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we do not suppose that the interests of the two papers will at all come in conflict. The enterprise has our very best wishes for its complete success.

PROSPECTUS

OF

The Christian Magazine.

It is proposed, in accordance with arrangements made by ministers and brethren, convened at the late session of the General Association of Baptists of East Tennessee, to publish at Knoxville, under the above title, a monthly periodical devoted primarily to the interests of the denomination in this division of the State.

The labors of the Rev. H. Sears, pastor of the Church in Knoxville, have been secured as Editor, assisted by the Revs. Wm. Cate, of Jonesboro', and Rev. J. Scruggs, of Madisonville, as Corresponding Editors.

The want of such a medium of communication among the Churches of East Tennessee has been long felt; while the importance of a more general diffusion of religious knowledge, thus secured, cannot fail to recommend itself to the judgment of every one.

In advocating the cause of a pure, Bible Christianity, as presented to the world in a spiritual church, with Gospel ordinances, and an enlightened evangelical ministry, an endeavor will constantly be made to exemplify the loveliness of its spirit by *speaking the truth in love*.

The interests of Sabbath Schools, Education, and other kindred objects, will not be overlooked; and while, to a certain extent, it will be the advocate of distinctive principles in religion, we trust that the general character of the work will be such as to render it instructive and entertaining to the common reader, and to Christians of every name.

The work will be published monthly, in octavo form, and each number will contain 24 pages of reading matter, enveloped in a colored cover. It will be printed in a neat style, on paper of good quality; and will in its typographical appearance be in all respects a periodical creditable to the denomination and we trust satisfactory to its subscribers.

The subscription price will be \$1 a year, payable invariably in advance, or before the publication of the second number of each volume. All subscriptions to commence with the volume, and none received for a less term than one year. These conditions must be scrupulously complied with, in order that the work may be afforded at the low rate specified.

All letters in relation to the "Magazine," or on business connected with it, should be *post paid*.

It is desirable that the friends of the enterprise should exert themselves in obtaining subscribers, and send their names at once. The work will be commenced as soon as 1,600 subscribers are secured, and it is believed that by proper efforts these may be had by or before the 1st of January, 1847.

All Ministers of the denomination and Clerks of its Associations are requested to act as Agents.

Letters may be addressed to Rev. H. Sears, Knoxville, Tenn.

A DISCOVERY.

We have discovered another Association in Tennessee, never before heard of—by us. We fished it out of the Florence Enquire, a country newspaper, a copy of which fell by accident into our hands. The title page reads thus—"Minutes of the THIRD SESSION of the BETHLEHEM Association of Free Will Baptists." What they mean by Free Will Baptists we do not know. This body has seven Churches, one hundred and fourteen members, how many ministers we are not informed—baptised 20, received by letter, and by examination, 12, restored 2, making an increase of 32; dismissed by letter 4, excluded 2, dead 1, making a diminution of 7: and a nett addition of 24 members. That our readers may see how the Bethlehem Association does things, we will present the whole of the minutes. Here they are:

The Association convened at Deep Spring Meeting-house, and the Delegates unanimously took their seats. After praise and prayer, they proceeded to the transaction of business.

1. Letters from seven Churches were read and the names of their Messengers enrolled.

2. Carlisle C. Vandivere was chosen Moderator, and John Minton, Clerk.

3. Called for Partitionary Letters—received one.

4. Chose a Select Committee, viz: Nicholas Welch, John Turnedy, James Rose, Elisha Vandivere, G. H. Vandivere, John Kyle, with the Moderator and Clerk, to arrange the unfinished business, and to report on Monday at 9 o'clock.

Met on Monday Morning according to adjournment.

The Committee and Delegates convened and took their seats, and after praise and prayer—

1. The Committee was called on to make their report, which was read, received, and the Committee discharged.

2. Called for corresponding letters and received none.

3. The system of union was called for, read and received.

4. Resolved, That the correspondence with the Mount Mariah Association be deferred until further information.

5. This Association advises the different Churches in her union to use their utmost influence to promote the young gifts.

6. Resolved, That the Churches be requested to send a contribution by their respective Delegates to get the Minutes printed for 1847.

7. Resolved, That the next Association be held at Brush Creek Church, Lawrence county, Tenn., commencing on Friday before the second Lord's day in September 1847.

8. Resolved, That brothers J. Minton and Nicholas Welch superintend the arrangement of the Minutes for 1846.

9. *Resolved*, That this Association commemorate the death and suffering of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, at their next Association.

10. *Resolved*, That there be a Protracted Meeting held at Silent Grove meeting-house, Wayne county, Tennessee, commencing on Friday before the third Lord's day in July 1847, and that the ministers and brethren be invited.

11. *Resolved*, That any brother be at liberty to prepare a circular letter, and bring up to the next Association for examination.

12. Adjourned until the time of our next meeting.

Signed by the Moderator and tested by the Clerk.

CARLISLE VANDIVERE, *Mod.*

JOHN MINTON, *Clerk.*

We wish they had published that "System of Union." We should like to see it.

INDIAN MISSIONS.

"Lo! the poor Indian whose untutored mind
Sees God in clouds, and hears him in the wind."

It will be seen, by reference to the minutes of the General Association, that a resolution was passed, to unite with the Convention of East Tennessee, in supporting one mission family in the Indian Territory. In carrying out this resolution the subject of Indian Missions, will be brought more directly home to the active benevolence of the Christians of Tennessee. I say *active*, for a great many profess to have much, that is always kept on hand as a sort of capital stock, never to be drawn upon.

Let there be no murmuring, because a new channel of benevolence is opened, to call for and convey your alms to water and fertilize the moral wastes of our land, and country. No; "Let us rejoice rather, and bless God" as Bro. Kimbrough said upon this subject in the Association, that "he has opened new channels for us to *bless ourselves*, in filling to the overflow, if required." This is the genuine spirit of the gospel: the feeling that animated the Lamb of God, and caused him to sacrifice all things, and give himself for us and a lost world.

He who gives, is *thrice* blessed; he who receives but once: He is blessed of God, blessed by the receiver, and approved of by his own conscience, and every feeling of his humanity. Let us then, brethren, come up to this work with cheerful hearts, and liberal hands, and secure to ourselves and our churches the blessings of Almighty God. If you wish to become deeply interested in the mission, pledge yourself to support one of the native Preachers in

the field, requiring the sum of \$100, or if you do not feel able to do so much, that you will supply him with plain clothes, to wear out in preaching the good news of salvation to his dying race. And who could not do this? If *this* seems too much; pledge yourself to find him in socks and shoes, these are needed as much as so many dollars. I say do *any of these*, and you will be *immediately interested*, and if interested you will be anxious to hear.

Now I believe, hundreds and thousands of Tennessee Baptists are coming up to this great and glorious work of Indian amelioration and reform, and they will be looking to the pages of the Baptist for information upon this subject, and to learn the blessed results attending their alms and donations. We have concluded to devote one or two columns of the "Baptist" to the department of Indian Missions. Brethren write upon this subject. Speak out your feelings, and Christian sympathies. The expression of your sentiments, may cause a hundred bosoms to open, and a hundred hearts to expand towards the poor Indian:

J. R. G.

HENRY SKIGGETT.

The Indian bearing this name is a converted Stockbridge; and is doubly useful as a missionary, from the fact that he can preach to the Stockbridges and Delawares.

When the Agent of the I. M. A. visited Nashville last winter, the first and second Churches united in the formation of an auxiliary society, which has already contributed something like \$75 to the funds of the parent society. He remarked in the course of his address at the 2nd Church that there was an Indian preacher, by the name of Skiggett, one of the most useful missionaries in the field, who was so destitute of clothes, that he was entirely unfitted for the discharge of his duties. The Brethren and Sisters consulted together and resolved to furnish him in clothes, in part at least for the coming year. That our people may become better acquainted with Bro. S. we subjoin the following letter from his own pen, which informs us that he is again in the field.

From the Indian Advocate.

NEAR FT. LEAVENWORTH, Indian Ter. }
February 3d, 1846. }

Dear Brother:—It has been a long time since I wrote to you, and the reason that I now write is only for the purpose of letting you know that I am in the field, trying to labor to promote the Kingdom of my Redeemer among my red people.