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MINUTES

First Day

The Messengers composing the Wiseman Association of Missionary Baptists met with the Cedar Bluff Church, Wednesday, October 19, 1910. Devotional exercises were conducted by the former Moderator, C. N. Simmons, and prayer offered by J. D. Cook. The annual sermon was preached by J. T. Oakley, from Psalm 119:18. The sermon was full of comfort and instruction for the children of God, and was listened to with great pleasure, and was followed by an old-fashioned hand shake. By unanimous vote the sermon will be published in tract form.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing and prayer, the Moderator appointed brethren J. S. Pardue and T. S. Jones to read the letters from the churches. The following churches responded:

Bledsoe Creek—W. H. Thompson, R. B. Spears and Chas. Stamps.
Cedar Bluff—J. D. White, R. B. Scott and W. G. Bentle.
Corum Hill—J. E. Corum.
Christman's Chapel—T. G. Durham, Will and Lou Graves.
Dixon Creek—W. T. Merryman, John Corthon and Robt. Wright.
Friendship—A. F. Burnley, J. W. Lewis and J. B. Oglesby.
Fairview—J. D. Cook.
Goodwill—G. W. Taylor, J. A. Lynnville.
Hartsville—J. T. Oakley, J. F. Lee and J. B. Johnson.
Hopewell—W. K. Wiseman, Dr. Wilks and T. S. Jones.
Hillsdale—Yates Gross, Phil Dyer and Saml. Selsor.
Long Creek—G. W. Jenkins and E. G. Johnson.
LaFayette—E. A. Hiet.
Meadorville—J. H. McClard and G. W. McClard.
New Harmony—B. Y. Gross and D. White.
New Zion—S. S. M. Blankenship and S. H. Dillard.
Pleasant Grove—C. N. Simmons, R. Y. Hawkins and Tom Crosby.
Rock Bridge—T. B. Simpson, L. M. Cantrell and W. B. Martin.
Rocky Mound—J. F. Overton, Robt. Meador and L. D. McGuffy.
Shady Grove—D. S. Reed.
Siloam—T. C. Harrison, E. E. Bentle and J. M. Galberth.
Spring Creek—J. L. Lawrence and Tom Fishbom.
Zion—Orma Brown.

Permanent organization was effected by the election of Eld. J. T. Oakley Moderator, Eld. C. N. Simmons, Assistant Moderator, D. S. Reed, Clerk, and J. T. Oakley, Assistant Clerk, and J. W. Lewis, Treasurer.

Petitionary letters were called for and New Zion responded with letter and Messengers and being found orthodox was extended the hand of fellowship by the Moderator.

By motion the visiting brethren were invited to seats in the body and the following visitors responded: Elder J. S. Pardue, from Nashville Association; Miss Mary Northington, representing the woman's work in Tennessee; Dr. E. E. Folk, of the Baptist and Reflector; from Enon, W. R. Corthon.

The Assistant Moderator and Clerk retired and appointed the following committees:

Religious Literature—E. E. Folk, A. F. Burnley and J. L. Hawkins.

Prohibition—E. E. Folk, J. W. Lewis, and W. K. Wiseman.
 State of Religion—C. N. Simmons, C. B. Massey and G. W. Jenkins.
 State Missions—J. S. Pardue, C. B. Massey and Miss Mary Northington.
 Home Missions—A. J. Sloan, J. L. Hawkins and T. C. Harrison.
 Foreign Missions—J. T. Oakley, T. S. Jones and W. K. Johnson.
 District Missions—C. B. Massey, C. N. Simmons and Tom Fishbom.
 Orphan's Home—W. K. Johnson, J. S. Pardue and J. W. Lewis.
 Ministerial Relief—T. J. Summar, J. D. Cook and J. B. Johnson.
 Finance—J. D. White, John Corthon and E. A. Hiet.
 Correspondence—J. L. Hawkins, C. B. Massey and T. B. Simpson.
 Obituaries—S. S. M. Blankinship, R. Y. Hawkins and J. L. Hawkins.
 Ministerial Education—T. J. Summar, Dr. Wilks and B. Bradley.
 Resolutions—J. W. Lewis, A. F. Burnley and C. B. Massey.
 Order of Business—C. B. Massey, J. F. Lee and A. J. Sloan.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Meadorville, Friendship and New Harmony churches asked for the next meeting of the Association. After speeches for each place, Meadorville was selected, and Eld. C. B. Massey was elected to preach the annual sermon and Eld. A. J. Sloan alternate.

Elder C. B. Massey was elected to preach the doctrinal sermon and Elder J. T. Oakley alternate.

Elder J. T. Oakley was elected delegate to Southern Baptist convention which meets in Jacksonville, Fla., next May. Elder W. M. S. Wilks, alternate. Elder C. B. Massey was elected delegate to Baptist State Convention at Martin, Tenn., and Eld. W. M. S. Wilks alternate.

The Committee on Order of Business submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee submits the following order of business: 1. Prohibition. 2. Sunday School and Colportage. 3. Orphan's Home. 4. State of Religion. 5. Foreign Missions. 6. Home Missions. 7. State Missions. 8. District Missions. 9. Ministerial Relief. 10. Ministerial Education. 11. Finance. 12. Obituaries. 13. Correspondence. 14. Resolutions.

C. B. MASSEY
 J. F. LEE
 A. J. SLOAN.

The committee on devotional exercises announced that Elder R. Y. Hawkins preach at Keystone School House, Elder J. S. Pardue at the church, and Elder C. N. Simmons at Carr's School House at night.

Adjourned till Thursday morning. Benediction by the Moderator.

Second Day

THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 20.

The Association met at 9 o'clock after singing and prayer by Bro. J. L. Hawkins, the roll was called and rules of decorum read, after which the regular order of business was taken up as follows:

PROHIBITION.

The Committee on Prohibition reported as follows:
 By the laws of 1877, 1887, 1890, 1903, 1907 and 1909, the legalized liquor traffic has been entirely banished from Tennessee. The fact that the law is violated is no reason for the repeal of the law. It is only all the more reason for the election of officials who will enforce the law.

We recommend: 1, That we favor not only the absolute prohibition of the legalized liquor traffic, but of the illegal as well. That is, we are not only opposed to the distillery and brewery and saloon, but to the bootlegger, blind tiger, soft drink stand and jug trade.

2, That we will not vote for any man for any office, and especially for any executive or legislative office, who will not openly and unequivocally declare himself in favor of the maintenance and enforcement of the laws.

3, That we will put patriotism above partisanship, principle above party, religion above politics, morals above material interests, boys above money, and the home above the saloon.

EDGAR E. FOLK,
J. W. LEWIS,
W. K. WISEMAN.

The report was discussed by Brethren Folk, Johnson, Massey, Pardue, and unanimously adopted.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

The Committee on Religious Literature submitted the following report, which was discussed by Brethren Folk and Massey and unanimously adopted:

"Reading makes a full man," said Lord Bacon. Full of what? It depends, of course, upon what he reads. If he reads good literature, he will be full of good thoughts, good deeds and good words. If he reads bad literature, he will be full of bad thoughts and bad deeds. It becomes very important, therefore, that we shall read good literature—literature of a helpful, wholesome character, which will have an uplifting and inspiring influence upon him.

We believe, especially, that Baptists ought to read Baptist literature, discussing as it does our Baptist principles and policies, and giving information about our Baptist work and workers. Baptists have the best literature in the world, because they have the best and truest principles.

We recommend as literature worthy to be read by members of this Association the Bible, of course, first of all, which is too often neglected; the Baptist books published by our various Baptist publishing houses; the literature published by the Sunday School board of the Southern Baptist convention; the Foreign Mission Journal; Our Home Field, and the Baptist and Reflector, which, being our State paper, we believe ought to be in this Association. We recommend to the pastors of the churches present the claims of the paper to their congregations. We cheerfully recommend all other sound Baptist literature.

EDGAR E. FOLK,
A. F. BURNLEY,
R. Y. HAWKINS.

STATE OF RELIGION.

We, your committee of State of Religion, beg leave to report as follows: Last year we had 169 baptisms; this year we have 117, which shows a falling off of 52. We regret this very much. We note but few Sunday Schools reported, which no doubt furnishes one cause of a falling off in baptismal results. We earnestly recommend that the pastors organize Sunday Schools and prayer meetings in all their churches. We also urge the churches to support the cause and use strict discipline.

C. N. SIMMONS,
C. B. MASSEY,
G. W. JENKINS.

STATE MISSIONS.

This report was prepared and read by Miss Mary Northington, who is employed by the State Board as their agent in Woman's Mission work in Tennessee.

Jesus said: "Ye shall be witnesses for me both in Jerusalem, in Judea, Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Tennessee is our Judea, and if we would spread the Gospel to all nations, we must not neglect our base of supplies, our own state. Tennessee needs Christ and Christ needs Tennessee. In this Volunteer State we have only half of the people who have enlisted under the banner of our King. There are 150,000 children who never attend Sunday School in this State, and there are 50,000 young men who never go to church. There are 300 churches without a building in Tennessee. What is being done to change these conditions? We have over 100 workers under our State Mission Board, who are going to the needy sections where Baptists are weak, and churches are few. We, your committee, recommend that the people inform themselves about the State Mission work by reading the Baptist and Reflector, the Missionary Messenger and by sending to the State Board rooms, 710 Church Street, Nashville, for tracts, so the people may know of the great work done by this board. Realizing that only through information that inspiration comes, and that to inform Missionary Baptists means that they will pray and give; we recommend that one person shall be selected from each church to scatter missionary literature and to take a collection every time the people assemble on the Lord's day for service. We do earnestly recommend that our people will daily at a throne of grace, bring our State Mission work to Him from whom all blessings flow. He is willing and anxious to answer our prayers. Then let us help answer our prayers by every one giving to send some one to tell the good news to those who know it not. We can help build churches in destitute sections, or give a Bible to one of the thousands of homes found by our State Mission workers last year without one. Let us deserve the name of Missionary Baptists and prove our faith by our works.

JOHN S. PARDUE,
C. B. MASSEY,
MARY NORTHINGTON.

The above reports were discussed by J. T. Oakley, J. A. Sloan, J. S. Pardue, E. E. Folk, C. B. Massey and others and adopted.

DOCTRINAL SERMON.

The hour for the doctrinal sermon having arrived, Eld. J. T. Oakley selected for his theme "Experimental Religion," and chose for his text, "My spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior."—Luke.

The sermon was an old-fashioned presentation of a great subject and was richly enjoyed by the large audience present. Adjourned one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Singing and prayer led by Bro. R. Y. Hawkins. The following reports were received:

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee on Ministerial Education submits the following: We find that the State has given for this purpose the past year \$2306. From the letters it appears our Association has done very little in this work. We urge upon the churches to do better. God help us to do more next year.

W. J. SUMMAR,
J. B. JOHNSON,
J. D. COOK.

nary report. . We wish to let the sorrowing know we sympathize and sorrow with them in their losses. We mention especially Bro. Overton, who was a faithful servant for many years in this body. He was called suddenly soon after the adjournment of the Association last year. We miss his presence and advice.

R. Y. HAWKINS,
S. M. BLANKENSHIP.

After a tender and feeling talk by Bro. Hawkins, chairman, the report was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. We suggest to the churches that they select their Messengers to the next Association at least two months before the time of next meeting, and that these Messengers act as a committee to assist in raising Mission funds.
2. We commend the colportage work of the State Board and request our executive board to ask its continuance.
3. We request that each church in their letters to the Association state the amounts given for Missions and the channel through which it was paid—that is, whether through the State Board, the Gospel mission plan or the District Board.
4. We nominate as the executive board of Wiseman Association, Bro. Paul Johnson, Tommy Thompson and John Corthron, and that they call the said board together and select one of their number as treasurer, to whom all requests for aid shall be made, and it shall be his duty to correspond with the State Board in reference to aid.
5. We tender to Cedar Bluff Church, and the good people, and the community, our sincere thanks for their hospitality in caring for the Association.

J. W. LEWIS,
A. F. BURNLEY,
C. B. MASSEY.

THE NEW DISTRICT MISSION BOARD.

Paul Johnson.....	Hillsdale, Tennessee
J. T. Thompson.....	Hillsdale, Tennessee
John Corthon.....	Hillsdale, Tennessee

ORPHAN'S HOME.

We, your Committee on Orphan's Home, submit the following report: We find by referring to the letters to the Association that \$154.92 was contributed for the Orphan's Home the past year, which shows an increase of \$21.25 over the previous year. We rejoice at the gain, but keenly feel we are not supporting the home as we should. We urge the churches to hear the orphan's cry and fly to their support.

J. W. LEWIS,
J. T. WILKS,
W. K. WISEMAN.

Addresses were made by Bro. J. W. Lewis and others, and the report adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE

To our sister associations we send Christian greetings in the name of Christ. We are happy to have with us at Cedar Bluff several visiting brethren from sister Associations. When any of our brethren are present at your Associational meetings they are authorized to represent us in your meetings. We invite you to meet with us at Meadorville, Tenn., Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1911 May the blessings of God be with you.

C. B. MASSEY,
T. B. SIMPSON,
J. L. HAWKINS.

By invitation Eld. E. E. Folk lectured on his recent travels in the land of our Lord, which was richly enjoyed.

FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows: The churches have sent for printing and distributing the minutes \$35.03.

J. D. WHITE,
JOHN CORTON,
E. A. HIET.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

This is to certify that the following amounts have come into my hands from the churches, and the same has been forwarded as directed: Orphan's Home, \$24.81; Foreign Missions, \$4.50; Home Missions, \$8.50; State Missions, \$10.25; District Missions, \$5.15; Total \$53.21. Respectfully,

J. W. LEWIS, Treasurer.

Report adopted.

The business being concluded, the Association adjourned to meet with the Meadorville Church, Wednesday after third Sunday in October, 1911.

The Association was largely attended and peace and harmony and good order prevailed.

CONSTITUTION.

Article I. This body shall be known as Wiseman 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 as 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 October, 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 will be 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 churches 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 light, 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 vote of the members present.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS OF THE WISEMAN ASSOCIATION.

Bledsoe Creek—J. L. Hawkins, Westmoreland, Tenn., Route 4.
 Cedar Bluff—J. H. Ramsey, LaFayette, Tenn., Route 6.
 Corum's Hill—A. J. McNabb, Watertown, Tenn., Route 2.
 Christman's Chapel—C. N. Simmons, Westmoreland, Tenn.
 Dixon Creek—C. B. Massey, Westmoreland, Tenn., Route 1.
 Fairview—A. J. Sloan, Westmoreland, Tenn., Route 1.
 Friendship—J. T. Oakley, Hartsville, Tenn.
 Goodwill—A. J. Sloan, Westmoreland, Tenn., Route 1.
 Hartsville—J. T. Oakley, Hartsville, Tenn.
 Hillsdale—J. T. Oakley, Hartsville, Tenn.
 Hopewell—J. T. Oakley, Hartsville, Tenn.
 LaFayette—No Pastor.
 Long Creek—J. L. Hawkins, Westmoreland, Tenn., Route 4.
 Meadorville—G. W. Ramsey, Difficult, Tenn.
 New Harmony, M. L. Ramsey, Postoffice not given.
 New Zion—C. B. Massey, Westmoreland, Tenn., Route 1.
 Pleasant Grove—C. N. Simmons, Westmoreland, Tenn.
 Rock Bridge—J. N. Knight, South Tunnel, Tenn.
 Rocky Mound—C. B. Massey, Westmoreland, Tenn., Route 1.
 Shady Grove—No Pastor.
 Siloam—C. B. Massey, Westmoreland, Tenn., Route 1.
 Spring Creek—W. J. Summar, Hartsville, Tenn.
 Zion—J. T. Oakley, Hartsville, Tenn.

CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES.

Bledsoe Creek—R. O. Harris, Bethpage, Tenn.
 Cedar Bluff—W. B. Bennett, Hartsville, Tenn., Route 2.
 Corum's Hill—T. J. Corum, Castalian Springs, Tenn.
 Christman's Chapel—T. G. Durham, Sugar Grove, Tenn.
 Dixon Creek—J. W. Massey, Riddleton, Tenn.
 Fairview—J. D. Cook, Hartsville, Tenn., Route 2.
 Friendship—J. W. Lewis, Hartsville, Tenn., Route 2.
 Goodwill—F. P. Duty, Hartsville, Tenn., Route 1.
 Hartsville—J. B. Johnson, Hartsville, Tenn.
 Hillsdale—T. J. Thompson, Hillsdale, Tenn.
 Hopewell—T. S. Jones, Bethpage, Tenn.

LaFayette—Henry Smith, LaFayette, Tenn.
Long Creek--G. W. Jenkins, Long Creek, Tenn., route 1.
Meadorville—J. H. McClard, Meadorville, Tenn.
New Harmony—F. W. Gross, Hartsville, Tenn., Route 1.
New Zion—S. H. Dillard, LaFayette, Tenn.
Pleasant Grove—Charles Simmons, Westmoreland, Tenn.
Rock Bridge—J. W. Simpson, Bethpage, Tenn., Route 2.
Rocky Mound—W. J. Bradley, Westmoreland, Tenn., Route 1.
Shady Grove—W. T. Bundy, Hartsville, Tenn.
Siloam—Not Given.
Spring Creek—J. W. Fishbom, LaFayette, Tenn.
Zion—Babe Puryear, Hartsville, Tenn.

NOTE—The Clerk requests that the clerks of churches give P. O. of pastors and clerks.

Rules of Decorum.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with 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 fairly 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 the 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.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Meeting Days	In-crease		De-crease			Present Membership	Pastor's Salary	MISSIONS.				Orphan's Home	Ministerial Education	Ministerial Relief	Home Church Expenses	Minutes	Sunday Schools		Total for All Purposes.	
		By Baptism	By Letter	By Letter Restored	By Letter Excluded	Death			State	Home	Foreign	District						Officers and Tchr	Pupils		Expenses
Bledsoe Creek.....	2			4	2	1	77	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	1.00					1 00			4.00		
Cedar Bluff.....		3	1			1	76	68.75	1.76	2.75	2.50	2.50	1.76		1.77	1.50			75.59		
Corum Hill.....	4						66		2.75	2.50	2.50	26.00			8.75	1.25	5	40	42.75		
Christman Chapel.....																50			50		
Dixon Creek.....	2	10	2	5		4	389	151.32			2.00	2.00	5.00		63.37	187.00	3.00		413.69		
Friendship.....	1	16	3	1	2	1	149	250.00	24.50	66.15	28.11		34.30	30.00	15.50	135.00	3.00	8	65	586.56	
Fairview.....	2			1			36	15.00					3.15			40.00	2.00		120.15		
Goodwill.....	4		2				81	75.00							4.50		50		26.60		
Hartsville.....	2	2		4		1	130	317.00	15.00	28.75	20.00		40.00				3.00	11	65	635.50	
Hopewell.....	2	11		1		4	112	200.00	6.25	6.00	12.25		2.00			85.00	3.00		315.15		
Hillsdale.....	4	24	7	3		3	252	230.00	21.35	25.00	50.00	10.00	18.00	3.84		40.00	2.00		400.19		
Long Creek.....	1	1					38					3.00	3.03		3.35		75		10.13		
LaFayette.....	3	13	4			6	119		6.00	3.00	4.20					83.00	2.00		98.00		
Meadorville.....	1			4		1	60				16.70						1.50		18.20		
New Harmony.....	1	12	2	2	5	4	166	60.00	1.00	1.00	1.25		5.60		17.70		2.50		90.00		
New Zion.....	4	1	2			1	23		1.00	1.00	1.00		70		50		75		4 95		
Pleasant Grove.....	2	1		1	1		65														
Rock Bridge.....	12		2	5			69	34.85					2.85			10.20	1.93		45.06		
Rocky Mound.....	8	6	1		1	2	68						4.53				1.00		5.68		
Shady Grove.....	4	4		1		1	120		1.50	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00				1.50		7.00		
Siloam.....	1	2			1	1	139				5.00		4.50				1.50		11.00		
Spring Creek.....	4	1		15		1	49			2.50	2.50		2.60				1.05				
Zion.....	2						20	50.00	1.50	1.20	1.10								56 00		
Totals.....	121	29	6	51	9	30	2304	1451.92	83.61	139.10	148.61	17.15	155.02	33.84	104.19	593.45	35.03	24	170	2566 64	