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—OF THE—

ANNUAL MEETING

—OF THE—

**South District Association,**

—HELD WITH—

The Bethlehem Church,

WASHINGTON COUNTY, KY.

**AUGUST 18th, 19th and 20th, 1868.**

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Eld. B. KEMPER, Moderator, Lancaster, Ky.  
Eld. J. L. SMITH, Clerk, Danville, Ky.

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## PROCEEDINGS.

Introductory sermon was delivered by Eld. W. T. Wood, from Heb. XI chap., 24th to 26th verses; after which letters from the following churches were read, and their messengers names enrolled, as follows:

CHURCHES.	MESSENGER'S NAMES.	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis'm'd by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Colored.	Total
Bethlehem	J. L. Froman, Jas. Maratta, Richard Jeffries, J. R. Claybrook and J. S. Stallings	5	1		5		3	9	93
Beech Grove	G. P. Campbell, T. Drane,* A. J. Cocanougher and F. M. Campbell	7			1	2			95
Beech Fork	Jas. Hourigan, Jo. Whitehouse, C. P. Cattling,* R. L. Purdom	1	1			3	1	2	119
Danville	Eld. H. McDonald, J. L. Smith and G. W. Burton	6	15		15	1			120
Forks of Dix River	Eld. B. Kemper, A. Allen,* M. Kemper, H. O. Sutton,* J. T. H. Kemper, B. Sutton, Jas. Norris, J. K. West*	10	1		2	3		29	284
Deep Creek	F. M. Best, E. F. Matherly, L. G. Hale, J. H. Leonard, Luther Rice, E. Lester	44		2	4	2	1		234
Shawnee Run	R. J. Curd, Jno. Curd,* J. H. Smith,* T. M. Curd,* S. L. Bradshaw*					1	5		68
Doctor's Fork	J. P. Holland, Wm. Bolling, J. T. Montgomery,* Jno. Beswick,* Isaac M. Gray	9			1				56
Mt. Moriah	Eld. S. Cook, Thos. Sallee, J. H. Proctor, G. W. Cook*	8	5	2	2	1	2		79
New Providence	Thos. Cecil, Jas. P. Kinkaid, Geo. R. Pope*	1	2		5	1	1	7	60
Lancaster	J. Burnsides,* J. E. Doores,* R. R. Noel*	3	2		5	3	1	5	65
Harrodsburg	Wm. Hutcherson, C. Coleman, H. J. Lyen, Robt. Alexander	2	2	2	3	1			80
Salt River	Joe. Wighom, Chas. Gray, Jas. H. Vanarsdall, Wm. Wighom*	1			2		1		41
Union Church	B. M. Wheeler, D. Burton, Jas. J. Jenkins.	2	2				2		16
Pleasant Run	E. S. Adams, T. J. Montgomery, Jno. Hall, E. R. Hiatt, J. H. Young	2	1		2			5	79
Lebanon	Eld. V. E. Kirtley, H. B. Phillips, Wm. Warren,* Wilson Edmonson,* J. P. Warren,* S. T. Ray,* J. R. Howard			14			2		42
Hillsborough	Wm. Leachman, Robt. T. Bishop, Jno. C. McMillen, H. Leachman, Wm. Cheatham	4			3		1		74
Sugar Grove	Eld. D. Bruner, E. G. Shirley,* J. H. Adams,* Calvin Sallee,* Jno. Bruner, Jno. Cloyd						4		160
Sugar Creek	A. Adams,* Wm. Willis,* Walter Eason, R. Eason					1	2	23	40
Gilbert's Creek	No Letter or Messenger.								
Perryville	Eld. W. T. Wood, M. S. Scott,* J. West, M. West	7		1	4		2	27	72
		109	44	7	50	24	18	102	1,812

\*Absent.

1st. Eld. B. Kemper chosen Moderator and J. L. Smith Clerk, and J. T. H. Kemper Assistant Clerk. Prayer by Eld. A. S. Worrell.

2d. Letters from corresponding associations called for and their messenger's names enrolled as follows:

BAPTIST—B. M. Wheeler.

SOUTH KENTUCKY—No letter or messenger.

ELK HORN—Elders A. S. Worrell and W. H. Felix.

TATE'S CREEK—No letter or messenger.

BOONE'S CREEK—No letter or messenger.

MIKDL E DISTRICT—Eld. Jesse Robinson.

LONG RUN—No letter or messenger.

RUSSELL'S CREEK—No letter or messenger.

CUMBERLAND RIVER—No letter or messenger.

Corresponding messengers cordially invited to seats. Brethren J. L. Lloyd, of Meridian, Miss., and J. V. Riley were invited to seats.

3d. Elders J. L. Smith and H. McDonald appointed a Committee to draft a constitution and rules of decorum for this body, and present the same at the next session of the association.

4th. The following Committees were appointed:

ON STATE MISSIONS—Elders H. McDonald, D. Bruner, and B. Sutton, Jr. ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Elder W. T. Wood, Jas. West, and R. Alexander. ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS—Elder V. E. Kirtley, R. Jeffries, and Jas. Green. ON FOREIGN MISSIONS—Dr. T. W. Burton, Eld. S. Cook, and H. J. Lyen.

5th. Committee of Arrangements appointed consisting of Elds. McDonald, Wood, Cook, and J. West and R. Jeffries.

6th. Circular Letter called for and further time given to report.

7th. Brethren Crews, Marratta, Jeffries and Froman appointed a Committee on Divine Service.

8th. Committee of Arrangements make partial report and given further time.

9th. Committee on Divine Service report: Brethren A. S. Worrell to preach to-night; H. McDonald and W. H. Felix to-morrow, A. M.; J. V. Riley, and J. L. Lloyd Thursday.

10th. Adjourned to half-past eight to-morrow morning. Prayer by Eld. V. E. Kirtley.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 8½ O'CLOCK.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. D. Bruner. Proceeded to business as follows:

1st. Report of Committee on Sunday Schools presented; and after some appropriate discussion adopted.

2d. Bro. S. Cook appointed Superintendent of Sunday Schools in the bounds of this Association.

3d. Report of Committee on Foreign Missions presented; and after appropriate remarks adopted.

4th. Report of Committee on State Missions read, and after discussion adopted.

5th. Brethren H. McDonald and J. L. Smith and G. W. Bur-

ton appointed a Board of this Association to correspond with the General Association in reference to an Evangelist for this Association.

6th. Adjourned to hear preaching and to meet again at the call of the Chair. Prayer by Bro. L. Lloyd.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at the call of the Chair at 2 o'clock, and resumed business as follows: Prayer by Bro. Crews.

1st. Brethren G. W. Burton and B. Sutton, Jr., are appointed a Committee to visit the Lancaster Church and Gilbert's Creek Church and ascertain why they were not represented in this Association.

2d. Bro. McDonald appointed to preach the next introductory sermon; Bro. Crews his alternate.

3rd. By vote next Association to be held with the Church at Forks of Dix River.

4th. Brethren S. Cook and J. S. Stallings appointed to write corresponding letter of the Association.

5th. Bro. G. W. Burton appointed to write the next circular letter.

6th. Report of Committee on Home Missions presented and adopted.

7th. Clerk and assistant appointed to superintend printing the minutes.

8th. Adjourned. Prayer by Bro. S. Cook.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Met pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock.

Prayer by Eld. W. H. Felix.

Proceeded to business as follows:

1st. Corresponding letter called for, read and adopted, and the following brethren agree to bear it:

BAPTIST—Elds. S. Cook, D. Bruner and B. Kemper.

NELSON—Bro. J. S. Stallings. *H. G. Crews*

SOUTH KENTUCKY—Elds. S. Cook, D. Bruner and B. Kemper.

ELKHORN—Elds. J. L. Smith and H. McDonald.

TATES' CREEK—.....

MIDDLE DISTRICT—Eld. D. Bruner.

BOONE'S CREEK—Eld. H. McDonald.

CUMBERLAND RIVER—Elds. S. Cook, D. Bruner and B. Kemper.

2d. Report of Committee on Education, appointed last session, was presented, and, after appropriate addresses, adopted.

3d. Elds. J. L. Smith, H. McDonald and H. G. Crews appointed a Committee to carry out the recommendation in the Report of the Committee on Education.

4th. On motion the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Southern Theological Seminary at Greenville, South Carolina, is worthy of the confidence and support of our people.

5th. After singing, and prayer by Eld. J. L. Smith, adjourned to meet with the Church at the Forks of Dix River, Tuesday after the 3d Saturday in August, 1869.

B. KEMPER, Moderator.

J. L. SMITH, Clerk.

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### DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

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Your Committee on Domestic Missions, beg leave to make the following report:

The Board of Domestic and Indian Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention, is still located at Marion, Ala., with Elder M. L. Sumner, its Corresponding Secretary. It has been in successful operation for nearly one-quarter of a century; therefore its history is before the denomination and its Mission well defined. Its organization may be considered as permanent, and its agency will be continued as long as that Providence that brought it into existence shall declare its work unaccomplished.

Its receipts, in the aggregate, from its organization have been \$743,170 93; and its receipts for the last year, were \$27,071 58. Such a contribution, under the circumstances, was very encouraging to the Board, and to all the lovers of Christ and missions. And still we learn that the Board found itself unable to meet all its liabilities, and a debt of \$17,500 was incurred. Since the meeting of the last Convention, however, this amount has been considerably diminished, and the current expenses of the year provided for.

Let us rejoice, therefore, that the cause of Domestic and Indian Missions, has been sustained in the midst of *wars*, revolutions, and almost famine in many parts of the South; and that by the *Divine blessing* and the *liberality* of our people the glorious gospel of the blessed God has been preached *with wonderful success*, in the towns and cities of our vast country, and that thousands of families have been made to rejoice, as the glad tidings of salvation have been proclaimed by our Missionaries. May a divine providence sustain the Board at Marion, Alabama, and crown the labors of its Missionaries and Agents with abundant success, is the prayer of your Committee.

V. E. KIRTLEY.

R. JEFFRIES.

JAS. GREEN.

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### STATE MISSIONS.

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The Committee on State Missions present the following report:

It is made the obvious duty of our churches to have the gospel preached in the destitute portions of our own State. The success of every other christian enterprise depends largely upon the energy with which we prosecute the evangelization of our own people. Here is a very great field open to us at our own doors, demanding in the name of Christ that we shall enter in and possess. Towns and rural districts in all sections of our State are without

the word of life. Shall we look upon these fields with indifference? Are we willing to continue without making earnest efforts to have the gospel preached to the destitute? Your Committee would recommend a more earnest consideration of our churches to this first great work, and therefore

*Resolved*, That we will co-operate with the General Association, and suggest that a Committee be appointed to correspond with the Board of the General Association, to secure the labors of an efficient evangelist among our churches and that we invite the Secretary or Agents of the Board to visit our churches and secure the contribution of our churches for his support; and that our churches be requested to take up contributions for this object and that Pastors preach upon this subject to the churches to which they minister in word and doctrine.

It shall be the duty of said evangelist, when appointed, to hold meetings with weak churches and preach to the destitute, organize Sabbath Schools and in every way among our churches to promote the interests of the cause of Christ.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. McDONALD,  
D. BRUNER,  
B. SUTTON, JR.

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## EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education beg leave to present the following:

We regret that we have not a more definite conception of the subject upon which we are appointed to report. It is highly important to ourselves, the purity of our faith, the welfare of our children, that they should be educated in our own schools and by our own people. We are impressed with the conviction that it would be working for the glory of Christ to build and endow a school in which orphan children and the poor girls of our congregations would receive a good, thorough, and practical education. The Baptists of the State should undertake it. There is an urgent necessity for teachers, educated among ourselves and in sympathy with our people. Such a school would in time furnish such teachers. Therefore

*Resolved*, That in order to ascertain the views of the Baptists of the State and secure their co-operation, that a Committee be appointed to present to the General Association at its next session this subject.

A new school enterprise has been started at Lebanon by Eld. V. E. Kirtley. Its first session commences 3d Monday in September. We hope that prudence and financial sagacity may place this enterprise upon a permanent basis.

The Danville Female Academy, now <sup>the</sup> the property of Bro. J. H. Davis, who intends opening the next session the 1st Monday in September, with a full and competent supply of teachers.

Respectfully submitted.

H. McDONALD, Ch'm.

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## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

It is usually deemed unnecessary to present any arguments towards convincing Baptists of the duty devolving on them to send the gospel to *all* people after the command of our Saviour to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, and yet when we see the manifest want of interest,

we are led to wonder that the love to Him who hath given this command. has not led to greater efforts for the evangelization of the world. It behooves each of us to arraign ourselves and enquire whether we appreciate the glorious blessings of christianity, and yet make so little effort. so few sacrifices to send it to the dark portions of the earth. There are those who excuse themselves from efforts in behalf of this cause on the ground of there being much work to be done at home. This is as unreasonabale as would be an edict from the ruler of a district visited by famine, prohibiting the husbandmen from sowing the field on the plea of saving the seed for food. not considering that that which is sown may with the helping of God yield a hundred fold in return. While we perform the one duty let us see to it to that we neglect not the other.

We should feel grateful to God for the preservation of our Missionaries during the past year, several of our most valuable ones have been ill, and yet have been restored to health without only a short absence from their respective fields of labor. The reports from our Missions in Africa are encouraging. The Brother Phillips was driven from his home, his house rifled and his effects scattered, yet he has been preserved and like those Missionaries who were driven out from Jerusalem, he is soon preaching the word to attentive crowds. From each of our four stations in China. we have encouraging reports. particularly those two established in the Northern portion of the Empire about eight years since. In a letter received from brother Hartevelt, a short time since, he speaks of having recently baptised 8 or 10 hopeful converts, and of many other enquirers, some of whom had walked long distances and are now boarding in the village for the sole purpose of being taught, and to use his expression, seem to drink in the truth. Brothers Crawford, Yates, and Graves also report accessions to their churches and enquirers after truth. Each of our stations need reinforcement, and there are those who would cheerfully go out as heralds of the cross, could they be supported, but the condition of our treasury is such that we can hardly sustain those who are in the field. For the purpose of awakening greater interest, and arousing our people to a proper sense of their responsibility we propose that it be

*Resolved.* That we earnestly entreat each Church represented in this body to hold a monthly prayer meeting at which this cause shall be specially remembered.

*Resolved.* That we suggest to each Church the propriety of taking monthly collections for the support of Foreign Missions, and that they invite Rev. Robt. Thurman, Agent for Foreign Missions, to visit them.

*Resolved.* That we recommend the "Home and Foreign Journal," which contains news of and letters from our Missionaries, to every member of the Churches of this Association.

Report submitted.

G. W. BURTON, Chr'm.

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

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Your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to make the following report:

In view of the importance of this work, and the extensive destitution in our bounds—half of our churches having no Sabbath Schools—greater prominence and attention should be given to it than it has hitherto received. This

is foundation work, and if efficiently conducted must wield a potent influence in the advancement of the cause of truth. We would therefore recommend to this body the appointment

1st. Of some one as Superintendent of Sunday School interests, whose duty it shall be, in co-operation with the State Superintendent, to secure, if possible, an efficient Sunday School in every church and destitute neighborhood by securing the aid and co-operation of persons suited to this work. And further to encourage and secure by penny collections or otherwise, contributions to State work, and to report annually to this body the funds raised and the condition of the work in our bounds.

2d. To take the names of those who will pledge themselves to perform missionary work in their respective neighborhoods, by organizing and encouraging Sunday Schools.

3rd. We also cordially invite the State Sunday School Superintendent to visit our churches and Sunday Schools, to encourage the work and raise funds for this department.

W. T. WOOD,  
ROBT. ALEXANDER, } *Committee.*  
JAMES WEST.

### CORRESPONDING LETTER.

South District Association now in session with Bethlehem Church, Washington county, Ky., to the Associations with whom she corresponds, sendeth christian salutations:

We hail with pleaseure the return of our anniversary, when we are permitted, in the providence of God, to meet your delegates. Our churches this year are generally represented, the letters indicate peace and harmony, for which we feel profoundly thankful to our Heavenly Father. Some complain of coldness and barrenness in religion, while others have enjoyed times of refreshing from the Lord. We regret that so few of your delegates are with us. May we not hope in the future to meet you more generally? We have been doing but little in the work of missions, but will try, the coming year, to establish Sabbath Schools in all our churches. We have received into our churches by experience and by baptism during the past year 109 in number. Our next Association meets with the Church at the Forks of Dix River, Garrard county, Ky., on Tuesday after the 3d Saturday in August, 1869, at which time we hope to meet your delegates. We appoint (see minutes) to bear this to your body.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

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