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MINUTES

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\* FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION \*

OF

WISCONSIN

BAPTIST

ASSOCIATION

—HELD WITH—

\* HARTSVILLE \* CHURCH, \*

TROUSDALE COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

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**FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.**

The Messengers composing Wiseman Baptist Association met with the Baptist Church at Hartsville, Tenn., Wednesday, Sept. 18, 1895, at 10 a. m. After singing by the congregation and prayer by P. S. Harris, the introductory sermon was delivered by J. S. Pardue; Text Heb. xii. 14. After the sermon, W. M. S. Wilks, Moderator, called the Association to order, and selected P. G. Terry and T. A. Bass to read letters from the churches. The following Messengers answered the roll call and were recorded:

Cedar Bluff—D. H. White, Toba Harold.  
Corum Hill—J. A. Stone, J. E. Corum.  
Friendship—F. M. Barton, P. F. Barnley, T. A. Bass.  
Goodwill—J. Y. Blackwell.  
Hartsville—P. G. Terry, J. F. Lee, F. M. Winn.  
Hillsdale—A. C. Meador, T. J. McClard.  
Hopewell—W. M. S. Wilks, J. S. Pardue.  
Independance—J. M. Perdue.  
LaFayette—V. A. Sanders.  
Meadorville—G. M. Glover, John McClard.  
Mount Olive—No intelligence.  
Providence—Jas. Ashlock, W. S. Graves.  
New Harmony—R. W. Mason, J. W. Hughes.  
Pleasant Grove—W. A. Dorris, C. N. Simmons.  
Rock Bridge—J. W. Dorris, J. W. McQueen.  
Rocky Mount—J. E. Overton, J. Y. Freeman.  
Shady Grove—B. Reed, David Pariah.  
Siloam—J. L. Hawkins, E. A. Harrison.  
Spring Creek—W. K. Johnson, F. W. Fishburn.  
Zion—W. B. Smith, J. B. Corley, J. T. Hobbs.

Petitionary letters were then called for, and Providence Baptist Church, of Sumner County, Tenn., applied by letter for membership in this Association, and sent as Messengers James Ashlock and W. J. Graves.

On motion the Church was regularly received into full membership, and the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to the Messengers.

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

EXON—E. L. Smith and W. H. Smith.  
BAYS FORK—Berry and A. W. Keene.  
CUMBERLAND—E. E. Folk.  
CONCORD—J. H. Wright and J. R. Gammon.  
NEW SALEM—R. Brett.

The Association was then regularly organized by electing W. M. S. Wilks Moderator, and D. S. Reed, Clerk.

The address of welcome was delivered by M. C. Fitzpatrick, responded to by W. H. Smith.

Adjourned until 2 p. m.

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### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator called the Association to order.

Prayer—J. A. Jones.

The Clerk called the roll, showing a quorum present.

The Moderator announced committee appointments as follows:

Order of Business—J. S. Pardue, J. W. Dillehay.

Education—M. C. Fitzpatrick, J. J. Dyer and J. A. Stone.

State of Religion—V. A. Saunders, J. F. Lee and E. A. Stanford.

Religious Literature—E. E. Folk, W. H. Smith and A. S. Reaves.

Home Missions—J. W. McQueen, J. A. Jones, P. S. Harris.

Foreign Missions—P. F. Burnley, T. A. Bass, F. M. Burton.

Temperance—H. Fitzpatrick, J. Y. Freeman, J. E. Overton.

Orphan's Home—C. N. Simmons, A. R. Harris, V. A. Saunders.

Finance—J. W. Dorris, James Ashlock, W. J. Graves.

Sunday-school and Colportage—W. Y. Quisenberry, T. J. McClard, J. B. Corley.

State Missions—J. L. Pardue, R. Brett.

Correspondence—J. S. Hawkins, F. W. Fishburn, J. W. Fleming.

Obituaries—A. S. Reaves, W. J. Hale, J. A. Frewett.

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

Associational Missions—The Executive Board.

Devotional Exercises—P. G. Terry, J. F. Lee, F. M. Winn.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Report of the Committee on Order of Business:

Your Committee on Order of Business suggests that the various Committees report in the order following:

1—State of Religion; 2—Religious Literature; 3—Education; 4—Sunday-school and Colportage; 5—Home Missions; 6—Foreign Missions; 7—Associational Missions; 8—State Missions; 9—Temperance; 10—Orphan's Home; 11—Finance; 12—Correspondence; 13—Obituaries; 14—Resolutions.

J. S. PARDUE, Chairman.

Report of the Committee on Devotional Exercises:

We suggest preaching to-night as follows: Hartsville, E. E. Folk; Shady Grove, J. L. Hawkins; Zion, J. E. Overton.

J. F. LEE, Chairman.

Adjourned to meet at 8:30 a. m. to-morrow.

### SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Moderator called the body together and read 34th Psalm. Prayer by Bro. Keene.

The Clerk called the roll and read the rules of decorum.

P. G. Terry was elected a delegate to the State Convention, and A. S. Reaves, alternate.

M. C. Fitzpatrick was elected a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention at Chattanooga, J. S. Pardue, alternate.

Report of the Committee on State of Religion:

Wiseman Association organized with about eleven hundred members. Her increase since the organization not quite four hundred. We believe that it should have been larger, and we believe in being more devoted to Christ and not depend alone on our protracted meetings for the advancement of our Redeemer's Kingdom, but should look to God for the increase.

J. F. LEE, Chairman.

After discussion by Wright, Smith, Overton and others the report was adopted.

The Committee on Religious Literature reported as follows:

In these days of general education, almost every one can read; and in these days of cheap literature, every one that can read at all, reads something. What he reads becomes food for his mind, and goes to form his character, to a large extent. It becomes very important, therefore, that he should read good literature. Baptists have, we believe, the finest literature in the world, as they have the purest principles on which to base it. That fact, then, puts a tremendous responsibility upon Baptists to see that their literature is spread and read. We recommend as literature worthy to be read by the members of this Association—the Bible, of course, first of all, which is too often neglected by us; the Sunday-school literature, published by the S. S. Board, of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn.; the Mission Journal, Richmond, Va.; our State paper, the Baptist and Reflector, Nashville, Tenn., and the Baptist Helper, Willette, Tenn.

Respectfully,

EDGAR E. FOLK, Chairman.

The report was discussed by Bros. Folk, Smith and Quisenberry. Adopted

**Report of Committee on Education:**

Brother Moderator: Your Committee on Education respectfully submits its report as follows: We congratulate the members of the Association, that education is advancing most rapidly, and that the facilities are very greatly improving each succeeding year. The public schools are doing an invaluable work, and numerous high schools and colleges are supported very liberally. Many non-denominational schools are worthy of very high commendation—but the Baptist schools in this and other Associations of Tennessee, are doing a thorough, practical and highly efficient work, and should receive the hearty co-operation, generous support and material assistance of all Baptists. Nothing beside the ministry is so vastly and invariably important as education; and it is the Churches' most powerful and indispensable auxiliary. Education strengthens a society, guarantees religious freedom, and secures the safety and perpetuity of a better, stronger, freer government. It adds grace and elegance to the ministry as in other professions; embellishes character, and vouchsafes to us a purer, loftier, nobler manhood. We urgently recommend increased facilities and more loyal and universal patronage of our educational institutions.

M. C. FITZPATRICK, Chairman.

After an interesting discussion by Fitzpatrick, Parline and Quisenberry the report was unanimously adopted.

Adjourned one half hour for preaching, by W. H. Smith, editor of the Baptist Helper.

**Report of the Committee on Sunday-schools and Colportage:**

Your Committee notes with gratitude God's blessings upon this new work in our State. The Board is located at Chattanooga, Tenn., with Bro. W. Y. Quisenberry as Corresponding Secretary. We have over 400 Baptist churches without a Sunday-school, surrounded by a large scope of territory where no denomination has ever had a Sunday-school. We have whole counties without a Baptist Bible school. There are in Tennessee over 1,000,000 people past ten years of age, who do not profess to be Christians. The great bulk of them never attend church. Brother, will you try to think of this fact? It is believed that near 100,000 families in our beloved State have no Bible. Some work done by the Board in the last twelve months. It has organized 109 new Sunday-schools, and encouraged other and hopes to establish one in every community. It has organized five Baptist Conferences. The Secretary and Colporteurs have visited 8,000 homes; have supplied over 2,000 destitute families with Bibles. This Board has sold and given away over 5,000 volumes of Baptist books, with many thousand pages of Truths. This is but the beginning of what we hope to accomplish by the help of the Lord and the churches. Your Committee earnestly urges all pastors and churches to support the Sunday-school and Colportage work by their prayers and contributions. Will not each church appoint at its next meeting one member to look after this interest. We would recommend that the order of business be so amended as to read "Sunday-schools and Colportage."

Respectfully submitted,

W. Y. QUISENBERRY, Chairman.

After an able discussion by Bro. Quisenberry, a collection of \$27.80 was made for the work. Report adopted. Prayer by J. H. Wright. Adjourned to meet at 3 p. m.

**AFTERNOON SESSION.**

The Moderator called the body to order. Prayer by Bro. Brett.

On motion it was ordered that all reports on missions be read and discussed together.

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## Report of the Committee on Home Missions:

There are twenty-one churches belonging to this Association--only seven of which contributed to Home Missions. These seven churches gave \$33.57. This seems a small amount to cover the United States, Mexico and Cuba. We suggest that every pastor and each church make a special effort in behalf of Home Missions. We recommend that the fourteen churches that are not contributing to Home Missions arouse their members to the importance of this work. As we have no Minutes of the State Convention we are unable to give any information as to what our Home Mission Board has done in the last year.

J. W. McQUEEN, Chairman.

## Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions:

The following expressions are those of our dear Savior: "And this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations." And again, "Go teach all nations baptizing them." Believing, as we do, that this commission was given to "The Baptists," certainly we will not have done our duty until this grand work is consummated. If the true Gospel is to be carried to the heathen nations, then it is the trust of Baptists to carry it. Reports from the churches of the Association show but little done for Foreign Missions for the past year. There seems to be a lack of missionary spirit among the churches. Therefore,

Resolved, That each church in this Association adopt a systematic plan of collecting and give regularly for carrying the Gospel to the heathen of earth.

P. F. HUNTER, Chairman.

## Report of Committee on Associational Missions:

The Mission Board decided to occupy only two points--Pleasant Grove and Mt. Olivet. But owing to the fact that we have received but little money we have done but little. The Board received \$11.57, and paid A. Malone \$4.12 for work at Pleasant Grove, leaving on hand \$6.45. We call attention to several weak churches in our bounds that are struggling for existence, without which we will certainly lose ground. There is territory without the preaching of the truth as Christ commanded it, that we ought to make an effort to occupy. Therefore,

Resolved, That this Association appropriate some of its regular collections in supporting our weak churches and occupying destitute points within our boundaries; and the Board beg the Association to release the Board unless the above provisions be made.

J. S. PARDUE, Clerk and Treasurer.

## Report of Committee on State Missions:

The State Mission Board has been unable to enlarge its work as contemplated, but hope to be clear of debt by the meeting of the State Convention. It has thirty-five missionaries, occupying about forty points. The accessions have been larger and some of the stations are becoming self-sustaining. There are a number of counties without Baptist churches, which territory we hope to occupy soon. The State Board is not making high pressure efforts to secure means, but asks the churches to contribute regularly to the spread of the Gospel at these destitute places; and this Committee most heartily commends this Board and its efficient Secretary to this Association.

J. S. PARDUE, Chairman.

These reports were discussed by Bros. Simmons, Overton, Lee and others.

Adopted.

Prayer by J. S. Pardue. Adjourned to meet Friday at 8 a. m.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises announced that J. L. Hawkins would preach at Zion; C. N. Simmons, Shady Grove; J. H. Wright, Hartsville.

## THIRD DAY--MORNING SESSION.

The Moderator called the Association to order. Prayer by J. A. Stone.

R. Brett was called to the Chair, and on motion the Association dispensed with the regular business for half an hour and accepted an invitation to visit Hartsville Masonic Institute in a body. After visiting the Masonic Institute, the Moderator again called the Association to order and resumed the regular Associational work.

## NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

On motion the regular order was dispensed with and the Association selected Cedar Bluff, Macon County, as the place for the meeting of the next annual Association.

## INTRODUCTORY SERMON.

J. A. Stone was elected to preach the introductory sermon, Wm. Wilks, alternate.

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### NEW BUSINESS.

Corresponding messengers were selected as follows:

Barren River.—J. E. Overton and J. Y. Freeman.

Bays Fork.—J. S. Pardue and W. A. Dorris.

New Salem.—G. D. High, W. M. S. Wilks, P. F. Burnley and J. E. Overton.

Enon.—J. Y. Freeman, J. S. Pardue and A. R. Harris.

Cumberland.—W. M. S. Wilks and J. S. Pardue.

State Convention.—P. G. Terry, A. S. Reaves, alternate.

Southern Baptist Convention.—M. C. Fitzpatrick, J. S. Pardue, alternate.

### Report of Committee on Finance:

We find that the churches have contributed \$27.45 for printing Minutes of the Association.  
J. W. DORRIS, Chairman.  
Adopted.

### Report of Committee on Correspondence:

Dear Brethren: We are glad the time has come to meet with our brethren from our sister Associations with whom we correspond. We appreciate your presence very much and hope you will continue your correspondence with us. We hope to meet a full delegation at our next meeting, thereby making manifest our mutual love, not by word only, but by action. Our next meeting will be held with Cedar Bluff Church, Macon County, Tennessee, Wednesday, before the 4th Sunday in September, 1896, when we hope to meet a full delegation.  
J. W. FLEMING, Chairman.

Prayer by J. W. McQueen.

Adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator called the Association to order. Prayer by J. A. Stone.

### Report of Committee on Temperance:

Temperance is clearly recognized in Acts xxiv. 25, Gal. v. 23, II Peter 1.16, as one of the leading Christian graces, and in various other places in the New Testament as well. While intemperance includes all excesses, the evils of drunkenness is fully recognized throughout the Bible. God has said, "All things work together for our good." Then let us keep ourselves in subjection and let the Churches keep themselves cleansed and purified by withdrawing from every disorderly brother. Men cannot be driven by force to the Christian graces, but must be taught by the Gospel, and by example as well as precept. Let us strive as individuals as well as Churches, to rescue the fallen. Let our Pastors be faithful to warn the people against this evil and cease not to pray "Thy Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven."

H. FITZPATRICK, Chairman.

P. F. Burnley offered the following resolution as amendatory of the above:

Resolved, That we ask every male member of the Association to refrain from voting for any man, for any office, who is not only in favor of temperance, but who practices it in his every day life by abstaining from the use of ardent spirits as a beverage.

Bro. Burnley's amendment was adopted. After general discussion the report as amended was adopted.

## Report of Committee on The Baptist Orphan's Home:

About four years ago the Baptists of Nashville organized an Orphans' Home in that city for orphan children of the State. This Home has been adopted by the Tennessee Baptist Convention as one of its regular interests. There have been about one hundred children in the Home, of whom twenty-three are now there. The others have been given out to Baptist homes throughout the State. There is an indebtedness at present of about \$8,000, of which nearly \$5,000 is provided for in pledges. There is also an indebtedness of about \$300 for current expenses of the Home, to pay for bread, meat, etc., for the children. Brethren let us not neglect these helpless little ones in our midst. Remember that "pure and undefiled religion before our God is to visit the fatherless, the widows in their affliction, and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world."

C. N. SIMMONS, Chairman.

After discussion by Bros. J. H. Wright, A. R. Harris and W. J. Hale, a collection was made for the Orphan Home of \$39.00.

Adopted.

## Report of Committee on Obituaries.

We mourn the death of five members of this Association since our last meeting, but feel thankful that the death rate is much less than that of previous years. Among those of our dead we would especially mention Rev. Isaac N. Evans, a corresponding member of this Association, from Barren River Association, for a number of years. Also Brother Skelton F. Harris, Sr., one of the Baptist fathers of the Cumberland Valley. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Association tenders heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of all our deceased brethren.

A. S. REAVES, Chairman.

Adopted.

## NEW BUSINESS.

On motion the present Executive Mission Board was retained and Brother P. G. Terry was selected to fill the vacancy of J. H. Reagan.

## Report of Committee on Resolutions:

Your Committee on Resolutions begs leave to submit the following:

Resolved (1), That we recommend to the various churches the appointment of Messengers, who will not only attend the Association, but remain with us until all business is transacted.

(2), That the churches make liberal appropriations for missions, and appoint a special missionary agent in each church.

(3), That the Clerk have as many Minutes printed as the money will justify after deducting \$10 for his services.

(4), That we return our thanks to the Moderator and Clerk for the ability and efficiency with which they have discharged their respective duties.

(5), That we extend our most profound and hearty thanks to the Church and people of Hartsville and vicinity for the very cordial and generous entertainment of all the members and visitors of the Association.

W. A. DONNIS, Chairman.

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The resolutions were adopted after general discussion by a large number of Messengers who commended the people of Hartsville most highly for the excellent manner in which they entertained the Association.

There being no further business before the Association, the annual meeting adjourned to meet with Cedar Bluff Church, Macon County, Tennessee, on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1896, at 10 a. m.

W. M. S. WILKS, Moderator.

D. S. REED, Clerk and Treasurer.



### Receipts from Wiseman Association from Sept. 22, 1894 to Sept. 21, 1895.

CHURCHES.	No. Mem.	Min. Relief	Min. Ed.	Dr. Home	S <sup>s</sup> and Col	Dist. Mis.	Home Mis.	For. Mis.	State Mis.	Total
Cedar Bluff	45					\$ 1 55				\$ 1 55
Corum Hill	60			1 50			40	1 00	80	3 40
Dixon Creek	220					2 85				2 85
Friendship	144			18 25	10 10	4 05	5 35	14 85	5 05	57 65
Good Will	63						05			05
Hartsville	60			10 00					0 30	10 30
Hilldale	154	2 20					0 32	3 10	0 32	18 00
Hopewell	80			1 00		3 75	9 00	7 00	10 00	31 35
Independence	57									
Lafayette	100									
Meadowville	85									
Mt. Olivet	24									
New Harmony	60			2 75			70	05		4 00
Pleasant Grove	24									
Providence	15									
Rock Bridge	25									
Rocky Mount	41			1 25				1 00	1 00	3 25
Shady Grove	55						25		25	50
Siloam	30									
Spring Creek	110					2 71				2 71
Zion	40									
Association				39 00	27 80	17 05			0 05	89 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,574</b>	<b>\$ 2 20</b>		<b>\$ 75 75</b>	<b>\$ 37 00</b>	<b>\$ 31 06</b>	<b>\$ 21 77</b>	<b>\$ 25 20</b>	<b>\$ 36 25</b>	<b>\$202 10</b>



STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 21, 1895.

CHURCHES.	Received by Examination and Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Discharged by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Total Members	Printing Fund	Pastor's Salary	Number Sunday-School Students	Average Attendance	PASTOR	PASTOR'S P. O.	CLERK	CLERK'S P. O.
Cedar Bluff	6	4		1			45	\$ 25	\$			J. L. Hawkins	Alton Hill	D. H. White	Alton Hill
Corum Hill							65	1 40				J. J. Carr	Beula	J. E. Coram	Castalian Springs
Dixon Creek				4			140	2 00	150	68		M. B. Ramsey	Gibb's Cross Roads	J. W. Massey	Dixon Springs
Friendship							65	1 50				W. M. S. Wilks	Enon College	T. A. Bass	Hartsville
Goodwill							65	1 50				J. J. Dyer	Dixon Springs	F. P. Dady	Dixon Springs
Hartsville				6			150	2 00	150	65		R. Brett	Carthage	A. S. Reeves	Hartsville
Hilldale	14	20		10			150	2 00	200	70		W. M. S. Wilks	Enon College	W. J. Cothron	Hilldale
Hopewell	15	20					80	2 50				W. M. S. Wilks	Enon College	J. W. Jones	Enon College
Independence							100	1 50		70		A. Malone	Franklin, Ky.	W. M. Gannon	Lafayette
Lafayette	10	20		1			100	1 50				M. B. Ramsey	Gibb's Cross Roads	B. S. Glover	Meadowville
Meadowville	4	20					60	1 00	35			J. B. R. Knight	Gibb's Cross Roads	J. W. Hughes	Sullivan
Mt. Olive							13	5	40			A. Malone	Franklin, K.	W. A. Harris	Westmoreland
New Harmony				9			20	5				J. S. Pardue	Bethpage	C. D. Hannah	Westmoreland
Pleasant Grove	3	2					44	1 00	50			J. P. Durham	Scottsville, Ky.	J. W. Harris	Rock Bridge
Providence	2						25	1 00				J. A. Stone	Castalian Springs	P. A. Meadow	Long Creek
Rock Bridge							90	1 50				J. L. Hawkins	Alton Hill	D. S. Reed	Hartsville
Rocky Mount							110	2 00				W. L. Hale	Lafayette	A. J. Robinson	Enita
Stony Grove							40	1 00				J. J. Carr	Beula	J. H. Blankenship	Lafayette
Siloam														J. B. Corley	Hartsville
Spring Creek															
Zion															

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