

permission to any and all who had a word of praise for his *Master*. The various brethren took part—Rev. John A. Smith, Bros. Benjamin David, T. Crawley, John Williams, T. Langford, J. Flint, E. Flint, C. Roane, D. Goffigan and Alfred Jenkins, all of whom spoke well regarding God's blessing to them.

At 11 A. M. Rev. Edward Dixon preached the introductory sermon, from Jeremiah xii., 5—"Then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?" At the close of the sermon, a Service of Song was commenced, which lasted for half an hour, when were sung some of those soul-stirring hymns, which arouse the spiritual feeling and animate the silent life of those that are cold and luke-warm, such as, "What a friend we have in Jesus," "Come, 'Thou fount of every blessing," "Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb." Thus, when adversity has dried up the springs of earthly comfort and hope, God's great streams of salvation and love flow freshest and fullest, to gladden the hearts of His redeemed ones!

Collection taken, \$5.23.

Adjourned; prayer and Benediction from the Moderator.

Afternoon Session.

2.30 P. M., Session opened by singing hymn 1068, "Blest be the tie that binds." Prayer offered by Bro. William Johnson.

Minutes of previous Session read and approved.

Letters from the several Churches of the Association were then read.

Invitations from the Cornwallis and Third Preston Churches were extended to hold the Association (D. V.) in 1882. This caused a spirited discussion, and after due deliberation, the vote was taken, and resulted in favor of the Third Preston Church.

In consequence of Rev. Wilton R. Boone severing his connection with this Association, he having been appointed last year to write the Circular Letter, we were without one this year. The Secretary having in his possession a paper based on the educational progress of the race in the United States, promised to insert, in lieu of the Circular Letter, portions of it that would be interesting and valuable to all.