

The Sabbath Recorder.

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Geo. B. Utter, Editor.

OUR ANNIVERSARIES.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The Seventh-day Baptist General Conference convened for its fifty-first session with the First Church in Hopkinton, R. I., on Fourth-day, Sept. 6th, 1865.

Agreeable to appointment, the Introductory Discourse was preached by Joshua Clarke, from Matt. 5: 16—'Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in Heaven.'

After the discourse, the Conference was called to order by E. G. Champlin, Clerk of the last session, a hymn was sung, and prayer was offered by Nathan Gardner.

On motion, E. G. Champlin was appointed Moderator pro tem., and G. B. Utter, Clerk pro tem.

In compliance with a vote of the Conference, the Moderator appointed a Committee to nominate permanent officers, consisting of C. M. Lewis, A. D. Titworth, and Charles Potter.

The reading of the Letters from the Churches was called for, and the Clerk read those from the New Market and Shiloh Churches; after which the Conference adjourned till 9 o'clock. Prayer by A. B. Burdick.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference convened agreeable to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by W. B. Gillette.

The Nominating Committee made a report, and in accordance with their recommendation, the following officers were appointed:

Moderator—Darwin E. Maxson. Clerk—George B. Utter. Assistant Clerks—N. K. Lewis and L. T. Rogers.

The reading of Letters from the Churches was resumed, and letters were read from the following churches: Berlin, 1st Hopkinton, 2d Hopkinton, Marlboro, Rockville, Plainfield, Pawcatuck, Greenmanville, 1st Brookfield, DeRuyter, Adams, 2d Brookfield, Watson, 1st Alfred, 2d Alfred, 1st Senese, Friendship, Independence, Scio, Milton, Albion, Rock River. The statistics from these letters will be found in the general table of statistics.

A letter was read from Lewis A. Davis, Hopkinton, Ohio:

There were some twenty years ago six churches of the Sabbath in Ohio, west of the Scioto River, located as follows: One in Pickaway County, a few miles south of Columbus, known as the Scioto Church. This church is now extinct, and I think there are only one or two families in that place who keep the Sabbath, but of this I am not certain, as I have not been in that place for more than twenty years. There were two in Clark County, near the village of Northampton. One was known as the Figue Township Church; the other as the Northampton Church. These also are now extinct. I visited that vicinity this summer, and found fourteen persons who are trying to keep the Sabbath, though much discouraged as to the prospect of success, as most of them were old and infirm persons, the cause had not on religious meetings of any kind on the Sabbath for many years. We held two meetings with them on the Sabbath, which seemed to greatly refresh them; and I am not without hope, that if suitable and timely help could be given them, the cause might be revived in that place. Another one was in Logan County, and was known as the Stokes Church. This church has also gone out of existence, they having disbanded many years ago. I visited that place last spring, and found some three families, comprising perhaps a dozen adult individuals, who keep the Sabbath; but I see no reason to hope that this society can ever be made to subsist on the Sabbath, as the leading men among them take no interest in the cause, and refer to our late national struggle, and deny fellowship with those who have given support to the war. The other two churches were located in Shelby County; one at Fort Jefferson, and the other at Jackson Center. The Church at Fort Jefferson has been extinct for many years, some of its members having united with the Jackson Church; but most of them having emigrated to other parts. This latter case has been the principal cause of the extinction of the churches mentioned above, a large majority of their members having removed to remote parts in the West, North-west, and South-west. The Church at Jackson Center has had a heavy loss in its membership in the same way.

The only Seventh-day Baptist church now in Ohio, that I have any knowledge of, is the one at Jackson Center, and we number at present 74 members, four of whom are not residents. There are also some nineteen adult persons who keep the Sabbath and do not belong to the church. We have an interesting Sabbath-school, consisting of nine classes, and have 73 scholars enrolled, exclusive of the absent ones of 19 members in total on the Sabbath-school list. This church has a nominal standing in the Western Association, but has not been represented for a number of years, either by delegate or letter. All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. A. DAVIS.

A letter was also read from A. A. F. Randolph, giving the following account of the churches and societies in Kansas and Nebraska:

Presenting that some account of our people west of the Missouri will be interesting to you, I proceed to give it. At Long Branch, Richardson County, Nebraska, there is a church of about forty members. In Kansas, at Paradise, Atchison County, one of twenty-four members. One of perhaps fifty or twenty members. One at Manhattan, Riley County, of some half a dozen members. We are arranged to hold among us a Yearly Meeting. The first was held with us at Paradise, last year. This year it is to be held with the church in Nebraska, commencing on Sixth-day before the first Sabbath in October. We are meeting very much from a lack of money and ministerial labor, myself being the only minister. A. A. F. RANDOLPH.

After the reading of the letters, the congregation joined with the choir in singing a hymn.

On motion, the Moderator appointed the following Committees, as follows:

On the State of Religion—A. B. Burdick, Nathan Gardner, A. H. Lewis, James Bailey, S. S. Griswold.

On Officers—W. B. Gillette, T. B. Brown, J. Sumnerbell.

On Finance—N. V. Hull, W. B. Gillette, Stephen Burdick.

On Religious Exercises—A. B. Burdick, A. H. Lewis, P. L. Berry.

Visiting brethren were by vote invited to participate in our deliberations.

The Treasurer's Report was called for, read, and adopted, as follows:

Treasurer's Report. Your Treasurer respectfully reports, that the only business committed to him was the collection of the money necessary to pay for the printing and distribution of the Minutes of the last session. This was done, and the Minutes were properly distributed among the churches. The money collected was all paid for the work, and your Treasurer is not aware of the existence of any liabilities or assets connected with his office.

Geo. B. Utter, Treasurer.

The report of the Committee on Statistics was called for, read, and re-committed.

The question was raised when the essays provided for by the Conference should be read, and they were made the special order for this evening.

The Moderator was by vote requested to appoint a Committee to nominate essayists for the next session of the Conference. He named the following brethren: T. R. Williams, John Maxson, S. S. Griswold.

A Committee was appointed to prepare and report Rules of Order for the Conference, consisting of Nathan Gardner, A. H. Lewis, and G. B. Utter.

A report from the Committee on James Bailey's essay was read; also, a letter from James Bailey, on the same subject. The report was re-committed.

On motion of A. B. Burdick, it was voted, that the Conference adjourn this afternoon at 4 1/2 o'clock; that the session for hearing essays, this evening, commence at 7 1/2 o'clock; and that we meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The Report of the Historical Board was called for, but no general report was presented, the Secretary of the Board (Prof. J. Allen) not being in attendance. W. B. Gillette, a member of the Committee, made a verbal report, showing that he had collected in Shiloh much valuable matter connected with the history of the denomination. John Maxson, another member of the Committee, made a verbal statement. These reports were accepted, and the Conference adjourned.

After prayer by James Bailey, the Conference adjourned.

pointed to preach the Introductory Discourse at our next session; W. B. Gillette, alternate.

The Committee on Essays made their report, which was adopted, as follows:

Your Committee on Essays would respectfully report, that they have considered the subject, and would recommend the following themes:

1. The Nature and Significance of the Sabbath Law, by D. E. Maxson.

2. The Cultivating Power of the Church, by Stephen Burdick.

3. The present state of it, and what are its evidences, by Thomas B. Brown.

4. The duty of being identified with the Church where one resides, by Alfred B. Burdick.

5. The Committee on Rules of Order reported a set, which were adopted, and will be found in connection with the printed Minutes.

The Committee on Business and Resolutions made a report, covering the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That as members of this Conference, and citizens of the American Government, we return grateful thanks to God for his mercies, in causing our national affairs to stand while the wicked rebellion recently existing has been overthrown, the great cause of that rebellion—American Slavery—has also been removed.

2. Resolved, That in reconstructing the States involved in the recent rebellion, it is our firm conviction, that the right of suffrage should be extended to their citizens without regard to color.

3. Resolved, That the wide-spread and rapid increase of intemperance, is causing alarm, and calls loudly upon every friend of religion and humanity for earnest effort for its suppression.

4. Resolved, That the perpetuity and increase of our denomination depend largely upon increased labor in the West, in directing and fixing emigration, and in looking up and assisting the scattered already there.

5. Resolved, That our faith as Seventh-day Baptists demands the consecration of all our energies for its development and propagation.

6. Resolved, That the general declension in spirituality, incident upon a state of war, calls for renewed faithfulness on the part of the Church, in all its members, and in all departments of its work.

7. Resolved, That the young and feeble churches in the work of erecting houses of worship, is not only a Christian and brotherly service, but is also one of the most efficient instrumentalities of their permanent establishment and growth.

8. Resolved, That in the opinion of this Conference, the time has come when we ought have a Quarterly, which shall be devoted to Theology, Missions, Biography, Denominational History, and Education.

9. Resolved, That the habitual neglect of the communion service, as practiced by some members of our churches, is a breach of covenant obligation, and tends to undermine the discipline of the church, and bring a reproach upon the cause of Christ.

The report was accepted, and taken up for consideration by items. Pending the consideration of the first resolution, on the suggestion of J. M. Todd, Eld. Christopher Chester led the congregation in offering prayer and thanksgiving to God for our deliverance from the curse of slavery. The item was then adopted, who joined in singing the verse,

'Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.'

The second resolution was adopted, after remarks by S. S. Griswold.

The third resolution was remarked upon by J. E. N. Backus, A. B. Burdick, A. W. Coon, T. S. Greenman, John Maxson, and N. V. Hull. An amendment was proposed, with a view of specifying, as among the forms of intemperance, the use of tobacco. The amendment was not accepted, and the resolution was adopted as it came from the Committee.

The fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh resolutions were adopted, after brief remarks and explanations.

The eighth resolution was spoken upon by Alfred B. Burdick, Joshua Clarke, A. H. Lewis, D. E. Maxson, L. M. Cottrell, W. B. Gillette, and others. The resolution was finally adopted, and a Committee of three was appointed to devise a plan for carrying it out, consisting of T. R. Williams, A. H. Lewis, and Jonathan Allen.

The ninth resolution was adopted, after remarks by S. S. Griswold and Joshua Clarke.

The time having arrived for the session of the Education Society, the Conference adjourned to the call of the Chair, after singing by the choir.

CONFERENCE MET AT THE CALL OF THE MODERATOR, AND WAS OPENED WITH SINGING, AND PRAYER BY J. CLARKE.

Letters were read from the 1st Verona, Lincoln, and 3d Genesee churches.

The Report of the Committee on the State of Religion was read by the Chairman, A. B. Burdick, and adopted by the Conference, as follows:

Report on the State of Religion. The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully report, that the letters from the several churches representing themselves in this body give an encouraging view of their spiritual condition. A number of them have enjoyed seasons of revival, and accessions to their membership, during the past year. Among the prominent indications of Christian growth in the churches, may be mentioned, harmonious action, zeal in maintaining the preaching of the gospel, the religious instruction of the youth in Sabbath-schools and Bible-classes, a becoming interest in general education, and activity in the great philanthropic movements of the age. May we not hope, that through the divine blessing, the future of our churches may be marked with even more evident tokens of the sanctifying power of the spirit of truth, and that this body of Christians, so signally blessed of God in the past, may become a yet more efficient power among the Christian families of our land, and an effective agency for salvation to the perishing, that shall sit beneath the shadow of death.

Respectfully submitted, A. B. Burdick, Chairman.

The Committee on Obituary Notices made a report, through their Chairman, W. B. Gillette. After

hearing the report, it was suggested, that several names had been omitted, and the report was re-committed for perfection in that respect, with instruction to forward it, when complete, to the Secretaries for publication.

The report of the Committee on Statistics, which had been re-committed, was presented in a modified form, and adopted, as follows:

Report on Statistics. The undersigned, as one of the Committee on Statistics, begs leave to report, that he has had no opportunity for consultation with the other member of the Committee. He has, however, taken upon him to bring together the Statistics of the Churches, as embodied in the Minutes of the Eastern, Central, Western, and North-Western Associations, which are presented herewith. With a view of ascertaining the condition of the churches in Virginia, Ohio, and Kansas, from which no reports have been received in several years, either by the Conference or the Associations, he communicated with brethren in those localities likely to be posted on the subject, and received responses from Eld. L. A. Davis, Ohio, and J. A. Randolph, Kansas, which have already been read to the Conference. No report has been received from the churches in Virginia. Besides the foregoing, there are numerous societies and groups of Sabbath-keepers, concerning whom it was thought desirable to solicit the bearing of facts. But these have been so fully spread before the denomination, during the past year, in the Minutes of the Associations, and the correspondence of the denominational paper, that it is not deemed necessary to enlarge upon them.

All of which is respectfully submitted. Geo. B. Utter.

The re-committed report of the Committee on James Bailey's essay, was presented in a modified form, and adopted, as follows:

Your Committee on the Essay of Bro. J. Bailey, in relation to the History of the General Conference—report, that after Bro. Bailey had completed his essay, in accordance with the request of the Conference, he consulted with members of the Committee in regard to its correctness and impartiality, to which the Committee is not in the least hesitating in certifying. At that time, the expense of printing the essay would have been about twice as much as before the war, and considerably more than at the present time. In view of this fact, your Committee is not disposed to recommend the publication should not much longer be delayed. They therefore recommend that Eld. Bailey have it published, and that members of the churches purchase copies.

A. B. Burdick, who was last year appointed to attend the meeting of the Warren Baptist Association, reported that he did not attend. On motion, he was re-appointed.

Geo. B. Utter, who was appointed to attend the meeting of the Narragansett Baptist Association, reported that he did not attend. He was re-appointed.

On motion of A. B. Burdick, it was voted, that the time of our next session be the Fourth-day before the second Sabbath in September, 1866, at half-past 10 o'clock A. M.

Thomas S. Greenman called attention to the report of the Conference at the present session, and proposed a re-consideration of the vote adopting them, with a view of modifying the manner of electing officers. The vote was re-considered, and after brief remarks, the Rules were adopted in the form reported by the Committee.

A. Herbert Lewis proceeded to read his essay on "the future prospects of Sabbath observers in the United States." On motion, a copy of the essay was requested for publication in the SABBATH RECORDER.

On motion of Nathan Vars, it was voted, that the members of this Conference tender their thanks to the brethren of Hopkinton and vicinity, for their hospitality during our present session.

It was also voted, that the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the choir for their assistance on the occasion.

The Moderator made a few brief and pertinent remarks, after which prayer was offered by N. V. Hull, the benediction was pronounced by the Moderator, and the Conference adjourned.

D. E. MAXSON, Moderator.

Geo. B. Utter, Clerk.

L. T. ROGERS, Assistant Clerks.

N. K. LEWIS, Do.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

New Market, N. J.—L. C. Rogers, H. H. Baker, I. D. Titworth, Nathan Vars, David Danks, A. S. Tappan, Ellis Dimes, Davidson Clarke.

1st Hopkinton, N. Y.—A. B. Burdick, Nathan Gardner, E. Kenyon, N. V. Hull, Joseph Potter, Paul Babcock, Daniel Babcock, Geo. Irah, P. M. Bates, Wm. Potter, P. S. Berry, O. Langworthy, John M. Barber.

Shiloh, N. J.—W. B. Gillette, Lucius R. Swinney.

Berlin, N. Y.—James L. Green, J. B. Whitford.

Marlborough, N. Y.—W. B. Gillette.

2d Hopkinton, R. I.—S. S. Griswold, N. F. Chapman, George E. Kenyon, A. Langworthy, E. B. Palmer, Benjamin Green, P. Clarke, G. H. Spicer, Samuel Merritt, Jr., Alfred Clarke, B. F. Langworthy, 2d.

Rockville, Ill.—L. M. Cottrell.

Pawcatuck, N. H.—L. V. A. M. Babcock, A. H. Lewis, T. V. Stillman, E. G. Champlin, W. Maxson, J. P. Stillman, Chas. Maxson, Chas. A. Stillman, Jonathan Maxson.

Plainfield, A. J.—James Bailey, A. D. Titworth, D. E. Rogers.

1st Alfred, N. Y.—James Sumnerbell, Amos B. Spaulding, Edgar Clarke.

DeRuyter, J. Y.—Stephen Burdick, Chas. M. Lewis, John Maxson, Barton G. Stillman, Kenyon W. Burdick, Alanson G. Coon.

Adams, N. Y.—Charles Potter.

2d Brookfield, N. Y.—J. M. Todd, Albert Clarke, Ephraim G. Curtis.

West Edmonson, N. Y.—Ephraim Maxson, T. Stillman, Ira J. Ordway.

Watson, N. Y.—James E. N. Backus.

1st Alfred, N. Y.—Nathan Gardner, Wm. Maxson, Thos. Williams.

1st Senese, N. Y.—T. B. Brown, John A. Langworthy, John Edwards.

Friendship, N. Y.—Elisha Hyde, Ethan Lanphear.

Independence, N. Y.—N. E. Drandall.

Scio, N. Y.—G. W. Knapp.

Albion, Wis.—Joshua Clarke, Jesse Saunders.

Rock River, Wis.—L. T. Rogers.

Clifford, Pa.—A. W. Coon, P. C. Kenyon. 1st Verona, N. Y.—Merrill Langworthy. Watford, Conn.—Merrill Langworthy. Greenmanville, Conn.—Geo. Greenman, Wm. E. Maxson, Thos. S. Greenman.

Lincoln, N. Y.—Benjamin Maxson. Lincoln, N. Y.—Joseph S. Rogers, Henry C. Coon.

THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Seventh-day Baptist Missionary Society held its 28th Anniversary with the 1st Church in Hopkinton, R. I., commencing Sept. 7th, 1865.

The Introductory Discourse was preached by Thos. B. Brown, of Genesee, N. Y., from Eph. 2: 12—'Without God in the world.' The sermon aimed to show, that all heathenism was in essence atheism; that this also existed widely among so-called Christian nations, in more specious forms; that it could be met successfully in either case only by a system of religion which exalts God as the supreme Creator, Ruler, and Redeemer; that no system does this which ignores or degrades the Sabbath, which is the great seal of God's creative work; and hence our especial duty, as Seventh-day Baptists, in extending our missionary efforts at home and abroad. It was logical, clear, and conclusive.

After singing by the choir, the Society was called to order by the President, George Greenman, and prayer was offered by I. D. Titworth.

The President then announced the following Committees:

On Nominations—Nathan Saunders, James Sumnerbell, L. T. Rogers.

On Business and Resolutions—T. B. Brown, Nathan Gardner, D. E. Maxson, W. B. Gillette, A. B. Burdick.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer was presented, and referred to the Auditing Committee.

Adjourned until 2 P. M., after prayer by D. E. Maxson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

By request of the President, Vice President S. S. Griswold occupied the Chair.

Prayer was offered by J. E. N. Backus.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was presented, and adopted, as follows:

President—George Greenman, Mystic Bridge, N. Y.

Vice Presidents—A. B. Burdick, Westley, R. I.; S. S. Griswold, Mystic Bridge, Conn.; G. C. Stillman, Watford, Conn.; Charles Maxson, Westley, R. I.; P. L. Berry, Westley, R. I.

Corresponding Secretary—E. G. Champlin, Westley, R. I.

Recording Secretary—A. H. Lewis, Westley, R. I.

Treasurer—Geo. B. Utter, Westley, R. I.

Directors—Wm. L. Clarke, I. D. Titworth, Jonathan Maxson, Thos. V. Stillman, Wm. E. Kenyon.

The Annual Report of the Executive Board was presented, and adopted, as follows:

The report of the Committee on Nominations was presented, and adopted, as follows:

1. Resolved, That the missionary work, both in our own country and in other lands, should be prosecuted with unabated vigor; that any declension of the missionary spirit would be an alarming feature; and if it should become general, our denominational prospects would be dark indeed.

2. Resolved, That it is the duty of this Society to search out some suitable person, or persons, to resume the missionary work in Shanghai as soon as possible.

3. Resolved, That in the opinion of this Society, it is of vital importance that our Sabbath-keeping interests west of the Lakes be fostered and strengthened by the co-operation of all who love the cause; we therefore request the Board to devise and execute such plans as will best secure this end.

4. Resolved, That the foreign missionary work offers to the church the only feasible opportunity for teaching the heathen the knowledge of the true and living God.

5. Resolved, That we commend to the consideration of our Executive Board the further collection and disbursement of funds to aid new and feeble churches in the erection of houses of worship.

6. Resolved, That in view of the enfeebled health of our dear brother, Eld. Thos. E. Baker, let our missionary in Kansas, this Society extend to him, and his family, our love and sympathy, and our best efforts to the liberality of our brethren, as his necessities may demand.

T. B. BROWN, D. E. MAXSON, N. WAXSON, J. M. GILLETTE, A. B. BURDICK, Com.

Adjourned to meet at half-past 7 o'clock, after prayer by J. M. Todd.

EVENING SESSION.

Prayer by O. U. Whitford.

The special order was waived, to listen to a communication from Eld. Solomon Carpenter, relative to the spiritual state of the Church at Shanghai, China, and proposing the following amendment by addition to the fourth article of the Constitution of the Society, viz., "Provided always, that nothing in this article shall be construed as authorizing the Board to interfere upon any of the rights of missionaries as men."

The matter of the proposed amendment was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of N. V. Hull, D. E. Maxson, and Nathan Gardner.

The special order was then taken up. The motion to adopt the first resolution, elicited an extended and interesting discussion, in which brethren Clarke Greenman, Chas. M. Lewis, Walter B. Gillette, Joshua Clarke, James Sumnerbell, Darwin E. Maxson, Nathan Gardner, Isaac D. Titworth, J. Sanford Rogers,

John Maxson, and L. M. Cottrell, took part; after which the resolution was unanimously adopted.

The remainder of the report was then taken up as a whole, and after remarks by O. U. Whitford, Clarke Greenman, Pardon C. Kenyon, A. B. Burdick, James Bailey, Darwin E. Maxson, Thos. R. Williams, A. H. Lewis, Joshua Clarke, and John Maxson, mainly upon the second and sixth items, it was adopted.

Adjourned to the call of the Chair, after singing and benediction.

MORNING SESSION, SEPT. 10TH.

On First-day, Sept. 10th, the Society convened at the call of the President.

Prayer was offered by James Sumnerbell, John Maxson, David Dunn, Joshua Clarke, Charles M. Lewis, D. E. Maxson, Walter B. Gillette, Stephen Burdick, S. S. Griswold, N. V. Hull, Nathan Gardner, A. B. Burdick, and A. H. Lewis, and by vote of 17 to 10, it was laid upon the table.

The following resolution was offered, and upon motion to adopt, remarks were made by John Maxson, W. B. Gillette, A. H. Lewis, A. B. Burdick, A. D. Titworth, S. S. Griswold, Jonathan Maxson, D. E. Maxson, L. M. Cottrell, John Maxson, C. M. Lewis, Thos. R. Williams, after which the resolution was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That we recommend to our Executive Board to extend a call to Bro. O. U. Whitford and wife, and such other persons as it may deem suitable candidates, to become our missionaries in China.

A. H. Lewis was appointed to preach the Introductory Discourse at the next meeting of the Society; Geo. E. Tomlinson, alternate.

The Secretaries were instructed to superintend the publication and distribution of the Minutes.

Adjourned to meet at Alfred Center, N. Y., on Fifth-day before the second Sabbath in September, 1866.

GEORGE GREENMAN, President.

A. H. LEWIS, Rec. Sec'y.

THE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The Seventh-day Baptist Education Society convened for its Tenth Annual Meeting, at Hopkinton, R. I., on Sixth-day, Sept. 8th, 1865, at 10 1/2 o'clock A. M., the President, N. V. Hull, in the Chair.

The session was opened with prayer by A. H. Lewis.

On motion, Thos. R. Williams was appointed Recording Secretary.

On motion, the Chair appointed the following Committees:

On Nominations—S. S. Griswold, J. A. Langworthy, J. M. Todd.

On Resolutions—A. H. Lewis, J. Sumnerbell, W. B. Gillette.

On Accounts—Thos. S. Greenman, Benjamin Maxson, Wm. E. Kenyon.

The Report of the Corresponding Secretary was called for. The Secretary was not present, but had sent a request that his Report be printed without reading before the Society. The portion of the Report coming from the Trustees of Alfred University was read by the Secretary of the Trustees, and then the entire Report of the Corresponding Secretary, was referred to the Executive Board, to decide what portions to print, and what to withhold.

An outline of the History of Education among our people, was presented by Thos. R. Williams, in a satisfactory manner in which he has presented

meet at Alfred, on the First-day following the second Sabbath in September, 1866.

A. B. SPAULDING, President.

J. SUMNER, Sec'y.

CONCLUSION.

A more pleasant and interesting series of meetings than that just closed, has rarely been held among us.

On Second-day, the visitors from abroad, and a large number of the residents of Westerly and Hopkinton, went on an excursion to Watch Hill.

MISSIONS IN INDIA.

Sir Herbert Edwards recently took his seat in committee as vice-president of the English Church Missionary Society.

THE BUTTER TRADE.

The New York Times has unveiled some of the secrets of the butter trade, and shows how a man with \$50 capital to start with, can make such gains as will enable him in a few years to rival the shoddies and petroleumists, and spend the season at Saratoga or Newport in style.

The first place, let him rent a market stand costing, we will suppose, \$150 a year. Next, let him procure one or two good references, which will be quite as available as a bank book of the ready money.

THE FATHER OF PRESIDENT JOHNSON.

Fifty-three years ago the following obituary notice of President Johnson's father (January 10, 1813) appeared in the Raleigh (N. C.) Star.

THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

The Democratic Convention of the State of New York last week nominated the following ticket for the coming election:

for not only has she lost what existed, but also what she might have made had she pursued a rational course; and then it will be years before she will get settled, and back to the regular productive condition which once was hers.

The John Sherman, a new revenue cutter just built for service on Lake Erie, on her trial trip, made 18 knots per hour.

A grand-daughter of Chief Justice Marshall recently applied to the Freedmen's Relief Society in Richmond for food to keep her family from starving.

John Robbins, who has been in the dry goods trade in New York since 1879, died in that city last Tuesday.

About 25 bales of cotton were last week shipped from Alexandria, Va., to New York, by the New York Steamship Company, the first shipped from this section of the country during the past four years.

The Fenian demonstration at St. Louis on Sunday last, on the occasion of the funeral of H. O. McCarthy, second officer of the Brotherhood in America, was the most imposing ever witnessed in that city.

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

In one village in the Delta of the Nile, celebrated for the cultivation of watermelons, the whole of the inhabitants died during the recent prevalence of cholera.

The Cincinnati papers are chronicling the case of a gentleman in that city, largely in debt a few years ago, and who was only recently heard from by his creditors in the shape of good bank checks.

A military commission at St. Louis will soon bring to trial such of the gang of rebel steamboat-burners who destroyed the boats at that place and points below in 1864 as are in the hands of the authorities.

The Government is now throwing upon the market an immense amount of property. It offers three hundred first-class locomotives, a large number of freight cars formerly in use on its military roads.

There are in Washington, D. C., nine colored day schools, whose teachers are supported by tuition fees. There are also 25 free schools supported by the philanthropy of the north, and eight free evening schools voluntarily taught by clerks in the different departments.

THE "STATE PRISONERS."

The following is the latest intelligence from Davis, Clay, and Mitchell, given a dispatch to The Philadelphia Inquirer:

Jeff. Davis has been unable to take his outdoor exercises for several days past, on account of a carbuncle on one of his legs.

There are in Washington, D. C., nine colored day schools, whose teachers are supported by tuition fees. There are also 25 free schools supported by the philanthropy of the north, and eight free evening schools voluntarily taught by clerks in the different departments.

A school of Mining and Practical Geology is to be opened at Harvard College, in close connection with the Lawrence Scientific School.

The position of Third Auditor in the Treasury Department, recently made vacant by the death of the incumbent, will not long remain unfilled for the want of material.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

QUEST FOR THE CHOLERA.

The reports of the mildness of the present visitation of cholera, which were so carefully disseminated some weeks since, have all proved incorrect, and now we are now under a visitation of the epidemic. The usual alarm is experienced—one class of persons accepting its coming as a dispensation to which we must submit, and another class devising modes to mitigate the severity of the visitation, and to cure the disease.

Now the preliminaries; the reputed best speller on each side chosen. "Susan Brown." Out comes a round-eyed little creature, blushing like a penny. Such a little thing—"Moses Jones." Out comes Moses, an awkward fellow, with a shock of red hair, shockingly variegated, surrounding his broad brow. The girls laugh at him; but what he doesn't know in the Elementary, isn't worth knowing.

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ODDS AND ENDS.

The Judge de Paix of Fontainebleau has decided that it is unlawful to set traps in a garden to catch your neighbor's cats, which are in the habit of trespassing, and has awarded 15 fr. damages for fifteen cats immolated. The law of this case is questioned by some of the papers, which recommend the defeated party to appeal to the Court of Cassation. It is admitted that wild cats may be lawfully snared, and how is a trap to distinguish between a wild cat proper and that quasi wild cat which strays from its master's premises? That a house cat is private property and a domestic animal is assumed; but the question is whether it does not forfeit that character by leaving the house.

NATIONAL INK COMPANY.

The large and successful business formerly conducted by W. A. H. Warren, formerly of New York, has been purchased and transferred to the above Company, who are continuing the business, respectively, in accordance with the old established orders in continuance of the old established business. A thorough renovation of the old manufactory has taken place, and facilities very largely extended to suit the largest orders are executed at shortest notice.

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PELLING SCHOOLS.

Have you forgotten them?—when, from all the regions, about they are gathering to the log school house, with the huge fireplace yawning like the main entrance of Avernus.

A CLAM-BAKE.

Here, in a small inclosure, having for one side the wall of an ancient rock, is what seems a pile of a ton or two of sea-weed. It is, however, smoking and fretting like Vesuvius. Little spirals of smoke arise from its sides and summit, and stealing out beneath are brown rivulets fragrant with the mingled odor of sea-weed and clam-juice.

THE OYMO.

The cynic's one who never sees a good quality in a man, and never fails to see a bad. He is the human owl, vigilant in darkness, and blind to light, mousing for vermin, and never seeing noble game.

A HORTICULTURAL PHENOMENON.

Mrs. John Stewart, of Norwich, Conn., communicates the following interesting fact to the Bulletin of that city: "Six years ago this month, I planted three peach stones together in a small wooden box in our garden, that I might know just where to look for them in the spring, if they should come up.

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