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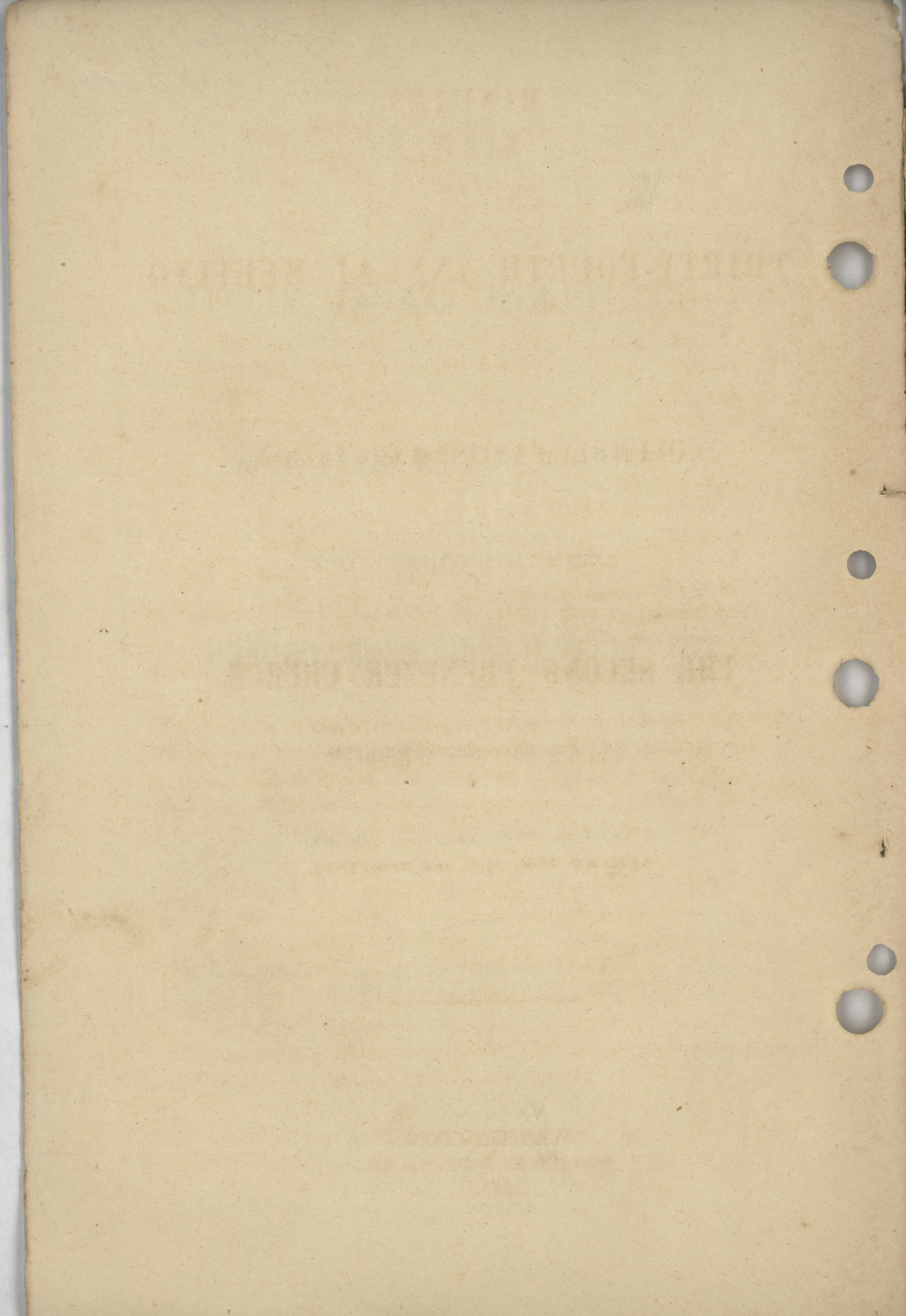
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COMMUNICATIONS MAY BE ADDRESSED TO STEPHEN P. HILL, WASHINGTON, D. C.,  
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HOW BEAUTIFUL THY TENTS, O JACOB!  
THY TABERNACLES, O ISRAEL!  
LIKE VALES PLANTED WITH GROVES;  
LIKE GARDENS ON THE SIDE OF A RIVER!  
LIKE LIGN-ALOES PLANTED BY THE LORD!  
LIKE CEDARS BY WATER STREAMS.

*Numbers 24: 5, 6.*

AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY IN THE APOSTLE'S DOCTRINE AND FELLOWSHIP, AND IN BREAKING OF BREAD AND IN PRAYERS.—*Acts 11: 42.*

## MINUTES.

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THURSDAY, *August 25th*, 1853.

The Association met at the 2d Ebenezer church, in Loudoun county, Virginia, at 11 o'clock.

1. The Introductory Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. KINGSFORD, of Alexandria, from Isaiah 51, 3.
2. After prayer by Bro. ALEXANDER H. SPILLMAN, the Association, in the absence of the Moderator of last year, made choice of Dr. Kingsford as Moderator *pro tem.*, who called for the reading of the letters and the recording of their statistical details, as follows:

## STATISTICAL VIEW OF THE CHURCHES.

The names of ordained ministers are in SMALL CAPITALS, licensed preachers in *italics*. Ministers with this mark (\*) were not present. Vacant churches are distinguished by a dash (—)

Names of churches, their clerks, and when constituted.	Location of the churches and names of pastors and delegates.	Days of preaching.	Baptized.	Received by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Colored.
Little River, 1769. Jas. C. Green.	Loudoun county. L. MARDERS..... S. Rogers, J. C. Green.	1st L. D.	—	1	1	—	—	—	58	
Back Lick, 1791. Willis Henderson.	Fairfax county. EDWARD KINGSFORD... Willis Henderson.	2d & 4th.	—	3	—	2	—	1	45	27
First Washington, 1802. John W. Clarke.	Washington, D. C. STEPHEN P. HILL..... Wm. Q. Force, Chas. S. Hill.	Every.	12	10	1	4	—	7	147	40
Alexandria, 1802. William H. Rogers.	Alexandria county. ..... D. W. Heath, S. J. Sanders,* Z. English.	Every.	5	4	—	9	—	2	75	
Grove, 1812. S. G. Embrey.	Fauquier county. W. OWENS*..... S. G. Embrey, N. T. Stringfellow, W. W. Walker.	2d.	10	6	1	3	—	1	162	77
Rock Hill, 1812. John H. Starke.	Stafford county. W. OWENS*..... S. Humphrey, H. Dodd.	3d.	—	2	—	2	—	2	70	32
Zoar, 1812. R. H. Payne.	Fauquier county. A. H. BENNETT..... R. Eskridge, R. H. Payne.	1st.	—	—	—	—	—	—	163	
Broad Run, 1830. A. Utterback.	Fauquier county. A. H. SPILLMAN..... A. Utterback, A. Glascock,	2d.	—	—	—	—	—	—	120	
Fredericksburg, 1825. G. W. Garnell.	Fredericksburg. W. F. BROADDUS*.... W. Owens.*	Every.	18	15	6	21	12	8	657	528
Pleasant Vale, 1799. John J. Ashby.	Fauquier county. B. GRIMSLEY*..... J. L. Adams, H. Rogers, J. W. Royston.	2d & 4th.	—	—	—	6	—	3	75	7



3. Brother STEPHEN P. HILL was chosen Moderator, and Brother ROBERT H. PAYNE, Clerk.

Adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock on Friday morning.  
Prayer by Brother Kingsford.

Met pursuant to adjournment on Friday morning, at 10 o'clock,  
August 26th.

Prayer by Brother Marders.

4. Visiting brethren were invited to take seats with us.  
Brethren Cole, of the Navy Yard, Washington, and Shuck of the China mission, accepted the invitation, and were cordially welcomed by the Moderator.
5. Brother Shuck was invited to address the congregation in the afternoon, on the subject of missions.
6. The Delegates of the second Ebenezer Church, together with their Pastor, were appointed a committee to arrange the preaching during the meeting.
7. An interesting letter, having been presented by a newly constituted church in Waterford, Loudoun county—the fruits of the labors of our indefatigable Missionary, Brother Greer—was referred to a committee, consisting of Bros. Baker and Dodge, who subsequently reported favorably to the Association, and the messengers received the hand of fellowship from the Moderator, in accordance with the recommendation of the report and the usages of this body.
8. Messengers and communications were received from the following Associations, viz:
- Salem Union*—Brethren Benton, F. Simpson, S. Rogers, E. S. Taylor, and D. Sowers.
  - Shiloh*—No communication.
  - Albemarle*—None.
  - Rappahannock*—None.
  - Goshen*—None.
  - Maryland Union*—Dr. Cole, Professor Huntington.
9. No circular letter having been prepared, the committee to revise the minutes and superintend their publication were requested to provide such a substitute as in their judgment would best supply the deficiency.
10. The following brethren were appointed delegates to the *General Association*:
- Brethren Kingsford, Baker, Greer, and T. Rogers.



To the *Salem Union Association*—Brethren, Greer, Grady, T. Rogers.

*Goshen*—Brethren Kingsford, Greer, and Orrison.

*Shiloh*—Brother Dodge.

*Rappahannock*—Brother Owens.

*Dover*—Brother Greer.

*Maryland Union*—Brethren Kingsford, S. P. Hill, and H. W. Dodge.

11. A committee consisting of Brethren Baker, Dodge, and Greer, were appointed to examine the letters of the churches, and present to the Association a digest of the same.
12. Brethren Kingsford, Shuck, and Utterback, were appointed a committee on Benevolent Efforts.
13. Brethren H. Rogers, Utterback, and Keene, were appointed to audit the Treasurer's report.
14. *Resolved*, That the next Association be held with the Broad Run Church, Fauquier county, on the Thursday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1854.
15. Appointed Brother Stephen P. Hill to preach the introductory sermon, and Brother J. Baker his alternate.
16. Brother Marders was chosen to write the next circular letter.
17. Brother Harris to write the corresponding letter for this year.
18. On motion of Brother Dodge, it was—  
*Resolved*, That Dr. Kingsford be requested to furnish a copy of his excellent sermon on the death of our late Brother, Obadiah Bruen Brown, and his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, for publication, together with such biographical sketches as he may see fit to append to the same.
19. *Resolved*, That 1,000 copies of our minutes be published, and that \$25 be appropriated for this purpose, and that the Moderator, in connexion with Brethren Kingsford and Heath, be respectfully requested to superintend the printing and distribution of the same.
20. *Resolved*, That the clerk receive \$10 for his services.
21. *Resolved*, That the digest of the letters from the churches, prepared by the committee, be published with the minutes.
22. *Resolved*, That it be a standing rule, that any Brother being at any Association with which we correspond, whose name is recorded upon our minutes, be considered as a messenger from this Association to that body.

23. *Resolved unanimously*, That it be earnestly recommended to the churches and brethren to contribute liberally, according to the means which God has given them, to the support of missionary labors, both in our own and foreign lands.
24. *Resolved*, That the Constitution of the Association be so altered and amended as to permit the messengers of the churches connected with this body to have seats in the same, in full privilege whether said messengers be members of said churches or not.
25. *Resolved unanimously*, That in witnessing the desecration of the Lord's Day, which prevails to so great an extent, the members of our churches be requested to guard themselves with special watchfulness, and sacred care, against giving countenance to the evil by their example, and that the Pastors of the Churches be requested to bring the subject before their respective congregations at least once a year.
26. *Resolved*, That this Association commend the Columbian College to the pecuniary aid, as well as to the prayers, of the members of the Churches composing this body; and they also recommend it to the patronage of young men studying for the Gospel ministry, and of parents who desire to educate their sons for usefulness.
27. *Resolved*, That the Richmond College be recommended to the patronage of the Baptists composing this Association.
28. *Resolved*, That the work of Missions, in which so many of our Churches are engaged, both at home and abroad, is an enterprise upon which the countenance of God is lifted up in all its cheering, enlivening, and invigorating influence; and that, therefore, it is our solemn duty to be up and doing, and remain steadfast, immoveable, always abounding in the use of all proper means for its advancement.
29. *Resolved*, That this Association recommend to all the Churches to procure books from the Baptist Publication Society, and establish libraries in each, and encourage the members to read them, especially the young, and any member of the congregation. And further, we earnestly recommend that Brother Thomas, now acting as Colporteur of the Baptist P. S., be kindly received and liberally patronized.
30. *Resolved*, That the American and Foreign Bible Society, in its principles and designs, demands, and should receive, the support and counsels, the prayers and contributions of the members of our

churches, corresponding in some good degree at least with their ability and the wants of the world.

31. *Resolved*, That the balance in the hands of the Treasurer, after defraying the expenses of the Association, be paid over to the Treasurer of the Missionary Society of the Association.
32. *Resolved*, That in view of the destitute condition of Back Lick Church, the sum of four dollars be appropriated monthly, to aid the Church in procuring the services of a Minister to preach monthly, and that the Treasurer of the Missionary Society be requested to pay the same out of any moneys not otherwise appropriated, to Brother Willis Henderson, for said purpose.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock. Prayer by Brother Shuck.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Brother Baker.

33. The query from the Hebron Church was brought forward by the committee on the letters; whereupon the following resolution was offered:

That, in view of the query proposed by the Hebron Church, viz: "Is it proper to receive into the fellowship of Baptist churches persons immersed by ministers of Pedo-baptist denominations without baptizing them?"

*Resolved*, That, in the judgment of this Association, every church is at full liberty to receive into their fellowship all such candidates who have, in their opinion, received christian baptism, and this without disturbing the ecclesiastical relations which they sustain to other churches.

After an animated and amicable discussion on this resolution, which continued for some time, it was at length determined to lay the subject over to the meeting of the next Association.

Adjourned to meet on Saturday, at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Brother Spillman.

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SATURDAY MORNING, *August 27.*

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Brother Harris.

34. The Committee on Benevolent Effort not being prepared to report, obtained leave to forward their report to the Committee on the Minutes.
35. The Committee on the Treasurer's Account submitted the following report, which was accepted:

We, the committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's account, beg leave to report that we have examined the same, and find that the sum of \$61 87½ came into his hands, and that he has paid out the full amount, sustained by proper vouchers.

HUGH ROGERS, *Chairman.*

ARMSTEAD UTTERBACK.

36. *Resolved*, That \$28 be paid to Brother Willis Henderson, the Treasurer of the Back Lick Church, the same having been advanced by him for ministerial services rendered to that church.
37. *Resolved, unanimously*, That the hearty and sincere gratitude of this Association be tendered to the kind friends who have extended to it their generous hospitality, the impressions of which, we would take this opportunity to assure them, are very deep, and will be long and affectionately cherished.

During the session of the Association, devotional exercises were very frequently enjoyed; and on every day, including the Sabbath, meetings were held in a beautiful grove during every interval in which the Association was disengaged, and also while in session, where large and attentive crowds were solemnly addressed, in sermons, by most of the ministers present, particularly by Brethren Kingsford, Shuck, Cole, Marders, Baker, Spillman, and Hill.

About \$150 were contributed, during these meetings, towards the China mission, and \$100 towards the building of a new church at the Navy Yard, in Washington, represented by Dr. Cole; a similar sum for the building of a place of worship in Waterford, under the superintendence, and the result of the enterprise, of Brother Greer; besides donations to other general objects.

On the whole, the meetings were very harmonious and happy, particularly the closing scene, when, while singing the parting hymn, the tears of christian tenderness and affection evinced the painfulness of separation, and the triumph of that sweet hope that, amidst the vicissitudes of earth, anticipates the final meeting in Heaven, where love and joy shall be perfect forever.

“BEHOLD HOW GOOD AND PLEASANT IT IS FOR BRETHERN TO DWELL TOGETHER IN UNITY.”

STEPHEN P. HILL, *Moderator.*

R. H. PAYNE, *Clerk.*

## DIGEST OF LETTERS.

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**LITTLE RIVER.**—No material change has taken place in this church since last year. They are in the enjoyment of christian fellowship, and pray that they may soon enjoy a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

**FIRST WASHINGTON.**—Speak of an encouraging state of things amongst them. Within the last year, they have added by baptism and letter twenty-two, and have extinguished the debt, which for many years pressed heavily upon them. The efficiency of the Sabbath school connected with this church has been made apparent by the conversion of five of its pupils.

**ALEXANDRIA.**—This church is at present without a pastor, but remain faithful and liberal in support of the great enterprises of benevolence which characterize the church in the present day. Their Sabbath school is flourishing, with a library of about eight hundred volumes.

**GROVE.**—The congregations of this church are large; their prayer meetings are regularly kept up; a few conversions have occurred during the last year; but they mourn a general coldness and indifference to the cause of vital piety.

**ROCK HILL.**—Express gratitude for continued visibility, and for the enjoyment of the uninterrupted privileges of the Gospel ministry.

**BROAD RUN.**—Congratulate themselves upon the high degree of harmony and love which prevail among them. They have recently organized a Sabbath school, which at this early period of its existence, promises to be a blessing to the church and community.

**FREDERICKSBURG.**—It appears, from the communication furnished by this church, that their late pastor, Brother S. Smith, has left them, and Brother W. F. Broaddus has been elected to supply his place. Beyond this change, but little information is furnished.

**PLEASANT VALE.**—Have large congregations; a Sabbath school; and regular meetings for prayer. This church have no material change to report since the last meeting of the Association.

**JERUSALEM.**—Complain of great coldness, and of being surrounded by many, and great difficulties. Their earnest desire, no doubt is, "Brethren pray for us."

**UNION.**—No material change; congregations large; and the present state of the church is characterized by peace and brotherly love.

**EBENEZER.**—This church are greatly encouraged by many evidences of the Divine presence, and signal proofs of Divine power. During the last Associational year they held two protracted meetings, as the fruit of which, thirteen precious souls professed faith in Christ, and were baptized into the name of the Holy Trinity. A Sabbath school, of about fifty scholars and teachers, with regular meetings for prayer, are also kept up in this church.

**WINCHESTER.**—This church speak of some prosperity. They keep up two meetings during the week; and they have also a Sabbath school of about forty scholars, with a small, but well selected, library of about one hundred volumes.

**ZOAR.**—This church have a Sabbath school of about fifty scholars and teachers, and have completed a place of worship at an expense of \$1,200. Their congregations tolerably large.

**BACK LICK.**—This poor church for many years have been in a low and desponding condition. Of late some faint symptoms of revival have appeared in their midst. For numbers, their congregations may be regarded as encouraging, and a good degree of seriousness appears among them. At present, they are regularly supplied with the ministry of reconciliation.

**WARRENTON.**—Nothing say they, “of interest has occurred amongst us the past year. We seem rather to be standing and waiting for the salvation of God, than going forward in every good word and work.”

Notwithstanding this complaint, it appears they have a very interesting Sunday school, from which they look for fruit, which shall be to the honor and praise of the rich grace of God.

**BEREA.**—From this church no information has been received.

**HEBRON.**—This church have large congregations, and good attention is paid to the preached word. It will be perceived that the name of this church has been changed from Pughtown to Hebron.

**WATERFORD.**—This church have been recently constituted. They were gathered by the labors of our indefatigable Missionary, Brother Greer. Thirty persons professing faith in Christ have been baptized by him. The congregations are large and attentive. They share in the labors of a Union Sunday school, and are making vigorous efforts to erect a suitable place of worship, of which they trust they will soon be able to say:

Here shall we find a settled rest,  
Tho' others go and come,  
Feel not like strangers, or like guests,  
But children in their HOME.”

The committee regret that the present account of money received from the churches is imperfect. They give only such items as they have before them.

*Received for Missionary purposes.*—Little River \$23, Union \$13, Broad Run \$5, Grove \$25, Sister Yates \$10, Rock Hill \$12, Jerusalem \$6 50, R. Eskridge \$2, J. Peters \$1, R. Payne \$1, Mary George \$1, Elizabeth Smith 50 cents, Wm. Crittenden \$1, Priscilla Corbin \$1, W. A. White \$1.—\$103.

*For Associational purposes.*—From First church, Washington, \$10; (the remaining details wanting.) The whole amount of Associational Fund was \$80. Since the above was written, the Treasurer's report has been received, but no account of funds contributed by the several churches. The Minutes of last year show that the funds paid were \$65 87. It should have been \$61 87, the balance being credited to the First Washington church, which was not received.

Columbia Association in account with R. H. Payne, Treasurer.

August 21.	To cash paid Bro. Bennett for printing minutes.....	\$30 00
	To cash paid him as clerk.....	15 00
	To cash paid Bro. Bayne, Treasurer of Missionary Society.....	16 87½
		\$61 87½
Cr.	By cash of churches.....	\$60 87½
	Cash of Bro. Hixon.....	1 00
		61 87½

## REPORT ON BENEVOLENT EFFORT.

The Committee on "Benevolent Effort" beg leave to report, that there are many very important matters connected with this all-interesting subject upon which they would much like to present their views; but they must at present forbear. They cannot, however, deprive themselves of the pleasure of congratulating the Association upon the noble and imposing attitude which it has assumed—and which no doubt it will maintain—with regard to the great benevolent efforts of the day. They would, at the same time, respectfully suggest the importance of adopting a more systematic method, in the collection and appropriation of funds, than that which at present obtains.

*First.* Let every pastor be the agent of his own church, or churches.

*Secondly.* Let him endeavor to secure the active and liberal co-operation of every member of his church, white and colored.

*Thirdly.* If the pastor, as agent of his church, would supply himself with a book, and always carry it with him, he might receive the contributions of his members to the different objects of benevolence to which they might be disposed to contribute, and thus be enabled to give efficient aid to each, without trouble or expense.

*Fourthly.* If the members of this Association would make a list of all the societies which are sustained by our denomination, they might either make appropriations to each, or select such as in their judgments have the strongest claims upon their sympathy and support. For instance, there is the missionary field, *Home and Foreign*; the *Bible Society*; *Sunday School*, and *Publication Society*; *Education*, and the *Missionary Society of the Association*. After making the selection, then let them divide the year into as many parts as they have objects to support; and to each object give the amount which the portion of the year to which it belongs can supply. Such a plan as this would be attended with incalculable advantages:

*First.* There would be four or five times the amount of money collected than there is by the present system.

*Secondly.* It would obviate the necessity of personal application and appeal, and prevent much of the irritation of feeling which this procedure often creates.

*Thirdly.* Those extra efforts, which are frequently made during the session of the Association, would be altogether unnecessary.

*Fourthly.* All the money contributed would go to sustain the object for which it was appropriated. There would be no deduction for agencies.

*Fifthly.* Every contributor would feel much better satisfied with himself, the object of his benevolence, and his brethren. The man, too, who quietly, and alone, apportions a part of his means for the spread of the Gospel, is much more likely to seek the blessing of God upon it, to watch its progress, and rejoice in its success, than he who gives to the urgent importunities of an agent, and knows but little about the object, or its claims.

*Lastly.* This plan (in principle at least) brings to its support the authority of Scripture: "Upon the first day of the week let EVERY ONE of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him, THAT THERE BE NO GATHERINGS WHEN I COME."—1 Cor. xvi. 2.

The above hints, together with the following extracts are very respectfully submitted.

EDWARD KINGSFORD,\* *Chairman.*

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No circular letter having been furnished by the brother who was appointed to write one, the following extract from the Great Commission, by Harris, is inserted to supply its place:

#### THE REFLEX SPIRITUAL BENEFITS OF CHRISTIAN MISSIONS.

The striking manner in which the missionary enterprise *enlivened the piety and increased the happiness* of those who first espoused it, may be illustrated best by the following quotations: "There was a period in my ministry," said the devoted Andrew Fuller to a friend, "marked by the most pointed, systematic effort to comfort my serious people; but the more I tried to comfort them, the more they complained of doubts and darkness. I knew not what to do, nor what to think, for I had done my best to comfort the mourners in Zion. At this time it pleased God to direct my attention to the claims of the perish-

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\*Not having been able to consult either of the other members of the committee, I am alone responsible for this report.

ing heathen in India. I felt that we had been living for ourselves, and not caring for their souls. I spoke as I felt. My serious people wondered, and wept over their past neglect and inattention to the subject. They began to talk about a Baptist mission. The females especially began to collect money for the spread of the Gospel. We met and prayed for the heathen; met and considered what could be done, amongst ourselves, for them; *met and did what we could.* And, whilst all this was going on, the lamentations ceased. The sad became cheerful, and the desponding calm. No one complained of a want of comfort. And I, instead of having to study how to comfort my flock, was myself comforted by them. *They were drawn out of themselves.* 'Sir, that was the real secret. God blessed them, while they tried to be a blessing.' \* \* \* \* And thus have we been gradually regaining the long-forgotten but invaluable conviction, *that the cause of religion, at home and abroad, is one.* If Christian missions have taught us, on the one hand, that the same principles which prompt us to train up our children in the fear of God, and to seek the salvation of those immediately around us, impel to evangelical efforts for the benefit of every portion of the human race, and that to attempt to separate living piety from expansive beneficence is almost as vain as it is unscriptural, by bringing to light new and fearful scenes of foreign destitution, and by thus arousing and quickening our sensibilities, they have been the means, on the other, of preparing us to feel a livelier interest in the claims of home.

By this, and similar means, *the views of the Christian Church have been greatly enlarged.* The missionary enterprise could have been conceived only on the top of Pisgah. It refuses to entertain any design less than the amelioration of the species. Taking it for granted that every true interest is universal, it consults, as it prosecutes its march, the map of the world. Its appropriate type is an angel flying through the midst of Heaven. But such christian enlargement of spirit *leads to the sympathetic union of all who become conscious of its expanding influence.* True, it must be deplored with deep humiliation, before God, that the cementing tendency of Christian missions has of late years met with lamentable interruptions. In the midst of those very interruptions, however, the missionary spirit, by often triumphing over them, has been the means of exemplifying the surpassing power of genuine piety, and of furnishing the strongest ground of hope for their final and utter removal.

Let it be observed, further, that the same missionary enlargement of spirit which tends to unite all who partake of it into one sympathetic brotherhood, *has also led to the willing consecration of their property.* Such was the boundless benevolence of Christ, that "for the joy set before Him," and which consisted partly in the prospect of human salvation, He "endured the cross, despising the shame." Was it, then, to be wondered at if His professed followers should so far share in His benevolence as to contribute a portion of their property for an object for which He gave His own self? Accordingly, the widow has been seen casting into the mission treasury of her penny, and the rich man of his abundance; and though the scale of Christian liberality is far below the standard of the Gospel, yet how much lower would it have been, humanly speaking, but for the ennobling influence of Christian missions? Millions have been contributed to Christian missions which otherwise, in all probability, would have been given "to the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life."

From an impartial review of the spiritual benefits of Christian missions on the churches at home, we repeat the question already proposed: Had the same amount of effort which the missionary object has received been devoted to the diffusion of piety at home exclusively, is there any reason to conclude that our country would have reaped greater advantages than it is now enjoying from the reflex influence of that object? Is it likely that more would have been done to impress a *deep, salutary, and general* conviction of the infinite importance of the Gospel; more to call forth the resources and multiply the agencies of Christian usefulness; more to counteract the worldliness of the Church, and to give enlargement and elevation to its views and affections; more to illustrate the excellence and to raise the standard of Christian charity; more to silence the irreligious objector, to engage the intercessions of the faithful in the behalf of the world, to fill us with devout dependence and holy anticipation for the future, and to prepare the Church to arise and shine as the light of the world, and to prove, through God, a universal blessing?

The above extracts are earnestly commended to the prayerful consideration of every individual composing the churches of the Columbia Association, because it is confidently believed that the early history of this body, and that of all churches and associations which oppose the missionary spirit, fully sustain the position which they assume.



The Corresponding Letter not having been received when the Minutes went to press, the committee append the following

### REMARKS.

From the letters received, it appears that the churches remain firm in the great doctrines of the Gospel, notwithstanding the prevalence of error in many places. Neither would they abuse those great doctrines to the purposes of indolence or licentiousness. They do not believe that the infallible promises of success afford any ground for neglect or sloth in the employment of the appointed means. They would unite duty with sovereignty, obligation and privilege; watchfulness with perseverance, and the necessity of prayer with the influence of the Holy Spirit.

The additions have not been large, but in a few instances interesting accounts of progress are detailed. The benevolent concerns of missions, education, and the diffusion of religious knowledge generally, excite a good deal of interest and attention; and it is hoped and believed that the churches will continue to feel their importance, and act for their promotion. The great end which Christ had in view in the organization of his Church, can only be attained by the spirit of active benevolence. Our prayers, our property, the energies of our minds and bodies, cannot be directed to an object of greater moment, or more expressive of proper feelings. It is the cause of Him who has said, "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

Brethren, let us try this year to double our diligence in the work of the Lord, so that if we are spared to come together again another year, it may be to record more gratifying intelligence of activity and prosperity within our several churches.

"PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM: THEY SHALL PROSPER THAT LOVE HER."

STEPHEN P. HILL, *Moderator.*

R. H. PAYNE, *Clerk.*

The next Association will convene at Broad Run, Fauquier county, near Warrenton, on the 24th of August, 1854.

The brethren of the Church promise a cordial welcome to all who may attend.

**ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING**  
OF THE  
**MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION.**

SATURDAY, August 27, 1853.

1. The Missionary Society met after the adjournment of the Association.
2. Brother Kingsford was chosen President.
3. Brother Baker Secretary.
4. *Resolved*, That the President, Treasurer, and Secretary compose the officers of the Society.
5. *Resolved*, That the Society raise for the coming year four hundred dollars.
6. *Resolved*, That Brother Greer be continued the Missionary of this body, and that the Treasurer pay to him fifty dollars quarterly; and that the Treasurer also be directed to pay four dollars monthly for Back Lick church.
7. Brother Bayne having resigned the office of Treasurer of this Society, *Resolved*, That his resignation be accepted, and that Brother Bayne be requested to accept the thanks of the Society for his long and efficient services.
8. *Resolved*, That Brother Hugh Rogers be appointed Treasurer in the place of Brother Bayne resigned.
9. That the amount contributed for missionary purposes be paid over to Brother Rogers, Treasurer.
10. The report of Brother Greer was received and approved, and the amount due to him ordered to be paid.

The Society feel that it is due to Brother Greer to give a public expression of the entire satisfaction with which they receive the report of his labors and success during the past year. They sincerely hope that he will be encouraged to prosecute the important work which, in the providence of God appears to be laid out for him; being assured that in due time the faithful laborer will meet with an ample recompense.

The following contributions were made and paid into the treasury:

11. **TREASURER'S REPORT.**

Missionary Society of the Columbia Baptist Association,

In account with William Bayne.

1852. July 6.	To cash paid Bro. W. Henderson, on acct. Back Lick church	\$10 00
Oct. 19.	To cash paid Rev. T. W. Greer.....	50 00
1853. Feb. 8.	To cash paid Rev. T. W. Greer.....	50 00
Mar. 10.	To cash paid Bro. W. Henderson, on acct. Back Lick church	20 00
May 30.	To cash paid Rev. T. W. Greer.....	50 00
		180 00

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1851. Sept. 2.	By cash of Columbia Baptist Association.....	\$18 00
1852. Feb. 25.	By cash of Benj. Hixon, Treasurer of do.....	12 25
Sept. 3.	By cash of sundry persons, as pub. in last minutes.	69 50
	By cash of Columbia Baptist Association, per Bro. Henderson .....	16 87
Dec. 22.	By cash of Fredericksburg Baptist church.....	30 01
	By cash of Alex. Bap. ch., at sundry times to date.	43 97
		190 60

Balance due Missionary Society of Col. Baptist Association \$10 60

WM. BAYNE.

September 8, 1853.

12. *Resolved*, That the next meeting of the Society be held with the Broad Run church, Fauquier county, on the second day of the Association.  
Adjourned.

EDWARD KINGSFORD, *President*.

JOSEPH BAKER, *Secretary*.

