

Wednesday, September
1914

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A. J. SLOAN, Assistant Moderator
D. S. REED, Clerk
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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Twenty-Third Session
OF THE
WISEMAN ASSOCIATION
— OF —
MISSIONARY BAPTISTS

HELD WITH THE
Siloam Baptist Church
Macon County, Tenn.

BEGINNING
Wednesday, September 23,
1914

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MINUTES

FIRST DAY

The Messengers composing the Wiseman Association met with the Siloam Church, Wednesday, September 23, 1914. Devotional services were conducted by Eld. J. T. Oakley, former Moderator. The introductory was delivered by Eld. J. T. Oakley from Isa., 43:10, and Luke 24:46: "Ye are My witnesses, saith the Lord." The sermon was a plain presentation of our obligation to witness for Christ in preaching the gospel and living godly lives. The sermon was listened to with much interest and was followed by a good old fashion handshaking, amid shouts of joy among the people.

Following the sermon the Moderator appointed Brethren A. D. Robertson, Jean Hager and J. W. Fleming to read the letters from the churches and the following responded:

Bledsoe Creek. J. L. Hawkins, J. L. Evins, J. W. Fleming.
Cedar Bluff. John Johns, T. J. Sumner.
Corum Hill. A. D. Robertson, Mack Mentley, Miss Annie Robertson.
Christman's Chapel. No Messenger.
Dixon Creek. John Cothron, Womack Parker, Booker Willburn.
Friendship. P. E. Buraley, J. W. Lewis.
Fairview. A. J. Sloan, Bill Sullivan, J. D. Cook.
Goodwill. G. W. Taylor, J. A. Lynville, P. S. Dyer.
Hartsville. J. T. Oakley, Casper Haynie, Jean Hager.
Hillsdale. I. N. Cothron, W. L. McClard, John Carter.
Hopewell. A. J. Fitzpatrick, James Eckles.
Long Creek. W. R. Johnson, G. W. Jenkins.
LaFayette. W. H. Smith, S. L. West, C. C. Alexander.
Meadorville. J. W. Parker.
New Harmony. W. J. Summar, Willie Jenkins, James Deering.
New Zion. J. D. Peddigo, S. S. M. Blankenship.
Pleasant Hill. W. M. Brooks, L. C. Brown, W. B. Kirkman.
Pleasant Grove. R. Y. Hawkins, C. N. Simmons.
Rock Bridge. W. C. McClanahan, Luther Cantrell, Frank Crowder.
Rocky Mound. W. R. Meadow, S. W. Lynville.
Shady Grove. D. S. Reed.
Siloam. E. H. Harrison, L. F. Minix, F. C. Harrison.
Spring Creek. J. L. Lawrence.
Zion. Doc Mungle, Oscar Harris.

After various announcements the Association adjourned one hour for dinner. Prayer by C. B. Massey.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After singing and prayer, by Bro. W. J. Summar, permanent organization was effected by the election of Bro. P. F. Burnley, Moderator; Eld. A. J. Sloan, Assistant Moderator; D. S. Reed, Clerk; T. S. Jones, Assistant Clerk, and J. W. Lewis, Treasurer.

After a short speech of thanks by Bro. Burnley he also invoked the blessings of God upon him as Moderator, and that His spirit might prevail during the sitting of the Association.

Petitionary letters were called for and none responded.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following committees:

Religious Literature—J. S. Pardue, W. J. Summar, J. W. Fleming.
 Prohibition—A. J. Fitzpatrick, J. S. Meador, T. S. Jones.
 State of Religion—A. J. Sloan, J. L. Hawkins, J. F. Lee.
 Home Missions—J. T. Oakley, J. W. Lewis, J. D. Cook.
 State Missions—C. B. Massey, Booker Wilburn, John Cothran.
 Foreign Missions—J. T. Oakley, R. Y. Hawkins, P. S. Dyer.
 District Missions—District Board.
 Gospel Missions—C. B. Massey, W. K. Johnson, G. W. Jenkins.
 Orphans Home—J. S. Pardue, L. C. Brown, J. T. Oakley.
 Ministerial Relief—W. J. Summar, P. S. Dyer, T. C. Harrison.
 Ministerial Education—J. S. Pardue, C. B. Massey, J. L. Hawkins.
 Finance—John Cothran, J. A. Lynville, I. N. Cothran.
 Correspondence—J. W. Fleming, Womack Parker, Jean Hager.
 Obituaries—J. L. Hawkins, J. F. Lee, L. C. Brown.
 Resolutions—R. Y. Hawkins, J. F. Lee, J. W. Lewis.

The Moderator appointed the following brethren on Order of Business, to-wit: Bros. A. J. Sloan, W. J. Summar and J. S. Meador, 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—Gospel Missions. 7—District Missions. 8—Prohibition. 9—Ministerial Relief. 10—Ministerial Education. 11—Finance. 12—Correspondence. 13—Obituaries. 14—Resolutions. Respectfully submitted,

W. J. SUMMAR, /
 A. J. SLOAN, / *Committee*
 J. S. MEADOR. \

Visiting brethren were invited to seats in the body and the following responded: Eld. J. S. Meador, representing Allen Co. Association; Eld. C. B. Massey, J. H. Cothron and A. J. Stinson, Enon Association; Eld. J. S. Pardue, Nashville Association, and Eld. J. M. Anderson, Nollachuckee Association.

Next Place of Meeting

Pleasant Hill Church was selected as the next place of meeting of the Association, which is situated four miles east of Fountain Head, Sumner Co., Tennessee, on Wednesday after the third Sunday in October, 1915.

Eld. W. J. Summar was elected to preach the Introductory Sermon, A. J. Sloan, alternate; and Eld. A. J. Sloan the Doctrinal Sermon and Eld. J. T. Oakley, alternate.

Bro. J. T. Oakley was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, which meets in Houston, Texas, May 12, 1915, and Jean Hager was elected delegate to the State Convention, which meets at Jackson, Tenn., on Wednesday after the second Sunday in November, 1914.

On motion it was ordered that any of the brethren visiting any other Association shall have the power to represent us in all the Associations they may attend.

Announcements

It was announced that Bro. C. B. Massey would preach the Memorial Sermon, Friday, at 11 o'clock.

Bro. J. S. Pardue invited all the brethren to attend his Association, which meets in Nashville, Tenn.

The Association then adjourned until Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. C. B. Massey.

SECOND DAY

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, after singing and prayer by Bro. J. F. Lambert.

After roll call and reading of Rules of Decorum by the Clerk, the Association proceeded to regular order of business.

Report on Religious Literature

We, your Committee, submit the following:

First—All the people are made, if developed at all, what they are, almost altogether, from a literature standpoint, by reading. We think and act according to what we read.

Second—Therefore, it is of greatest importance that all the people read good, sound and wholesome literature. Consequently, we, your Committee, will recommend, first of all, the word of God; second, the very best elucidation of the Scripture by our soundest exegetes. Therefore, we recommend all sound Baptist papers in the State, in our Sunday School series of the Southern Baptist Publishing Society, and all sound books, and we think some of the soundest are by Dr. J. B. Moody.

J. S. PARDUE,
W. J. SUMMERS, } Committee
J. J. GREGORY, }

After being discussed by Bros. J. S. Pardue, W. J. Summers and C. B. Massey the report was adopted.

On motion it was ordered that the Chairman of each report be allowed ten minutes in which to discuss the subject, and all other brethren five minutes.

State of Religion

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

We find that some of the churches have had some increase along this line while others have decreased. This should not be so, and we would recommend as a remedy, first at all, the preaching of the Gospel in its purity; next, we recommend that the members of the church live Godly and show to the world that they have been with Jesus, and that they at

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tend their church meetings, when possible, and talk more about the Church of Christ and less about fine cattle, horses and hogs and show to the young converts that we are glad that we are Baptists and thereby influence them to unite with the church.

A. J. SLOAN,
J. L. HAWKINS, / *Committee*
J. F. LEE. \

Discussed by Bros. A. J. Sloan, S. S. M. Blankenship, P. F. Burnley, W. M. Brooks, W. K. Johnson, J. F. Lee, J. F. Lambert, J. S. Pardue, P. S. Dyer, J. L. McClard and C. B. Massey. Adopted.

It was then announced that Bro. A. D. Robertson would preach in the grove.

The Association suspended the regular order of business and Bro. J. T. Oakley proceeded to preach the Doctrinal Sermon. Text: "Go make disciples of the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."—Matt. 28:19-20. The sermon emphasized three essential points: 1—The making of disciples or christians. 2—Baptizing disciples or christians. 3—Teaching these baptized christians to observe the things Christ commanded. The sermon was a strong presentation of the Baptist view of the great and last commission of our Lord, and was greatly enjoyed by all.

The Association adjourned one hour for dinner.

Prayer by W. J. Summar.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After singing and prayer by Bro. A. D. Robertson the Association resumed the regular order of business.

Report on State Missions

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

State Missions means missions in the destitutions of the State. It is very necessary these institutions have the Gospel, and the State Board has adopted a much wiser plan to do this work than they formerly had. They are employing men who live in the bounds of the Association where these distributions are to preach to them, and they are asking that the Association give a certain amount and the State Board half, and let the Association employ the men at its sitting, or let the Association Board employ him. We think this is a good plan. There are 185,000 Baptists in our State, and we have been asked for \$44,000. We have given in this Association \$78.18 this year. The need for funds are great. We have some great destitutions in Wiseman Association and we have some good preachers, and we should select one and put him in the field. May God bless our State, and may all come to the right and help in the delivering of the Gospel to the people.

BOOKER WILBURN, / *Committee*
C. B. MASSEY. \
JOHN COTHRON.

Report on Home Missions

Home Missions, as operated by the Southern Baptist Convention, embraces work in Alabama, Arkansas, Cuba, Florida, Illinois, Kentucky,

Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Panama, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. To further this work a board of 18 good men are appointed, representing 18 states. B. D. Gray is our Secretary. There are 15 other managers. Atlanta, Ga., is headquarters of the Home Board. The work last year is as follows: Missionaries employed, 1,202; sermons delivered, 163,203; baptism, 19,198; churches established, 167; Sunday Schools organized, 758; money raised for this work, \$39,784,929. \$16,992,620 was paid to the missionaries. The remainder expended on a field force of 18 state workers, church buildings, secretaries, rents, interest and mountain schools, all of which cannot be tabulated in this report. The Home Mission work is great and is being blessed of God as never before.

J. T. OAKLEY, }
 J. W. LEWIS, } Committee
 P. S. DYER. }

Report on Foreign Missions

The commission of our Lord obligates us to carry the Gospel "unto all nations." "into all the world." unto the "uttermost parts of the earth." While there may be some disagreement as to the methods employed, there is perfect harmony and unanimity among Baptists that the Gospel is committed unto them with authority to preach in all parts of the earth. In this report we touch Foreign Missions from the standpoint of the organism of the Southern Baptist Convention. The churches, associations and conventions in the South, cooperating in the work of the Southern Baptist Convention, have missionaries in China, Japan, Africa, Italy, Mexico, Brazil and Argentina. In these far off lands there has been 380 churches organized and 833 outstations occupied. Baptisms last year, 5,252; by letter, 1,459. Total membership, 29,991. There are 542 Sunday Schools with 22,022 scholars. \$91,000 contributed by natives to the work. There are 278 missionaries and helpers. In addition to church and Sunday School work, 304 day schools are fostered, in which there are 7,157. There are five woman's training schools with 183 scholars. There are 11 theological schools with 237 scholars. Total members and students, 9,376. Also there are 19 hospitals and dispensaries with 74,829 in and out patients. The churches of the South contributed for Foreign Missions last year \$649,770.60. \$489,987.98 was expended on the foreign field. This work is under the management of a board of 18 men, one from each state, appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention, which employs a General Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Foreign Secretary and Treasurer. There are also Field Secretaries and 15 other managers, in all 43. These men do a home work as well as superintend the foreign work, which cost for field evangelistic services, offices, rents, interest and traveling expenses around \$90,000. Efforts are being made to consolidate all the boards into one with a central location, which will greatly reduce the cost and further simplify the work both at home and abroad.

J. T. OAKLEY, }
 P. S. DYER, } Committee
 R. Y. HAWKINS, }

Report on Gospel Missions

We, your Committee on Gospel Missions, submit the following report: Gospel Missions are missions controlled absolutely by the churches, and individual gifts sent either direct to the missionaries in the field, or through a committee, and every cent goes to whom it is given. We think every man should have his choice as to whom and where he sends his money. We do not wish to constrain any one, but we want everybody to

give to missions and would be glad all who will to line up with us. We have a goodly number of missionaries on the field who have been doing good work and the work is growing. The brethren have been contributing more freely than they did further back. You can send money through T. A. Cross, of Bardswell, Ky. More than \$2,000 has been sent through him this year, or you can send it direct to the following missionaries on the fields: T. L. Blalock, Mrs. T. L. Blalock; they have received \$957.23 this year. To L. M. Anglin, A. P. Anglin, Miss Ruth Anglin, Adolphus Wreneke, Mrs. Adolphus Wreneke, Miss Attie Bostick, all of Tia-an-Fu Sbantung, China. J. T. Moore, Mrs. J. T. Moore, of Columbus, Tamaulipas, Mexico. Jennie E. Lamas, Mariel, Cuba. B. L. Rippeton, Ariceli, Phillipine Islands. S. M. Jueridini, Beiront, Syria. R. B. Rushing and wife, of China. I. N. Yohammom, Urnia, Persia. And others that we will not mention or send through any channel you prefer. There are several thousand churches that have never adopted the board system, so let us give this way all that as we prefer, but be sure to give to missions. We do not wish to give offense, but want all to give in the way they can best serve the Lord.

C. B. MASSEY,
W. K. JOHNSON, } *Committee*
G. W. JENKIN.

The above reports were all read together and after discussion by Bros. C. B. Massey, J. S. Pardue, J. T. Oakley, and others, adopted.

Report on District Board

We, the District Board of your Association, submit the following report:

We received from the old Board \$5.62, and \$1.00 from last Association. There not being enough money to amount to anything the Board has failed to do anything up to the present. This Association we have received \$2.50 from Spring Creek, \$3.75 from New Harmony, \$1.55 from Rock Bridge and \$1.25 from Fairview; making \$9.05; making in the Board's hands, \$15.67. Brethren, we earnestly urge the Messengers of this Association to carry this work to your respective churches and let us all do something or dismiss the Board and quit playing at the matter.

J. W. LEWIS,
J. L. McCLARD, } *Committee*

After being discussed by Bros. Lewis, Summar, Massey and Oakley, adopted.

On motion it was ordered that the District Board be reappointed and that they go to work and do all they can in collecting all they can and then correspond with the State Board to assist them to secure someone to work in the destitute portions of this Association.

On motion it was ordered that the Moderator appoint a committee of three to appoint the District Board, and the following brethren were appointed by the Moderator as said committee to select a new Board: W. K. Johnson, Jean Hager and J. W. Fleming.

The following amounts were pledged through the Messengers representing their churches to assist in securing someone to preach in the destitute portion of this Association: Bledsoe Creek, \$8; Cedar Bluff, \$5; Corum Hill, \$5; Dixon Creek, \$20; Friendship, \$7.50; Fairview, \$2.10; Goodwill, \$5; Hartsville, \$9.05; Hillsdale, \$5; Hopewell, \$5; Long Creek, \$5; LaFayette, \$10; Meadorville, \$5; New Harmony, \$10; New Zion, \$2.50; Pleasant Hill, \$5; Pleasant Grove, \$2.50; Rock Bridge, \$5; Rocky Mound, \$3; Shady Grove, \$5; Siloam, \$5; Spring Creek, \$2.50; Zion, \$2. Total, \$134.15.

Announcements

Bro. J. S. Pardue will preach at Westmoreland to night. The Association then adjourned until Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

Benediction by W. J. Summar.

THIRD DAY

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. After singing, prayer was offered by J. S. Pardue. After roll call by the Clerk the Association proceeded to business.

Report on Prohibition

We, your Committee, submit the following report:

For 27 years the earnest prayers and laborous efforts of God's children have been blazing the way for a glorious release from the vilest monster known to man. The liquor traffic has devastated more homes, wrenched hearts blood, than any thing on earth, and is more antagonistic to the religious world and a menace to society. Therefore, be it resolved: That we, as a brotherhood, return unto God our most sincere thanks for the cooperation of the Legislature in this, our glorious conflict, and further covenant to vote as we pray to banish this relentless foe from the fair land of Tennessee.

A. J. FITZPATRICK, }
THOS. S. JONES, } *Committee*
J. S. MEADOR. }

After being discussed by Bros. A. J. Fitzpatrick, J. T. Oakley, J. S. Meador, J. S. Pardue, C. B. Massey, W. K. Johnson and G. W. Jenkins, adopted.

Report on Orphans Home

The Baptist Orphans Home, as is generally known, has been removed from the city of Nashville and located on a farm some 12 miles west of Nashville. Large and commodious buildings have been erected. Farm purchased and other needed buildings erected, all of which has cost into multiplied thousands of dollars. Between 50 and 100 children are in the Home who have the tender care of a matron and the benefits of good clothing, good rooms to live in, good and wholesome food, a good school of their own, and religious instructions and a chapel or church of their own, all of which is superintended by our beloved brother, W. J. Stewart, assisted by a competent board of trustees. These happy surroundings have been made possible by the generous and free-will offerings of Baptist churches in Tennessee. Our Baptist Orphanage should lay Heavenly and tenderly upon all our hearts, and as the home is still in debt and the past year suffered the loss of their cow-shed and 15 or 20 milk cows by fire, and the probable loss of five or six thousand dollars by the financial crookedness of a Mr. Philpot, and as it requires cash to run it daily, your Committee urges the churches to take collections often and see to it that each member has an opportunity to give to this most laudable enterprise. We also recommend that this report be adopted by a free-will offering for the Home.

J. S. PARDUE, }
J. T. OAKLEY, } *Committee*
L. C. BROWN. }

After being discussed by Bros. J. T. Oakley and J. S. Pardue an offering was taken for the Home amounting to \$8.91, which was turned over to the Treasurer. Adopted.

Report of District Board for District Missions

We, your Committee, appointed on yesterday to nominate and appoint subject, of course, to the satisfaction of your body, if same meets your approbation and wisdom. Now, after much thought and due deliberation,

we beg leave to submit the following named brethren members of the District Board: J. T. Oakley, A. J. Sloan, J. W. Lewis, J. W. Fleming and J. D. Cook.

JEAN HAGER,
J. W. FLEMING, } *Committee*
W. K. JOHNSON, }

After being ably discussed by Bro. J. M. Anderson, the Association ratified the action of the Committee.

Report on Ministerial Relief

We, your Committee, submit the following report:

We find \$21.75 reported from all the churches in the Association. This has all been sent to the Board, except \$2, which went to Bro. Lambert. Brethren, let us wake up to the duty of our worn out ministers. Especially we call your attention to old Bro. Lambert.

W. J. SUMMAR,
T. C. HARRISON, } *Committee*
P. S. DYER, }

After being discussed by Bros. W. J. Summar, C. N. Simmon, C. B. Massey, S. S. M. Blankenship and A. J. Fitzpatrick, a collection was taken up, amounting to \$13.80, which was turned over to Bro. Lambert.

Report on Ministerial Education

We, your Committee, submit the following report:

We think that there is nothing of greater importance than an educated ministry. Therefore we earnestly think it is indispensable as a qualification with our young ministry, and we are glad to say that we have a number of good sound schools.

J. S. PARDUE,
J. L. HAWKINS, } *Committee*
C. B. MASSEY, }

Discussed by J. S. Pardue, J. L. Hawkins and C. B. Massey. Adopted.

Report on Correspondence

We, your Committee, submit the following report:

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 meet with our sister church, Pleasant Hill, near Fountain Head, Sumner county, Tenn., on Wednesday after the third Sunday in October, 1915. Brethren, we are very glad to have you meet with us and feel at home during the progress of our deliberations and lending us your strength in our effort to the end that the cause of Christ and His Kingdom may be pushed forward to enlighten the world in our faith and professions. We thank God that we are at peace with all mankind and pray God that we may live and act so that we will be worthy of His continual blessings.

J. W. FLEMING,
JEAN HAGER, } *Committee*
WOMACK PARKER, }

Report on Obituaries

We, your Committee, make the following report:

Brethren, since our last Association, the death angel has visited our homes and carried nineteen of the brethren and sisters. They have crossed over and entered the land that remains a rest for the children of our Lord. We call your attention to the following brethren: A. F. Burnley,

U. D. High, James Pardue, Arch Blackwell and wife, and sister Lambreth. We mention these brethren because they were deacons and servants of the churches. Let us look forward to the time when we shall meet them with our loved ones where we shall part no more.

J. L. HAWKINS, }
 J. F. LEE, } *Committee*
 L. C. BROWN, }

Tender addresses were made by Bros. J. L. Hawkins, J. T. Oakley, P. F. Burnley, R. Y. Hawkins, J. F. Lee, J. D. McMurry, S. S. M. Blankenship, Jean Hager, A. J. Fitzpatrick and W. J. Summar.

During the discussion on the report on obituaries, Eld. C. B. Massey, by appointment, delivered a 30 minutes memorial sermon from the words: "Our light afflictions work out a far more and exceeding weight of glory" and "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." The sermon was listened to with interest and profit. Our dead should be remembered.

Report of Treasurer

CHURCHES	For'n Mis.	Home Mis.	State Mis.	Dis. Mis.	Min. Relief	Or'ns Home
Bledsoe Creek	\$16.50	\$16.50	\$21.50	\$	\$	\$
Corum Hill	.50		3.50			
Cedar Bluff						.50
Dixon Creek	10.00					4.75
Fairview				1.25		
Goodwill		1.10				.10
Hopewell	2.50	2.50	13.00			5.00
Long Creek						8.01
LaFayette			6.50			
Meadorville						1.05
New Harmony				3.75		8.00
New Zion						.50
Pleasant Hill					1.15	
Rocky Mound						1.17
Rock Bridge				1.55		
Spring Creek				2.50		
Zion			1.00			1.00
Green Valley S. S.						4.34
Collected at Association						8.91
Total	\$29.50	\$20.10	\$45.50	\$ 9.05	\$ 1.15	\$43.33

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LEWIS, *Treasurer.*

Report on Finance

We, your Committee, submit the following report:

We have collected from the churches for printing Minutes \$12.30.

JOHN COYBROX, }
 J. M. COYBROX, } *Committee*
 J. A. LINVILLE, }

Adopted,

Report on Resolutions

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following report:

- 1st. We ask the pastors to inform their churches on missions.
- 2nd. We request each church to contribute to missions through whatever way they see proper and report the same in their letter to the Association.

3rd. We still recommend the Association to elect a lay member as Moderator.

4th. We tender our sincere thanks to the church inviting the Association here and the bountiful hospitality of this community for entertaining the same.

5th. We tender our thanks to the Moderator and Clerk for expediting the business of the Association in such a spirit of love and harmony, and the Clerk be allowed \$10 for his services and the Moderator be allowed a cromo.

J. F. LEE,
J. W. LEWIS, *Committee*
R. Y. HAWKINS.

Adopted.

It being time for the Memorial to be preached, Bro. C. B. Massey then proceeded to preach the Memorial Sermon, which was a very feeling and sympathetic one.

The business of the Association being duly transacted the body adjourned to meet at Pleasant Hill church, four miles east of Fountain Head, on Wednesday, after the third Sunday in September, 1915. Thus ended one of the best sessions in the history of Wiseman Associations. The crowds were large and sumptuous dinners each day were spread on the ground, and peace and harmony prevailed through the whole meeting.

P. E. BURNLEY, *Moderator*.
A. J. SLOAN, *Asst. Moderator*.
D. S. REED, *Clerk*.
T. S. JONES, *Asst. Clerk*.
J. W. LEWIS, *Treasurer*.

On the last day of the Association Dr. J. M. Anderson, of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, preached two most excellent sermons, to the great delight and joy of the large audiences who heard them.

Churches, Pastors and Clerks of The Wiseman Association

Bledsoe Creek. R. H. Spillman, Fountain Run, Ky.: J. W. Fleming, clerk, Bethpage, Tenn.

Cedar Bluff. C. E. Ramsey, Red Springs: W. L. Bennette, clerk, Hartsville, Tenn., Route No. 2.

Corum Hill. A. D. Robertson, Castalian Springs, Tenn.; Joe Corum, clerk, Castalian Springs, Tenn.

Christman's Chapel. C. N. Simmons, Westmoreland, Tenn.

Dixon Creek. C. C. Ramsey, Dixon Spring, Tenn.; Tom Booker Wilburn, clerk, Dixon Spring, Tenn.

Fairview. C. E. Ramsey, Red Springs, Tenn.; J. D. Cook, clerk, Hartsville, Tenn.

Friendship. J. T. Oakley, Hartsville, Tenn.; J. W. Lewis, clerk, Hartsville, Tenn.

Goodwill. A. J. Sloan, LaFayette, Tenn.; F. P. Duty, clerk, Dixon Spring, Tenn.

Hopewell. J. T. Oakley, Hartsville, Tenn.; T. S. Jones, clerk, Bethpage, Tenn.

Hillsdale. G. W. Ramsey, Difficult, Tenn.; C. C. Merryman, clerk, Dixon Spring, Tenn., Route No. 1.

Hartsville. J. T. Oakley, Hartsville, Tenn.; C. P. Freddie, clerk, Hartsville, Tenn.

LaFayette. J. T. Oakley, Hartsville, Tenn.; W. H. Smith, clerk, LaFayette, Tenn.

Long Creek. J. H. Ramsay, LaFayette, Tenn., Route No. 6; G. W. Jenkins, clerk, Westmoreland, Tenn., Route No. 6.

Meadorville. G. W. Ramsey, Difficult, Tenn.; B. N. Glover, clerk, Meadorville, Tenn.

New Harmony. A. J. Sloan, LaFayette, Tenn.; F. W. Gross, clerk, Hartsville, Tenn.

New Zion. Leslie Ramsey, LaFayette, Tenn.; S. H. Dillard, clerk, LaFayette, Tenn.

Pleasant Grove. T. J. Tinsley, Scottsville, Ky.; C. J. Simmons, clerk, Westmoreland, Tenn.

Pleasant Hill. J. L. Hawkins, Bransford, Tenn., Route No. 1, W. M. Brooks, clerk, Fountain Head, Tenn., Route No. 3.

Rock Bridge. A. J. Sloan, LaFayette, Tenn.; Luther Cantrell, clerk, Bethpage, Tenn.

Rocky Mound. J. B. Witcher, Scottsville, Ky.; W. J. Bradley, clerk, Westmoreland, Tenn., Route No. 1.

Shady Grove. C. C. Ramsey, Dixon Spring, Tenn.

Siloam. G. W. Ramsey, Difficult, Tenn.; T. C. Harrison, clerk, Westmoreland, Tenn.

Spring Creek. R. P. Dillard, LaFayette, Tenn.; F. W. Fishburn, clerk, LaFayette, Tenn.

Zion. J. T. Oakley, Hartsville, Tenn.; Doc Winn, clerk, Hartsville, Tenn., Route No. 4.

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 to 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 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		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	3			1	1	106	\$ 200.00	\$ 37.53	\$ 23.25	\$ 23.00	\$	\$ 51.13	\$	\$	\$ 44.03	\$ 1.30	\$ 380.24		85	
Cedar Bluff	4	1	2	3		68	68.00					2.75			38.00	1.25	110.00			
Corum Hill	3	11				75	125.00	3.50	2.00	6.50		11.22				1.50	149.72	8	60	
Christman's Chapel						32														
Dixon Creek	2	10	3			388	156.60			10.00		4.75		5.32	70.35	3.00	250.02	11	70	
Friendship	1	6	9	2	2	156	250.00	20.50	11.65	540.00		86.32		11.60	43.48	3.00	986.55			
Fairview	1	3	1			44	60.00					12.00			9.20	.75	83.20			
Goodwill	1		1	1	2	100						5.10				1.90	7.00			
Hartsville	2	28	13		1	181	350.00	12.00	22.00	25.00		60.00	10.00	5.70	401.25	2.50	888.45	7	100	
Hopewell	4	3				73		13.00	2.50	10.50		26.60				3.00	55.00		27	
Hillsdale	4	14	3	6	3	242	200.00	12.11	37.50	33.50		13.81			24.00	2.00	322.92		60	
Long Creek	1					45						16.15		2.00		.75	19.00			
LaFayette	4	38	19	7	3	156	200.00	16.50	4.50	5.00		12.25			175.00		413.25			
Meadorville	3	18	4	4	2	127						15				1.50	1.65			
New Harmony	2	17	1	3	1	177	100.00					11.25				2.43	117.43			
New Zion	2					35		50	50	50		50				.75	2.75			
Pleasant Grove	4					58				3.75		5.70				.50	9.95			
Rock Bridge		2	1		2	78	51.56					4.00			34.28	1.50	92.84			
Rocky Mound				2		68						1.17				1.05	3.27			
Shady Grove	4					84	60.00	1.00	1.00			3.80				1.00	66.80			
Siloam	1	1	3	6	2	132						5.00				1.70	6.70		60	
Spring Creek	4				2	55										.50	3.00			
Zion						23	50.00	1.25	2.00							.50	55.75			
Pleasant Hill	1		1			101						2.00		1.15	44.00	1.40	59.55	4	40	
	50	163	60	42	11	19	2604	\$1871.16	\$117.89	\$106.90	\$657.75	\$10.17	\$348.03	\$10.00	\$25.77	\$883.59	\$33.78	\$4065.04	30	480