enlarging. Have enjoyed a glorious revival, for which favor they feel very unworthy. They have raised and paid \$3,000 for lots on Sixth-st., near Avenue C. upon which they are erecting a neat and commodious house of worship, fifty-four by seventy-six feet, to be finished by the first of October next. Sabbath school in a prosperous condition. Rev. J. T. Seeley, pastor.

42. *Laight-Street, New-York.*—Enjoy peace and harmony, and under the labors of their beloved pastor, the Lord has been pleased to bring sinners to a saving knowledge of the truth. Their series of evening meetings, during a few weeks last winter, were both interesting and profitable. Sabbath school continues to prosper. Some of the teachers and scholars have within a few months been baptized. Rev. W. W. Everts, pastor.

43. *North Church, Troy.*—Have during the entire year, without intermission for a single Sabbath, enjoyed the preaching of their pastor, whose faithful labors have been blessed to the edification of the church and the conversion of a number of precious souls. Have liquidated a debt on their meeting house of \$6,000 and raised \$2,000 for an organ. Rev. J. H. Walden, pastor.

44. *South Church, Albany.*—The year past has been one of trial. In consequence of departure from the faith, they have been obliged to withdraw the hand of fellowship from a number. Still confide in the promise of God. Some of their most efficient members have removed to the far West. Rev. Stephen Wilkins, pastor.

45. *Rosendale.*—No letter.

46. *Hyde Park.*—They feel encouraged from the spirit of prayer manifested in their meetings, to hope that God will soon appear in his glory to build up Zion. Rev. E. Fay, pastor.

47. *Twelfth-Street, New-York.*—Rejoice to welcome the Association to their homes and to their sanctuary, which they have been enabled to build and dedicate to God within the past year. With a flourishing Sabbath school and an increasing congregation, they feel to trust in God for the future. Rev. Sidney A. Corey, pastor.

48. *First Church, Tarrytown.*—This infant church record with pleasure, the loving kindness of their Heavenly Father. Are united in christian love, and under the faithful labors of their esteemed pastor are edified. Have been greatly embarrassed in not having a suitable place of worship, but are now engaged in erecting one on a commanding site in the village, at a cost of between three and four thousand dollars, to complete which they ask and hope to obtain assistance from sister churches. Express their thanks to friends for past aid, and especially to Brother Ludlam, of the Sing Sing church. Rev. Charles H. Underhill, pastor.

49. *Laurens-Street.*—Though they have not had the happiness to announce large accessions, still have not been without tokens of divine favor. Sabbath school increasingly interesting. Express a lively interest in the Bible and missionary cause. Call the attention of the Association to the existing war and its ravages; and urge pastors in particular to contrast it with the precepts of the Prince of peace. Elder Luke Barker.

50. *Central Church, Poughkeepsie.*—This church has enjoyed uninterrupted peace from the time of its constitution, and the congregation has been gradually increasing and acquiring a permanency that is encouraging and that promises future success. It is active in doing good. Rev. A. Perkins, pastor.

51. *Harlem, New-York.*—Feel that they have not been left without manifestations of God's favor. They have suffered great inconvenience from want of a proper place of worship, and have resolved, trusting in God and the liberality of their brethren, to rise and build. Rev. T. S. Rogers, pastor.

52. *First Church, Woodstock, Ulster Co.*—Speak of peculiar trials, but trust in the everlasting love of God. Thankful to have the word of life preached to them. Hope, pray, and are not unblest. Rev. David Sampson, pastor.

53. *Rondout.*—This church feel that they have abundant reason for gratitude. The God of peace has smiled upon them, and they have experienced the convincing and regenerating power of the Holy Spirit. Some additions have been made to their number by baptism. Rev. Wm. L. Mikels, pastor.

54. *Woodstock.*—Show by their statistics, that though few in number, they have enjoyed their Master's smiles. One fourth of their present number has been added by baptism during the past year. Rev. Levi L. Mann, pastor.

55. *Grand-Street, Jersey City.*—This church has labored under great embarrassment during the past year, from the want of a suitable place of worship. They have now secured a hall in which to worship during the present year. Looking to God for his blessing upon the appointed means of grace, they yet hope for prosperity. Rev. A. Haynes, pastor.

56. *Haverstraw.*—Are anticipating the privilege of welcoming several into their church by baptism on their next ordinance day. Their former pastor, Rev. Joseph Perry, having resigned his pastoral charge of the church, has been succeeded by Rev. Wm. Pike.

57. *State-Street, Albany.*—Are now without an under shepherd, their esteemed pastor, Elder Jacob Knapp, having left them the first of April last to resume his former labors as an Evangelist. Are praying the Lord to send one after his own heart to break unto them the bread of life. Enjoyed an interesting revival the past winter. Feel a lively interest in the various objects of benevolence. Two of their number are laboring in heathen lands. Are confirmed that the principles upon which they organized are of the Bible, and are united and resolved by the strength of God to maintain and carry them out. No pastor.

58. *Green Point, Long Island.*—This church was but recently organized and was received into the Association at the present session. It is small, but its prospects are good; the neighborhood is one that in a few years may be expected to have a large population. It is the first church that has been formed there, and arrangements are being made for the early erection of a house of worship. Rev. A. Gamble, pastor.

59. *Hope Chapel, New-York.*—This church has been constituted under very favorable circumstances, and was received into the Association at its present session. It is not only well disposed towards benevolent efforts in general, but it has one feature that is perhaps peculiar to itself. The congregation is associated under judicious regulations for affording mutual aid in seasons of affliction—thus precluding the necessity of any person connected with the church or congregation uniting with other societies. Rev. David Bellamy, pastor.

In conclusion, your Committee might, did their limited time allow it, suggest various reasons to explain why our churches do not enjoy a larger measure of prosperity, and also as to the appropriate remedies for spiritual declension.

They will content themselves with urging it upon the pastors and churches to make it a matter of earnest consideration, and devout self-examination, how far there may be found in ourselves, our conduct and spirit, our omissions or our practices, causes that avert the influences of the Holy Spirit, those influences that are first, last, and all, in the life and growth of the churches, in the power of the pulpit, and in the conversion of nations.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM ARTHUR, *Chairman.*

47. The following preamble and resolution was unanimously adopted.

Whereas, the increasing demands upon the treasury of the Widows' Fund, call for an increased liberality on the part of the churches, therefore,

Resolved, That this Association earnestly recommend to all the churches of this body, an annual collection on the Lord's day, preceding our anniversary, (or on some other more convenient day,) in aid of this most important object of their benevolence.

Resolved, That the collectors to this fund are hereby requested to see that the above resolution be carried into effect.

48. On motion, brother Sommers was requested to prepare an obituary notice of brother Samuel Ward, and that it be printed with the minutes.

In compliance with the above request, brother Sommers prepared the following obituary notice.

The decease of Rev. Samuel Ward, late pastor of the Baptist Church in Cossackie, has called forth the sympathies and sorrows of many hearts. In no other region has the announcement of his early death fallen with greater weight, than within the bounds of the Hudson River Baptist Association, of which our lamented brother was a much loved member. This brief notice of our mutual bereavement, is prepared at the request of the

Association, as an expression of their sincere respect for the dead, and of condolence with the mourning widow, and of other members of our departed brother's family. May the Lord sustain and comfort them under this painful dispensation of his providence.

Brother Ward was hopefully converted to God at an early age; and baptized and received into the Baptist church in Calvert-street, Baltimore, under the pastoral care of Rev. Stephen P. Hill. Soon after his public profession, it became apparent to the church, that this young disciple was endowed with gifts adapted to usefulness in the great work of the christian ministry. After prayerful and satisfactory examination of his moral and intellectual qualifications for the office, he was licensed to preach the gospel, and immediately commenced a course of literary and theological studies at the institution in Hamilton.

In 1842 he was ordained as the pastor of the Baptist Church in Galway in this state, from whence he removed and was installed as the pastor of the Baptist Church in Cossackie, in 1845. His valuable ministerial labors in that place were of short duration; but long enough to endear him to the church, and indeed to the whole community in that village, where his active and devoted life terminated in a triumphant death, after about ten months of pulmonary sufferings.

In their annual letter to this body, the church in Cossackie thus allude to the subject: "The past year has been one of peculiar trial to us. In July last our much esteemed and very excellent pastor was disabled by severe bleeding from the lungs, from the effects of which he never recovered, but continued to decline until the 8th April last, (1847) when at the age of twenty-nine years he departed this life, trusting in the merits of a risen Saviour. His was a bright exemplification of the excellency and power of that religion which he faithfully preached while in health; and during his illness he seemed desirous of recovery, only that he might labor still more faithfully and effectually in winning souls to Christ." As death drew near, our beloved brother seemed in a remarkable manner to be "girding up the loins of his mind," and his hope, sustained by a living faith, grew strong in anticipating the grace that is to be revealed at the coming of the Lord. The precious promises of God were the rejoicing of his heart. And while enduring the greatest physical suffering, he was heard to exclaim, "O how glorious, how infinite, how unspeakable is the fulness of the promises of God." Some of his last moments were employed in exhorting those around him to give their hearts to God; and in praying that Christians in Cossackie, and throughout the world, might be induced to arise and work for God "while the day lasts."

May that church and congregation—may all the ministers and churches of this Association, and all who witnessed the ardent piety of his life, be enabled to emulate his meek example and share in the glories of that cross, which enabled him to triumph over death, through faith in the blood of the Lamb.

49. *Resolved*, That the labors and plans of the American Tract

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Society receive our warm sympathy and entire confidence, and that we recognize gratefully their efficient aid to our Foreign Missions, and rejoice in their expansive and well-directed efforts by colporteurs, to supply the destitute and ignorant of our own country, and trust the blessing of the great Head of the church may still rest on this honored Society.

50. Brother Thomas M. Burt presented a report in behalf of the Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the church in Kinderhook, in relation to the receipts and disbursements on account of the meeting house. Report accepted and placed on file.

51. Agreeably to request, Brother Edmund Kelly, an ordained Baptist minister from the state of Tennessee, imploring pecuniary aid to redeem himself from slavery, addressed the Association; whereupon it was

Resolved, That we have heard with deep interest the statement of Brother Kelly, and affectionately recommend his case to the liberality of the churches, composing this Association, and of all the friends of liberty and humanity.

52. *Resolved*, That the Association tender their grateful thanks to the members and congregations of the respective churches in this city, and to the Twelfth street Baptist church in particular, for their kind hospitalities so freely tendered, and so pleasantly enjoyed by this body during its present session.

The Minutes having been read and approved, the Moderator addressed the Association affectionately, thanking the great Head of the church for the harmony and brotherly kindness so conspicuous throughout the session; reminding every member of his obligation to labor and suffer for Him who died for us. Brother Tucker engaged in prayer. After pronouncing the benediction, the Association adjourned, to meet with the First Baptist church, Williamsburgh, at 10 o'clock, A. M., June 20, 1848.

JACOB H. BROUXER, *Moderator*.

GARRAT N. BLEECKER, *Clerk*.

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 endeavor 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.

4. *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 the 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.

N. B.—The statistical information for the year has been rendered in so imperfect a manner by the respective churches, (with but few exceptions) that the tables are of necessity very incomplete. It is particularly urged, that hereafter the clerks of churches furnish tables in the order and form in which they are printed in the Minutes of this year; and to enclose all moneys in separate letters to the Clerk or Treasurer of the Association—by observing which much time and labor will be saved.

Corresponding Associations will please send a copy of their last minutes by their delegates to the Annual Meeting, or by mail, at any time prior to the next meeting, addressed to the Clerk, Garrat N. Bleecker, Cliff. corner of John-st., New-York.

