

The Sabbath Recorder.

WESTLEY, N. Y., FIFTH-DAY, JUNE 23, 1864.

Geo. E. Utter, Editor.

Special Notice.

In view of the current in this year, it has been judged expedient to add the half dollar to the price of the volume...

THE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

The Seventh day Baptist Central Association convened for its Twentieth Anniversary with the 2d Church in Brookfield, Madison Co., N. Y., on Fifth day, June 9th, 1864.

The Introductory Discourse was preached by Alexander Campbell, from 1 Cor. 1: 5: "That your faith should stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."

After the discourse, the Association was called to order by Eld. Campbell, the Moderator of the last session being absent.

Prayer was offered by S. S. Griswold.

By the request of the Association, the Moderator pro tem. appointed John Maxson, J. M. Todd, and A. B. Spaulding, a Committee to nominate officers.

After prayer by Azor Estee, the Association took a recess of one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association assembled, and prayer was offered by James Sumnerbell. The Nominating Committee reported the names of...

George E. Tomlinson, Moderator; James B. Wells, Recording Secretary; J. Bennett Clarke, Assistant Recording Sec'y, which report was adopted.

Communications from the Churches were then submitted and read, including one from each of the churches belonging to the Association, except 2d Verona and Otselec.

By the request of the Association, the Moderator made the nomination of the respective Standing Committees, which was confirmed, as follows:

On Pastors—H. C. Hubbard, J. C. Crandall, and Herbert E. Babcock; On Finance—Charles Foster, Benj. Maxson, and J. S. Ordway.

On the State of Religion—Alex. Campbell, John Maxson, and J. E. N. Backus; On Sabbath-Schools—Charles H. Maxson, A. A. Lewis, Arza Coon, and Thomas Fisher.

S. S. Griswold appeared as a delegate from the Eastern Association, Leman Andrus from the Western, and James C. Rogers from the North-Western—all of whom were cordially welcomed to seats.

Visiting brethren were also invited to participate in the deliberations of the meeting.

A letter was received from the Church at Clifford, Pa., asking for admission to the Association, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

A letter was also received from Joseph West, of the 2d Verona Church, asking aid to settle a difficulty, which was referred to the same Committee.

Alexander Campbell, as delegate to the Eastern Association, reported verbally, that in consequence of ill health he did not fill his appointment. He was accepted.

Geo. E. Tomlinson, delegate to the Western Association, submitted his report, which was accepted.

Your delegate to the Western Association would report as follows: He attended the meeting of that body, at Alfred, Conn., and with very cordial relations...

The resolutions adopted were arranged in some, and related to the cause of our country, and the propriety of our national policy, and the propriety of our national policy...

The Committee on Resolutions submitted their report, which was read, and the discussion of the same was made the special order for 2 o'clock P. M.:

1. Resolved, That, as the Christian religion, in its origin, recognized the Divine Power as essential to its success, so it must ever continue to recognize it, in order to secure its continued progress and final triumph.

2. Resolved, That, in the present struggle of this nation to suppress a most wicked rebellion, caused by the aggression of the slave power, we pledge our fortunes, our lives, and our property to the cause of our country, and the propriety of our national policy, and the propriety of our national policy...

The Report of the Executive Board was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

calls to the harvest, but the efforts of the churches in this respect have been so weak to enable the Board to make their report so cheering and interesting as such reports should always be. It may, however, be productive of this good result, the little that has been accomplished may stimulate us to redouble our efforts.

The attention of the Board was called at the beginning of the year to the 2d Verona and Watson churches. These feeble churches were already receiving help from the Association, and afforded beautiful encouragement for the outlay, in many conversions to Christ, and some to the Bible Sabbath.

At your last meeting the Board was indebted to Bro. A. A. Lewis \$35, for services rendered up to that time. A collection of \$24.50 was taken for the purpose of liquidating the above claim. This would have left the amount due \$10.50, which the Association voted to raise.

But this money by agreement was not paid to Bro. Lewis, thus passing the claim of \$35 to this year. Bro. Lewis has served the Board in Verona six months this year, ending in December last, making his claim \$110. The Board accounts show \$22.39 to have been paid Bro. Lewis this year, thus leaving \$87.61 due to him. Bro. Lewis has written to the Board, informing them that, on account of the opposition he felt it his duty to vacate that field, and accordingly closing his labors there at that time.

At the same meeting, \$56.66 was appropriated for the support of our missionary in Watson. Eld. Geo. J. Crandall has served in that capacity the specified length of time up to the present date, and has received for his services \$37.64, leaving a balance due him of \$19.

These funds are now destitute of ministerial help, and it will be for the Association to judge from the communications received from them whether they have further obligations in those directions.

Respectfully submitted, JAMES SUMNERBELL, Chairman.

On motion, the Moderator nominated J. P. Hunting, Arza Coon, and R. P. Dowse, as a Committee to nominate the Executive Board for the ensuing year. The nomination was confirmed.

A. A. Lewis, Chas. H. Maxson, and Ephraim Maxson, were appointed as a Committee to nominate delegates to sister Associations.

The Committee on Religious Exercises made their report, as follows:

Preaching Sabbath evening by A. A. Lewis; Sabbath morning, N. Wardner; Sabbath afternoon, C. M. Lewis; to be followed by a Conference meeting, conducted by Ed. A. Campbell, opening after the Sabbath, L. Andrus; First-day, 11 o'clock, G. E. Tomlinson; First-day, evening, S. S. Griswold.

J. M. Todd, S. S. GRISWOLD, Com. COLLINS MILLER.

After prayer by Leman Andrus, the Association adjourned till Sixth-day morning, at 9 o'clock.

SIXTH-DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Prayer by Nathan Wardner. The Minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

The Secretaries were instructed to revise and superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes, and an appropriation of twenty-five dollars was made to defray the expense of the same.

The Committee to nominate the Executive Board, reported the names of Charles Potter, Treasurer, Geo. E. Tomlinson, Corresponding Secretary, C. D. Potter, David Maxson, Edward Whitford, and Leonard R. Green, which report was adopted, and subsequently reconsidered, and recommended with instructions to locate the said Board in the vicinity of the Brookfield churches.

The Committee on Petitions reported a recommendation to grant the request of the Clifford Church, which was adopted, and the hand of fellowship was given by the Moderator to A. W. Coon, as a representative of that Church. The Committee further reported a recommendation to grant the request of the DeRuyter Church, that the next session of this Association be held with it, which was adopted. J. Bennett Clarke was appointed to preach the introductory discourse on the occasion, and J. M. Todd, alternate.

The Committee also recommended to the brother or brethren of the 2d Verona Church, desiring aid of this Association in regard to discipline, that they invite brethren from some other church, in whom all can agree, to advise them in the matter.

The Committee to nominate delegates to sister Associations reported the name of G. E. Tomlinson as delegate to the Eastern Association, and asked to be relieved from making further nominations, as they could not learn of any one who could properly attend the other Associations. Their report was adopted, and the Committee relieved.

On motion, Thomas Fisher was appointed as delegate to the Western and North-Western Associations, and the Committee on Finance was instructed to apportion on the churches the sum necessary to meet the expenses of sending the said delegate, fixing the sum of fifteen dollars to defray the expense of attending the Western Association.

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Constitution, or to remove from it every provision that may be supposed to have direct or indirectly upheld any system of slavery.

6. Resolved, That the prejudice existing against the colored race is unchristian and unhuman, and should receive from us the most possible rebuke, as it certainly will the just retribution of God.

7. Resolved, That, as the National Government has recognized the citizenship of the colored man, by enrolling him in the army, and clothing him with the dress of a soldier, consistency, as well as justice, require that he should be placed on a par with his white comrades, both in respect to holding office, pay, and the right of suffrage.

8. Resolved, That the doctrine of Materialism, and should receive from us the most possible rebuke, as it certainly will the just retribution of God.

9. Resolved, That we have great reason for gratitude to God, that in his providence we have been blessed with a denomination with a University and Theological School, and we pledge to them our hearty support.

10. Resolved, That it is the duty of every Sabbath-keeper to consistently observe the Sabbath, as well as to protest against the substitution of the first day of the week for the Sabbath.

11. Resolved, That freedom of this country have a large claim upon our benevolence and Christian efforts, and that we are under solemn obligation to render them all possible aid in their efforts to rise into a more elevated condition.

12. Resolved, That we approve the practice of some of our churches in sending sisters, as well as brothers, as delegates, and also of appointing them as superintendents, &c., in our Sabbath-schools.

JAMES SUMNERBELL, Com. S. S. GRISWOLD, LEMAN ANDRUS.

The Committee on Education submitted their report, which was read and approved.

Your Committee believe that the education of the youth of our country is a subject that demands our earnest attention, and is second only to none in its importance to the nation.

The Committee would call the attention of your body to the fact that many of our common schools, and would especially recommend that they see to the employment of teachers in this department of education, who are not only prepared to teach the literary branches, but also qualified to instruct in the moral and religious training. We believe that many of the fruits of the early instruction of a pious mother are blighted when we commit our little ones to the care of teachers who have not the fear of God before their eyes, and recognize the cause of our blessed Saviour as having any claims upon them.

The Institute at De Ruyter, which we believe has done so much in the education of our youth, and in the raising of the moral and Christian character of our people, has exerted a moral power which is felt throughout the communities wherever its benefits have been received, is recommended to your patronage, and calls for your support and contribution to its maintenance, both by selecting it as the place to educate your children, and by your generous subscriptions, still we feel that it has not received that support from the denomination which it has a right to expect, or even demand.

We would also recommend for your sympathy and aid the Alfred University, and would recognize our obligation to bear our share in its support, and to see that no institution which has done, and still promises, so much good to us as a people.

The importance of education is felt by us all. Our children will soon be called to fill the places of their fathers and mothers in the affairs of the Church, as well as of the state, will soon fall into their hands. Let us see that they are properly educated, and prepared for the important duties which they may be called upon to perform, and that we assist them in this responsibility. Let us see that we may God help us so to act as shall be best calculated to advance his honor and glory.

CHARLES H. MAXSON, Chairman.

The Committee on the State of Religion submitted their report, which was adopted:

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not poor us out a blessing, that there shall be room to receive it. Then we shall be assured that our reports shall continually come up to our stated conventions. The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad.

Rev. Mr. Frost, of the First-day Baptist Church, being present, was invited to participate in the deliberations of the meeting.

After prayer by J. M. Todd, the Association took a recess of one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by A. A. Lewis. The Minutes of the forenoon session were read and approved.

The Committee to nominate the Executive Board, reported the names of James Sumnerbell, Corresponding Secretary, A. B. Spaulding, Treasurer, J. M. Todd, Ephraim Maxson, Paul B. Birch, and Christopher Langworthy.

Pursuant to recommendation of the Executive Board, in their report, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars was voted to be raised to be used in aid of the Watson Church and other places, at the discretion of the Board.

On motion, the Moderator was instructed to nominate a Committee to appoint essayists, and make a selection of subjects for the next Anniversary. James Sumnerbell, J. P. Hunting, and J. M. Todd were confirmed as that Committee.

The hour having arrived for the consideration of resolutions, they were taken up and discussed.

The first resolution was spoken to by S. S. Griswold, Alex. Campbell, Geo. B. Utter, J. P. Hunting, C. M. Lewis, and unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The second resolution was spoken upon by Wm. M. Jones, S. S. Griswold, Geo. E. Tomlinson, Thomas P. C. Kenyon, and Geo. M. Friebie, and adopted.

The third resolution was adopted without discussion.

The fourth resolution was amended and adopted.

The fifth resolution was spoken upon by S. S. Griswold, A. W. Coon, C. M. Lewis, Azor Estee, P. Knight, and L. Andrus, and adopted.

The farther discussion of resolutions was suspended, and the Committee on Essays and Essayists reported, and the Association approved, the following appointments: W. M. Jones, to write on Personal Interest in Missions; C. H. Maxson on the Witnessing Spirit; and J. B. Clarke on the Social Power of the Church.

After prayer by Wm M. Jones, adjourned till 9 o'clock First day morning.

FIRST-DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Prayer was offered by Leman Andrus; after which the roll of delegates was called, and the minutes of Sixth day afternoon were read and approved.

On motion, it was voted to suspend business at 3 o'clock this afternoon, to hear a sermon by S. S. Griswold.

The Finance Committee presented their report, which was adopted, as follows:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report, that they have examined the Treasurer's Report, with the vouchers, and find it correct, showing a balance in the Treasury of eleven cents for general purposes.

There is now due from the Association the following sums, viz:

For printing Minutes of this session \$25 00
For defraying expenses of delegate to Eastern Association 15 00
For defraying expenses of delegate to N. W. Association 30 00
For recording Minutes of last year 3 00

Deduct balance in Treasury 73 00

Leaving the amount of 72 89 to be apportioned among the churches as follows:

1st Brookfield \$9 85
De Ruyter 5 63
Scott 8 19
Hornfield 2 01
Ad. Verona 12 83
2d Brookfield 5 12
West Edmeston 7 46
Cayler 2 19
Wadsworth 4 48
Lambert 4 46
Preston 1 47
Otselec 1 60

CHARLES POTTER, Chairman.

The following resolution was presented by Charles H. Maxson, and adopted:

Resolved, That we feel an increasing interest in the cause of Sabbath-schools, and would urge upon our brethren the importance of sustaining this branch of religious education, believing as we do, that it is a school recognized by our Saviour as his own.

The consideration of the resolutions presented by the Committee was resumed.

The sixth resolution was spoken upon by Wm. M. Jones, S. S. Griswold, G. M. Friebie, and unanimous, ly adopted.

The tenth resolution was taken up, and remarked upon by A. A. Lewis, J. M. Todd, George B. Utter, Leman Andrus; and pending a motion to adopt, business was suspended to listen to a discourse by Geo. E. Tomlinson; after which the Association took a recess of one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer was offered by George J. Crandall.

Several resolutions were presented, read, and laid on the table.

KENTUCKY CORRESPONDENCE.

Owensboro, Ky., June 23, 1864.

The past week has been one of great excitement here in Owensboro. Owensboro is the place of enrollment for this enrolling district, which embraces several counties. A company of federal soldiers came here towards the close of last week, and have been quartered here ever since, getting their living or "board" meanwhile at the expense of the "Southern sympathizers."

One gentleman, who could not come, and would not have the soldiers come to his house, his wife being sick, and he moreover being one of the above-named "sympathizers," has been paying at one of the hotels seven dollars and a half a day for soldiers' board—board being very high here at present. Citizens of like unfortunate sympathies, if they do not want the soldiers to come to their houses for meals, and prefer not to pay tavern bills for them, are obliged to bring provisions to the court-house three times a day.

Last Saturday, the citizens of them as could be found—had to come out and drill—those who were unwilling at the point of the bayonet. This was a State militia affair, and not the doings of the federal government. It "stirred up" the minds of the people in no small degree, some thorough Union men, who were also thorough peace men, declaring that they would leave the country before they would bear arms at all. Such men, of course, were nowhere when the soldiers came for them, though to be nowhere cost them infinite trouble.

On Monday last, the enrollment of negroes for the federal army began. This excited the people almost to desperation. Men armed themselves secretly. A gang of prowling guerrillas held themselves ready to come in at any moment, and there were plenty of people here to welcome them, had they dared to. Negroes flocked to the court-house in crowds from all parts of this enrolling district, from farms, gardens, tobacco factories, or "steremies," and all places and kinds of employment. Business was at a stand. Children were taken from school, or if left, many of them were too excited from what they heard at home or elsewhere, to make decent progress in their lessons. Farmers who had just "got in" large crops, and tobacco merchants, who were just in the height of "the season," anxious to get their immense quantities of tobacco off their hands before it should spoil, or there should be some disastrous change in the market, were left destitute of laborers and in despair. Meanwhile, the negroes, more idle and unmanageable than ever before, were men women and children, hanging about the court-house and jail in crowds, while the enrollment, medical examination, and making out of free papers was going on. And meanwhile, two or three of Uncle Sam's gunboats were waiting in the river, out of sight, behind a thickly wooded island, over against the Indiana shore, fully informed of the existing state of things, and ready to defend the soldiers and shell the place if necessary.

Tuesday night, the streets were ordered to be cleared at an early hour, and notice given that the guerrillas were momentarily expected to arrive.

Some "bird of the air," doubtless, betrayed to that hovering flock of buzzards the presence of the gunboats, for they did not make their appearance, and the town was quiet all night.

The next day, the enrollment and the excitement went on, the latter kept from breaking out into open bloodshed by the consideration that there were women and children in the place, and by the moral suasion of the gunboats. Farmers from the country were left without hands to till them, came flocking into town by wagon loads, or on horse or mule-back, to look hopelessly on, and swear over this sudden conversion of their human "property" into men and soldiers. Of course a wiser way would have been to "put their own shoulders to the wheel," to go to work on their farms themselves, and leave looking on and swearing for niggers to do; but human nature doesn't take to work spontaneously, and where one hasn't brought up to labor, it doesn't come at all easy; besides this, it is not in the power of one man to perform the work of six or a dozen, be his will and skill ever so good.

The loss of so many laborers just at this time of year is an injury to business interest that cannot be made up. There is no way to supply the deficiency of working hands in time to save the crops. The crops will literally "go to grass," prices will increase, trade be dull, and all that the agricultural people of the State will expect to accomplish this season, will be to raise food enough for their wants.

Some time ago, the federal government passed an act that no more arms should be sold or supplied to the people of Kentucky. That act, afterwards rescinded, has been recently renewed.

Now the people here have an idea whether erroneously or not—that these negroes, who will be armed and trained in military tactics, are to be kept in the State to control the pending election. Then, they think, will be the negro's time for vengeance, while the whites, unable to procure more arms, and now, but imperfectly supplied, will be at the mercy of these hitherto down-trodden, slave-

WERLEYAN MISSIONS.

The following is a brief summary of the report which was read at the Wesleyan Missionary anniversary meeting, at Exeter Hall, London, May 3d:

The receipts of the society for the year ending 31st December, 1863, have amounted to £184,258 7s. The mission-house and home districts, including England, Wales, Scotland, and Zealand, had contributed £33,164 14s. 3d.; Hibernian Missionary Society, £3164 0s. 3d.; Juvenile Christmas and New Year's offerings, £3343 14s. 10d.; legacies, £2096 18s. 1d.; contributions for the Paris chapel, £256; dividends on property funded to secure annuities, £251

