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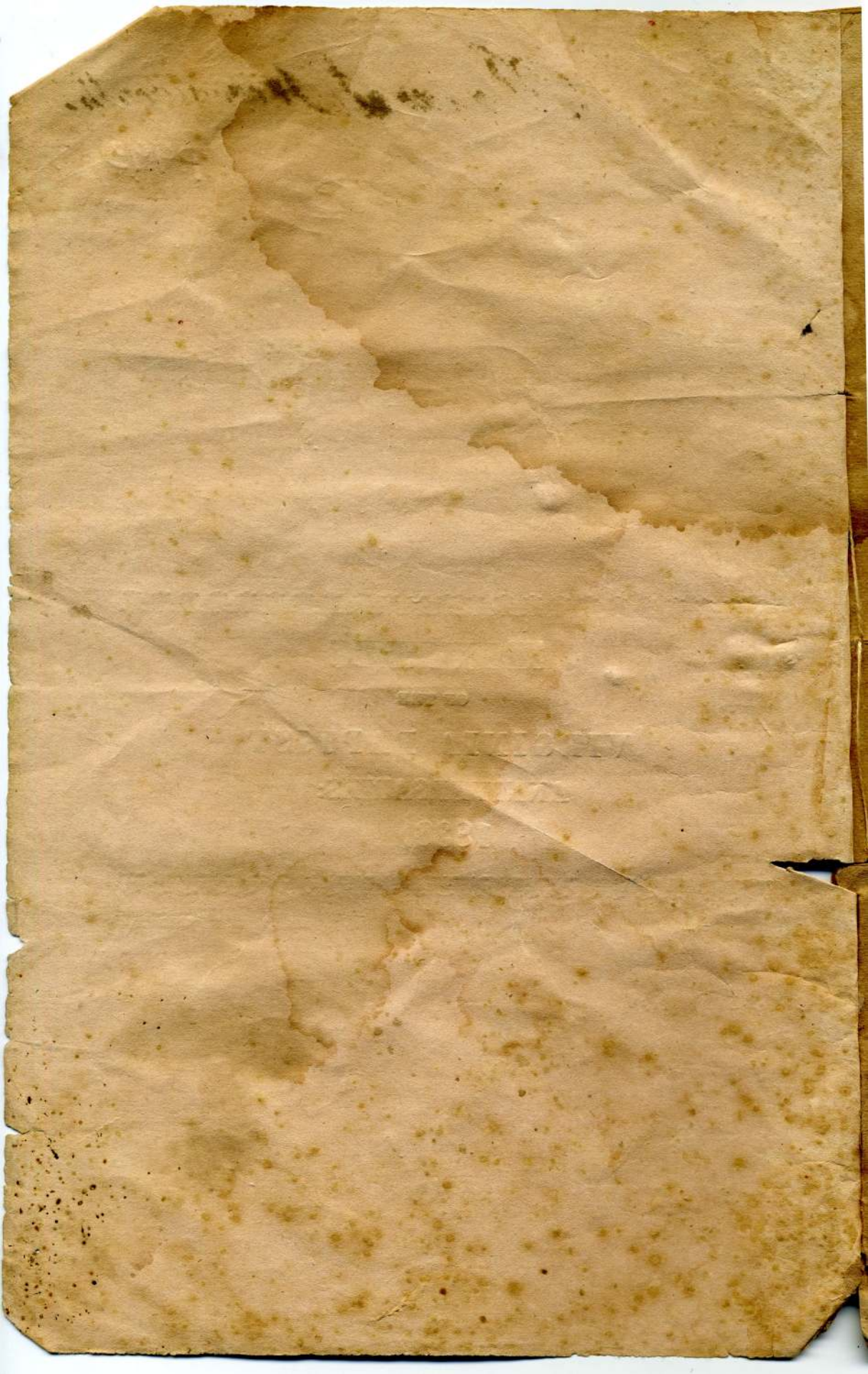
OF THE

**VIRGINIA BAPTIST**

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

**1838.**





**PROCEEDINGS**  
OF THE  
**FIFTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING**  
OF THE  
**GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA;**  
HELD AT THE  
**SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH, RICHMOND, VA.,**  
**JUNE 2--6, 1838.**

**GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF VIRGINIA.**

RICHMOND, Saturday, June 2d, 1838.

The delegates convened, and the Association was called to order by Elder J. B. Taylor, late Moderator. Prayer by Rev. A. Bennett.

The rules of decorum were read.

Brethren V. M. Mason and J. C. Crane were appointed a committee to prepare and report a list of the names of the members of the Association.

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That delegates from corresponding bodies be invited to report themselves, and participate in the deliberations of the meeting.

The following were reported:—Bro. A. Bennett, agent of the Baptist General Convention for Foreign Missions; bro. A. Maclay, agent of the American and Foreign Bible Society; bro. L. Crawford, one of the secretaries of the American Baptist Home Mission Society; and W. Crane, from the Maryland Union Association.

On motion, ministering brethren present, not delegates, were invited to participate in the deliberations of this meeting.

Brethren M. W. Leland, A. Sherwood, A. Brown, and James Remley were reported.

On motion, brethren Thomas Hudgins, N. Bramham, Joseph Alderson, A. A. Davidson, R. G. Ward, James Haynie, and J. B. Jeter, were appointed a committee to arrange the religious services during the meeting.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted:

As the Corresponding Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society is present, therefore,

*Resolved*, That brethren C. George, Thomas Hume, and A. M. Poindexter, be a committee to confer with him in regard to the operations of that Society, as far as this State is concerned.

Adjourned to hear the annual sermon. Prayer by brother Grimsley.

Bro. J. Goodall preached from the 1st clause of the 41st verse of the 2d chapter of Acts.

The delegates again convened. Bro. A. B. Smith prayed.

The Treasurer's report was presented, and with the report of the Board of Managers previously read to the congregation, was accepted, and laid on the table.

A communication was received from brother James Leitwich, enclosing ten dollars, given by brother Charles Gill, on his death bed, together with an expression of his kind regard for the members of the Association, and his confidence in God when about to leave the world.

Adjourned to Monday morning, 8 o'clock, at the First church. Prayer by brother P. Montague.

*Monday Morning, 8 o'clock.*

The Association convened at the First church. Prayer by brother Jenkins. The clerk reported the following as

*Members of the Association, 1838.*

ASSOCIATIONS.

Those marked thus \*, were absent.

*Albemarle*—S. Eastin, Dr. R. H. Massie.

*Appomattox*—Joseph G. Williams.

*Broad Run*—A. J. Garrett.

*Concord*—C. F. Burnley,\* J. B. Smith,\* S. H. Edmunds, J. Britton.\*

*Greenbrier*—Jos. Alderson, W. H. Hughart.

*Dover*—J. M. Vaughan, W. A. Baynham,\* J. C. Montague,\* R. R. Garrett, E. T. Montague, R. M. Garnett, J. D. McGill.

*Middle District*—J. Wooldridge,\* W. R. Moseley.

*Parkersburg*—Enoch Rector.\*

*Portsmouth*—S. Sherwood,\* T. B. Creath, T. D. Allen.

*James River*—Thomas N. Johnston.

*Strawberry*—J. Wrightsman, J. McLaughlin.

*Teays Valley*—Samuel T. Wiatt, William George.

## MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

*Belhesda*—William Hatchett, J. S. Atkinson.  
*Beulah*—L. Trant.  
*Bruington*—William Bentley.\*  
*Evangelical Society, Columbian College*—Th. W. Sydaor.  
*Ebenezer*—L. H. Childress.  
*Greenbrier Female*—L. A. Alderson.  
*Mount Hermon*—R. L. Coleman, H. Frazer.  
*Mount Moriah*—L. H. Childress, W. H. Mantiply.  
*Do. Female Working*—Dr. S. B. Rice, J. B. Duncan.  
*Lynchburg Female*—A. B. Smith.  
*Lower Gold Mine*—D. Lipscomb.  
*Madison Domestic*—George Harrison, J. P. Hill.  
*Red Lane*—H. W. Watkins.  
*Western Virginia*—J. W. B. Tisdale, A. Berkeley.\*  
*Shiloh*—C. George, S. Bruce, B. Grimsley, O. Welch, W. H. Mason.  
*Female Domestic, 2nd church, Richmond*—W. F. Nelson, S. S. Sumner.  
*Lickinghole Baptist Benevolent*—J. Woodward, D. Perkins, L. Hall, O. T. Mitchell.  
*Deep Run Female*—M. L. Jones.  
*Enon*—J. B. Todd.

## CHURCHES.

*Boar Swamp*—John Carter.  
*Black Walnut and Arbor*—J. G. Mills.  
*Burruss*—J. M. Waddy, Th. H. Fox, J. Buruss.\*  
*Bethlehem*—S. Harris.  
*Bethel*—A. Johnson.  
*Bruington*—E. Ball, A. Fleet, Th. Haynes, Th. Walker.  
*Charlottesville*—N. Bramham, B. Mosby.  
*Catawba*—E. Dodson.  
*Crooked Run*—O. Welch, H. Hill, jr.  
*Cumberland Street, Norfolk*—H. J. Chandler, J. S. Baker.\*  
*Danville*—J. S. Tinsley.  
*Emmaus*—B. McKenzie.  
*Ebenezer*—L. Childress.  
*Fredericksburg*—John Teasdale.  
*Farmville*—T. T. Totty, J. N. Robertson,\* R. A. Bailey, G. Nunnally.  
*Four Mile Creek*—J. O. Turpin, J. F. Childrey.  
*Farnham*—Robt. Scott.  
*Hunting Creek*—A. M. Poindexter.  
*Hermitage*—R. A. Christian, Th. Street.  
*Hephzibah*—Rich. Gregory.  
*High Hills*—J. B. Maize.  
*James City*—Robt. Morris.  
*Long Branch*—Wm. Y. Hyter.\*  
*Long Mountain*—O. Doss,\* Jesse Thornhill,\* John Thornhill,\* R. Reveley,\* R. Doss.\*  
*Lyle's*—Robt. Lilly.  
*Lower King & Queen*—J. W. Hillyard.  
*Mount Salem*—B. Grimsley.  
*Mount Tabor*—V. M. Mason, J. H. Steger, J. St. Clair, C. H. Featherstone, W. B. Featherstone.

*Mattapony*—Philip Eubank.  
*Morattico*—Jos. Rock.  
*Mount Tirzah*—S. G. Mason, A. A. Davidson, J. H. Lee.  
*Mount Olivet*—Thos. Gregory.  
*Matthews*—J. Walker, J. W. D. Creath, J. Bradley, E. S. Amory.  
*Mount Hermon*—Saml. Dorsett.  
*Mount Pleasant*—Wm. Puryear.  
*Muddy Creek*—Isham Ball, R. Murray, W. Stratton, Jesse Witt.  
*Nottoway*—R. B. Eggleston, A. P. Miller.  
*New Glasgow*—P. G. Edmunds.  
*New Salem*—E. W. Roach.  
*Newville*—W. H. Niblett, P. Mason,\* J. Jennings.\*  
*New Bridge*—J. Starke, J. Watkins, J. C. Healey, S. B. New, R. Harwood.\*  
*Petersburg*—W. Southwood, W. P. Burton, F. H. Robertson.  
*Portsmouth*—Jas. A. Williams, W. A. Armistead.\*  
*Richmond, First Church*—A. Thomas, P. Winston, R. Parrish, R. C. Wortham, J. Sizer, Y. S. Rust, C. Walthall, R. E. Claybrooke.  
*Richmond, Second Church*—M. Cary, G. Phippen, J. Livingston, J. E. Loughton, T. P. Williams, J. F. Tanner, J. G. Wade, G. Steel.  
*Salem*—N. Motley, A. S. Broaddus, Thos. Broaddus.  
*Sharon*—Danl. Witt, J. Nunnally.  
*Upper King & Queen*—R. Lumpkin, Wm. Mann.  
*Wicomco*—J. Grinstead, J. George, J. Haynie, S. A. Sorrell, B. S. Hull.  
*Waynesborough*—Z. Freeman, J. S. Ellis.  
*Williams*—J. C. Harris.  
*Sappony*—F. Tucker.  
*Zoar*—J. J. Boss, G. D. Pace, L. L. Stith.

## INDIVIDUALS BY THE PAYMENT OF \$10.

James C. Crane, Wm. R. Powell.

## LIFE MEMBERS, PRESENT.

J. T. Anderson, Jos. Alderson, L. A. Alderson, Th. B. Anderson, L. W. Allen, E. Ball, J. C. Bailey, A. M. Braxton, J. F. Barnes, John Bird, George Cox, H. Campbell, W. Crane, for J. C. Crane, Jas. Clopton, H. L. Carter, Saml. Davidson, Wm. Dickinson, Z. Freeman, J. L. Gwaltney, A. J. Garret, A. Hall, J. Hitchcock, Thos. Haynes, Thos. Hudgins, Thos. Hume, Jos. Jenkins, J. B. Jeter, Jas. C. Jordan, Wm. Leftwich, Wm. Moore, J. D. McGill, Danl. Minor, V. M. Mason, Philip Montague, W. H. Marable, Geo. Northam, Wm. F. Nelson, Geo. D. Pace, D. G. Potts, J. L. Powell, John Pollard, Richd. Reins, Robt. Ryland, Wm. S. Ryland, John Spencer, A. Snead, Jos. Starke, A. B. Smith, Wm. Sands, H. G. Segar, J. B. Taylor, Jas. Thomas, jr. John O. Turpin, Wm. Todd, Th. Walker, S. Wyatt, J. Williams, S. T. Williamson, D. Witt.

The Association then, on motion, proceeded to the election of its officers—when, upon counting the ballots, Elder James B. Taylor was chosen Moderator, and James C. Crane, Clerk.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Annual Report of the Board, presented on Saturday, be referred to the

new Board for amendment and correction, with instruction to prepare it for publication with the Minutes, to be furnished to each church in the State.

On motion, brethren S. Davidson, J. L. Gwaltney, V. M. Mason, S. Bruce, and R. Reins, were appointed a committee to nominate a new Board.

Brother Cumberland George, from the committee on the American Baptist Home Mission Society, presented the following report, which was accepted and the committee discharged:

The committee to whom was referred the resolution, that a committee of three be appointed to confer with the Corresponding Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, in regard to the operations of that Society, as far as this State is concerned, beg leave to report, that they have performed that service, and find that so far as the State of Virginia is concerned, one missionary of the A. B. H. M. Society has for a short time been laboring in the North-western part of the State, within the limits of the Parkersburg Association. While, as yet the A. B. H. M. Society has operated but very partially within this State, owing in a great measure to the fact that the General Association of Va. has been making vigorous efforts to supply its own destitution, it is truly gratifying to your committee, to contemplate the vigorous and successful efforts of the Society, in more destitute portions of our common beloved country. From the Minutes, it appears that the Society and its auxiliaries have had during the whole or parts of the past year of their history, 317 missionaries in the field. That 116 of this number have been under commission from the parent Society, and that their missionaries have been scattered through 17 States, Territories, and Provinces, and have supplied with the word of life, 237 churches and congregations, beside numerous occasional meetings. The missionaries of the Society have been concerned in the ordination of 13 ministers, and in the constitution of 29 churches. They have received into the fellowship of the churches 2139 persons, viz: by baptism 1431, and by letter 708. In conclusion, your committee recommend that the General Association hold correspondence with the Society by Minutes and delegates.

Brethren Crawford, Maclay, and Sands, addressed the meeting on the subject of Home Missions.

The following brethren were named as delegates to the next anniversary of the A. B. H. M. Society:

James B. Taylor, L. A. Alderson, C. George, A. M. Poindexter, J. C. Crane, A. Thomas, jr. G. Mills, J. L. Gwaltney, P. Montague, Wm. Todd, Thomas Hume, W. Southwood, Thomas Hudgins, and Z. Freeman, and any other members of this body who may be present.

On motion.

*Resolved*, That the Board be authorized to procure the continuance of the services of our present General Agent, or of another, if he should decline.

Adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON, 4 o'clock.

The Association convened. Prayer by Bro. J. W. B. Tisdale.

The committee to nominate a new Board, reported the following, who were chosen:—James Fife, John Goodall, P. Montague, A. A. Davidson, A. Hall, W. F. Broaddus, C. George, T. C. Braxton, L. Marders, James Leftwich, Wm. Laws, J. C. Crane, James Thomas, Jr., Peter Winston, Richard C. Wortham, Silas Wyatt, R. Reins, H. Campbell, H. Keeling, J. B. Jeter, J. F. Barns, Thomas Haynes, W. Southwood, L. A. Alderson, D. Witt, H. G. Segar, Thomas Hume, Joseph Alderson, W. C. Ligon, J. W. Potts, J. Bagby, N. Bramham, L. W. Allen, M. L. Jones, C. Walthall, E. Ball, James Sizer, Dr. A. Snead, J. Hitchcock, Jesse Snead, W. Sands, S. S. Sumner, J. B. Taylor, R. Ryland, and S. Jones.

Brethren J. B. Taylor and I. S. Tinsley reported as corresponding messengers to the North Carolina Convention, and the Maryland Union Association.

On motion, the following brethren were appointed corresponding messengers:

Z. Freeman to the New-York State Convention.

J. B. Taylor and John Teasdale to the Maryland Union Association.

J. W. D. Creath, I. S. Tinsley, E. Dodson, and A. M. Poindexter, to the North Carolina Convention.

J. B. Taylor and H. J. Chandler to the Tennessee, Kentucky, and Indiana State Conventions; and, with brother J. W. B. Tisdale, to the Convention of Western Baptists.

Brother Wm. George to the Ohio State Convention.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the next Annual Meeting be held in Richmond, on the Saturday preceding the 1st Lord's-day in June, 1839.

Bro. R. Ryland was appointed to preach the Annual Sermon next year, and Bro. J. Teasdale his alternate.

The publication of the Minutes was referred to the Board of Managers.

Adjourned with prayer.

J. B. TAYLOR, *Moderator*.

JAS. C. CRANE, *Clerk*.

*Life Members belonging to the Baptist General Association of Virginia:*

Jos. Alderson, John T. Anderson, L. A. Alderson, L. W. Allen, Thomas B. Anderson, A. Broaddus, W. F. Broaddus, Eli Ball, J. C. Bailey, J. A. Billingsly, Th. C. Braxton, Richard Bagby, John Bagby, A. M. Braxton, J. F. Barns, John Bird, John Carter, George Cox, Z. U. Crittenden, Hugh Campbell, Jas. C. Crane, James Clopton, H. L. Carter, A. Dempsey, Saml. Davidson, W. W. Dickinson, William Davidson, James Fife, C. B. Fleet, James Fox, George Ficklin, Z. Freeman, J. L. Gwaltney, A. J. Garret, Richard Gwathmey, Clara S. Garland, William Y. Hiter, William Harris, A. Hall, J. Hitchcock, Thomas Haynes, Th s. Hudgins,

Thos. Hume, Mrs. C. A. M. Harrison, S. Jones, J. Jenkins, H. Garrett, J. B. Jeter, J. M. Jeffress, James C. Jordan, J. N. Johnston, William H. Kirk, William Laws, John S. Lee, Wm. Leftwich, James Leftwich, N. D. Land, S. Murfee, William Moore, L. Marders, J. D. McGill, Danl. Minor, V. M. Mason, Philip Montague, W. H. Marable, George Northam, William E. Nelson, George D. Pace, D. G. Potts, J. L. Powell, John Pollard, John Potts, Richard Reins, Josiah Ryland, Robert Ryland, William S. Ryland, John Spencer, E. G. Sydnor, Jas. Sowers, A. Snead, Joseph Starke, William Sands, John Slaughter, H. G. Segar, Wm. Saunders, Elizabeth Saunders, William B. Sydnor, P. P. Smith, M. W. Towill, J. B. Taylor, Williamson Talley, Jas. Thomas, jr., George W. Trice, John O. Turpin, William Todd, Thomas Walker, Silas Wyatt, Jesse Williams, S. T. Williamson, Danl. Witt, and D. M. Woodson.

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

In closing our labors for the past associational year, it becomes our duty to submit to the Society a brief statement of our doings, and of the progress and results of the work in which we are engaged.

The object of the General Association of Virginia is simple, clearly defined, and yet most important, viz: to supply the destitute portions of our own state with the preached gospel. It is to accomplish in our own land what our foreign missionary society is endeavoring to perform in heathen realms—to tell to perishing sinners, that God so loved world as to give his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life. Our Lord commanded his disciples to preach the gospel to every creature. As obedient disciples we are bound to the utmost of our ability to fulfil this injunction.—At home, or abroad, wherever men are found with no one to proclaim to them the glad tidings of salvation, it becomes our duty to furnish them with a teacher of righteousness; for how can they hear without a preacher, and how can he preach unless he be sent?

Those holy and zealous men who first established Baptist principles in Virginia, were all of them, more or less, missionaries. Not content with laboring in their own vicinity, they made excursions, of two or three months' duration, into surrounding counties.—The blessing of God attending their labors, divine knowledge was abundantly increased, and in a few years numerous Baptist churches were raised up in Eastern Virginia. But these sacrifices were in many cases far beyond their ability, and in a few years most of them were compelled, by stern necessity, to confine their labors within a more limited circle; and each successive year witnessed a gradual decrease of the itinerating system until it was at length abandoned, except by two or three aged brethren.

Unless our ministering brethren, generally, had possessed a large share of this world's wealth, this must be the inevitable result of the system. The churches did not support them, they could not reasonably expect that those who had not felt the value of the gospel would contribute to their necessities; such a proposition would have probably steeled their hearts against the truth; they could not leave home without impairing their substance, and if entirely dependent on their labor, not without involving their families in want and distress. As few of them were in affluent circumstances, they were compelled to attend to their farms, their schools, and their merchandize, and thus confine their labors to their own vicinity.

In many of the counties in Eastern Virginia, there were but one or two churches, consequently large portions of those counties were unoccupied. Ministers were continually moving to the West, and leaving behind them destitute churches, which, for want of pastors, were fast dwindling away. On the other hand, some churches had within their bounds two or three ministers, unable from their limited circumstances to extend their labors into other neighborhoods, whilst their own was supplied by the pastor.—Hundreds in our own state were perishing for lack of knowledge, whilst brethren able and willing to supply, to a good extent, this destitution, were compelled by the necessity of laboring for their own support to withhold their aid.

This state of things could not be witnessed by the friends of the Redeemer without deep feelings of regret which led to an anxious desire to devise some adequate remedy. The General Association was formed. As neither interest nor aggrandizement could in any possible shape result from its operations, it might have been supposed, that every Baptist would heartily co-operate in this benevolent enterprise.—This was not the case. It was viewed by many with suspicion; by others treated with coldness and neglect, but believing that they were acting in conformity with the directions of the Saviour, confident of the purity of their motives, and deeply impressed with the necessity of the work, its friends persevered in despite of all opposition, gaining ground from year to year, with slow but steady progress, until its operations have been extended to every part of the State, and hundreds brought to a knowledge of the truth.

The first efforts of the Society were chiefly confined to Eastern Virginia, being the region in which its friends were generally located. As our knowledge of the destitution of the State increased, the fact was soon apparent, that though great in Eastern, it was still more appalling in Western Virginia. Below the Blue Ridge the gospel was occasionally preached in almost every neighborhood; in the valley and Western Virginia, it was ascertained that individuals had grown up to manhood, without ever hearing a sermon. For some years past, the attention of the Board has been directed more particularly to this region, and with encouraging success. There are yet large tracts which have never been visited by a Baptist minister, and from various parts we hear the Macedonian cry, come over and help us.

#### MISSIONARIES.

At the last annual meeting, including the General Agent, 18 missionaries were appointed, 6 in Eastern Virginia, 2 in the Valley, 9 in Western Virginia. At subsequent periods, 6 additional missionaries were appointed, making a total of 24. Three of the number declined the appointment, and two accepted appointments from the Portsmouth and Concord Associations. The number actually employed was 18, distributed as follows: 6 in Eastern Virginia, 2 in the Valley, and 10 in Western Virginia, besides the General Agent.

Some of the Associations have made arrangements to supply their own destitution, either in conjunction with the General Association, or by a separate organization. Portsmouth has adopted the latter plan, and two missionaries have been laboring a portion of the past year within her bounds. In the Shiloh Association a domestic missionary Society was formed, which subsequently became auxiliary to this body, and the sum of 120 dollars has been forwarded by its treasurer in aid of our funds—the Society have not yet been able to secure the services of a missionary. The Appomattox Association has employed two missionaries, and the Concord one, in conjunction with the General Association, and included in the above enumeration.—Adding the two missionaries employed by the Ports-

mouth, there have been with agents, 20 domestic missionaries in the field.

#### SUB-AGENT.

In February, 1833, the Central Committee of the Greenbrier Association, recommended to the Board the appointment of Elder W. C. Ligon, of Kanawha co., as a sub-agent, to explore the Central and South-Western portions of the State, ascertain the destitution, and point out the places most important to be supplied, and furnish the Board with such information as will enable them to prosecute their labors with the greatest efficiency. Knowing how well fitted Elder Ligon was for this responsible trust, and how highly essential such information would be to the successful prosecution of future and more extended efforts, the Board readily acceded to this request. Elder Ligon has accepted the appointment, and entered on his agency. We have not received his report, but expect it will be presented during the present session.

#### RESULTS OF MISSIONARY LABOR.

It had long been the earnest wish of the Board to secure the services of a missionary for Staunton and its vicinity. In the fertile and extensive county of Augusta, containing a population of 15000 whites, the Baptists had no place of worship, nor constituted church. It was known that there were a few Baptists scattered throughout the county; sheep wandering at large without a shepherd. Having the prospect of obtaining the services of a suitable missionary, the General Agent, to avoid embarrassing the funds, in the then depressed condition of money matters, opened a separate subscription for this object, to a sufficient amount to compensate a missionary for three years' services;—the subscriptions to be paid in yearly instalments. Having succeeded in obtaining the requisite sum, Elder Zenas Freeman was appointed, and entered on his services last May. In prosecuting the objects of his mission, much difficulty was experienced in the outset, for want of a suitable place in which to administer the word in Staunton. He has occasionally occupied the Presbyterian and Methodist meeting houses; but, until some eligible place can be obtained, it is evident that no permanent good can be accomplished in raising up a Baptist interest there. Yet we have reason to be devoutly grateful, that the effort has not been made in vain. Though prevented by circumstances beyond his control, from making any progress in Staunton, Elder Freeman has been enabled to bring some precious souls to submit to the Saviour, and to be baptized in his name. These, with a few Baptists scattered throughout the neighborhood, were formed into a church on the 19th of November. The church, at its constitution, had 13 members, 24 have been since baptized, or received by letter, making the number at present 37. It is located in the neighborhood of Waynesborough, a thriving village of 600 or 700 inhabitants. They meet in a school room. It is highly expedient, that this infant church should be furnished with a comfortable M. H. They are willing to contribute to this object as far as their ability will enable them, but they must necessarily rely, to a great extent, on the aid of friends abroad. We would commend their case to the attention of the brethren generally.

Elder Freeman was also instrumental in awakening an interest in the Panther Gap church, which resulted in a revival, and the addition of 20 members to the church.

Elder Gwaltney, one of our missionaries in East Virginia, gives the following abstract of his labors for the past year:

"I have spent in the service of the General Association 92 days, preached about as many sermons, and baptized 51 persons. My labors have been principal-

ly confined to Sussex, Prince George, and a part of Surry and Southampton. The condition or state of religion is by no means prosperous, but I think the prospect is somewhat brightening. The county of Prince George presents a field white to harvest. It has hitherto been neglected by the Baptists. There once existed a Baptist church in that county, but from some cause it had become extinct. In the latter part of 1836, I visited that place, about 10 miles from Petersburg, and found 2 white female members, and about 8 or 10 blacks. In October, 1836, there was a Baptist church constituted in the upper part of this county, near the Dinwiddie line—this little vine is growing amidst much opposition. There is yet room for two other churches in the county, which will embrace nearly the whole ground. My object is to constitute those other two, as soon as the nature of the case will justify; there are nearly enough Baptists at each place to do it, and, by the blessing of God, I mean to try."

Elder Samuel Davidson of Campbell co., writes as follows:

"During the last four months of 1837, I have been constantly engaged, almost night and day, for such was the excitement and call for labor as to require all my time. The Lord was pleased to pour out his Spirit in a most wonderful manner on three of the churches, Stonewall, New Chapel, and Union Hill, and to a good degree, on two others, Red Oak and Ebenezer.

"There have been additions by baptism to all the churches to which I preach; and there is still a goodly number waiting to be baptized. Union Hill has more than doubled its number. There is still a good degree of feeling in all the churches. They are all friendly to the temperance cause. The Bible cause has excited much interest, and three of the churches have Sabbath Schools. The cause of domestic missions is also gaining ground. I have travelled 825 miles, preached 60 sermons, besides delivering many exhortations and conducting prayer meetings. At my preaching places 101 persons have professed conversion, 56 of whom I have baptized. I have also received \$43.00 for the General Association.

[In his general report, subsequently received, Elder S. Davidson states, that he had received and baptized 99 persons.]

Extract from the report of Elder Cornelius Hoff:  
"I have spent about 11 months, travelled about 3000 miles, preached about 200 sermons, and baptized 20 persons."

Extract of a letter from Elder James W. B. Tisdale, dated Morgantown, Feb. 6th, 1838:

"In accordance with the requisitions of the Board, I now forward you my third quarterly report. You were before informed of the glorious meeting we held with the Mount Olive church, Harrison co., of which I am a member, as also their unworthy pastor, during which we baptized 7 persons. I have since baptized 10 more. At Union church, I attended a protracted meeting, during which 11 were baptized. At the Forks of Cheat, Monongalia, brother William Davidson and myself baptized 11, at a protracted meeting. In other churches there is also a pleasing state of things, and the prospects generally are brightening for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The scenes of the last 3 or 4 months have been such as I have never witnessed before, nor any thing like them in all Western Virginia. Since June, 1837, I have travelled 2,750 miles, preached 255 sermons, attended 16 protracted meetings, administered the ordinance of the Lord's supper 11 times, and baptized about 50 persons. The cause of education and temperance is rapidly advancing."

Extract of a letter from Elder A. J. Garrett:  
"Since my last communication, I have been con-

stantly engaged in travelling and preaching. My field of labor has been much enlarged, having at the request of Elder C. Huff, undertaken to supply two churches hitherto within his circuit. I have formed three temperance societies, and have had the pleasure of seeing 100 of our brethren and friends come forward and join the temperance society. I have travelled during the last quarter 900 miles, preached betwixt 50 and 60 sermons, and baptized one convert in a church where there had not been a baptism for 12 or 15 years."

Extract of a letter from Elder John Curry:

"I sit down to make my second report. Since my last I have been engaged in travelling and preaching, and I hope my labors have not been entirely lost. I have in the last six months, baptized 14 willing subjects, all white, and a goodly number of them are heads of families. There are several others whom I expect to baptize soon.

"The do-nothing system is on the wane in this region. At our last church meeting at the Beulah church, a motion was made by a brother, that a subscription be entered into for the benefit of the General Association. The motion was agreed to, and between 50 and \$60 subscribed. This church will raise for domestic missions about \$70."

Extract of a letter from Elder S. T. Wiatt, Mason county:

"I have attended two protracted meetings, also a union meeting. There is a good deal of coldness in some parts of the field in which I travel; I therefore labor under some discouragement, but notwithstanding I am not utterly cast down. At some of my appointments there is of late much interest. I have baptized 2."

Extract of a letter from Elder Thomas Harmon, Cabell co.:

"Since my appointment in June, I have been extensively engaged in preaching. Some of the congregations I attend, manifest anxiety about the things that make for their peace and joy, while others are in a state of coldness and indifference.

"Since my last communication, I have baptized 7, attended 2 protracted meetings, and received for the General Association \$31 70."

Extract of a letter from Elder C. Huff, Harrison co.:

"The work of the Lord is still going onward in our region, and with increasing success. We have commenced the work of putting up our Seminary. We have located it in Pruntytown, Harrison county, a flourishing little village.

Extract of a letter from Elder Edwin W. Woodson, Monroe co. Dec. 1838:

"Since the last annual meeting of your Board, I have spent 4 months in missionary labors in the bounds assigned me, during which time I have baptized 11 willing subjects, all except one in the counties of Giles and Montgomery. Indications are favorable in this region."

Extract from the 1st Quarterly Report of Elder J. Curry, of Harrison co.:

"Since I returned from the meeting of the General Association, my time has been entirely taken up in travelling, visiting and preaching. I have baptized 10 willing subjects, and received 3 more for baptism.— Brother Tisdale and myself have constituted two churches; one in Preston county, the other in Monongalia, both of which appear to be in a thriving state, having had several additions since their constitution."

Extract of a letter from Elder Thaddeus Herndon, Fauquier co. Sept. 1837:

"Since the General Association, I have attended one Camp-meeting and the Salem Union Association, travelled betwixt 8 and 900 miles, preached 65 times, assisted in organizing three Sabbath-schools, and baptized at one of my preaching places 3 persons. At

this place they have built themselves a comfortable house of worship, where I expect, ere long, there will be a church constituted. At another preaching place, Fairfax C. H. I have received 2 for baptism."

#### GENERAL RESULTS.

Having only been furnished by two of our missionaries with full reports, this head is necessarily very imperfect. As far as reports have been received the aggregate is, churches constituted 4; several Temperance Societies and Sabbath-schools organized, and additions by baptism 350.

#### FIELDS OF LABOR.

The harvest is truly great. From every part of our state we have urgent entreaties for aid. In Lower Virginia, Nottoway and Lunenburg counties, present an inviting field for one missionary, and Gloucester and York counties for another. In the Valley, Winchester ought to be occupied, Panther Gap church, with Rockbridge and Bath counties ought to be supplied. The two churches of Panther Gap and Neriah, would contribute the chief part towards the support of a missionary, and they are deeply solicitous to obtain the services of a minister. In Montgomery and Floyd counties two missionaries might be profitably employed. From this region a request has been presented for missionary aid; one was appointed, but declined. Evansham in Wythe, and Abingdon in Washington, present promising locations. Lewis county stands greatly in need of missionary labor, and a request for the appointment of some one to labor in this field has been presented to the Board.

#### REPORT OF THE GENERAL AGENT.

During the past year, the General Agent has been faithfully and laboriously engaged in collecting funds. He has had during a part of the year an adverse season to contend with, and the embarrassments arising from the derangement of the currency, have been of serious detriment in the way of collecting funds. It was expected by many friends of the General Association, that our collections this year would fall short of those of the previous year. Although this has been the case to some extent, yet we have no reason to be discouraged. We judge from the report of the missionaries, that their collections this year exceed those of the previous year, and it will probably be found at the close of the meeting, that the deficiency when compared with former years, is very slight. Brother Mason remarks:

"At many of the churches I visited, I left subscriptions to be filled. Without counting these, and exclusive of what churches have agreed to do, without the visits of agents, the subscription and collections made by me will amount to between \$2800 and \$3100, including the subscription for the Staunton mission.— From \$500 to \$700 are also due on last year's subscription, the greater part of which we may hope to receive this year.

#### CONCLUSION:

Since our last anniversary, God in his providence has seen fit to call from us a beloved brother, one who faithfully labored as a missionary in our service from three to four years, Elder John Spotts. Elder S. was a steadfast and unwavering friend to the cause of domestic missions. It lay near his heart, and engaged his warmest affections. As a missionary, he entered on the work with full purpose of heart, and with untiring zeal. Nor were his labors in vain. Many waste places were built up through his instrumentality, and many seals were given to him as seals of his ministry. Owing to protracted sickness in his family, he had retired from the missionary field a few months previous to his departure, but in his last communication to the Board, he uttered the most fervent aspira-



tions for the success of the work in which we are employed.

In looking over our state we see abundant cause for the continued efforts of your Society. Indeed they might be extended, profitably, to a degree far beyond what probable resources for years to come, will permit. A large number of our churches have very little preaching, and some counties in the state are yet unsupplied with Baptist preaching. We ought not to relax our labors, until every destitute neighborhood is supplied, every feeble church strengthened, and until every county in the state, has, at least, one Baptist minister within its bounds.

*List of Moneys collected by Valentine M. Mason, General Agent of the General Association, during the year ending 1st June, 1838:*

Crooked Run Missionary Society, per A. Hudson, for last year,	\$16 50
Concord church, per brother Poindexter,	6 00
Mount Zion church,	9 00
Legrand Wilson,	3 00
Concord Association,	10 00
Collection at do.,	15 58
James M. Jeffries, Life Member,	30 00
Mrs. Susan Smith,	1 50
James River Association, per Elder Jenkins,	8 00
Collection at Middle District Association,	16 12
Thomas Pride, donation,	5 00
Contribution from the Association, in addition to collection above, toward a delegate,	4 88
James A. Foster,	2 00
B. M. Robinson, subscription for last year,	5 00
Nathan Hancock 10, Joel Simmons 5, James Hamlet 5, Thomas Hamlet 10, last year's subscriptions,	30 00
Collection at Red Oak Camp-Meeting,	6 94
Mrs. Joice Warfield 1, Miss E. Ficklin 1,	2 00
Miss Aria Campbell,	1 50
Collection at Madison C. H., at night,	2 85
Crooked Run Missionary Society,	4 50
Collection at the Shiloh Association,	23 42
do. from the congregation of Goshen Ass'n.,	18 99
do. from the members of the Association,	22 01
Elder Michael Quinn,	5 00
Collection at Mangohick 3 88, at Reeds 3 25,	7 12
do. at Dover Association,	30 00
From Dover Association, per Joseph Starke, for 4 delegates,	40 00
John Harvey 1, John Nicholas 1,	2 00
Collection Appomattox Association, including 2 from A. Miller,	10 00
	\$338 91
<i>Good Hope, Madison.</i>	
Mrs. P. Walker 1, Mrs. Mary Booker 1,	2 00
Mrs. L. Gibbs 25c., Miss N. Gibbs 50,	75
B. Creel 50c., St. Clair Booton 1,	1 50
	\$4 25
<i>Petersburg, Market Street Church.</i>	
J. G. Powell, per brother Robinson, last year's subscription,	2 37
Collection 4 85, J. B. Jackson 3,	7 85
James M. Pope 5, Francis H. Robertson 3,	8 00
Mrs. Mary Mann 1, Catharine Williams 1,	2 00
M. Davenport, last year's sub., 1, Individuals 2,	3 00
	\$23 22
<i>Sappony church,</i>	10 00
<i>New Salem church, Charlotte.</i>	
Cash, per E. W. Roach,	10 00

*Beulah Church.*

Contribution from a few members,	2 81
Robert Hill's last year's subscription 3, do. this 2,	5 00
Richard Gwathmey 5, Dr. Wm. Gwathmey 5,	10 00
Lucy Ann Garlick 1, James Fox 5,	6 00
Carter Mahone 1, contribution 75c.,	1 75
	\$25 06

*Lower King & Queen Church.*

Carter Trice 3, Richard Walden 5,	8 00
Mintree Spencer 5, Mrs. Sarah Kerr 1,	6 00
Cash, per brother Hillyard,	10 00
Albert E. Moody, donation,	10 00
Mrs. Mary Ann Jones' subscription,	10 00
Elder J. W. Herndon,	5 00
	\$49 00

*Zoar Church, Middlesex.*

George Walker 1, Hiram Walker 1,	2 00
J. B. Blake 1, Richard Davis 1,	2 00
Elizabeth Davis 1, Robert T. Mountain 2,	3 00
Z. Northam 1, James Davis 25c.,	1 25
Robert Blake 1, James A. Eubank 1,	2 00
Wm. P. Faunteroy 2, Mrs. C. Eubank 50c.,	2 50
C. Dunlavy 25, C. Northam 25,	50
Nancy Miller 50c., Lucy Reveer 50c.,	1 00
J. B. Downing 1, Henrietta Davis 25c.,	1 25
Nancy M. Walker 50c., Mary Moore 50c.,	1 00
C. Moore 25c., Elizabeth B. Stiff 1,	1 25
J. C. New 25c., G. Northam 1, L. Robinson 1,	2 25
H. Walker 1, W. N. Stiff 1, T. H. Stiff 1,	3 00
John Stiff 50c., William Stiff 98c.,	1 48
George D. Pace, Life Member 10, J. J. Boss 5,	15 00
Hiram Carter 50c., J. Mason 25c.,	75
W. Killam 12, E. J. Northam 50,	62
Wm. Norton 50c., Lewis 2 50, A. Taylor 50c.,	3 50
M. Montgomery 50c., J. R. Creighton 1 50,	2 00
W. Deagle 50c., Robert Pace 1, E. Bennett 50c.,	2 00
T. Tankersley 25c., Nancy Montgomery 25c.,	50
Louisa Pace 25c., Elizabeth Greenwood 25c.,	50
Emily Carter 25c., N. Ailworth 12c.,	38
E. Towill 50c., Ann Cundiff 25c.,	75
Nancy Christopher 25c., Hannah Matthews 25c.,	50
Wm. M. Harrow 40c., Jane Tankersley 12c.,	52
E. Norton 12c., R. Northam 50, Miss Burk 50c.,	1 13
Major Bird 50c., James W. Dunlavy 50c.,	1 00
Z. U. Crittendon 1, Robert Barrick 5,	6 00
	\$59 62

*Portsmouth Church.*

Mrs. Mary Schoolfield, for J. S. subscription,	5 00
Elder T. Hume, on account of subscription of Portsmouth church last year,	14 00
Collin Reynolds,	5 00
	\$24 00

*Fork Union, Fluvanna.*

Wm. Snead, last year's sub. 2, Collection 6 71,	8 71
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*Red Oak Church.*

John Wilson 1, Jesse Duiguid 2,	3 00
By brother John Hamner, collected of last year's subscription,	1 62
James A. Hamner 5, Sally A. Hamner 5,	10 00
Wm. S. Duiguid 2, Jesse T. Davidson 5,	7 00
James Plant,	5 00
	\$26 62

\$12 of the above was settled in brother Davidson's account with the Treasurer.

*Mossingford Church.*

James Hamlet 10,	10 00
Collection Black Creek,	3 25

*Four Mile Creek.*

Philip Frazier 3, H. Sharpe 1,	4 00
J. Childrey 50c, Miles Turpin 1,	1 50
Dandridge Ball 2, Patrick Jordan 50c,	2 50
M. Gentry 3, Butler 50c, Nathan Whittler 50c,	4 00
Wm. F. Gunn 5, Jackson Childrey 1,	6 00
S. Robinson 1, J. O. Turpin 2,	3 00
Caleb Frazier 1, J. Turner 50c,	1 50
C. L. W. Cowle 1, J. W. Fussell 2,	3 00
E. Childrey 50, Keziah Frazier 1,	1 50
Susan Throgmorton 2, Ann Sharp 1,	3 00
Keziah Pleasants 1, Nancy Salmon 50c,	1 50
E. Pompecy 50c, E. Hobson 1,	75
Mary Bullington 50c, E. Ammonds 25c,	2 00
Cynthia Keezee 1, Mary W. Coul 1,	2 00
M. J. Clopton 1, Caroline Bradley 1,	2 50
Collection 1 58, Francis Turpin 1,	4 00
Keziah Tupin 50, Jesse F. Keesee 2, Cash 1 50,	4 00
	\$44 33

*Lynchburg Church.*

Wm. S. Ryan 5, W. A. Dickerson 1,	6 00
James Z. Fisher 3, Sarah Vauter 5, Sarah Duke 1,	9 00
R. B. Moseley 1, Ann Hollins 5,	6 00
Collection,	8 76
	\$29 76

*Long Mountain Church.*

Joshua Thornhill 10, Jacob L. Duiguid 5,	15 00
George S. Duiguid 5, Jesse Thornhill 10,	15 00
David Coleman 1 50, Robert O. Doss 2,	3 50
John Thornhill 5, Overstreet Doss 10,	15 00
Contribution 1 62,	1 62
	\$50 12

*Farmville Church.*

R. M. Robertson 5, W. Moore 5,	10 00
Washington Nunnally 5, Granville Nunnally 5,	10 00
John Robinson 1, Ed. H. Boram 1,	2 00
Mat. Vaughan 2, John N. Robinson 5,	7 00
T. T. Totty 5, R. A. Bailey 2 50,	7 50
Joseph G. Williams,	2 50
	\$39 00

*New Bridge Church.*

Joseph Haley 10, Robert H. Harwood 5,	15 00
John M. Timberlake 1, R. B. Crew 1,	2 00
C. Jennings 2, Philip B. Harwood 5,	7 00
L. G. Payne 2, J. O. Goddin 1,	3 00
James M. Carter 1, Joseph Starke 15,	16 00
Mary Tucker 25c, Sarah Haley 1,	1 25
Eliza Goddin 2, Letitia Starke 1,	3 00
Delilah Baker 50c, E. Tucker 50c,	1 00
S. B. New 5, John New 2,	7 00
From 8 brethren, per brother Starke,	8 25
John New 5, N. Freeman 2,	7
Mrs. Freeman 1, Susan New 1,	2
Mary Goddin 1, Susan R. Goddin 1,	2
Louisa Wild,	1
	12 00
	\$75 50

*Newville Church.*

W. H. Marable 10, cash from several 2 75,	12 75
Nathan'l Land 5, W. H. Niblet 2 50,	7 50
Thomas Potts 1, Goodwin Griffin 1,	2 00
Hannah F. Wyche 5, Lucy Cotton 50c,	5 50
Elizabeth Jennings 50c, Polly Adkins 25c,	75
John Potts 5, Joseph Mason and daughter 4,	9 00
David Potts,	10 00
	\$47 50

Bethesda Missionary Society,  
New Salem church,

20 00  
10 00

*First Church, Richmond.*

Archibald Thomas 10, Elizabeth Philips 5,	15 00
Peter Winston 10, James Thomas, jr., 10,	20 00
Royal Parish 15, Wm. Tyree 2,	17 00
R. C. Wortham 10, James Sizer 10,	20 00
Youel S. Rust 10, Jesse Williams, 1836-7, 10	20 00
Sarah A. Wortham 2 50, W. H. Redwood 5 50,	8 00
Jas. Ritchie, jr., per R. C. Wortham, last year,	5 00
Henry L. Carter 10, Wm. Carter 5,	15 00
	\$120 00

*Second Church, Richmond.*

A. M. B. S., Miles Cary, jr. 10,	18 00
Thomas J. White 5, Silas Wyatt 10,	15 00
Jonathan Leslie 5, Cash, J. E. L., 10,	15 00
Thomas P. Williams 5, J. S. Sydnor 30,	35 00
James Livingston 10, J. B. Taylor, last year's subscription 10,	20 00
Isaac White 5, George Phippen 10,	15 00
Francis Barns 5, Domestic Female Missionary Society 20,	25 00
	\$143 00

*Third Church, Richmond.*

Edward Sydnor, subscription last year,	10 00
Mount Pisgah church,	20 00
Elder Wm. R. Powell,	10 00
Ebenezer Church, Amherst,	13 85
Bethlehem, Hanover, 10, Mrs. Moseley 5,	15 00
Bethel church, Chesterfield,	11 00
Bethesda Missionary Society,	20 00
Collection at Black Creek,	3 25
Portsmouth Association,	30 00
John Spratley, Cypress church,	1 00
Benj'n Griffin, Black Creek,	5 00
Hunting Creek church,	12 25
Mill Stone church,	3 75
Miss N. and M. Farrer, Mount Gilead church,	1 00

*South Quay.*

Isaac Lee 1 50, Jordan Edwards 2 50,	4 00
Mrs. S. Edwards 50c, Indiana V. Edwards, a little girl,	63
	\$4 63

*Beaver Dam.*

James Barnes 5, from do. collection of old sub- scription 1 50,	6 50
Joseph Vaughn 1 25, Elder J. Daughtrey 5,	6 25
Irvine Duck,	43
	\$13 18

*Western Branch.*

Wm. McClenney 5, Elisha Rawls 5,	10 00
H. H. Kelley 1, S. Henderson 25c,	1 25
	\$11 25

*Cumberland Street Church, Norfolk.*

From brother T. D. Toy, on account of last year's subscription,	21 50
Tho's D. Toy 5, Richard Chamberlain 5,	10 00
Young Ladies' Missionary Society,	20 00
	\$51 50

*Stevensburg Church.*

Amount per brother Stringfellow,	13 50
Boar Swamp collection,	4 00
Loss on altered ticket,	1 75
By delegate,	2 25
Shiloh Missionary Society, per Reuben Garnet,	5 00

*Madison C. H.*

Collection 16 25, cash per delegate 95,	17 20
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<i>Crooked Run.</i>		<i>Goose Creek.</i>	
Abner Hudson 5 50, John Slaughter 15, -	20 50	Collection 10, Brother Gibson 1, -	11 00
Cash per A. Hudson, from the church, -	20 00	<i>Fiery Run.</i>	
	\$40 50	Collection, -	3 80
<i>Priddie's Creek.</i>		<i>Mount Salem.</i>	
Elder J. Goss 1, Mrs. Goss 1, -	2 00	Alfred Dearing 5, J. D. Browning 2 50, -	7 50
<i>Williamsburg Church.</i>		B. Grimsley 75, Joseph T. Smith 1, -	1 75
Collection, -	1 13	Thomas Holman 1, Reuben Slaughter 2, -	3 00
<i>Emmaus, New Kent.</i>		Jonathan Waller 2 50, Reuben Carmon 1, -	3 50
Collection 8 25, cash per bro. McKenzie 1 75, 10 00		J. Carpenter 1, Henry Miller 5, -	6 00
			\$21 75
<i>Burruss' Church.</i>		<i>Gourd Vine.</i>	
Collection 24 25, subscription unpaid left with		B. Ficklin, life member 30, collection 75c, -	80 75
brother Waddey 3 75, -	25 00	<i>Mount Pony Church.</i>	
Cash 2, Mrs. Elizabeth Redd 5, -	7 00	Thomas Hill 5, John Owens 1, -	6 00
	\$35 00	George T. Thomas 5, Thomas Hawley 25c, -	5 25
<i>County Line.</i>		William G. Allen 1, Frances Hill 1, -	2 00
Dr. Thomas B. Anderson 10, Mrs. E. Price 1, 11 00		A. M. Jeffries 50c, Alice Day 25c., -	75
Mrs. N. Coleman 1, Maria Brown 1, -	2 00	William R. Fisher 1, Collection 8 75, -	9 75
Maria Anderson 1, Mrs. Mary Smith 1, -	2 00		\$23 75
Martha Smith 50c, S. P. Luck 50c, -	1 00	<i>Charlottesville Church.</i>	
	\$16 00	Isaac White 10, Nimrod Bramham 10, -	20 00
<i>Waller's Church.</i>		F. D. Brockman 5, H. Massie 5, -	10 00
John Wigglesworth 10, Henry Deurson 5, 15 00		William P. Forish 5, Pike Powers 5, -	10 00
H. Beazley 50c, Mrs. C. Waller 5, -	5 50	Contributions, -	1 37
	\$20 50		\$41 37
<i>Elk Creek.</i>		<i>Upper Beaver Dam.</i>	
J. Hail 1, Mrs. Harris, 50c, -	1 50	John Omohundro 1, R. Lindsey 50c, J. Dolen 1, 2 50	
Miss M. Garland 2, Elizabeth Hart 50c, -	2 50	<i>Harmony Church, Buckingham.</i>	
A. J. Nelson 50c, J. Nelson 50c, -	1 00	Samuel Thornhill, -	5 00
James Garland, -	1 75	<i>Lyle's.</i>	
	\$6 75	Isaac Bowles 1, James Kent 1, -	2 00
<i>Deep Run.</i>		John White 1 25, B. Sed 50c, -	1 75
Thomas Taurman 5 00, Richard Dabney 2, -	7 00	Robert Basket 1 25, William M. Shepherd 1 25, 2 50	
Female Missionary Society, -	10 00	Robert Kent 1, Eleazer Basket 1, -	2 00
	\$17 00	Miss Rebecca White 1, J. White 25, -	1 25
<i>Lower Gold Mine.</i>		Mrs. F. Basket 50c, Robert Lilley 1, -	1 50
Hugh Goodwin 10, David Lipscomb 10, -	20 00		\$11 00
W. Carpenter 1, H. Harris 75c, -	1 75	<i>Pocarone.</i>	
Mrs. Lipscomb 50c, W. Y. Hyter 1, -	1 50	J. D. McGill, life member 10, do., per brother	
Lower Gold Mine Missionary Society, -	11 25	Spencer 11 75, -	21 75
	\$34 50	<i>Mattopony Church.</i>	
<i>Mount Hermon Church.</i>		John Pollard, life member 10, cash 10, -	20 00
Herndon Frazer 9, Mrs. A. and Miss M. Twyman 8, -	17 00	<i>Matthews Church.</i>	
Ptolemy Powell 1, Nath'l Dickeson 1, -	2 00	L. W. Allen 10, Thomas Hudgins 20, -	30 00
Cash from three persons 1 25, James Gardner 1, 2 25		A. M. Braxton, life member, -	30 00
H. Dickerson 1, T. Twyman 1, Jas. Powell 2, 4 00		Lewis H. Williams 1, Omega Billips 5, -	6 00
Lewis Johnson, -	1 00	Lucy Thomas 25c, Loven W. Lane 5, -	5 25
Missionary Society, -	15 00	Robert Dunlavy 25c, Sarah Hughes 50c, -	75
From do., -	5 00	Alfred Billups 5, collection 6 06, -	11 06
	\$46 25		\$83 06
<i>Bethel Church, Clark County.</i>		<i>Hermitage Church.</i>	
James Sowers 15, Mrs. E. Sowers 5, -	20 00	R. A. Christian 5, Alfred Healy 2 50, -	7 50
Jemima Alexander 50c, S. Croutz 50c, -	1 00	George T. R. Healy 1, Thomas Street 5, -	6 00
Lucy L. Davis 25c, E. A. Kerfoot 50c, -	75	James Bristow 1, B. Clarkson 50c, -	1 50
Frances P. Sowers 50c, Maria Baker 25c, -	75	H. Clegg 1, William Wortham 50c, -	1 50
W. P. Helm 1, S. B. 16c, -	1 16	A. South 50c, Lewis Bristow 50c, -	1 00
John Kerfoot 5, John Sowers 25c, -	5 25	Andrew S. Booth 50c., Larkin S. Bristow 50c, 1 00	
James Mitchell 1, F. Sowers 17c, -	1 16	John Owen 1, T. J. Lewis 50c, -	1 50
S. Berlin 30c, J. Alexander 50c, -	80	Mrs. E. Booth 50c, Mrs. A. Wortham 25c, -	75
W. C. Kerfoot 2, J. Earl 50c, cash 7c, -	2 57	Mrs. F. Bristow 25c, Miss R. Corr 25c, -	50
	\$33 41	Mrs. M. A. Bristow 50c, Miss E. Moore 25c, -	75
		A brother 2 50, Thomas Jesse 1, -	3 50
			\$25 50

*Moratico Church.*

Ralph Edmunds 5, Addison Hall 5,	10 00
Mrs. C. C. Hall 1, James Eubank 1,	2 00
Thomas Eubank 50c, R. Dodson 1,	1 50
William Callahan 50c, Joel Walker 50c,	1 00
Three brethren 3, R. Gaskins 2,	5 00
Warner Eubank 1, T. Copage 50c,	1 50
Contributions 1 17, brother Hall 12 29,	13 46
H. W. Gaskins 1, Alice S. Gaskins 1,	2 00
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	\$36 36

*Farnham Church.*

William Saunders, life member,	10 00
Elizabeth Saunders, do. 30, collection 7 85,	37 85
W. Kirk 5, Robert Dutrey 25c, Robert Scott 1,	6 25
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	\$54 05

*Wicomico Church.*

Collection at Fairfields,	16 53
Do Northumberland C. H.,	7 10
At Cone, Thomas Sydnor,	10 00
Sarah Sydnor 1, H. Cunliff 1,	2 00
Ad. Judson Sydnor 1, Mary P. Glascock 50c.,	1 50
James Haynie 1, Mary Downing 50c,	1 50
Maria Henly 1, J. D. Betts 50c,	1 50
J. Grinstead 5, R. Alexander 3,	8 00
H. Cloughton 3, W. C. Haynes 50c, cash 2,	5 50
Cash, per brother Hall,	6 00
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	\$59 63

*Jerusalem Church.*

On account of last year's sub., per bro. Oldham,	5 00
A. Garret, life member,	10 00
Panther Gap Church, to constitute Elders V. M. Mason and Z. Freeman, life members of General Association,	60 00
Waynesborough Church,	20 00

*Harmony Church, Buckingham.*

S. Thornhill,	5 00
Greenbrier Female Missionary Society,	10 00

*Antioch Church.*

Benedict Walker 1, W. B. Hall and wife 1 50,	2 50
Henry Hall 50c, T. M. Bragg 50c,	1 00
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	\$3 50

*Nomine Church.*

Collection 2, Mrs. Powers 50c,	2 50
Strawberry Association,	20 00
Albemarle Association,	27 50

*Hanover Church, K. G.*

Collection,	8 05
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*Liberty Church, Caroline.*

Mrs. Buckner 1, Mrs. Farish 1,	2 00
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*Upper Essex.*

J. M. Tupman 50c, Thomas Wright 1,	1 50
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*Union Church.*

Dr. A. Sommerville 10, J. Goldeys 1,	11 00
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*Upper Zion, Essex.*

J. Semple 5, Mrs. Brooks 1, Mrs. Durham 25c,	6 25
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*Mount Tirzah.*

John Roach 10, James Morrison 5,	15 00
A. A. Davidson 10, Josiah Dabbs 5,	15 00
John W. Dearman 2 50, Priscilla Roach 1,	3 50
Mrs. James Morrison 1, Martha Palmer 1,	2 00
Martha L. Pettus 1, Mrs. S. Smith 1,	2 00
John L. Palmer,	5 00
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	\$42 50

*Rehoboth.*

Archer Brown 5, Baylor Hill 1,	6 00
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*Bruington.*

William Bentley 10, Thomas Haynes 10,	20 00
John Bagby 10, Richard Bagby 10,	20 00
James Smith 5, Sarah B. Haynes 5,	10 00
A member of Bruington A. T.	5 00
Thomas Walker 5, J. R. Fleet 5,	10 00
Samuel P. Ryland 5, Mrs. E. Richards 2,	7 00
Mrs. E. Fox 2, Mrs. C. Hill 1, Miss B. Pollard 1,	4 00
Mrs. Martha E. Smith 3, Thomas Fauntleroy 5,	8 00
S. B. Griffin 1, E. Slaughter 1, Jos. Ryland 10,	12 00
Bruington Missionary Society.	11 25
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	\$114 25

*Liberty, Albemarle.*

Elder G. C. Trevillian, on account of subscrip'n,	5 00
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*Nottoway Church.*

John P. Dupee 5, B. Franklin 1,	6 00
Robert C. Brown 1, Richard Blanton 50c,	1 50
F. Carter 1, Richard Neathery 50c,	1 50
William Zachery 50c, George Pegram 1,	1 50
James Agnew 1 25, Mary Ingram 95c,	2 20
W. Borum 50c, P. B. Eggleston 50c,	1 00
Cash, per brother Eggleston,	7 35
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	\$21 05

*Sharon Church.*

Littlebury Clark 5, Daniel Witt 5,	10 00
Simon Walton 5, John Rudd 5, T. Clarke 5,	15 00
E. Woodfin 5, cash from sundry brethren 7 50,	12 50
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	\$37 50

*Jeffersonton.*

Conway Spilman 5, W. C. Reid 1,	6 00
J. F. Latham 5, Lucy Latham 2 50,	7 50
Somerville Ward 1, Susan Young 2,	3 00
Elizabeth Jones 2, Mary Ward 50c,	2 50
Martin Fishback 5, a friend 1,	6 00
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	\$25 00

*High Hills.*

Joseph Prince 5, Edwin Best 1,	6 00
Nicholas Jarrott 2, S. Lisey 2, E. Bailey 1,	5 00
From five persons,	1 87
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	\$12 87

*Raccoon Swamp.*

Samuel Champion 1, a sister 25c,	1 25
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*Mount Tabor.*

John H. Stegar 10, C. H. Featherstone 5,	15 00
Meredith Crowder 2, John St. Clair 5,	7 00
W. B. Featherstone 3, V. M. Mason 5,	8 00
Hartwell Tucker 5, Josiah Hunley 2 50,	7 50
P. Wilkinson 2 50, Miss Martha Booker 5,	7 50
Jacob Venable 1 50, M. Davis 1 50,	3 00
W. A. Miteston 2, William Justice 2,	4 00
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	\$52 00

*Union Church.*

Elder J. Witt 6 60, contribution, per J. Witt,	7 35
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*Staunton Mission.*

Joseph Healy 25, Albert Snead 25,	50 00
Silas Wyatt 25, A. Thomas 25,	50 00
J. B. Jeter 10, James Thomas, jr., 25,	35 00
Henry L. Carter 25, Vincent Moss 25,	50 00
Peter Winston,	10 00
John Roach, sen'r,	10 00
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	\$205 00

*Muddy Creek.*

Isham Ball 5, W. P. Stratton 2, - - -	7 00
A. G. Saunders 50c, A. A. Corley 50c, - - -	1 00
P. Tucker 1, last year's subscription 2, - - -	3 00
L. W. Lauren 1, W. J. Aston 25c, - - -	1 25
J. R. Stratton 1, Martin Tucker 1, - - -	2 00
W. B. Cræle, last year's sub. 3, this year's 2, - - -	5 00
G. W. Pace 50c, F. W. Bass 1, W. Bass 75c, - - -	2 25
H. Whitlock 1, R. B. Murray 2 50, Jesse Witt 2, 5 50	5 50
Dutoy Bass 50c, R. Newton 50c, James Swan 1, 2 00	2 00
J. C. Stratton 1, Mary Mayo 1, P. L. Burrus 1, 3 00	3 00
William Stratton 1, Mrs. E. Miller 1, - - -	2 00
Mrs. Canker 25c, Mrs. J. C. Ball 50c, C. Cook 1, 1 75	1 75
Collection at Peterville, - - -	6 53
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	\$41 79

*Red Lane Missionary Society.*

H. Watkins 5, W. M. Justice 2, in July last, - - -	7 00
William M. Justice 1, Mrs E. Moore 1, - - -	2 00
H. W. Watkins 2, R. K. Wersham 1, - - -	3 00
R. W. Adkeson, - - -	1 00
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	\$13 00

*New Hope Church.*

Mrs. Joice Christian, - - -	5 00
Mount Moriah Female Working Society, Amherst 27 87, do Missionary Society 30 50, 58 37	58 37
New Glasgow Church, - - -	10 00

**TREASURER'S REPORT.**

*The Bap. Gen. Ass'n of Va.,  
In acc't with JAS. C. CRANE, Tres'r.*

1837:

May 30.—By balance per account rendered at last annual meeting,.....	\$522 75
June 7.—By cash, per Evangelical Society of Columbian College,.....	10 00
Lickinghole Baptist Benevolent Society 44 50, Southampton F. M. Society, 30, 74 50	74 50
Western Virginia Missionary Society, by brother Curry, 27 44, Mount Moriah Missionary Society, 22 87,.....	50 31
Nottoway church 10, Mount Hermon church 10,.....	20 00
Upper Essex church 16, Mount Pleasant church 10,.....	26 00
Accomac Association 10, Strawberry Association 40,.....	50 00
Concord Association 10, James Sizer 10, 20 00	20 00
H. L. Carter 10, Stevensburg church 25 50,.....	35 50
A friend in Dinwiddie, per J. Britton, 50	50
A. Thomas 10, Thomas Hardgrove 10, 20 00	20 00
Half collection 1st Baptist church 15 60, 2nd church 16 76, 3rd church 2 28,.....	34 64
Preston Glade Missionary Society, per J. Curry,.....	5 00
V. M. Mason, General Agent,.....	1360 10
Collection by S. T. Wiatt 99 66, do. William Chiles 54 25,.....	153 91
Collection by Thaddeus Herndon 107 20, do. William Moore 91 87,.....	199 07
A. J. Garrett 49, William Davidson 2 96, 51 96	51 96
W. Davidson, for L. M. of himself,.....	30 00
J. W. B. Tisdale 11, J. Spotts 50,.....	61 00
Thomas Harmon 12, Thomas N. Johnston 8,.....	20 00
Donation by T. N. Johnston 10, Collection by C. Hoff 40,.....	50 00
Collection by J. Remley 11 62, donation by B. Grimsley 4 89,.....	16 51
Dover Association,.....	30 00
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	\$2,841 75

Amount brought forward, - - -	\$2,841 75
21.—James Herndon,.....	20 00
April 10.—Jordan Mason, per Wm. Sands 5, James Atkinson, per T. Hume 2,.....	7 00
Ann H. Jerdon, per T. Hume 1, Baptist Domestic Missionary Society Suffolk, per William Holmes 10,.....	11 00
31.—Clover Missionary Soc'y, per W. Britton 6, Mount Salem, per J. B. Jeter 15,....	21 00
Sept. 20.—V. M. Mason, General Agent, ...	275 00
Oct. 16.—Dover Missionary Society, per J. Britton,.....	1 25
Nov. 15.—Shiloh Domestic Missionary Soc'y, per W. Slaughter,.....	120 00

1838:

Jan. 1.—S. Salisbury 5, M. Burnett 2 50, G. A. Harrison 3, per J. D. Toy,.....	10 50
12.—V. M. Mason, General Agent,.....	375 00
15.—F. Jackson, Executor of Hannah Jackson, a legacy,.....	30 00
25.—James B. Taylor, on account of Staunton Mission,.....	25 00
Feb. 6.—Mrs. Ward of Hampton, per L. W. Allen,.....	2 50
28.—V. M. Mason, General Agent,.....	70 25
April 18.—do. do.,.....	290 00
May 2.—Collected in Spotsylvania, per Mary Herndon,.....	8 50
16.—V. M. Mason, General Agent,.....	302 25
28.—Blue Stone church, Mecklenburg co., per J. B. Smith,.....	10 00
40.—Samuel C. Phillips 5, David Lipscomb 5, 10 00	10 00
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	\$4431 00

**DISBURSEMENTS.**

1837:

June 7.—To cash paid J. Remley 60, V. M. Mason, salary, 50, Expenses 42,.....	152 00
C. Huff 175, T. N. Johnston 75,.....	250 00
T. Harmon 90, Z. Freeman 100,.....	190 00
W. Chiles 170, R. N. Herndon 50,.....	220 00
S. T. Wiatt 180, Thaddeus Herndon 266 66, 446 66	446 66
Wm. Moore 235, A. J. Garrett 250,.....	485 00
W. Davidson 125, J. W. B. Tisdale 142 50, 267 50	267 50
J. Curry 125, do. in advance 50,.....	175 00
J. Spotts 250, J. Teasdale 30, B. Grimsley 4 89,.....	284 89
29.—S. Sherwood 20 05, E. W. Woodson 119 28,.....	139 33
Discount on North and South Carolina money,.....	3 00
July 6.—J. Goodall,.....	57 00
Aug. 10.—Z. Freeman 10, (31st.) John Teasdale 15,.....	25 00
Sept. 2.—John Teasdale 10, (20th) V. M. Mason 200,.....	210 00
29.—John Teasdale 50, (Oct. 17.) Zenas Freeman 40,.....	90 00
Nov. 3.—John Teasdale 50, (Dec. 20.) Samuel Davidson 50,.....	100 00
Dec. 20.—Cornelius Huff 50, William Sands, for postage 6 37,.....	56 87
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	1838:
Jan. 11.—R. N. Herndon 100, H. J. Chandler 50,.....	150 00
12.—Zenas Freeman 50, V. M. Mason 200, John Teasdale 50, (24th) R. Phillips 37 67, 87 67	250 00
24.—J. L. Gwaltney 12 50, (25th) S. T. Wiatt 51,.....	63 50
March 5.—Thaddeus Herndon 25, (May 10.) Z. Freeman 100,.....	125 00
May 24.—Zenas Freeman,.....	25 00
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<i>Davidson, John</i>	Pruntytown, Harrison.	<i>Jeter, Jeremiah B.</i>	Richmond.
<i>Davidson, Samuel</i>	Concord, Campbell.	<i>Jenkins, Joseph</i>	Trenton, Cumberland.
<i>Davis, John</i>	Pedlar's Mills, Amherst.	<i>Jones, M. L.</i>	Short Pump, Henrico.
<i>Dickerson, Griffith</i>	Chalk Level, Pittsylvania.	<i>Jones, Scervant</i>	Williamsburg, James City
<i>Dempsey, Absalom</i>	Fincastle, Botetourt.	<i>Jesse, David</i>	Russell C. H.
<i>Dodson, Elias</i>	Halifax.	<i>Johnson, Anderson</i>	Coal Mines, Chesterfield.
<i>Dix, Levin</i>	Sea View, Northampton.	<i>Johnston, John N.</i>	Buchanan, Botetourt.
<i>Dix, W. A. D.</i>	do.	<i>Johnson, Thomas N.</i>	Buckingham C. H
<i>Daughtrey, J. K.</i>	Nansemond.	<i>Jesse, jr. David,</i>	Russell C. H
<i>Elkins, Darby K.</i>	Brownsville, Cabell.	<i>Keeling, Henry</i>	Richmond
<i>Ellison, Joseph</i>	Coal River Marshes, Fay.	<i>Keaton, Johnson</i>	Union, Monroe
<i>Ellison, Matthew</i>	do. do.	<i>Kinsolving, James</i>	Cabell C. H
<i>Ellison, Felix</i>	do. do.	<i>Keyser, Christopher,</i>	Luray, Page
<i>Eastin, Stephen</i>	Shannon Hill, Goochland	<i>Kirk, Dr. W. H.</i>	Lancaster C. H.
<i>Etheridge, Matthew</i>	N. W. R. Bridge, Norfolk	<i>King, Thomas,</i>	Whitehouse, Mecklenburg
<i>Evans, Thomas B.</i>	Churchville, Middlesex.	<i>Likins, Goodwin</i>	Brownsville, Cabell.
<i>Faulkner, Isaac O.</i>	Seminary.	<i>Latham, G. W.</i>	Jeffersonton, Culpeper.
<i>Fitzpatrick, Moses</i>	Mount Horeb, Nelson.	<i>Latham, J. D.</i>	Culpeper C. H.
<i>Fife, James</i>	Fife's, Goochland.	<i>Leftwich, G. W.</i>	Otter Bridge, Bedford
<i>Ficklin, Benjamin</i>	Hardin's, Albemarle.	<i>Ligon, William C.</i>	Mt. Juliet, Kanawha
<i>Freeman, A.</i>	Hot Springs, Bath.	<i>Lee, John S.</i>	Lynchburg, Campbell
<i>Fellow, Lewis</i>	Fincastle, Botetourt	<i>Legrand, Thomas A.</i>	Flood's, Buckingham
<i>Freeman, Zenas</i>	Staunton	<i>Lunsford, Merriman</i>	Fluke's, Botetourt
<i>Garnett, Robert</i>	Court-House, Madison	<i>Lookadoo, —</i>	Fluvanna
<i>Grimsley, Barnet</i>	Washington, Culpeper	<i>Lilly, Robert</i>	Wilmington, Fluvanna
<i>Garnett, James</i>	Locust Dale, Madison	<i>Leftwich William</i>	Otter Bridge, Bedford
<i>Goss, Jesse H.</i>	Clarksburg, Harrison	<i>Leftwich, James</i>	Bunker's Hill, do
<i>Goss, John</i>	Stony Point, Albemarle	<i>Laws, William</i>	Modest Town, Accomack
<i>George, Wm.</i>	Point Pleasant, Mason	<i>Love, George,</i>	Middleburg
<i>George, C.</i>	Jeffersons, Culpeper	<i>Lewis, Charles A.</i>	Rapp'k Academy, Carol'e
<i>Goggins, Thomas</i>	Bunker's Hill, Bedford	<i>Maddox, Matthew,</i>	Seminary.
<i>Gordon, J. C.</i>	Stevensburg, Culpeper	<i>Matthews, Philip</i>	Walker's ch. P. Edward.
<i>Goodall, John</i>	Richmond	<i>Margrave, William G.</i>	Wilmington, Greenbrier
<i>Gordon, Caleb</i>	Coman's Well, Sussex	<i>Morris, Thomas S.</i>	New Kent C. H
<i>Garrett, A. G.</i>	Clarksburg, Harrison	<i>Montague, John C.</i>	Jamaica, Middlesex
<i>Gwaltney, James L.</i>	Newville, Sussex	<i>Mason, V. M.</i>	Elkhill, Amelia
<i>Gordon, Robert</i>	Williamsburg	<i>Monncastle, David</i>	Charles City C. H
<i>Gawthrop, James</i>	Pruntytown, Harrison	<i>Marders, Lovel</i>	Westmoreland C. H
<i>Griffin, James S.</i>	Ten Mile Cr'k, Harrison.	<i>Mason, Samuel G.</i>	Charlotte C. H
<i>Hankins, John D.</i>	Sandy River, Pittsylv'a.	<i>Moore, William</i>	Farnville
<i>Hughes, Humphrey L.</i>	White Post, Frederick.	<i>McDonald, James</i>	Lynchburg, Campbell
<i>Harmon, jr. Thos. H.</i>	Walnut Grove, Kanawha	<i>Montague, P. T.</i>	Montague's, Essex
<i>Herndon, Thaddeus</i>	Middleburg, Loudoun	<i>Montague, P.</i>	Miller's do
<i>Healy, Nathan</i>	Kinsale, Westmoreland	<i>Mitchell, James</i>	Ballardsville, Logan
<i>Hatchett, William</i>	Richmond	<i>McCulcheon, W.</i>	Clintonville, Greenbrier
<i>Harris, William.</i>	Liberty, Bedford	<i>Mitchell, James</i>	Norfolk
<i>Harris, Samuel</i>	Richmond	<i>McGehee, David B.</i>	Halifax
<i>Hiter, William Y.</i>	Louisa C. H.	<i>Mustein, Shadrach</i>	Pittsylvania
<i>Hendren, Jeremiah</i>	Norfolk.	<i>Murfee, Simon</i>	Franklin, Southampton
<i>Hashberger, J.</i>	Shenandoah.	<i>Martin, Orson</i>	Smith's Store, Pittsylvania
<i>Hughart, William H.</i>	Seminary.	<i>Moffett, Anderson</i>	New Market, Shenandoah
<i>Herndon, Jacob W.</i>	Todd's Tavern, Spotsyl'a	<i>Mansfield, Joseph A.</i>	Barboursville, Orange
<i>Hume, Thomas</i>	Portsmouth, Norfolk.	<i>Northam, George</i>	Healey's, Middlesex
<i>Hendren, Robert</i>	Ninevah, Frederick.	<i>Nunnally, Leonard</i>	Chesterfield C. H
<i>Huckstep, Willis</i>	Boyd's Tavern, Albem'le	<i>Nelson, William F.</i>	Seminary
<i>Hubbard, Stephen</i>	Patrick.	<i>Neale, John</i>	Eik Marsh, Fauquier
<i>Hall, Addison</i>	Kilmarnock, Lancaster.	<i>Norris, George</i>	London Bridge, Pr. Anne
<i>Holden, Benjamin</i>	Clarksburg, Harrison.	<i>Ogilvie, John</i>	New Baltimore, Fauquier
<i>Holden, A. C.</i>	do. do.	<i>Owens, Putnam</i>	Seminary
<i>Hubbard, Joel</i>	Republican Grove, Hal'x	<i>Petty, George</i>	Wausboro', Lunenburg
<i>Hyde, William</i>	Fork Inn, Dinwiddie.	<i>Petty, Daniel</i>	Brunswick
<i>Huff, Cornelius</i>	Huffsville, Harrison.	<i>Powell, James L.</i>	Twyman's Store, Spotsyl'a
<i>Harmon, Thomas</i>	Long Level, Cabell.	<i>Powell, William R.</i>	do do
<i>Herndon, R. N.</i>	Martinsburg, Berkley.	<i>Poindexter, A. M.</i>	Barksdale, Halifax
<i>Huckstep, Willis</i>	Everettsville, Albemarle	<i>Pearcey, Nicholas</i>	Seminary
<i>Humphreys, T. B.</i>	Louisa C. H.	<i>Peltus, Henry L.</i>	Charlotte
<i>Holden, Peter W.</i>	Clarksburg, Harrison.	<i>Pendleton, P.</i>	Spotsylvania C. H

Plyman, Anthony	Brown's, Cabell.	Tinsley, Isaac S.	Danville
Rector, Enoch	Parkersburg, Wood.	Tinsley, Jacob T.	do
Ryland, Robert	Seminary, Henrico	Turpin, J. O.	Richmond.
Rabineau, Dr. G. W.	Old Church, Hanover	Thomas, Edward	Faber's Mills, Nelson
Roach, E. W.	Rough Creek ch., Charle	Tinder, David	Waller's Tavern, Spotts
Rock, Joseph	Columbia, Fluvanna	Vaughn, Thomas	Brownsville, Cabell.
Rice, Dr. S. B.	New Glasgow, Amherst	Teasdale, John	Fredericksburg
Stringfellow, Thorn.	Rackoon Ford, Culpeper	Witt, Daniel	Sandy Rv'r ch. P. Edw'd
Segar, Henry G.	Newtown, King & Queen	Witt, Jesse	Smith's X Roads, Pow'n
Swift, Timothy T.	Jackson's Louisa,	Wilder, John H.	Chesterfield
Spencer, John	Wood's X Roads, Glos'ter	Woodson, David M.	Portsmouth, Norfolk
Smith, A. B.	Lynchburg, Campbell	Webb, John	Brookneal, Campbell
Ship, Edward G.	Orange.	Wingfield, Charles	Warren, Albemarle
Smith, Poindexter P.	Physic Springs, Buck'm	Watkins, John T.	Raine's, Cumberland
Smith, John B.	Christiansville, Mecklen'g	Woolfolk, Spilsbe	Bowling Green, Caroline.
Sherwood, Smith	Smithfield, Isle of Wight	Withers, —	Flint Hill, Culpeper
Shelburne, Silas	Rebeboth, Lunenburg.	Weatherford, John	Court-House, Madison
Sumner, S. S.	Richmond.	Washington, T. M.	Westmoreland C House
Shuck, John T.	Seminary.	Woolridge, John	Flat Rock, Powhatan
Smith, John	Russell C. H.	Waddy, J. M.	Rutherglen, Caroline
Starke, Joseph	Henrico	Wakto, J. J.	Pruntytown, Harrison
Southwood, Wm.	Petersburg	Webb, John	Republican Grove, Hal'x
Smith, W. K.	Preston Court-House	Walker, Gabriel	Oakville, Buckingham
Shearman, T. W.	Seminary	Whitson, Abraham	Johnston's Springs, Bot't
Snellings, F. G.	do.	Watkins, Abner	Falls of Nottoway, Nott
Todd, William	Stevensville, K & Queen	Woodson, E. W.	Red S. Springs, Monroe
Taylor, James B.	Richmond	Wiatt, Samuel T.	Buffalo, Mason
Taliaferro, Philip	Gloucester Court-House	White, Horace	Mangohick ch. K. Wm
Trevillian, G. C.	Stony Point, Albemarle	Walker, Joseph	Modest Town, Accom'k
Tisdale, J. W. B.	Pruntytown, Harrison	Walker, William	Ballardsville, Logan.
Turner, John	Patrick	Watkins, Henry W.	Flat Rock, Powhatan.
Trice, G. W.	Aylett's, King William	Wood, Wythel A.	Coalsmouth, Kanawha.
Turner, John P.	New Kent Court-House	Workman, Joseph	Brownsville, Cabell.
Templeman, S. B.	Westmoreland C. H.	Workman, Stephen	do. do.
Timberlake, —	Henrico		

# EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

## VA. BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

### VIRGINIA EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The Seventh Annual Meeting of the Virginia Baptist Education Society was held at the First Baptist Church, Monday, June 4th, 1838.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Elder J. B. Jeter, and opened with singing and prayer by Elder S. Davidson.

The Annual Report was read by Elder Lewis A. Alderson; and, on motion of Elder Luther Crawford, seconded by Elders Alfred Bennett and Joshua Bradley, was adopted, and ordered to be printed under the direction of the Board.

On motion, the following resolution, presented by Elder A. M. Poindexter, seconded by brother John D. McGill, was adopted:

*Resolved*, That while we highly appreciate the advantages for instruction, afforded by our Seminary, and believe that the state of our churches requires just such an institution, we yet believe it to be our duty to provide, as soon as practicable, more enlarged means of education for our ministry.

The following resolution, offered by Elder Daniel Witt, and amended on motion of Elder R. Ryland, was adopted:

*Resolved*, That a committee of seven be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of providing more enlarged means for the education of our ministry, and report; and that the committee also report on the expediency of obtaining a charter for the Virginia Baptist Seminary.

Brethren D. Witt, Poindexter, T. Hudgins, Hall, Cum. George, Taylor, and Hume, were appointed as the said committee.

On motion of Elder L. A. Alderson, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to take into consideration the recommendations contained in the Report.

Brethren Alderson, Grimsley, A. A. Davidson, J. D. McGill, and Alex. Fleet, were named as the committee.

On motion, brethren J. C. Crane, Th. Haynes, and L. W. Allen were appointed a committee to nominate the Officers and Board, for the ensuing year.

On motion, the Treasurer's Report was read and accepted, and referred to the publishing committee.

Brethren Northam, Mason, and R. M. Garnett, were appointed a committee to select a preacher to deliver the annual sermon at the next anniversary.

The committee appointed to nominate a new Board, presented the following list of names, which, on motion, was adopted:

- Elder J. B. JETER, *President*.  
" J. B. TAYLOR, *1st Vice President*.  
" L. A. ALDERSON, *2d do*.  
" HENRY KEELING, *Cor. Secretary*.  
WILLIAM SANDS, *Rec. Secretary*.  
R. C. WORTHAM, *Treasurer*.

Elders M. L. Jones, James Fife, Eli Ball, Th. Hume, W. F. Broadus, L. W. Allen, S. S. Sumner; brethren R. Reins, John Hitchcock, James Thomas, Josiah Ryland, Peter Winston, Hugh Campbell, Dr. Albert Snead, Christopher Walthall, Silas Wyatt, William S. Ryland, John T. Anderson, James Sizer, J. B. Wade, W. A. Carter, Jesse Williams, and Major Jesse Snead—*Managers*.

The committee appointed to select a preacher, reported the names of Elder William Southwood as principal, and Elder S. S. Sumner as alternate; which report was, on motion, approved.

On motion, an invitation was given to members to come forward and pay their subscriptions.

On motion,  
*Resolved*, That the Secretary and Treasurer be required to make out and record, a list of the life members.

*Tuesday morning, 8 o'clock.*

The Education Society convened at the Third Baptist church, and was opened with prayer by brother Maclay, of New-York.

In the absence of the Secretary, on motion, Addison Hall was appointed Secretary, *pro tem*.

The committee appointed to "consider the propriety of providing means for a more enlarged education of our ministry, and also the expediency of endeavoring to procure an act of incorporation for the Seminary," made their report, which was accepted, and the committee discharged. The report is as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the consideration of the propriety of providing means for a more enlarged education of our ministers, and also the expediency of endeavoring to procure an act of incorporation for the Seminary, would respectfully report, that, after having given these subjects as full an investigation as their limited time allowed, they feel very great difficulty in deciding what, under existing circumstances, is most proper to be done.

With regard to procuring a charter for the Seminary, there are, they conceive, strong reasons in favor of doing so; yet, they think it will be more prudent to defer the attempt for the present, lest it should thwart the efforts that are making for the payment of the debts of the Columbian College.

Your committee are persuaded, that if the young brethren who may be educated by your Society, can be induced to pursue a regular collegiate course, it will much increase their usefulness as ministers. But while such impatience of study continues to prevail, as has been heretofore manifested among your students, they do not deem it necessary to enlarge the Seminary.

In anticipation, however, of a change in this respect, they would suggest the propriety of instructing your Board to ascertain, by your next annual meeting, and to report, whether some



arrangement cannot be entered into with the Trustees of the Columbian College, by which your society may become interested in the benefits of that institution. In the meantime, they would recommend that both your Board and the Faculty of the Seminary endeavor to impress the minds of the young brethren under your care, with the importance and necessity of a thorough education; and that they advise them to complete their studies in the Columbian College.

Your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That, at present, it is inexpedient to seek a charter for the Seminary.

After considerable discussion, the above report and resolution were adopted by the Society.

A resolution by brother Poindexter, was offered, and laid on the table.

Adjourned to 5 o'clock, this afternoon, to meet at the Third church.

A. HALL, *Secretary, pro tem.*

*Tuesday afternoon, 5 o'clock.*

Meeting opened with prayer by brother Hall.

On motion of brother Poindexter, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Board be instructed to ascertain and report at the next annual meeting of this Society, whether some arrangement cannot be entered into with the trustees of the Columbian College, by which this Society may become interested in the benefits of that Institution.

The committee appointed on certain recommendations contained in the Annual Report of the Board, made their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

The committee to whom were referred the recommendations contained in the annual report, have had under consideration such subjects as appear to require their attention, and would beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the society highly approve the plan suggested by the Board, of adding another year to the Literary course, agreeably with which, beneficiaries, hereafter entering the Seminary, will be required to remain five years instead of four.

2. *Resolved*, That the labor performed by the students should be rendered *voluntarily*, and that the Board be authorized to make such alterations in this department, as they may think most expedient.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

The committee to make out a list of life-members, reported a number of names, but the list being incomplete, it was

*Resolved*, That the committee be continued, and requested to prepare a complete list for publication in the proceedings.

On motion of brother Northam,

*Resolved*, That the Pastors of the churches be requested to present the claims of the Seminary to their respective churches, and take up collections for the same, and forward them to the Board by the first October next.

On motion of brother Ryland,

*Resolved*, That a subscription be taken for the benefit of the Seminary.

On motion of brother Albert Snead,  
*Resolved*, That the minutes of the meeting be committed to the Board for correction and publication.

The following brethren agree to give each one month's voluntary and gratuitous agency in behalf of the Education Society to raise funds—E. Dodson, A. M. Poindexter, R. Ryland, J. B. Taylor, Jeremiah B. Jeter, Joseph Rock, and J. G. Mills.

On motion, adjourned to next annual meeting.  
Prayer by brother Mills.

A. HALL, *Secretary, pro tem.*

#### REPORT.

The Board of the Virginia Baptist Education Society, in presenting their Seventh Annual Report, would express their gratitude for the indications of divine goodness afforded them during the past year. While endeavouring to perform the responsible duties committed to their charge, they have felt convinced of the inefficiency of their exertions without the accompanying smiles of the Lord. To Him have they looked for blessings to succeed their labours; nor have they had any reason to fear He will withhold that aid which alone gives success to our efforts.

#### FACULTY.

At the close of the first session of last year, brother F. W. Berryman resigned his duties, so that the immediate management of the institution, for the succeeding term, devolved on the other two Professors. The Board have filled the vacancy, by the appointment of brother Richard A. Claybrook, formerly a student at the University of Virginia. Brother Claybrook entered upon his duties at the commencement of this session, and his services are such as render general satisfaction. The Professors have laboured with indefatigable assiduity, in imparting instruction to the young men under their care, and for the general prosperity of the institution.

#### STUDENTS.

The number of students the last term of 1837, was 48. Five of these were in the Theological class, and completed the course of study allotted them, at the expiration of the session. It here becomes our painful duty to record the early death of brother William Gossett, one of the graduates, a resident at Nashville, Tennessee. He had been a beneficiary at the Seminary during the last three years. He was a young man of exemplary piety, and had entered the ministry with prospects of much usefulness. It was his intention to have taken the pastoral care of a church in his native state; but, before setting out for home, death removed him to his peaceful rest. However mysterious the providences of God may appear, we cannot but rejoice that the Lord "is righteous in all his ways."

The present number of students is 62, 15 of whom are beneficiaries, and are pursuing studies with a direct reference to more extensive usefulness in the ministry. Three of these are in the Theological class, and will finish their course at the termination of the present year. You will perceive that there are more students present at this time than on any former occasion. Your Board are encouraged to believe the number will continue to increase. We cannot see any reason why this should not be the case. The healthfulness of the location, the smallness of expenditures, the advantages of instruction, together with the moral character of the institution, conspire to render this an eligible place for those who have sons to educate. We hope, too, it will be borne in mind by the friends of your Society, that, by patronizing the Seminary, they

will be lending their aid in promoting ministerial education.

Your Board feel gratified in stating that there have been no cases of serious indisposition among the students, since your last meeting. They evince general satisfaction with their situation, and appear contented and happy.

#### STUDIES.

The course of study which has heretofore required four years for its completion, has been too extensive for such a limited time. Rather than curtail any of the studies, it has been thought most advisable to add another year. Agreeably with the plan suggested, beneficiaries hereafter entering the institution, will be required to devote four years to literary studies, and the fifth to Theology. It is not designed to make this regulation obligatory on the students now in the Seminary; but it is believed they would be more than compensated by remaining another year. The Faculty design increasing, to a very limited extent, the number of text books, aiming rather by the increase of time, to enable the students to become more thorough in the Literary Department.

#### LIBRARY.

The Library is insufficient for the wants of the institution. During the last two years, it has received no material improvement. The treasurer of the Library fund now has in his hands the small sum of \$2.50. A number of standard Historical and Theological works, to which the students might have access, would be an important acquisition. Such books as are used in the course of study, would be serviceable to students who may not have the means of procuring them for themselves. While we hope some measures will be taken to increase the Library fund, we would suggest to the patrons of the institution, the propriety of making donations of such books as they may feel willing to spare.

#### MANUAL LABOUR.

The students continue to labour in the garden and work-shop, two hours each day, Saturdays and Sundays excepted. The Board would recommend, in this department, a slight alteration from the plan hitherto practised. The labour performed, instead of being *obligatory*, as has been the case, it is thought, should be *voluntary*. In this way the work would be done in a better manner, and much more cheerfully. Besides, it is not possible to have *all* the students profitably employed. Should it be left discretionary with the Faculty to excuse such as might wish exemption, it is believed a number sufficient to perform all the work that is to be done, would choose to devote the usual time to labour.

Your Board are of the opinion, that the proceeds of the work will not yield the young men so much neat profit, as the labour itself will be beneficial in preserving their health, in affording relaxation to the mind, and in producing fixed habits of industry.

#### BOARDING DEPARTMENT.

Brother Ryland continues to officiate as steward, and greatly to the satisfaction of your Board, and also of the students. Regulations were entered into with an individual to take the entire management of this department; but he found it out of his power to comply with the engagement. If the principal were released from this duty, he might be enabled to devote more of his time to the instruction and watch-care of the young men at the Seminary; but while he may find it in his power to officiate, your Board are of the opinion it will be to the advantage of the institution for him to retain the stewardship. If, however, the number of students continues to increase, (and it is probable this will be the case,) the services of a steward must be obtained.

#### PREMISES.

Some partial repairs have been made since your last meeting, and more would have been done had it not been for the want of funds. The premises need a substantial enclosure, and will soon suffer without it. Your Board have purchased a small lot of one acre, running into the former premises, for which they have paid the sum of \$200. The whole of the lot now belonging to your Society, contains about 16 acres.

#### FUNDS.

Since the last annual meeting, there have been received, \$3176 86  
To various persons have been paid the sum of \$2979 70

Leaving a balance of \$203 16

For sometime, the amount of about \$500 has been due brother Ryland, for the board of beneficiaries, which sum ought to be paid without delay. There is now due for the purchase of property \$250, with interest: and, on the 1st of January next, the last instalment of nearly \$1000, with interest, will be called for, so that the Society at present owes about \$1300.

The amount of subscriptions due, is \$860. It is very desirable these subscriptions should be paid as soon as possible. Donations will still be needed, not only to pay the debt the society has incurred, but to sustain beneficiaries at the Seminary. Your Board would earnestly recommend churches throughout the state, to adopt some effectual plan of raising funds to meet these expenditures. Such a change is taking place in the minds of the denomination, generally, in regard to ministerial improvement, that there would not be much difficulty in procuring the necessary funds, if the services of a suitable agent could be obtained. A man with the proper qualifications, might also be the means of exciting such an interest in favour of the Seminary as greatly to increase the number of students. He might render essential service, by encouraging such young men as are called to the ministry, to pursue a course of study that would fit them for more extended usefulness. In many of our churches there are such persons, but, retiring in their disposition, it is difficult to bring them into public notice.

#### PROPRIETY OF MORE EXTENSIVE OPERATIONS.

Time has proven that the plan of your Society has been a *successful* experiment. The Seminary is placed on a firm basis. If prudence be exercised, there will be but little danger in enlarging your operations. The Board would recommend the Society, at its present meeting, to consider the expediency of obtaining a charter for the institution. On a slight view of the subject, it will appear that there are advantages that may be secured by an act of incorporation, which can not otherwise be obtained.

#### INFLUENCE OF THE SEMINARY AND WANTS OF THE DENOMINATION.

It may appear strange to persons at a distance, but it is true, that the vicinity of Richmond is comparatively destitute of preaching. The amount of ministerial labour performed by the Professors and beneficiaries in supplying this destitution, is equal to that performed by not less than five settled pastors. But your Board feel gratified in the reflection that the influence of the Seminary is felt still more extensively. While several brethren in commencing the ministry, have been benefited by remaining a short time, eight have finished the regular course of study, and have gone out to preach the gospel. Several others have pursued their studies in this institution, preparatory to a collegiate course. The little that has been done, enables us to feel more sensibly the greatness of the work that is yet to be accomplished. It appears that in our state, there are in the Baptist denomination, 517

churches, and only about 240 ordained ministers.—Many of them are rendered inefficient in consequence of age, infirmities, and other causes; so there is left not more than one active minister for every three churches. While this is the case, we ask, how can christians be built up in the doctrines of the Bible, and in the practical knowledge of religion? But if we turn our eyes to the nations in heathenish darkness, we shall see a picture too appalling to contemplate without the deepest emotions of sympathizing anguish. Millions are continually passing on to the judgment seat of Christ, and there is no one to point them to the sin-atoning Lamb. The cry is heard from Africa, from India, from China, and from the isles of the Ocean—“*Who will come over and break to us the bread of life?*” Are there any ready to answer,—“*We will go—send us?*” Brethren, there is a great work before us, and we ought to feel deeply impressed with a sense of its importance. Ministers must be had to carry the glad tidings of redeeming love, to all the nations that dwell on the earth.

CONSTITUTION  
OF THE

VIRGINIA BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.—This Society shall be denominated the VIRGINIA BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

ART. II.—The design of this Society is, to afford brethren of the Baptist denomination, regularly licensed to the work of the ministry, who give satisfactory evidence of their piety, good standing, call to the ministry, and capacity for improvement and usefulness, the means of acquiring knowledge, to enable them, with greater success, to preach the Gospel of Christ.

ART. III.—Any person who will pay the sum of two dollars annually, shall be a member of the Society. Any person, by paying the sum of thirty dollars at one time, shall be a life member. Every church or Society contributing the sum of ten dollars to the funds of this Society, shall be entitled to one representative in this body, and another for every additional sum of ten dollars.

ART. IV.—The Officers of this society shall consist of a President, two Vice Presidents, a Recording and Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer.

ART. V.—The Society shall have an Executive Board, consisting of the Officers and twenty-five Managers, who shall be members of the Baptist denomination. The Board shall be chosen at every annual meeting, seven of whom shall constitute a quorum. It shall be their du-

ty to adopt such measures as to them may seem expedient, to increase the funds of the Society, and to secure their application according to its designs; to procure teachers; to select beneficiaries; to designate their studies, the condition on which they are to be admitted, and the period of their continuance under the Society's patronage; to superintend all the concerns of the Society during its recess, and to report their proceedings to the Society, at their annual meeting. The Board shall appoint the time and place of their own meetings, and shall have the power of filling all vacancies which may occur, and of calling special meetings of the Society, when, in their judgment, necessary.

ART. VI.—The Society shall meet annually at the time and place of meeting of the General Association of Virginia.

ART. VII.—This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting, by the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present: provided, however, that no change shall affect the second article.

*Life Members.*

Richard C. Wortham, James Sizer, James C. Crane, John H. Steger, John S. Ellis, Miss Elizabeth Dabney, Mrs. Anna Walton, Louisa co., Elder James B. Taylor, Mrs. Ann Hollins, Isaac White, Charlottesville, Elder Scervant Jones. Dr. Haws Coleman, Clement C. Read, Capt. Henry Brown, Bedford, George Cox, jr. Col. N. Bramham, Richard Reins, Elder Thomas Hume, Anderson P. Miller, Richard Gregory, Richard Gwathmey, Archibald Thomas, William Crane, Henry L. Carter, Dr. Fleet, Elder James Fife, Martin James, Mrs. Martha Dabney, Louisa, Major A. Perkins, Martin Key, Elder R. Ryland, Alfred King, Isham Ball, George R. Myers, Dr. P. B. Bowen, R. Saunders. Elder Henry Keeling, Elder Daniel Witt, Elder Joseph S. Baker, Elder Isaac T. Hinton, Elder J. B. Jeter, Dr. William Gwathmey, Elder J. C. Bailey, Jacob Barns, Elder Henry Keeling, Hugh Campbell, Samuel T. Williamson, Walter Healy, John D. McGill, Miles H. Gardner, Dr. Z. Drummond, Elder George Northam, Thomas Walker, Nicholas Mills, Elder John Carter, Elder John O. Turpin, Elder Samuel Cornelius, Mary Dorsett, Elder Z. Freeman, Col. Alexander Fleet, Mrs. E. Temple, Royal Parish, Dr. Albert Snead, and L. A. Childress.

## TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

## VA. BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Virginia Baptist Foreign Mission Society was held in the meeting-house of the Second Baptist Church, Richmond, on Saturday, 2d June, 1833, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Elder Philip Montague, President, took the Chair, and Elder Eli Ball, after a hymn had been sung, led the meeting in prayer.

On motion, delegates from auxiliary societies and churches were reported and enrolled as follows:

*Evan. Society, Col. College, D. C.*—Sam'l P. Davis.

*Bap. Benevolent Society Lickinghole Church*—D. Perkins, L. Hall, O. T. Mitchell, and J. Woodward.

*Harmony, Concord, and Bethany Churches*—William George.

*Lynchburg Church*—A. B. Smith.

*Baptist Female Miss. Society, Louisa*—J. C. Harris.

*Newville Church*—Elder Gwaltney.

*Deep Run Female Missionary Society*—M. L. Jones.

*Market Street Church, Petersburg*—William Southwood.

*Mount Tirzah Church*—A. A. Davidson.

*Youth's Missionary Society, Portsmouth*—Th. Hume.

*Fredericksburg Church*—John Teasdale.

*Fem. For. Miss. Society of 3d Church*—L. A. Alderson.

*Fem. For. Miss. Soc. 1st Church*—J. B. Jeter, Ro. Ryland, S. Hardgrove, Richard Reins, A. Thomas, and James Thomas.

*Wicomico and Morattico Churches*—A. Hall.

*Enon Church*—Dr. Somerville.

*Salem Church*—And. S. Broaddus.

*Zoar Church*—George Northam.

*Farnham Church*—Addison Hall.

*King Geo. Missionary Society*—P. Montague.

*Upper King & Queen*—R. M. Garnett.

*Mount Tabor Church*—John H. Steger.

*Hermitage Church*—John Spencer.

On motion, the Society proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, when the following were appointed:

Elder PHILIP MONTAGUE, *President.*

“ WM. TODD, *1st Vice President.*

“ J. B. TAYLOR, *2d do.*

“ ELI BALL, *3d do.*

“ H. KEELING, *Cor. Secretary.*

C. WALTHALL, *Rec. Secretary.*

A. THOMAS, *Treasurer.*

Elder J. B. Jeter, Elder M. L. Jones, Albert Snead, James Sizer, J. C. Crane, Wm. Sands, J. F. Barns, Hugh Campbell, and Thomas P. Williams—*Managers.*

On motion, the Report of the Board was read by Elder J. B. Taylor.

The acceptance of the Report was moved by Elder A. Hall, and seconded by Elder A. Bennett, the latter of whom delivered a lengthy and highly interesting address on the subject of Foreign Missions.

A proposition was made that a subscription be entered into in aid of the Mission cause, and the sum of \$4,915 was subscribed to be paid within the ensuing three years, and donations received to the amount of \$21 50.

Adjourned with prayer by Elder Maclay.

C. WALTHALL, *Secretary.*

### ANNUAL REPORT.

The Managers of the Virginia Baptist Missionary Society, in presenting this, their twenty-fifth Annual Report, regret to be compelled to state that the friends of Missions in Virginia, have contributed far less during the past year than might have been reasonably expected. Although the extraordinary pecuniary pressure with which our country has been afflicted, has had its influence in circumscribing our operations, it is not to be doubted, that many of the friends of Christ, have failed to discharge their obligations to the heathen world. As appears from the Treasurer's Report, but little more than \$1500 have passed through his hands, to the Board in Boston.

The recent meeting of the Baptist General Convention, held in New York, was marked by the harmony of its members, and the determined purpose with which they deliberated on the best method of extending Messiah's kingdom to the ends of the earth. Your Managers cannot forbear the expression of their continued and entire confidence in the zeal and discretion of the brethren in Boston, to whom is entrusted the management of our wide-spread Missionary operations. They have prosecuted their work with a fidelity which deserves the respect and gratitude of all American Baptists. The following abstract of their last Annual Report, will furnish a gratifying survey of the extent and success of our Missions.

#### *Missions.*

“The number of Missions under the direction of the Board is twenty-three. Of these, there are twelve connected with Indian tribes in North America;

three in Europe—in France, Germany, and Greece; one in Africa—in Liberia; and seven in Asia—in Burmah, and among the Karens, in Siam, Arracan, and Asam, and among the Chinese and the Teloogeois.

#### Stations.

“There are sixty-nine stations, including thirty-two out-stations. Fifteen stations and six out-stations are among the North American Indians; ten stations and five out stations in Europe; two stations in Africa, and the residue in Asia.

#### Missionaries and Assistants.

“The number of missionaries sent from this country, is ninety-eight, (fifty-one males and forty-seven females,) and of native missionaries and assistants, about seventy, exclusive of native assistants in the printing department, viz:

	Missionaries.	Native Missionaries and Assistants.
To Indian Tribes,	34	9
Europe,	8	11
Africa,	5	
Asia,	51	50
Total	98	70

Fifty-three missionaries have been sent out by the Board during the last three years.

#### Churches and Members.

Connected with the missions are thirty-eight churches, twenty of which have been constituted since the last meeting of the Convention. The number of members is about sixteen hundred and fifty.

#### Baptisms.

One hundred and twenty-five have been added to the Indian churches, by baptism, the past year; about fifty to the churches in France and Germany, and more than three hundred to the Karen and Burman. Total, at all the stations, about five hundred.

#### Printing Operations.

There are five printing establishments, embracing fifteen printing presses, viz., one at Shawanoe, Indian Territory, with one printing press; one at Sadiya, Asam, with two presses; one at Maulmein, Burmah, eight presses, including a power press; one at Tavoy, in Tenasserim, two presses; and one in Bangkok, Siam, two presses, one a lithographic press. An additional press has been ordered to Bangkok. Of the presses attached to the Maulmein and Tavoy stations, five were sent out the last year.

Three of the establishments for printing—those at Sadiya, Tavoy, and Bangkok—have been founded recently. The first printing executed at Bangkok, was in the autumn of 1836. About 900,000 8vo. pages, were printed prior to the close of the following May. At the Tavoy press, which went into operation in April of last year, about 1,500,000 pp. were printed during the four ensuing months. At Sadiya, there were two works printed of 500 copies each, prior to July, 1837, and a third was in progress. The returns from the Maulmein printing department, are incomplete for the year ending June 30, 1837. The ordinary rate of printing, on four presses, was nine thousand sheets per day. The issues, in the autumn of 1836, were at the average rate of 2,000,000 pages per month; and the demand for books and tracts, beyond the power to supply, was greater than at any former period. 4,800 vols. or 236,400 pp. were printed at the Shawanoe press, exclusive of a monthly periodical, in English and Shawanoe, and other occasional publications. The number of heathen languages, in which books have been prepared and printed by missionaries of the Board, during the year, is fifteen.

#### State of the Treasury.

The receipts into the treasury, during the year ending April 15, 1838, from all sources, were \$63,070 19; of which auxiliary associations, churches, and individuals contributed \$36,315 29. The total expenditures, for the same period, including an unpaid sum now due, and decrease of funds in the hands of foreign agents, of about \$25,000, were \$107,410 90. Excess of expenditures above receipts, \$44,340 71.

#### Wants of the Board.

The Missions to Siam, the Chinese, the Teloogeois, and to several Indian tribes—not to mention others that have requested aid—are in urgent need of an immediate reinforcement of missionaries. Several candidates for missionary service have been approved by the Board, and if adequate funds were provided, would be sent forth to their work before the close of the current year. Requests have also been made for four additional printing establishments. The Board have not the means to meet these claims. *Their funds are exhausted.* If not replenished immediately, they will be constrained to consult, not for the enlargement of the missions, but for the least disastrous method of their reduction. The inquiry must be, What presses shall be stopped, what stations shall be abandoned, what missions shall be closed, what missionaries shall be called home? The God of missions, the great Head of the Church, who laid down his life for his people, graciously interpose, give to all our associations and churches a larger measure of his spirit, and constrain them, by his love, to give even as they have received.

From this brief survey, may be learnt the interesting fact, that our mission stations have been increased, and our missionaries multiplied to an unprecedented extent within the last three years. The question now forces itself with almost overwhelming power, Shall the churches of Virginia decline any part of their responsibility in sustaining this cause? Will any Christian, and especially any Baptist, consent to the curtailment of these divinely appointed instrumentalities? If the preaching of the cross of Christ, and the spread of his written word, are indeed to be the power of God, and the wisdom unto salvation, there is no place for doubt, as to the duty of united action in this work. Your Board entertain the hope that with the increased demand for pecuniary assistance, there will be exhibited a correspondent liberality. We will invoke the four or five hundred Baptist churches of Virginia to come up to the help of the Lord—to the help of the Lord against the mighty. Nor would we wish them to lay down their armor, until the strong holds of darkness have been demolished, and the empire of Emanuel be spread over the whole earth.

#### The Va. Bap. Miss. Society,

In Acct with A. THOMAS, Treasurer.

June 5—By cash on hand,	508 77
Dr. William Kirk's amount contributed,	2 00
Collected at Newville church, Sussex co.,	
by Elder Taylor,	7 00
Mr. Robinson \$1, a friend \$5,	6 00
Monthly concert, Moratico church,	10 00
N. G. Woods, for M. H., Bassa Cove,	3 00
Friend in Rappahannock county, African	
Mission,	2 50
Balance from Boar Swamp church,	6 81
Mrs. Ann Kidd 2, Henry Keeling 2, Eli	
Ball 2,	6 00
Half collections at annual meeting, on	
Lord's day,	34 34

Mount Zion, monthly concert,	4 12	Female Missionary, First Baptist church,	
Balance from Eder Ship,	25	Richmond, contributed by the Sunday-	
June 8—Ann Hutchinson \$10, African Mission,		school, to be appropriated to Mrs. Shuck's	
\$5 general fund,.....	13 00	school in China,.....	67 88
9—Stephen Davis \$2 50, Mrs. Davis \$2 50,		Cash collected for do.....	2 00
Miss Davis \$1 50 Burman Mission; Ste-		Miss Sarah McTyre, Burman Mission,...	2 00
ven Davis \$2, Mrs. Davis \$2, Miss		27—Dr. Wm. Gwathmey, by Elder Ryland,	
Davis \$1 50 Indian Mission, by William		Burman Mission,.....	2 00
F. Broadus,.....	12 00	May 7—Mr. Vermillery,.....	5 00
David Lipscomb \$5 for Bur. Mission, \$5		Wicomico church,.....	50 00
Chinese, \$5 African Mission,.....	15 00	Morattico church,.....	50 00
Miss Eliza Crawford \$2, a lady \$1,.....	3 00	Dr. Baynham, Essex county,.....	50 00
Mrs. Jane C. Keeling treasurer and secre-		June 1—Enon church, Dr. A. Somerville,...	15 60
tary, Female Foreign Missionary Soci-		Wm. A. Baynham,.....	15 60
ety, 3rd Baptist church, Richmond, \$20;		E. O. Micou \$4, N. Micou \$4,.....	8 00
Burman Bible, \$30; Education Female		Zoar church, Virginia Baynham \$5 25,	
Burman children, as desired by the do-		Elder Segar \$5, John B. Tod \$1, A.	
nor, Mr. E. G. Hill, and \$56 53 for ge-		Murray 50c, John A. Miller \$1, Ro.	
neral purposes,.....	106 59	Micou \$5, P. Green \$2, Wm. T. Brooke	
August 9—New Market St. church, Missionary		\$10 40, Lewis Fisher 50c., P. Tupman	
Society, Petersburg,.....	30 00	\$2 50, M. Boulware \$5, Elizabeth	
Oct. 31—John M. Lindsey, by Elder Taylor,		Boulware 40c., balance last year \$6 25,	44 80
Burman Mission,.....	2 00	Monthly concert, Zoar church,.....	12 29
Nov. 9—From a friend, by Elder Jas. Garnett,	2 50	Salem church, Caroline, by A. S. Broad-	
From Miss A. A. Gaskins, by Elder Jeter,	1 00	cus,.....	10 00
Jan. 3—Ladies in Louisa for African Mission		Morattico church, by Elder Hall,.....	50 00
from Elder James Fife,.....	10 00	Wicomico church, by do.....	37 50
18—D. Lipscomb, Burman Mission \$5, Atri-		Farnham church, by do.....	14 00
can Mission \$5, German Mission \$5,		By cash from King George Missionary	
Orissa Mission \$5, China Mission \$5,...	25 00	Society,.....	9 75
1838:		Female Missionary Society, Essex county,	12 13
Jan. 20—By cash collected at monthly concert		Elder P. Montague's annual contribution,	2 00
prayer meeting at Kilmarnock, by Elder		Upper King & Queen church, by R. M.	
A. Hall,.....	7 62	Garnett,.....	23 81
Feb. 8—Mary A. Ward, by Elder L. W. Allen,	3 00	Mount Tabor church, viz: Miss Fisk \$1,	
14—Miss Jane Gillispe, by J. C. Crane,	75	Mrs. J. S. Steger \$30, (life member,)	
April 4—John T. Anderson,.....	15 00	Mary O. Steger \$5, Mrs. Miller \$5, Miss	
14—John D. Hankins, Burman Mission,	10 00	Aspinwall \$1 12, by J. H. Steger,....	42 12
19—Mrs. Sarah Phillips,.....	4 62	Miss E. Braxton,.....	50
Mrs. Colby Cowherd,.....	5 00	Hermitage church, monthly concert,....	3 47
Mrs. Tabitha Cowherd,.....	5 00	Elder John Spencer, annual contribution,	2 00
Elder John Ogilvie,.....	2 00	Col. Alexander Fleet, (life member,)....	30 00
Wm. H. Davis,.....	5 00	Miss Susan Walker \$1, J. T. Wooten \$2,	3 00
Frances Walker,.....	2 00	Lickinghole Baptist Benevolent Society,	
John Watkins,.....	5 00	by J. Woodward,.....	43 00
John Connelly,.....	7 40	Harmony church,.....	10 00
Jordan Edwards,.....	3 00	Concord church,.....	6 00
James Hamner,.....	5 00	Bethel church,.....	7 00
20—Richmond Female Judson Society, by		Lynchburg church, by Elder A. B. Smith,	12 67
Elder Keeling,.....	20 00	Ann Hollins, by do.....	10 00
Female Foreign Missionary Society, 3rd		Muddy Creek church, by Elder J. Witt,	3 75
Baptist church, Richmond, by Jane C.		Evangelical Society, Columbian College,	
Keeling, Treasurer,.....	65 25	by S. P. Davis,.....	5 00
Female Mission Society, First Baptist		Elder Stephen Eastin \$2, J. D. McGill \$2,	4 00
church, Richmond, by Mrs. Catharine		Isham Ball,.....	5 00
Thomas, Treasurer,.....	80 65	Baptist Female Missionary Society, Louisa,	
Female Mission Society, 1st Baptist church,		by J. C. Harris,.....	22 00
being a collection taken, viz: Samuel		Newville church, by Elder Gwaltney,...	10 00
Hardgrove \$30, Mrs. Phelps 50c., Mr.		Elder A. B. Smith, amount contributed,...	2 00
Lester \$3, M. Plains \$1, R. Parish \$30,		Wm. S. Ryland \$2, Elder Eli Ball \$2,...	4 00
P. Winston \$15, S. M. Dandridge \$5, W.		Deep Run Female Missionary Society,	4 50
Maddox \$1, Thomas Starke \$2, R. C.		Market St. church, Petersburg, by Mrs.	
Wortham \$25, J. Sizer 25, H. I. Craw-		Southwood,.....	22 75
ford \$5, R. Boshier \$3, James Thomas,		Balance from Female Missionary Society	
jr., \$50, Mrs. Dillon \$1, Mrs. A. Sizer		Deep Run, by Elder Jones,.....	3 00
\$5, Mrs. John Sizer \$1, Miss E. Gate-		June 5—By cash from Mount Tirzah Mission-	
wood 50c, A. Thomas \$30, J. B. Jeter		ary Society, by A. A. Davidson;.....	57 25
\$10, Jesse Williams \$20, Miss Virginia		Youth's Missionary Society of Portsmouth,	
Ratliffe \$2, cash \$5 86,.....	268 86	to educate two heathen children, Thomas	
Youth's Missionary Society, First Baptist		and Mary Ann Hume, under the care of	
church, Richmond, by G. W. Atkinson	18 17	Mrs. Shuck and Mrs. Davenport,.....	41 00
23—Mrs. Keeling's school,.....	1 50	Elder Jas. Clopton \$2, Miss M. Crump \$3,	5 00
Mrs. ——— \$1, Mr. Redwood \$2, Mr.		Mrs. H. L. Carter,.....	1 00
Grantland \$1, Mr. Mosby \$1, B. Starke,		Half collections at the 3 Baptist churches,	
\$2,.....	7 00	Richmond, on Sabbath day,.....	163 58

Mrs. Sarah Gray,.....	2 50
From a friend, by D. Perkins,.....	50
Pledges given for 3 years, viz: Z. Freeman's 1st instalment \$10, Thos. B. Anderson's 1st instalment \$50, Ro. Lindsey \$30, John T. Anderson \$10, Sarah Mosby \$5, A. Brown \$5, cash \$1 50, 111 50	111 50
Miss Betsy Lea for China tracts, by Elder Hall,.....	5 00
J. D. McGill's 1st instalment of 3 years' subscription,.....	10 00
Harriet Turpin \$1. Mary Gossett \$1,....	2 00
G. Rowe \$2 50 Fredericksburg Church 2 50, by Elder Teasdale,.....	5 00
	\$2493 15

## DISBURSEMENTS.

July 10—To cash per draft 4 months, remitted to Heman Lincoln, - - - - -	695 00
Dec. 31—To cash remitted to H. Lincoln, Treasurer Baptist General Convention, 76 88	76 88
1838:	
April 21—To draft remitted to H. Lincoln, 504 80	504 80
23—To cash forwarded to H. Lincoln, by Elder Jeter, - - - - -	108 12
May 7—To do do do do	100 00
do do do by Elder Taylor, 50 00	50 00
1839:	
June 6—Cash remitted to H. Lincoln, - - - - -	900 00
Balance, - - - - -	58 35
	\$2493 15

## SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

## VA. AND FOR. BAPTIST BIBLE SOCIETY.

## PROCEEDINGS

*Of the Second Annual Meeting of the Virginia and Foreign Baptist Bible Society.*

At the Second Annual meeting of the Virginia and Foreign Baptist Bible Society, held at the house of worship of the Third Baptist Church, Richmond, on Tuesday, 5th June, 1838, Alex. Fleet, President of the Society, took the Chair.

The meeting was opened by Elder Philip Montague with prayer.

On motion, by Elder Eastin, the Annual Report was called for and read.

It was moved and seconded that the Annual Report just read, be received and adopted.

On this motion Elder Maclay, Agent of the American and Foreign Bible Society, addressed the meeting in behalf of the great object of this Society, with a zeal, ability, and interest, truly gratifying.

On motion of brother Jordan, the last paragraph in the Report, after much discussion, was stricken out, and the Report, as amended, adopted.

The Society then adjourned, to meet at the call of the President.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 6 o'clock, the Society met at the same place, and appointed Elders J. B. Taylor and M. L. Jones a Committee to nominate a new Board of Managers.

On motion of brother Wm. Crane, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, the blessed Bible, with the Spirit of God accompanying it, is the source and support of all our religion; and, whereas, in the wide dissemination of that blessed book, the prayerful, systematic reading of it is too much neglected; and, whereas, a close attention to this duty is the best means of preparing the heart and the hands for the performance of every other duty, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we recommend to all our brethren and sisters that they try to read the Bible regularly through, at least once every year; and that the following brief plan to aid in so doing, be inserted in our Minutes:

## A PLAN

## FOR READING THE BIBLE THROUGH EVERY YEAR.

During January, read	Gen. and Exodus.
“ February, “	to 10th Deuteronomy.
“ March, “	to 15th of 1st Samuel.
“ April, “	to 15th of 2d Kings.
“ May, “	to 5th Nehemiah.
“ June, “	to 100th Psalm.
“ July, “	to 50th of Isaiah.
“ August, “	to 20th of Ezekiel.
“ September, “	to end of the Old Test't.
“ October, “	to end of Luke.
“ November, “	to end of 1st Cor.
“ December, “	to end of New Test't.

About sixty-five to seventy-five pages per month, or, about two pages for every week-day, and four pages for every Sunday.

The Committee to nominate a new Board of Managers, reported the following names, which were adopted:

ALEX. FLEET, *President.*  
 NIMROD BRAMHAM, *1st Vice President.*  
 THOMAS HUDGINS, *2d do.*  
 J. B. JETER, *3d do.*  
 J. B. TAYLOR, *4th do.*  
 JAMES SIZER, *Treasurer.*  
 H. KEELING, *Cor. Secretary.*  
 JAMES THOMAS, jr., *Rec. Secretary.*

J. D. McGill, J. E. Laughton, Wm. Sands, Geo. Woodfin, H. L. Carter, Robt. Ryland, J. Alderson, R. C. Wortham, Wm. F. Broadus, Dr. A. Snead, S. Wyatt, R. Reins, H. Campbell, S. T. Williamson, P. Montague, J. Fife, E. Ball, L. W. Allen, Thos. Hume, Wm. F. Gunn, P. Winston, J. Hitchcock, Dr. R. A. Christian, M. L. Jones, and Wm. F. Nelson—*Managers.*  
 Geo. Northam, and Jas. Thomas, jr.—*Life Directors.*

Wm. Y. Hiter, J. L. Gwaltney, M. W. Towill, John H. Steger, V. M. Mason, and Jno. T. Anderson—*Life Members.*

Elder J. B. Taylor offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That this Society regard with high satisfaction and gratitude to God, the success of the American and Foreign Bible Society, in their operations the last year.

On motion of A. M. Poindexter,

*Resolved*, That the Board be authorized to use a moderate portion of the funds of this Society, towards supplying destitute parts of our own state with the received version of the Scriptures, should they deem it expedient.

On motion of J. B. Jeter,

*Resolved*, That the Board be instructed to effect an arrangement with the Board of the Foreign Mission Society to procure the joint services of Elder Goodall, or some other agent.

The Treasurer read his Annual Report, which being audited, was adopted.

ALEX. FLEET, *President.*

J. THOMAS, jr., *Rec. Secy.*

The Board of the Virginia and Foreign Bible Society, beg leave to present the following

REPORT.

Confined by the decision of the Society, to the collection and transmission of funds, your Board has but little to report. Your Agent has been, during the year, diligently and successfully employed in placing the claims of the Society to liberal and continued support, before the churches of the denomination, and the community at large. From his report annexed, you will learn the extent and result of his labors. The Treasurer's report contains a statement of the money received and paid by him to the Treasurer of the American and Foreign Bible Society.

The Parent Society, whose anniversary meeting was recently held in New-York, has been, by the almost unanimous voice of the denomination, left unrestricted in the field of its operations. It is now successfully engaged in the circulation of the Holy Scriptures. During the last year its income amounted to upwards of \$30,000, and its disbursements to about \$26,000.

Your Board deem it almost superfluous to insist on the importance of circulating the Bible, faithfully and entirely translated, into all the languages of the earth. The truth which it contains is the divinely appointed instrumentality of enlightening, sanctifying, and blessing the world. As Christians, as Protestants, as Bap-

tists, as the friends of civilization and science, we should feel a deep interest in the universal diffusion of this truth. But little has yet been done in this great and heaven-inspired enterprise, compared with the wants of the heathen world, and the resources and obligations of the christian church. We are loudly called upon, in the providence of God, to increase our zeal and liberality in this good work.

*Report of the Agent, addressed to the Cor. Secretary.*

As agent of the Virginia and Foreign Bible Society, I entered the field of labor the 1st day of July last. I have occupied most of the effort churches East of the mountains, and take pleasure in reporting that the brethren have generally responded to the call made upon them by your Society. The pecuniary pressure under which all classes of the community have labored during the past year, forced me to adopt the subscription plan payable on or before the 1st day of June; which pledges were left in the hands of faithful brethren to collect and forward to your treasurer. I have received, as the fruit of my labors during the eleven months engaged, \$1,414.76 in cash—in pledges \$3000, including \$157 pledged by the Petersburg church to your Society, through Elder Maclay, making in cash and pledges \$4,414.76, with a few golden ornaments, all of which your agent has deposited with the treasurer. The above aggregate would have been much more, but brother Maclay, agent of the American and Foreign Bible Society, passed through many of the southern churches before me, and received their pledges, amounting to about \$1000. The difficulty encountered in locating appointments through the above churches, embarrassed my movements, and rendered my labors comparatively unprofitable. I formed no Society, but addressed the Baptist churches as Bible Societies, so constituted by the Great Head of the church 1800 years ago; and if the Baptist churches, as such, were brought to act upon this principle, their action would be much more efficient and permanent.

Permit me to subscribe myself,

Your brother in Christ,

JOHN GOODALL.

*Ag't of the Va. and For. Bible Society.*

*The Virginia & Foreign Baptist Bible Society,  
 In account with JAMES SIZER, Treas.*

1837:	Receipts.	
June 2d.—To balance on hand,		\$2079 42
Strawberry Baptist Bible Society, by J. S. Lee,		145 00
3d.—Upper Essex church, by John Bird, for the Burman Bible,		7 42
Enos church, in part to constitute Elder H. G. Segar life director for Burman Bible,		90 71
Lynchburg Bible Society, by A. B. Smith,		10 00
J. B. Jeter,		10 00
Female Bible Society, Boar Swamp, by Thomas J. Bethell,		12 81
Bible Society, Boar Swamp, by Thomas J. Bethell,		13 62
Miss Harriet Worsham, by Wm. Hyde, from Union church, Amelia,		7 81
5th.—Lower Gold Mine Bible Society, by Elder Hiter,		9 00
King William Bible Society, by William S. Ryland,		30 00
Hampton church Bible Society, by John Goodall,		17 21
Newville Bible Society, by J. L. Gwaltney,		25 00



Donation by J. L. Gwaltney,.....	3 50	24.—C. Roberts, Treasurer Hephzibah Bible Society,.....	6 25
S. H. Holmes, by J. L. Gwaltney,....	1 50	29.—John Goodall, General Agent,.....	320 76
Friend, Rappahannock county, by J. B. Taylor,.....	2 50	William Sands, from Turner Adams,....	5 00
Friend, Richmond, by J. B. Taylor,....	10 09	do. Mount Pisgah Bible Soc'y, by John Tirrell,.....	30 00
6th.—Lower King & Queen Bible Society, by J. D. McGill,.....	6 00	do. W. W. Davis,.....	5 00
Alexander Fleet, in part to constitute life member,.....	10 00	do. Reed's Bible Soc'y, for Bur'n Bible, do. Zoar church, Orange co., by Wm. Roach, Treasurer,.....	7 00
Donation from a sister in Hanover, by M. L. Jones,.....	1 00	do. New Hope church,.....	12 50
Bible Society at Temperance, by M. L. Jones,.....	10 00	June 1.—Jeremiah Hendren, from Kempsville church,.....	12 12
J. F. Barns \$2, Sarah F. Barns 2,.....	4 00	do. Salem church,.....	39 75
Licking Hole Bible Society, by D. Perkins, J. Herndon, M. Key, and J. Woodward, delegates,.....	49 50	do. James C. Jordan, from Smithfield ch... do. Mrs. M. A. Jones of do. do. do. David Lipscomb, from Lower Gold Mine Bible Society,.....	4 00
J. S. Tinsley \$2, Z. Freeman 2, Thomas Hume 2, Stephen Aster 2,.....	8 00	do. for John Goodall, from Lower Gold Mine,.....	13 37
William F. Nelson,.....	5 00	Thomas H. Stringfellow, from Stevensburg church, per William Sands,...	10 00
Essex Bible Society, by P. Montague,...	50 12	Brother Ashur, Culpeper Court House,...	17 00
King George Bible Society, by P. Montague,.....	18 75	Elder Powell, from North Pamunkey,...	3 00
Scervant Jones \$2, William Hyde 2,....	4 00	Abner Hudson, from Crooked Run ch., N. Bramham, from Charlottesville ch., Elder C. George, from Hedgeman River church,.....	1 00
Evangelical Society, Columbian College, by Thomas W. Sydnor,.....	3 00	James Stark, Gourd Vine church,....	16 25
Middlesex Baptist and Foreign Bible Society, by G. Northam,.....	21 00	C. George, from Wm. Hinton, Treasurer Kectocon Domestic Missionary Soc'y, Collection at Broad Run church,.....	44 43
Shoulder Hill church, to constitute A. P. Repiton life member Burman Bible, Collected at Bethlehem M. H., by Jesse Witt, for Burman Bible,.....	7 13	John Goodall, from Elder B. Ficklin, do. from Elisha H. Thurman,.....	30 00
7th.—R. N. Herndon, by James Thomas, \$2, Mrs. A. Hutcherson 5, S. Jury 50c, by James B. Taylor,.....	7 50	Joseph Alderson, from J. C. Noel, Bedford county,.....	5 00
9th.—James McTyree, by William Sands,...	10 00	do. from Josh. Thornhill, Mountain ch., do. from James Leftwich,.....	5 00
15th.—John H. Stegar \$2, John Hitchcock 2, by James Thomas,.....	4 00	do. from Strawberry Baptist Bible Soc'y, John Goodall, from Long Branch church, by brother Wyatt,.....	28 50
July 8th.—Four Mile Creek Bible Society, by Philip Frayzer,.....	28 00	John B. Todd, Enon church,.....	109 50
August 9th.—Jordan Mason for Burman Bible, by William Sands,.....	5 00	A. Broadus, Salem church,.....	135 00
Friend to Bible, to constitute Elder W. Y. Hiter life member,.....	30 00	2.—R. A. Christian, from Hermitage church, E. T. Montague, from Glebe Landing, Stephen Eastin, from Webster's church, C. Davis, from Mount Gilead church, John Pollard, from Mattaponi, King & Queen,.....	32 75
23d.—Two friends to the Bible Society, by John Hart,.....	10 00	W. Moore, from Farmville church,....	38 00
John Hart, Treasurer Bible Society at Elk Creek,.....	18 00	T. Street, from Clark's Neck church, C. Roberts, Treasurer Hephzibah Bible Society,.....	21 75
28th.—Lower Banister church, Pittsylvania, from J. G. Mills, by I. O. Faulkner, Sept. 6.—King and Queen Bible Society, by Richard Bagby, Treasurer,.....	4 00	William Hyde, by William Puryear,...	24 00
Oct. 12.—Glebe Landing church, by Elder J. B. Jeter,.....	55 00	R. A. Christian, from Hermitage church, do. Susan Whiting,.....	18 00
King George Bible Society, by Elder J. B. Taylor,.....	10 00	W. S. Ryland, from Mangobick church, F. H. Robertson, from Market Street church, Petersburg, in part to constitute Elder Southwood life director, Addison Hall, from Wicomico church, do. Morattica church,.....	11 00
Nov. 6.—William Twyman, by Elder James Garnett,.....	10 00	William H. Kirk, from Farabam church, John Bird, from George Wright, in part to constitute him life member,.....	18 75
Greenbrier Union Baptist Society, by L. A. Alderson,.....	100 00	do. Upper Essex church,.....	30 00
Dec. 12.—William F. Nelson, from Students Baptist Seminary,.....	39 00	do. Exol church,.....	50 00
1838:		J. G. Mills, from Cross Road's church, do. Arbour church,.....	28 87
Jan. 1.—Elder John Goodall, Gen'l Agent, 3.—Brother C. Roberts, Treasurer of the Hephzibah Bible Society, auxiliary to the American and For. Bible Society, 15.—Frederick Jackson, Executor of Hannah Jackson, legacy left for the Bible, Feb. 6.—Mary A. Ward, by L. W. Allen,...	1094 00	do. Black Walnut church,.....	14 50
21.—Daniel Mountcastle, by West Wyatt, April 14.—Robert H. Harwood, from New Bridge Bible Society,.....	15 00	A. A. Davidson, from Charlotte county Baptist Bible Society,.....	50
May 16.—Wm. S. Ryland, Treasurer King William Bible Society,.....	21 50	do. Mount Tirzah Baptist Bible Soc'y, A. M. Poindexter, from sundry persons, do. Roanoke District Society,.....	45 00
	18 95		19 50
			9 87
			44 95

do. Elizabeth Reed,.....	10 00
Joseph D. Creath, from Reedy Creek ch.,	14 25
George Northam, from Zoar church, Middlesex,.....	63 12
Reuben B. Murray,.....	3 00
Thos. B. Creath, from Hunting Quarter,	12 00
John Goodall, per W. H. Holmes,.....	17 50
do. County Line church,.....	3 50
Horace White, from Mangohick,.....	18 50
Thomas Gregory, from John H. Wilder,	8 00
Oliver Welsh, Zoar church,.....	17 25
Upper King & Queen, per R. M. Garnett, to constitute A. Broaddus life director of Amer. and For. Bible Soc.,	47 00
4. Barnett Grimsley, from Mt. Salem ch.,	37 50
Levi D. Horner, from Shiloh church, Prince George,.....	3 75
A. S. Broaddus, from Salem church, to constitute A. Broaddus life director of the American and For. Bible Society,	35 25
P. Montague, from Essex Co. B. Soc.,	38 06
do. James Montgomery, King George,	7 00
do. Church in King George,.....	4 50
do. Essex, Piscataway church,.....	19 31
M. L. Jones, from Miss Cross,.....	50
do. Nuckolls' church,.....	4 00
do. Deep Run church,.....	4 50
do. Burruss' church,.....	8 25
Thos. Hume, from Black Creek, Southampton,.....	8 00
L. W. Allen, from Matthews church, in part to constitute himself life director of the American and For. Bible Soc.,	76 55
S. H. Edmonds, from James Square,...	12 00
do. Malone,.....	9 00
J. Martin, from Spring Creek and Bethel, Daniel Witt, Sharon church,.....	22 00
Jesse Witt, from Union church,.....	20 50
From Bethel church, Chesterfield,.....	16 75
T. W. Sydnor, from Evangelical Soc'y, Columbian College,.....	14 75
El. Jenkins, from Cumberland church,...	5 00
Philip G. Edmunds,.....	10 75
Delegate from Licking Hole Bap. B. S.,	10 00
S. Dorsett, from Chesterfield,.....	109 00
Elder John Wooldridge,.....	10 00
E. S. Amory, from Pocomore church,...	6 00
Anderson P. Miller 5, Priscilla Pollard 2 50, Cornelia Coleman 2,.....	21 00
Robert Morriss, from James City chur.,	9 50
J. L. Gwaltney, from Newville church, to constitute himself life member,...	6 50
do. Newville church,.....	30 00
do. Tucker Swamp church 9, Western Branch 16 50,.....	3 38
do. Rackoon Swamp church 9 50, Beaver-dam 7,.....	25 50
	16 50

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DISBURSEMENTS.

Dec. 30.—Enclosed to Wm. Colgate, Treasurer of the American and Foreign Bible Society, Treasury note number 265, for \$1,000, and exchange 1-2 per cent,.....	1015 00
1838:	
Jan. 5.—Paid postage to New-York,.....	19
May 26.—Paid John Enders' draft, 90 days, on Cornelius Dubois & Co.,.....	1000 00
Paid James Sizer & Son's draft, 90 days, on Cornelius Dubois & Co.,.....	1000 00
29.—Paid John Goodall, Gen. Agent,.....	50 00
Postage to New-York,.....	19

\$3065 38

By balance due to Bible Society, 3743 39  
JAMES SIZER, Treasurer.

We have examined the above account, and find in the Treasurer's hands \$3743 39.

Signed, ARCHIBALD THOMAS,  
RICH'D C. WORTHAM,

January 5, 1838.

1838. Receipts.

By balance in hands of the Treasurer,	3743 39
June 5.—Received of Jas. H. Britton, from	
Gourd Vine church,.....	41 50
Alex. Fleet, from Bruntington ch.,.....	130 75
J. C. Bailey, from High Hill ch.,.....	10 75
Do. from Sappony ch.,.....	1 50
Do. from a friend to the Bible,	2 00
B. T. Todd, from Petersburg ch.,.....	30 00
A. M. Poindexter, from Martha Rice, in behalf of Roanoke District Bible Society,.....	10 00
Eld. P. P. Smith, from Buckingham ch.,	20 00
Isaac Tinsley, from Danville ch.,.....	15 50
J. H. Steger, from Mrs. Miller,.....	5 00
Do. from C. P. and Wm. B. Featherstone, \$1 each,.....	2 00
Do. to constitute him a life member,.....	30 00
Do. in part, to constitute V. M. Mason life member, (the balance paid by Eld. D. Witt,).....	20 00
Leonard H. Childress, donation,.....	5 00
Caroline Thompson, do,.....	5 00
Samuel T. Williamson, annual contrib'n,	2 00
Augustin M. Braxton, do,.....	2 00
Samuel B. Rice, donation,.....	9 00
Elder A. B. Smith, annual contribution,	2 00
Joseph Rock, do, do,.....	2 00
Philip Montague, do, do,.....	2 00
Elder Clopton, from New-Kent B. B. S.,	28 00
A. J. Garnett, from Broad Run Asso'n,	7 00
J. W. B. Tisdale, annual contribution,	2 00
Lewis Mason, per Elder Mason,.....	1 00
Elder Travillian,.....	5 00
Richard Claybrook, from Hermitage,...	3 00
El. Teasdale, from Fredericksburg chur.,	20 00
Elder J. B. Taylor, from Fork Union,...	30 00
Do. Isaac White,.....	10 00
Do. Ann Hughes,.....	2 00
Do. C. H. Leslie,.....	1 00

Life Directors of the Virginia and Foreign Bible Society.

James B. Taylor, Jeremiah B. Jeter, James C. Crane, Albert Sneed, William F. Nelson, James H. Temple, William A. Baynham, Robert Ryland, Richard Reins, Daniel Witt, John Bird, Addison Hall, H. G. Segar.

Life Directors of the Parent Society, New York. Elders Southwood, Andrew Broaddus, and L. W. Allen.

Life Members of the Virginia and Foreign Baptist Bible Society.

John G. Mills, Isabella Crane, J. D. McGill, A. M. Poindexter, Frances A. Temple, Thomas Hardgrove, R. C. Wortham, Thomas B. Anderson, Henry L. Carter, David B. McGehee, William Britton, Sarah Jane Stegar, John Bagby, Jas. Fife, Timothy T. Swift, Charles F. Burnley, Joseph W. D. Creath, Levi D. Horner, P. Owens, Isaac O. Faulkner, John C. Gordon, L. W. Allen, A. P. Repiton, W. Y. Hiter, James L. Gwaltney, John H. Stegar, and V. M. Masen.

# BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION FOR VIRGINIA.

## BAPTIST SABBATH-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

*Wednesday morning, June 6.*

A large meeting of Baptists, from various parts of the State, was held in the meeting-house of the 1st Baptist Church in the City of Richmond, on the 4th of June, 1838, for the purpose of considering the propriety of forming a Baptist Sunday-School Association for Virginia.

Col. Alexander Fleet was called to the chair, and L. W. Allen appointed Secretary.

The question of forming such an Association, was discussed at length by a number of brethren, after which a committee was appointed to take the whole subject under consideration, and report at a subsequent meeting. Committee:—Brethren Taylor, Ball, Jeter, Hume, and A. B. Smith. Adjourned with prayer by Brother Z. Freeman.

*Meeting-house of the 3d Bap. Ch., June 5.*

Col. Fleet in the chair, and L. W. Allen Secretary. Prayer by Brother J. Bradley. The committee to whom was referred the subject under consideration, reported as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the question, as to the expediency of organizing a Baptist S. S. Association, beg leave to report—That as there is a diversity of opinion in the meeting, and there is but little time for organizing such an institution, if such an organization should be deemed expedient, they are of opinion, that, for the present, it is proper to appoint a committee, whose business it shall be to promote, by the circulation of information and other means, the Sabbath-School cause—that brethren be requested to come to the next anniversary meetings prepared for final action.

After considerable discussion on the subject, the following resolution was offered as a substitute for the report of the committee, by Elder V. M. Mason, seconded by Brother William Sands, which was adopted:

*Resolved,* That it is now expedient to form a Virginia Baptist Sunday-School Association.

On motion, it was

*Resolved,* That a committee be appointed to draft a constitution for such an Association.

Brethren Southwood, Hume, Taylor, L. A. Alderson, Teasdale, Remley, and Jeter, were appointed the committee.

Adjourned, to meet at the same place, to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock. Prayer by Brother Maclay.

A. FLEET, *Chairman.*

L. W. ALLEN, *Secretary.*

Met according to adjournment. Elder Cumberland George was called to the chair, and Geo. Phippen, jr. appointed Secretary.

Prayer by Brother A. Bennett.

The committee to whom was referred the drafting of a constitution, reported; when, on motion, the report was received, and the committee discharged. The following was then adopted as the constitution of this Association:

### CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called the Virginia Baptist Sunday-School Association.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of the general interests of Sunday-Schools in Virginia, by the organization and encouragement of New Schools, by the circulation of suitable books and periodicals, by the awakening and concentrating the energies of the denomination, and by the prosecution of such other measures, as may be deemed expedient.

ART. 3. The officers of this Association, shall be a President, Vice President, Corresponding and Recording Secretaries, Treasurer, and 13 other persons, who together shall constitute a Board of Managers, for the transaction of the necessary business of this Association—who shall be elected annually, any five of whom shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 4. Any person may become a member of this Association by the payment of one dollar per annum—a life-member by the payment of twenty dollars, and a life-director by the payment of fifty dollars.

ART. 5. Any Sunday-School, or Sunday-School Society, may become auxiliary to this Association, by forwarding to the Corresponding Secretary an annual report of its condition, and may send two delegates to the annual meeting of the Association.

ART. 6. There shall be an annual meeting of this Association at such time and place as the Board of Managers may determine on, at which time they shall report their proceedings during the year. The officers shall be chosen, and such other measures adopted as shall promote the interests of this Association.

ART. 7. This Constitution may be altered at any annual meeting of the Association by a vote two thirds of the members present.

On motion, subscriptions were taken up, and thirty-six persons became members by the payment of one dollar—and three life-members by the payment of twenty dollars each.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Board of Managers be located in Richmond.

Brethren Jeter, Taylor, Teasdale, Lewis A. Alderson, Southwood, Hume, Allen, and A. B. Smith were appointed a committee to nominate a Board for the ensuing year—whereupon the following were elected:

RICHARD REINS, *President*.  
A. M. BRAXTON, *1st Vice do.*  
THOMAS HAYNES, *2nd do. do.*  
ALBERT SNEAD, *3rd do. do.*  
THOS. D. TOY, *4th do. do.*  
JOS. ALDERSON, *5th do. do.*  
E. J. ARMSTRONG, *6th do. do.*  
JAS. C. CRANE, *Cor. Sec.*  
GEO. PHIPPEN, JR., *Rec. Sec.*  
C. WALTHALL, *Treasurer.*

*Managers.*

Hugh Campbell, Peter Winston, William H. Ryan, Joseph M. Pope, John E. Laughton, J. F. Barns, William Forbes, J. G. Wade, Geo. Woodfin, John T. Anderson, William Warren, David Potts, and James C. Jordan.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the Board be authorized to establish a depository in this city, for suitable books for Sunday Schools, as soon as necessary arrangements for that purpose can be made.

*Resolved*, That the Board be authorized, if they deem it proper, to employ an agent or agents, to promote the objects of this Association.

*Resolved*, That the schools connected with our churches, be recommended to observe the monthly concert of prayer for Sabbath-Schools, on the 2d Monday of each month.

*Resolved*, That this Association do recommend to the individual members of the same, to present its claims to the various Baptist churches throughout the State, and that the pastors of said churches be requested to set apart a day for a full expression of the character of its claims.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That the proceedings of this body be published in connection with those of other bodies which have just closed their anniversaries in this city.

On motion, adjourned by benediction.

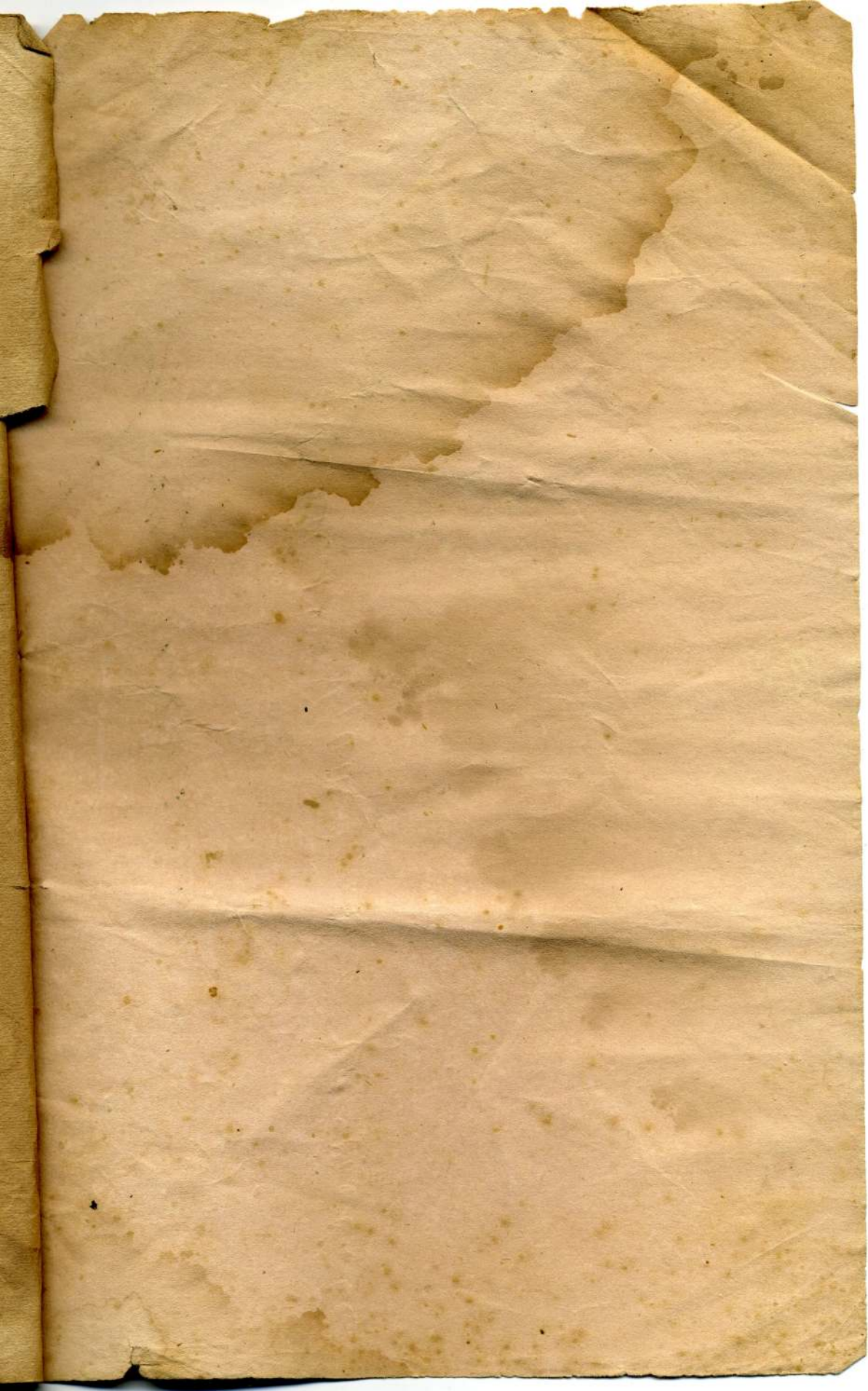
CUMBERLAND GEORGE, *Chm'n.*

GEO. PHIPPEN, JR., *Sec'y.*

P. S.—At a meeting of the Board of the Sabbath School Association, Elder James Remley was appointed General Agent.

*Correction.* In the list of life members of the General Association of Virginia, the name of Elder A. P. Repiton, of Edenton, N. Car., was omitted. In the other Societies, it is probable that there may be omissions of life members or directors. If made known, the correction will be made at the next anniversaries. We are anxious that the various lists should be made and published correctly.

The list of ministers is, also, very imperfect; but we have no means of correcting or enlarging it. We do not receive a copy of the Minutes of one third of our Associations. Omissions, if transmitted to the Herald office, free of expense, will be very acceptable. We should be glad to furnish a list of every Baptist church and minister in the state.



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