

Athens, May 24th, 1830.

At a large meeting of the Citizens of Athens, held agreeably to previous notice, in the Presbyterian Church, for the purpose of making an effort to have a copy of the Bible placed in every family in the twenty-one Northern counties of this state; Major A. WALKER was called to the Chair, and B. B. HOPKINS appointed Secretary.

After an appropriate prayer by the Rev. Mr. Shannon, the Chairman stated the object for which the meeting had been called—when the following resolutions were proposed and unanimously adopted, viz :

1st. *Resolved*, That this meeting highly approve of the efforts that are now making to supply every destitute family in the United States, with a copy of the word of God.

2d. *Resolved*, That in humble dependence on Divine aid, we pledge ourselves, with the co-operation of the counties, to use our best endeavors to have a copy of the scriptures placed in every destitute family within the following twenty-one counties of this state, before the 1st Jan. 1831, viz : Rabun, Habersham, Franklin, Elbert, Oglethorpe, Madison, Jackson, Hall, Gwinnett, Walton, Clark, Morgan, Newton, Henry, Fayette, DeKalb, Carroll, Campbell, Coweta, Troup and Meriwether.

3d. *Resolved*, That a Committee of fifteen gentlemen, together with the Clergymen of the town, be appointed to carry into effect the object of the preceding resolution, and that they be authorized to adopt such measures as they may deem expedient and necessary to accomplish this highly important work—any seven of whom shall constitute a quorum for business. That Committee shall consist of the following persons, viz : Judge Clayton, Major Walker, Asbury Hull, Dr. Nesbit, Stephen Borders, William Dearing, Daniel Grant, John Nesbit, William Lumpkin, Dr. Hull, J. Hillyer, Professor Jackson, William L. Mitchell, E. L. Newton, and B. B. Hopkins.

The above resolutions offered by the Rev. Mr. Andrew, Charles Dougherty, Esq. and the Rev. Mr. Talmage, and seconded by Mr. William L. Mitchell, Professor Shannon, and the Rev. Mr. Church, were ably supported by an eloquent and impressive address from each.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the minutes of this meeting be signed by the Chairman and Secretary, and published.

ABRAHAM WALKER, *Chairman*.

B. B. HOPKINS, *Secretary*.