

PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

Twentieth Session

—OF THE—

Wiseman Association of
Missionary Baptists

—HELD WITH THE—

Meadorville Baptist Church

MACON COUNTY

—BEGINNING—

Wednesday, October 18, 1911

J. T. OAKLEY, Moderator
J. L. HAWKINS, Assistant Moderator
D. S. REED, Clerk
THOS. S. JONES, Assistant Clerk
J. W. LEWIS, Treasurer

Next meeting will be held with Friendship Church, three miles north of Hartsville, Wednesday after the third Sunday in October, 1912.

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First Day

The Messengers composing the Wiseman Association of Missionary Baptists met with the Meadorville Church, Wednesday, October 18, 1911. Devotional services were conducted by Eld. J. T. Oakley, former Moderator. The introductory sermon was delivered by Eld. C. B. Massey from 1 Cor. 6:11. The sermon was greatly enjoyed by the large audience.

Following the sermon the Moderator appointed brethren C. C. Ramsey and T. S. Jones to read the letters from the churches and the following responded:

Bledsoe Creek—Elder J. L. Hawkins, Odell Harris and Harry Stanford.

Cedar Bluff—J. D. White, R. B. Scott and W. T. Bennett.

Corum Hill—A. D. Roberson and Miss Annie Roberson.

Christman's Chapel—Bascom Simmons, Will Graves and T. G. Durham.

Dixon Creek—J. W. Massey and W. J. Gregory.

Friendship—A. F. Burnley, J. W. Lewis and J. A. Jones.

Fairview—J. D. Cook, Elder A. J. Sloan and Robert Gammon.

Goodwill—G. W. Taylor, J. N. Linnville and Ben. Mathews.

Hartsville—Elder J. T. Oakley, C. P. Freedle and J. F. Foust.

Hopewell—T. S. Jones, W. K. Wiseman and J. H. Carey.

Hillsdale—T. J. Thompson, Marion Corthon and H. L. Marshall.

Long Creek—W. J. Jenkins, W. R. Johnson and W. O. Johnson.

LaFayette—Alex. Jenkins and W. H. Smith.

Meadorville—J. H. McClard, G. W. McClard and C. F. Browner.

New Harmony—W. A. Fuqua, F. W. Gross and Peyton Hesson.

New Zion—S. S. M. Blankenship and S. H. Dillard.

Pleasant Grove—Elder C. N. Simmons.

Rock Bridge—Frank Crowder, L. M. Cantrell and Bate Martin.

Rocky Mound—J. D. Overton, W. J. Bradley and W. R. Meador.

Shady Grove—Jas. Tillman, Willie Parris and D. S. Reed.

Siloam—T. C. Harrison, E. E. Bentle and J. A. Hawkins.

Spring Creek—J. L. Lawrence, Tom Fishburn and Peter Browner.

Zion—Misses Ermer Brown and Willie Puryear.

Permanent organization was effected by the election of Eld. J. T. Oakley Moderator; Eld. J. L. Hawkins, Assistant Moderator; D. S. Reed, Clerk; Thos. S. Jones, Assistant Clerk, and J. W. Lewis, Treasurer.

After speeches of thanks by the officers elected and various announcements the body adjourned one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Petitionary letters were called for. None presented.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following committees:

Religious Literature—Dr. E. E. Folk, Elder C. B. Massey and C. C. Ramsey.

Prohibition—Elder A. B. Roberson, Dr. E. E. Folk and A. F. Burnley.

State of Religion—Elder A. J. Sloan, F. W. Gross and J. A. Jones.

Home Missions—J. L. Hawkins, Alex. Jenkins and S. S. M. Blankenship.

State Missions—Elder J. W. Gillon, C. P. Freedle and T. S. Jones.

Foreign Missions—Dr. E. E. Folk, Elder C. W. Simmons and J. E. Foust.

District Missions—The District Mission Board.

Orphans' Home—Elder W. J. Stewart, G. W. Jenkins and J. A. Cook.

Ministerial Relief—Elder A. J. Sloan, W. K. Wiseman and J. H. Carey.

Ministerial Education—Elder J. T. Oakley, Elder A. D. Roberson and C. B. Massey.

Finance—J. D. White, J. H. McClard and J. W. Massey.

Obituaries—Elder J. T. Oakley, W. A. Fuqua and T. C. Harrison.

Correspondence—C. P. Freedle, J. E. Foust and Jas. Linnville.

Resolutions—A. F. Burnley, J. W. Lewis and J. A. Hawkins.

The Moderator appointed C. P. Freedle, J. L. Hawkins and J. W. Summar as a committee on order of business, who subsequently submitted the following report:

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

We, your Committee on Order of Business, submit the following:

1. Orphans' Home.
2. State of Religion.
3. Foreign Missions.
4. Home Missions.
5. State Missions.
6. Prohibition.
7. District Missions.
8. Ministerial Relief.
9. Ministerial Education.
10. Finance.
11. Correspondence.
12. Obituaries.
13. Resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

C. P. FREEDLE,
J. L. HAWKINS,
J. W. SUMMAR,

Visiting brethren were invited to seats in the body and the following responded: Dr. E. E. Folk, representing the Baptist and Reflector; Dr. J. W. Gillon, representing the State Mission Board; Eld. W. J. Stewart, representing the Baptist Orphanage; Miss Mary Northington, representing the Woman's Work in the State.

Correspondence Messengers reported present from Enon Association: Eld. C. Ramsey, J. P. McDonald, Eld. C. B. Massey, Eld. G. W. Ramsey, John Knight and Willis Corthon; Bays' Fork Association, J. B. Taylor.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Four churches petitioned for the next Association, Bledsoe Creek, Dixon Springs, Siloam and Friendship. After the claims of each church were presented Friendship was chosen as the meeting place for October, 1912.

Eld. J. T. Oakley was elected to preach both the introductory and doctrinal sermons and Eld. A. J. Sloan, alternate.

Eld. J. T. Oakley was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention which meets in Oklahoma City, Okla., next May; Elder J. L. Hawkins, alternate. Elder J. L. Hawkins was elected delegate to the State Convention at Murfreesboro November, 1912, Elder A. J. Sloan, alternate.

The regular order of business was taken up and Eld. W. J. Stewart read the following report on Baptist Orphanage:

ORPHANAGE REPORT.

Your Committee on Orphans' Home work beg leave to submit the following report: We are glad to say that the Board of Managers of our Tennessee Baptist Orphans Home, following the instructions given them by the Tennessee Baptist Convention, have recently purchased a farm of seventy-five acres, twelve miles from Nashville on the L. & N. Railroad and the Interurban Electric Line from Nashville to Franklin, and are now erecting three two-story buildings on the new location

preparatory to moving from West Nashville to this farm in the early winter. This farm cost \$12,000 and is paid for. It will take about \$18,000 to complete the three brick buildings already begun. Only about \$11,000 of this amount has been raised in cash and good subscriptions. Rev. W. J. Stewart, the Secretary of the Home, is giving all of his time to the field, endeavoring to raise the remaining \$7,000 in order that the three buildings already begun may be completed without debt. In addition to this, the Woman's Missionary Union of the State is actively engaged in raising the money to put up the babies' building, and one man in Nashville almost unknown to Baptists has given the money with which to erect our orphanage hospital. We hope to occupy all five of these buildings before spring. Also we have as an asset the old property in West Nashville and the liberality of 174,000 white Baptists in Tennessee. For more than twenty years the Home has been doing a sheltering and home-finding work. During that period about 350 children have been cared for, but the institution has not had the equipment for training them for the larger service in Christian citizenship. It is a crime against any child to bring it up in idleness. To a very large extent in these years we have committed that crime against the fatherless and motherless children that have been committed to us for training. The New Home is to be intensely industrial, with shops and truck farming for the boys, and manual training for the girls. This feature of the work will be adjusted to literary training of our children in our own orphanage school.

We recommend that we hereby express our approval and hearty sympathy with this enlargement of our orphanage work, and pledge our co-operation and financial support that this institution may find its rightful place in our denominational life and in the kingdom of God.

W. J. STEWART,
G. W. JENKINS,
J. D. COOK.

Rev. W. J. Stewart in a speech of fifty minutes presented the claims of the orphanage, after which the report was unanimously adopted, with a public collection for the Home of \$15.70.

After various announcements the Association adjourned to meet Thursday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

Benediction by Brother Folk.

Second Day.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. After singing, prayer was offered by Eld. A. J. Sloan. After roll-call and reading of rules of decorum by the Clerk, the Association proceeded to business.

The committee on Religious Literature submitted the following report:

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Reading makes a full man. Full of what? It depends on what he reads. If he reads good literature he will be full of good thoughts, good words, good deeds. If he reads bad literature he will be full of bad thoughts, bad words and bad deeds. It becomes important, therefore, that a person shall read good literature. Literature of a wholesome, helpful kind, which shall have an uplifting and good influence upon all who read it. What are you reading? What are your children reading? We commend as safe literature first of all the Bible, which is too often neglected. The Baptist books published by our various publishing houses, the literature published by our Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Foreign Mission Journal, the Home Field, our State paper, the Baptist and Reflector, which we would

like to see in every home in the Association as a messenger every week of our denominational work. We recommend our pastor's work to this end. We recommend the Baptist Flag and the Western Recorder, as these two papers give much information in regard to our religious work and any other sound Baptist literature.

E. E. FOLK,
C. B. MASSEY,
C. C. RAMSEY.

Discussed by Brother Folk and unanimously adopted.

PROHIBITION.

The Committee on Prohibition reported as follows:

Temperance means three things:

1. The moderate use of that which is good.
2. Total abstinence from that which is bad.
3. Helping others to abstain.

We may help others to abstain, first, by moral suasion. Moral suasion means keeping the boy out of the way of temptation. Legal suasion means keeping temptation out of the way of the boy. While it is a good thing to keep the boy out of the way of temptation, it is a better thing to keep temptation out of the way of the boy.

We are glad to say that in Tennessee the liquor traffic as a legalized institution has been entirely banished from our fair State—distillery, brewery, saloon, and all. What is needed now is not simply the retention of these temperance laws upon our statute books, but their strict enforcement; and to this end we need to elect officials who will have regard for their oath of office and enforce the laws impartially against liquor men, as against all others. Let us say emphatically that the law is being 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 that the members of this Association shall vote only for such men for office—executive, judicial and legislative—as will pledge themselves to favor the maintenance and enforcement of our present temperance laws and the enactment of whatever additional legislation may be needed to insure the enforcement of these laws.

A. D. ROBERSON,
E. E. FOLK,
A. F. BURNLEY.

Discussed by E. E. Folk, A. D. Roberson and C. B. Massey and unanimously adopted.

Eld. A. J. Sloan moved that the speeches of the chairman of reports be limited to ten minutes and other speeches on the reports to five minutes. With the understanding Eld. J. W. Gillon, in charge of the report on State Missions be given full time to discuss his work. The motion was adopted.

STATE MISSIONS.

Eld. J. W. Gillon, Secretary of the State Mission Board, submitted the following report:

Baptists are great people for Divine order. With Baptists more than any other people "thus saith the Lord" settles all matters of duty. This being true the Baptists would find it exceedingly profitable to read Matt. 28:16-20, in the light of Acts 1:8. In Matt. 28:16-20 the Master tells the disciples what they are to do and designates the order in which to do it, and when they are to do the things He demands that they do. In Acts 1:8 the Lord tells us the order as to territory to observe in proceeding to make disciples of all the nations. In this pas-

sage the Lord says, "beginning at Jerusalem, all Judea, Samaria and the uttermost parts of the earth." The Lord evidently knew where he wanted us to begin.

The "Jerusalem" of every Christian is the immediate territory of his home church. The "Judea" of every Tennessee Christian is Tennessee. The "Samaria" of every Tennessee Baptist is the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. The "uttermost part of the earth" is to every Tennessee Baptist the Foreign Mission territory. It can be seen at once that if this interpretation of our terms is to stand the Lord has said to each Baptist Church in Tennessee that its first great task is to save the lost of its own immediate territory and that its second great task is to save the lost of all Tennessee, or, in other words, next to the duty of furnishing preaching and the gospel for near-by neighbors is the duty to do State Mission work.

There are in Tennessee 1,000,000 lost souls, ten county seats without a Baptist Church, two counties with only one church each and neither a self-sustaining church. There are five counties with only two churches each, one with only four, and one with only five and one with only six. 331 country neighborhoods with a population of 331,000 souls without the gospel unless we send to them missionaries with the whole truth. Four great cities with mission territory, containing 120,000 souls that would be without the full gospel unless Baptists send it to them.

We have 1,692 churches in Tennessee and only 111 of these gave to all the causes fostered by our convention during the last conventional year. 1,103 of these churches gave to one or more causes, but not to all, while 589 did not give one cent to any benevolent causes fostered by the convention. It can be seen at once there is fearful destitution in our great State, which shows the need of greater activity in State Missions. To meet this destitution we employed last year 91 missionaries, who occupied 132 fields and supplied the gospel to 200,000 of the people in destitute territory.

We have had employed 62 colporters, who have handled more than \$8,000.00 worth of books and turned into the Board during the year more than \$4,000.00. We have furnished our skilled church builder, who has built during the year four splendid church buildings and begun one more. Besides this, our missionary pastors have built 21 other houses. The total cost of these buildings was more than \$18,000.00. We have furnished our field worker for the Woman's Missionary Union. This worker, Miss Mary Northington, has done a great work in organizing the women, both old and young, who contributed to the work \$5,000.

We have had employed one field Sunday School man, Bro. W. D. Hudgins, who travels over the State organizing and grading schools and is mighty in building the kingdom in every direction.

Of the 23 churches in this Association, 12 took no part in our State Work. While those giving gave \$120.93.

There are 174,855 white Baptists in Tennessee. Each one of these is obligated to take a part in redeeming the State for Christ.

For the furtherance of the King's dominion in Tennessee we recommend:

First. That all of our people make God's plan of financing His kingdom their plan and that none give less than a tenth of their income to Him.

Second. That every church in the Association make their largest gifts for State Missions.

Third. That our Association co-operate most heartily with our State Board in the great work it is trying to do to save Tennessee.

J. W. GILLON,
C. P. FREEDLE,
THOS. S. JONES.

The report was followed by a strong missionary sermon by Brother Gillon, which was one of the best ever delivered before Wiseman Association. After short addresses by Elder E. E. Folk and A. D. Roberson the report was unanimously adopted.

DOCTRINAL SERMON.

The hour having arrived for the doctrinal sermon Eld. C. B. Massey took for his text Eph. 3:21. It was a strong presentation on the church question and was greatly enjoyed.

Adjourned one hour for dinner. Benediction by Eld. C. C. Ramsey.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing Eld. A. D. Roberson led in prayer, after which the Association resumed business.

HOME MISSIONS.

The Committee on Home Missions read the following report:

"America for Christ" should be the rally cry of Southern Baptists America must be saved, so it can do its part saving the world. In the United States only one out of every four is a Christian. These seventy millions lost souls should be a strong enough appeal to any Christian to do his best for his own people. Because of the greatness of the task before us, it was found necessary to make plans, and systematize its forces so as to best cope with this difficult situation.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention was organized with its headquarters in Atlanta, Ga., whose business was to study the conditions in our country and to place workers where they would count most for the glory of the Master. Southern Baptists gave last year \$365,000, which was used in ten different departments, namely: Immigrant Work, Evangelism, City Missions, Cuban Missions, Work in Panama, Church Buildings, Co-operative State Work, Work Among the Indians and the Frontier Work.

The results of the past year's work were greater than that of any other Home Mission Board in America. The money given to Home Missions has been wisely used, and we who gave even small sums are thankful for the glorious results. Because Jesus has commanded us to witness in "Samaria", which for us is our Southland. We recommend:

First. That we heartily endorse the work done by the Home Mission Board as our representatives in this territory.

Second. We recommend that every church shall "prove its faith by its work" by giving according to its ability to Home Missions the coming year.

J. L. HAWKINS.
ALEX. JENKINS.
S. S. M. BLANKENSHIP.

After addresses by Elders A. E. Robertson, E. E. Folk, J. L. Hawkins, C. B. Massey, C. N. Simmons and A. J. Sloan the report was adopted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported as follows:

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" Such was the last command of great Captain. This command comes to us with emphasis across the centuries from the Mount of Olives, when the Master committed to our hands the evangelization of the

world. How are we fulfilling this command Southern Baptists have missionaries in China, Japan, Africa, Brazil, Mexico and Argentina. In these countries there are 273 missionaries, 126 ordained natives, 405 unordained native helpers, 297 churches, 19 self-supporting, 605 outstanding and 21,343 members. Last year 3,618 baptisms on those fields. The Baptists of the South gave for Foreign Missions last year \$510,008.97. The present year they are asked to give \$600,000.00. The Baptists of Tennessee gave for Foreign Missions the past year \$25,878.91 and are asked to give the present year \$30,000. The Wiseman Association gave \$148.61 about 6½ cents per member.

Brethren, let's rally to the commission of our Lord and do what we can for the salvation of a lost world.

E. E. FOLK,
C. N. SIMMONS,
J. E. FOUST.

Discussed by Elders Folk, Simmons and Robertson and adopted.

DISTRICT MISSIONS.

The District Mission Board submitted the following report:

The Association at Cedar Bluff one year ago appointed the undersigned to act in the capacity of a District Mission Board. Some time after which the Board organized by electing Paul Johnson chairman and T. J. Thompson secretary. We had two applications for help from the funds of District Missions. Having no funds in hand except possibly a small amount in the hands of Treasurer of one or two churches we made a call on the different churches of the Association for District Missions, but received no money from any of them. We then sent an application we had received from New Zion Church, asking for help to the State Board, but was informed that there was no fund available from the State Board. However, there was a likelihood that the State Board could furnish one mechanic to assist in erecting said New Zion Church house, the brethren entertaining him while at work.

The District Board having had no further demand from New Zion have made no orders in the premises.

We would suggest that the Association earnestly impress the churches with the importance of District Missions, to the end that there may be more funds in the hands of the Board to be expended within our own bounds.

PAUL JOHNSON, Chairman;
T. J. THOMPSON, Secretary;
JOHN CORTON.

After a lively discussion by Paul Johnson, C. B. Massey and A. J. Sloan, the report was adopted and the same Board re-elected for another year.

STATE OF RELIGION.

The Committee on State of Religion read the following report:

Your committee submit the following: Only a few of our churches report an increase in membership, but we are glad to report there are indications of greater interest in mission work and supporting the ministry than heretofore. We regret the spirituality of our churches is not what it should be and we urge our pastors and churches to get under the wings of the Almighty and be lively stones, building up spiritual churches, so the world may take knowledge of us that we have been with Jesus. To mend matters we suggest our brethren in the ministry preach an all-round gospel, which is "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Let us all pray for a

deeper work of divine grace in all our churches and glorify our Father which is in heaven.

A. J. SLOAN,
J. W. LEWIS,
T. S. JONES.

Discussed by A. J. Sloan and A. F. Burnley and adopted.

Adjourned till 8:30 Friday morning. It was announced that Eld.

A. J. Sloan will preach at New Harmony to-night.

Benediction by Eld. A. E. Robertson.

Bro. J. L. Hawkins preached at Meadcrville Thursday night.

Third Day.

Association came together by singing, prayer by Moderator. Roll was called and the rules were read.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

The Committee on Ministerial Relief reported as follows:

We submit the following report: This is a most worthy cause and we ought to do more along this line than has been done. The saddest sight that any one ever saw is one of our ministers who has worn himself out in the ministry and then come to want. We have one in this Association—Bro. J. F. Lambert—who is being helped some by the Board of the State Convention and our Association has given some assistance, but these donations have failed to meet his needs. Let us do more for him, and not let him suffer.

If it had not been for the Baptists of this Association the chairman of this committee would have suffered while in the hospital in Nashville for an operation last spring. This Association gave him \$75.00. Dixon Creek paid \$41.00 of this amount, for which I thank one and all very much. So, brethren, let us see to it that our old, wornout preachers be fed and clothed.

A. J. SLOAN,
W. K. WISEMAN,
J. H. CAREY.

After speeches by a dozen brethren, the report was adopted by a collection of \$13.11 for Brother Lambert, which was sent to him through T. C. Harrison, with a letter of fellowship and sympathy, signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The Committee on Ministerial Education reported as follows:

The education of the men who are to stand before the world for God is of paramount importance. The advancements in education in all departments of human affairs and in all sections of the country demand an educated ministry. We do not claim an uneducated man cannot preach the gospel, but we do claim an educated man is better qualified for the work of preaching. We thank God for the ministry of our fathers who were unlettered in the trainings of schools, but who were burdened with a message for the lost and a desire to promote the kingdom of God. Customs have changed, people are educated as never before. These facts make it the more important that our young men entering the ministry be qualified to meet the emergencies of the day.

As a denomination we have fine schools in our State, such as Union University, Jackson, Tenn., Carson and Newman, Jefferson City, Tenn., and Hall-Moody, Martin, Tenn., where our young men are granted special

favors and advantages in securing an education. Besides these there are various theological schools in various sections of the country, notably among them are the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and the Southwestern Theological School, Dallas, Tex. Friendship Church is the only church contributing for this purpose, giving the past year nine hundred and fifty dollars for the Seminary at Louisville.

J. T. OAKLEY,
C. B. MASSEY,
A. E. ROBERSON. (

After a lively discussion by Brethren Sloan, Massey, Burnley, Lewis, Simmons and others the report was adopted.

OBITUARIES.

The Committee on Obituaries submitted the following: Since our last meeting the grim reaper has cut down many who were among the living one year ago, which reminds us of the shortness of time and the certainty of death's approach. The death roll the past year is 23. Let us hope they have found the better country and are safe from earth's sorrows and at home with God in the General Association that never adjourns and no farewell tears are shed.

We mention in a special way the home-going of Eld. W. M. S. Wilks, our former Moderator and counselor in this Association in the years gone by. We call to remembrance the labor and love of this dear servant of God, and your committee suggests that his pastor, Brother Oakley, prepare a memorial page for the minutes of the present session. We also recommend that the churches and friends within the bounds of the Association join the Hopewell Church in a voluntary contribution to place a monument over the grave of our beloved brother.

Your committee calls attention to the departure of Eld. A. Malone, the second Sunday in September at his home in Franklin, Ky. He was a faithful servant of God and once labored in word and doctrine within the bounds of this Association. Peace to his dust.

J. T. OAKLEY,
T. C. HARRISON,
W. A. FUQUA.

Tender addresses were made by Elders J. T. Oakley, J. L. Hawkins, A. J. Sloan, C. B. Massey, C. N. Simmons and T. C. Harrison. After a voluntary collection for the monument fund of \$5.44, the report was adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Your Committee on Correspondence submit the following: Beloved brethren of the various Associations with whom we correspond, Greeting: We are glad to report that we are at peace and see signs of improvements among our churches in mission work and we cherish the hope of advancements in all our work. We authorize any of our brethren who may be present at any of your meetings to represent us as corresponding messengers. We kindly invite you to meet with us at Friendship Church, three miles north of Hartsville, Wednesday, after third Sunday in October, 1912.

Adopted.

C. P. FREEDLE,
J. E. FOUST,
F. W. GROSS.

FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance have collected from the churches for printing the minutes \$34.30.

J. H. McCLARD,
J. D. WHITE,
J. W. MASSEY.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Your Treasurer has collected from the messengers money sent by them the following amounts: State Missions, \$8.00; Home Missions, \$10.45; Foreign Missions, \$12.36; Orphans' Home, \$19.70, which was turned over to J. W. Gillon, Secretary of State Mission Board, and his receipt taken for the same.

J. W. LEWIS, Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. We reiterate the suggestion heretofore made, that the churches select their messengers at least two months prior to the meeting of the Association and that they act as a committee in raising mission funds.
2. We request each church to give the amounts contributed to missions and through whatever channel they choose to send it.
3. We tender our thanks to the Meadorville Church and good people of the community for their bountiful hospitality in caring for the Association.
4. We tender to our Moderator and Clerk our thanks in conducting the business of the Association in such a way that the business has been transacted in an orderly manner and on time and that the Clerk retain ten dollars for his services, using the remainder in printing and mailing the minutes.
5. We suggest that our churches give more for District Missions or discontinue this item in our work.

J. F. BURNLEY
J. W. LEWIS,
J. A. HAWKINS.

The report was adopted by sections. One suggestion: That the doctrinal sermon be preached 11 a. m. at the stand instead of before the Association was lost.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS OF THE WISEMAN ASSOCIATION.

- ✓ Bledsoe Creek—J. L. Hawkins, Westmoreland, Tenn., Route 4.
- ✓ Cedar Bluff—J. H. Ramsey, Red Boiling Springs, Tenn., Route 6.
- ✓ Corum Hill—A. J. McNabb, Watertown, Tenn., Route 2.
- ✓ Christman's Chapel—C. N. Simmons, Westmoreland, Tenn.
- ✓ Dixon Creek—C. B. Massey, Pleasant Shade, Tenn.
- ✓ Fairview—A. J. Sloan, Pleasant Shade, Tenn.
- ✓ Friendship—J. T. Oakley, Hartsville, Tenn.
- ✓ Goodwill—A. J. Sloan, Pleasant Shade, Tenn.
- ✓ Hartsville—J. T. Oakley, Hartsville, Tenn.
- ✓ Hillsdale—J. T. Oakley, Hartsville, Tenn.
- ✓ Hopewell—J. T. Oakley, Hartsville, Tenn.
- ✓ LaFayette—No Pastor, W. H. Smith, Church Clerk.
- ✓ Long Creek—J. L. Hawkins, Westmoreland, Tenn., Route 4.
- ✓ Meadorville—G. W. Ramsey, Difficult, Tenn.
- ✓ New Harmony—M. L. Ramsey, Red Boiling Springs, Tenn., Route 1.
- ✓ New Zion—J. H. Ramsey, Red Boiling Springs, Tenn.
- ✓ Pleasant Grove—C. N. Simmons, Westmoreland, Tenn.
- ✓ Rock Bridge—J. N. Knight, Fountain Head, Tenn.
- ✓ Rocky Mound—J. B. Witcher, Scottville, Ky., Route 7.
- ✓ Shady Grove—C. C. Ramsey, Red Boiling Springs, Tenn., Route 2.
- ✓ Siloam—T. M. Tinsley, Scottsville, Ky.
- ✓ Spring Creek—W. J. Summar, Hartsville, Tenn.
- ✓ Zion—J. T. Oakley, Hartsville, Tenn.

NEW BUSINESS.

Eld. A. J. Sloan offered a motion to change the Fifth Section of the Rules of Decorum so that no member shall speak more than ten minutes, being limited to three speeches. Motion was voted down.

The business of the Association being duly transacted and having some spare time before dinner Brother Sloan preached thirty minutes, after which the Association adjourned by an old-fashioned handshake to meet at Friendship, three miles north of Hartsville, Wednesday, after the third Sunday in October, 1912.

Thus closed one of the best sessions of the Wiseman Association ever held. The crowds were large, dinner plentiful and peace and harmony prevailed.

JOHN T. OAKLEY, Moderator;
D. S. REED, CLERK.

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 sitting 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.

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 reproved, 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.



ELDER W. M. S. WILKS.

For many years Moderator of Wiseman Association.
 Born July 12, 1850. Baptized by Elder Jonathan Wiseman,
 October, 1864. Married Miss Nettie Gibson, Oct. 25, 1868.
 Ordained by Hopewell Church, May, 1887. Departed this
 life April 15, 1911. Age 60 years, seven months and three
 days.

Farewell, dear brother, till we meet again.

(This page is placed here in memory of Brother Wilks by Eld. J. T. Oakley, who succeeds him as both pastor of his home church and Moderator of Wiseman Association).

STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCHES. | Meeting Days. | In-crease | | De-crease | | Membership. | Pastor's Salary | MISSIONS. | | | | Orphan's Home | Ministerial Education | Ministerial Relief | Home Church Expenses | Minutes | Total Contributions | Schools Sunday | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------|----------|----------|---------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------|---------------------|----------------|----------|--------|
| | | Baptism. | Letter. | Letter. | Exclusion. | | | Death. | State | Home | Foreign | | | | | | | District | Teachers | Pupils |
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| Bledsoe Creek..... | 2 | 5 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 88 | \$ 97 16 | \$ 1 00 | \$ 5 00 | \$ 2 79 | | \$ 13 88 | | \$ 2 00 | | \$ 1 70 | \$ 123 59 | 8 | 85 | |
| Cedar Bluff..... | 2 | 3 | 4 | | | 75 | 60 00 | 50 | 1 85 | 1 88 | | 12 50 | | | | 1 00 | 4 70 | | | |
| Corum Hill..... | 2 | 4 | | | | 32 | | | 2 40 | 2 40 | | | | 5 50 | | 1 00 | 83 30 | | | |
| Christman's Chapel..... | 2 | 1 | 2 | | 1 | 387 | | | | | 3 50 | 4 00 | | 41 00 | 71 91 | 3 00 | 123 41 | | | |
| Dixon Creek..... | 2 | 1 | 3 | | | 147 | 300 00 | 16 53 | 47 46 | 25 90 | | 40 00 | 950 00 | 14 25 | 106 00 | 3 00 | 1151 44 | 6 | 75 | |
| Fairview..... | 3 | 5 | 1 | | 1 | 40 | 43 25 | 1 00 | | 1 25 | 4 50 | 2 50 | | 10 00 | | 75 | 63 75 | | | |
| Goodwill..... | 4 | 9 | 5 | 3 | | 89 | 72 00 | 1 20 | | 1 00 | | 1 00 | 100 00 | 12 50 | | 1 00 | 87 70 | | | |
| Hartsville..... | 2 | 8 | | 2 | 2 | 136 | 300 00 | 57 00 | 20 00 | 20 00 | | 24 00 | | | 169 00 | 3 00 | 707 00 | 11 | 70 | |
| Hopewell..... | 3 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 106 | 200 00 | 11 05 | 7 20 | 10 00 | | 21 20 | | 141 00 | 3 00 | 393 45 | 5 | 25 | | |
| Hillsdale..... | 4 | 10 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 255 | 200 00 | 30 00 | 30 00 | 50 00 | | | | 82 00 | 2 00 | 392 88 | 8 | 60 | | |
| Long Creek..... | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 33 | | | | | 2 00 | 2 00 | | 4 50 | 75 | 9 00 | | | | |
| LaFayette..... | 3 | | 4 | | | 116 | 34 00 | | | | | | | 110 00 | 1 50 | 144 50 | 8 | 70 | | |
| Meadorville..... | 1 | 24 | 4 | | | 84 | 130 00 | 65 | | 3 00 | | 3 30 | 1 39 | 2 00 | 100 00 | 1 50 | 242 34 | | | |
| New Harmony..... | 2 | 12 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 173 | 60 00 | | | 18 48 | | 4 83 | | 15 00 | | 2 50 | 101 61 | | | |
| New Zion..... | 4 | | 1 | | | 27 | | 1 00 | 1 00 | 1 00 | | 1 00 | | | | 1 00 | 5 00 | | | |
| Pleasant Grove..... | 2 | | | | | 65 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rock Bridge..... | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 70 | 35 25 | | | | | 2 75 | | | 13 90 | 2 00 | 53 90 | | | |
| Rocky Mound..... | | | 9 | 1 | 2 | 54 | | | | | | 1 00 | | | | 1 00 | 2 00 | | | |
| Shady Grove..... | 4 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 114 | 70 00 | 1 00 | 1 00 | 79 | | | | 5 36 | | 1 50 | 79 50 | | | |
| Siloam..... | 1 | 1 | 5 | | | 134 | | | | 4 00 | | | | | | 50 | 13 00 | | | |
| Spring Creek..... | 4 | 6 | 1 | | 1 | 55 | | 2 50 | | | | 7 50 | | | | 50 | 13 00 | | | |
| Zion..... | 2 | 2 | | | 1 | 21 | 60 00 | 1 00 | 1 00 | 1 00 | | 2 50 | | 1 55 | | 50 | 1 05 | | | |
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