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Wiseman Baptist Association.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Messengers composing Wiseman Baptist Association met with the Baptist Church at Cedar Bluff, Marion County, Tenn., Wednesday, Sept. 21, at 10 a. m. The introductory sermon was delivered by J. A. Stone; Text John I, 29. After the sermon W. M. S. Wilkes, Moderator, called the Association to order and selected P. F. Burnley and T. S. Jones to read letters from the several churches. The following Messengers answered the roll call and were recorded:

- Cedar Bluff—J. D. White, Tom Summers, Dock Cothron.
- Corum Hill—J. A. Stone.
- Dixons Creek—J. W. Massey, John Cothron.
- Friedshtip—J. W. Lewis, P. F. Burnley.
- Good Hill—A. H. Blackwell, J. W. Harper.
- Hart Hill—J. F. Lee.
- Hillsdale—J. F. Cothron, Wiseman Cothron.
- Hopevell—W. M. S. Wilkes, T. D. Johnson, T. S. Jones.
- Independence—J. M. Pardue, Willie Flowers, A. V. Johnson.
- LaFayette—W. M. Gammon, V. A. Saunders.
- Meadorville—W. B. Rose, B. N. Glover.
- Mount Olivet—D. C. Stone, P. L. Stone.
- Providence—J. H. Ashlock.
- Pleasant Grove—Chas. Cook, C. N. Simmons, W. A. Dorris.
- New Harmony—R. W. Mason, R. I. Ragland, G. Fuqua.
- Rock Bridge—No intelligence.
- Rocky Mound—J. E. Overton, J. Y. Freeman, W. H. Bradley.
- Shady Grove—D. S. Reed.
- Siloam—J. L. Hawkins, W. J. Woodward, S. R. Hawkins.
- Spring Creek—W. K. Johnson.
- Zion—W. H. Stanford, W. B. Smith.

The following visiting brethren were invited to seats with the Association: W. H. Smith, T. W. Matthews, J. M. Williams, E. L. Smith and J. L. Talmon.

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

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

The Moderator announced that he had appointed the following committees:

- Order of Business—J. F. Lee, J. M. Pardue, D. C. Stone.
- Education—J. M. Williams, B. N. Glover, C. N. Simmons.

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Wiseman Baptist Association.

Report of the Committee on State of Religion :

Wiseman Association was organized with about eleven hundred members, and has gained about eighty members each year. This at present seems small. While we know that God alone can save he says to his church, "occupy till I come." It seems from facts before us that we are not doing what we could. Therefore we urge more earnest work for the future, believing that the Lord will verify his promise when he says, "they that sow in tears shall reap in joy." He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed shall doubtless come again bringing his sheaves with him.

J. F. LEE, Chairman.

Adopted after discussion by J. F. Lee, Freeman and others.

Report of the Committee on Sunday Schools and Colportage :

We are pained to note the negligence of our churches in regard to our Sunday Schools. But few churches report Sunday schools. Therefore we recommend to each church the organization of a live Sunday School in every church composing Wiseman Association. In this way we can do considerable work in the Master's cause. We recommend the use of literature published by the Southern Baptist Convention Board.

T. S. JONES, Chairman.

Adopted after discussion by P. F. Burnley, Matthews and Lambert.

On motion it was ordered that all reports on the subject of Missions be discussed together.

Report of the Committee on State Missions :

The amount contributed for this associational year exceeds that of last but it is alarmingly small. Seven churches only contributed \$18.09 leaving fifteen churches that gave nothing. A prorata of the amount given is only \$2.18 to the church and only 31-9 cts. per member in the entire Association. It is high time our people were aroused and come to the front in this, one of the all important fields that we are called upon to occupy.

J. S. PARDEE, Chairman.

Prayer by J. T. Talmon. Adjourned to meet at 3 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator called the house to order and had prayer by Gus Fuqua and the clerk called the roll.

Report of the Committee on Associational Missions :

We recommend that the Association place means in the hands of the board for their use, to be spent as they deem best. We recommend that two of our ministers be appointed to preach to the destitute churches in our bounds and that we pay them liberally for their labor.

J. Y. FREEMAN, Chairman.

The District Board reported in substance as follows :

We have done nothing for want of money. We received only two dollars until we came to the Association, and we now have only \$15.20 on hand. We also offer our resignations and recommend the following brethren to be appointed as a board: Friendship—P. F. Burdley; Goodwill—J. W. Harper; Harpsville—P. G. Terry; Hopewell—E. S. Jones; Long Creek—Bud Johnson.

After some changes of the original report and some discussion it was adopted as it appears herein.

Report of the Committee on Home Missions :

By Home Missions is meant the mission work in the South, among the Indians and in the island of Cuba. While we are unacquainted with the facts or what has been done, we know that the needs of the Home Board are very great, our churches are doing but little in this matter, but should go to work actively, and by systematic efforts do all possible for this work. We suggest that Wiseman look with more zealous care after the needs of this Board.

J. A. STONE.

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Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions:

It is estimated that about one out of every forty inhabitants of the world have ever heard of Christ, and only about one out of every seventy has been regenerated, from which it appears that the responsibilities of the Church are very great. Truly the harvest is great and the laborers are few. Pray that the Lord may send forth more laborers into the vineyard. We believe we have the truth and teach it as no others do. Therefore let us arouse ourselves to greater activity in the Master's cause.

T. W. MARRIAGE, Chairman.

The several reports on Missions were discussed by J. F. Lee, Pardue, Stone and others and adopted.

Report of the Committee on Temperance:

True religion and good morals are the only foundations of liberty and happiness. Then we should use the most effectual means for the encouragement thereof and for suppressing the liquor traffic, and such other divisions as are productive of idleness, dissipation and a general depravity of morals. All Christians are bound to pray for good government, and would it not be passing strange if we should hold that "he is bound to pay for good government and pray for good government, and then violate logic and trifle with principle by refusing to vote for it?" Recognizing the liquor traffic to be the most gigantic curse of the nineteenth century, therefore, resolved, that we ask our ministers to preach against it at least once a year, that our women use their prayers, tears and influence, and that each and all use every legitimate effort of body, mind and soul in the strength of God Almighty, to gain a complete victory over the hydra-headed monster of the nineteenth century.

P. F. BUNSEY, Chairman.

Adjourned to meet Friday at 9 a. m.

THIRD DAY.

The Moderator called the House together, after roll call by the Clerk, J. E. Overton led in prayer.

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

About five years ago the Baptists of Nashville established an Orphan's Home in that city. This home has been adopted by the State Convention of Baptists. More than one hundred children have been cared for there, over half of whom are now in good homes with Baptist families. About thirty children are now in the home and we urge each member to contribute to their support. The home owes some \$8,000 and the brotherhood are called upon to help raise this debt. Will not Wiseman do her part in this grand enterprise? Our beloved brother, Joe Weatherford, deceased, made a large and liberal provision in his will for this home, which bequest is now in jeopardy. We urge our brotherhood to watch with zealous care the bequest of our beloved brother.

Geo. F. COLE, Chairman.

After being ably discussed by A. R. Harris and others it was adopted and a collection was taken for the Home amounting to \$1271.

Report of the Committee on Finance:

We find that the churches have contributed for paying the clerk and printing minutes of the Association \$25.00

J. D. WHITE, Chairman.

Report of the Committee on Correspondence:

We regret that so few visiting brethren are in attendance from our sister associations. We earnestly urge members of our sister associations to become aroused and we hope to meet a large number at our next meeting. We meet with Independence church, Sumner county, Tennessee, Wednesday before the third Sunday in Sept., 1867.

C. N. SIMMONS, Chairman.

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of this vicinity for their kindness and hospitality.

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State of Religion—J. F. Lambert, J. F. Lee.
Religious Literature—W. H. Smith, J. M. Williams.
Home Missions—J. A. Stone, J. L. Hawkins, T. D. Johnson.
Foreign Missions—T. W. Matthews, E. L. Smith, J. F. Cothron.
State Missions—J. S. Pardue, J. F. Lambert, J. H. Ashlock.
Associational Missions—R. W. Mason, J. Y. Freeman, J. E. Overton.
Temperance—P. F. Burnley, J. W. Lewis, P. L. Stone.
Orphan's Home—Gus Fuqua, A. B. Harris, J. L. Hawkins.
Finance—J. D. White, J. W. Harper, W. B. Rose.
Sunday School and Colportage—W. M. Gammon, T. W. Matthews, T. S. Jones.
Correspondence—C. N. Simmons, V. A. Saunders.
Resolutions—W. A. Dorris, E. L. Smith, Wiseman Cothron.
Devotional Exercises—J. L. Hawkins, J. D. White, Tom Summers.

The committee on devotional exercises reported that W. H. Smith would preach here to-night and that T. W. Matthews would preach at Pleasant Valley.

Adjourned until Thursday at 9:30 a. m.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Moderator called the Association to order. Prayer by E. L. Smith.
The Clerk called the roll and read the rules of decorum.

Report of committee on order of business.—Your committee suggests the following order of business: 1—Religious Literature; 2—Education; 3—State of Religion; 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; 15—New Business.
J. F. Lee, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Religious Literature reported as follows:

Religious literature is of first importance. What we read determines largely what we are. The Bible, of course, is first but may be supplemented by other good books and papers which should be found in every home. We recommend the Convention Series Sunday School Helps, The Baptist and Reformer, and The Baptist Helper.
W. H. Sarrat, Chairman.

Adopted after discussion by W. H. Smith, C. N. Simmons and others.

The Moderator announced that E. L. Smith would preach at the stand near the church.

Report of Committee on Education:

We are thankful for the deep interest taken in education by our church. Realizing that education is the handmaid of our religion and the bulwark of civil liberty. Our public schools are the outgrowth of religion and should receive our support. We recommend our school at Willette to the Association and the appointment of Trustees. We especially recommend Bethel and Jackson Colleges to our young ministers. We further recommend that our young ministers stay away from the Theological Seminary at Louisville until Dr. Whitsett is removed from the Chair of History or until he will give to the world our history in its true light.
C. N. SIMMONS, Chairman.

Adopted after discussion by J. M. Williams, J. F. Talmon and others.

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Wiseman Baptist Association.

Resolved, That we appreciate the ability and efficiency with which our Moderator and Clerk have discharged their important duties.

Resolved, That we urge our brethren to abstain from the use and traffic of ardent spirits as a beverage; and we hold he who buys equally as guilty as he who sells it.

Resolved, That we allow our clerk ten dollars for his services, leaving fifteen dollars for minutes.

Resolved, That we denounce Dr. Whitall's course taken in regard to certain historical statements made by him.

Resolved, That we recommend great care about the reception of members into the church. Especially would we prohibit the reception of excluded members from sister churches.

E. L. SMITH, Chairman.

NEW BUSINESS.

The church of Providence asked for a letter of dismissal from the Association, which request, on motion, was continued over until the next annual meeting of this body.

J. S. Pardue was selected to attend the State Convention, with J. Y. Freeman alternate.

P. F. Burnley was selected a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, with T. S. Jones alternate.

MESSENGERS.

Corresponding Messengers were selected as follows:

Enon—J. F. Lambert, J. Y. Freeman, C. N. Simmons, R. L. Ragland, J. E. Overton, J. D. White, Gus Faqua, J. S. Pardue.

Reys Fork—W. A. Dorris, J. Y. Freeman, J. S. Pardue.

The following were selected as Trustees for Bellwood Academy at Willette, Macon county, Tennessee:

John Lewis, Friendship; W. M. Gammons, LaFayette; T. J. McClard, Hilldale; Cleo Gammons, Dixon's Creek; Henry Dillard, Spring Creek.

J. F. Lambert was selected to preach the introductory sermon at the next regular annual association; W. M. S. Wilks, alternate.

There being no further business before the Association the annual meeting adjourned, upon motion, to meet with Independence church, near Bethpage, Sumner county, Tennessee, on Wednesday before the third Sunday in Sept. 1897, at 10 a. m.

W. M. S. WILKS, Moderator.

D. S. REED, Clerk and Treasurer.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 23, 1896.

CHURCHES.	Received by Examination and Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded.	Dead.	Total Members.	Printing Fund.	Pastor's Salary.	Sabbath-School Students.	Average Attendance.	PASTOR.	PASTOR'S P. O.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.
Cedar Bluff.....				1	1		41	\$100				J. L. Hawkins..	Westmoreland...	Jno. Blankenship	Echo
Corum Hill.....												M. B. Ramsey	Gibb's X Roads...	J. W. Massey	Dixon Springs
Dixon Creek.....												W. M. S. Wilks	Enon College	F. M. Burton	Hartsville
Friendship.....	1			1	1		161	60	150	50	35	J. J. Dyer	Dixon Springs	F. P. Duty	Dixon Springs
Goodwill.....							66	150	33			R. Brett	Carthage...	A. S. Reave-	Hartsville
Hartsville.....							171	250	150	65	40	W. M. S. Wilks	Enon College	W. J. Cothron	Hilldale
Hilldale.....							154	60	150	20	20	W. M. S. Wilks	Enon College	I. S. Jones	Chilman
Hopewell.....							59	60				J. R. Stinson.	Westmoreland...	J. M. Pardue	Bethpage
Independence.....				1	1		124	100				A. Malone	Franklin, Ky...	W. M. Gammons	LaFayette
LaFayette.....							165	150				M. B. Ramsey	Gibb's X Roads...	B. S. Glover.	Hilldale
Meadowville.....							65	150				R. P. Oillard	LaFayette	J. W. Hughes	Sullivan
Mt. Olivet.....							108	100				J. S. Pardue	Bethpage	W. A. Dorris	Westmoreland
New Harmony.....	10						58	50						J. H. Ashlock	Westmoreland
Pleasant Grove.....							55	50							
Providence.....							55	50							
Rocky Mound.....				2	2		26	100				J. S. Meador	Atolphus, Ky...	P. A. Meador	Long Creek
Shady Grove.....							35	50	30			J. A. Stone	Castalian Springs	D. S. Beel	Hartsville
Siloam.....							35	50				J. L. Hawkins	Westmoreland...	A. J. Robinson	Fullin
Spring Creek.....							82	150				W. L. Buie	LaFayette	J. H. Blankenship	LaFayette
Zion.....				1	1		40	50				W. M. S. Wilks.	Enon College...	J. B. Correy	Hartsville
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Receipts from Wiseman Association from Sept. 21, 1895 to Sept. 23, 1896.

CHURCHES.	No Mem.	Min. Home	Min. Ed.	Or. Home	S. S. and Col.	Dist. Mis.	Home Mis.	For. Mis.	State Mis.	Total
Cedar Bluff	41	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Corum Hill	222									1 55
Dixon Creek	161	15 00	2 25	51 00	1 45	1 55				122 55
Friendship	66					50	12 25	10 45	20 65	50
Goodwill	71			85 00		6 80	3 05		9 53	105 00
Hartsville	154		2 30	2 84				3 82	8 24	23 48
Hillsdale	89		7 20			2 00	8 35	7 20	5 55	30 60
Hopewell	24									
Independence	103									
Lafayette	67									
Meadowville	17									
Mt. Olive	83					1 00			1 00	2 00
New Harmony	27									
Pleasant Grove	15									
Providence	36									
Rock Bridge	55									
Rocky Mount	93					1 00			1 00	2 00
Shady Grove	108							3 50		3 50
Siloam	40					1 80			1 80	3 60
Spring Creek				12 71						
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Association										
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Bank of Hartsville,

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STATE DEPOSITORY.

CAPITAL STOCK, \$20,000.

H. C. ELLIS, President. M. L. WRIGHT, Cashier.
R. M. POTTS, Assistant Cashier.

All Branches of Legitimate Banking Transacted. We Solicit Deposits,
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