MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING,

OF THE

CAMPBELL COUNTY ASSOCIATION

OF REGULAR BAPTISTS,

HELD AT BANK LICK MEETING HOUSE,

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Of the 13th Annual Meeting of the Campbell County Association of Regular Baptists.

The Campbell county Association of Regular Baptists began and held at Bank Lick Meeting House, second Friday in September, 1859. Elder John Stephens preached the introductory sermon from Ephesians, 5th chapter, 8th, 9th and 10th verses—"For ye were sometimes darkness, but now ye are light in the Lord; walk as children of light, for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth, proving what is acceptable unto the Lord."*

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*Note. Ordained ministers, in small capitals; licensed, with a (*) ; and substitutes with a (**).
The reading of the letters being closed, brother John Stephens was chosen Moderator, and William I. Morin clerk. After praise and prayer by Elder Whitaker, letters from corresponding Associations were called for, read, and their messengers names enrolled as follows:

From North Bend—Brethren Watts, Garnet and Botts.
  " Ten Mile—Joseph Crouch, John Bervin,* Amos Ageleson* and David Lillard.
  " Bracken—Neither letter nor messenger.
Circular letter written by brother Con Beagle was called for, read, and laid on the table till to-morrow. Appointed the following brethren to write corresponding letters. To North Bend, a committee of brethren Vickers, Morin and Spilman. To Union—T. Herbert. To Bracken—T. F. Vickers. To Ten Mile—Josiah Herbert. Our next Association to be held with the Church at Alexandria, 2nd Friday in September, 1840. Appointed the Moderator and Clerk to arrange the business for to-morrow.

Adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Saturday morning, 10 o'clock.
To Bracken, when met at the first Saturday in September, 1840—William I. Morin and Forsgate German.
To Union, when met at Bever Creek meeting house, Ky., Sat-
To Ten Mile, when met at Providence, Gallatin county, Ky., first Friday in September, 1840—Josiah Herbert, James Vickers, Thomas Herbert, John Stephens, Solomon Grizzle, and William Standley.
Circular Letter again read and adopted. Appointed a yearly meeting at Licking first Saturday in November next: one at Four Mile Friday before the 4th Saturday in April next: one at the Flagg Spring, 4th Saturday in October next: one at Brush Creek, 3rd Saturday in May next:—all of which the ministering brethren are respectfully requested to attend.

Query from Bank Lick Church: "Is the Campbell County Association of Regular Baptists, Missionaries in spirit in its present form, and do you feel willing to support that Board."

Answer. With all the humility of heart that we are in possession of, and with due deference to the feelings of the brethren at Bank Lick, we would proceed to say, that we as an association have, nor have we had, any thing to do with the Missionary question, whether "home or foreign," since the meeting at Brush Creek some years since, at which time and place it was agreed to let the matter rest. In regard to the "Baptist Board" of Foreign Missions, we are not connected with, or known as auxiliary to that society, what we are in spirit, is between us and our master.

Appointed brethren Morin and Vickers, to superintend the printing and distribution of 450 copies of our minutes, and circular letter among the churches.

Elder Vickers prayed.

Attest, JOHN STEPHENS, Moderator.
WILLIAM I. MORIN, Clerk.
CIRCULAR LETTER.

Much esteemed Brethren in the Lord:— We, the happy participants of God's mercy and grace, feel called upon to love, obey, and praise God for his protecting care and safe keeping of us through the terrors of another year; seeing we, the highly favored of Heaven are thus blessed, unworthy as we are—again to meet our kindred in Christ, in God's earthly sanctuary in an associated capacity, at our thirteenth annual meeting. It is with pleasure that we can now retrospect our organization, when composed of eight churches, one of which is now dissolved and another organized, one of which is now dissolved and another organized, though some of our brethren have emigrated to other parts, and, some have dropped into the tomb, the place appointed for all livings still, in the aggregate, we have an increase. Then the Lord has been mindful of us & merciful unto us in keeping splits, cisms & the divided brethren from among us. Therefore, brethren, "we beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherein ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long suffering, forbearing one another in love, and be ye therefore, followers of God, as dear children, and walk in love, as Christ also, hath loved us, and hath given himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savor." In this offering and sacrifice, we clearly see the love of God exhibited in the gift of His Son into the world, to "suffer, bleed and die, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God; that we might be holy and without blame before Him in love." Hence we see the propriety of the new commandment that Christ said, "I give unto you, that ye love one another," "as I have loved you that ye also love one another," "by this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one for another." Love the law—to "love God with all thy heart, and with all thy strength, is the fulfilling of & with all thy mind, & thy neighbor as thyself."

To love God with our whole heart is to fear Him & keep his commandments. To love our neighbor as ourself, is to honor the Son, even as we honor the Father. To honor the Son, we must mortify the deeds of the body with the lusts and affections thereof; not sower to the flesh to reap corruption, but sow to the "spirit and reap life everlasting."—not to obey self, that is the flesh, but obey Christ and keep his commandments by loving one another. By loving one another, we live near the Lord, and assure our hearts that we have passed from death unto life.

Oh, brethren, when we are under the influence of the love of God, how it humbles our hearts, subdues our wills, and makes us willing to bow at his feet and deplore our sins, and importune him to forgive the same, and to heal our backslidings, and love us freely; then it is that we can embrace our brethren and sisters in the arms of fellowship and Christian forbearance; and love one another in the bowels of Jesus Christ; then is our "love single, and our body fully of light," and only then do we exert that influence in society, and let that light shine before men, which the glorious Gospel of Christ does inculcate. In view of this, David says "Behold how good and how pleasant, it is for brethren" to dwell together in unity." John, the beloved disciple, breathes the same spirit—"Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." Oh! Brethren, we should not only love in "word and in tongue, but in deed and in truth," for "love is strong as death; many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it; indeed it is a true characteristic of every heaven born soul—how endearing and indissoluble its ties! It makes us weep with those that weep, and rejoice with those that do rejoice.

Dear brethren, we have seen some happy days and joyful seasons in the past year. God has designed to breathe on us an auspicious gale of heavenly grace, and caused us to "sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." While we have gladly witnessed the goodness of God in the salvation of sinners, but those seasons are past and gone and we witness the present, and our churches speak of mournful solitude, and complains of dead formality in the good work and worship of the Lord. Brethren not the fault ours! Look ye to that. "We speak as unto wise men, judge ye what we say."

Oh, Brethren! why do we experience this dearth in religion?—Religion is that all absorbing subject that should engage our undivided attention. Our whole hearts and affections, therefore brethren, we should be "sober and watch unto prayer," lest we enter into temptation, for the adversary is ever on the alert to allure and entice, and lead us astray, to wound the Saviour in the house.
of his friends—to wound our own feelings and the feelings of our brethren, and bring reproach on the glorious cause which we have espoused. Then it becomes us as dependent creatures, to be humble, watchful and vigilant, always “looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith,” for timely aid and succor. O, that the blessed Jesus would vouchsafe to shine upon us, breathing in us the spirit of prayer, meekness and love, and that he may grant unto his servants the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel of the Son of God, that they may see ‘eye to eye’ and exhibit the whole truth as it is in Jesus, so that the “dead may hear the voice of the Son of God, and so hear that their souls shall live.” Oh, that God would graciously grant that a wave of salvation might wait over the Campbell county Association, while convened, that we may experience a pentecost indeed.

“Brethren, farewell, live in peace and the God of love and peace shall be with you.”