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## Sunday in New York.

The New York Express draws the following sad picture of the scenes which are enacted in that city on Sundays:

"New York Sundays are hardly the quiet Lord's Days Mayor Wood promised us when he entered upon his term of office. From his energetic commencement, all hoped that our city would once more enjoy her Sabbaths; but that hope has become despair, so far as the remainder of his term of office is concerned. Broadway, with its fine, smooth Russian pavement, in the absence of omnibuses and carts, is every Sunday turned into a race course for fast horses, driven by fast young men. The workmen in the Broadway churches are constantly annoyed and pained by the wild shouts and reckless 'hi! hi!' of these rowdy fellows, as their vehicles tear down the streets. The lives and limbs of foot passengers are put in small peril by their furious proceedings. While the carriage road is given up to racing, the sidewalks are infested with drunken loafers. It is a positive fact, that, last Sunday, half a dozen dead, drunken fellows were lying asleep in the sun on Broadway sidewalks, a spectacle to all the passers-by, an illustration of the efficiency of our worthless police.

"In every street Sunday stores are kept open, and barter and trade, buying and selling, continued just as if there were no Sabbath Day commanded to be kept holy by the laws of both God and man. Not only is the sense of public decency outraged by the numerous apple, candy and liquor stands in the open street, but on every block the ale-houses, and grogshops, and rum-holes, bowling saloons, billiard saloons, and all the resorts of dissipation and vice, are kept in full blast all day and all night. In the evenings, the otherwise quiet streets resound with bacchanalian songs and shouts of disputants; and in the dark corners and hellish rumshops murder is always committed. On Sunday last, in a lager beer shop, there was a probably fatal stabbing affray. On the previous Sunday, also, a man was stabbed to death; while on Sunday, August 18, four persons came to violent and murderous ends."

ANECDOTE OF WASHINGTON. Mr. R. H. Lee, writing from Washington, Pa. correcting a statement in Gov. Wise's oration at Lexington, relates the following anecdote of Washington:

During Gen. Washington's administration, he almost daily attended his room, adjoining the Senate Chamber, and often arrived before the Senate organized. On one occasion, just before his arrival, Gouverneur Morris and some other Senators were standing together conversing on various topics, and, amongst them, the natural but majestic air of Gen. Washington, when one observed there was no man living could take a liberty with him. The sprightly and bold Morris remarked, "I will bet a dozen of wine I can do that with impunity." The bet was accepted. Soon after Washington appeared, and commenced an easy pleasant conversation with one of the gentlemen, at a little distance from the others. While thus engaged, Morris stepping up, in a jocund manner tapped Washington on the shoulder, in a very familiar manner, and said, "Good morning, old fellow!" The General turned, and merely looked him in the face, without a word, when Morris, with all his assumed effrontery, stepped hastily back, in evident discomposure, and said, "Getlemen, you have won the bet, I will never take such liberty again!" The writer received this from one who was a member of the Senate and present.

Be just and fear not.

## MINUTES OF THE TWENTIETH SESSION OF THE LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT ABBOTTS CREEK MEETING HOUSE, NEAR BROWN TOWN, DAVIDSON CO., N. C., AUGUST 22, 23, 25, 1856.

ABBOTTS CREEK, M. H., DAVIDSON CO. FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 1856.

The members of Liberty Association, met according to adjournment. The introductory Sermon was preached by Bro. A. Williams, from Ro. 10—1.

1. After a short intermission, the members met again. The Association was called to order by our former Moderator. Letters handed in—contents noted. See last p.

2. The Delegates present, proceeded to the choice of Moderator for the present term, which resulted in the choice of Bro. B. Lanier.

3. On petition, the Church at Greensborough was received by the Moderator, giving right hand of fellowship as a member of this body. (See last page.)

4. Called on correspondents from Sister Associations to take seats with us; when Bro. J. McDaniel, from the Sandy Creek came forward, and Bro. Hegriford, the Euclah, and was cordially received by the Moderator, giving right hand of fellowship. Also, Bro. D. Wright, from Pedee, and was received cordially.

5. On motion, appointed Bro. A. Weaver, Wm. Turner, Wm. Lambeth, with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee of Arrangements.

6. Bro. J. C. Averitt and Bro. O. Churchill, a Committee of Finance.

On motion, adjourned until to-morrow 9 o'clock, A. M. Prayer by Bro. A. Weaver.

Saturday, August 23.

Met according to previous adjournment. Religious services by Bro. Wm. Turner.

On motion, Committee of Arrangements reported. The report received and Committee continued.

1. Appoint the following Committees on Church letters and state of religion. Bro. Wm. Turner, Bro. Isaac Kinney and S. Newsom. On Sabbath Schools, Bro. A. Weaver, Wm. R. Coggin and B. May. On Missions, Bro. J. C. Averitt, Wm. S. Herriford and J. A. Parks. On Bible and Publication Society, Bro. James McDaniel, Aquilla Jones and Wm. Lambeth. On the Baptist State Convention, Bro. A. Williams, A. Weaver and B. G. Charles. On motion of Bro. A. Weaver, the document from Nashville was received, read and referred to the Committee on Bible and Publication.

2. Invitation given to transient Ministers, with licentiate to take seats with us. Bro. J. A. Cornish, came forward, and was received.

3. On motion, the Committee on Finance, reported. Report received, Committee discharged.

4. Call on Correspondents to Sister Associations to report. All the Brethren that failed to attend, were excused, but requested to attend punctually for the future.

5. Appointed Correspondents to the following Associations, to the Yadkin, to be held with Cross Road Church, Davie County, Bro. Wm. Lambeth, Wm. Turner and A. Williams, on Saturday before the first Sabbath in October. To Sandy Creek, Bro. A. Weaver, B. Lanier and O. Churchill, to be held at Mays Chapel, eight miles South of Pittsborough, to commence Friday before the first Sabbath in October.

To the Pedee, to commence on Friday before the Second Sabbath in October, Bro. B. Lanier, John Redwine and A. Palmer. To be held at Spring Hill, to Buelah brethren, A. Weaver, Wm. Turner and John Teague, to commence on Friday before the third Sabbath in August 1857.

6. On motion, the report of the Committee on Missions and Colportage, was received (see letter A.) and discharged.

7. Called on Missionaries to report, when Bro. A. Weaver, reported. (See appendix B.)

Bro. Wm. Turner, Missionary to Waughtown, reported. (See Letter C.)

On motion, took a recess of one hour. Benediction by the Moderator.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

8. On motion, agreed to have a missionary for the ensuing year, and proceeded to the choice of one, which terminated in choosing Bro. A. Weaver.

9. On motion, agreed to appoint a board on Missions, consisting of a member from each Church, and five of them to form a quorum, when the following Brethren were appointed. To wit—Wm. R. Coggin, Wm. Owen, Aquilla Jones, John Skeen, Jonathan Welch, Henry Copple, A. Palmer, A. Delap, Enoch Davis, J. A. Parks, Wm. Lambeth, Benjamin Churchill and R. S. Green, to hold their meetings, the fifth Sunday in every month that has five Sundays, with the Saturday before, at Lexington, to transact business.

10. On motion, agreed to hold the next annual meeting of this body, with Reeds Cross Roads Church, five miles west of Lexington, to commence on Friday before the fourth Sabbath, in August 1857.

11. On motion, appointed Bro. Wm. Turner, to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Bro. Wm. Lambeth, his alternate.

On motion, this Association request Bro. Turner, to preach a doctrinal discourse, choosing his subject.

12. On motion, the Association proceeded to the choice of Preachers to occupy the stand on the Sabbath, which resulted in the choice of Bro. James McDaniel, A. Weaver and Wm. Turner, and Bro. James McDaniel, to preach a Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock, A. M.—take up a collection for domestic mission in our midst.

13. On motion, adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder Wm. Lambeth.

The Ministers appointed to preach on this day, met a large, respectable and orderly congregation, at 9 o'clock, Bro. Wm. Turner, preached from Joel the 2 chapter 13 verse. Bro. James McDaniel, of Fayetteville, followed from Zachariah 13 chapter 1st verse. A collection was then taken up amounting to \$11.63 for the use of domestic missions, after a recess of one hour, or at 3 o'clock P. M. Bro. A. Weaver, preached from 2nd Kings, 5th chapter 12th verse, all of which was very interesting and satisfactory.

Monday Morning, August 25th.

The Association met according to previous adjournment, and after prayer by Elder Amos Weaver, the Association proceeded to business in the following manner:

1. On motion, Bro. A. Weaver, reported on Sabbath Schools. (See letter D.) Report received and Committee discharged.

Committee on Church letters and state of Religion, reported. Report adopted and Committee discharged. (E)

On missions, reported. Report received and Committee discharged. (F)

On Bible and Publication Society, reported. (See G) Report adopted, Committee discharged, and also adopted the resolution.

On motion, agreed to give Bro. Williams time to write a report at home, on the Baptist State Convention, and confer with Bro. A. Weaver, one of the Committee, and attach the report to the Ministers.

2. On motion, the Association proceeded to the organization of a Bible and Publication Society, when they proceeded to elect their officers. See further proceedings.

3. On motion, appointed Bro. Wm. Turner, Missionary in the northern portion of this Association, relying on his field for support.

Also, on motion, appointed Bro. Wm. Lambeth, Missionary in Rowan County, relying on his field for support, and Bro. A. Williams, to the Piney Meeting House.

4. On motion, proceeded to elect Bro. Wm. Turner, to preach the Missionary sermon, on Sabbath, at our next annual meeting, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

On motion, the Clerk is directed to write to the board of the Convention, requesting them to appoint A. Weaver, riding Missionary in the bounds of this Association.

And we appoint Bro. John C. Averitt, delegate to the Baptist State Convention.

5. On motion, the delegates proceeded to pledge for the Churches or individuals, the sum announced to their names, to raise a fund to pay our Missionary for the ensuing year, which is a part of his salary.

Bro. William Coggin, for Lick Creek.....	\$10.00
Isaac Kinney, E. Merrill, for Jersey.....	10.00
Aquilla Jones, Abbotts Creek.....	10.00
For himself.....	5.00
S. Newsom, do, Toms Creek.....	7.50
Jonathan Welch, do, James Town.....	6.00
Benjamin May, do, Liberty.....	6.00
Abram Palmer, do, Holloway's.....	5.00
S. M. Charles, do, New Friendship.....	5.00
Eli Coggin, do, Big Creek, at Reed's Cross Roads.....	5.00
J. A. Parks, for self or Church at Reed's Cross Roads.....	5.02
Benjamin Churchill, for Greensborough.....	5.02
	\$83.50

6. Resolved, That the Association return their thanks to the brethren and friends for their liberality in supporting this Meeting during its Session.

7. We further authorize the Clerk to have 500 copies of the Minutes printed, and distribute them as usual.

8. On motion, we adjourn to the time and place of the next Session of this Body, when a few touching and appropriate remarks were made by elder John C. Averitt, and concluded with singing and prayer.

BENJAMIN LANIER, MODERATOR.

AZARIAH WILLIAMS, CLERK.

## CONSTITUTION OF AN ASSOCIATIONAL BIBLE SOCIETY.

In order that we may more systematically and effectually co-operate with the Baptist Bible Society of this State and the Bible Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, in the great work of circulating the Holy Scriptures in our own and other lands, we hereby form ourselves into a Bible Society to act in connexion with this Association, and adopt the following Constitution.

### CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the Bible Society of the Liberty Association.

#### OF MEMBERS.

ARTICLE II. This Society shall be composed of the following classes of persons:

1st. Of all the messengers sent up with funds from congregational or other local bible societies, which shall be entitled to one delegate for every five dollars sent up.

2nd. Of representatives of Churches, Missionary Societies, Sunday Schools, or any other bodies which shall send up funds, one delegate for every five dollars sent up.

3d. Of all persons who shall have paid five dollars or more, at any one time to this Society, or to any of its auxiliaries. Such persons shall be counted members for life.

4th. Of all persons who are present at any meeting of the Society and contribute the sum of fifty cents shall be considered members for the year.

ARTICLE III. The object of this Society shall be to aid in circulation of the Holy Scriptures in our own and other lands; and the funds collected by us shall be sent up to the State Baptist Bible Society of our own State, or to the Bible Board of the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville.

#### OF OFFICERS.

ARTICLE IV. The Officers of this Society shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Secretary and Treasurer, who shall perform the duties common to officers in similar organizations; and shall be elected by a plurality of votes at each annual meeting; and in case of a failure to elect, shall hold their places until another meeting:

#### OF MEETINGS.

ARTICLE V. The regular annual meetings of this Society shall be held at the same time and place with the meetings of our Association, at which the following order of business shall be observed:

1st. The reports of the Treasurer and of the Board of Directors shall be read.

2d. A sermon, or other addresses suitable to the occasion, shall be delivered.

3d. An opportunity given to those present to become members, by subscribing or contributing to our funds, and a general collection taken up.

4th. Officers elected and speakers appointed for the next meeting. An adjourned meeting may be held at any time, or one may be called at any time, by the President or either of the Vice Presidents.

#### OF LIFE DIRECTORS.

ARTICLE VI. Any person who shall contribute to our funds the sum of twenty dollars, at any one time, or in two annual installments, shall be considered life directors, and with the officers of the Society, shall constitute a Board to attend to any business in the interests of the regular meetings.

ARTICLE VII. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two thirds of the members present at any regular meeting.

The Bible Society, after their organization proceeded to elect officers for the present year, which resulted as follows: A. Williams, President; Isaac Kinney, first Vice President; J. A. Parks, second Vice President; Wm. Turner, third Vice President; John C. Averitt, Secretary and Treasurer.

#### LIFE MEMBERS.

A. Williams, J. A. Parks, Alexander Delap, Isaac Kinney, Benjamin Lanier.

ANNUEL MEMBERS BY THE PAYMENT OF FIFTY CENTS.

J. C. Averitt, Aquilla Jones, John Teague, William Turner, John Redwine, John Charles, Aquilla Teague, A. O. P. Teague, Benjamin Churchill, Jonathan Welch.

Amount subscribed.....	\$30.00
Cash received.....	15.50
	\$14.50

Elder John C. Averitt, was appointed to deliver an address before the B. B. Society at our next annual Association.

#### A. WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT.

JOHN C. AVERITT, SECRETARY.

#### REPORTS, ETC.

##### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Received from the Churches.....	\$17.75
Funds in the hand of the Treasurer.....	1.50
Total on hand at the present.....	\$19.25

#### (A.)

The Committee appointed at last Association on Home Missions and Colportage, beg leave to report—

That they found some difficulty in getting a Minister to travel in the bounds of the Association, generally with no certain compensation. However, we engaged Elder Amos Weaver some time the past Spring to devote a portion of his time as Missionary and Colporteur within the bounds of our Association, to rely entirely on his field for his support. All of which is respectfully submitted, by

#### ABRAM PALMER, CHAIRMAN.

#### (B.)

##### MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

I have, since my selection by your Committee as Missionary and Colporteur for this Association, not been able to obtain books, and as such have done nothing in the way of Colportage.

I have spent, in preaching and travelling, some twelve to fifteen days; which, together with time set apart for the same purpose, but which was not required, owing to meeting not being continued as long as anticipated. Worked some two thirds of a month.

I have received from the Churches the following amounts, to wit:

From Hollowell's.....	\$3.50
" Lick Creek.....	5.75
" Big Creek.....	6.90
" Liberty.....	3.75

All of which is respectfully submitted, by

#### AMOS WEAVER, MISSIONARY.

#### (C.)

The following Report submitted by William Turner, Missionary at Waughtown—

I have preached thirteen sermons, baptised five of that congregation, and received Ten dollars and sixty three cents compensation.

#### (D.)

##### REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to submit the following Report—

In looking over the field of our operation, and surveying the numerous instrumentalities now within the Church

of Christ, your Committee are of the deliberate opinion that few—if any—of the legitimate labors to which the Church is invited, are so full of hope, or promise so rich and so gracious a return as Sabbath Schools. Yet, your Committee, with regret, have to state that this inviting field lies with us almost wholly uncultivated. It was a circumstance regarded by St. Paul as exceedingly auspicious in the life of an imminent son of his in the Gospel. "That from a child, he had known the Holy Scriptures," and there is no means known to your Committee equal to a well conducted Sabbath School, to familiarize the young mind with the word of God.

Solomon says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart therefrom."—It will be said, perhaps, that parental training is here alluded to. Be it so. Still, it is a most appalling truth,—that pious parental training is far from being general.—Perhaps, in few cases is this so perfectly attained to in the family, as to render the Sabbath School unnecessary;—while, in very many instances, the children and youth of our country must and will continue to grow up in the most deplorable ignorance and vice; and, consequently, become the pest of both, Church and State, who might, under proper moral culture, seasonably and judiciously applied, become ornaments to both. This defect in parental training can only be met by the Church, through the agency of the Sabbath School. And none can doubt that it is the legitimate and sacred duty of the Church to look after this thing. And even under the most favorable circumstances, it has been found that Sabbath Schools are of invaluable advantage in strengthening and in forming parental religious cultivation.

Again, it is believed that among the happy results that usually attend the labours of a well conducted Sabbath School, the reflex influence on those teachers and superintendants engaged in conducting them, is by no means the least of their results. In the whole range of divine obligation, God has graciously blended our duty with our instincts; and this principle is not less positive and operative in the matter under consideration. Those who engaged for any considerable length of time, heartily, in the delightful task of impressing the minds of our children and youth, with the duties of religion and obligations of piety, cannot fail to have the sphere of their own knowledge of God—His law and government enlarged—their hearts enabled, and their spiritual graces improved.—Thus, Sabbath Schools are in a two fold sense the nurseries of the Church—aiding and enforcing on the one hand parental efforts; and on the other, rendering powerful and effective, the living ministry, when it must, without them, be faintless and inoperative. Your Committee, in view of the above facts and considerations, beg leave to offer the following Resolution and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That this Association recommend each Church within our bounds to form Sabbath Schools at their respective Meeting Houses, or at such other place or places, as they shall find most convenient, that they take such steps in regard to the same as to have their Schools regular organizations, and that they send up their Delegates to the next Association, with full return of their proceedings on this matter with authority to organize, during that meeting of our Body, an Associational Sabbath School Society, to which each, in our bounds, may act as auxiliary.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

AMOS WEAVER, CHAIRMAN.

(E.)

The Committee on Church Letters and state of Religion Report—

That from the statistics of the Churches in this Association, we find that during the past year, there has been little or no increase. Religion, then, must be in rather a low state. We are taught that when Zion travails, she brings forth; and it is manifest, from the experience of every one, that when the Church is in a luke-warm condition, that there is but little interest felt by the world in matters of religion. If the light of the Christian grows dim in the same proportion, darkness will pervade the earth, and sinners will press onward in the road to ruin; for he that walketh in darkness, knoweth not whither he goeth. There is great responsibility resting upon us. We would say—first to the Ministry: "Cry aloud, spare not; lift thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins." And secondly, to the laity, we say: Hold up your Ministers' hands; let them feel, like a mighty engine, the power of your co-operation; and then you will see Zion prospering—for God works through his people; and the religion of Jesus Christ prompts us to act in this great Scheme of benevolence; and we know that our labour is not in vain with the Lord. The stone cut out without hands became a great Nation and filled the whole earth.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM TURNER, CHAIRMAN.

(F.)

##### REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The importance of Missions must be evident to those who are acquainted with the moral condition of the world. The majority of the inhabitants of the globe are still enveloped in Pagan darkness. The glad tidings of salvation through the mediation of Christ has never saluted their ears. It is not necessary, however, to look beyond our own bounds to see the importance of Missions. Even within the limits of Liberty Association, there are many sections almost entirely destitute of preaching of any kind and many other sections destitute of Baptist preaching.—It is to be feared that the Baptists, generally, have not