

PROCEEDINGS

FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

WISEMAN
ASSOCIATION
OF BAPTISTS.

Held with Carum's Bld Church, Sumner County, Tenn.,
September 19, 20, 21, 1906.

Next Meeting to be Held with Long Creek
Church, Macon County, Tenn., Sept.
18, 1907.

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RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise and address the Moderator by the appellation of Brother Moderator, and shall while speaking confine himself to the subject under consideration, and shall not be interrupted unless he digress from the subject, and shall in no wise reflect on any other speaker, or so to make remarks on his slips, failings, or imperfections, but shall simply state his views without sophistry or criticism.
4. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave of the Moderator.
5. No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the body.
6. Every motion and second shall come under immediate consideration of the Association, unless withdrawn by the one who made it.
7. No member shall whisper, laugh, or read any book or paper while the Association is in session.
8. No member shall address another by any other appellation than that of Brother.
9. On the second day it shall be the duty of the Clerk to read the Rules of Decorum and call the roll of members.
10. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but shall have no vote unless the Association be equally divided.
11. Any person violating these rules, or at any time manifesting a spirit contrary to the Gospel shall be reprov'd, or such other course taken with him as the Moderator may think proper, either at his own option or the intimation of any other member.

MINUTES.

FIRST DAY. WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19, 1906.—MORNING SESSION.

The messengers composing the Wiseman Association met with Corum's Hill Church, Sumner County, Tenn., Wednesday, September 19, 1906.

After devotional exercises Brother Earl D. Simms, State evangelist preached from Colossians 3d ch. 3d v. Song, and prayer by Brother W. W. Payne. Adjourned till 1 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

After singing, and prayer by Brother J. F. Lambert, Brother Simms was invited to sing some of the hymns as they are used in Chinese worship, which he did to the delight of the audience.

The Association was then called to order by the former Moderator, Wm. Wilks, and permanently organized by the election of Wm. Wilks, Moderator; C. D. High, Clerk, and John Wilks, Treasurer.

Brothers W. W. Payne and John Wilks were appointed to read the letters from the churches and the following messengers responded:

1. Cedar Bluff—Jeff Summar, J. D. White.
2. Corum Hill—A. D. Robeson, S. M. Wilks, J. E. Corum.
3. Friendship—Thos. Duffer, J. W. Lewis.
4. Hopewell—Wm. Wilks, J. M. Wilks.
5. Hartsville—J. F. Lee, J. B. Johnson, C. D. High.
6. Shady Grove—Alex Reed, W. T. Bundy.
7. Spring Creek—S. S. M. Blankenship.
8. Rock Bridge—J. P. Lee, J. F. Ashlock, T. B. Simpson.
9. Rocky Mound—C. B. Massey, W. J. Bradley.
10. New Harmony—Gus Fuqua, J. F. Lambert.
11. Goodwill—Jas. Linnville, George Taylor.
12. Hillsdale—J. F. Cothron, W. T. Merryman.

Petitionary letters were called for. None responded.
The following visitors from other Associations were invited to seats and names enrolled: From Nashville, Earl D. Simms, W. W. Payne; Grayson County Missionary Baptist Association, Texas, J. Y. Freeman; Salem, J. H. Taylor, T. L. Jackson, E. E. Corum, J. Buhler, R. P. Bryan, S. A. Johnson.

Unfinished Business.

The brethren appointed to investigate certain markets between Rocky Mound and Siloam Churches reported that the messengers from Rocky Mound Church had reported as to the disagreement between them and Siloam Church and that all was peace and harmony. On motion the report was received and accepted. It was ordered on motion to rescind the order requiring the Moderator and Clerk to assign subjects fostered by the Association to the various churches and the Moderator appointed committees from the messengers present to report.
Announcements were made by brethren representing Baptist and Reflector and Baptist Flag.
The Committee on Order of Business announced that Brother J. Y. Freeman preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock in the school house.
The Association then adjourned till Thursday morning, 9 o'clock. Benediction by Brother Payne.

SECOND DAY.

After singing the Moderator read Romans xii. Prayer by Brother Payne.
Association called to order by the Moderator.
The roll was then called and there being no copy of the constitution or rules of decorum present the Moderator stated the rules from memory. The roll of churches was then called and the following churches responded by letter and messengers:
Meadorville, J. W. Parker. Siloam, E. E. Bentle, T. C. Harrison, J. A. Hawkins. Zion, Letter, no messengers. Bledsoe, Charlie Stamps. Fairview, J. D. Cook. Dixon's Creek, J. T. Merryman. Long Creek, W. K. Johnson, G. W. Jenkins, E. G. Johnson. Lafayette, no messengers. Pleasant Grove, R. Y. Hawkins.
On motion the chairman of any committee was allowed ten and others five minutes to discuss any report. Carried.

Report on Religious Literature.

The Bible is preeminently religious literature. Therefore we recommend that our people read the Bible both devotionally and doctrinally. For Sunday School work we urge the use of the literature of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. We insist that you subscribe for and read our denominational papers, viz: the Foreign Missionary Journal, the Home Field, and other religious papers and books that will be conducive to religion.
W. W. PAYNE.
J. P. LEE.

Report on Prohibition.

1. We say that whisky has been and now is the greatest curse that our nation has ever been cursed with. It has blighted more sweet homes and caused more trouble and sorrow than any other one thing that has ever been in our nation.
2. And we do rejoice at the great move that is now going on in our State to drive the demon from our State and that our people and the great mass of the yeomanry of our Southland use all the power in their reach to put whisky and all its substitutes away from among us and our homes. When we look into the statistical report of our nation we find annually about one hundred thousand of our kind going down to a drunkard's grave and their souls going down to a devil's dark and miserable home where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched.

J. F. LAMBERT,
T. B. SIMPSON.

Discussed by the chairman J. F. Lambert, Brothers Payne, Overton and others, and adopted.

The hour for the introductory sermon having arrived Brother Lambert read Psalms 77. Prayer by J. M. Wilks. Brother Lambert preached from texts Psalm 77-5; John, 3-16, and at the close after shaking hands sang "The Wanderer From Home."

Report on Education.

The destiny of our country depends on the mental, moral, and spiritual development of its citizens, and without these there can be no good government, no true happiness, nor any actual progress in christianity. Education brings man in close relation with his God, and by so doing the happiness of man is promoted. 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. We insist that our people send their children to denominational schools where they can be instructed in Baptist doctrine and principles, and we recommend the Southwestern Baptist University at Jackson, Tenn., Bethel College, Russellville, Ky., Hall-Moody Institute, Martin, Tenn., and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

ALFRED D. ROBESON,
J. M. WILKS.

Discussed by J. M. Wilks, J. F. Lambert, Brother Payne and others and adopted.
Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order by singing "Jesus Lover of My Soul."

Report on State of Religion.

It is with sadness of heart we are forced to say that the state of religion is far below what it should be or could have been. Our churches are sound in origin and doctrine, but they are not enjoying the prosperity that they should. The statistics show that the increase in membership is not what it should be and we believe it is caused by members of the church not living as they should. They live every man to his own interest and not enough to the interest of his brother. The people do not keep the vow they make with the church when they take membership, which is to obey its rules and ordinances and support its institutions.
We recommend that we press the people to do the things first by doing them ourselves and by every scriptural means. Our statistics show 14 churches; increase 72.

C. B. MASSEY,
J. B. JOHNSON.

Discussed by Brothers Payne and C. B. Massey and adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools and Colportage.

We deplore the lack of interest this Association takes in Sunday School and colportage work. There are hundreds of families in the bounds of this Association who have no Bible or religious literature in the home and our colporters have arrangements with the State board to supply poor families with the Bible, and we recommend the work 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 messengers to organize and keep up a Sunday School in their respective churches.

HENRY HARPER,
W J BRADLEY.

Discussed by Brothers Harper and C B Massey and adopted.

Report on Orphan's Home.

Children have to depend on their parents for a living and are almost helpless until they are nearly grown. Therefore, when they lose their parents they need help from some source and the Apostle James tells us that pure religion is to visit the widows and fatherless. Therefore, we recommend that the Association do more for the Baptist Orphan's Home at Nashville, Tenn., than we have done before. We now have thirty or more in the home and it takes food and raiment to keep them comfortable. Therefore let us wake up and do more on this line to help them.

A J SLOAN,
J E OVERTON.

Discussed by A J Sloan, J M Wilks, and others and passed by recommending that each church appoint an agent to take up collections for the Orphan's Home.

Home Missions.

The true conception of missions limits the preaching of the Gospel to no age or clime. Wherever a human soul is to be found there is a place for missionary endeavor. In our judgment if there is any field paramount at present it is the territory over which the Home Board operates. The Southern States with their vast resources and great influx of foreigners into her borders presents great opportunities for expansion. Cuba, Isle of Pines, and the new Republic of Panama are in great need. We believe now is the time to establish churches in these places and they would soon become centers of power and influence. For the year 1906 there were 880 missionaries; 15,430 baptisms reported; received by letter 12,178; total additions, 27,614; churches constituted, 302; houses of worship built and repaired, 201; Sunday Schools organized, 541. We are profoundly thankful to God for the progress of our home work during the year.

W L MERRYMAN,
J F LEE,
Y GROSS.

State Missions.

State missions is mission work in Tennessee, and it has been said that State missions is the vine of which the world evangelization is the branch, and when we think of there being over one million souls lost for whom Christ died in our State and many of these never heard of the Gospel as we believe and teach, it is enough to stir every Baptist to activity for State missions. There are ten county seats in our State that have no Baptists. There are large sections of country without a Baptist Church. With these facts before us it behooves us as Missionary Baptists to wake up to our responsibility, for Christ said, "By their fruits ye shall know them." Out of a membership of 143,000 Missionary Baptists, fully one half are contributing nothing to missions of any kind.

J W LEWIS,
J M CARR,
THOS. DUFFER.

Report on District Missions.

We recommend Brother J W McQueen to the State Board for missionary pastor at Sugar Grove for \$50.
We recommend Brother C B Massey to the State Board for colporter of our Association.

Received since last report	19 75
Balance on hand	7 60
Total	\$27 35

Paid to Yancey Hawkins	11 25
" B T Matthews	7 50
Balance on hand	8 60
Total	27 35

Gus Fuqua,
W K JOHNSON.

Discussed by J F Lee, W K Johnson, Gus Fuqua and others and adopted.
Adjourned till 9 o'clock, Friday.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, September 21, 1906.

Devotional exercises conducted by R Y Hawkins reading Isaiah xii ch., and leading in prayer. The audience sang "Stand up for Jesus." There was evidence of the Holy Spirit among the people. It was good to be there.
The Moderator called the Association to order and the Obituary Committee reported.

Obituaries.

We find the number of deaths in this Association to be 29. Therefore, Resolved, That we lament their death and extend sympathy to the bereaved family and friends; that we will strive to cherish their memories and profit by their good and worthy acts.

T C HARRIS,
J E OVERTON.

Discussed by J F Lambert, Gus Fuqua, J F Lee and others, and adopted.

Ministerial Relief.

On investigation we find that the churches composing this body report only \$26.31 for this cause. We are sorry that this work has been neglected and that it is not growing any faster. Last year's report was \$5.20; we have increased \$21.11. We have ministers in this Association that have sacrificed their time and are today needing our help. Your committee insist the work be not neglected.

J G OGBURN,
W K JOHNSON.

Discussed by Brother Summar and adopted.

Finance.

We find that the Association paid last year \$28.60, and this year we have \$31.15 for printing minutes; an increase of \$4.55.

W J SUMMAR,
J D WHITE,
J P LEE.

Discussed by the chairman and adopted.

Correspondence.

While noticing the minutes of last year we find we have no correspondence. This should not be neglected. We should wake up on this subject and by so doing it will draw associations near each other that we may know what the Baptists of our beloved country are doing. It will bring us in close touch with our God and will advance the cause of missions.

A D ROBESON,
J W LEWIS.

Discussed by Brother Robeson and adopted.

New Business.

On motion of Brother John Wilks. That we dispense with the Executive Board of this Association and in all State work including necessary work in our bounds we contribute to and co-operate with the State Board of Missions.

Discussed by Brothers John Wilks, J F Lee, and W K Johnson, and adopted.

On motion the Executive Board was ordered to pay over the money on hand to the Treasurer of the Association and the old board appointed a Committee of Correspondence to the State Board.

A motion was offered to change the time of meeting of this Association to October. Laid on the table until next meeting.

On motion Brother John Wilks was elected statistical secretary by acclamation.

It was ordered that the Constitution and Rules of Decorum be printed in the minutes.

On motion it was ordered that this body appoint some one to preach a sermon on the distinctive doctrines of Baptists to the next Association. Brother J M Wilks was elected and Brother A D Robeson alternate.

Resolutions.

1. That we as an Association hereby memorialize the Southern Baptist Convention to eliminate the money basis of representation, regarding it unbaptistic and believing that by so doing they will promote peace and harmony in our ranks.

2. Resolved. That it is the sense of this Association that no Moderator should succeed himself, but that a new Moderator should be elected at each annual gathering.

3. Resolved, That there shall be one sermon delivered at each annual gathering of this body upon the distinctive doctrines of Baptists.

4. Resolved, That the Clerk of this Association have such number of copies of the minutes of its proceedings published as the moneys sent up by the churches will pay for after deducting his allowance, and that the same be distributed among the churches pro-rated according to the means sent up by each church.

5. Resolved, That the Clerk be allowed \$10 for his services.

6. Resolved, That our most heartfelt thanks be tendered this church and community for the abundant care and hospitality extended to the messengers, visitors and friends during our sitting.

J M WILKS,
J M CARR.

The following brethren were appointed to visit sister Associations:

Nashville—J P Lee.
New Salem—A D Robeson.
Bay's Fork—G W Jenkins.
Barren River—J W Summar.
Enon—J W Parker.
State Convention—T J Thompson.
Southern Baptist Convention—A D Robeson, R Y Hawkins alternate.

There being no further business before the body the Association adjourned to meet with the Long Creek Church, Macon County, Tenn., on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1907.

W. M. S. WILKS, Moderator.

J. M. WILKS, Statistical Sec. and Treas.

C. D. HIGH, Clerk.

Receipts of Wiseman Association for the Year Ending September 19, 1906.

CHURCHES.	Orphans' Home.	Sunday school and Colportage.	District Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Ladies' Aid Soc'y.	Ministerial Relief.	Ministerial Education.
Bledsoe Creek				\$2 70				60	
Cedar Bluff	1 35			2 00	2 95	\$4 65			
Corum Hill				12 00		12 05			
Chrisman Chapel	3 47								
Dixon Creek									
Friendship	1 40		4 02						
Fairview	45			95	40				
Goodwill	1 00	\$2 80		2 00	2 00	2 00	\$9 00	\$1 00	\$15
Hartsville	10 00			36 00	50 00	45 21	69 60	3 42	
Hilldale	9 20			10 60	10 60	12 15			121
Hopewell	50			88			24 55	88	
New Harmony				6 00					
Lafayette			25	1 00					
Long Creek	1 50								
Meadorville									
Mt. Olivet	1 45			2 35					
Pleasant Grove									
Rock Bridge	3 50				65	50	1 00		
Rocky Mound	1 00			1 00					
Shady Grove	5 20	35 00							
Siloam				8 00					
Spring Creek				40 00					
Zion									
Total	\$40 02	\$38 05	\$57 25	\$74 68	\$66 95	\$71 06	\$102 15	\$5 90	\$136

