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# PROCEEDINGS

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## SIXTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

# WISEMAN

# ASSOCIATION

# OF BAPTISTS.

Held at Long Creek Church, Macon County, Tennessee.

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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, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings, or imperfections, but shall airily 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 Every motion and second shall come under immediate consideration of the Association, unless withdrawn by the one who made it.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.

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FIRST DAY. WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18, 1907.

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The messengers composing the Wiseman Association met with the Baptist Church at Long Creek, Macon County, Tenn., Wednesday, September 18, 1907.

Introductory sermon was preached by Brother W. M. S. Wilks.

Brothers T. A. Bass and J. H. Swan were appointed to read the letters from the various churches, and the following messengers responded:

1. Bledsoe—J. W. Fleming.
2. Cedar Bluff—J. D. White, Alfred Sloan, Bud Morgan.
3. Corum Hill—A. D. Robinson.
4. Chrisman Chapel—Wm. Clark, John Sutles.

5. Dixon's Creek--W. S. Oldham, R. A. Gregory and W. T. Merryman.
6. Friendship--King Carr.
7. Fairview--J. D. Cook, John Moss, King Wix.
8. Goodwill--Letter. No messengers.
9. Hartsville--J. F. Lee.
10. Hillsdale--J. F. Cothron, Paul Johnson.
11. Lafayette--Letter. No messenger.
12. Long Creek--T. L. Hughes, E. G. Johnson, and J. H. Bell.
13. Meadorville. Letter. No messengers.
14. New Hopewell--W. M. S. Wilks, Dr. J. T. Wilks and T A Bass.
15. New Harmony--J F Lambert, Gus Fuqua, J H Eaden.
16. Pleasant Grove--C N Simmons, R Y Hawkins.
17. Rock Bridge--No letter or messenger.
18. Rocky Mound--W J Bradley, J N Knight, Sell Meadows.
19. Shady Grove--Letter. No messenger.
20. Siloam--T C Harrison, E O Stinson, L F Minix.
21. Spring Creek--S H Dillard, Tee Fishburn.
22. Zion--Letter. No messenger.

The Association was then regularly organized by electing Brother C N Simmons, Moderator; D S Reed, Clerk, and Gus Fuqua, Treasurer.

Petitionary letters were called for and none reported.

The following visiting brethren were present and invited to seats with us:

Bay's Fork Association--J G McGuffee.

Enon--J L Talmon, J H Swan.

Long Run--A D Garrison and Andy Howell.

Adjourned till one o'clock.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Singing, and prayer by Brother A D Garrison.

The house was called to order by the Moderator and the body proceeded with the regular business.

Order of business was read: 1. Religious Literature. 2. Prohibition. 3. State of Religion. 4. Sunday School and Colporteur. 5. Orphan's Home. 6. State Missions. 7. Home Missions and Foreign Missions. 8. Ministerial Relief. 9. Finances. 10. New Business. 11. Correspondence. 12. Resolutions.

Adopted.

J F LEE,  
GUS FUQUA,  
T C HARRISON.

Committee.

Hillsdale, Macon county, Tennessee, was selected to hold the next meeting of this body.

Brother A D Robinson was selected to preach the introductory sermon; C B Massey, alternate.

On motion it was ordered that the Association take up the matter of business in regard to changing the time of holding the Association. After discussion by Brothers W K Johnson, J F Lambert, J F Lee, C B Massey and W M S Wilks it was decided to let the matter remain as it was.

On motion it was ordered that Thursday be fixed as the day to preach the doctrinal sermon.

Brother A D Robinson was selected to preach the sermon.

Adjourned till Thursday morning 9 o'clock Prayer by Brother J H Swan

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1907.

After singing, and prayer by Brother A D Robinson, the house was called to order by the Moderator.

The Clerk called the roll and a quorum being present the Rules of Decorum were read and the body proceeded with the regular order of business.

### Report on Religious Literature.

We, your committee, submit the following report:

There never was a time in all the world when literature was in greater demand. We would recommend first of all the Bible, the foundation of all literature that is moral and right. We also insist that you subscribe for and read our denominational papers, the Foreign Missionary Journal, the Home Field, and other religious books and papers that will be conducive to religion. Adopted.

ALFRED ROBINSON,  
J A HOWER,  
Committee.

### Report on Education.

We, your Committee, submit the following report:

We feel that it is the duty of all parents to give their children a thorough practical education. The moral destiny and happiness of our country depends on it and it brings us into closer touch with God. We further recommend Boscombe's College, Nashville, Tenn, as our denominational school for young ladies, and for the ministry the Southwestern Baptist University, Jackson, Tenn, Bethel College, Russellville, Ky., where they will be trained in Ward's doctrine, the Female College at Murfreesboro, Tenn, and Hall-Moody Institute, Martin, Tenn.

Discussed by J H Swan, A D Robinson, A D Garrison, C B Massey and W M S Wilks and adopted.

J H SWAN,  
A D ROBINSON,  
J M WILKS,  
Committee.

### Report on Prohibition.

Any government that permits the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks such as whisky, beer, ale, and wine is in league with the devil. Solomon said "Be wise, my son, and guide thine heart in the way; he not among wine bibbers, for the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty; drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags. Who hath we; who hath sorrow; who hath contention; who hath babbling; who hath wounds; who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine. Look not then upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth the colors in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and he that is deceived thereby is not wise. God says in Revelations that no drunkard shall enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, brethren, we should work and pray and vote and take advantage of every opportunity to banish this awful curse and blight from our fair Southland.

Discussed by J L Talmon, T C Harrison, J H Swan, Brother Summers, W K Johnson, and adopted.

J L TALMON,  
T C HARRISON,  
J F LAMBERT,  
Committee.

It was suggested that all who could indorse this report join in singing and give each other their hand as a token they would do all they could to put liquor out of this State.

The hour for preaching having arrived, Brother Wilks, appointed at the last Association to preach the doctrinal sermon, preached from ii Timothy, 2-10. The sermon was pronounced to be one of the best ever preached on this subject, and after singing, and prayer by J H Swan the body adjourned till one o'clock.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association being called to order by the Moderator and prayer by Brother Andy Hower, the regular order of business was proceeded with.

## Report on State of Religion.

Your committee report with regret that the state of religion is far below what it should or could be, and that while our churches are sound in origin and doctrine they are not enjoying the prosperity they should. These statistics show a decrease of 100. This ought not to be. The cause is we are looking too much to our own and not enough to our brother's interest.

J F COCHRAN,  
J F LEE,  
Gus FRUQA,  
Committee.

Discussed by A D Robinson and adopted.

## Report on Sunday School and Colporteur.

We note the fact in the report of the letters that there are but few Sunday-Schools reported and but little contribution for colportage. It is regrettable to see so little interest taken in so great a work. There are hundreds of families without a leaf of scripture in their homes. The State Board have Bibles to supply the demand and they want them distributed. We recommend that one or two good men who can give all their time to colportage work be selected and put to work and that they be assisted by the pastors and brethren in this great work. This year there were 42 Bibles sold, \$95 10; Bibles given away 13, \$2 00; 50 other books sold, \$24 82; Sermons preached 125; received for the work \$110 43.

C B MASSEY,  
W J SUMMER,  
PAUL JOHNSON,  
Committee.

Discussed by C B Massey, W J Summer, A D Robinson and adopted.

## Report on Orphan's Home.

We know that children have to depend on parents for a living and are almost helpless until they are nearly grown. When they leave their parents they need help from some source and the Word of God makes it the duty of the Church to look after the orphans. There are a number of children in the Orphan's Home at Nashville, and it takes food and raiment to keep them comfortable. Let us help them more.

G W JENKINS,  
J E OVERTON,  
Committee.

Discussed by G W Jenkins, I N Knight, C B Massey and R Y Hawkins. The following churches pledged themselves to give the following amounts to the Home: Pleasant Grove, \$5; New Hopewell, \$5; Fairview, \$2 50; Siloam \$2 50; Corum Hill, \$5; Dixon Creek, \$5; Long Creek, \$5; Friendship, \$5; Spring Creek, \$2 50.

Adjourned till Friday morning, Sept. 20.  
Prayer by J L Talmon.

## FRIDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 20.

The house was called to order. The Clerk called the roll and read the Rules of Decorum and the body then proceeded with the regular order of business.

### Report on State Missions.

State missions is the spirit of the gospel in our own State. There are 1000 Baptist churches in this State and 876 churches reported nothing last year for State missions; 702 that report nothing for any of the objects that Baptists foster in Tennessee. There are 23 churches in Wiseman Association. Last year seventeen of them reported nothing for State missions. Six churches gave \$71.08 last year, averaging \$11.84 $\frac{1}{2}$ . If all of the churches had given as much it would have amounted to \$272.38—and yet we call ourselves missionaries. Are we entitled to the name? There are nearly one million souls in the State that have not the gospel of Christ; therefore we would advise and insist that the messengers of this body when they return home endeavor to work up a system of supporting this cause and thereby spread the gospel of Christ where they have it not.

I N KNIGHT,  
W M WILKS,  
R Y HAWKINS,  
Committee.

### Report on Home Missions.

The work of our Home Mission Board is increasing from year to year. Fields in our country are calling for men to preach the gospel to them. A number of men have been sent out to meet this call, but yet we have not the necessary means of sending men to all these places of need. Tennessee gave \$11,273 to the home work. Brethren, is this all that the Baptist forces of this State are able to do? The great tide of migration presents a great and serious problem for the Board to solve. This tide of emigration is turned toward our Southland and confronts Southern Baptists with a responsibility we have never faced before. Shall we not as faithful soldiers meet and discharge our responsibilities in the love and and fear of God?

J W FLEMING,  
C B MASSEY,  
K B GARRISON,  
Committee.

### Report on Foreign Missions.

That part of our work which is designated Foreign Missions has made such advancement as to make God's people rejoice in their hearts and to undertake greater things in His name. Last conventional year \$403,811.54 was contributed, an increase of \$88,563.08. Of this amount Tennessee gave \$17,088.38, a decrease of \$425.08. Brethren, the opportunities for work in this field are greater than ever before. Therefore our responsibilities have increased proportionately. Let us prove ourselves faithful to our trust, shoulder our responsibility, and do what is expected of us. The Lord's work is in our hands; the heathen are perishing for lack of the Bread of Life; the command comes to us, "Give ye them to eat." Let us obey a positive command of the Captain of our salvation.

J A HOWELL,  
K B GARRISON,  
W K JOHNSON,  
Committee.

All the various missions were discussed together by K B Garrison, C B Massey and W K Johnson and adopted.

### Report on Ministerial Relief.

Comparing the reports of the present year with those of the last Association we find that we have made but little advancement in the cause of ministerial relief, the reports showing \$26.95 as against \$26.31 last year. We do not seem to realize our duty on this subject. We have ministers in our bounds who have worn their

lives away preaching the gospel of the kingdom and now they need help from us. Let us not forget our duty to them.

T A BASS,  
J H SWAN,  
J D COOK,  
Committee.

After being ably discussed by J L Talmon, Gus Fuqua, King Carr, W K Johnson, a collection was taken for this purpose and \$15 donated to Brother J F Lambert.

#### Report on Finance.

We, your Committee on Finance, report \$26.95.

J D WHITE,  
R A GREGORY,  
E D STINSON,  
Committee.

Adopted.

#### Report on Correspondence.

We are glad to have had some worthy brethren visit us this time and trust it may prove an inspiration to our Association and that our people may become enthused and aroused to put forth a greater effort to spread the gospel and thereby glorify our God in the advancement of his kingdom. Also we advise our brethren to visit sister associations.

I N KNIGHT,  
T A BASS,  
W J BRADLEY,  
Committee.

Adopted.

#### New Business.

On motion it was ordered that as Mt. Olivet Church has not been represented in this body for several years it be dropped from this Association.

On motion it was ordered and agreed by this Association that Brother King Carr represent it in the State Convention which meets next time at Knoxville, Tenn.

On motion it was ordered that Brother W M S Wilks be sent as a delegate to represent this body at the Southern Baptist Convention.

On motion it was ordered that all sister associations accept as delegates any member attending their meeting.

#### Report on Resolutions.

1. Resolved, That the churches be requested to elect such of their members as messengers to represent them in the Association as will attend and remain until the session closes.

2. Resolved, That any member who absents himself from the Association and returns to his home prior to adjournment without leave of the Moderator, or unless he be sick or some of his family are sick, shall have his or their name stricken from the roll of messengers and the church be considered as having no representation.

3. Resolved, That we tender to this church and community our gratitude for the unbounded hospitality and kindness shown us during our stay in their midst.

4. Resolved, That the Clerk be allowed \$10 for his services and \$3 for postage, to be used in mailing minutes to the churches, and to have as many copies of the proceedings of this Association printed as he can with the balance of means on hand and pro rata the same according to money sent in by each church.

5. Resolved, That we tender to the Moderator and Clerk our appreciation of the faithful discharge of their duties during the sitting of this session.

6. Resolved, That we, as an Association, reiterate our former resolution requesting the Southern Baptist Convention to eliminate the money basis of representation, as we regard it unbaptistic and believe that peace and prosperity will be pro-



moted thereby.

W M WILKS,  
C B MASSEY,  
Committee.

Discussed by Brothers Wilks, Fuqua, Massey, Lee and Talmion, and adopted.

**Treasurer's Report.**

Dear Brethren: There has come into my hands during the Associational year, through the hands of Brother W K Johnson, for State missions, \$12.35, which I have forwarded to Treasurer W M Woodcock, Nashville, as per his receipt on file.  
Respectfully submitted,

J M WILKS, Treasurer.

The following was ordered as new business:

Resolved, That this body recommend and advise that the clerks and deacons of Wiseman Association call at least three meetings a year, in which the reports in our minutes may be read and discussed and the people be aroused to a greater interest in contributing to the cause of our Lord and Master.

There being no further business before the body the Association adjourned to meet with Hillsdale Church, Macon County, Tenn., on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in September, at 10 o'clock a. m., 1908.

C. N. SIMMONS, Moderator.  
D. S. REED, Clerk.  
GUS FUQUA, Treasurer.

**Receipts of Wiseman Association for the Year Ending September 18, 1907.**

CHURCHES.	No. of Members.	Orphans' Home.	Sunday-school and Colportage.	District Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Ladies' Aid Soc'y.	Ministerial Relief.	Church Expense.
Hedson Creek...	74	311 45			22 35					
Cedar Bluff.....	74						8 30		22 00	
Corum Hill.....	70	3 15							19 25	
Chrisman Chapel	38									
Dixon Creek.....	300	4 15				3 09	3 05			
Fairview.....	33	3 59			1 50		2 20			
Friendship.....	118	23 00			32 80	31 43	40 01		10 05	825
Goodwill.....	80	2 00								
Hillsdale.....	201	11 75	3 00		45 00	61 00	30 30		20 00	53
Hartaville.....	113	27 25	3 10		5 02	4 35	17 00		6 20	
Lafayette.....	113				8 00					
Long Creek.....	34	1 70					2 00			
Mendonville.....	105	2 81				1 40				
New Hopewell...	107	3 00	11 50		0 30	9 00	17 50		23 00	
New Harmony...	148	1 10					1 10		12 00	
Pleasant Grove..	68				3 70					
Rock Bridge.....		3 58				1 58	1 58			
Rocky Mound....	63	2 00								
Shady Grove.....	117	5 00			3 00		2 70			
Siloam.....	130									
Spring Creek...	68				50	1 50	50			
Zion.....	18	3 25	10 00						50	30
Total.....	2076	209 60	227 60		112 07	114 84	124 84		102 00	8108

Statistical Report of Wiseman Association for the Year Ending September 18, 1907.

CHURCHES.	Rec. by Ex. & Bap.	Rec. by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by letter.	Deceased.	Excluded.	No. of members.	Printing Fund.	Pastor's Salary.	No. S. S. Students.	Average Attendance	Pastors and Postoffices.	Clerks and Postoffices.
Bledson Creek	1	1	2	2			74	\$ 65	115 00	61	30	J. L. Hawkins.	Tom Pardue, Bransford, R F D 1.
Cedar Bluff							79	1 30				T. W. Matthews, Riddleton.	H. M. Bransford, Lafayette, R R 1.
Corum Hill				1	1		70	1 00				A. D. Robeson, Gallatin., R R 1.	T. J. Corum, Castalian Sps. RR2.
Chrisman Chapel							38	50		49		J. S. Thompson.	T. G. Durham, Sugar Grove.
Dixon Creek	1		14	4			308	2 00				G. W. Ramsey, Difficult, R 1.	J. W. Massey, Dixon Springs.
Fairview		5					33	75				C. B. Massey.	J. D. Cook.
Friendship		4	6		5		118	2 00	250 00	34		J. C. Cook, Columbia, Ky.	J. W. Lewis, Hartsville, R R 2.
Goodwill		2	1	1			80	1 50				T. W. Matthews, Riddleton.	B. T. Matthews, Hartsville, R 1.
Hillsdale	13	3		2			201	2 00	200 00			I. T. Oakley, Watertown.	Grant Pritchett.
Hartsville	2	3		2			113	2 00	250 00	65		W. W. Payne, Gallatin.	B. D. Lipscomb, Hartsville.
Lafayette			1	2	1		113	1 50	200 00			J. T. Oakley.	W. H. Smith, Lafayette.
Long Creek	3	2		1	1		34	75				J. S. Meador, Adolphus, Ky.	G. W. Jenkins, Long Creek, RR 1.
Meadorville			2	2			105	1 50				J. H. Swan, Gibbs' X Roads.	E. L. Meador.
New Hopewell	4	0	2	1	1		107	3 00	225 00	25		W. M. S. Wilks, Bethpage, R R 1.	J. T. Wilks, Bethpage, R R 1.
New Harmony	17		2	1	5		148	1 25	60 00			P. W. Matthews.	F. W. Gross, Hartsville, R R 1.
Pleasant Grove							66	75	96 00			A. Malone, Franklin, Ky.	C. J. Simmons, Westmoreland.
Rock Bridge													
Rocky Mound	3	4		2	2		63	75				C. B. Massey, Westmoreland, R R 1.	W. J. Westmoreland, R 1.
Shady Grove	3	3		3			117	1 30	60 00			T. W. Matthews.	W. T. Bundy, Hartsville.
Siloam	10	1	1	3	1		130	1 25				C. B. Massey.	T. C. Harrison.
Spring Creek					2		68	75				J. S. Meador.	S. H. Dillard, Lafayette.
Zion	2						18	50	34 50			W. W. Payne, Gallatin, Tenn.	T. F. Puryear, Hartsville.
Total	59	40	3	42	19	22	2076	\$28 00	1490 50	200	64		

## CONSTITUTION.

Article I. This body shall be known as Wisconsin Association.

Article II. These Associations shall be composed of members duly chosen by regular and orderly Missionary Baptist Churches within our bounds.

Article III. The letters from the churches to the Association shall give the number of members in fellowship, received by experience and baptism, received by letter, restored, excommunicated, and dead since last annual letter.

Article IV. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers.

Article V. These Associations shall elect annually an officers, a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, whose duties shall be to serve their brethren in their several capacities.

Article VI. These Associations shall never interfere with the independence of any church or claim any ecclesiastical powers or rights of supervision over any of the churches.

Article VII. It shall be the object of these associations to promote the union of the faith of the Gospel with our educational and mission interests.

Article VIII. These Associations shall meet annually on Wednesday at 10 o'clock, a.m., after the third Sabbath in September, and continue three days, the meeting to be held at such places as may be agreed upon by the Association at its annual sitting.

Article IX. A majority of the members of any regular meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article X. It is expected that these meetings will be missionary in practice as well as theory.

Article XI. New churches may be admitted into this Association, who shall petition by letter and delegate or delegates, and on examination, if found orthodox and orderly, may be received and made known by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to the delegate or delegates present.

Article XII. The Association may exclude from union any church or church that are heterodox in principles or disorderly in practices.

Article XIII. The Association at its sittings may admit any other visiting brethren present to sit with them; who shall have liberty to discuss any question and give their lights, but not to vote except on subjects of general union.

Article XIV. Any alteration may be made to this Constitution at any regular annual meeting, by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present.