

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-THIRD 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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ASSOCIATIONAL STATISTICS FOR 1848.

THE CONSTITUTION
OF THE
HUDSON RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ADOPTED NOV. 21, 1910, 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 independence 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 oppose it being discussed as relating to a subject beyond the purview of the Association, the Moderator shall immediately put to the vote, "Shall this question be discussed?" If this be negatived, the subject shall be dismissed. If when a motion has been made and seconded, a member oppose it being further debated and ask for a decision forthwith, the Moderator shall put to the vote, "Shall this motion be further debated?" If this be negatived, the question on the subject shall then be taken without further debate on either the main question or any precedent question.

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 pastors or delegates present shall hand in to the Clerk the names of delegates; naming only those who have been in attendance, and including all ministers and licentiates connected with their respective churches.

XI. Delegates sent to this Association will remain until all the business is finished.

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 resides 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 20, 1848.

At 10 o'clock the Association assembled in the meeting-house of the Laight-street Baptist Church in the city of New York.

1. The brethren appointed to preach the introductory sermon failing to do so, a discourse was delivered by Bro. A. Bennet from 1 Tim. 3: 14, 15, after which a collection was taken up in aid of the Widows' Fund, amounting to \$24 11.

2. The chair was then taken by the Moderator of last year, Bro. Brouner.

3. A Committee on the state of religion was then appointed, consisting of brethren Hodge, Davis, Remington, Baldwin, and Mason.

4. The Association then proceeded to ballot for its officers; and the following brethren were elected. C. G. Sommers, Moderator, Wm. Winterton, Treasurer, J. Stockbridge, Clerk. E. Townsend was appointed Assistant Clerk.

The Moderator led in prayer and then read the rules of order.

5. A Committee on devotional exercises and on overtures for religious benevolence was then appointed, consisting of brethren Everts, Davis, and Baldwin.

6. Voted to meet in the morning at 9 and adjourn at 12½ P. M.; in the afternoon at 3, and adjourn at 5½; in the evening at a quarter before 8.

Adjourned to meet at 3, P. M. Prayer by Bro. Welch.

TUESDAY, 3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. After singing, prayer was offered by Bro. C. P. Wyckoff, of Owasco, N. Y.

7. Ministering brethren present were invited to sit with us and assist in the deliberations of the body. The invitation was accepted by the following brethren: John Bates, of Ireland, A. Samson, of Washington, D. C., C. P. Wyckoff, of Owasco, N. Y.,

S. S. Wheeler, of Litchfield Asso., Ct., J. K. Barry, of Fresh Creek Asso., Pa., O. C. Wheeler, Taggart, Sarles, Middleditch, Scott, Pike, and Williams, of the New York Association.

The reading of the letters from the churches was then commenced.

8. The letter from the church at Saugerties was referred to the following committee, brethren Welch, Baldwin and Clapp.

9. A letter was received from the New Durham church, notifying the Association that they have united with the East N. Jersey Association. Voted to drop the church from our minutes.

10. Information was given that the First church in Jersey City had ceased to exist. Voted to drop the church from our minutes.

11. Voted to drop the name of the Sixth-st. church from our minutes.

12. Bro. Hodge was excused from serving on the committee on the state of religion, and Bro. Walden was appointed in his place.

13. The committee on application of churches for admission into the Association was appointed, consisting of Brn. Williams, Lathrop and Seeley.

14. The committee to examine minutes of corresponding associations was appointed, consisting of Brn. Bellamy, Pegg and Orchard.

Adjourned to meet at $\frac{1}{2}$ before 8. Prayer by Bro. Maclay.

PUBLIC WORSHIP.

TUESDAY EVENING, 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ O'CLOCK.

Met for worship pursuant to adjournment. After the usual preliminary exercises,

15. Bro. G. C. Baldwin preached the annual sermon in behalf of the New York Baptist Education Society, from 2 Cor. 12 :

14. "I Seek not yours, but you." At the close a collection was taken up for the education cause, amounting to \$19 44.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 21.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator at 9

o'clock. After singing, Bro. Rogers, of the East N. Jersey Association led in prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

16. A committee to make arrangements for the next anniversary was appointed, consisting of Brn. Lathrop, Remington, Arthur, Walden and Taylor.

The reading of the letters from the churches was resumed.

17. The Putnam Valley church having united with the Union Association, voted to drop the name from our minutes.

18. The Grand-st. church in Jersey city having ceased to exist, it was voted to drop the name from our minutes.

19. A letter to the Association from a person asking pecuniary assistance, was read by Bro. Welch and referred to a committee, who subsequently reported on the case, and the whole subject, after a somewhat protracted discussion, was laid on the table.

20. Bro. Welch read a letter from the first church in Poughkeepsie, addressed to the Association. It was referred to the Trustees of the Widows' Fund.

21. The committee on application of churches for admission into the Association reported as follows :

The Committee upon application from churches desiring admission into this Association, have received applications from six churches, five of them recently formed. Their views of faith and order accord with those of the Association, and the Committee recommend the reception of

The Shiloh Baptist ch., Bro. Parmly, Pastor.

The German Bap. ch., Bro. Eschman, Pastor.

The Concord-st Brooklyn Baptist ch., Bro. Samson White, Pastor.

The Half-Moon Baptist ch., Bro. Tripp, Pastor.

East Brooklyn Baptist ch, Bro. Haynes, Pastor.

As to the sixth church, presenting a similar application, a young interest of much promise, your Committee report, that there has been a collision between its discipline and that of another church now belonging to the Association, and that your Committee having themselves failed in their endeavors to remove the difficulty, would now recommend to this Association the appointment of a Committee of Seven, composed of our more aged and experienced brethren, who might examine the case, and, if possible, heal the difficulty during our present session, on principles of fraternal concession and forbearance.

WILLIAM R. WILLIAMS. }
EDWARD LATHROP, } Committee.
J. T. SEELEY. }

The report was accepted, and the following brethren were ap-

pointed a Committee of Seven : Welch, P. Townsend, Bennet, Brouner, Williams, Davis, and C. P. Wyckoff.

Adjourned to meet at 3 P. M. Prayer by Bro. Samson.

WEDNESDAY, 3, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. E. M. Barker, of East N. Jersey Association.

22. The Committee of Arrangements for our next anniversary, made the following report :

The Committee recommend that the Association meet next year with the North church in Troy. Bro. A. P. Mason to preach the introductory sermon, Bro. Remington his alternate; Bro. A. Haynes to preach in the evening, Bro. Arthur his alternate.

23. Bro. Everts read a communication from the Board of the Am. Bap. Home Mission Soc. relative to The First German Bap. church in the city of New York. It was referred to the following committee: Brn. Mason, Seeley, Everts, Houghton and Wm. Winterton.

24. The Committee on the Minutes of the Corresponding Associations made a report, which being amended as to the time mentioned in the resolution, was accepted, as follows :

The Committee to examine the Minutes of Corresponding Associations, beg leave to report, That they have performed the duty assigned them, and that they find nothing absolutely necessary to be transferred to our records, but that in the Minutes of the Dutchess Association, a resolution is found which, with some variation, they would recommend to be adopted by this body.

Resolved, That in view of the comparatively low state of religion in our churches, and of the indispensable necessity of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit to produce a better state of things, we recommend to the pastors of our churches, to preach with reference to this subject on the third Sabbath in December, and to endeavor to impress on their flocks the necessity of earnest, humble and fervent prayer for the revival of his work.

DAVID BELLAMY, *Chairman*.

25. Bro. Everts read several resolutions which will be found § 34. They were made the order of the day for to-morrow at 9 o'clock, A. M.; the third resolution of the series being referred to the following Committee: Brn. Cutting, Townsend, Houghton, W. Colgate and Pegg.

26. The moderator then in behalf of the Association gave the right hand of fellowship to the representatives severally of the following churches: Shiloh Baptist Church of New York, The First German Baptist Church, New York, Concord-st. Brooklyn Baptist Church, Half-Moon Baptist Church, East Brooklyn Baptist Church.

The letters from these churches were then read.

27. The Committee on the Saugerties church made the following report, which was accepted.

The Committee to whom was referred the appeal of the church at Saugerties, report:

That they have had a conference with the pastor, and in view of circumstances involving much of embarrassment, and presenting a strong claim upon the sympathies of their brethren, have tendered to him such advice as to the best of their judgment the exigencies of the case require.

28. The Committee of seven appointed in accordance with the suggestion of the Committee on application of churches, made a verbal report, asking a continuance of the matter referred to them to the next anniversary of the Association, and requesting an increase of their number. The report was accepted and Brethren Hodge and W. Winterton were added to the Committee.

MISSIONARY OPERATIONS.

29. The Missionary Committee, by their chairman, Bro. Welch, made the following report :

The Missionary Committee of the Hudson River Association, respectfully report: That they have endeavored to discharge the delicate and responsible trust confided to them impartially, and in the spirit of affectionate sympathy. To be strictly just, in the distribution of the bounty of the churches, so to apply it with discriminating reference to locality, present necessity, and rational anticipation of the future as to accomplish the greatest amount of good, has been the undeviating aim of the Committee. But when the claims of the destitute have been severally urged before them, with all the earnestness and tenacity of pressing necessity; when the feeble and the afflicted present their touching appeals for aid, and the kind response can not be returned, because the fund intrusted to their control is so obviously inadequate, the Committee have realized that their duties have been alike difficult and painful. As they have listened in some instances to the affecting history of their struggles for existence in a form of visible organization, and the severe deprivations to which some of their self-denying

and devoted pastors are subjected, their sympathies have been painfully excited, and they have had frequent occasion to lament that their means of affording relief are so unhappily restricted. The amount placed in their treasury at the commencement of the Associational year was only \$316, the whole of which has been appropriated as follows.

1847.		
June 17—	To the Baptist Church at Harsimus, as designated by the Tabernacle church of New-York city	\$50 00
Aug. 3—	To Hamilton-st. Church, Albany	50 00
	“ Church at Haverstraw	50 00
	“ Mariners' Church, New-York City*	50 00
	“ Church at Hyde Park	50 00
	“ Grand-st. Church, Jersey City	50 00
Nov. 24—	“ Church at Tarrytown	16 00
		<hr/> \$316 00

This sum it must be conceded is very small; especially, if not disgracefully so, when considered either with reference to the ability of the churches comprising this body, or the pressing wants of those who, in the consciousness of mutual interest and obligation, and in the confidence of christian love, look to them for relief. The Committee will not again refer to the strong motives or repeat the earnest exhortations of former reports, intended to awaken a more generous sympathy and more devoted effort. This they fear would be, as in times past, unavailing, and but uselessly encumber your Minutes; yet they cannot but deplore the prevalent apathy upon this subject, or suppress their strong conviction of the obvious inefficiency of the present mode of operation. They have freely and frequently conferred upon this subject, and while they would not assume the possession of ability to originate a better, may at least venture to suggest as the result of their best judgment, a more concentrated system of appropriation.

They regard the existing method as entirely too diffuse. The sums annually doled out to our needy churches are necessarily limited to a trifling amount, affording but little aid in their present exigencies, while they effect nothing with reference to their future and permanent advancement. The same churches send up their petitions from year to year, without presenting such indications of change in their condition as might induce the hope that they may soon rise above the necessity of their continued repetition. The Missionary fund is thus frittered away without ultimate and beneficial results. It is also to be apprehended that the habit of anticipating annual aid from this source may in some cases, be calculated to weaken energy and repress adequate exertions within their own boundaries. To this may be properly subjoined the embarrassing, not to say apparently degrading position which our brethren are compelled to assume, when they appear before us

* In addition to this, \$31 was obtained of the First and Second churches at Troy by the personal agency of Brother Steward.

with their urgent solicitations, and which is equally painful to their feelings and to our own.

It is unnecessary to enlarge upon these considerations; their bearings are sufficiently obvious to all who have reflected upon the subject, and they doubtless have frequently engaged the thoughts of the members of this body. Brethren, can not some plan be devised to remedy these evils, and impart greater efficiency to our domestic missionary operations? The Committee are impressed with the conviction that the time has arrived when strenuous effort should be put forth for the attainment of this end, and a duty of so much importance engage the prayerful attention of the Association. Without intending to give direction to that effort, or in the slightest degree influencing the conclusions of their brethren, they would respectfully intimate their own impressions.

If effective measures could be taken to enhance the receipts of our Treasury, and the whole amount directed to any one point until aid was no longer required, the results of labor and sacrifice would at least in process of time become visible and furnish both assistance and animation to further effort. To exemplify the views entertained by the Committee, suppose any inviting locality, the residence of one of our feeble churches, and the whole force of this powerful body, its financial ability and moral influence exerted for a time in its support; that a house be erected there, commensurate in its dimensions, position, and general appearance, to the population and prospects of the place; that an intelligent and fervent ministry be sustained in the pulpit, until by the blessing of the God of grace it had created a self-sustaining power, and could now put forth its newly acquired strength in attaining the same desirable result at another and equally important point. Suppose that your Committee, in place of sitting with ex-coriated sensibilities, listening to the recital of distresses they have no power to relieve, were employed in collecting funds, in superintending their economical appropriation, and generally in fostering, with their counsels, exertions, and occasional ministrations, the interest for the time being under their care? Suppose that by this process, all the churches of this body learn to sympathize with each; that those especially who are strong become interested in the welfare and prosperity of the weak; the bonds of christian fellowship be rendered more tender, and drawn more closely around the whole, and sectional feeling give place to a more enlarged and generous philanthropy? From a system of operation in some such form, wisely matured and judiciously applied, might we not reasonably anticipate happier results, and the important objects contemplated be more certainly attained?

This is obviously an inquiry of grave concern to the interests of Zion; shall it not be promptly answered by the intelligence of this body, and by the liberality and zeal of the many able churches connected with it? The Committee do not hesitate in expressing the opinion that had some such plan been adopted at the date of our first organization and steadfastly pursued, that there could scarcely have been found at this day a needy church within our borders. They feel justified in assuming that our present sys-

tem is essentially defective and requires amendment; long and painful experience has furnished the conclusive evidence of this morifying fact. The question for serious consideration is, how shall it be improved? What changes should be now made in order to the increase of our resources and their efficient appropriation for permanent good? They are not prepared to present a plan in detail; this, with the whole subject they cheerfully refer to the deliberations of the Association. But in view of the important interests involved and more immediately to direct attention to them, they propose for present consideration the following proposition:

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to take the subject of our Domestic Missionary operations into mature consideration, and report at our next session a more efficient system for the aid and for promoting the permanent prosperity of the feeble churches connected with this Association.

Respectfully submitted,
B. T. WELCH.

The report was made the order of the day for to-morrow, next after the resolutions presented by Bro. Everts.

30. The Treasurer reported \$10 79, on hand from the sum given for printing minutes last year. Voted to give it to the Widows' Fund.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported that several brethren present would conduct the devotional exercises of the evening.

Adjourned to meet at a $\frac{1}{4}$ before 8 o'clock.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ O'CLOCK.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, for devotional exercises. Bro. Bates, of Ireland, and Wheelock, of Union Association, offered prayer. A portion of Scripture having been read, Bro. C. P. Wyckoff addressed the meeting, and was followed by Bro. Bates, of Ireland.

31. Bro. Maclay moved the following resolution, and accompanied it with some interesting remarks:

Resolved, That, in the astonishing results which have already been observed of Scripture distribution in Asia, Europe and America—in the earnest calls of missionaries for greater aid in this department of Christian benevolence, and in the new openings for Bible efforts created by the political and social changes occurring in continental Europe, we recognise and acknowledge the hand of Divine Providence encouraging and urging us to

extraordinary efforts for the support and extension of the operations of the American and Foreign Bible Society.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Bro. Bennet then addressed the meeting in behalf of the Missionary Union, and concluded his remarks with the suggestion that a collection be now taken to constitute our venerable brother, C. P. Wyckoff, a life-member of the Union.

32. On motion of Bro. Davis it was voted that a collection be now taken up to be appropriated to the purpose suggested by Bro. Bennet. A collection was taken amounting to \$25 36.

The benediction was then pronounced by Bro. C. P. Wyckoff, and the Association adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 22.

The Moderator called the Association to order at 9 o'clock. Bro. Fay led in prayer. The Minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved. The roll of the messengers was called and corrected.

33. On motion of Bro. Simpson, the 10th and 11th articles of the rules of order were amended as they now stand recorded on page 4.

34. The subject referred yesterday to a committee of nine in regard to a church applying for admission into this body, was called up by that church, and the Committee were instructed to report forthwith.

35. The resolutions of Bro. Everts being the order of the day, were called up. He presented, with interesting remarks, the following:

Resolved, 1st. That a portion of each session of this Association, commencing immediately after the letters have been read, or with the first meeting of the second day, shall be devoted according to the provisions of the 11th article of the Constitution, to free inquiry in regard to the state of religion, to fields of particular destitution or promise, and in regard to the best modes of bringing the means of grace to bear in their pliancy and adaptation upon all the classes and communities within the bounds of the Association.

2nd. That the Missionary Committee of the Association, in addition to the disbursement of funds contributed for the assistance of poor churches, be specially charged to ascertain as far as possible, the extent of spiritual destitution within the bounds of the Association, and the claims of particu-

lar and new fields for cultivation and to report the same to the annual meeting of the Association.

3d. That a Committee of Seven be raised by this body whose duty it shall be to seek out and accept donations of suitable lots of ground for houses of worship—to hold the same in trust, and to convey the same to such Baptist churches as may be organized in the location of these lots respectively, whenever such churches shall be duly organized and accepted as members of the Hudson River Association.

[This resolution was reported by the Committee mentioned in §25.]

4th. That the Missionary Committee be authorized and requested to take measures to institute a system of voluntary missionary labors by ordained ministers and licentiates in small and destitute communities springing up in the vicinity of large cities, within the bounds of the Association.

These resolutions were severally adopted.

36. The following Brethren were appointed the Committee under the third resolution: P. Townsend, Friend Humphrey, Wm. Winterton, C. W. Houghton, P. Balen, R. Pegg, Wm. D. Murphy.

37. The Committee on Corresponding Associations reported the following from the minutes of the New York Association, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we deem it inexpedient hereafter to attend Councils for the examination of candidates for ordination, whose arrangements for ordination have been previously made.

38. On motion of Bro. Taylor, the case of the Woodstock church was referred to a Special Committee. Bro. Taylor, Arthur and Maclay were appointed that Committee.

39. The Committee of Nine, to whom was referred the case of a church applying for admission, made the following report:

The Committee of Nine respectfully report: That the objections urged against the reception of the Union Baptist church being removed by the Pastor and delegates, the Committee recommend the reception of that church into this body, without further discussion. And be it further *Resolved*, that this Association do most emphatically and solemnly disclaim the idea of sanctioning by their action in this case, the reception by any church of this body into their fellowship of members excluded from a sister church.

Pending the consideration of this report, Bro. Judd having the floor, gave way for the following:

40. *Resolved*, That there be added to the collection of last evening, enough of the money sent to the Association by the churches for Foreign Missions, to constitute Bro. C. P. Wyckoff a life-member of the Am. Bap. Missionary Union.

Adjourned with prayer.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 3 O'CLOCK.

Met according to adjournment. After prayer, resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee of Nine, (§ 39). An extended debate followed. Business was suspended, and Bro. Bennet led in prayer, after which the debate was continued. Bro. Crandall moved the previous question, which being seconded, was carried.

41. The report was then accepted. It was then moved to adopt the report, which motion, after some debate, was carried.

42. The letter from the Union Baptist church, in New York, was then read; after which, the Moderator gave the right hand of fellowship to Bro. Judd, the Pastor of the church.

43. The following table is compiled from the letters read.

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 exp.	Dis. by Letter	Dropped.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	When constituted.	Time pas. since org.	Time pas. pas.
* Oliver-st. N. Y.	* ELISHA TUCKER, LEUEL COVELL, * F. WAYLAND, sr., * LUKE DAVIES, * J. C. MURPHY, I. M. ALLEN, Geo. M. Van Derlip.												
G. N. Bleecker.	Dea. Thos. Purser, " Roger Pegg, " R. Edwards, " E. Caldwell, " Jas. Wilson, Richard Stout, George Adams, Erwin H. Tripp. A. W. Welden, Wm. D. Murphy, R. Thompson, jr.			4 22	32		3	4	572	1795			

* The printer has been obliged to alter the order of the churches somewhat to make the pages of the right length.

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1st Po'keepsie. H. L. VanVleck.	JOHN H. SMITH, Dea. H. L. VanVleck, Henry W. Morris, LEROY CHURCH, Wm. STURGES, H. P. Skinner, J. E. Reynolds, J. B. Van Buren. Wm. S. CLAPP, J. L. Hawley, A. L. Hawley, L. B. Hart, Dea. W. Woodruff " J. P. Brayton	1	6	8		6	1	4		6	303	1807	2 m's	Y
Hudson, H. P. Skinner,	Wm. STURGES, H. P. Skinner, J. E. Reynolds, J. B. Van Buren. Wm. S. CLAPP, J. L. Hawley, A. L. Hawley, L. B. Hart, Dea. W. Woodruff " J. P. Brayton	1	2	4		16		2		6	212	1810		
Albany. N. A. Fish.	S. Topping W. Richardson, M. Scott, J. Cooper, E. F. PLATT, Dea. F. U. Wilson, Philip Barnam, Jephtha Barnam.	3	11	3	10	5	7			2	169	1811		
Cattskill Geo. Marsä.	Letter only. Chas. G. SOMMERS, Wm. C. Ulyatt, Dea. J. Forster, " E. Kingsley, " W. Sharp, " R. C. N. Bell, J. L. HONGE, Dea. I. W. Raymond, " Jas. Tutbill, " J. H. Clark,		11	7			6	6	1	2	141	1803	1	Y
Hamilton-st, Alb. W.S. McInyre.	Letter only. Chas. G. SOMMERS, Wm. C. Ulyatt, Dea. J. Forster, " E. Kingsley, " W. Sharp, " R. C. N. Bell, J. L. HONGE, Dea. I. W. Raymond, " Jas. Tutbill, " J. H. Clark,	1					2	4		3	60	1821		
South, N. Y. E. Kingsley.	S. R. Beebee, Wm. J. Beebee, E. L. Brown. S. RAMINGTON, J. R. BINGLOW, S. Wood, D. Bailie, D. M. Thompson, H. M. Hart, C. Stout, J. Osgood, M. Vanderhuof, W. Plumb, E. Bishop, W. H. Taylor, R. C. Ackerly, G. Sibell,	5	7	1	26		4			2	420	1822	26 U	
1st Brooklyn. L. Brown.	S. R. Beebee, Wm. J. Beebee, E. L. Brown. S. RAMINGTON, J. R. BINGLOW, S. Wood, D. Bailie, D. M. Thompson, H. M. Hart, C. Stout, J. Osgood, M. Vanderhuof, W. Plumb, E. Bishop, W. H. Taylor, R. C. Ackerly, G. Sibell,	4	9	12		64	23	17		4	532	1823	8 7 U	
Stanton st. N. Y. R. C. Ackerly,	S. R. Beebee, Wm. J. Beebee, E. L. Brown. S. RAMINGTON, J. R. BINGLOW, S. Wood, D. Bailie, D. M. Thompson, H. M. Hart, C. Stout, J. Osgood, M. Vanderhuof, W. Plumb, E. Bishop, W. H. Taylor, R. C. Ackerly, G. Sibell,	75	35		2	28	1	7		6	515	1823	4 2 U	
Lansingburg, S. C. Bull.	Wm. ARTHUR.	1	1	7				2		2	181	1804	2 U	

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1st Troy. D. Hathaway.	G. C. BALDWIN, Dea. J. Hastings, " G. Warner, " A. Numan, " E. J. Mattocks, Curtis Wilbur, William Faber. J. H. BROUNER, Wm. HALL, Dea. J. H. Townsend, " H. P. See,	6	134	43	13	23	3	24	8	753	1795	7	4 U	
North, N. Y. J. H. Townsend.	B. Randoiph, T. Coppins, Squire Sellecks, Wm. K. Randolph, Thos. Ackerson. E. Stanley, Dea. D. Johnson, J. C. BURROWS, E. Burrows, A. Potter. A. Hoyt, F. Disabel.	2	7	1	2					3	296	1827	2 20 U	
Cairo. W. Noble.	Dea. D. Johnson, J. C. BURROWS, E. Burrows, A. Potter. A. Hoyt, F. Disabel.				4	1			2	53	1812			
West Troy. A.R. Cheevers.	Dea. S. Brooks. Dea. D. Staples, " C. Wright, M. Staples, John Q. Adams, D. C. Craft. D. ROBINSON, Jacob Romaine, R. S. Vandusen. Benson Simpson, H. G. DAY, Dea. J. Draper, A. Robinson. CYRUS SHOOK, J. FRANKLIN, George Barnes, Dea. R. Nichols, G. Southworth, Alonzo Nichols, Rob. Tompkins.	3	19		13		5		3	155	1827	8	1 U	
Zion, Cornwall. Geo. Brooks.	Dea. S. Brooks. Dea. D. Staples, " C. Wright, M. Staples, John Q. Adams, D. C. Craft. D. ROBINSON, Jacob Romaine, R. S. Vandusen. Benson Simpson, H. G. DAY, Dea. J. Draper, A. Robinson. CYRUS SHOOK, J. FRANKLIN, George Barnes, Dea. R. Nichols, G. Southworth, Alonzo Nichols, Rob. Tompkins.						2	2	1	65	1823			
Lattingtown, J. W. Staples.	Dea. D. Staples, " C. Wright, M. Staples, John Q. Adams, D. C. Craft. D. ROBINSON, Jacob Romaine, R. S. Vandusen. Benson Simpson, H. G. DAY, Dea. J. Draper, A. Robinson. CYRUS SHOOK, J. FRANKLIN, George Barnes, Dea. R. Nichols, G. Southworth, Alonzo Nichols, Rob. Tompkins.	2	1	2					1	89	1812			
West Hillsdale. B. Simpson.	Dea. S. Brooks. Dea. D. Staples, " C. Wright, M. Staples, John Q. Adams, D. C. Craft. D. ROBINSON, Jacob Romaine, R. S. Vandusen. Benson Simpson, H. G. DAY, Dea. J. Draper, A. Robinson. CYRUS SHOOK, J. FRANKLIN, George Barnes, Dea. R. Nichols, G. Southworth, Alonzo Nichols, Rob. Tompkins.	16	3	1	5				4	134	1800			
Schenectady. Jabez Ward	Dea. S. Brooks. Dea. D. Staples, " C. Wright, M. Staples, John Q. Adams, D. C. Craft. D. ROBINSON, Jacob Romaine, R. S. Vandusen. Benson Simpson, H. G. DAY, Dea. J. Draper, A. Robinson. CYRUS SHOOK, J. FRANKLIN, George Barnes, Dea. R. Nichols, G. Southworth, Alonzo Nichols, Rob. Tompkins.	2	10		14	3	16		2	167	1822	10	1 1/2 U	
Kingston, J. J. Styles.	Dea. S. Brooks. Dea. D. Staples, " C. Wright, M. Staples, John Q. Adams, D. C. Craft. D. ROBINSON, Jacob Romaine, R. S. Vandusen. Benson Simpson, H. G. DAY, Dea. J. Draper, A. Robinson. CYRUS SHOOK, J. FRANKLIN, George Barnes, Dea. R. Nichols, G. Southworth, Alonzo Nichols, Rob. Tompkins.	1	2	6	1	8		1		1	112	1831		
Westkill. A. Bushnell.	Dea. S. Brooks. Dea. D. Staples, " C. Wright, M. Staples, John Q. Adams, D. C. Craft. D. ROBINSON, Jacob Romaine, R. S. Vandusen. Benson Simpson, H. G. DAY, Dea. J. Draper, A. Robinson. CYRUS SHOOK, J. FRANKLIN, George Barnes, Dea. R. Nichols, G. Southworth, Alonzo Nichols, Rob. Tompkins.	1	14	4		2		2		100	1831			
Athens, Ethan S. Fox.	S. JONES, L. L. HILL, H. C. HAZEN, F. STOKES, Dea. E. S. Fox, A. Porter, W. H. WINES, Dea. A. Baker, F. C. Dederick.	4	7		6	1	5	1		92	1831			
Coxsackie. Wm. Frear.	S. JONES, L. L. HILL, H. C. HAZEN, F. STOKES, Dea. E. S. Fox, A. Porter, W. H. WINES, Dea. A. Baker, F. C. Dederick.				1	6	2	5		76	1833	10		U
Saugerties. F. B. Porter.	S. JONES, L. L. HILL, H. C. HAZEN, F. STOKES, Dea. E. S. Fox, A. Porter, W. H. WINES, Dea. A. Baker, F. C. Dederick.	2		11		18	1		92	1833	8	3 m's, 10 months.	U	

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Kinderhook.	No information.									50	1834		
Guilderland.	No information.									50	1840		
2d Woodstock, Ulster Co.	No information.									53	1846		U
Shiloh, N. Y. John Pell.	L. PARMLEY, Dea. D. M. Call, " A. B. Mend.		17	14						60			
	A. Hardenbrook, Wm. Ramsay, S. W. Walling.												
Union, N. Y. G. W. Abbe.	ORRIN B. Judd, Dea. Wm. Bowen, " W. A. Fisk,												
	S. W. Bagley, A. Bridgeman, P. Wentzel, A. Latson, Geo. W. Hicks.	3	6	7	2			1	46	1847	1	107	
Half-Moon, W. A. Faxon.	G. C. TRIPP, C. Boughton, W. A. Faxon.									150			
Totals,		36	802	621	77	597	30	220	113	1251	131		

This Association is composed of 61 churches; 75 ordained ministers; and 25 licentiates.

44. Bro. Mason presented the following report :

Your Committee to whom was referred the communication from the Board of the A. B. Home Mission Society, relative to the German Mission church, in the city of New York, submit the following report :

The circumstances which have rendered necessary the presentation of such a communication to this body, appear to your Committee, to betray a vital deficiency in our organization for the support of feeble churches in our midst. The German Mission church, in common with others, needing the sympathy and aid of their more able brethren, have been deprived of these, only because, through such deficiency, their wants have not properly come before the churches.

Your Committee, after as careful investigation as they have been able to give the subject, unanimously resolved to recommend the following :

1st. That it is the duty of the Hudson River Association to make provisions for the ample support of the German Mission and other feeble churches in and about the city of New York, and in the bounds of the Association.

2d. To effectually accomplish this object, your Committee further recommend that the important responsibility of supplying the feeble churches within the bounds of this extensive Association, be divided be-

tween two Missionary Committees, to be located respectively at Albany and New York.

3d. They further recommend that Poughkeepsie be the point of division. All the churches above, paying their moneys to the Committee at Albany, and those at Poughkeepsie and below, pay theirs to the Committee at New York.

A. P. MASON,
C. W. HOUGHTON,
WM. WINTERTON.
W. W. EVERTS,
J. T. SERLEY.

The report was accepted and then adopted.

45. The Committee on the State of Religion presented the following report, which was accepted; the reading of the digest of letters being dispensed with by vote.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

That the cause of God is always advancing toward the grand consummation contemplated in his purposes, is a truth, obvious and consoling. That it sometimes advances by means over which we should rejoice, and at others by those over which we should mourn, is equally a truth, and one in which the ordination of God and the agency and accountability of man are seen to harmonize. If the rejection and crucifixion of the Messiah by the Jews brought salvation to the Gentiles, we are overwhelmed with the guilt of the one, and overjoyed with the consequences to the other. Whether, therefore, the cause of God has advanced, your Committee are not called upon to report. That is decided by the Head of the Church, in a standing report in the Bible, intelligible to all believers. But the aspects of that advancement legitimately claim our attention. This will appear from the following digest of the letters from the churches.

First German Church, New York.—Rev. John Eschman, Pastor. Was constituted in 1846, of twelve members, and since that time, by the grace of God, has increased to forty-two members. They worship in a house corner of Essex and Stanton streets, and are united in harmony and brotherly love.

Catskill.—Rev. E. F. Platt, Pastor. During the past year they have raised \$1000, by which they have liquidated the debt on their meeting house, and several precious souls have been hopefully converted to God.

Cosackie.—Rev. William H. Wines, pastor. After the death of their former beloved pastor, Rev. Samuel Ward, a number of months elapsed before they secured the services of their present esteemed pastor, in consequence of which, there was a declension in the spiritual interest of the church; but a few have come up promptly to the work—have raised his salary for the present year—are well united in him, and are praying that God may bless his labors.

North Church, Staten Island.—Rev. David Morris, pastor. Have been encouraged by valuable additions by letter—their congregations solemn,

attentive, and otherwise interesting. The trustees have been embarrassed by a debt of \$1500, on the meeting house—have made an extra effort to release them, and have obtained subscriptions amounting to near \$1200, and hope speedily to accomplish the object. They have been deeply afflicted in the bereavement of some of their best members, still they murmur not; but ask our prayers that these adverse providences may serve to influence, as they do to admonish them, to redeem the time by greater diligence.

Athens.—Rev. Henry C. Hazen, pastor. Their pecuniary affairs have greatly brightened during the past year. In the providence of God, a debt of \$1500 has been cancelled—\$730 of which was by the will of an aged and beloved sister, the remainder by subscriptions. They hope in future to be able not only to support the ministry among them, but to do something for the perishing and destitute in our own, and foreign lands. Their prayer is, "O God, restore unto us the joy of thy salvation, and renew a right spirit within us."

Oliver-Street Church, New York.—While the influences of the Holy Spirit have not been manifested among them in the conversion of sinners to the extent of former years, yet they are thankful that some mercy drops have descended from the Throne, and they feel encouraged still to pray, "O Lord, revive thy work." At present they are without a pastor. Rev. Elisha Tucker, who has labored faithfully among them, resigned his pastoral charge in April last, which was accepted in May 8th following. They have been praying that God would guide in the choice of a successor. They continue as ever, to take a lively interest in all the benevolent organizations of the day, and have been enabled to contribute about as much as in past years for their support.

Pittstown.—Rev. D. S. Dean, pastor. They had a good revival last fall. The church was greatly refreshed, and backsliders confessed their sins.

State Street Church, Albany.—Rev. E. R. Warren, pastor. In answer to prayer, the converting influence of the Holy Spirit was manifested among them for several months in the winter and spring, and a number were led to repent, and were hopefully converted to God.

Lansingburgh.—Rev. William Arthur, pastor. During the past year, though they have not experienced any particular manifestation of the outpouring of the Spirit of God in the conversion of souls, yet they have felt that God has been with them, and enabled them to hold on to the promises, while some are wrestling, Jacob like, for the blessing, and they cannot but hope that the faithful preaching of the word shall be the means of gathering into Christ's visible church such, and only such, as shall be finally saved.

Cannon Street Church.—Rev. Henry Davis, pastor. Have, during the past year, uninterruptedly enjoyed the means of grace. The Spirit of the Lord has been in their midst, and some souls have been converted to God. Their meetings for business have been harmonious, and their fiscal affairs are free from any embarrassments. The lots upon which the meeting house stands, have been purchased in fee, within the past year, and the

church owns a cemetery and other property in Williamsburgh, free of incumbrance, the value of which is nearly, or quite equal to the entire indebtedness of the Society.

Norfolk Street Church, New York.—Rev. Geo. Benedict, pastor.—Throughout the year they have been deprived of the services of their beloved pastor, who has been disabled by painful illness. The Rev. L. Covel has, for several months, rendered very efficient services, and also ministering brethren of New-York and its vicinity, who have kindly volunteered their services in supplying the pulpit. On the 12th inst., their house of worship was consumed by fire. Though thus cast down, yet they are not destroyed, but guided by Him who controlled the movements of the pillar of cloud, they hope soon to be permitted again to worship the Lord under their own vine.

Pierrepont Street, Brooklyn.—Rev. E. E. L. Taylor, pastor. Although not permitted to record those large additions to their number by baptism as it has been their privilege to do in some years past, yet the great Head of the church has not left himself without witnesses for the truth in their midst, for it has been their happiness to witness willing converts planted in the likeness of the Saviour's death every month, with but few exceptions during the association year. Forty one esteemed brethren and sisters have been dismissed to aid in forming the Central Baptist Church, which accounts for the small diminution of their numbers as compared with last year. The spirit of union with their esteemed pastor and each other, continues to prevail among them, and they can fully enter into the feelings of the Psalmist when he said, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Haverstraw.—During the past year they have been much occupied in the erection of a meeting house, which was dedicated to the worship of God in March last. The Rev. Wm. Pike, whose ministrations they have enjoyed during the last fifteen months, has resigned his charge, and entered upon another field of labor, and they are now destitute of an under shepherd, but are looking to the Lord to send them a pastor to go in and out before them, and break to them the bread of life.

Concord Street, Brooklyn.—Rev. Sampson White, pastor. Was constituted May 13, 1847, and the following September was recognised by an ecclesiastical council. Since then, they have purchased a lot of ground and built a small meeting house upon it. They are well united, and encouraged to believe that God is with them, and will bless them.

Rochester, formerly First Woodstock.—Rev. David Sampson, pastor. While a majority of this church have changed their name, they have also changed their complexion. And as no dark body can radiate light, it cannot be expected of them longer that they will appear a light in the world. Having cast off its garment, they cease to shine, and cease longer by their good works to glorify our Father who is in Heaven. It has therefore disclaimed all sympathy with efforts for ministerial education, and all connexion with societies, whose object is to carry out the great commission of the Son of God, and give the gospel to the world. Those who have been

censured by such a body, or excluded from their fellowship, may esteem themselves honored.

2d Sand Lake.—Rev. E. G. Perry, pastor. This church, although it reports no special revival, speaks of union and activity in all the home and foreign departments of christian labor. They have enjoyed several interesting baptismal seasons.

Tabernacle Church, New York City.—Rev. E. Lathrop, pastor. This church makes affectionate mention of the illness of their devoted pastor during the past year, and the decease of several most valuable members, and especially of Dea. J. Gilbert. They are united and prosperous, and have contributed largely towards all the benevolent enterprises of the day.

South Church, Albany.—No pastor. Have enjoyed no revival, but have passed through severe trials and afflictions during the past year. Their late pastor, who has labored with them ever since their organization, has resigned his pastorate.

North Baptist Church, New York.—Rev. J. H. Brouner, pastor. Speaks of the decease of some of their most valued members, and of other afflictions, but bear testimony to the sustaining grace of a covenant God. They mourn over the low state of Zion, and implore an outpouring of the Spirit in the conversion of sinners.

Baptist Church at Green Point, Long Island.—Rev. E. Conover, Pastor. This is a feeble, yet active church, located about one mile from New York city. They have experienced those difficulties incident upon the establishment of a new interest, and at present their prospects are good. They ask the prayer and influence of their brethren.

Shiloh Church, New York City.—Rev. L. Parmly, pastor. This church are thankful for their existence under favorable auspices. Have been organized about a year, in a destitute, yet important part of the city. They have a large Sabbath school in a flourishing condition, and feel, that if they can be aided one or two years, they will, with the divine blessing, be able to sustain themselves.

Westkill Church.—Rev. S. Jones, pastor. The letter of this church, mentioned with gratitude the blessing of God, which attended a series of meetings held during the last winter, and their happiness and prosperity under the ministry of their new pastor.

Central Church, Poughkeepsie.—No pastor. This church speak in terms of affectionate remembrance of their late pastor, Rev. A. Perkins, and of the gift of the meeting house in which they have worshipped since their organization, with its organ and other appurtenances, valued at \$20,000, from Mathew Vassar, Esq. They mourn over the low state of vital piety among them. They are supplied at present by Bro. E. Fay.

South Ch. N. Y.—Rev. C. G. Sommers pastor. The affairs of this church have happily progressed during the past year, under the faithful labor of their esteemed pastor. They have enjoyed no special outpourings of the Spirit, but the saints have been edified, and they hope to go on "conquering and to conquer." They contemplate removing from their present location to a more eligible one during the coming year.

Laurens Street Church, New York City.—Rev. Luke Barker, pastor. This church express deep interest in the welfare of the rising generation. They have enjoyed unity and brotherly love. Several among them are inquiring the way of salvation, and they are hoping for a refreshing from on high. They feel a deep solicitude that all of the churches should approximate more closely to the primitive churches.

First Church, Poughkeepsie.—Rev. J. H. Smith, pastor. This church record the signal favors of Zion's God which have marked their past history. They also speak in tones of most affectionate remembrance of their late pastor, Rev. C. Van Loon, who, during the past year, was called from the toils of the church militant to the joys of the church triumphant. Their new pastor is enshrined in their affections, and they express the most lively interest in every department of evangelical effort.

The Church in West Troy.—Rev. J. C. Burroughs, pastor. During the past year has had the "uninterrupted enjoyment of the institutions and privileges of the kingdom of Christ, union and peace, precious seasons of christian communion in the truth and ordinances of the gospel, increasing attendance upon the ministration of the word, and the hopeful conversion and ingathering of a few souls." They report the death of several valuable members, especially, that of Dea. Thos. Shrimpton, "one of the constituent members, and the first deacon of the church."

The Church in Hudson.—Rev. Le Roy Church, pastor, says, "the common blessings of Providence and of grace are granted us. The word of life has been faithfully preached by our pastor. The congregation has been uniformly large and attentive, and, though but few have been converted, yet our reliance is upon him who hath said, 'My word shall not return unto me void.'"

The Twelfth Street Church, New York.—Rev. S. A. Corey, writes thus: "During the past year, our Heavenly Father has permitted us to rejoice in his salvation. Sinners have been converted to God, and a goodly number have been received into the church by baptism. But while we rejoice in this, we feel the pressure of embarrassments. There is still a heavy debt upon our meeting house, and, but for this, most obviously our prosperity would have been far greater than it has been. We trust in God, and believe He will guide us in the path of duty."

The Church in Williamsburgh.—Rev. A. P. Mason, Pastor, regrets that unforeseen and unavoidable delays in completing their new meeting house, prevented the present session of the Association being held with them. During the past year they have enjoyed the smiles of God, in his having given them that prosperity which maketh rich and addeth no sorrow, and though their light has burned dimly, it has burned *steadily*. They mourn over the death of Bro. Seager, a beloved licentiate of that church.

The Church in Lattingtown is without a pastor, though they have stated preaching. They are in union among themselves. Though feeble, they desire to press forward and to do what they can for the cause of Christ.

The Church in Tarrytown.—Rev. C. H. Underhill, pastor, has, during the past year, completed and nearly paid for a fine meeting house. They

enjoy harmony and brotherly love, and are exerting a happy influence upon the community. Their condition is truly prosperous.

The Church in Harlem.—Rev. John Pettes, pastor. This church has been in an encouraging condition, especially since the labors of their present pastor commenced. They are taking measures to secure a meeting house which they greatly need.

The Church in Phillipstown.—Rev. J. W. Jones, pastor. This church says, "The year past has been with us a season of drought, though we have had some drops of mercy in the conversion of a few souls. We feel attached to the great doctrines of the gospel."

The Church in Schenectady.—Rev. H. G. Day, pastor, has enjoyed the faithful preaching of the word, which has not been without the blessing of the Lord upon it. She has reviewed her list of members, and though in consequence, her strength is apparently diminished, yet she is confident it is in reality increased. She enjoys a great degree of harmony.

The East Church, Brooklyn.—Rev. A. Haynes, pastor, has recently been organized—has enjoyed a great degree of peace and harmony, and feels confident that the Lord is establishing the work of her hands, and is favoring her with a healthful prosperity.

The North Church, Troy.—Rev. J. H. Walden, pastor, says, "during the past year, God has been pleased gloriously to revive his work among us; saints have been revived and sinners converted." During the past winter this church held a series of meetings, which were graciously blessed of the Lord.

The First Church, Brooklyn.—Rev. J. L. Hodge, pastor, says, "we can truly say, we have had evidence that the Lord has not forsaken us. The word faithfully preached by our pastor, has been blessed, and the hearts of God's people have been made to rejoice in his goodness and love, whilst sitting together in heavenly places. Although we have not been permitted to witness many instances of conversion among those who worship with us, yet some, we trust, have found Christ precious to their souls, and have publicly espoused his cause." This church continues her accustomed liberality in contributing to the benevolent operations of the day—has dismissed 35 members to form a new interest.

Stanton Street, New York.—Rev. S. Remington, pastor. This Church tells us that God has been with them of a truth, and has given them songs in the house of their pilgrimage. By the blessing of God on the ordinary means of grace, many souls have been brought from darkness to light, and have been welcomed into the church by baptism. Their Sabbath-school is prosperous, and has richly shared in the divine blessing. They have been called to mourn the loss of some of their loved and highly valued members, who have suddenly been called from the church on earth to that in heaven.

Half Moon.—Rev. G. C. Tripp, Pastor. This church was received into the Association during its present session. After struggling with difficulties and discouragements for five years, they now enter upon a fairer pros-

pect, and keenly alive to the claims upon them, they enter heartily into every good word and work.

Pearl Street, Albany.—Rev. B. T. Welch, pastor. In addition to the ordinary manifestation of the divine favor, they feel called upon to record the loving kindness of the Lord in the restoration of their beloved pastor to health and to their pulpit. The Lord has been with them in the preaching of the gospel, and the ordinances of his house, and has given them prosperity in view of which they say, we can "set to our seal that God is true."

Sixth Street, New York.—Rev. J. T. Seeley, pastor. This church continues to enjoy the gracious smiles of God. The subduing and regenerating power of the Holy Ghost, has been experienced by them in the building up of saints and the saving of sinners. They have been able to complete within the past year, a commodious place of worship, which on the Sabbath is well filled with a devout congregation. They have every occasion to thank God and take courage.

First Kingston.—Rev. Cyrus Shook, pastor. Although they have nothing of remarkable interest to communicate, yet they enjoy the smiles of Providence, and rejoice that Jehovah still reigns in the hearts of his people.

First Saugerties.—Rev. B. C. Crandall, pastor. By various difficulties and embarrassments, this church has been sorely tried; yet it has thus far, surmounted every obstacle to its continuance as a branch of Christ's Kingdom. Measures recently adopted by the members, bid fair, with the divine blessing, to relieve them from every discouragement and to result in a healthy prosperity.

Hope Chapel, New York.—Rev. David Bellamy, pastor. This church has shared richly in the divine blessing. The ministration of the word has been blessed to the building up of the church, and the salvation of sinners. Hitherto destitute of a place of worship which they could call their own, they are now engaged in the erection of a large and commodious chapel on Broadway, which they hope soon to complete and occupy.

Laight Street, New York.—Rev. W. W. Everts, pastor. The history of this church continues to be one of prosperity. In their congregation and Sabbath-school they have experienced the evident tokens of the divine favor. One of their members, now residing in the Island of St. Anders, has been greatly blessed in his labors among its inhabitants. Where was once no church, no Sabbath, no religious teaching, no recognition of the institution of marriage, now is established the church of Christ, and a regular observance of its ordinances. "They that are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

First Troy.—Rev. G. C. Baldwin, pastor. This church is still enjoying the smiles of our heavenly Father. They have welcomed to their fellowship, through the ordinance of baptism, many willing converts. A healthful discipline has been maintained, and a note of alarm has been faithfully sounded against those vain amusements which are entrapping so many of our young members, chilling their spiritual ardor, and blasting their prospects of usefulness in the vineyard of the Lord. They testify to the good

influence left on the minds of all, by the late meetings of the Missionary Union in their church.

Anity Street, New York.—Rev. Wm. R. Williams, Pastor. Their course has varied little from the general and even tenor that has marked their past history. Yet they have not been without evident tokens of our heavenly Father's favoring care. Because He who is greater and wiser than all, is walking among the candlesticks of his churches, and guarding them with a sleepless and unremitting vigilance, they stand firm, and their light is not extinguished. They would, in times so eventful as those in which we live, be found true to their duty—not sluggish or indifferent spectators.

Zion Church, Cornwall.—This church is at present without a pastor, and without the stated preaching of the word. They are, however, maintaining regular prayer meetings, and looking to God that he would send them a pastor after his own heart.

Hyle Park.—Rev. E. Fay, Pastor. In the enjoyment of the regular ministry of the word, and the ordinances of the gospel, this church still maintains its position, and looks to God for his gracious visitation.

Rosendale.—Pastor, N. D. Benedict. Complain of destitution of divine influence formerly enjoyed and that sinners have not been converted. Debt on their house of worship has been liquidated. Sabbath-school particularly prosperous.

Rondout.—Pastor, W. S. Mikels. Cannot report the conversion of sinners, but feel confident they are growing in grace, and enjoy a delightful state of harmony. Not only *pray* "thy kingdom come," but contribute to its advancement.

First Church, Albany.—Pastor, W. S. Clapp. Are united in their pastor, and his labors are not in vain. Are gradually recovering from a severe depression, which has pained the hearts of humble praying ones. Yet a degree of success attends their efforts, and they pray for enlarged manifestations of God's presence.

Hamilton Street, Albany.—No pastor. Lament that they have not prospered for years past, as formerly. Pastor has removed for want of support. They mourn over the decease of an excellent deacon. Sabbath-school prosperous, and they hope for better days.

Union Baptist Church, N. Y.—Pastor, Rev O. B. Judd. Received at this session. They give a detailed account of their organization, and an interesting history of their progress to the present time, showing reasonable increase, and presenting prospects of future enlargement and usefulness.

[The Committee overlocked the letters from *Cairo* and *West Hillsdale*, if they were put into their hands.]

Your Committee believe that the cheering anticipations presented in last year's report, have been in a measure realized. Revivals have been somewhat numerous and extensive, and generally of an excellent character, calculated to increase confidence in God, and in the ordinary means of grace.

A delightful state of harmony exists in the churches generally, and it is believed that there is a growing attachment between Pastors and the people of their charge.

An increase of payments to objects of benevolence, is also apparent. But we cannot regard that increase by any means proportionate to the increased productiveness of most kinds of business during the past year. Another happy improvement has been, increased and successful efforts by a number of the churches, to liquidate the debts upon their houses of worship.

But with all these pleasing facts before us, it is due to the truth of our position to say, that we are still vastly deficient in almost every good work. We ought to look for much more enlarged success under the gracious outpourings of the *Divine Spirit*.

All of which is respectfully submitted
in behalf of the Committee.

J. H. WALDEN, *Chairman*.

The Association adjourned to resume business at $\frac{1}{4}$ before 8 o'clock in the evening.

THURSDAY EVENING, $\frac{1}{4}$ BEFORE 8.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. Davis.

46. The report of the Missionary Committee (§ 29) was now taken up, and the Committee required by the resolution was appointed as follows: Brn. Welch, Humphry, Walden, Baldwin and Arthur.

47. The Missionary Committee of the Association was composed as follows: Brn. Welch, Humphry, Walden, Baldwin and Arthur, for the Northern Section; Brn. Sommers, Hodge, Taylor, Covel, Lathrop, Everts, Davis, Remington, Bellamy, Mason, Judd, Seeley, and Brouner, for the Southern section.

48. Voted that the Missionary Committee have power of agencies.

49. The Committee on the Woodstock church presented the following report, which was accepted.

Your Committee appointed to consider the case of the 1st Woodstock Baptist Church, make the following report:

We find, as per their letter, that the majority of this body at a church meeting, changed their name to that of the *Rochester Baptist Church*.

That their Pastor, Rev. D. Sampson, declines farther labor with the small branch in Woodstock, distant some 14 miles from Rochester—

That the body calling themselves the regular church, are an *Anti-Mission* church, not holding the views entertained on this important subject by the churches of this Association.

Your Committee, however, believe that *constitutionally*, they are the church holding connexion with our Association, and, until such steps are

taken as contemplated in Art. 8 of our Constitution, for the withdrawal of our fellowship, they should be thus considered—

The Committee would therefore express their sympathy with the few Brn. residing in Woolstock, composing the Branch of the above church, and would recommend them to take letters and unite with the nearest church in their vicinity of the faith and order of the churches composing this body.

E. E. L. TAYLOR, }
A. MACLAY, } Committee.
WM. ARTHUR. }

Bro. Williams presented the following resolution, which was adopted.

50. *Resolved*, That this Association acknowledge most gratefully the liberal aid of the American Tract Society to our various Mission Stations, and would rejoice in the success which God has given the Society; and this Association commend to the sympathies, prayers and aid of the churches, the publications and colporteurs, the rapidly widening plans and largely multiplied laborers of this honored Institution.

Bro. Welch presented the following preamble and resolution.

51. *Whereas*, it is highly desirable that the limited time comprised within the sessions of this body, should be to a much greater extent employed in the ministry of the word, and such devotional exercises as tend to encourage faith, elevate affection, and excite to duty, therefore

Resolved, That the public reading of the Annual epistles of the churches at the commencement of the sessions be hereafter omitted, and that they be referred to a Committee to report at the earliest practicable period, a digest of all interesting matter contained therein.

Bro. Simpson presented the following as a substitute.

Resolved, That all statistics from the churches be given directly to the Clerk without being read, except those relating to the changes in the number of members of the churches respectively.

The whole subject, after some debate, was laid on the table.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock. Prayer by the

Moderator.

FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 23.

At 9 o'clock the Moderator called the Association to order. After reading the Scriptures and singing, Bro. Welch led in prayer.

Bro. Arthur presented the following :

52. *Resolved*, That while each church composing this Association are permitted to send an unlimited number of delegates to participate in the deliberations of this body, yet we recommend that no church shall be allowed more than seven delegates who are permitted to vote.

On motion, this resolution was referred to a Committee to consider the subject, and report at the next meeting of the Association. Brn. Arthur, Welch, Walden, Taylor, and Lathrop, were appointed that Committee.

53. The following delegates were appointed to and received from Corresponding Associations, viz :

Associations.	Delegates Sent.	Delegates Rec'd.	Time of Meeting.
Boston, Mass.	Sommers, Everts, Stockbridge, Walden, Remington, and Wilson.		3d Wednesday in September
Central, N. Jers.	Minutes.		3d Wednesday in October.
New London.	Minutes.		Last Wednesday in Sept.
Dutchess Co.	E. Robertson, Mikels, Purser, Fox, Hagar, Benedict, Tucker, S. H. Clapp	J. Warren, jr., Read, M. L. Wood, B. Clapp.	1st Wednesday in October.
Maitson.	Minutes.		September.
New Haven.	Sommers, Hodge, Arthur, Orchard.		
New York.	Taylor, Hodge, Morris, Davis, Forrester, Brouner, Purser, and Orchard.	Cone, White, Dowling, Spencer, Hopkins.	Last Tuesday in May.
Philadelphia.	Sommers, Everts, Perkins, Taylor, Wilson, Brouner, and Stockbridge.		1st Tuesday in October.
Salem, Mass.	Stockbridge, Everts, Colby, and Sommers.		1th Wednesday in Sept.
Saratoga.	H. G. Day, Bigelow, Lawton, Welch, Haynes and Walden.		4th Wednesday in June.
Stephentown.	Minutes.		3d Wednesday in September
Union, N. Y.	Benedict, Underhill, Hazen, Skinner, Church, and Orchard.	S. Griffin, Wheelock	1st Wednesday in September
Rensselaerville.	Ferguson, Seeley, Clapp, Wilkins, Church, Skinner, and Barnes.		3d Wednesday in September
Jefferson Union.	Walden.		
Sussex, N. J.	Orchard and Skinner.		Last Wednesday in June.
East New Jersey.	Sommers, Purser, Seeley, Tucker, Brouner, Stockbridge, Haynes, Covell, Underhill, Price, Morris.	Turton, Fish, Hill, Rodgers, Holt, Barker, Stout, Mason.	1st Tuesday in June.
Warren, R. I.	Lathrop, Mikels, Stockbridge, and Wilson.		September.
Black River.	Minutes.		June.
Harmony.	Minutes.		August.
Shaftsbury.	Perry.		1st Wednesday in June.
Wash'ton Union.	Minutes.	W. W. Moore.	1st Wednesday in June.
Oncida.	Davis and Corey.		September.
Fairfield, Ct.	Seeley, Benedict, Orchard and Bellamy.		2d Wednesday in October.
Otsego.	Minutes.		July.
Worcester, Mass.	Remington, Marble, Bigelow, Perry, Taylor, Perkins, and Wilson.		1st Thursday in August.
Seneca.	Minutes.		1st Wednesday in October.
Lake George.	Clapp, Arthur, and Church.		1st Wednesday in September.
Franklin.	Minutes.		4th Wednesday in June.
Abingdon.	Minutes.		1st Wednesday in September
New Jersey.	Sommers and Davis.		2d Tuesday in September.
Worcester, N. Y.	Remington and Seeley'		
Oneida.	Minutes.		
Berkshire, Mass.	Church, Skinner, and D. Robinson.		

Bro. Mason presented the following :

54. *Resolved*, That we open a correspondence with the Strict Communion Baptist Convention of England.

After an interesting discussion, it was referred to the following Committee, to report at our next annual session, to wit : Brn. Mason, Williams, and Sommers.

Bro. Warren presented the following, which was adopted :

55. In view of the fact that the Kingdom of our Blessed Redeemer has been subjected to persecution and oppression from powers and wicked governments of this world, and retarded in its onward progress, we cannot but regard the present wonderful movements among the nations, both papal and others, as indicating the glorious designs of our God, mercifully to deliver his people ; and, therefore.

Resolved, That we are loudly called upon to pray earnestly, and to labor efficiently that the overturnings among the nations may be overruled for the establishment of the great principles of truth and righteousness.

Bro. Williams presented the following resolution, which, after some debate, was adopted :

56. *Resolved*, That the widening field thrown open by Divine providence, before the American Baptist Missionary Union, summons our churches to a larger measure of zeal, prayerfulness and liberality, that the needs of heathenism, and the claims and commands of our Divine Master may be adequately met.

57. Voted, on motion of Bro. Taylor, that \$200 of the money sent to the Association for Foreign Mission purposes, be appropriated to making two brethren life-members of the American Baptist Missionary Union. Brn. A. Samson, and Samson White, were the persons designated.

Bro. Williams offered the following, which was adopted :

58. *Resolved*, That in the emergencies of the times, and our dangers from worldliness and self-confidence, it be urged upon our churches to observe a day of fasting and prayer, to implore a larger descent of the Spirit on the pastors and churches in their common labors. That the third Tuesday in Oct. be recommended for such purpose.

Bro. Taylor presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

59. *Resolved*, That in the future sessions of the Association arrangements be so made as to insure, at least, two sermons, or other devotional exercises equivalent thereto, during each day of its session.

60. The Treasurer of the Widows' Fund presented his report as follows, which was accepted :

WIDOWS' FUND of the Hudson River Association, in account with WILLIAM COLGATE, Treasurer.

		Dr.			Cr.
1847.			1847.		
Oct. 22	To cash paid Mrs. Ann E. Ward,	\$50 00	June 18	By Balance,	\$735 55
25	To cash pd. Rev. Henry Davis, for Mrs. Van Gelder,	25 00	1848.		
1348.			Feb. 14	By cash from the Detroit Baptist Church,	300 00
Jan. 12	To cash pd. Rev. B. T. Welch's draft for Mrs. Ford,	75 00	April 5	By cash from do.	100 00
April 12	To cash pd. Rev. Henry Davis, for Mrs. Van Gelder,	25 00	June 20	Balance of Interest,	46 76
	To Balance,	1215 40	"	*By cash from Hudson River Association,	208 09
		\$1390 40			
					\$1390 40
				By balance in the Treasurer's hands,	1215 40

* For particulars of this amount, see Treas. Report, p. 41.

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

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

These last six churches will please appoint their collectors.

62. PLAN OF MINISTERS' WIDOWS' FUND.

Unanimously adopted August 3, 1826, and amended July 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.

[Trustees.—William Colgate, Friend Humphrey, John Bowen, William Winterton, E. Corning.]

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 or 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.

Adjourned to meet in the afternoon at 2 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. Warren.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 2 O'CLOCK.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. Brouner.

63. On motion of Bro. Stockbridge, the article numbered S, in the standing resolutions, was placed there from page 34 of last year's minutes.

64. On motion of Bro. Williams, the 7th of the rules of order was amended as it now reads.

65. Bro. Williams gave notice of a resolution now laid before the Association for consideration, and to be called up at the next annual meeting.

Resolved, That the circular letter be restored as an important measure for concentrating the influence of the Association, and bringing it to bear on momentous truths and duties for the times.

66. The following brethren were appointed delegates to the N. Y. State Convention : Lathrop, Sommers, Williams, Mason, Arthur, Clapp, Welsh, Davis, Maclay, and Seeley.

67. The following brethren were appointed delegates to attend the next anniversary of the American and Foreign Bible Society: Sommers, Bellamy, Judd, Armitage, Corey, Brouner.

68. It was ordered that the following from our minutes of last year, appear in these minutes :

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, shows 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.

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.

69. On motion, the Treasurer was authorized to pay over the moneys in his hands to the agents representing the several interests specified in his account.

70. Bro. Lathrop presented the following, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to the members of the Laight street church and congregation, and to others, for the liberal hospitality extended by them to the delegates of the Association during its present session: and particularly to the ladies of the Laight street church and congregation, for the bountiful collation provided by them, and furnished in the vestry of this house.

71. The report of the Treasurer of the Association was read and adopted, and ordered to be printed with our minutes.

72. Bro. Judd was appointed on the Committee on Church History, in the place of Bro. Tucker, who has removed from the Association.

73. It was voted to transfer to our Minutes, the following from last year's Minutes :

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 the Association, be requested to make special efforts during the coming year, in favor of this truly christian enterprise.

74. Bro. Judd presented the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Committee of this body on Church History, viz: Bro. Judd, Everts, W. Colgate, John R. Ludlow, and F. Humphrey, be requested to report progress at our next session.

75. The Minutes were now leisurely read and corrected.

76. *Resolved*, That the Minutes be printed and distributed under the direction of the Moderator and Clerks.

77. The Moderator made a closing address, the assembly sang an appropriate hymn, and the Association adjourned to meet with the North church, in Troy, June, 1849.

The Moderator pronounced the benediction, and the members dispersed a few minutes before 6, P. M.

CHARLES G. SOMMERS, *Moderator.*

J. STOCKBRIDGE, *Clerk.*

E. TOWNSEND, *Assistant Clerk.*

REV. A. MACLAF, New York, Secretary of the Association; to whom all communications should be addressed.

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 those 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.

8. *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.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Hudson River Baptist Association in acct. with WM. WINTERTON, Treas.

Account of moneys paid in at the Session held June 20, 21, 22, 23, 1848, in New-York.

CHURCHES.	Printing Minutes.	Widows Fund.	Mission Com. of Associat.	Baptist Missionary Union.	Am Home Mission Society.	Am. S. Fr. Bible Society
Oliver-street, New-York,	10 00	23 30	100 00			
Twelfth-street, New-York,	3 00					
First Church, Albany,	2 68	7 00				
First Church, Troy,	5 00	4 50				
Hamilton-street, Albany,	1 00	3 00				
Sand Lake,	2 50	2 50		50 00		
Catskill,	1 25	10 00		20 00		
Stanton-street, New-York,	5 00					
First Poughkeepsie,	1 00	3 00				
First Brooklyn,	10 00	10 00				
Lansingburgh,	1 00			15 25		
North Church, New-York,	3 00	2 25	10 25			
Zion Church, Cornwall,	1 50					14 12
West Troy,	2 00		1 25	50 00		
First Church, Pittstown,	50					
West Hillsdale,	1 50			10 00	3 00	
Schenectady,	4 00			21 00		
Westkill,	2 00			6 00		
Athens,	1 25	1 00		12 83		3 00
Kingston,	2 00			23 50		
Coxsackie,	1 50			14 00		
First Haverstraw,	1 00					
Saugerties,	1 06	1 43		11 06		
First Phillipstown,	1 00				15 12	
Amity-street, New-York,	5 00	15 00	25 00			
Peurl-street, Albany,	7 00		100 00			
Hudson,	2 00					
East Brooklyn,	1 00					
Tabernacle, New-York,	10 00	10 00	100 00			
Cannon street, New-York,	5 00	3 20				
Williamsburgh,	4 03	11 00				
Norfolk-street, New-York,	10 00			50 00		
North Church, Staten Island,	2 50			6 00		
Sixth-street, New-York,	5 75	15 00				
Laight-street, New-York,	6 00					
North Church, Troy,	2 00				29 83	
South Church, Albany,	5 00					
Hyde Park,	1 00	1 00				
Lattingtown,	1 00					
Laurens-street, New-York,	2 00	5 15				10 00
Rosendale,	1 00	2 12		5 53		
State-street, Albany,	2 00	2 68				
South Church, New-York,	2 00					
Pierrepont-street, Brooklyn,	5 00	23 00				
Central, Poughkeepsie,	3 00	7 00		23 35		23 35
Hope Chapel, New-York,	3 00					
Harlem,	1 25					
Rondout,	2 00			45 00		
First Church, Tarrytown,	1 00					
Rochester, Ulster County,	1 00					
Green Point,	1 00					
Half Moon Church,	1 00					
Concord-street, Brooklyn,	1 00					
Shiloh Church, New-York,	2 00					
Union Church, New-York,	2 00					
Balance from Minutes last year,	10 79					
Collection after sermon,	24 11					

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Collection towards constituting Elder C. P. Wyckoff L. M. of Miss. Union, \$25 36.
Collection for Education Society, \$10 44.

