

This very interesting discourse was requested by the Association for insertion in the *Christian Visitor*.

The following Report of the Committee on New Churches, was then adopted :

The Committee on New Churches beg leave to report—That they have had under consideration the application of the brethren at Blissfield to be received into the Western Association, to be known as the "New Salem Baptist Church," be complied with.

Also, the application of the Woodstock colored Church, represented by their pastor, J. D. Eatman. This Committee also recommend that they be received into the Western Association, to be known as the "Woodstock Colored Church."

And they also recommend, that the Upper Queensbury Church be received into the Western Association.

H. A. CHARLTON, *Chairman*.

The hand of fellowship was given to the brethren representing these Churches.

Adjourned, after prayer by Rev. J. G. Harvey.

Afternoon Session, June 24th, 1874.

Prayer by Rev. Henry Hanes.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

The Committee on the Circular Letter, presented the following Report, which was adopted :

Your Committee beg leave to report—That they have examined the letter written by Brother Manning, and recommend that it be read before the Association, and printed in the Minutes and *Christian Visitor*.

GEO. SEELY,
A. ESTABROOKS, } *Committee*.

The Letter was then read and adopted, as the Circular Letter to the Churches.

The following Report on Special Business was then received and adopted :

Your Committee think that the matter relating to the ordination of Rev. Henry Hanes should have been investigated by a council from neighboring Churches; but, whereas circumstances seem not to admit of it, therefore we recommend that the ordination be regarded as *valid*, and that he be recognized as in full fellowship with this body.

In regard to the question in the letter from one of the Churches, your Committee think it is not within the province of the Association to legislate for the Churches, and regard the New Testament as the only rule of faith and practice; and whereas, the gospel does not sanction any evil, your Committee recommend that proper gospel discipline be enforced in every case of disorderly walk or breach of covenant engagement.

W. A. COLEMAN, *Chairman*.

Report spoken to by Revs. W. A. Coleman, W. B. Boggs, Goodspeed, and Charlton, and Brethren Estey and Duval.

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