

PROCEEDINGS

WILKINSON ASSOCIATION

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Thompson Creek Baptist Church

Atlanta, Georgia

Saturday, October 27

1913

- W. L. WILSON, Moderator
- W. L. WILSON, Assistant Moderator
- W. L. WILSON, Clerk
- W. L. WILSON, Assistant Clerk
- W. L. WILSON, Treasurer

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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Twenty-Second Session
OF THE
WISEMAN ASSOCIATION
— OF —
MISSIONARY BAPTISTS

HELD WITH THE
Bledsoe Creek Baptist Church
Sumner Co., Tenn.

BEGINNING
Wednesday, October 22
1913

J. T. OAKLEY, Moderator
A. J. SLOAN, Assistant Moderator
D. S. REED, Clerk
J. W. LEWIS, Assistant Clerk
J. W. LEWIS, Treasurer

Next meeting will be held with Siloam Church, two miles South
of Epperson Springs, Wednesday after the third
Sunday in September, 1914

MINUTES

FIRST DAY

The Messengers composing the Wiseman Association met with the Bledsoe Creek Church, Wednesday, October 22, 1913. Devotional services were conducted by Eld. A. J. Sloan, former Moderator. The introductory was delivered by Eld. A. J. Sloan, from Luke 46-49 verses, 24th chapter. The sermon was greatly enjoyed by the large audience.

Following the sermon the Moderator appointed Brethren J. T. Oakley, J. S. Pardue and J. H. Ramsey to read the letters from the churches and the following responded:

Bledsoe Creek—J. M. Pardue, C. M. Sloan and J. W. Fleming.
Cedar Bluff—Tom Summer, Buck Scott and Alfred Stone.
Corum Hill—J. E. Corum and Miss Annie Robertson.
Christmon's Chapel—Mrs. Bascom Simmons and Miss Bessie Suttle.
Dixon Creek—J. J. Gregory and W. S. Stafford.
Friendship—J. W. Lewis, A. F. Burnley and J. O. Hall.
Fairview—Eld. A. J. Sloan, J. D. Cook and W. J. Graves.
Goodwill—G. W. Taylor and J. N. Lynville.
Hartsville—Eld. J. T. Oakley, C. P. Freedle and J. F. Lee.
Hillsdale—Sam Celsor.
Hopewell—John Wilks, Earl Fitzpatrick and Haynes Scott.
Long Creek—W. K. Johnson and G. W. Jenkins.
LaFayette—No Messengers.
Meadorville—G. W. Claiborne.
New Harmony—F. W. Gross and D. White.
New Zion—S. H. Dillard, S. S. M. Blankenship and J. D. Pettigo.
Pleasant Hill—S. H. Hodges.
Pleasant Grove—Eld. C. N. Simmons and Frank Williams.
Rock Bridge—T. B. Simpson, E. D. Martin and Willis McClanahan.
Rocky Mound—J. F. Overton.
Shady Grove—D. S. Reed.
Siloam—Bud Trout, S. F. Curtis, and T. C. Harrison.
Spring Creek—No Messenger.
Zion—Isaac Mungle and Oscar Harris.

Permanent organization was effected by the election of Eld. J. T. Oakley, Moderator; Eld. A. J. Sloan, Assistant Moderator; D. S. Reed, Clerk; J. W. Lewis, 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.

Prayer by Bro. J. S. Pardue.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association was called to order and prayer by Bro. C. N. Simmons. The body then proceeded with the regular order of business.

Petitionary letters were called for and Pleasant Hill Church was received, and, after reading their letter, the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship and the messengers were enrolled by the Clerk.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following committees:

Religious Literature—E. W. Moss, J. S. Pardue and A. F. Burnley.
 Prohibition—J. S. Pardue, J. D. Cook and C. P. Freedle.
 State of Religion—A. J. Sloan, J. W. Lewis and T. C. Harrison.
 Home Missions—J. T. Oakley, J. H. Ramsey and Jeff Summer.
 State Missions—J. H. Ramsey, W. J. Steward and J. L. Hawkins.
 Foreign Missions—J. S. Pardue, J. F. Overton and J. J. Gregory.
 District Missions—The District Board.
 Orphans' Home—W. J. Steward, Walter Overton and G. W. Taylor.
 Ministerial Relief—J. F. Lee, W. J. Graves and Sam Celsor.
 Ministerial Education—John Wilks, A. F. Burnley and S. H. Dillard.
 Finance—G. W. Jenkins, D. White and F. W. Gross.
 Correspondence—W. K. Johnson, W. S. Stafford and Tom Williams.
 Resolutions—J. F. Lee, W. K. Johnson and J. N. Lynville.
 Obituaries—C. N. Simmons, W. J. Summer and J. M. Pardue.
 Gospel Missions—A. J. Sloan, J. H. Ramsey and C. B. Massey.

The Moderator appointed a committee of three, to-wit: A. F. Burnley, C. N. Simmons and J. L. Hawkins to select the place for the next Association.

The Moderator appointed the following brethren on Order of Business, to-wit: J. W. Fleming, W. J. Summer and J. F. Lee, who reported as follows:

Order of Business

We, your Committee, submit the following report:

1—Orphans' Home. 2—State of Religion. 3—Foreign Missions.
 4—Home Missions. 5—State Missions. 6—Prohibition. 7—District Missions. 8—Gospel Missions. 9—Ministerial Relief. 10—Ministerial Education. 11—Finance. 12—Correspondence. 13—Obituaries. 14—Resolutions. Respectfully submitted.

J. W. FLEMING,
 W. J. SUMMERS, } Committee.
 J. F. LEE,

Visiting brethren were invited to seats in the body and the following responded: Eld. W. J. Steward, representing the Baptist Orphanage, and Eld. H. H. Hibbs, representing the Tennessee College at Murfreesboro.

Corresponding Messengers reported present from Enon Association, Eld. J. H. Ramsey and Eld. C. B. Massey; Nashville Association, Eld. J. S. Pardue and Lucian Smith; Little Hatchie Association, Eld. Jas. H. Oakley.

Next Place of Meeting

There being no church petitioned for the next Association the brethren from Siloam Church asked for the Association to meet with them and this request was by the Association granted them, so the next Association will meet with Siloam Church, about two miles East of Epperson Springs, on Wednesday, after the third Sunday in September, 1914.

We recommend that our Association most heartily approve of the work being done by the Home, and hereby pledge our sympathies, our prayers and our financial support to this worthy cause.

W. J. STEWARD, }
G. W. TAYLOR, } *Committee.*
J. F. OVERTON, }

On motion by Bro. John Wilks it was ordered by the Association that the time of the meeting of this Association be changed back to Wednesday after the third Sunday in September in each year.

Report on State of Religion

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

We are glad that there has been an increase in the support of the ministry and missions, but the state of religion is not what it should be. Your Committee would recommend as a remedy the preaching of the pure Gospel, which is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, also a prayer meeting in every church, as Paul said, "He commanded first of all prayer and intercession be made for all men," and that we have more back door revivals in our churches and exclude from our fellowship those unruly members or hypocrites and that we all live better and show to the world that we have been with Jesus.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. SLOAN, }
J. W. LEWIS, } *Committee.*
T. C. HARRISON, }

Discussed by Bros. A. J. Sloan, C. B. Massey, J. L. Hawkins, J. H. Ramsey and S. S. M. Blankenship. Adopted.

Report on Prohibition

The Committee on Prohibition reported as follows:

By prohibition is meant primarily the destruction of the legalized whiskey traffic as a beverage. The sentiment favoring its destruction has grown by leaps and bounds the past few years. Many states have, by direct vote and through their legislatures, abolished the legalized saloon. The state of Tennessee four years ago placed upon her statute books a law forbidding the existence of saloons within four miles of a school house. In the small towns and country districts the law has been well observed, while the large cities have defied the law, and through law defiant officials saloons have run wide open. We have profound reasons to rejoice that recent developments have brightened the pathway to a glorious and permanent overthrow of the lawless saloon. The almost unanimous adoption of the Kenyon-Webb bill by both houses of Congress, which makes it unlawful to ship whiskey into dry territory, and the recent Act of the Legislature in called session sustaining this bill and adding a penalty when any one ships into or out of the State or into or out of a county any whiskey for saloon purposes, and the passing of other law enforcement measures are glorious triumphs of our prohibition course, and all honor to the Criminal Judges in Knoxville, Chattanooga, Clarksville and Nashville in closing all the saloons in their cities. Every patriotic citizen should give his influence for this righteous cause. Let us never be satisfied until the hellish traffic is driven from the State and nation.

C. P. FREEDLE, }
J. S. PARDOE, } *Committee.*
J. D. COOK, }

After being discussed by Bros. C. P. Freedle, J. S. Pardue, H. H. Hibbs, J. F. Lee, W. K. Johnson, W. J. Steward, J. F. Overton and J. T. Oakley the motion was adopted.

Report on Religious Literature

We, your Committee, submit the following:

As the physical or natural man is made and developed from a child to full manhood, bone, muscle and flesh by partaking of the right kind of food and exercising himself, so of the spiritual and mental man. Man does what he is taught, disseminates what he knows. So it is with Russellism. That ism depends upon what Russell preaches and the wide circulation of the car loads of his contaminating and soul destroying literature. So of the two car loads of the no-hell doctrine of Russellism shipped from Nashville to Texas, and so it is with all isms. Well, you say that they are responsible for all that. Yes, but is it not also true that we, as Baptists, are responsible for not taking into our own homes, as well as failing to send it out broadcast through the land. And we therefore, your Committee, recommend that we own and read God's word first of all books; that we recommend all sound Baptist papers in and out of this State, as well as the many Baptist books of our publication concerns.

J. S. PARDUE, }
 A. F. BURNLEY, } *Committee.*
 J. J. GREGORY, }

After being discussed by Bros. J. S. Pardue, H. H. Hibbs, A. J. Sloan, C. B. Massey, J. W. Lewis, J. F. Overton, J. L. Hawkins and John Wilks the report was adopted.

The Association suspended the regular order of business and Bro. A. J. Sloan proceeded to preach the Doctrinal Sermon. Text: Hebrews 10th chapter, 14th verse.

It was a strong and able doctrinal sermon and was greatly enjoyed by all. The Association adjourned one hour for dinner.

Prayer by Bro. C. B. Massey.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After singing Eld. J. H. Oakley led in prayer, after which the Association resumed the regular order of business.

Report on State Missions

We, your Committee to report on State Missions, submit the following report:

We want first to record our profound thanks to God for the work done since our last Convention. The reports from our missionaries and evangelists show that our work has been signally blessed. God has most certainly put the stamp of His approval upon the work as it is now being conducted.

In presenting what we want to say in this report, we want first to define what we mean by State Missions.

State Missions is the co-operative effort of the Baptists of Tennessee to bring everything human and material into right relation to God and into the service of God and men at home and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

SOME THINGS WE ARE DOING IN LINE WITH THE OUTLINE
OF DUTIES AND TASKS.

1. To lead the lost to Christ in Tennessee, we have employed during this present convention year 73 missionary pastors, 12 associate missionaries, 1 city missionary and 2 evangelists. The evangelists are as genuinely missionaries of the Board as are the others named.

2. To educate our people concerning our tasks we have had employed a corresponding secretary, Bro. J. W. Gillon; a W. M. U. secretary and field worker, Miss Maggie Buchanan; one Sunday School field worker, Bro. W. Hudgins; one co-operative field worker, Bro. R. L. Motley, who has served the Board during the entire year, and since the first of July we have had Bro. E. K. Cox added to this co-operative field force. Attention is called to the fact that these servants of the Board just named are as much missionaries of the State Board as is any missionary pastor, city missionary, or associational missionary. They are missionaries with the whole State as territory and with specific tasks assigned to them. In addition to this, we have had on the field 46 colporters. These have carried Bibles and Testaments, the best of books and tracts on our denominational work and on our distinctive doctrines. Their work is also distinctly missionary.

SOME FACTS ABOUT OUR STATE MISSION FINANCES

The Board, at its annual meeting in November, made contracts with workers which called for an outlay of \$43,532.60. If all of these contracts mature we will have to have, during this convention year, the above named amount to meet the expenditure. Up to the present time we have only about \$23,000. We are in debt at the bank \$12,500, \$4,000 of which was brought over from last year. \$3,500 has been borrowed to meet the expenses of this year's work. In addition to this debt at the bank, we now owe our missionaries about \$8,000. The Board was unable, at the close of the last quarter, to pay the salaries of the missionaries. We will need, between now and the first day of November, about \$17,000 for our Board to come to the convention without debt. Our Association has been asked to give \$126.55. During this convention year, from November 1 to July 1, the churches of our Association have given only \$23.25. It seems to us that our churches are in every way able to meet the request of our Board. We earnestly urge that every pastor and layman in our Association prayerfully undertake to raise the money asked of his church in order that our work shall be unhindered and unembarrassed by debt.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. RAMSEY,
W. J. STEWART, *Committee*
J. L. HAWKINS, *^*

Report on Home Missions

By Home Missions is meant the territory embraced by the Southern Baptist Convention, known as the work superintended by the Home Mission Board, located at Atlanta, Ga., and covering parts of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Cuba and Panama zone. The nature of the work is evangelism and education. The Home Board, of whom D. B. Gray is Corresponding Secretary, has employed 149 teachers, under whom are 5,118 students, receiving salaries aggregating \$61,309. Value of school buildings and property \$509,050. This work of education is confined to the foreign element in the large cities, mountain people, and also colored people in the large cities. This Board, in its evangelistical field, has employed white and colored missionaries 1,601, general evangelists 24, which have supplied 3,295 churches and stations, delivering 174,258 sermons and

addresses, meetings held 205, baptisms 26,935, received by letter 23,109. Total additions 49,039. Churches constituted 222, houses of worship built and improved 418. In the prosecution of this work the Baptist churches of the South, with individuals, contributed the neat sum of \$557,704.65. In addition to the educational and evangelistic work the Board also conducts a building department as well as a publication department. The past year has been the greatest in results since the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention at Augusta, Ga., 1845. Your Committee cheerfully recommend that all the churches make regular contributions to this most worthy department of our denominational work. Respectfully submitted.

J. T. OAKLEY, /
 J. H. RAMSEY, / Committee.
 JEFF SUMMER, \

Report on Foreign Missions

By Foreign Missions is meant the work fostered by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located at Richmond, Va., and W. J. Willingham, Secretary. This Board embraces Brazil, China, Japan, Mexico, Argentina and Africa. The work of this Board is preaching the Gospel, building schools, hospitals and sustaining medical doctors. The work has been hindered in China and Mexico by the unsettled state of affairs existing in those countries. The outlook in China is improving. There are 273 missionaries employed; baptisms 4,532 and membership 27,505. There are 485 schools with 15,803 pupils with \$69,000 contributed for the work of schools, and \$543,000 contributed for the different departments of Foreign Mission work. The recent placing of medical students, building hospitals, and establishing theological and other schools have greatly strengthened the work in foreign lands. Our Savior said: "Go, make disciples of the nations, baptizing them, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Let us be faithful to the Master's last command and never be satisfied until the uttermost bounds of the earth have heard the story of salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. Respectfully submitted,

J. S. PARDEE, /
 J. F. OVERTON, / Committee.
 J. J. GREGORY, \

On motion the Association suspended the regular order of business and Eld. H. H. Hibbs was given 35 minutes in which to represent the Tennessee College for Young Ladies at Murfreesboro.

Report on Ministerial Relief

We, your Committee on Ministerial Relief, submit the following report: We can not find but \$18.50 reported in the letters to the Association. We suppose that that amount was turned over to Bro. Lambert. We can not find out whether any has been paid to the State or not.

J. F. LEE, /
 SAM C'ELSON, / Committee.
 W. J. GRAVES, \

After being discussed by J. H. Ramsey and W. J. Steward a collection was taken, amounting to \$7.86, and was turned over to Bro. Lambert

Report on Ministerial Education

We regard this as a very important object among all the interests with which our Association is dealing or encouraging. A qualified ministry is one of the essentials in the promulgation of the Gospel and building up of the Kingdom. Shall we say the first essential?

What qualifications are necessary? 1st, a renewed heart; 2nd, a Divine call; 3rd, equipment along the lines of literary training that he may be the better prepared to study and understand the meaning of the Word.

Certainly in this day when the people are making great progress in education our ministry should be equally trained to meet the demands of the time. We endorse sound Scriptural training and here mention the Union University, Jackson, Tenn., Hall-Moody Institute, Martin, Tenn., and all other sound Baptist schools.

We should guard this point well and see that our young and rising ministry are well protected against imbibing false principles so prevalent in this day in which we live. Above all we would suggest to our young brethren in the ministry equip yourselves well with the best literary training possible, then take the Book of Books, lean upon your knees before God and ask the Holy Spirit to interpret it to you, and this, with moral and Spiritual backbone behind it to disclose it faithfully, your ministry will undoubtedly prove a success in the truest and grandest sense.

J. M. WILKS,
S. H. DILLARD, } *Committee.*
A. F. BURNLEY, }

After being discussed by Bros. A. F. Burnley, A. J. Sloan, C. B. Massey, J. S. Pardue and H. H. Hibbs. Adopted.

Announcements

Bro. J. H. Ramsey will preach at Buffalo school house tonight. The Association then adjourned until Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

Benediction by Bro. J. H. Ramsey.

THIRD DAY

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. After singing prayer was offered by Lucian Smith. After roll call by the Clerk the Association proceeded to business.

Report on Finance

The Committee on Finance has collected from the churches for printing the minutes \$37.10.

G. W. JENKINS, } *Committee.*
D. WHITE, }
F. W. GROSS, }

Report on Correspondence

We, your Committee on Correspondence, submit the following:

We authorize any of our brethren who may be at your meeting to represent us as Corresponding Messengers. We respectfully invite you to meet with us at our next annual meeting, which will be held with the Siloam Church, near Epperson Springs, on Wednesday after the third Sunday in September, 1914.

Brethren, we are glad to have you visit us and help us in the furtherance of the cause of Christ and His Kingdom. We are at peace.

Respectfully submitted,

Adopted.

W. K. JOHNSON, } *Committee.*
W. S. STAFFORD, }
TOM WILLIAMS, }

Report on Obituaries

Brethren of the Association. After reading reports from all the churches we find that many homes have been visited by grim death since our last Association, to whom we extend our sympathy. It makes us sad, indeed, when we think of the 26 members that have crossed into the great beyond, but as they were church members we have the blessed assurance that they are at peace with God and that some day in the future we shall see them again at the Saviour's right hand.

Respectfully submitted,

C. N. SIMMONS, }
T. G. SUMMER. } *Committee.*
J. M. PARDUR, }

Report on Gospel Missions

We, your Committee on Gospel Missions, submit the following report: We have a number of missionaries on the field that are worthy brethren who are doing a good work and they are depending on the churches direct for their support. We urge the churches and people who believe in this system of mission work to rally to the support of our worthy missionaries. We have not the statistics but they report a goodly number of conversions and baptisms. This work is growing and some who have not been doing mission work through other systems are giving this way. Bro. T. A. Cross, of Bardswell, Ky., is acting as Treasurer of this work for Tennessee and Kentucky.

A. J. SLOAN, }
C. B. MASSEY, } *Committee.*
J. H. RAMSEY, }

Treasurer's Report

Your Treasurer has collected from the Messengers money sent by them the following amounts: State Missions, \$16.15; Home Missions, \$5.25; Foreign Missions, \$2.15; Orphan's Home, \$15.32, which was turned over to W. J. Steward, Secretary of Orphan's Home, and his receipt taken for same. J. W. LEWIS, *Treasurer.*

Report on Resolutions

- 1st. The pastors inform their churches on the subject of missions.
- 2nd. We request each church to give the amounts contributed to missions and through whatever channel they choose to send it.
- 3rd. We request the Moderator to appoint a Committee on Gospel Missions.
- 4th. That no Moderator shall succeed himself as Moderator.
- 5th. We tender our thanks to the Bledsoe Creek Church and good people of community for their bountiful hospitality.
- 6th. 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 \$10.00 for his services, using the remainder in printing and mailing the minutes.
- 7th. We recommend that the Association elect a lay member as Moderator.
- 8th. We recommend that the Association spend one hour in discussing the subject on obituaries and that some Bro. be appointed to preach a memorial sermon on the same.

J. F. LEE, }
W. K. JOHNSON, } *Committee.*
J. N. LYNVILLER, }

Churches and Pastors of the Wiseman Association

Bledsoe Creek—J. L. Hawkins, Bransford Tenn., R. F. D. No. 1.
 Cedar Bluff—C. E. Ramsey, Red Springs, Tenn.
 Corum Hill—R. Y. Hawkins, Gallatin, Tenn.
 Christmon's Chapel—C. N. Simmons, Westmoreland, Tenn.
 Dixon Creek—C. C. Ramsey, Dixon Springs, Tenn., R. F. D. No. 1.
 Fairview—C. E. Ramsey, Red Springs, Tenn.
 Friendship—J. T. Oakley, Hartsville, Tenn.
 Goodwill—A. J. Sloan, Pleasant Shade, Tenn.
 Hillsdale—G. W. Ramsey, Difficult, Tenn.
 Hartsville—J. T. Oakley, Hartsville, Tenn.
 Lafayette—J. T. Oakley, Hartsville, Tenn.
 Long Creek—J. H. Ramsey, Red Boiling Springs, Tenn.
 Meadorville—G. W. Ramsey, Difficult, Tenn.
 New Harmony—A. J. Sloan, Pleasant Shade, Tenn.
 New Zion—J. H. Ramsey, Red Boiling Springs, Tenn.
 Pleasant Grove—C. N. Simmons, Westmoreland, Tenn.
 Pleasant Hill.
 Rock Bridge—A. J. Sloan, Pleasant Shade, Tenn.
 Rocky Mound—J. B. Witcher, Scottsville, Ky.
 Shady Grove.
 Siloam—T. M. Tinsley, Scottsville, Ky.
 Spring Creek—W. J. Sumner, Hartsville, Tenn.
 Zion—J. T. Oakley, Hartsville, Tenn.

New Business

Upon motion the Moderator was empowered to appoint three brethren as the Executive Committee to look after District or Associational Missions, whereupon the following brethren were appointed: J. W. Lewis, J. F. Overton and Willis McClannahan.

Bro. A. F. Burnley, who was formerly elected as a delegate to the State Baptist Convention, at Johnson City, was afterwards, by his own request, excused and Eld. A. J. Sloan was elected in his place.

The business of the Association being duly transacted the body adjourned to meet at Siloam Church, two miles East of Epperson Springs, on Wednesday, after the third Sunday in September, 1914. Previous to the final handshake Eld. J. T. Oakley, the Moderator, was asked to preach which was granted. The sermon was delivered from the words: "He hath sent me to heal the broken hearted." The sermon was tender and consoling and the large congregation wept tears of gratitude to God for His gift of Jesus to the world. The sermon was followed by an old fashioned handshaking and shouts of joy. Thus ended one of the best sessions in the history of Wiseman Association. The crowds were large and sumptuous dinners each day spread on the ground. Pastor Hawkins and his people made us all feel happy. 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 in 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 in 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 reprovved, 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		Membership	Pastor's Salary	MISSIONS				Orphan's Home	Tennessee College	Ministerial Relief	Home Church Expenses	Minutes	Total Contributions	Sunday Schools		
		Baptism	Letter	Letter	Exclusion			Death	State	Home	Foreign							District	Teachers	Pupils
Bledsoe Creek	2	10	1		1	105	\$ 120.00	\$	\$ 13.14	\$ 6.68	\$	\$ 40.00	\$	\$	\$ 230.49	\$ 2.75	\$ 413.36		60	
Cedar Bluff	1	2		1		72	60.00					8.64				1.30	69.84			
Corum Hill	4				1	65			2.50	5.00		7.25				2.00	16.75			
Christmon's Chapel					1	31	25.00		6.00								31.00			
Dixon Creek	2	18	4	4	3	400		\$ 3.40	2.05											
Friendship	1	6	6	4	2	156	250.00	36.69	31.70	51.42	10.00	5.00	96.80	159.60	127.60	3.00	280.55	3	71	
Fairview	1	4	1	3	1	37	55.00				3.00	12.00				.75	808.51	3	71	
Goodwill	1	4	1	3	1	103			1.10							.75	70.75			
Hartsville	2	2	7	5		141	350.00	25.75	11.00	11.00		60.00	10.00		446.50	1.50	784.85	7	71	
Hopewell	4	4	5	5	2	77	200.00	20.55	11.58	11.00		8.00			426.5	3.00	680.48			
Hillsdale	4		1	9		236	200.00		28.50	45.00		21.00				2.00	296.50			
Long Creek	1	3			1	45						2.00				.75	6.25			
Lafayette	3		9	7		105	200.00	3.80				12.00		3.50		1.00	215.50	6	75	
Meadorville	3				1	147			.75			2.35				1.50	4.60			
New Harmony	2		5	3	4	310	72.00					10.00		27.45		2.75	92.20			
New Zion	2		1			36		.75	.50	1.10		1.50				.75	3.50			
Pleasant Grove	1	3				58		.75		2.00	3.00	2.00				.50	8.25			
Rock Bridge	8		1	1	1	77	51.28					2.00			28.87	1.62	83.27			
Rocky Mound	6	2	1	4	2	71						2.00				1.00	3.00			
Shady Grove	3				1	113		1.50	1.50			1.00				1.25	5.25			
Siloam	1	14	3	4	3	140	60.00			10.35		5.00				1.55	76.90		65	
Spring Creek	2	1	1			55										.50	64.50			
Zion	2	1				23	60.00	1.00	1.00	1.00		1.00				.50	64.50			
Pleasant Hill																.50	64.50			
Received by letter this session																				
37		79	52	43	19	26	2453	\$1703.28	\$90.39	\$111.92	\$146.45	\$16.10	\$277.84	\$300.00	\$142.75	\$1419.41	\$35.47	\$3501.47	16	342