

# MINUTES

OF THE

## ELKHORN ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS,

HELD AT PARIS, BOURBON COUNTY, KY., ON THE SECOND SATURDAY IN AUGUST, 1839.

Agreeably to appointment, Brother JAMES D. BLACK preached the introductory sermon from 1st chap. Hebrews, 1st and 2d verses: "God, who at sundry times, and in divers manners, spake in times past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things; by whom also, he made the world."

Letters from the Churches composing this Association, were then called and read at the stand, and the names of the Messengers bearing them, enrolled as follows:

CHURCHES.	MESENTERS' NAMES.	Rec'd. by exp. & bap.	Received by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.
Clear Creek.	John Lancaster, Henry Moss, R. Jessee and J. D. Brown.	48	3	1	2	1		188
Great Crossing.	Wm. Suggett, G. B. Long, Asa Smith, <i>W. G. Craig</i> and <i>Y. R. Pitts</i> .	55	4	1	20		6	457
Bryant's.	ED. DARNEY, Asa Thompson Lewis C. Beckes and Thomas O. Ellis.	6			6	8		211
Stamping Ground.	J. D. BLACK, JOHN LUCAS, E. Coppidge, <i>F. B. McDonald</i> , <i>F. C. Ford</i> and F. C. McCalla.	143	5	1	29	3	8	531
David's Fork.	E. Darneby, E. Bryant, H. Ellis, James Weathers, G. W. Darneby, M. Coons, B. Crim and J. H. Darneby.	2	2	2	10	4	6	604
Big Spring.	<i>Thomas Suiter</i> and Richard W. Wood.	2	3	1	5	1	2	86
North Fork.	S. W. Boehm and Philip Hudson, jr.	11	1	1	13	2	2	106
Mount Pleasant.	EDWARD WALLER and Merit S. Singleton.		1		4	3	5	156
Silas.	J. Cantrill, J. W. Chinn, J. W. Sparks and A. Shropshire.						2	86
Georgetown.	ROBERT REED and B. B. Ford.	1	2	6	9		2	66
Hartwood.	Silas M. Berry.	3			2		3	21
1st Baptist Church, Lexington.	DRAKE, Royal, Hoaglan, Allen, Clarke, James Beach, Payne, Brent and Taylor.	12	14		16	1	4	330
African Church.	(Under care of 1st Baptist Church.)	42	2				4	656
Paris.	Thos. Scott, Henry Croxton, Thos. Talbott, S. Rule and GEORGE C. SEDWICK.	6	10		7	1	3	320
Dry Run.	Milton Burch and Jas. Hambrick.	16			3			72
Pleasant View.	L. D. Bassett and Henry R. Abbott.	23	5	1		2		55
Cane Run.	R. Quarles and JOSIAH LEAKE.					2		22
Long Lick.		1	1	3	2			21
Glen's Creek.	Tho. Henton, John R. Peters, Notty Harris and J. P. Craig.	24	2		3		1	238
East Hickman.	Thos. Carr and P. G. Hunt.	7			2	1		153
Hillsborough.	Charles L. Barnes, Jeremiah Nash and Saml. Gerry.	6	2	2	4	3	1	162
	Total.	408	57	19	137	32	50	441

NOTE.—Ordained Ministers' names in SMALL CAPITALS, Licentiates in *italics*.

After which, the Association proceeded to elect a Moderator and Clerk: Whereupon Brother WM. SUGGETT was elected Moderator, and Brother F. C. McCALLA, Clerk.

The Moderator then called the Association to order.

The letters from corresponding Associations were called for, read at the stand, and the names of the messengers bearing them enrolled, as follows:

Middle District—

Franklin—W. H. Martin, J. Wingate, J. Wilson, G. C. Sedwick.

Salem—

Union—Thomas Veach.

Concord—Lewis D. Alexander and P. H. Todd.

Baptist—

Sulphur Fork—

South District—

Boono's Crock—D. B. Hays, John Robinson, W. Crim and John Henry.

North Bend—Jeromy Griffin.

Bracken—John Holloway, Gilbert Mason and William Griffith.

Long Run—William C. Buck.

Tate's Crock—Anderson Chenault and Thomas Jerman, Jr.

The circular letter was then called for, read and received.

Brethren Ford, Wallor, Black, the Moderator and Clerk appointed a Committee of Arrangements.

Brethren Robert Reed, Milton Burch and Josiah Leake, appointed to write corresponding letters.

Brethren Buck, Hurly and Frost, appointed to preach to-morrow, (Lord's day,) at the stand. Black, Mason, Alexander and Waller, at the Baptist and Presbyterian Churches, in town.

After prayer by brother Waller, adjourned to Monday, 9 o'clock.

MONDAY MORNING, 8 o'clock.

The Association met one hour before the time appointed, and spent the interval in social prayer and praise.

9 o'clock.

The Moderator called the Association to order to proceed with its business, when the Committee of Arrangements made report, which was received, and action had thereon, as follows:

1. Our next Association to be held at Glen's Creek, Woodford county, Ky., second Saturday in August, 1840.

2. Brother George C. Sedwick appointed to preach the next introductory sermon; and in case of failure, brother Josiah Leake.

3. Brother B. P. Drake to write the next circular letter.

4. Corresponding letters called for, read, received, and directed to be printed in the minutes, and messengers appointed to bear them, as follows:

Middle District, held at Buck Crock, Shelby county, 27th September—Josiah Leake.

Franklin, held at Buffalo Crock, 3d Friday in September—F. C. Ford, J. D. Black, W. G. Craig, Wm. Suggett, G. B. Long, Reuben Jessco, Charles L. Barnes and George C. Sedwick.

Salom, at Brandenburgh, Mead county, first Lord's day in October—Robert Reed.

Union, at Willow Creek Meeting-house, Bracken county, 4th Saturday in August, 1839—Josiah Leake.

Concord, at Hopewell, Henry county, 23d August, 1839—B. F. Kenney.

Baptist, at Goshen Meeting-house, Mercer county, 1st Friday in August, 1840—Edmund Waller, Charles L. Barnes, John Lancaster and John R. Peters.

Sulphur Fork, at Mt. Pleasant, Henry county, 13th September, 1839—Y. R. Pitts and G. W. Craig.

South District, at Shawnee Run, Friday before the 3d Saturday in August, 1839—Edmund Waller and Merit S. Singleton.

Boone's Creek, at Providence, Clarke county, Ky., 3d Saturday in September, 1839—Josiah Leake, Edward Darneby, John Lancaster, B. P. Drake and James Smith.

North Bend, at Bethel, Boone county, Ky., August 16th, 1839—Jeremy Griffin and Josiah Leake.

Bracken, at Pleasant Spring, Nicholas county, 1st Saturday in September, 1839—George C. Sedwick, Thomas Talbott and Richard Brent.

Long Run, at Pleasant Grove, Jefferson county, 1st Friday in September, 1839—Y. R. Pitts, Edmund Coppidge, W. G. Craig and Edmund Waller.

Tate's Creek, at Union Meeting House, Madison county, 4th Saturday in August, 1839—Edmund Waller.

5. The Clerk appointed to superintend the printing and distributing of the minutes.

The following resolutions, moved by Brother Sedwick, seconded by Brother Drako, adopted:

*Resolved*, That this Association, in common with her sister Associations of this State, has long mourned on account of the great deficiency of ministerial labor in our country, and have felt rebuked when praying the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into his harvest, under the conviction that those already in the field, were rendered measurably inefficient by the neglect of the Churches to sustain and keep them wholly at their work, and we rejoice that the Churches are becoming more alive to this important subject, and hope that they will speedily adopt suitable measures not only to release the Pastors of the Churches from secular employment, but to supply the destitute throughout the State.

*Resolved*, That having learned from the Agent of the General Association of Baptists in this State, the character of the constitution and the objects of that body, we feel safe in suggesting that, perhaps, a better plan for the accomplishing of the above objects, cannot be devised for the present, than that which has been proposed by that body; and we therefore, respectfully and affectionately refer it to the consideration of our Churches, for their adoption, and hope to be advised as to their wishes, at our subsequent meeting.

After prayer by Brother Edward Waller, the Association adjourned.

WILLIAM SUGGETT, *Moderator*.

Attest—F. C. McCALLA, *Clerk*.

## LETTER TO CORRESPONDING ASSOCIATIONS.

DEAR BRETHREN IN THE LORD.—Another year has rolled round, and through the tender mercies of an all-wise Jehovah, we are again permitted to sit in an associational capacity. We received your friendly letter by your messengers, as reported in our minutes, whom we invited to seats with us. We rejoice in having correspondence with you, for it affords us real pleasure to hear from you from year to year, and we trust, under the blessings of God, it will not only continue, but be the means of uniting us more friendly in the bonds of Christian love, and urge us to unite our efforts in the circulation of the Bible and spread of the Gospel in our own and foreign lands—the great work for which every Christian should live and pray.

Although many Churches throughout the State and world have enjoyed refreshing seasons from the Lord, yet little is doing in proportion to the great work before us. Brethren, let us arise from our lethargy, and with deep humility at a throne of grace, march forward, sword in hand—the sword of the Spirit, and never rest until all the enemies of the cross are conquered, and its banner streaming with the blood that flowed on Calvary, shall wave in triumph over every valley, and on the top of every mountain, and the knowledge of God cover the whole earth, as the waters cover the great deep. We have the pleasure to inform you that since our last Association, our increase by baptism is 408.

The Lord has truly blessed us—blessed be his name. We send this by our Brethren, as found in our minutes, to set with you in council. Now, may the great head of the Church guide you in all your deliberations, is the prayer of your Brethren of Elkhorn. Amen.

## THE ELKHORN ASSOCIATION TO THE CHURCHES.

WRITTEN BY BROTHER EDWARD WALLER.

*Brethren:*—Let us attend to the duty we owe to God in our families, rise early, read the word of the Lord, and pray. Call nothing ours that we have not asked the Lord for, and always be thankful for what we have. Obedience to our Maker is a duty that our children should know; and it comes better from parents than any other source. Private prayer is a source of great enjoyment—it is our duty to grow in grace. Let us pray for the ministry, that they may be rich in good works—that they may be humble and thankful for the honor God has bestowed on them; and that they may be instrumental in feeding the sheep and lambs of Christ, and converting sinners. Let us pray for the spread of the Gospel, and for the salvation of sinners. Prayer meetings should be kept up in the Churches. Make of the humble, poor, your companions. Wear humility as a robe. Love indeed and in truth. Let every family have a Bible, and read it prayerfully. Grow in divine knowledge. Promote every christian grace, for these things are good and profitable unto men. Live in peace, and the God of peace and truth will be with you. Amen.