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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The messengers composing Wiseman Association met with the Church at LaFayette, Macon County, Tennessee. After singing by the congregation, Bro. Wilks read a portion of the 5th and 28th chapters of the Gospel by St. Matthew, and Bro. L. Smith led in prayer. Bro. Wilks then proceeded to preach the annual sermon; text, Mal. iii. 10. After the sermon, the former Moderator called the Association to order. Bros. W. H. Smith and J. S. Pardue were selected to read the letters from the Churches, and the following messengers answered to their names:

- Cedar Bluff—D. H. White, William White.
- Corum's Hill—G. W. Mitchener, J. E. Carson.
- Dixon Creek—J. W. Massy, C. Gammon.
- Friendship—R. G. Hawkins, T. A. Bass, R. R. Duffer.
- Goodwill—T. Y. Byon, R. E. Lee, W. R. Harper.
- Hartsville—J. F. Lee.
- Hillsdale—T. J. Thompson, T. J. McCord.
- Hopewell—J. S. Pardue, W. M. S. Wilks.
- Independence—No intelligence.
- LaFayette—W. A. Sanders, I. L. Roark, W. M. Gammon.
- Meadowville—W. H. Raglan.
- Mt. Olivet—P. S. Stone.
- New Harmony—R. W. Mason, W. A. Fuqua, G. Fuqua.
- Pleasant Grove—W. A. Dorris, J. F. Lambert, C. N. Simmons.
- Rock Ridge—J. W. Dorris.
- Rocky Mound—P. A. Meadow, H. W. Barbee, W. S. Bradley.
- Shady Grove—D. S. Reed.
- Siloam—S. R. Hawkins, J. R. Stinson, E. A. Harrison.
- Spring Creek—W. M. Walton, S. H. Dillard, T. W. Fishburn.
- Zion—Daniel Preyar.

The Association was then organized by electing W. M. S. Wilks

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Moderator and J. S. Pardue Clerk. The address of welcome was delivered by A. Malone, and replied to by W. H. Smith.

Petitionary letters were called for, but none offered.

Letters from corresponding Associations were called for, with the following responses:

Barren River Association—No letter. I. N. Evans, J. A. Carter and J. E. Celsor present.

Enon Association—E. L. Smith, D. W. Smith, W. L. Buie, Thomas Jones, R. L. Ragdon.

Bethel Association—A. Malone.

New Salem Association—J. W. Bailey, R. B. Mahoney.

Bay's Fork Association—A. W. Keen.

Cumberland Association—W. H. Stone, W. M. Woodcock.

The following Committees were appointed:

On Order of Business—J. F. Lambert, C. Gammon.

On Education—Jesse Williams, R. R. Duffer, J. W. Mason.

On the State of Religion—W. M. Gammon, J. W. Fleming, R. W. Mason.

On Religious Literature—W. H. Smith, R. G. Hawkins, Thomas Jones.

On State Missions—A. Malone, A. Bass.

On Home Missions—J. J. Dyer, D. W. Smith, W. R. Harper.

On Foreign Missions—J. B. Carter, P. A. Meadows, W. A. Dorris.

On Temperance—W. L. Buie, V. A. Sanders, J. W. Dorris.

On Orphans' Home—S. R. Hawkins, J. R. Stinson, E. Harrison.

On Finance—D. White, Dr. Celsor, T. J. Thompson.

On Sunday-Schools—I. L. Roark, B. R. Hawkins, J. E. Connor.

On Correspondence—H. W. Barbee, T. W. Fishburn.

On Resolutions—E. L. Smith, W. A. Dorris.

On Obituary—J. W. Dorris, Dr. Celsor.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Report of the Committee on Order of Business:

Your Committee on Order of Business would suggest that the Committees report in the following order:

1st, Education; 2d, Religious Literature; 3d, Temperance; 4th, District Missions; 5th, State Missions; 6th, Home Missions; 7th, Foreign Missions; 8th, Orphans' Home; 9th, Sunday-Schools; 10th, Temperance; 11th, Correspondence; 12th, State of Religion; 13th, Obituaries; 14th, New Business; 15th, Resolutions; 16th, Adjournment.

Report of the Committee on Education:

We conceive that next to the Christian religion, there is no engine so pow-

erful as a moralizer and civilizer as education, and we consider it as the handmaid of our holy religion, and one of the strongest bulwarks to our civil and religious liberty. Therefore we commend our denominational schools in general and especially our own school at Willette, Macon County, Tennessee, and we recommend that this Association appoint five trustees to act in concert with the trustees already acting for said school.

J. M. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

Remarks by Bros. Williams, L. Smith, W. L. Buie, A. Malone, and others.

The report was adopted, and J. W. Lewis, Willand; J. W. Massey, Dixon Springs; P. A. Meadows, Long Creek; T. B. Simpson, Bethpage, and D. S. Reed, Hartsville, were selected as the trustees recommended by the committee.

Adjourned to meet in the morning at 9 o'clock.

The sermon at night was preached by Elder J. S. Pardue; text, St. John xii. 20.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Moderator read the twelfth chapter of Romans; prayer by Bro. Carter.

The Rules of Decorum were read by the Clerk.

Report of the Committee on Religious Literature:

While it is true that "words fitly spoken are like apples of gold in pictures of silver," it is also true that any people are just what their literature has made them. Every social, political, scientific and moral reform, since the invention of printing, has been largely the outgrowth of the literature circulated to that end. Hence the importance of having a sound, uncompromising, aggressive literature. As such your committee would recommend the circulation of the Convention Series of Sunday-School Helps; the *Baptist and Reflector*, as an all-round State Paper, and the *Baptist Helper*, our own home medium of communication, not forgetting the BIBLE.

THOMAS JONES, Chairman.

It was moved to limit speeches to five minutes, except the chairman, who should be given ten minutes.

The report was discussed by W. H. Smith, A. Malone, W. M. Woodcock, Bailey, Buie and Mahoney. Adopted.

Report of the Committee on Temperance:

God made all things and "pronounced it good and very good," and out of that which God made good, man does evil. God made corn, and out of corn we

are to get the main stay of life, which is bread. Whiskey drinking is said to be one of the greatest of evils; therefore, be it

Resolved (1), That we as members of the Churches of Jesus Christ set apart a day of prayer for the removal of this evil.

(2), That we also oppose the manufacture, use and sale of intoxicating drink by all laudable means.

W. L. BUIE, Chairman.

Discussed by Bros. Buie, Lambert, Pardue, and a strong speech by T. M. Patterson, who was once enslaved by whiskey drinking, which electrified the entire congregation, and resulted in a shout, revival and general hand-shaking.

The report was unanimously adopted.

Adjourned for the 11 o'clock sermon by Bro. R. B. Mahoney, whose text was taken from Mark xiv. 3: "She has done what she could." It was a strong sermon, especially in favor of the sisters doing more for Christ, at home and abroad.

Adjourned for dinner.

EVENING SESSION.

The evening session was opened with prayer by Steven Hawkins.

It was moved that A. Malone preach at 7 o'clock to-night; subject, "Is our present system of Mission operations Scriptural?"

Report of the District Mission Board:

Your Board closed last year's work in debt, and the Board resolved to do no further work than to try to collect means with which to rid itself of debt, and after repeated calls to no avail for money, the Board ceased to meet; therefore, because of this sad state of affairs, we have refused all calls for the gospel in destitution; be it

Resolved, That we ask the Association to furnish the Board money, or turn this work over entirely into the hands of the State Board.

J. S. PARDUE, Chairman.

The report was discussed by Bros. Pardue, Smith, W. H. Lambert, Woodcock and Keen, and adopted, with the Board continued, which consists of J. F. Lambert, G. Fuqua, Thomas Duffer and J. S. Pardue.

The report on State Missions was submitted as follows:

The population of the State of Tennessee is 1,767,580. The membership of evangelical denominations is 600,000; children ten years old and under, 167,580. The non-Christian population is 1,000,000. The State Board now fosters one hundred stations; yet there are two counties, Cheatham and Lewis, in which

there is not a Missionary Baptist Church. During the second quarter of this year, under the labors of our State Missionaries, there were 109 conversions and 86 baptisms. They sold 100 Bibles and other religious books; donated 144. These books cost \$165.00. The State Missionaries traveled 14,702 miles, and preached 683 sermons. They organized nine prayer-meetings; made 1990 religious visits; led 194 prayer-meetings; organized eight Sunday-Schools, with 250 pupils; built two church houses, and repaired four, at a cost of \$1,220; collected for all purposes \$3,497.69. For organized effort this has no parallel in our State Mission work.

A. MALONE, Chairman.

The report was discussed by Bros. Malone, Smith, Woodcock, Lambert, Simmons, Pardue, Dyer and Wilks, which was followed by the selling of a few tracts and the collection of \$13.30 in cash.

The report was adopted.

Adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock at night.

NIGHT SESSION.

The sermon by Bro. A. Malone—text, Mark xvi. 16—was a strong and successful plea for our present plan of mission operations, and was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

After the sermon, a motion prevailed to dismiss the regular order of business, and select a place for the next meeting of this Association and the preacher of the annual sermon. Hartsville was selected as the place, and J. S. Pardue to preach the sermon. Wm. Wilks was selected as alternate.

New business was then called for, and volunteers as corresponding messengers to the following Associations were appointed:

Barren River Association—J. F. Lambert and J. S. Pardue.

Bay's Fork Association—W. A. Dorris, Peter Meadows, H. W. Barbee.

New Salem Association—J. S. Pardue, T. A. Bass, Wm. Wilks.

Enon Association—J. F. Lambert, Wm. White, D. White, G. Fuqua, A. F. Smith, R. Mason, J. S. Pardue.

To the State Convention—Wm. Wilks, J. S. Pardue.

Whereupon it was moved and carried that the above-named brethren be authorized to represent this Association at the meetings of the above Associations.

Wm. Wilks was appointed messenger, and J. S. Pardue alternate, to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The report of the committee appointed to select trustees for Wil-

ette Academy was called for, and the following named persons were presented by the chairman, C. N. Simmons :

J. M. Lewis, Willard; J. W. Massey, Dixon Springs; P. A. Meadow, Long Creek; T. B. Simpson, Bethpage; D. S. Reed, Hartsville.

Adopted.

It was moved that the names of all ordained ministers, pastors and clerks be given in our minutes. So ordered. [See last page.]

Announcements.

Adjourned to meet at 8 a. m.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Moderator in the chair. Reading of Scripture. Prayer by J. Stinson. Rules of decorum were read. Minutes were read and corrected.

The report on Home Missions was read by J. J. Dyer, and after remarks by A. Malone, J. M. Williams and I. L. Roark, a motion prevailed that the report be recommitted, and the chairman being absent, J. M. Williams was appointed in his place.

The report on Foreign Missions was called for, and was read as follows :

In the commission of our Saviour to His disciples, He said "Go teach all nations." The spirit of missions is the spirit of Christ. The world is the field. The Churches will not have done their duty until all the world have heard the tho gospel of Christ. Great indeed is our responsibility, holding as we do the true gospel of the Son of God. The reports of our Churches show but little done for Foreign Missions; therefore, be it

Resolved, That each Church of our Association give regularly to Foreign Missions, that all heathen lands may hear the gospel of Christ.

P. A. MEADOWS, Chairman.

The report was discussed by W. H. Smith, Wm. Wilks, and A. Malone, and resulted in a collection in cash of \$10.35 for Foreign Missions.

The report was adopted.

The report on the Orphans' Home was read by J. Stinson, as follows :

We as a denomination have in the city of Nashville an Orphans' Home that is especially under our immediate attention and protection. We have about

thirty children there that must be fed, clothed and educated. Will not this Association consider the great responsibility that rests upon us, and send regular contributions for the support of these dear little helpless children?

J. R. STINSON, Chairman.

The report was discussed by A. Malone, Pardue, Wilks, W. H. Smith, Evans and Buie.

Adopted.

The report on Sunday-Schools was read by I. L. Roark, as follows:

We consider the Sunday-School, and the lessons therein taught, as a moral theological course, and an auxiliary to the Church. A training of the mind of young and old alike in that direction will lead them to Christ, and will educate Christians in the revealed law of God, that they may better serve Him in the manner that will redound to their eternal happiness in the courts of heaven.

We urge upon all the Churches an adherence to the cause of the Sunday-Schools. We are commanded by Jesus Christ to "Search the Scriptures."—St John v. 39. Again it is written, "But these are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; that believing ye might have life through His name."—St. John xx. 31. Hence, if we give our children a thorough education, the better they are qualified to read and understand the written evidence that Jesus is the Christ.

I. L. ROARK, Chairman.

The report was discussed by Roark, Pardue, W. H. Smith and A. Malone. Adopted.

The report on Home Missions was called for, and read by J. M. Williams, as follows:

There are 381 missionaries employed by this Board, with 1,299 Churches under their care. They received 4,470 by baptism last year; built 67 church houses, and constituted 133 churches; distributed 1,150 Bibles; received from Tennessee last year \$3,576.44, and \$67,768.51 total from all the States; paid for labor in Tennessee, \$2,200. Our Cuban field has been greatly blessed, and should appeal to the hearts of all Baptists. The receipts from all sources for last year was \$73 320.91, all of which was expended.

J. M. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

Discussed by Williams, Malone, Wilks and Pardue. Adopted.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was read by H. W. Barbee as follows:

Dear Brethren: We are glad the time has come to meet with our brethren from some of our sister Associations with whom we correspond. We appreciate your presence very much, and hope you will continue your correspondence with

us, thereby making manifest the mutual love between us, not by word only, but also by actions.

H. W. BARBEE; Chairman.

Remarks by J. W. Fishburn. Adopted.

The report of the Committee on State of Religion was read by J. W. Fleming, as follows:

Our statistics show an increase this year of 122, an increase of 54 over last year. Brethren, we should take courage, and "let our light so shine that others may come and glorify God."

J. W. FLEMING, Chairman.

Remarks by I. N. Evans. Adopted.

Report on Obituaries was read by J. W. Dorris, as follows:

It has pleased Almighty God in His wisdom to remove by death twenty-one of our members since the last meeting of the Association. Of these we would make mention of Elder I. M. Ashlock, a consecrated minister of the gospel of Christ, a kind father and good neighbor. Also J. H. Ligon and J. G. Pardue, deacons, the former of Friendship Church and the latter of Hopewell Church. These were men of God, whose influence will long be felt in their Churches and by the people generally.

Resolved, That the entire brotherhood enter into sympathy with the bereaved families of all those brethren.

J. W. DORRIS, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

It was moved that the District Board of Missions be continued and they be furnished money with which to operate. Carried.

The report of the Finance Committee was read by D. H. White, as follows:

Amount donated by the Churches for the Association, \$32.10.

D. H. WHITE, Chairman.

Adopted.

Report on Resolutions was read by W. A. Dorris, as follows:

We recommend that all the pastors of this Association preach constantly on the subject of Missions, and urge the duty of every member in this work.

Resolved (1), That we return our thanks to the Moderator and Clerk for their faithful services during the sitting of this body.

(2), That we extend our thanks to this Church, and the people generally for their kind, generous and never-failing hospitality during our stay in their midst.

(3), That the Clerk distribute the means in hand for printing the minutes, and that he retain \$10 for his services.

E. L. SMITH, Chairman.

Adopted.

Eleven o'clock having arrived, it was moved to have preaching by W. H. Smith. The motion prevailed. Singing by the congregation. Prayer by Bro. J. F. Lambert. Another song, "Nearer, My God, to Thee." Text, Matt. xxii. 14, subject, "The Gospel Call." It was a grand and soul stirring sermon.

There being no further business before the Association, the annual meeting adjourned, to meet at Hartsville, Trousdale County, Wednesday after the third Sunday in September, at 10 o'clock a. m., 1895.

WM. WILKS, Moderator.

J. S. PARDUE,

Clerk and Treasurer.

Receipts from Wiseman Association from Oct. 17, 1893, to Sept. 22, 1894

CHURCHES.	No. Mem.	Min. Relief	Min. Edu.	Orphanage	S. S. and Col.	Home Mts.	For. Mts.	State Mts.
Cedar Bluff.....	32	\$ 15	\$ 05	\$ 1 50	\$	\$ 75	\$ 2 75	\$ 1 60
Corum's Mill.....	61			2 00		25	2 25	4 00
Dixon's Creek.....	278					3 85	5 15	10 85
Friendship.....	124							
Good Will.....	44							
Hartsville.....	72			10 00	10 35			15 95
Hilldale.....	112	51	32	2 80		3 88	3 87	8 04
Hopewell.....	50					4 75	7 05	7 05
Independence.....	57							
Lafayette.....	61							
Meadowville.....	46							
Mt. Olivet.....	24							
New Harmony.....	74			60		1 00		1 00
Pleasant Grove.....	38							
Rock Bridge.....	29			1 00				1 00
Rocky Mound.....	47							1 00
Shady Grove.....	48							
Siloam.....	68						1 75	1 75
Spring Creek.....	104							
Zion.....	37			1 10				
Association.....				6 66	1 00	4 00	4 50	13 80
Individuals.....								5 00
TOTAL.....		\$ 66	\$ 37	\$25 16	\$11 35	\$22 48	\$27 32	\$70 54

Nine Churches, 817 members, gave for all purposes \$164 58, average 18c.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPT. 19, 1894.

CHURCHES.	Received by Examination and Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Total Members	Printing Fund	Pastor's Salary	Number Sunday-School Students	PASTOR	PASTOR'S P. O.	CLERK	CLERK'S P. O.
Cedar Bluff	25	3									C. N. Simmons	Westmoreland	D. H. White	Alton Hill
Corum Hill											Carr	Lebanon	J. E. Corum	Castalian Springs
Dixon Creek	13	2	1	1							M. B. Ramsey	Gilbs' Cross Roads	J. W. Massey	Dixon Creek
Friendship	11	2	1	1						150	Wm. Wilks	Enon College	T. A. Bass	Willard
Goodwill	13									75	J. J. Dyer	Dixon Springs	F. P. Duty	Dixon Springs
Hartsville	8	1								180	R. B. Mahoney	Carthage	A. S. Reeves	Hartsville
Hillsdale	10	2								120	Wm. Wilks	Enon College	W. J. Cothren	Hillsdale
Hopewell	8	2								100	Wm. Wilks	Enon College	J. W. Jones	Enon College
Independence													J. M. Pardue	Braunfort
LaFayette	10	14		1	3		91	1 50		75	A. Malone	Franklin, Ky.	W. M. Gammon	LaFayette
Meadowville											R. P. Dillard	LaFayette	W. H. Raylan	Meadowville
Mt. Olivet		1		1									J. L. Carson	Enon College
New Harmony	5			2		2	78	75		35	J. F. Lambert	Eulla	J. W. Huse	Sullivan
Pleasant Grove	1	1						1 00			J. F. Lambert	Eulla	W. A. Dorris	Westmoreland
Rock Bridge				3		1		30			J. S. Pardue	Bethpage	J. W. Dorris	Bethpage
Shady Grove	1							75			O. A. Stone	Castalian Springs	D. S. Reed	Hartsville
Siloam	11			1				1 50		50	Wm. Wilks	Enon College	A. J. Roblson	Eulla
Zion					1			1 00			C. P. Coyney	Mt. Juliet	Dan Freyar	Hartsville
Spring Creek	2	3		1				1 50			R. P. Dillard	LaFayette	J. H. Blankenship	LaFayette
Rocky Mount	2	5				10	46	1 00			J. F. Lambert	Eulla	P. A. Meadow	Long Creek