

FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The messengers composing the Wiseman Baptist Association met with the Baptist Church at Siloam, Macon County, Tenn., on Wednesday, September 19, 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m.

After singing and prayer, Brother J. W. McQueen preached the introductory sermon; text, Isaiah xxi, 11, 12. After the sermon, Brother J. F. Lambert, Moderator, called the Association to order. J. M. Williams and J. W. Dorris were selected to read letters from the Churches, and the following Messengers responded:

Cedar Bluff—C. F. Cothron, J. D. White, Thomas Summers.
Corum Hill—No intelligence.
Chestnut Grove—C. E. Lyles, George Bell, James Cook.
Dixon Creek—J. W. Massey, B. M. Gregory, William Gregory.
Friendship—J. M. Carr, R. H. Fitzpatrick.
Good Will—George Taylor, A. H. Blackwell.
Hartsville—A. J. Hager, A. S. Reaves, Mat Martin.
Hillsdale—J. J. Dyer, Dr. Celsor, Y. Gross.
New Hopewell—W. M. S. Wilks, I. S. Jones, A. J. Fitzpatrick.
Bledsoe—J. M. Pardue, J. W. McQueen.
LaFayette—W. M. Gammon.
Long Creek—G. W. Jenkins, W. K. Johnson.
Meadorville—J. H. McClard, B. N. Glover.
Mount Olivet—No intelligence.
New Harmony—J. F. Lambert, R. L. Ragland.
Pleasant Grove—R. Y. Hawkins, C. N. Simmons, A. M. Gammon.
Sweet Home—H. L. Crensy, Craig Maudrell.
Rock Bridge—J. W. Dorris, J. F. Ashlock.
Rocky Mound—H. W. Barbee, C. B. Massey, P. A. Meadow.
Shady Grove—W. I. Bundy.
Siloam—J. R. Stinson, J. W. Flemmings, J. L. Hawkins.
Spring Creek—S. H. Dillard, N. W. Walton, W. A. Goard.
Zion—No intelligence.

The Association was then regularly organized by electing J. F. Lambert, Moderator; D. S. Reed, Clerk, and W. M. Gammon, Treasurer. The petitioning letters were called for and none were presented. The following visiting brethren were present and invited to seats with the Association:

New Salem Association—No one.
Liberty Association—H. D. Morgan.

Enon Association—Elder E. L. Smith, J. M. Williams.
 Cumberland Association—No one.
 Bays Fork—Elder W. H. O'Neal.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

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

Order of Business—A. S. Reaves, C. N. Simmons, G. Fuqua.
 Education—A. F. Williams, J. M. Williams.
 State of Religion—J. J. Dyer, E. L. Smith, Dr. Celsor.
 District Missions—Executive Board.
 Home Missions—J. W. Massey, R. H. Fitzpatrick, T. C. Harrison.
 Foreign Missions—A. F. Williams, J. L. Hawkins.
 State Missions—J. W. Dorris, J. W. McQueen.
 Orphans' Home—W. M. S. Wilke, W. A. Goard, R. L. Ragland.
 Finance—J. D. White, George Taylor, A. H. Blackwell.
 Sunday-school and Colportage—A. S. Reaves, Mat Martin.
 Correspondence—E. Lyle, J. E. Overton.
 Temperance—Joseph Simmons, W. K. Johnson.
 Religious Literature—A. F. Williams, J. W. McQueen.
 Devotional Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of this Church.
 Resolutions—E. L. Smith, W. A. Dorris, G. Fuqua.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Your Committee on Order of Business 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, Correspondence; 9, Finance; 10, New Business; 11, Resolutions.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises announced that J. J. Dyer and C. B. Massey would preach at Eula to-night, and decided to have no preaching here.

Prof. A. F. Williams made a fine talk on "Education," introducing the various literature—Baptist and Reflector, Liberty Baptist, and Western Recorder. Brother Joseph Simmons introduced the Baptist Flag, after which the body adjourned to meet Thursday morning, September 20, at 9 o'clock. Prayer.

SECOND DAY—THURSDAY.

On account of the inclemency of the weather and the Moderator failing to get in, no business was attended to till the afternoon session was called.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The house was called to order by the Moderator; prayer by J. E. Overton. The Clerk read the rules of quorum and called the roll. A quorum being present, the body proceeded with their regular business.

Rocky Mound Church, Macon County, Tenn., was selected as the place for the Association to meet in the year 1901, and J. J. Dyer to preach the introductory sermon; W. M. S. Wilks, alternate.

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

We, your Committee on State of Religion, beg leave to say that we find, according to the report of the Churches, that Religion is at a very low state in our Association. Some Churches have made no additions, while others seem to have some life, yet none are doing what they ought to do. Brother, what is the matter? Has the good Lord forgotten us, or are we doing nothing? We would advise and say for the good of the cause, let us arouse from the stupor and go to work and organize Sabbath-schools and prayer meetings, and go to work in earnest and do better.

J. J. DYER, Chairman.

After being ably discussed by Prof. A. F. Williams, A. S. Reeves and others, the report was adopted.

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS AND COLPORTAGE.

We, your Committee on Sunday-schools and Colportage, have the honor to make the following report:

Sunday-schools being nurseries and important auxiliaries to all successful churches, we beg to express profound regret at the little interest shown by the membership of the twenty-three churches composing Wiseman's Association in Sunday-school work. In the report for the nineteen churches therefor, represented by Messengers and letters to this Association, it is found that only six report Sunday-schools, to-wit: Hartsville, Friendship, Hopewell, LaFayette, Bledsoe and Goodwill. Hartsville reports 75 pupils enrolled; Hopewell, 30; Friendship, 45; LaFayette, 25; Goodwill and Bledsoe each report a Sunday-school, without giving the number of pupils. From this it will be seen that among the twenty-three churches only 175 pupils are reported. We further beg to say that, in order to secure an

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active, energetic membership, and thereby a live church, it is absolutely necessary to have a feeder in the form of a Sunday-school.

A. S. REAVES,
MAT MARTIN, Coimmittee.

After being discussed by J. E. Overton, J. J. Dyer and others, the report was adopted.

On motion, it was ordered that all the reports on Missions be read and discussed together.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We, your Committee, beg leave to report as follows:

There has never been a time in the history of our State Convention when State Missions needed the attention that it now requires. There is a great work for us to accomplish, and if we would obey our Lord and Master, we will accomplish this work. The Mormons are in our midst teaching their heresies and circulating their literature. We would emphasize the fact that, while we are supporting our own Missionaries, just so far as we entertain their elders we are supporting Missionaries from an organization that looks upon us as heathen, and whose principles are far from the true principles of Christianity. Brethren, if we have the truth, which is the only thing that will drive out heresy, let us, for Christ's sake, give it to the people of our State. We recommend earnest and fervent prayer upon the part of the churches, and the preaching of the word only by the watchmen upon the walls of Zion.

J. W. McQUEEN,
J. W. DORRIS, Committee.

After being discussed by G. Fuqua, J. W. McQueen, J. S. Pardue, J. J. Dyer, A. F. Williams and others, the report was adopted.

DISTRICT MISSIONS.

The Board received at the Fifth Sunday Meeting \$7.11. We have received from the churches \$21.42, making a total of \$28.53. We have paid Brother J. J. Dyer for services at Sweet Home Church \$21.00, leaving a balance on hand of \$7.53. We have received \$3.00 to aid in building a house at Sweet Home.

GUS FUQUA,
J. W. HARPER,
W. H. JOHNSON, Committee.

HOME MISSIONS.

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

We consider the work of Home Missions of the greatest importance, because it is the nucleus of the Mission work; it is most practical, economical and effective. There was never a time in the history of the work when opportunities were better for the accomplishment of great good. The report, taken from the Southern Baptist Convention, is as follows: Mis-

sionaries, 671; Weeks of Labor, 16,919; Churches and Stations, 2,168; Sermons and Addresses, 64,462; Prayer Meetings, 9,150; Religious Visits, 88,280; Baptisms, 5,696; Received by Letter, 6,255; Total Addresses, 11,951; Churches Constituted, 195; Houses of Worship built, 71; Houses of Worship improved, 63; Amount expended on Houses of Worship, \$68,223; Sunday-schools organized, 639; Teachers and Pupils, 24,675; Bibles and Testaments distributed, 18,412; Tracts distributed, 1,534,740. The State Boards of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indian Territory, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma Territory, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia are in co-operation with us in part of the whole of the work. The total amount of cash received during the session of the regular work of the Board has been \$75,366.68; in addition to this, the Board has received a special annuity gift of \$4,000, which makes the actual amount of cash received \$79,366.68. All of the States except one show an increase in cash contributions over last year.

R. H. FITZPATRICK,
J. W. MASSEY,
T. C. HARRISON, Committee.

After being discussed by Prof. A. F. Williams, A. S. Reaves, W. M. S. Wilks and others, the report was adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We, your Committee on Devotional Exercises, announce that Brother J. C. Stone will preach at this Church to-night.

Adjourned to meet Friday morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by C. N. Simmons.



THIRD DAY—FRIDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The body met according to adjournment. The Moderator called the house to order. After prayer by W. M. Gammon, the Clerk read the rules of the quorum and called the roll. The quorum being present, the body proceeded to the regular order of business. On motion it was ordered that the speaker on each subject be limited to five minutes, except the Chairman, and that he be allowed ten minutes. On motion it was ordered that the body dispose of the business, and that Prof. A. F. Williams have twenty minutes to speak on Missions.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your Committee, submit the following report:

We find that the Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention reports receipts from May 1, 1899, to May 1, 1900, as follows:

Total amount from all sources this year,	\$140,102 30
Expenses in different fields,	6,354 31
Balance,	\$133,747 99
Time loans this year,	23,500 00
Call loans this year,	10,277 78
Balance reported May 1, 1899,	12,257 69
	<u>179,783 46</u>
This shows a balance of	\$14,737 82

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Call loans brought over from last year,	\$11,183 09
Call loans obtained this year,	10,277 78
	<u>\$21,460 87</u>
Less paid this year,	15,704 04
Balance due,	\$5,756 83
Due Church Publication Society,	521 26—
	<u>\$6,278 09</u>
Net balance,	\$8,459 73

We earnestly beg that this amount be increased this year.

A. F. WILLIAMS,
J. L. HAWKINS, Committee.

EDUCATION.

We, your Committee, submit the following report :

All must be prepared for life, prepared by education, development, discipline and information, but, above all, we should be prepared spiritually. Education brings strength, gives power, elevates and refines, but it does not consecrate and purify the heart. We must be born again and become new creatures in Jesus, the Christ. We urge the brethren to patronize our own denominational schools, and give their children Christian education. Among these we recommend the Southwestern University, Jackson, Tenn., Carson & Newman, Boscobel, and other Baptist institutions.

A. F. WILLIAMS,
J. M. WILLIAMS, Committee.

After being discussed by A. F. Williams and J. M. Williams, the report was adopted.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We, your Committee, submit the following report :

The literature of a people constitutes a large part of their lives. It aids their development, records their progress, preserves their principles, propagates their ideas, preserves their sentiments. Religious literature takes the deepest hold on a people; it advocates their doctrines, affords opportunity for discussion, stimulates investigation, unifies their denomination, brings them to common interpretation of the Scriptures, and a uniformity of teaching. We should encourage and help patronize and circulate our denominational papers. Among these we recommend the Baptist and Reflector, published at Nashville; it is sound, strong and faithful, and always a watchman on the walls. We urge the brethren to take this as a State paper. We also recommend the Liberty Baptist, the Baptist Flag and the Western Recorder. We urge the brethren to use our Sunday-school literature, published by our Sunday-school Board at Nashville.

A. F. WILLIAMS,
J. W. McQUEEN, Committee.

After being ably discussed by A. F. Williams and others, the report was adopted.

ORPHANS' HOME.

We, your Committee on Orphans' Home, beg leave to make the following report :

We are not informed as to the present number of children in the Home; last year's report showed that there were 22 in the Home, and that 110 had been placed in good Baptist families since the Home had been in operation. We believe that this grand institution should demand the respect and support of all thinking Baptists, and each one of us should aid in every way we can to maintain and care for the little ones that come into the Home. We therefore suggest that when the Messengers return to their respective churches they recommend and urge that a committee be appointed in each

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church to solicit aid for the Home, such as money, clothing and provisions of all kinds. Brethren, pray for the Home and help the orphans at Nashville. Address all money, etc., to A. J. Holt; all questions with reference to placing or the removing of Orphans, to W. C. Golden, both of Nashville, Tenn.

W. M. S. WILKS,
R. L. RAGLAND,
W. A. GOARD, Committee.

After being discussed by W. M. S. Wilks, A. S. Reaves and J. S. Pardue, a collection was taken up, resulting in \$9.44, which was turned over to the Treasurer. The report was adopted.

TEMPERANCE.

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

From observation and daily experience we, your Committee on Temperance, have the honor to say that we are firmly convinced that the use of alcoholic drinks as a beverage is a destructive element of American manhood, womanhood, citizenship, honesty, firesides, and principles of Christianity, and that no member of any Baptist Church composing this Association, who persists in the use of such beverage, should be retained as a member of such Church. We declare it to be the duty, and it should be the determination, of every Christian and good citizen to use every laudable means in their power, consistent with good citizenship, to free our State and Nation from the destroyer of the peace and happiness of our people, and that we will not hold fellowship with any member who aids in manufacturing and selling alcoholic beverages.

JOSEPH SIMMONS,
W. H. JOHNSON, Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

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

J. E. OVERTON,
W. F. LYLE, Committee.

After being discussed by W. K. Johnson and W. M. S. Wilks, the report was adopted.

FINANCE.

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

Collected for the use of printing Minutes, \$27.00.

J. D. WHITE, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

Resolved, that the sincere thanks of this body be tendered to this church and community for the kindness shown us during our stay among them.

Resolved, that we tender our thanks to the Moderator and Clerk of this Association for their faithfulness in the discharge of their duties.

Resolved, that we allow the Clerk \$10 00 for his services, and he pay the remainder for the printing of Minutes.

G. FUQUA,
E. L. SMITH,
W. A. DORRIS, Committee.

NEW BUSINESS.

On motion, it was ordered that delegates be elected to represent us in both the Southern Baptist and State Conventions. Brother J. F. Lambert was elected to the State Convention, to be held at Galatin, October 17, 1900; W. M. S. Wilks, alternate. Col. A. S. Reaves was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, to be held at New Orleans; W. M. S. Wilks, alternate.

On motion, it was ordered that the Clerk be allowed the right to secure any good advertising matter he could to go on the cover of the Minutes, to assist him in making the same.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following brethren agreed to visit, as Messengers, the different Associations:

Salem—No Messengers.

Enon—J. E. Overton, R. L. Ragland.

Bays Fork—B. N. Glover, W. A. Goard, W. K. Johnson.

Liberty—J. D. White, J. S. Pardue, John McClard, J. F. Lambert, I. N. Knight.

Scottsville—P. A. Meadow, C. N. Simmons, J. E. Overton, C. Massey, W. A. Goard, G. W. Jenkins, J. D. White, J. N. Knight, Joseph Simmons, A. S. Reaves, J. F. Lambert, J. S. Pardue, W. K. Johnson.

Barren River—Joseph Simmons, Dr. Celsor, G. W. Jenkins, R. L. Ragland, J. F. Lambert, J. S. Pardue, W. A. Goard and J. E. Overton.

On motion, it was ordered that this body appoint a committee of three to make a report on Ministerial Relief.

On motion, it was ordered that a committee of three be appointed on Obituary.

All of the above committees are to be appointed by the Moderator at the next Association.

On motion, it was ordered that this body continue to hold the

same committee on District Board of Missions, composed of Gus Fuqua, W. K. Johnson and J. W. Harper.

There being no further business before the body, the Association joined in singing and giving each other their hands. After prayer by Brother G. N. Simmons, the Association adjourned to meet with the Rocky Mound Church, five miles northwest of Epsom Springs, Macon county, Tenn., on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1901.

J. F. LAMBERT, Moderator.

D. S. REED, Clerk.

W. M. GAMMON, Treasurer.



Receipts from Wiseman Association for Year Ending September 19, 1900.

CHURCHES.	Number of Members.	Orphans' Home.	Sunday School and Colportage	District Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Total.
Cedar Bluff,	46	\$ 0 00	\$0 00	\$ 8 00	\$ 0 00	\$ 0 00	\$ 0 00	\$ 8 00
Corum Hill,	66	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
Chestnut Grove,	17	15	00	00	00	00	00	15
Dixon Creek,	285	00	00	1 25	00	00	00	1 25
Friendship,	159	19 75	00	5 55	5 25	18 10	5 05	49 20
Goodwill,	73	00	00	4 35	00	50	00	4 85
Hartsville,	91	5 65	5 65	5 65	2 85	2 80	11 42	34 02
Hillsdale,	147	00	00	00	5 65	6 70	5 65	18 00
New Hopewell,	115	00	00	00	6 36	6 37	12 72	25 45
Bledsoe,	48	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
Lafayette,	90	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
Long Creek,	19	00	00	1 82	00	00	00	1 82
Meadorville,	56	00	00	97	25	25	25	1 72
Mt. Olivet,	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
New Harmony,	100	00	00	4 18	00	00	00	4 18
Pleasant Grove,	24	00	00	50	00	00	00	50
Sweet Home,	9	00	00	85	00	00	00	85
Rock Bridge,	30	00	00	1 00	00	00	00	1 00
Rocky Mound,	48	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
Shady Grove,	85	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
Siloam,	96	00	00	2 00	00	00	00	2 00
Spring Creek,	90	00	00	3 00	00	00	00	3 00
Zion,	39	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
Total,	1,733	\$25 55	\$5 65	\$34 12	\$20 36	\$34 72	\$35 09	\$155 99

WISEMAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Statistical Report of Wiseman Association for Year Ending September 19, 1900.

CHURCHES.	Received by Examination and Baptism.					Total Members.	Printing Fund.	Pastor's Salary.	No. S. S. Students.	Average Attendance.	PASTORS.	PASTORS' POSTOFFICES.	CLERKS.	CLERKS' POSTOFFICES.
	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Increased.									
Cedar Bluff,	0	0	0	5	0	46	\$ 0 87	\$00 00	0	0	J. W. McQueen.	Bransford, Tenn.	D. H. White.	Echo, Tenn.
Corum Hill,	0	0	0	0	0	00	00	0 00	0	0				Eula, Tenn.
Chestnut Grove,	4	0	0	0	0	17	50	0 00	0	0	W. H. O'Neal.	Adolphus, Ky.	W. E. Lyle.	Dixon Springs, Tenn.
Dixon Creek,	21	4	0	0	0	285	2 50	0 00	0	0	M. B. Ramsey.	Gibbs' X Roads, Tenn.	J. W. Massey.	Hartsville, Tenn.
Friendship,	3	5	0	0	0	139	3 00	1 85	0	0	E. N. Dickson.	Franklin, Ky.	J. W. Lewis.	Dixon Springs, Tenn.
Goodwill,	0	0	0	0	0	73	1 00	0 00	0	0	J. J. Dyer.	Dixon Springs, Tenn.	Henry Harper.	Hartsville, Tenn.
Hartsville,	17	0	0	0	0	9	12 00	300 00	75	40	G. W. Sherman.	Carthage, Tenn.	P. G. Terry.	Hillsdale, Tenn.
Hillsdale,	5	1	0	2	0	147	1 00	120 00	0	0	W. M. S. Wilks.	Enon College, Tenn.	W. J. Cothron.	Chipman, Tenn.
New Hopewell,	5	1	0	0	0	115	2 50	100 00	0	19	W. M. S. Wilks.	Enon College, Tenn.	T. S. Jones.	Bransford, Tenn.
Bledsoe,	8	6	0	0	0	48	70	18 00	0	0	J. W. McQueen.	Bransford, Tenn.	J. M. Pardue.	Lafayette, Tenn.
Lafayette,	0	0	1	1	0	90	1 50	0 00	25	0	J. H. Swann.	Willette, Tenn.	W. M. Gammons.	Lafayette, Tenn.
Long Creek,	0	0	0	0	0	19	65	0 00	0	0	R. P. Dillard.	Lafayette, Tenn.	G. W. Jenkins.	Meadorville, Tenn.
Meadorville,	0	0	0	0	0	56	1 00	0 00	0	0	J. H. Swann.	Willette, Tenn.	J. W. Parker.	
Mt. Olivet,	0	0	0	0	0	00	00	0 00	0	0				
New Harmony,	4	11	1	4	1	3	100	1 50	0 00	0	J. F. Lambert.	Eula, Tenn.	Gus Fuqua.	Prior, Tenn.
Pleasant Grove,	0	0	0	1	0	24	50	0 00	0	0	C. N. Simmons.	Westmoreland, Tenn.	A. Gaminons.	Westmoreland, Tenn.
Sweet Home,	0	0	0	0	0	9	30	0 00	0	0	J. J. Dyer.	Dixon Springs, Tenn.	Craig Mandrell.	A. B. C. Tenn.
Rock Bridge,	0	0	0	0	0	30	50	0 00	0	0	J. W. Swann.	Portland, Tenn.	J. W. Dorris.	Bethpage, Tenn.
Rocky Mound,	0	0	0	0	0	48	50	0 00	0	0	J. S. Meadors.	Westmoreland, Tenn.	P. A. Meadow.	Long Creek, Tenn.
Shady Grove,	6	1	2	1	0	85	1 00	100 00	0	0	S. N. Fitzpatrick.	Carthage, Tenn.	W. T. Bundy.	Hartsville, Tenn.
Siloam,	0	0	0	1	2	1	96	1 00	0 00	0	J. L. Hawkins.	Westmoreland, Tenn.	T. E. Harrison.	Westmoreland, Tenn.
Spring Creek,	0	0	0	0	1	4	90	75	0 00	0	R. P. Dillard.	Lafayette, Tenn.	S. H. Dillard.	Lafayette, Tenn.
Zion,	0	0	0	0	0	00	00	0 00	0	0				
Total, . . .	75	31	4	34	10	21	1733	\$23 87	\$23 00	100	174			

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