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FIRST DAY.

The Messengers composing Wiseman Baptist Association met with the Baptist Church at Dixon Creek, Trousdale County, Tennessee, Wednesday, Sept. 21, 1898, at 10 a. m. After singing and prayer by Bro. A. R. Harris, Bro. W. M. S. Wilkes preached the introductory sermon: Text Mathew, 24th chapter, 14th verse. After the sermon Bro. J. F. Lambert, Moderator, pro tem., called the Association to order. P. F. Burnley and T. W. Mathews were selected to read letters from the churches, and the following messengers responded:

Cedar Bluff.—A. T. Bransford and J. D. White.

Corum Hill.—J. A. Stone.

Dixon Creek.—J. P. Porter, W. B. Nunley and J. W. Massey.

Friendship.—J. W. Lewis, F. M. Burton and P. F. Burnley.

Goodwill.—Arch Blackwell, J. W. Harper and Henry Harper.

Hartsville.—Dr. H. Fitzpatrick, J. F. Lee and Matt Martin, Sr.

Hillsdale.—T. J. Thompson and T. J. McClard.

New Hopewell.—W. M. S. Wilkes and J. W. McQueen.

Independence.—L. B. Moncrief.

LaFayette.—W. M. Gammon, V. A. Saunders and J. S. Johnson.

Long Creek.—W. K. Johnson.

Meadorville.—J. H. McClard, B. H. Glover and J. W. Parker.

Mt. Olivet.—No Messenger.

New Harmony.—Gus Fuqua, R. W. Mason and J. W. Parker.

Pleasant Grove.—E. Creasy, W. A. Dorris and A. M. Gammon.

Providence.—Luke Creasy, Craig Mondrel and J. A. Ashlock.

Rock Bridge.—J. W. Dorris and T. B. Simpson.

Rocky Mound.—J. E. Overton and Chas. Cook.

Shady Grove.—D. S. Reed and B. Reed.

Siloam.—J. L. Hawkins and T. C. Harrison.

Spring Creek.—W. A. Goad and S. S. M. Blankenship.

Zion.—Tom Smith.

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

Petitioning letters were called for and none responded.

The following visiting brethren were present and invited to seats with the Association: New Salem, Bro. T. M. Maxey; Enon, Bros. E. L. Smith, R. B. Davis, T. W. Mathews, J. L. Talman, W. L. Boule, Wm. Taylor, W. C. Smith, C. H. Oldham, J. J. Dillehay, Henry Gammon, John Dickens, Dave Erps, W. T. Smith, J. M. Williams, Dick Beal, William Green, T. W. Mathews and Milton Hackett.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

Upon motion Moderator Wilkes appointed the regular Committee as follows

Order of Business.—J. A. Stone, J. F. Lee and W. A. Dorris.

Education.—Dr. H. Fitzpatrick, T. W. Mathews and T. J. Thompson.

State of Religion.—J. F. Lambert, E. L. Smith and J. E. Overton.

District Missions.—Executive Board.

Home Missions.—J. J. Dyer, J. L. Talman and V. A. Saunders.

Foreign Missions.—P. F. Burnley, F. M. Burton and T. J. McClard.

State Missions.—J. A. Stone, Thos. Jones and J. W. Massey.

Orphan's Home.—A. R. Harris, J. F. Lambert and J. W. Lewis.

Finance.—J. D. White, J. W. Dorris and T. B. Simpson.

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Sunday School and Colportage.—P. F. Burnley, E. L. Smith and J. W. Harper.

Religious Literature.—J. W. Williams, Dr. H. Fitzpatrick and J. F. Lee.

Correspondence.—J. A. Ashlock, J. A. Stone and T. H. Harrison.

Temperance.—W. L. Bouie, T. W. Mathews and J. E. Overton.

Devotional Exercises.—The Ministers and Deacons of this Church.

Resolutions.—W. A. Dorris, J. L. Talman and J. J. Dillehay.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises announced that T. W. Mathews would preach at this Church to-night, and J. A. Stone at Goodwill.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Your Committee respectfully recommend the following as an order of business: 1.—District Missions. 2.—State, Home, Foreign, Sunday School and Colportage. 3.—Religious Literature. 4.—Education. 5.—Orphan's Home. 6.—Temperance. 7.—Correspondence. 8.—Finance. 9.—State of Religion. 10.—New Business. 11.—Resolutions. J. A. Stone, Chairman.

The report was adopted and made the order of business for the Association.

On motion it was ordered that all who may appear from any Baptist Association to be invited to a seat and participate with us in all our deliberations.

Upon motion the session then adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, p. m.

Prayer by E. L. Smith.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order at 3 p. m. by the Moderator. After singing and prayer by Bro. W. L. Bouie the Association proceeded with the regular order of business.

The body then selected, as the next place of meeting, Friendship Church, Trousdale County, Tennessee, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1890.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON.

Bro. J. L. Hawkins was selected to preach the Introductory Sermon with Bro. J. J. Dyer, alternate.

VISITING MESSENGERS.

The following brethren were selected to visit the sister Associations:

New Salem.—P. F. Burnley, F. M. Burton and A. R. Harris.

Barren River.—J. E. Overton and V. A. Saunders.

Bays Fork.—W. A. Dorris, J. E. Overton, V. A. Saunders and W. M. S. Wilkes.

Enon.—J. F. Lambert, J. E. Overton, Z. Cook, J. J. Dyer, A. R. Harris, J. W. Dillehay, J. W. Harper, J. S. Johnson, Tom Summers and P. F. Burnley.

MESSENGERS.

Bro. P. F. Burnley was selected a delegate to the State Convention.

Bro. W. M. S. Wilkes was selected a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, with Bro. J. W. McQueen as alternate.

REPORT ON DISTRICT MISSIONS.

We, the Executive Board and Committee on District Missions, make the following report: We have received and donated \$54.00. Donations as follows for destitute points and Mission work: J. A. Stone \$4.15; J. F. Lambert \$10.00;

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J. W. McQueen \$16.00; J. J. Dyer \$23.87. We urge the brethren to rally to the support of Missions for the spreading of the Gospel.

W. K. JOHNSON, Chairman.

Work done for Wiseman Association during the year 1897 and 1898: Number of miles traveled, 350; number of sermons preached, 15; number of churches visited, 13. Amount received for District Mission: Fifth Sunday Meeting at Spring Creek, \$1.48; Siloam Church, \$1.92; W. K. Johnson, 25 cents; C. N. Simmons, 50 cents; Hopewell Church, \$8.49; Friendship Church, \$1.48; Pleasant Grove, 51 cents; Hillsdale, \$2.61; Fifth Sunday Meeting at New Harmony, \$3.40; Hartsville, \$1.25; Zion, 67 cents; Meadorville, \$1.20; Independence, \$1.00; LaFayette Church, \$2.58. Total, \$33.35.

J. W. McQUEEN.

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SECOND DAY.

The Association was called to order at 9 a. m. by Moderator Wilkes. The Moderator had 12th chapter Romans and prayer by J. J. Dillehay, then announced the Association ready for business. On motion it was ordered that the Moderator be empowered to appoint a committee of three to attend to the business of the Executive Board, which committee consisted of J. F. Lambert, W. M. Gammon and J. A. Ashlock.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

We, your Committee, make the following report: Whereas, we recognize the fact that a true education is essential to a high order of citizenship, either politically or religiously. We would recommend our Baptist institutions, the Southwestern Baptist University at Jackson, Tennessee, and Boscobel College for young ladies, located at Nashville, Tennessee. Each of which are well equipped with an able corps of teachers, fully prepared to do a noble work. We earnestly commend these institutions as worthy the patronage of Wiseman Association.

H. FITZPATRICK, W. T. THOMPSON, T. W. MATHEWS.

APPENDIX.

We desire to impress on the brotherhood of this Association their relationship to the Willette Academy and their duty to aid in sustaining said school, it being a common property with the Enon Association. We can sustain that school if we will. We can educate there as cheap, or cheaper, than any where else in the country, and verily believe that the time is here when Baptists must rally to the support of that school. Brethren give us your children and your influence and let us hold the fort on that battle field, for the fight is on us.

After discussion by H. Fitzpatrick, J. L. Talman and J. M. Williams the report was adopted.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We, your Committee, make the following report: Whereas, the Gospel of the Son of God has been taught in its pure simplicity, light and liberty, both political and religious, has sprung up and darkness and superstition, with idolatry, has been dispelled. We regard the Bible as the true source of all light and liberty. We would therefore earnestly recommend its sacred pages to all, and especially that our teachers make it the man of their counsel. We would also earnestly commend as valuable assistance to the study of Divine truth, our State paper, The Baptist and Reflector, The Western Recorder and our Convention Series of Sunday School Literature, Nashville, Tennessee.

H. FITZPATRICK, J. A. STONE, J. F. LEE.

After discussion by J. M. Williams, J. L. Talman, T. W. Mathews, J. W. McQueen, J. A. Stone and W. L. Bouie the report was then adopted.

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REPORT ON ORPHAN'S HOME.

We, your Committee, on Orphan's Home, submit the following report: With grateful hearts we are glad to state that the debt on the Orphan's Home has been paid off and we have a clear title to the same. While this is so it takes money to feed and clothe the children, and we are now about \$500 behind for the same. We earnestly urge the brethren not to forget to contribute regularly for their support, thereby keeping them well supplied with the necessities of life. Brethren you pray for them and we ask you to donate as freely for them and they will be bountifully supplied.

J. F. LAMBERT, J. W. LEWIS, A. R. HARRIS.

After discussion by J. F. Lambert, J. L. Talman, J. W. McQueen, J. M. Williams and W. M. S. Wilkes a collection was taken up, resulting in \$17.25. The report was then adopted.

REPORT ON STATE AND FOREIGN MISSIONS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL AND COLPORTAGE.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We, your Committee, submit the following report: "Tennessee," name so dear to all of her sons and daughters. "Tennessee," bright, beautiful and picturesque are her mountain scenery, while her valleys and low-lands are not surpassed in their productions. "Tennessee," graciously favored of that Saviour who said "Give and it shall be given unto you good measure pressed down, running over." "Try me," sayeth God, "and see if I will not pour you out a blessing." With these gracious facts and promises before her there is need of the many homes without the Bible and with every means to facilitate her spiritual prosperity. Her Secretary reports \$2,000 behind on State Missions. One denomination of work paid by one over-draw on another part of the work, while the whole amount asked by the Board is but meagre and a mere nothing for the Baptists of Tennessee. One hundred thousand (100,000) Baptists in Tennessee pay about \$9,000 for State Missions. There is about twenty (20) Colporters now at work organizing Sunday schools, prayer meetings, and distributing by sale and gifts Bibles and literature, trying to supply 100,000 perishing souls with the truths of the Gospel of the Son of God. The Wiseman Association contributes usually about \$55.00 of this amount, while her membership is over 1,500. Brethren this is deplorable. Let us bestir ourselves and make Wiseman Association one of the first on those lines, thereby helping our State to move forward, that she may be won for Christ.

J. A. STONE, Chairman,

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL AND COLPORTAGE

We, your Committee, submit the following report: We believe the Sunday school is the most important institution we have, except the Church of God. It is a feeder to the church; a stepping stone to the same. Therefore we earnestly urge the ministers, as well as the Deity, of organizing a Sunday school in each church, and attending the same.

P. F. BURNLEY, E. L. SMITH, J. W. HARPER.

After being discussed by J. A. Stone, P. F. Burnley and J. L. Talman the report was then adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Home Missions, submit the following report: We consider the work of Missions a work of great importance because it is in unison with the commission given by our Saviour to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. Now to be short on a subject of such thrilling importance, let us become aroused and do more to spread the Gospel far and wide until it reaches earth's remotest bounds.

J. J. DYER, V. A. SAUNDERS, J. L. TALMAN.

After being discussed by J. J. Dyer, V. A. Saunders and others the report was adopted.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises announced that J. L. Hawkins would preach at this place to-night.

The Association then adjourned for one hour. Prayer by J. J. Dyer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by Moderator Wilkes. Prayer by J. A. Stone. The Moderator then announced the Association ready for business.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee, submit the following report: Brethren we are instructed to be temperate in all things, but especially should we be temperate in the use of alcohol, and we believe that to be temperate in its use is wholly abstain from using it as a beverage, and we insist on the churches to withdraw fellowship from all who aid or abet in the sale or manufacture of the vile stuff, or at any time or place use this fell destroyer as a beverage.

T. W. MATHEWS, Chairman.

After discussion by W. L. Boule, V. A. Saunders and J. E. Lambert the report was adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, the Committee on Finance, submit the following report: We have collected for printing minutes \$23.35.

J. W. DORRIS, J. D. WHITE, T. B. SIMPSON.

Received and adopted.

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

We, your Committee submit the following report: Dear brethren: It is seen from the letters from the churches of this Association that the state of religion is not as prosperous as it should be. But few churches report accessions and those very small. Brethren there is a fault somewhere, let us pray God to remove the fault that we may have a greater degree of prosperity the next Association year.

E. L. SMITH, J. F. LAMBERT.

After discussion by J. F. Lambert the report was adopted.

APPENDIX.—REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your Committee, submit the following report: We are anxious for each member of this Association to ask themselves the question, "Am I a Missionary Baptist?" and if so, how much have you paid for Foreign Missions? We believe that we are the true Church of God, and if so, the great commission has been given to us to go into all the world and preach the Gospel, etc. Now if we do not give, how can the Gospel be preached? Can a person be called a Missionary Baptist and not give to Missions? We think not. Therefore we urge the ministry of helping to support the missionaries on the foreign fields. We would recommend that we, as a church, do more for Missions or drop the title, Missionary, from our name.

P. F. BURNLEY, F. M. BURTON, T. J. McCLARD.

After discussion by P. F. Burnley and others the report was received and adopted.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

We, your Committee, submit the following report: Brethren we deeply regret to have to report to this body that there seems to be a falling off of visitors from our sister Associations, Less, perhaps, than ever before. We hope

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to see more at the next meeting of our Association, one year from now, at Friendship, Trousdale County, Tennessee. J. A. STONE, Chairman.

Adopted without discussion.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS.

1st. Resolved that the thanks of this body be tendered to the church and friends of this community for their kind hospitality during our stay among them.

2nd. Resolved that we appreciate the ability, efficiency, and entire satisfaction with which our Moderator and Clerk have discharged their duties.

3rd. Resolved that we allow our Clerk \$8.00, and he pay remainder for printing minutes. W. A. DORRIS, J. L. TALMAN, J. J. DILLEHAY.

Adopted.

NEW BUSINESS.

The following brethren were appointed as Trustees of the Willette Academy: P. F. Burnley, J. W. McQueen and T. J. Thompson.

There being no further business before the Association, after some announcements by the brethren, the congregation joined in singing and giving each other their hands, and prayer by Bro. Lambert, the Association adjourned to meet with the Friendship Church on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1899.

W. M. S. WILKES, MODERATOR.

D. S. REED, CLERK AND TREASURER.

This being the anniversary of this church, Friday was set apart for the day of celebration, and it was celebrated by a program consisting of very touching services, which were conducted in the old style with a congregation of one thousand or fifteen hundred people.

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Receipts From Wiseman Association For Year Ending Sept. 21, 1898.

CHURCHES.	No Mem.	Mins. Relief.	Mins. Ed.	Orph. Home.	S. S. & Col.	Dist. Mts.	Home Mts.	For. Mts.	State Mts.	Total.
Cedar Bluff...	63					85				85
Corum Hill...	57			8.55			1.00	1.50	.75	11.80
Dixon Creek...	203					4.28				4.28
Friendship...	148			6.50		4.48	6.00	11.65	8.77	38.00
Goodwill...	74									
Hartsville...	75					2.50	4.50	2.50	4.50	10.00
Hilldale...	148					2.01	2.00	2.00	2.00	8.61
New Hopewell...	122					8.49	4.88	4.08	10.47	28.42
Independence...	81					1.00				1.00
LaFayette...	89					6.63	.60		.65	7.88
Long Creek...	17					2.60				2.60
Meadorville...	12									
Mt. Olivet...										
New Harmony...	83					4.03				4.03
Pleasant Grove...	20									
Providence...	23									
Rock Bridge...	23									
Rocky Mount...	50						.25			.25
Shady Grove...	70		.25	.60		1.60				2.50
Siloam...	92					4.77				4.77
Spring Creek...	90									
Zion...	38									
Total	1804		.25	15.70		44.46	17.19	22.48	27.04	127.11

Statistical Report For The Year Ending Sept. 21, 1898.

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CHURCHES.	Received by Letter	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Dead.	Total Members.	Pending Fund.	Pastor's Salary.	Number Sunday School Students	Average Attendance	PASTOR.	PASTOR'S P. O.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.
Cedar Bluff	4	1				25					J. L. Hawkins	Westmoreland	J. W. Blankenship	Enlg.
Corum Hill						50					J. J. Carr	Moxie	J. M. Wilks	Bahter
Dixon Creek	9					50		150			M. B. Ramsey	Gibbs' X Roads	J. W. Massey	Dixon Springs
Friendship						50					W. M. S. Wilkes	Enon College	F. M. Barton	Hartsville.
Goodwill						50					J. J. Dyer	Dixon Springs	Henry Harper	Dixon Springs
Hartsville						100					F. H. Brookshier	Howling Green Ky	P. G. Terry	Hartsville.
Hillsdale						100					W. M. S. Wilkes	Enon College	W. J. Cothron	Hillsdale.
New Howwell						100					W. M. S. Wilkes	Enon College	T. S. Jones	Enon College.
Independence						65					W. W. McQueen	Bethpage	J. M. Pardue	Bransford.
LaFayette						100				Good	A. Malone	Franklin, Ky.	W. M. Gammons	LaFayette.
Long Creek						75					W. L. Boule	LaFayette	J. W. Jenkins	LaFayette.
Meadorville						100					M. B. Ramsey	Gibbs' X Roads	B. M. Glover	Meadorville.
Mt. Olivet												No messenger	or letter.	
New Harmony						42					M. B. Ramsey	Gibbs' X Roads	Gus Fuqua	Prior.
Pleasant Grove						55					C. N. Simmons	Westmoreland	W. A. Dorris	Westmoreland.
Providence						50					J. J. Dyer	Dixon Springs	T. M. Kirby	Westmoreland.
Rock Bridge						50					J. W. Swan	Portland	J. W. Dorris	Bethpage.
Rocky Mound						50					J. S. Meador	Adolphus, Ky	W. W. Bradley	Barefoot.
Shady Grove						75					J. J. Dyer	Dixon Springs	W. T. Bundy	Hartsville.
Siloam						60					J. L. Hawkins	Eulla	T. C. Harrison	Westmoreland.
Spring Creek						60					W. L. Boule	LaFayette	S. H. Dillard	LaFayette.
Zion						60					J. B. Knight	Eason	J. B. Corley	Hartsville.
Total	67	26	3	16	21	1619	57	622	82	Good				

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Respectfully,
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