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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FOURTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

**Wiseman Association
of Baptists,**

HELD WITH

ROCK BRIDGE CHURCH,

Sumner County, Tenn.,

SEPTEMBER 20, 21, 22, 1905

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MINUTES.

FIRST DAY.

Wednesday, September 20, 1905.

MORNING SESSION.

The Messengers composing the Wiseman Association met with the Baptist Church at Rock Bridge, Sumner County, Tenn., Wednesday, September 20, 1905. After singing and prayer Brother J. W. McQueen preached the introductory sermon.

After the sermon Bros. A. D. Robertson and J. S. Perdue were appointed to read the letters from the various churches and the following Messengers responded:

1. Bledson's Creek—J. M. Perdue, J. W. Fleming.
2. Cedar Bluff—J. D. White, J. A. Stone and H. M. Bransford.
3. Corum Hill—A. D. Robertson, J. E. Corum.
4. Chrisman Chapel—J. W. McQueen, W. M. Clark.
5. Dixon Creek—Brico Gregory, John Cothron, J. J. Gregory.
6. Friendship—King Carr, P. F. Burnley, J. H. Carr.
7. Fairview—J. D. Johnson, Jas. Cook, Jas. Wilks.
8. Goodwill—Henry Harper, A. H. Blackwell, Tom Gregory.
9. Hartsville—J. F. Lee, G. M. Martin and C. P. Freedle.
10. Hillsdale—Andrew Gammons and T. J. Thompson.
11. Lafayette—No Messengers or letter.
12. Long Creek—W. K. Johnson, G. W. Jenkins, and G. W. Johnson.
13. Meadorville—B. N. Glover, C. T. Burrows, and G. J. McClard.
14. Mt. Olivet—No letter.
15. New Hopewell—W. M. S. Wilks and J. M. Wilks.
16. New Harmony—Gus Fuqua, R. L. Ragland and J. F. Lambert.
17. Pleasant Grove—C. N. Simmons.
18. Rock Bridge—T. B. Simpson, I. R. Dorris and J. P. Lee.
19. Rocky Mound—I. N. Knight, A. J. Stone and A. J. Bradley.
20. Shady Grove—Tom Baley, D. S. Reed.
21. Siloam—J. A. Hawkins, T. C. Harrison and S. J. Akins.
22. Spring Creek—T. H. Fishburn, S. H. Dillard and S. S. M. Blankinship.
23. Zion—No letter. Represented by W. W. Payne as pastor.

The Association was then regularly organized by reelecting Brother W. M. S. Wilks Moderator and D. S. Reed Clerk, J. M. Wilks, Treasurer.

Petitioning letters were called for and none responded.

The following visiting brethren were present and invited to a seat with the body:

- Nashville Association, Dr. E. F. Folk, J. S. Pardue.
- Bays Fork, Wm. Brooks, J. W. Simpson and W. T. Kirkman.
- Liberty Ky., J. C. Cook.
- Cumberland, G. H. Dorris.
- Simpson, Ky., V. K. Witt.

After some announcements the body adjourned until 1 o'clock. Preaching at the grove by W. W. Payne, prayer by J. F. Lambert.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing and prayer by V K Witt the Moderator called the house to order and proceeded with the regular order of business.

The Moderator and Clerk appointed the following on the Order of Business: Gus Fuqua, J F Lee and J E Corum.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1, Religious Literature; 2, Prohibition; 3, Education; 4, State of Religion; 5, S. S. and Col.; 6, Orphans' Home; 7, State Missions, Home Missions, and Foreign Missions; 8, Ministerial Relief; 9, Finance; 10, New Business; 11, Correspondence; 12, Resolutions.

J F LEE,
GUS FUQUA,
J E CORUM,
Committee.

Corum Hill was selected for the next meeting of the Association, J F Lambert to preach the introductory sermon, J W McQueen alternate.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We your committee submit the following report:

What a person reads goes to form his character to a large extent. It becomes important, therefore, that he should read good literature of a pure and wholesome character. Baptists ought to read Baptist literature. They have the finest literature of any people in the world because they have the purest and noblest principles. We recommend as literature worthy to be read by the members of this Association the Bible first of all, which is too often neglected. The Baptist books and tracts published by our various Baptist publishing houses, the Sunday School literature of the Sunday-School Board published at Nashville, our Home Field published at Atlanta, Georgia, the Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va., and our State paper, the Baptist and Reflector, published at Nashville, which ought to be in every home in this Association to give them information about our work and workers in the State and to keep them in touch with the Baptist brotherhood of Tennessee.

After being ably discussed by Dr. E E Folk, J W McQueen V K Witt and W W Payne the report was adopted.

There being no further business before the body it was adjourned until Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by V K Witt.

THURSDAY MORNING, Sept. 21, 1905.

After singing and prayer the Moderator reading the 12th chapter of Romans and prayer by V K Witt, the house was called to order by the Moderator and the Clerk called the roll, and a quorum being present the body proceeded with the regular order of business. The Clerk read the Rules of Decorum.

REPORT ON PROHIBITION.

We, your Committee, submit the following report: Under the Adams law there are saloons now in only twelve counties in Tennessee and in only fifteen places with over 5,000 inhabitants which have not now the privilege of getting rid of saloons and seven under 5,000 have such privilege and have not taken advantage of it. We recommend that we indorse the Adams law and favor its extension to every place in the State. We indorse the Anti-Saloon League and pledge to its representatives in this State our support. We will not vote for any man for any office of any party who is known to be in sympathy with the saloons.

W W PAYNE,
C N SIMMONS,
T C HARRISON,
Committee.

After being ably discussed by W W Payne and Dr. E E Folk—Adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We, your committee, submit the following report:

The destiny of our country depends on the mental, moral, and spiritual development of its citizens: without these there can be no good government, no true happiness, nor any actual progress in christianity. Education promotes the happiness of man, brings him in a closer relation with his God, exalts him to a higher scale of being. It is the duty of every parent to give their children at least a practical education and give careful attention to their moral and spiritual development; and supply them with good literature. We recommend that our people send their children to denominational schools where they can be instructed in Baptist doctrines and principles. We recommend the Southwestern Baptist University at Jackson, Bethel College, Russelville, Ky., and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

J H CARR,
J C COOK,
Committee.

After being discussed by John Carr G H Dorris, J C Cook, J F Lambert and W W Payne—Adopted.

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

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

We find that the state of religion—while there have been gratifying results with some of our churches—is at an alarmingly low ebb generally considered. Where is the fault? It's not with God. It's not because of any inefficiency in the organization of the Church. Then from whence comes our failure? We give, in our judgment, some of the most prominent reasons why we have made such lamentable failures: First, men work at and make sacrifices to build and extend what they have faith in. "If ye love me ye will keep my words." A good will brings forth good fruit. Second, now then, taking promise, may we not conclude inevitably that a large per cent of our membership do not believe in Christ? May it not be true that we have followed Rome in the receiving into our churches unregenerated? We recommend to our churches and ministry personal work. Statistics from our churches reported are as follows: Ten churches, increase 100; average of 10 to each. Seven churches, no increase.

J S PARDUE,
T J THOMPSON,
G W JENKINS,
Committee.

After being discussed by J S Pardue, P F Burnley, King Carr, G W Jenkins, W W Payne, J W McQueen, J C Cook, and V K Witt—Adopted.
The body then adjourned till one o'clock. Prayer by J C Cook.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing and prayer by C N Simmons the Moderator called the House to order and proceeded with the regular order of business.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL AND COLPORTAGE.

We, your Committee, submit the following report:

We deplore the lack of interest this Association takes in the Sunday School and Colportage work. There are hundreds of families in this Association who have no Bible in their homes and our Colporter has arrangements made with the State Board to supply poor families with the Bread of Life; and we recommend the work to be encouraged by this Association and not surrender the same to the State Board, but co-operate with them in spreading the gospel. We also recommend to the various churches to organize and keep up a Sunday School in their respective churches.

P F BURNLEY,
J F LEE,
HENRY HARPER,
Committee.

After being discussed by P F Burnley, J F Lambert, and V K Witt—Adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

The most helpless thing in the world is a child. Not until the child is nearly grown is it self-supporting. When the natural protectors of the child, the parents, are taken away, then what shall become of the child? The Psalmist said: "When my father and mother forsake me then the Lord shall take me up." The Baptists of Tennessee have established at Nashville an Orphans' Home for the orphan children of Tennessee. About 120 children altogether have been cared for in the Home. There are now some 38 children in the Home. Let us help to support them by sending money to feed and clothe them, and also boxes of provisions and clothing.

If you wish any information with reference to the Home write to Maj. C T Cheek, President of the Home. Let us remember that pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: To visit the fatherless in their afflictions and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world.

HENRY HARPER,
GEO. FUQUA,
J L HAWKINS,
Committee.

Discussed by E. E. Folk and adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee submit the following report:
State mission is mission work in Tennessee, and when we think of whole counties and over two hundred towns and very many more large sections of country in other counties without a Baptist church we get some idea of the need of State missions. This year we give over \$12,000 for State missions. This is very encouraging and we recommend that our brethren give due diligence to missions, and also recommend that inasmuch as the State Board is helping our associations that the churches and pastors co-operate with the Board in sending the gospel to these destitute sections.

J W McQUEEN,
C S SIMMONS,
W W PAYNE,
Committee.

Adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee submit the following report:
This worthy object should have our profound attention, contributions, and prayers, since the angels have said at the advent of the First Foreign Missionary, "Be not afraid; behold, I bring you glad tidings of great joy;" since Paul, who said "Lay by you in store as God has prospered you;" since Jesus requires us to pray for all men everywhere. Our lack of interest in this fascinating work is due to two things: First, lack of evangelistic pastors; second, no systematic plans. Therefore your committee recommends that pastors lead in the work, for as is the preacher so is his congregation. Nine Tennesseans are in the foreign field. This of itself is enough to interest us. The expense of the Foreign Board is \$1,000 a day; therefore your committee recommend that the churches send in their contributions quarterly. The light that shines the farthest shines the brightest at home.

J C COOK,
P F BURNLEY,
G M MARTIN,
Committee.

Adopted.

REPORT ON DISTRICT MISSIONS.

The District Board of Wiseman Association submit the following report:
There has come into our hands during the year--

For repairing Mt. Olivet Church.....	\$20 10
District Missions.....	8 90
Received during the year.....	17 45
Total.....	46 45

Paid out the following amounts:

Repairing Mt. Olivet Church	20 10
R G Hawkins, preaching at Fairview	15 00
For conveyance for Brother Earl Sims	3 00
C N Simmons	75
Total	38 85
Leaving balance on hand	7 00

REPORT OF HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee submit the following report:
 Home Missions embraces the territory in the Southern States covered by the Southern Baptist Convention, and also Cuba. For the year 1904 there were 616 missionaries, 7,526 baptisms, 9,271 additions by letter; total additions for the year named 16,797. For the year 1905 there were 719 missionaries; total additions more than 20,000. The year closed with no debt and a balance of \$13,720.37 in the treasury. These are surely encouraging figures. Should we not continually pray the Lord of the harvest to enable us to meet the great responsibilities resting on us as we face the great harvest of souls?
 V K Witt,
 Committee.

Discussed by Gus Fuqua, J F Lambert, J W McQueen, J F Lee, W W Payne, J C Cook, W K Johnson, and adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your committee submit the following report:
 Amount on hand

.....	\$28 60
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Adopted.

J. D. WHITE,
 JOHN COCHRAN,
 Committee.

On motion it was ordered that the Clerk, after taking out the amount allowed him by the committee, then use the balance in having minutes printed and pro rata them to the churches according to the amount sent up from each church. It was then announced that Brother J. C Cook would preach at the stand.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

Your committee submit the following report:
 By investigation we find that the churches composing this body report only \$5.20 to this cause. Also, we remember that only a few years ago we embraced this worthy feature as a part of our work along the line of christian benevolence and the first year there was some fifty or seventy-five dollars contributed, which your committee or board elected for that purpose appropriated to Brother J F Lambert; but last year and this year it appears that little interest has been manifested in this part of our work. Your committee recommends that you to-day take such action as will either show there no longer remains a necessity for asking contributions for ministerial relief or that the messengers endeavor to stir up the churches to greater diligence along this line.

B N GLOVER,
 J M WILKS,
 BRUCE GREGORY,
 Committee.

Adopted.
 The body adjourned till Friday morning at 9 o'clock.
 Prayer by J W McQueen.

FRIDAY MORNING, Sept. 22, 1905.

After singing the Moderator read Psalms xl. Prayer by P F Burnley.
 The Clerk called the roll and a quorum being present the Moderator announced the body ready for regular order of business. The Clerk read the Rules of Decorum.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your committee submit the following report:
 The number of deaths in the bounds of this Association is as follows, to-wit:

Brother J W Dorris, deacon of this church; Ed Duty, B N Fleman, James Thompson, B F Parker, W B Bate, W S Senter, J W Harper, Sisters Mary Woodson, Bettie Kirby, Rachel Willis, Mrs. McWhirter, and Gertrude Harrison. They are gone and we have their counsel and co-operation no more.

Therefore, Resolved, That we lament their death and extend sympathy to the bereaved families; that we will strive to cherish their memories and profit by their good and worthy acts.

J M PARDEE,
A G GAMMONS,
Committee.

After discussion by J F Lambert and J W McQueen -- Adopted.

NEW BUSINESS.

On motion it was ordered that the Moderator appoint a committee to investigate some matters concerning Siloam and Rocky Mound Churches and report at the next meeting of this Association. The following brethren were appointed by the Moderator: W K Johnson, B L Raglin, P F Burnley, Gus Fuqua, J F Lee and J M Wilks.

On motion of J W McQueen it was ordered that the Moderator and Clerk assign to the various churches the reports on different work fostered and they be requested to send reports by their messengers to the next Association:

SUBJECT.	CHURCH.
Foreign Missions.	Hartsville.
Home Missions.	Hillsdale.
State Missions.	Friendship.
District Missions.	New Harmony and Long Creek.
Orphans' Home.	Meadorville.
Education.	Corum Hill.
Religious Literature.	Chrisman Chapel.
State of Religion.	Pleasant Grove.
Order of Business.	Good Will.
Finance.	Cedar Bluff.
Obituaries.	Siloam.
Correspondence.	Bledsoe Creek.
Resolutions.	Dixon Creek.

On motion it was ordered that Brother T J Thompson, Gus Fuqua and W K Johnson be retained as the Executive Board for the next year.

The following were appointed as delegates: Southern Baptist Convention—P F Burnley, J W McQueen, alternate. State Convention—A D Robertson, J M Wilks, alternate.

On motion it was ordered that brothers of this Association be recognized as delegates to different Associations.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, There is serious discord in the ranks of our Southern Baptist Zion of a magnitude that is alarming to behold, and which tends toward a separation of our people and churches into two antagonistic forces, thus destroying our peace, union and possibly our fellowship, and,

Whereas, These disturbances have arisen through a dissatisfaction upon the part of a large number of our people with the plans and methods pursued by the Southern Baptist Convention in propagating and carrying on missionary work; and,

Whereas, We, the Wiseman Association, deploring the existing state of affairs, and desiring to go on record as a body, desiring peace and harmony, and that peace and harmony to be held and sustained upon Bible and Baptist principles.

Therefore,
Resolved, That we declare that it was the sense of this body that the money basis of representation should be eliminated from the constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention;

Resolved, That we condemn the tendency toward centralization and episcopacy in the management and control of our missionary and educational work under the Southern Baptist Convention, and see in it a menace to church independence and supremacy under God:

Resolved, That believing as we do in the necessity of the doctrines and principles that we hold being taught in all their fullness and purity to all the world, we condemn any "comity" or arrangements which has or may be entered into by any of our boards or agencies, whereby our ministry shall be prevented from preaching and laboring in any field, because of the fact that other denominations, having previously or subsequently entered the field, oppose the same;

Resolved, That inasmuch as our missionary efforts are being put forth through the organized or convention plan, we feel it our right and duty to speak and give warning, and also to request other like bodies to do the same, to the end that defect may be remedied, and plans adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention upon which all truth-loving Baptists will be united;

Resolved, That these resolutions be printed in our minutes, and that copies of same be sent to the Western Recorder, Baptist and Reflector and Baptist Flag for publication, with request to other of our Baptist papers.

Resolved, That this Association express to this church and community its thanks for the abundant entertainment and hospitality we have been recipients of during our three days' stay in their midst; and we rejoice in our coming together here in the interest of our Master's business. Second, That this body extends to the Moderator and Clerk its thanks for the efficient manner in which they have performed their duties, and instruct that the Clerk be allowed \$10 out of the printing funds for his services.

There being no further business before the body, after singing and prayer by J F Lambert, adjourned to meet with Corum Hill Church, on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1906.

WM. S. WILKS, Moderator.

J. M. WILKS, Treasurer.

D. S. REED, Clerk.

Receipts of Wiseman Association for the Year Ending September 21, 1905.

CHURCHES.	No. of Members.	Orphans' Home.	Sunday-school and Colportage.	District Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Ladies' Aid Soc'y.	Ministerial Relief.
Bledsoe Creek.....	85		\$2 00				\$5 78		
Cedar Bluff.....	78						1 00		
Corum Hill.....									
Chrisman Chapel.....							17 21		
Dixon Creek.....	328			\$6 70		5 00	3 32		
Fairview.....		\$2 00		1 88	65	2 00	25		
Friendship.....	135	18 00		10 50	6 40	12 81	27 02		
Goodwill.....	98	1 00		50			29		
Hartsville.....	128	2 00	2 50	10 00	21 23	21 24	2 00	58 80	\$4 00
Hillsdale.....	172	15 00		5 10	32 23	34 50	39 24		
New Hopewell.....	108	6 00		18 40	4 38	4 37	14 75		
Lafayette.....									
Long Creek.....	34	1 00	81				3 35		
Meadorville.....	108	55			4 00		3 25		
Mt. Olivet.....									
New Harmony.....	130	2 20		2 50			3 08		2 70
Pleasant Grove.....	56	2 35		52		1 85	4 08		50
Rock Bridge.....	43	3 45							
Rocky Mound.....	50	2 00				40	1 50		
Shady Grove.....	109	3 00	1 25				1 25		
Siloam.....	138			25		25			
Spring Creek.....	69				50	50	1 00		
Zion.....	18								
Total.....	2050	58 55	6 52	56 35	69 39	82 92	128 35	58 80	7 20

STATISTICAL REPORT OF WISEMAN ASSOCIATION.
For the Year Ending September 21, 1905.

CHURCHES.	Rec'd by Ex. & Bap.			Deceased.	Excluded.	No of Members.	Printing Fund.	Pastor's Salary.	No. S. S. Students.	Average Attendance.	Pastors and Postoffices.	Clerks and Postoffices.
	Rec'd by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by letter.									
Bledsoe Creek	0	5	1	1	1	85	\$ 75	\$60 00	66	...	J A Stone, Castalian Springs, Tenn.	J M Pardue, Bethpage, Tenn.
Cedar Bluff					2	78	90				C N Simmons.	H M Bransford, R R 1.
Corum Hill	17					83	1 00					S M Wilks, R R 2.
Christman Chapel	14				1	38	50	75 00			J W McQueen.	T G Durham.
Dixon Creek	20		10	4	1	328	2 50				J H Swan.	J W Massey, Riddleton.
Fairview		1		1	1	35	75				R G Hawkins.	W E Lyles, Westmoreland.
Friendship	8	11		1	2	135	3 00	180 00	60		J C Cook, Monroe, Ky.	J W Lewis.
Goodwill	2	2		1	1	98	1 50	75 00			J J Dyer, Hillsdale, Tenn.	F P Duty.
Hillsdale	2	7		1	1	172	2 00	200 00	32		Don O Smith, Rouletts, Ky.	T J Thompson, Hillsdale.
Hartsville	2			1		128	2 50	250 00	72		W W Payne, Gallatin, Tenn.	M A Martin, Hartsville.
Hopewell	2	1		1	1	108	3 00	225 00	25		W M S Wilks, Gallatin, Tenn.	J T Wilks, Gallatin.
Lafayette						59						
Long Creek				1		33	75				T W Matthews, Riddleton.	G W Jenkins, Lafayette, R R 1.
Meadorville	5			1	1	108	1 50				J H Swan.	B N Glover.
Mt. Olivet												
New Harmony	15			1	1	138	1 50	60 00			T W Matthews, Riddleton, Tenn.	F W Gross, Hartsville, R R 1.
Pleasant Grove						56	75				C N Simmons.	J T Kinslow, Westmoreland.
Rock Bridge		1		1		43	1 10	23 55			J L Hawkins, Bransford.	J W Simpson, Rock Bridge, Tenn.
Rocky Mound	1	2	1	1		50	50				J H Stone, Westmoreland, R R 1.	M J Bradley, Westmoreland, R R 1.
Shady Grove						109	1 00	100 00			Lum Ramsey, Gibbs' X Roads.	W T Bundy, Hartsville.
Siloam			3	4	3	138	1 00				J S Thompson, Portland.	T C Harrison, Westmoreland.
Spring Creek				1	1	69	75				S H Dillard, Lafayette.	J W Jenkins, Lafayette.
Zion						18		18 00				
Total	90	28	5	10	22	1126	27 25	1268 55	255	...		

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