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First Day, Wednesday, Sept. 20, 1899.

MORNING SESSION.

The messengers composing the Wiseman Baptist Association met with the Baptist Church at Friendship, Trousdale County, Tenn., Wednesday, September 20, 1899, at 10 o'clock A. M. After singing and prayer by Elder J. H. Swan, Brother J. L. Hawkins preached the introductory sermon; text, Acts xx, 28. After the sermon, Brother W. M. S. Wilks, Moderator, called the Association to order. J. H. Swan and W. H. Smith were selected to read letters from the Churches, and the following messengers responded:

Cedar Bluff-J. F. Lambert and J. D. White.

Corum Hill-J. E. Corum.

Dixon Creek-J. W. Massey, J. W. Dillehay and J. J. Chambers.

Friendship-J. B. Jeffreys, P. F. Burnley and J. W. Lewis.

Goodwill-Arch Blackwell and J. W. Harper.

Hartsville-M. C. Fitzpatrick, J. B. Jeffreys, Sr., and E. H. Harris.

Hillsdale-J. J. Dyer, R. A. Gammon and T. J. Thompson.

New Hopewell-W. M. S. Wilks, W. M. Jeffreys and Wilson Wiseman.

Independence-J. M. Pardue, L. B. Moncrief and J. W. McQueen.

LaFayette-W. M. Gammon and Sam Cothron.

Long Creek-W. K. Johnson and G. W. Jenkins.

Meadorville-No Messengers.

Mt. Olivet-No Messengers.

New Harmony-R. L. Ragland and J. A. Parker.

Pleasant Grove-E. L. Creesey and C. N. Simmons.

Providence-H. L. Creesey.

Rock Bridge-J. W. Dorris, T. B. Simpson and J. F. Ashlock.

Rocky Mound-J. E. Overton.

Shady Grove-D. S. Reed.

Siloam-J. L. Hawkins, W. J. Woodward and T. C. Harrison.

Spring Creek-W. A. Goard and T. W. Fishborn.

Zion-W. D. Roberson, J. T. Hobbs and W. H. Stanford.

Chestnut Grove-E. Lyles.

The Association was then regularly organized by re-electing W. M. S. Wilks, Moderator; D. S. Reed, Clerk; and J. S. Pardue, Treasurer.

Petitioning letters were called for, and Chestnut Grove Church was received by the Moderator. The right-hand of fellowship was extended to the messengers representing it.

MINUTES OF WISEMAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

The following visiting brethren were present and invited to seats with the Association: Capacital and

New Salem Association—Elder T. T. Thompson.

Liberty Association, Kentucky—Elder W. H. Smith. Enon Association—Elder E. L. Smith, J. H. Swan, M. D. Huckett and Elder R. B. Davis.

Cumberland Association—C. L. Frost, C. E. Burts and E. E. Crisson. Bay's Fork Association-W. H. O'Neal.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

Upon motion, Moderator Wilks appointed the regular committees, as follows:

Order of Business-J. F. Lambert, W. M. Jeffreys and J. W. Dillehay. Education-M. C. Fitzpatrick, W. H. Smith and J. W. Lewis. State of Religion-J. S. Pardue, J. L. Hawkins and Wilson Wiseman. District Missions—Executive Board.

Home Missions-J. W. McQueen, W. B. Roberson and J. W. Harper. Foreign Missions-T. T. Thompson, P. F. Burnley and J. B. Jeffreys, Sr. State Missions-Dr. H. Fitzpatrick, C. N. Simmons and J. W. Dorris. Orphans' Home-T. T. Thompson, W. A. Goard and A. R. Harris. Finance-J. White, G. W. Jenkins and J. M. Pardue.

Sunday School and Colportage-P. F. Burnley, W. K. Johnson and W. M. Gammon.

Correspondence-T. J. Thompson, J. W. Lewis and W. H. Stanford. Temperance-J. J. Dyer, T. B. Simpson and E. Lyles. Religious Literature-W. H. Smith, J. H. Swan and E. L. Smith. Devotional Exercises-Pastors and Deacons of this Church. Resolutions-J. W. McQueen, R. L. Ragland and J. W. Dillehny.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Your Committee respectfully recommends the following as an order of business:

- 1. Religious Literature.
- 2. Education.
- 3. Sunday School and Colportage.
- 4. District, State, Home, and Foreign Missions.
- 5. Orphans' Home.
- 6. Temperance.
- 7. State of Religion.
- 8. Côrrespondence.
- 9. Finance.
- 10. New Business.
- 11. Resolutions.

J. W. DILLEHAY, Chairman.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises announced that W. H. Smith would preach at Hartsville to-night, and J. H. Swan at this place. On motion it was ordered that all who may appear from any Baptist Association be invited to a seat and participate with us in all our deliberations.

Adjourned to meet at 1 o'clock. Prayer by Elder T. T. Thompson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by Moderator Wilks. After singing and prayer by E. L. Smith, the Association proceeded with the regular order of business.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL AND COLPORTAGE.

We, your Committee on Sunday School and Colportage, make the following report:

We think that the Sunday School is an auxiliary to the Church—a stepping-stone to the same—and we are sorry to see such little interest in the same. We notice Churches that have well-organized Sunday Schools have a live, flourishing Church. So we move upon our Churches the importance of organizing a Sunday School and upholding the same. There are at present twenty men in the field. P. F. BURNLEY, Chairman; W. W. Johnson,

W. N. GAMMON, Committee.

After being discussed by P. F. Burnley, T. T. Thompson, and others, the report was adopted.

Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock A. M., Thursday morning.

Second Day, Thursday, Sept. 21, 1899.

MORNING SESSION.

The Association was called to order at 9 o'clock A. M., by Moderator Wilks. Prayer by C. N. Simmons. The congregation then joined in singing an old hymn, "Let this feeble body faint." The brethren all joined in an old-fashion hand-shaking, and all were very much revived. The Moderator then announced the body ready for business. The clerk called the roll. A quorum being present, the body then proceeded with the regular business.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following report:

We think that the use of alcoholic drinks as a beverage is one of the greatest evils of our day, and that we, as Baptists, should promptly exclude from our fellowship any member that persists in participating in such; and we should use all laudable means in our power to get rid of the fell destroyer, and that we will not fellowship with any member that aids in manufacturing or selling the vile stuff as a beverage. Brethren, the time is up for us to be up and doing to save our boys from a drunkard's grave, by precept and example.

J. J. Dyer, Chairman.

After being discussed by J. J. Dyer, T. T. Thompson, W. H. Smith, and J. S. Pardue, the report was received and adopted.

On motion the body adjourned one hour for preaching. At 11 Clock W. H. Smith preached; text, 2 Cor. x, 15, 16. At the close of his sermon, as Brother Smith had decided to go to Mexico as a missionary, the brethren all joined in giving him their hands as a token that they would pray for him in the connections; with that he was endorsed by Brothers T. T. Thompson, W. M. S. Wilks, J. F. Lambert, and others, and a collection was taken up, resulting in \$29.51; and, by request of Brother Smith, it was to be sent as foreign missions.

Adjourned for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body was called to order at 1 o'clock P. M. by the Moderator. After prayer by C. E. Burts it was announced ready for business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Brother J. H. Swan would preach at Hartsville to-night, and T. T. Thompson at this church.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your Committee, submit the following report:

We find the report of the Committee made to Southern Baptist Conventions last May gives the following facts: Missionaries, 82; native assistants, 128; churches, 100; out stations, 140; membership, 5,347; baptisms, 845; day schools, 43; Sunday school, scholastic, 2,446; receipts for the foreign board, \$109,267,43; contributed by native churches, \$7,110.20. This board operates in six fields, Africa, China, Brazil, Italy, Japan and Mexico. The blessing of God has been upon their work this year as never before in its history, and calls upon us for increased effort and multiplied contributions. Aside from our organized work, a number of brethren are on the field in the name of Gospel missions. They have missionaries in China, Peru, Mexico and Indian Territory, inclusive; twenty-eight who receive an average salary of \$400, or a total of about \$11,200, and have had about 60 baptisms. Without discussing the merit of the comparative plans we rejoice that all can find a place for their willing contributions. We therefore recommend to our Churches that much earnest prayer be offered for guidance, much giving for past blessings, and much sacrifice for our lost neighbor and our Master's glory in the future.

T. T. Thompson, Chairman;

J. B. JEFFREYS,

P. F. BURNLEY, Committee.

After being discussed by Brothers T. T. Thompson, W. M. S. Wilks, W. H. Smith, and C. E. Burts, it was then adopted.

On motion it was ordered that this Association adopt a resolution to send to W. H. Smith \$100 as mission money as long as he remains in the field.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Home Missions, submit the following report:

We consider the work of home missions of greatest importance, because the Master said, "Preach the gospel to every creature." There was never a more opportune time than now for accomplishing a great work in our home mission fields. The report of the home mission board is as follows: Missionaries, 653; churches and stations occupied, 2,580; baptisms, 6,552; churches organized, 194; houses built, 92; Sunday schools organized, 512; teachers and pupils, 14,768; receipts of the board, \$88,561.40. Let us be up and doing the Master's will. Time is precious and opportunities are passing.

J. W. McQueen, Chairman;

W. B. Roberson,

J. W. HARPER, Committee.

After being discussed by J. W. McQueen, T. T. Thompson, A. R. Harris, and P. F. Burnley, was adopted.

On motion it was ordered that this body take up a collection for Providence Church, resulting in \$20.50.

On motion the body adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Friday morning. Prayer by T. T. Thompson.

Third Day, Friday, Sept. 22, 1899.

MORNING SESSION.

The Association was called to order at 9 A. M., and after singing and prayer by Brother W. O. Neal the Association was then aunounced ready for business.

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

We, your Committee on State of Religion, submit the following report:

Our letters from the various Churches show a net increase of seventy-two members, an average of three and two-elevenths per Church. This is not what it ought to be, nor what, under the direction of Christ, we have the privilege of expecting. Something is wrong. There is death in the pot somewhere, and it behooves us of whom it has been said, "Ye are the light of the world and the sait of the earth," to seek out the hindering cause and remove it.

J. S. Pardur, Chairman;

J. L. HAWKINS,

WILSON WISEMAN, Committee.

After being discussed by Brothers Pardue, Lambert, Hawkins, and Swan, it was adopted.

· REPORT ON DISTRICT MISSIONS.

We, your Committee, submit the following report:

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT MISSION BOARD.

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W. K. Johnson, Chairman; J. W. Handen, Gus Fuqua, Board.

Adjourned one hour for preaching.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

R. B. Davis preached at 11 o'clock A. M.; text, 2 Tim. ii, 3. At the close of his sermon the brethren all joined in extending to Brother Davis their hands, endorsing his sermon in every respect.

On motion the body adjourned for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body was called to order. A quorum being present, the Moderator announced the body ready for business. By request we had a very beautiful and touching song by Brother C. L. Frost, of the Edgefield Baptist Church of Nashville.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on State Missions, submit the following report:

State Missions is a work that is now claiming the special attention of Tennessee Baptists. There is a great work for us to accomplish, and it must be done at once or suffer a dark page to enter into our history. The Mormons are among us teaching their heresy to our sons and daughters. We would call attention to the fact that we support our own Missionaries in Tennessee and at the same time we, to a great extent, are supporting the Mormon missionaries also, who look upon us as heathen. Brethren, let us rally to the support of State Missions and thus crush the heresies that are now being taught in our State, and reach the many homes that are without Christ.

Dr. H. Fitzpatrick, Chairman;

J. W. Dornie,

C. N. Simmons, Committee.

After being discussed by Dr. H. Fitzpatrick, T. T. Thompson, and J. S. Pardue, it was adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

We, your Committee, submit the following report:

Our God-appointed institutions for the blessing of poor orphan children have had very gratifying success in the past and great promises for the future. We have property worth \$25,000; have capacity for 200 children; have now in the Home 22, and have placed 110 in good Baptist homes over the State. The average cost of feeding, clothing and schooling the children per month is \$6.00. We need money, clothing and faithful prayer for the little ones, that they be led wisely and faithfully to the Savior. Address all moneys to Dr. A. J. Holt; all questions with reference to placing or removing, to Brother W. C. Golden, both Nashville, Tenn.

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After being discussed at some length by Brother T. T. Thompson, a collection was taken up, resulting in \$17 for the home.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

We, your Committee, submit the following report:

We are, indeed, glad to report a great many visitors from our sister Associations. It does our hearts good to have them with us, and we sincerely wish the continuance of their correspondence. As means to this end we would urge that the Messengers from this Association to others attend.

T. T. THOMPSON, Chairman;

W. H. STANFORD,

J. W. Lewis, Committee.

Adopted.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

The Committee on Religious Literature reported as follows:

There are certainly but few subjects of more importance than that of religious literature. In the mouth of our religious literature we ought to use the arguments suggested by politicians. Any people are largely what their reading has made them. We recommend that every family take and read, in connection with the Bible and such books, some one, or more, of our denominational periodicals, such as the Baptist and Reflector, Baptist Flag, Western Recorder, Home Field Journal, and Foreign Mission Journal, together with the literature of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

W. H. Smith, Chairman;

J. H. SWAN, E. L. SMITH, Committee.

After being discussed by W. H. Smith and others the report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee, submit the following report:

Collected for the use of printing Minutes, \$25.00.

J. D. WHITE, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee respectfully submits its report upon the subject of Education:

In this age of activity and of progress in every business and profession an education is imperatively essential. It guarantees a better class; gives more enlightened citizenship; improves society, and aids materially the Church in its work. The education of the children is an important duty of parents. A duty so serious and one of so much promise that its wanton neglect is inexcusable. Baptists owe it to themselves, to their children, to

the State and to the Church to do more and accomplish more on educational matters than heretofore. The Southwestern Baptist University at Jackson, and Boscobel Collége, Nashville, both Tennessee institutions, were built and are sustained by Baptists in Tennessec. These institutions have commodious buildings, healthful locations, and have excellent and capable faculties. They should receive the cordial support of Baptists composing this Association.

MORGAN C. FITZPATRICK, Chairman.

After discussion by T. T. Thompson, M. C. Fitzpatrick, W. H. Smith, and others, adopted.

NEW BUSINESS.

Resolved, Inasmuch as our beloved brother, W. H. Smith, goes to Mexico as a missionary, this Association earnestly and cordially endorses him as an earnest and faithful herald of the Cross and an earnest Christian, and now asks that the Churches of this Association pledge him their hearty support, and ask them to make an effort to pay him as an Association as much as \$100 annually as long as he is in the work.

P. F. BURNLEY,

RESIGNATION OF TRUSTEES OF WILLETTE ACADEMY.

We, your Trustees of Willette Academy, appointed at your last annual session, tender our resignation, and recommend that the property be turned over to the Trustees appointed by the Enon Association, to do what they see fit, relinquishing all our claims to the same.

P. F. Bunnley, Chairman;

J. W. McQueen,

T. T. Thompson, Committee.

On motion it was ordered that the clerk be allowed the right to get any good advertising matter to go on the backs of the Minutes to assist him in making the Minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following brethren agreed to visit as messengers the different associations, as follows:

New Salem Association-J. J. Dyer and J. S. Pardue.

Enon Association-J. E. Overton, R. L. Ragland, J. S. Pardue, J. J. Chambers, J. D. White, J. N. Knight, Gus Fuque, J. L. Hawkins and H. L.

Bay's Fork Association-J. J. Dyer, J. E. Overton, C. N. Simmons, W. A. Goard and T. W. Fishborn.

Barren River Association-No Messengers. Cumberland Association-No Messengers.

Salem Association-No Messengers.

Concord Association-No Messengers.

STATE BAPTIST CONVENTION.

On motion it was ordered that Brother C. N. Simmons be sent as a delegate to the State Convention, and let this body pay his expenses.

On motion it was ordered that Brother J. S. Pardue be sent as a delegate to represent us in the Southern Baptist Convention; W. M. S. Wilks, alternate.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, 1. That the sincere thanks of this body be tendered this Church and community for the kindness shown us while with them.

Resolved, 2. That we tender our thanks to the Moderator and Clerk of this Association for their faithfulness in discharging their duty.

Resolved, 3. That we allow our Clerk \$10 for his services, and he pay the remainder for the printing of Minutes.

Resolved, 4. That we pray for more of the love of God shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, which is given unto us that we may live less for self and more for Jesus.

Resolved, 5. That we, as the Wiseman Association, bid Godspeed no longer to the Mormon people by inviting them into our houses nor by receiving their literature, and that we hereby enter our protest against Mr. Roberts being allowed to take his seat in Congress.

J. W. McQueen, J. W. Dillehay.

After discussion by T. T. Thompson, and others, adopted.

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, with prayer by Brother Lambert, the Association adjourned, to meet with the Siloam Church, Macon County, Tennessee, on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1900.

W. M. S. WILKS, Moderator.

D. S. REED, Clerk.

J. S. PARDUE, Treasurer.

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