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TOO LATE.

What silence we keep year after year
With those who are most near to us and dear;
We live beside each other day by day,
And speak myriad things, but seldom say
The full sweet word that lies just in our reach,
Beneath the commonplace of common speech.

Then out of sight and of reach they go—
These close, familiar friends who loved us so!
And sitting in the shadow they have left,
Alone with homeliness and sore bereft,
We think, with vain regret of some fond word
That once we might have said, and they have heard.

For weak and poor the love that we expressed
Now seems, beside the vast sweet unconfessed;
And slight the deeds we did to those undone,
And small the service spent to treasure won
And undeserved the praise for word and deed,
That could have overflowed the simple need.

This is the cruel cross of life to be
Full fashioned only when the ministry
Of death has been fulfilled, and in place
Of some dear presence is but empty space,
What recollected service can give then
Sweet consolation for the "might have been?"

—The Housekeeper.

WOMEN'S WORK.

We reached Power's Station on Sunday evening, July 5th, at 7:30. Stopped at the home of deacon Yeizer's, where we were treated kindly by his faithful wife, visited the church at night known as Dry Leavell Baptist church of which Rev. G. Watson is pastor. After a [illegible] and [illegible] service we were introduced by deacon Yeizer (pastor Watson being absent) we made an appeal for our work. A collection was afterwards taken for us amounting to $1.50, the following giving 25 cents each; brethren Wm. Rumbage, Calvin Howard, sisters Lottie Howard. We left on Monday morning Lewisport; reaching this point we took stage line for the home of sister Sallie Lewis who seems to be the prime mover for every good work for God, the Baptist and humanity, in the thriving little city of Lewisburg. We were kindly received by sister Lewis and her lovable mother who is untiring in the efforts to make one feel at home. At 8 p. m. we visited the Historic church for many years made so, by it being composed exclusively of women they have now, however, male members awaiting the ordinance of baptism. Here we met a small audience awaiting us, sister Lewis conducted devotional exercises. assisted by the choir, and then introduced the speaker a collection was taken for our work amounting to $1 25. Rev. Hazelwood, the faithful pastor could not remain over to the meeting owing to the serious illness of his wife but gave us 30 cts toward our collection before leaving; the following gave 25 cents each, Mr.. Sallie Smith brother Wm. Harris, sold 3 charts for 30 cents the College Society promised to do their part toward the erection of our dormitory and hope to send sister Lewis as their messenger to Franklin.

We left on Tuesday morning for Hawesville where upon arrival we were met at the station by Miss Warren It was an extremely hot day, we were indeed almost unequal to the task of climbing the hill to our boarding place. We were soon made pleasant in the comfortable home of dear sister Warren whom we were sorry to find away from home on a visit to Evansville. She is indeed one of the most faithful workers we have in that section of the state. At night we visited the church which the Rev. S.P. Locke is the honored pastor, but so few came out owing to there being no service held on Sunday to make announcement, we had no meeting, sold 3 charts for 30 cents. On Wednesday morning we were off for Cloverport, ere we reached the city throngs of people could be seen coming in from every direction to witness the parade of Wallace's show, Stopped with Mrs. Bettie Haynes who is always found in a pleasant mood and is indeed a most affable hostess, deacon Haynes informed us that Rev. Locke upon leaving deemed it useless open the church even as he knew no one would be in attendance on account of the show bidding all good-bye we were off at 9:45 for Bardstown to attend the 33rd annual session of the Central district Association. Reaching Louisville on schedule time, we soon reached the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Steward; how glad we were to get within sight of home, after an absense of quite ten weeks Taking dinner with them we remained until time to leave for Tenth Street station. Accompanied to the train by our beloved president, Mrs. M, E. Steward, we were soon off for historic Bardstown. In company with many ministers, we reached our destinatoh, where we were met by Profs. Hawkins and Jordan, who were acting as escorts to the messengers. We were welcomed at the parsonage by Rev. and Mrs. Keeton, after taking supper with them we were after night service assigned to the home of deacon Lewis Hines, at whose home we were, indeed, most pleasantly entertained. It was indeed interesting to hear deacon Hines relate in a tremulous voice the things incident to the establishment of a Missionary Baptist church at Bardstown, how a few faithful men he in the lead risked their lives, their home, their all; as they stood on guard while the gospel was being preached in their humble place of worship, and how houses were set on fire from one end of the city to the other to excite the people and thus detract their attention from the gospel as preached, One Lord, One Faith and One Baptism; but they stood firm for the faith once delivered to the saints until now (although once Catholicey) a Negro Baptist church has been fully established and the membership so greatly increased that they were able to indeed handsomely entertain the Association. God be praised! Grant that dear brother Keeton and his faithful wife who are laboring heart and hand together in the Master's vineyard at this place may he live long to do much more good for God and the denomination. We were indeed glad to learn through deacon Charles Allen this fact that through the unswerving leadership of Rev. Keeton they had been able to cancel a debt of seven hundred ($700 00) dollars an old debt not of his making. A side from keeping up our rent expenses. Let us as Baptist unite in one prayer that even a greater work for the Master may yet be done in Bardstown as well as throughout the world, for the harvest is ripe and the labores are few. We visited and enjoyed each session of the association, on Friday afternoon on motion of Rev, W. H. Craighead we were introduced, at the conclusion of the afternoon session and made a strong plea for the Baptist Women's Educational Convention, urging the proposed building of a young men's dormitory and soliciting means for our building fund. Two other collections had been taken previous to our introduction yet we succeeded in raising the handsome sum of $8.00, the following named persons contributing; 50 cents Drs. C. H. Parrish, J. H. Frank, and E. B. Milton; those contributing 25 cents, Drs. D. A. Gaddie, C. L. Purce C. C. Bates. R. Reynolds, E. P. Marrs. Revs. G. F. Watson, G. W. Floyd E. T. Offutt, F. Generals, George W. Russell, C. J. Murphy, H, W. Jones, E. W. Reed Wm. H. Craighead, S. Mack, W. B. Hall, G. W. Hampton, Wm. Brown, H. A. Keeton, Prof. W. C. Jordan, brothers R. House and Charles Allen, sisters Sallie Alsup, Martha Duncan and Bettie Duncan. Sold 10 charts for $1.00. Asking the prayers of all. We remain yours in His service.

L. M. JACKSON.

WOMEN'S WORK.

Mrs. L. M. Jackson will fill the following appointments in the interest of the Baptist Women's Educational Convention:

Eminence	August	1-2
Pleasureridge	"	3
Christiansburg	"	4
Bag Dad	"	5
Frankfort	"	6-7
Midway	"	8-9
Zion Hill	"	10
Georgetown	"	11
Danville	"	12 16
Atoka	"	17
Harrodsburg	"	18
Perryville	"	19
Lebanon	"	20
Greenburg	"	21
Campbellsville	"	22
Junction City	"	24
Somerset	"	25
Stanford	"	26
Lancaster	"	27
Paint Lick	"	28
Kirksville	"	29-30
Paytontown	Sept.	1
Richmond	"	2
Berea	"	3
New Liberty	"	4
Goodloe	"	5
Otter Creek	"	6
Winchester	"	7-9
Lexington	"	10-12

Pastors and Presidents of University Societies are requested to make suitable announcements of these appointments and meet our representative on her arrival and make provision for her entertainment. By order of the Board of Managers;

LIZZIE C. CRITTENDON, Chairman.
LUCY FLINT, Sec'y.

THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

Splendid Session in Danville, Ky.

The General Association of Colored Baptist of Kentucky assembled in the handsome edifice of the First Baptist church at Danville, Ky., Wednesday, August 12th at 10 o'clock a. m., in its 35 annual session. There was a good attendance and the meeting was full of interest from the opening to the close. Promptly at 10 o'clock a. m. the Moderator, Rev. J. H. Frank, D. D., called the Association to order and read Rom. 8. Rev. E. P. Marrs, D. D., offered prayer. Devotional exercises conducted for an half hour in which Rev. H. Admos Rev. P. H. Kennedy and Rev. W. E. Glover assisted. The session was declared opened and the following committees appointed.

CREDENTIALS.

H. Nutter, H. D Colerane, H. A. Keeton, C. C. Wakefield, W. H. Williams, H B. Webster.

FINANCE.

J, C. Cross, H. C. Baker. J. W. Clark, W. D. Thompson. L. Willis.

Mr. Chas. Stewart was appointed official stenographer and Revs. N. Caldwell and G. F. Watson, Marsuals The morning hour was consumed in reading church letters. Adjourned with benediction by Rev. E. Douglass.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Revs. W. L. Brents and F. Generals and bro. W. B. Ferguson conducted the opening exercises. After the reading of the minutes the reading of church letters was continued until the hour of adjournment when the benediction was pronounced by Rev. E. W. Hawthrone, D. D.

EVENING SESSION.

An audience testing the capacity of the church assembled, to hear the introductory sermon and long before the hour for opening songs and prayers were heard. The addresses of welcome were delivered at this service by Mrs. M. L. Doneghy and Rev. J. E. Wood and they were gems both in composition and delivery—while the response by Rev. E. T. Fishback was equal to the occasion. The choir of the church sang an anthem and Rev. C. P. M. Bigbee, D. D. offered prayer preceding the splendid introductory sermon Rev. I. Fulier, who read as text Matt. 3:3 "Prepare ye the way of the Lord and make his path straight." A collection of $15 53 was received and the benediction pronounced by Rev. A. W. Harris.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

The Association opened Thursday morning with a larger attendance of messengers than on the opening day and Moderator Frank sounded the gavel promptly at 9;30 o'clock. Devotional services were conducted by Revs. G. B, Miller and H. Patterson. After reading of minutes the reading of letters was resumed until the letter from the new Baptist Women's Convention was reached. This brought on the discussion which had been anticipated from the opening of the session. The point of order was raised in regard to the enrollment of life and annual members, when the Moderator decided to delay or defer their enrollment was a violation of section 111 of the Constitution. The discussion was quite animated as the decision was not approved by a majority of the messengers. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. L. T. Buckler.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Moderator Frank presided and Revs. G. F. Watson and C. C. Bates conducted the devotional services. After the reading of the minutes the Committee on Credentials submittted its report, but before its adoption the order of the day was announced and Rev. C. L. Purce, D. D. made an admirable address concerning State University and received a collection of $80.85. Adjourned with benediction by Rev. T. C. Byrd.

EVENING SESSION.

Revs. J. W. Thomas and W. B. Hall conducted devotional exercises. Rev. J. E. Wood Assistant Moderator introduced Rev. W. H. McRidley, D. D., who preached an able and scholary Educational sermon from Eccle. 7:12 "For wisdom is a defence, and money is a defense, but the excellency of is, that wisdom giveth life to them that have it." The speaker was requested to have the sermon printed with the approval of the Association. The collection was continued for State University by Dr. C. L. Purce and $39.36 was added to the amount raised in the afternoon making $130.21 for that cause. Miss Nannie H. Burroughs made an enthusiastic address on Women's Work and received a collection of $6.90 for the Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention. Adjourned with benediction by Rev. I. Salles.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met at 9 o'clock this morning with Moderator Frank in the chair. Revs. E. D, W. Brown and John Moore conducted an enjoyable service of song and prayer. The minutes were read and approved as usual and additional church letters were read. Quite an animated discussion followed a motion to approve the report of the Committee on Credentials eliminating the life and annual members there from. This proposition was met with strong opposition and the Moderator ruled again on a point of order by Rev. E. W. Reed that it was violation of Sec 111 of the Constitution. From this Rev. R. H. C. Mitchell appealed and while this was being considered Rev. W. H. McRidley, D. D., was introduced made a fine address and received $33 75 for the Cadiz Normal and Theological College. Adjourned with benediction by Rev. J. F. Adams.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order promptly at 2 o'clock by Moderator, Frank, but there were many vacant seats while the devotions were being conducted by Revs. P. M. Young, J. Fisher and W. B. Wood. The reading of the minutes and new church letters were completed before the seats were well filled. The appeal made at the morning session which was postponed by an order of the day was taken up and the Association by a large vote refused to sustain Moderator Frank, who vacated the chair and refused to preside longer. Assistant Modertor, Hawkins was called to the chair who on account of illness declined to serve and called upon Assistant Moderator Wood to serve. The order of the day having arrived Mrs. Mamie E. Steward, Mrs. Lizzie Bates and Mrs. Lulu Jackson representing the Baptist Women's Educational Convention were introduced and presented the greeting of the body Their addresses were particularly touching and impressive and a collection of $31.65 was given them. This was followed by a thoughtful address by Rev. E. William representing the M. and F. College, Hopkinsville who received a collection of $7.05 and then came Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D., in one of the most enthusiastic speeches of the day and received $17.60 for Eckstein Norton University

A committee consisting of Revs. S. E Smith, H. W. Jones and C. Smothers were appointed to tender the unanimous request of the Association to Rev. J. H. Frank, D. D., to resume his position as Moderator.

EVENING SESSION.

The association met at 7:30 with Assistant Moderator Wood in chair. One of the most impressive Foreign Mission meetings was held by Rev. L. G. Jordad, D. D., Foreign Mission Secretary with two native African preachers, before the regular service. A collection of $23.47 was taken. Rev. T. H. Mack preached the Missionary sermon from Text 2 Cor 8:18. "And we have sent with him, the brother whose praise is in the gospel throughout all the churches," At the close of the session Rev. W. W. Wheeler offered prayer and Rev. P.H. Kennedy, DD General Missionary presented the claims of State Missions and collected $25.45. Even after hearing these addresses the audiwas willing to hear Rev Wm Becham, D. D. Field Secretary, of the National Baptist Publishing Board who made a wonderful address which was listened to with unusual interest. He also received a collection.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association was slow assembling Saturday morning as all the messengers seemed anxious to avoid the trouble which the proceedings of yesterday seemed to indicate and were trying to find a way out of the dilema. Hence groups here and there were around the church discussing the situation. Strange to say this session was opened without a prayer and sung fervently the old familiar hymn "Once more we meet to pray." Letters from new churches were read and referre. The regular standing committees were appointed and the corresponing messengers were introduced. The numbers was larger than usual and all delivered short and interesting correspondence. Two more schools were remembered at this session when Rev. T. M. Faulkner received $11.42 for the London Academy and prof. W. H. Parker received $8.10 for the Normal and Industrial Institute at Beattyville.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Ass't Mod., Wood, presided and Revs. S. E. Smith and W. J. M. Price conducted devotional exercises. A collection of $10.44 was raised for the widow of Rev. Isaac Slaughter who was present as the guest of the association. The entire afternoon was spent in consideration of the Report of the Executive Board which was read by Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D, its chairman It contained a number of new suggestion. few of which were approved. The most interesting feature of the report was that referring to the Baptist Women's Missionary Convention which was earnestly and seriously discussed until the hour of adjournment.

EVENING SESSION.

Assistant Moderator Wood presided and Rev. J. B. Anderson offerred prayer. By unanimous consent the matter of the Baptist Women's Missionary Convention on motion of Rev. G. W. Ward was referred to a special committee, to be composed of three members selected by each of the Women's Boards and one by the General Association. The report of the Executive Board was then approved as amended. Dr. D. A. Gaddie was selected as the member of the committee to represent the General Association.

The annual report of the Board of Trustees of State University was read and approved.

By unanimous consent the rule was suspended and the officers re-elected as follows: Moderator Rev. John H. Frank, D. D.; Assistant Moderators, Revs. J. W. Hawkins, D. D., and J, E. Wood; Secretary Wm. H. Steward; Corresponding Secretary Rev. P. H. Kennedy, D. D.; Treasurer Rev. E. P. Marrs, D. D. The members of the Executive Board and Board of Trustees were also re-elected.

The Committee on Divine services submitted its report,

Rev. E. P. Marrs, D. D., Treasurer, submitted his report showing receipts $2,140.27. Expended $2,136.58 and a balance of $3.69 which was approved.

On motion of Rev. J. H. Perdue it was ordered as the sense of the Association that the resolution eliminating life & annual members yesterday was intended in no way to reflect upon their character or integrity. It was agreed to meet next year with the Broadway Baptist church, Winchester and the Association adjourned.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Services were to-day in all the churches and at the Court House. At the First Baptist church Revs. D A. Gaddie D. D., S. E. Smith D. D., J. B. Anderson and C. Smothers, D. D., preached

At the close of the evening services the Association was called to order.

Committee on Annual Sermons recommended the appointments as follows: Introductory sermon, H. Nutter, and J. B. Miller; Educational Sermon, S. E. Smith and J. C. K. Mooreland; Missionary Sermon, R. Reynolds and W. R. Richardson; Doctrinal Sermon J. Johnson and H. D. Carpenter: Memorial sermon C. H. Parrish and P. H. Clark, which was approved.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted its report which was amended and approved.

Rev. J. H, Purdue, S. E. Smith, E. W Reed and the officers of the Association were appointed to ascertain the amounts designated for different causes and apportion it accordingly. Adjourned with benediction by the Moderator

New Era Institutes.

I will conduct a New Era Institute at Sharpsburg August 26, 27 and 28

Ministers pastors and Christian workers in this vicinities are cordially requested to be present and help make the meeting a success.

R. S. BUTLER.

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ASSOCIATIONAL NOTES

No crowing.

Dark horses had a poor show.

The rules may be suspended hereafter.

Assistant Moderator Wood made fine point on the effect of the "Previous Question."

Paracamph wasn't needed but it was due entirely to providential reasons.

The gavel was thrown down but it was taken up again.

Who can tell what a day will bring Forth?

Danville broke the record in collections last week and if indications mean anything there are better times ahead for all the educational enterprises.

Everytime you turned around a paper was handed to you. There were 11 Baptist newspaper-men in attendance and still they come.

Some one has said that Rev. J. W. Clark of Owensboro has learned to sit as gracefully on the floor as on a chair.

"We ain't trying to get to heaven now we are fighting."

$1,581.21 was a handsome sum to be raised under the circumstances.

Some said they would and some say they would'nt but were disappointed

The forces were well lined up but the majority could not act as it expected because the minority were in the saddle.

Revs. J. K. Polk, D. D., and R. Quarles left the Association under peculiar circumstances and in a hurry. Ask them for particulars.

The church was crowded at every afternoon session.

The Association closed its session without the parting hand being given.

More annual members were enrolled at this session than has been admitted to the Association in the past twenty years.

For the first time in the history of the Association members were denied the right to appeal from the decision of the chair by Assistant Moderator Wood

There were several "new things under the sun" at Danville during the Association.

The telegraph and telephone messages came and went in quick succession in time of need.

"All is well that ends well.

There seems to have been some sharp political practice in the Association by some brethren who have never been suspected of such a thing.

"All things comes to him, who waits.

UNIVERSITY NOTES.

School will open Tuesday, September the First.

Let every pupil be present the first day

There will be several new teachers.

The Faculty is a strong one.

We will have a good school at the beginning.

The yards and buildings are being put in order for the opening.