MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
CAMPBELL COUNTY ASSOCIATION
OF MISSIONARY SOCIETIES
held in the Church of Christ, Kelly, on the 22d day of June
1849.

Rev. James Bickers presented the introduction of Mr. 

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Held with the Church at Wilmington, on the third Friday in August, 1854.


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The reading of the Letters being closed, brethren James Vickers was chosen Moderator and William J. Morin Clerk. Rev. James Spilman led in prayer.
Corresponding letters read, and the messengers' names enrolled as follows:

From North Bend.—Brethren James A. Kirtley, William Grizzle, C. W. Scott and Alfred Picket.

From Union.—Richard King.

From Ten-Mile.—T. G. P. Cunningham, G. W. Broomback.

Appointed brethren Chambers, German and Hyde to answer Corresponding Letters.

Our next Association will be held with the Church at Jamestown, 3d Friday in August.

Circular Letter, written by bro. Chambers, read and referred to brethren Fisk, Drury and Spilman.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Saturday Morning.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Bro. Grizzle led in prayer.

Corresponding Letter read, and messengers appointed to bear them as follows:

To North Bend, when met at Big-Bone. Boone county, Ky., Tuesday after the first Saturday in September next, brethren James Vickers and James Spilman.

To Union, when met at Union Meeting House. Harrison county, Ky., 4th Saturday in August, brethren A. W. Mullins, William J. Morin, F. German, James Vickers, and Joshua Johnson.

To Ten-Mile, when met at Poplar Grove, Owen co., Ky., Wednesday after the 2d Saturday in September next, brethren D. L. Fisk, A. B. Reigner, James Spilman, and C. F. Violett.

Circular Letter again read, amended and adopted.

The subject of the Historical Sketch of this Association continued one year more under the former arrangement.

Also, the committee on the Lives and Labors of Baptist Ministers continued one year more.

Brethren Kirtley and Lee to preach to-morrow.

Jesse Beagle to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and in case of failure A. W. Mullins alternate.

N. Pettitt to write the next Circular Letter.

Report on Missions read by A. Drury, received, and committee discharged for the present, with a request that he continue the investigation of the same subject and report next year.

Bro. Johnson, on Sabbath Schools, failed to report and was continued, and the same to report next year.

Report on the destitution within our immediate bounds read, and committee discharged. Whereupon, each delegate representing the Churches here, was requested to bring this report on destitution to the consideration of the Churches and others, for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the above report; and that a meeting be held with the Church at Brush Creek, 3d Saturday in October next, to hear the result.

Appointed the 1st day of January next for Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer. Also, the last Thursday in February as a day of Prayer for our Colleges and various literary institutions.

Since our last, two of our brethren, J. W. C. Clutter and John Walker, have been removed by death. In the death of these two brethren, the former, as an officer in the Church, bearing the burden and heat of the day, the latter, in the bloom of youth, preparing to preach the Gospel, and by his ardent piety and well tempered zeal, giving promise of future usefulness, we feel that we have been deeply afflicted. And while we say, with submission to the Divine will, "It is the Lord, let him do what seemeth him good," may we be moved to emulate their virtues, that we may be prepared for that rest into which we trust they have entered.

The brother Clerk to superintend the printing and distributing 1200 copies of our Minutes and Circular Letter.

Attest: JAMES VICKERS, Mod.

WILLIAM J. MORIN, Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

Being graciously preserved by our Father in heaven and blessed with another interview, it becomes our duty to address you, according to our custom, in a Cir-
cular Letter. We have had many Circulars, written on subjects of great interest, to the Christian, and there yet remains a multitude of subjects which might be of interest to the meek and lowly follower of the Lamb. On the present occasion we would direct your thoughts to the words of our Savior, "Say not ye, there are yet four months and then cometh the harvest, behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to the harvest." These words were addressed to the disciples by our Savior, and are as fully addressed to us as to them, though not orally, yet in his Word, which he has given us to be a light to our feet and a guide to our path. That word is able to make us wise unto salvation. Shall we continue to say, if not in word, yet in deed, there are yet four months and then cometh the harvest, when we are commanded to lift up our eyes and behold the fields already white? Why shall we longer sleep, whilst thousands in our midst are dying without the bread of life? Shall we stand longer with our hands folded, saying, a little more sleep—a little more slumber, whilst the cry is coming up from various sections of the country, Come over and help us? We should no longer say there are yet four months, for the harvest is now ready to be gathered into the garner. But where are the laborers? The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. The command therefore is that we should pray the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into his harvest. Believing that all true Christians feel the force of this command and are truly anxious to see the harvest safely gathered into our heavenly Father's garner, and knowing that we, as a body, have a number of faithful laborers, who are zealously engaged in the work, who are willing to spend and be spent in this good cause, why are there so many destitute places? We much fear that the answer is, They are not sustained—theyir hands are not buoyed up by the lay members as they ought to be. Others stand ready to preach the Word in destitute places, if the brethren would second their efforts by administering to their necessities in carnal things, while they are engaged in ministering to the spiritual wants of the destitute. Awake, O Zion, to your duty and put on your strength. Now, brethren, cannot the wisdom of the Campbell Co. Association devise some plan to supply the destitute places within our own bounds, so that the gospel shall be preached and the laborers pecuniarily sustained? Brethren let us with a prayerful mind think of these things and ask God to enable us to perform our whole duty, both to God and man.—Amen.

CORRESPONDING LETTER,

From the Campbell County Association to the Associations with whom they correspond.

Dear Brethren:—We again meet with pleasure the duty of conferring with you upon the great principles of our Lord and Master's kingdom, and extending the same; yes, brethren, the kingdom that is to destroy all other kingdoms. When we shall see them coming from the East and from the West, from the North and from the South, we shall not have the occasion to say, know the Lord! No, we shall then see him and enjoy him, for he will then be King of kings and Lord of lords unto us. But whilst here it affords us much pleasure in conferring with you. Our deliberations as a body have been harmonious from its first sitting. Peace and harmony have prevailed amongst us, as Churches; and God in his infinite wisdom has caused the dew of divine grace to descend on a portion of the heritage occupied by us, so that our drooping graces have been revived, and our number as an Association has been increased one hundred and forty-two. We hail with delight your annual epistle, and greet your delegates and take council with them with a hearty
welcome. Though we as an Association have not acted upon ministerial education, yet we feel our consciences saying unto us in tones of thunder, The laborer is worthy of his hire. By remunerating those we have, we expect to encourage the strong hold to ministerial Education. We desire that the time may soon come, when we all shall feel that the Earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof. Brethren, our next meeting will be with the Church in Jamestown, Campbell county, and for further information inquire of our brethren delegates to your body. And now may the Lord of Hosts be with you, and council, and direct you, into all wisdom.

REPORT ON DESTITUTION.

Brethren of the Campbell County Association:

We, the committee on Destitution, now beg leave to report.

We have discharged the duty assigned us as far as was in our power. We presume it will not be expected that we should give a very minute detail but the leading features only. We will commence with a section of country lying between Second Twelve-mile church in Pendleton county and the Willow-creek church in Bracken county. This embraces a scope of about one hundred square miles and not less than fifteen hundred inhabitants (that is, in the bounds of our association.) It will be borne in mind that the Whole's creek church is about the center of this destitute country,—a church that for want of preaching has nearly ceased to exist, having no regular preaching and very little occasional, and not having held a church meeting for two years.

Then there is another destitute section on Licking river, commencing at the mouth of Flower creek and extending down to Pond creek, embracing not less than sixty square miles of territory and having a population of about fifteen hundred. These two fields contain at the lowest calculation three thousand inhabitants; nearly all of whom are American born, and the larger portion of these hear but little Baptist preaching and many of them have not heard a Baptist preach for years. Besides these two large fields there are also many smaller ones, the exact extent of which we are not able to give. But we are prepared to say that in the bounds of almost every church there are more or less destitute neighborhoods; and in fact may say that our entire Association might be considered as one vast field of destitution. For where is the church that has preaching more than once or twice in a month? There are one or two perhaps that sustain regular preaching every Sabbath, as every church ought to do. How many churches are there in our association a majority of whose members hear their pastor preach a half dozen times during the year? But again we are destitute of a rising ministry. We now have a fair supply but they are waning and in a few years most of them will have to retire from active service through bodily infirmities, and we have none coming on to supply their places. This is a feature in the destitution of our Association that deserves special attention. In a word, brethren, we are on the back ground and are becoming more so every year. We have no regular system of benevolence. We are anti-missionary, if not in theory we are decidedly so in practice.

Now, brethren, why all this destitution? Why so many churches merely lingering out an existence? Why so many destitute of the saving influence of the gospel? There must be some fault somewhere. We have before said that we have enough to supply the destitution tolerably well if they were put to work, but they cannot work at their own expense, as it is said, "Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charge?" "How can they preach except they be sent." The laborer is worthy of his hire. It should be borne in mind that ministers
have to eat as other men, and generally have families to support as other men. Moreover, we know of no principle in the gospel that requires the minister to sacrifice his time and neglect his family while members are allowed to buy and sell and make gain and erect magnificent dwellings and never give one dime for the spread of the gospel save a mere pittance to defray a very small expense of their own church. We conceive the commission given by Christ to preach the gospel to every creature to be an injunction as much to every member of his church as to the minister of the gospel.

We next inquire whether this destitution can be filled; and how it is to be done. That it ought to be supplied all agree; that it can be done is very evident if christians would do their duty.

Now, brethren, shall we allow these thousands of our neighbors to live and die all around us without the gospel? We profess to have the truth and let us give it to the wide! wide world!

But finally. How shall this be done? We, your committee, would suggest the propriety of each church so supporting her minister as to enable him to preach the gospel frequently to the people of the various destitute neighborhoods around him. In this way a great work might be performed with little expense. And to supply those more extensive fields let some good brother be employed to devote his whole time to the work of spreading the gospel and laying before the people leading doctrines and distinguishing features of our denomination.

The expense of such an enterprize would be almost nothing distributed among a thousand Baptists who compose this Association. Now, brethren, shall we delay acting on this subject longer? We have now had it under consideration for three years and are no better prepared for action than we were. Then, let us act and act now.  

F. GERMAN.