

MINUTES

OF THE

SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

—OF—

Wiseman Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH—

**Dixon's Creek Church, Trousdale County, Tennessee,
September 20, 21, 22, 1893.**

OFFICERS.

W. M. S. WILKES, Moderator.

B. R. HAWKINS, Clerk.

J. S. PARDUE, Treasurer.

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FIRST DAY.

The messengers composing Wiseman Association met with the church at Dixon's Creek, Trousdale county, Tenn. After singing by the congregation, Brother J. S. Pardue read 3d chapter of Corinthians, and prayer by Bro. J. F. Lambert. Bro. Pardue then proceeded to preach the annual sermon from Gen. xv: 12-13. After the sermon the former moderator called the body to order.

Brethren J. W. Wiseman and J. W. Dorris were appointed to read letters from the churches, and messengers reported as follows: Cedar Bluff, Daley White, Wm. White. Corum's Hill, J. H. Williams, J. H. Coram. Dixon's Creek, J. W. Massey, J. W. Dillehay, W. S. Oldham. Friendship, R. G. Hawkins, T. A. Bass, B. R. Hawkins. Good Will, H. Harper, J. P. Lee, J. W. Harper. Hartsville, J. P. Lee, Mat Martin, S. Martin. Hillsdale, J. A. Parker, W. J. Cothron, J. F. McLard. Hopewell, W. M. S. Wilkes, J. S. Pardue. Independence, no intelligence. Lafayette, W. M. Gammon, J. W. Dixon. Meadowville, J. A. Covington. Mt. Olivet, J. R. Newman, J. W. Wiseman. New Harmony, R. W. Mason, G. Fuquay, J. W. Hughes. Pleasant Grove, C. N. Simmons, J. F. Lambert. Rock Ridge, J. W. Dorris. Shady Grove, Caleb Reid, B. Reid, D. S. Reid, Silcam, J. D. Robinson. Zion, J. D. Robertson.

ORGANIZATION.

The body was then organized by electing W. M. S. Wilkes Moderator and B. R. Hawkins Clerk.

Petitionary letters were called for and the following churches and messengers responded: Rocky Mound, S. S. Reagan, P. A. Meador, H. W. Barbee. Spring Creek, S. S. M. Blankinship. After reading letters

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of petition it appearing that these churches were orthodox, they were received by moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the Association and the messengers were invited to seats in the body.

Letters from corresponding associations called for. Barren River, no letter, I. N. Ivans, messenger. New Salem, W. H. Smith, Jas. Piper, T. Maxey, H. C. Gammons. Enon, J. J. Dilehay, J. L. Talmon, W. R. Cothron, I. Gammons, J. J. Chambers, M. B. Ramsey. All visiting brethren were invited to seats with the body.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees: Order of business, J. F. Lambert, J. P. Lee, R. W. Mason. Orphan's Home, C. N. Cimmons, J. Parker, J. Robinson. Finance, Daley White, W. N. Gammons, Sanders Reid. Sabbath Schools, M. Martin, J. W. Wiseman, G. Fuqua. Religious Literature, W. H. Smith, A. B. Cabmess, W. H. Massey. Associational Missions, Executive Board. Home Missions, J. P. Lee, J. J. Dyer, J. D. Robertson. Foreign Missions, J. L. Talmon, I. N. Ivans, S. Martin. State Missions, J. A. Stone, D. S. Reid, J. F. Lambert. Education, J. S. Pardue, J. R. Newman, John Lee. Correspondence, W. J. Cothron, J. F. McLard, J. W. Harper. State of Religion, S. M. Blankenship, P. A. Meador, H. W. Barbee. Temperance, R. G. Hawkins, T. A. Bass, H. C. Gammon. Resolutions, A. B. Cabiness, Tom Maxey, John Lee.

Report of committee on order of business: 1st. Education; State of Religion; Religious Literature; Associational Missions; State Mission; Home Missions; Foreign Missions; Temperance; Orphan's Home; Finance; Sabbath Schools; Correspondence; Resolutions; New Business.

Report of committee on divine worship: Bro. W. H. Smith at this place to-night. Bro. A. B. Cabiness to-morrow. Bro. Dilehay at Good Will to-night. Session adjourned by prayer by Bro. Wilkes to meet to-morrow at 8 o'clock a. m.

SECOND DAY:

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator read from Psalm 84th, and Bro. Folk led in prayer. Roll called and quorum found present. Rules of decorum read. Brothers Anderson and Polk were invited to seats in the body, and Moderator authorized to invite all visiting brethren from time to time as they may come in. Bro. J. S. Pardue was appointed Treasurer of the Association. The body then agreed that the order of business be so changed to best suit the convenience of the different committees.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Report of committee on Associational Missions; Work done by Bro. Pardue, \$24.00; received payment \$5.00; balance due \$19.00. Work

done by Bro. Lambert, \$12.00; received paym at \$3.00; balance due \$9.00. \$8.00 and \$19.00 are \$28.00 due the brethren for work. Brethren, we recommend Mt. Olivet as No. 1, Pleasant Grove as No. 2, and Lafayette as No. 3, as important destitutions claiming your special attention, and we do hereby unite in asking the Association to pray have us as a board excused unless we be furnished with means with which to operate.

J. S. PARDUE, J. F. LAMBERT, G. FUQUA, B. R. HAWKINS.

Report discussed by Brethren Pardue, Lambert, Talmon and others, and adopted by striking out the clause requesting the release of present board. Brethren, Tom Duffer and S. S. Resgan were added to the board.

Motion to limit speeches to five minutes except chairmen of committees, and they be allowed ten minutes.

STATE MISSIONS.

Report of the committee on State Missions: This year forty missionaries have been at work. Forty special points have been occupied. Much general work has also been done. Five houses of worship have been completed, two repaired and eight are being built. Last year there was one thousand additions to these mission churches; this year there has not been so many. But we are glad to know that nearly all the points have enjoyed precious revivals and large ingatherings. The destitutions are still great, both in the country, villages and towns. If the means were at hand all these destitute places in a short time could be made to blossom as the rose. Now brethren, let us give it our hearty co-operation.

J. B. STONE, Chairman.

Report discussed at length by Brother J. H. Anderson, and collection taken—cash \$18.45, pledges \$12.00.

The hour for preaching having arrived, the body adjourned for preaching by Bro. A. B. Cabiness. Text, 28th chap. Matt. After preaching the Association adjourned until 5 o'clock this evening. Bro. Folk made a talk for the Baptist and Reflector and Orphan's Home.

A quilt that was made by Sister S. J. Anglea, of Siloam church, was sold at auction, the proceeds to be given to missions and then the quilt to go to the Orphan's Home. The quilt brought \$9.25.

AFTERNOON SESSION—5 o'clock.

After singing and prayer by Bro. Davis, the regular order of business was resumed.

EDUCATION.

Report of Committee on Education: To have a sound mind in a sound body is one of God's greatest blessings. These minds are talents committed in trust to each of us. Progress and development are going on everywhere. The age in which we live and the God who made us de-

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mand the best service of which we are capable. Next to the grace of God in our hearts, the cultivation of the intellect is most important. Facilities are plentiful. We have good Baptist schools easy of access to all our young. Any one who has an ambition to glorify God and live in the hearts of those that come after them, if they only will, can have the best of opportunities for acquiring a christian education in Boscobel College or Mary Sharpe, for girls, and the Universities at Jackson and Bethel College, for boys. Also Louisville Theological Seminary for preachers.

J. S. PARDUE, Chairman.
Discussed by Brethren Smith, Dyer and others, and adopted.

HOME MISSIONS.

Report of committee on Home Missions: We consider Home Missions the greatest of all missions. As all nations are attracted to this country, so by home missions we can reach them. As on the Day of Pentecost, where there were gathered together people from every nation. We would beg the brethren to give liberally to this cause. Christ said "Go into all the world," but begin at Jerusalem. So let us be about the great work, that through home missions the gospel may reach the uttermost parts of the earth.

J. J. DYER, Chairman.
Discussed by brethren Dyer, Smith and others, and adopted.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Report of committee on Religious Literature: In this reading age, when the world is flooded with all sorts of literature, it behooves christian parents to furnish their children with religious literature. We would recommend the Sunday-school series of our Southern Baptist Convention, published at Nashville, Tenn. Educated children will read, if they do not have the pure they will read the impure. Every Baptist family needs a religious weekly paper. We would especially commend our State Organ, the Baptist and Reflector, published at Nashville, Tenn. Then for all who wish to read an independent doctrinal paper also, we especially commend the Baptist Gleaner, of Fulton, Kentucky.

A. B. CABINESS, Chairman.
Discussed by brethren Cabiness, Smith and others, and adopted.

TEMPERANCE.

Report of Committee on Temperance: By an examination of the minutes of Enon Association, and by our own actual knowledge we have been making annually, a report on the subject of Temperance for a number of years and we see but little benefit. Therefore we would recommend the Bible as a guide by which the churches should discipline their members. For in it we feel confident they will not only find temperance

required, but total abstinence for those who profess to know the Master and follow in his footsteps.

T. A. BASS, Chairman.

Discussed by brethren Smith, Lambert and others, and adopted.

The regular order of business was suspended and the election of next place of meeting and some one to preach the annual sermon. Lafayette the next place of meeting, and W. M. S. Wilkes to preach the annual sermon, J. F. Stone alternate.

THIRD DAY.

The association met pursuant to adjournment, and 133d Psalm was read by the Moderator and prayer by Bro. J. J. Dyer. The roll was called and quorum present. A resolution was read as follows:

WHEREAS, the Baptist Gleaner office with all its contents has been burned by an incendiary because of its faithfulness to morality and the Bible. Therefore, be it Resolved that we extend to our brethren, Hall and Smith, our heartfelt sympathies and promise to do more for the Gleaner in the future than in the past. While Bro. Hall is a stranger in the flesh, we love him for his work's sake. We have known Bro. Smith from infancy. His struggles with poverty, his faithfulness, his untiring zeal, a friend to all in need of aid, and devotion to the cause of Christ; in helping him we feel we are helping our own. The above was unanimously adopted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions: The Savior said, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations." The spirit of missions is the spirit of Christ. The world is the field. The church will not have done its duty until it has sent the gospel to all nations. Great is the responsibility that rests upon us as Baptists. Holding as we do the pure gospel of the Son of God. There is great interest being taken in this great work. But the greatness of the work demands that we do more than we are doing for the salvation of the heathen.

J. L. TALMON, Chairman.

Discussed by brethren Wilkes, Ramsey and others, and adopted.

ORPHAN'S HOME.

Report of Committee on Orphan's Home: This orphanage has been in operation under the care of the State Convention three years. During this time there has been in the home fifty orphans. Twenty of them have been adopted in good homes. There are about thirty now at the home. These are tenderly cared for by the matron and the charitable ones who have made donations for them. Those of school age are at school, and all have religious training. Contributions are needed for the support of the home and for the purchase money fund. We recommend

to our churches to contribute at our Fifth Sunday meetings, especially, money, clothing and provisions to this charitable work.

C. N. SIMMONS, Chairman.

Discussed by brethren Simmons, Cabiness and others, and a collection taken of \$14.55.

FINANCE.

Report of Committee on Finance: Donated by the churches for the use of the association, \$24.80.

DALY WHITE, Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools: We consider the Sabbath School as an auxiliary to the church of Christ, and think a Sabbath School of very great help to the church, but are sorry that so few churches report a Sabbath School, and sorry to find so little interest manifested in the great work.

J. W. WISEMAN, Chairman.

Discussed by brethren Wiseman, Hawkins and others, and adopted.

STATE OF RELIGION.

Report of Committee on State of Religion: From reports made by the churches we find that we are at a very low ebb, religiously. The number of members received very small. Brethren, what is the cause? Is it our fault? We think it is. Too many of us are seeking too much after this world's goods and neglecting their duty to the maker and to their fellow man. This should not be the case, but let us awake to our duty and let our prayers be that many souls be converted during the next year.

P. A. MEADOR, Chairman.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Report of Committee on Correspondence: We are very sorry to see so few brethren from other associations with us, but gladly welcome the few that are with us. Dear brethren meet us next year at our next meeting which will be at Lafayette, Macon county, Tenn., on Wednesday after third Sunday in September, 1894. Since our last meeting our statistics are as follows: Gain, 255. Loss, 48. Total membership,

Brethren pray for us that we may ever be found faithful.

J. J. McLARD, Chairman.

NEW BUSINESS.

Delegates to other Associations: Barren River —. Bays Fork, J. F. Lambert. Concord, —. New Splem, J. S. Pardue, J. W. Wiseman. Euon, R. G. Hawkins, F. C. Cornwell, J. J. Dyer and many others. State Convention, W. M. S. Wilkes.

Executive Board, J. F. Lambert, J. S. Pardue, G. Fuqua and B. R.

Hawkins were continued and brethren Tom Duffer and S. S. Reagan were added to the board.

Committee on Resolutions reported: 1. *Resolved*, That each church be requested to organize and support a prayer meeting.

2. That the thanks of this body be extended to the church and also to the neighborhood in general for their kind hospitality while among them.

3. That the thanks of the body be extended the Moderator and Clerk for the way in which they have conducted the business of the body, and that the Clerk be ordered to have as many copies of these minutes printed as the money in his hands will pay for after deducting \$10 for his services.

The Association having finished the business for which it assembled, adjourned.

W. M. S. WILKES, Moderator.

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