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# ELKHORN ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE PROVIDENCE CHURCH

On the 16th, 17th and 18th of August.

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# Minutes of Elkhorn Association.

Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. Geo. Hunt, from Acts, 2nd chapter, 38th verse. The letters from the Churches were then called for and read, and Messengers names enrolled as follows:

CLEAR CREEK—S. Arnett, J. C. Roberts and Thomas L. Pates.  
GREAT CROSSINGS—N. Long, J. H. Thompson, Asa Branham and J. N. Bradley.  
BRYANT'S STATION—Elder R. T. Dillard, J. M. Dillard, L. Coons and G. W. Coons.  
EAST HICKMAN—Elder C. E. W. Dobbs, George S. Mitchell, F. Smith, I. P. Shelby, B. F. Johnson and T. A. Davis.  
STAMPING GROUND—Elder A. C. Graves, F. C. McCalla, W. B. McDonald, B. W. House, S. L. Thomason, J. H. Ferguson, J. F. Bond and W. B. Galloway.  
DRY RUN—T. Woollen, Jephtha Thomason, William Neal and J. D. Smith.  
SILAS—A. Switzer, Wm. Sparks and James Allen.  
GLENN'S CREEK—George Edwards, Thomas E. Henton and J. W. Mastin.  
HILLSBOROUGH—Elders P. S. G. Watson and R. H. Gray.  
MT. PLEASANT—A. W. Bryant and H. W. Cleaveland.  
DAVID'S FORK—Elder C. Weathers, A. M. Alexander, C. F. Estill and J. T. Slade.  
GEORGETOWN—Elder J. B. Tharp, J. E. Farnam, S. F. Gano and J. J. Rucker.  
LEXINGTON—Elder George Hunt, Elder A. S. Worrell, Daniel Cowgill, C. G. Skillman, S. O. Mitchell, James A. Allison and A. M. White.  
PARIS—Elder George Varden, William M. Hinton and R. S. Henderson.  
MT. VERNON—John Stout, R. Risk, W. Price, A. S. Drake, W. S. Harris and B. W. D. Seeley.  
CANE RUN—Eld. J. C. Freeman, J. W. Cooper, B. G. Tyler, Jno. Higgins and Henry Gilbert.  
VERMILION—W. T. Hearne, W. H. Cleaveland, William Cook and A. H. Bohannon.  
NICHOLAVILLE—Elder G. D. Hunt, James Lyne, J. M. Hunt and Samuel Barkley.  
SOUTH ELKHORN—Elder S. P. Hogan, L. B. Witt and B. Bosworth.  
LONG LICK—B. F. Bradley and A. E. Stockdell.  
HARTWOOD—David Elliott and J. D. Mcford.  
MT. FREEDOM—J. H. Wilson and P. W. Crutcher.  
PROVIDENCE—Elder C. Lewis, R. A. Wilson, S. Black and T. W. Jones.

After a recess the Association proceeded to elect Officers for the ensuing year. F. C. McCalla was chosen Moderator, and J. J. Rucker, Clerk. On taking the Chair, the Moderator made some appropriate remarks, after which Elder S. P. Hogan was called on to lead in prayer.

Rules of order were then read by the Clerk.

Correspondence of sister Associations was called for which was responded to as follows:

NORTH BEND—By Messenger—Elder H. McDonald.

CONCORD—By Letter.

BOONE'S CREEK—By Messenger—Elder W. B. Arvin.

TATES' CREEK—No Correspondence.

FRANKLIN—By Messengers—Elder S. W. Seeley, Thomas Rodman, D. Howard Smith, Elder T. J. Stevenson, Elder J. A. Sawyer, W. N. Ayres, Wm. Gibson, G. W. Robb, R. T. Thompson and Dr. E. H. Black.

SOUTH DISTRICT—No Correspondence.

LONG RUN—By Messengers—Elders R. M. Dudley and S. F. Thompson.

BETHEL ASS. IND.—By Messenger—Elder W. M. Pratt.

Elders C. Lewis and J. B. Tharp and Brother A. S. Drake were appointed a committee of arrangement.

On motion and second, it was voted that the Association select Ministers to preach on Wednesday, and the Pastor and Deacons of Providence Church select Ministers for Thursday. Whereupon Elders R. M. Dudley, W. M. Pratt and W. B. Arvin were chosen by the body to preach.

The circular letter was then called for and there was no response, Elder A. F. Baker, the appointee, being absent from sickness, voted that Elder A. S. Worrell be requested to prepare a circular letter and report to this body during the present session.

The report on Domestic Missions was called for, which was presented by Elder P. S. G. Watson and adopted.

Report on Education was called for and there was none prepared. Voted that a committee be appointed to report on Education and to take into consideration the request of the Church at Georgetown, as made through their letter. The Moderator appointed J. J. Rucker, Elders George Varden and George Hunt on said committee. J. N. Bradley was appointed to write the corresponding letter.

Report on State Missions was then called for and the committee was allowed further time.

Report on Foreign Missions was called for and presented by Elder George Hunt.

Adjourned till Wednesday, 9, A. M. Prayer by Elder S. W. Seeley.

WEDNESDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The association was opened by reading part of 14th Chap. John, and singing the hymn, "Nearer to Thee My God Nearer to Thee." The moderator then presented, with appropriate remarks, the request of our aged and now afflicted Bro. J. D. Black, that he wished to be remembered in the prayers of the association. Sometime having been spent in devotional exercises, the moderator announced the body ready for business. Minutes of the preceding day read and approved. Eld. K. T. Dillard, made a verbal report of his missionary work during the past year. Made two trips to the mountains, spent about one month, and there were added to the churches with which he labored during that time, about sixty who were faithfully converted to Christ.

A vote of thanks was presented to Bro. Dillard for this voluntary labor and his report to this body.

Committee of arrangements made their report which was adopted.

Corresponding letter was called for and read. It was amended so as to contain the Statistics of this body and adopted, J. N. Bradley and B. W. D. Seely, were appointed to prepare copies.

Eld. T. C. Teasdale, Secretary of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, was invited to a seat.

Eld. J. C. Keency, agent for Domestic missions for Southern Baptist Convention, was invited to a seat.

Report on foreign missions was taken up. Remarks by Elds. H. McDonald, Geo. Hunt, R. T. Dillard, and S. W. Seely, adopted.

Report on State missions was made and adopted.

Report on Education was called for. Remarks by Elds. Geo. Varden, S. T. Thompson, T. C. Teasdale, and A. S. Worrell, and Bros. J. E. Farnam and S. F. Gano. Pending this discussion, association adjourned to 2½ o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Eld. T. C. Teasdale.

WEDNESDAY 2½ o'clock, P. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The discussion on Education was resumed by J. J. Rucker and A. S. Drake, who offered a series of resolutions as an amendment to the report. The report having been thus amended was adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools called for and presented by A. S. Drake. Voted that the discussion of this subject be made the special order of to-morrow, upon the opening of the session.

By Rule 17th, Dry Run was declared the place of holding the next meeting of the Association.

Time—Tuesday after second Saturday in August, 1871.

Adjourned till Thursday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Elder T. C. Teasdale.

THURSDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The session was opened by singing, reading the 23d Psalm and Prayer by Elder J. C. Freeman. Circular letter was called for and adopted.

Subject of the Sunday School report was taken up. Remarks by T. C. Teasdale, adopted. Appointed messengers to corresponding Associations. Voted that Moderator and Eld. R. T. Dillard represent this body in the General Association.

Messengers to corresponding Associations:

CONCORD—Eld. J. B. Tharp, J. J. Rucker, and Eld. J. C. Freeman.

BOONE'S CREEK—Eld. Geo. Hunt, B. W. D. Seely, Eld. G. D. Hunt, and Eld. A. S. Worrell.

TATES CREEK—Eld. R. T. Dillard, and Geo. Hunt.

FRANKLIN—Eld. J. B. Tharp, W. H. McDonald, Eld. J. C. Freeman, and B. W. D. Seely.

BAPTIST.—Eld. P. S. Watson.

SOUTH DISTRICT.—Elds. A. S. Worrell, P. S. G. Watson, and G. D. Hunt, Geo. Hunt, and Bro. J. J. Rucker.

BRACKEN—Elds. G. D. Hunt, and G. Hunt.

UNION—Eld. Geo. Varden, and E. Clark.

SULPHUR—Eld. J. C. Freeman.

Eld. H. McDonald was allowed to make some remarks concerning the Madison Street, Baptist Church, in Covington, Ky.

### Appointment of Standing Committees.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—D. Thomas, Elder J. B. Tharp and H. Bohannon.

STATE MISSIONS—Elders P. S. G. Watson, A. F. Baker and R. H. Gray.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS—J. E. Farnam, J. N. Bradley and J. J. Rucker.

EDUCATION—Elder A. S. Worrell, B. W. D. Seely and Elder George Hunt.

SUPERINTENDENT SUNDAY SCHOOLS—A. S. Drake.

CIRCULAR LETTER—Elder J. C. Freeman.

Elder C. E. W. Bobbs to preach next introductory sermon and J. C. Graves alternate.

Elder A. S. Worrall then offered the following resolutions which were adopted:

Whereas, We have heard with profound delight the introductory of the present meeting of this Association, delivered by Elder George Hunt, and, whereas, we believe that the publication and general distribution of this sermon would be productive of much good, Therefore,

RESOLVED 1ST. That Brother Hunt be requested to publish said sermon in tract form.

2ND. That we the individual members of this body pledge our aid to furtherance of this end.

Voted that Elder J. C. Keeney be allowed to present the claims of Domestic Missions at the stand.

J. J. Rucker offered the following resolution which was adopted:

RESOLVED. That a committee of three be appointed to confer with the Board of the General Association with reference to the locations for missionary work within bounds of the Association and the Ministers to occupy said fields. Whereupon the Moderator appointed on said committee, J. J. Rucker, Elder J. B. Tharp and A. S. Drake.

After singing the hymn, "Blessed be the tie that binds," and prayer by Elder George Hunt, they adjourned.

F. C. McCALLA, Moderator.

J. J. RUCKER, Clerk.

### Circular Letter.

*The Elkhorn Association to the Churches composing her Body, Greeting:*

DEAR BRETHREN:—We beg to submit, for your prayerful consideration, a few thoughts on the subject of HOME LABOR. While there is no danger that we will do too much ABROAD, may we not overlook many things that might be done at HOME? It would be well for every Church, as a centre of light and influence, to see whether there is any thing within her limits she might do, which would tend to promote the cause of Christ. Are you, Dear Brethren, doing all you can to win souls to Christ? Have you each, an efficient Sunday School, in which the members generally take part either as teachers or learners? Are all the children who might be brought under the influence of your school, attendants upon the same? Are there any destitute communities within the reach of any of your membership, in which members of neglected children might be collected on Sabbath evenings, and be taught the way of life and salvation? If there ARE such communities in your midst, might not the members go out, two or three together; assemble the children, teach them the songs of Zion, and impress upon their young hearts the claims of the Gospel? If the churches of this Association would act upon this suggestion, how great a change would be wrought in our midst! Our own dear children would not then be neglected; the youth of our land (so far as we might reach them) would be brought under Baptist influence; and the laborers themselves would be greatly blessed in their efforts to benefit others. Here, dear brethren and sisters, we find a field in which the great mass of our adult membership may labor—a field, which, if properly cultivated, will yield an abundant harvest. We close this suggestion by expressing the opinion that if there are such fields in your midst, and your members do not strive to cultivate them, "the blood of souls will rest on their skirts!" Let us all, for the love we bear to Christ and perishing souls, occupy these fields.

Again; are there communities near you, in which the Gospel is rarely, if ever preached? If so, can you devise any means by which this destitution may be, even in part, supplied? An occasional sermon, delivered in such places, might prove the power of God unto salvation. Cannot the Pastors and other ministers visit many of these places on Sabbath evenings? Cannot the Deacons and other pious members hold prayer meetings in such places, distribute Bibles and tracts, and thus cause these now barren regions to blossom as the rose! Will not each Church in this Association look into this matter with sufficient care to ascertain whether there are such destitute places in her bounds, determine how far she can supply them with the bread of life, and (if still the work cannot be fully done) report such places to this body, as fields of missionary labor? Criminality will rest on us, if, being able, we, through negligence, fail to occupy the field. To accomplish the ends herein suggested, we, preachers, deacons, laymen, all, male and female, need to re-consecrate ourselves, our time, our energies, our means, all to the cause of Him who gave his life for us. Praying that these practical suggestions may be received by you in the spirit in which they are given, and that we may witness increased diligence and activity in all the churches composing this body, we commend you to the Lord whose servants we are.

### Corresponding Letter.

*The Elkhorn Association to those with whom she corresponds:*

DEAR BRETHREN:—Again in the providence and mercy of God we send this, our letter of Christian greeting. Since we last addressed you changes have been wrought in our midst, yet we hope that we still have the same love for the cause of Zion and the same hope of a

blessed immortality. Some of the old veterans of the Cross have borne the heat and burden of the day and are now ready or have gone to rest and others have been born into the kingdom of our Redeemer. Our Ministry have been able and earnest workers and in some instances God has owned and blessed their labors. Yet we would wish to grow more and more in grace and live nearer to our Master. Brethren, let us arouse ourselves to renewed efforts in the vineyard of our Master. The field is open and ripe before us. The cries of destitution and death in the spiritual kingdom come up from our very midst. Let us "put on the whole armor of God," and let our light illumine the dark places. Let us make an earnest, constant and united effort to give the gospel to sinful, dying men, and pray the Lord of the harvest to send it home to their hearts by His spirit's influence. And finally may the God of all mercies bless and preserve you and bring us all off conquerors in the end. We have received during the year by experience and baptism 83, making our total number 2,531. Nearly every Church sustains a prosperous Sunday school, and has preaching at least twice in each month. Our next meeting will be held with the Church at Dry Run, Scott county, Ky., on the Tuesday after the 2d Saturday in August, 1871, where we cordially invite you to meet us by letter and messengers.

F. C. McCALLA, Moderator.

J. J. RUCKER, Clerk.

### Report on State Missions.

That the cause of State Missions is one of great importance, and great good has been accomplished thereby need not be argued here in the view of the great mission work in this State. If any proof of this was required we need only to refer to the Statistics. Thirty-three years ago the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky was organized and the mission Board established. During that time eight hundred and ninety-one laborers have been employed, who have preached forty-nine thousand seven hundred and twenty-eight sermons, and baptized forty-three thousand five hundred and fifty-nine persons. At that time there were six hundred and six churches in Kentucky, now there are nine hundred and forty-four, then there were two hundred and fifty ordained ministers, now there are four hundred and twenty-three, then there were thirty three thousand three hundred and seventy-nine members, now there are eighty-two thousand five hundred and seventy-one. We would not argue that missions alone has done this, by no means; they alone can accomplish nothing. But these Statistics with those that follow show that our Heavenly Father by His spirit's influence has abundantly owned and blessed the labors of his children and that under this blessing the constant and united efforts of our brethren both in missions and other departments have been productive of great good. During the past four years fifty-one laborers have been engaged and seven thousand and twenty persons have professed faith in Christ and been baptized. During the past year there have been forty-five laborers in the field who preached on an average of nearly a sermon a day, baptized one thousand four hundred and sixty-two persons, organizing thirteen churches, with a total membership of three hundred and ninety-one, prayed with two thousand five hundred and forty-five families, held two hundred and ninety-five prayer meetings, delivered forty-four Sunday School addresses, organized seventeen Sunday Schools, and assisted to raise money to build six meeting houses. The contributions to this cause for the past year were \$11,500 63 75-100, an excess of \$1,295 55-100 above last year. Such are some of the Statistics of the past. The field before us and the prospects of the future invite renewed and more earnest efforts on our part. Large portions of our State are almost destitute of the Gospel. A few devoted men some of whom could earn an independent livelihood in other professions, are devoting the time to preaching the gospel in those districts, with scarcely enough given by the Board to sustain them. Shall we not support them by our means, and our prayers, and endeavor to supply other destitute parts? The prosperity of the mission work is so intimately blended with that of all our denominational enterprises that it is difficult to separate them. If one member of the body is diseased the other members suffer with it. To illustrate, as our people become more educated and enlightened, they are more alive to the success of the Masters cause, and as they hear the gospel they are more awakened to their educational interests, and desire to know more about God and their fellow-man. Let us then heartily support our home mission cause. Let us not only hearken unto "ery from Macedonia" but like Paul, first attend to those interests at home; let us "begin at Jerusalem" and not only give our means to sustain it, but pray earnestly to God that He will abundantly bless our laborers and raise up more for the harvest.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. BRADLEY, Chairman.

### Foreign Missions.

Loyalty to Jesus requires an earnest attention to His commands and faithful efforts to discharge the duties enjoined and to fulfill the trust committed to our hands. The Captain of our salvation has given to the marshaled host of Zion his last great command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," as their marching order, and fidelity to our King demands, that all their energies shall be put forth and their strength united in carry-

ing out this command till our benighted and sin-cursed world is brought in submission to His feet. It is no longer problematical whether effort is available for the conversion of the heathen. Already there are about three hundred thousand reclaimed from heathenism who have espoused His cause and numbered among the followers of the meek and lowly Jesus, and from about four thousand focal points outside the limits of christendom the rays of Gospel light are streaming. God has given abundant evidences of His favors upon the labors of His servants and has cheered their hearts by enabling them to see that their labor is not in vain in the Lord. But how much yet remains to be done to possess the land and evangelize the world? The four hundred million of China are yet in darkness and the multitude of earth's benighted nations are rushing on to the judgment seat without God and without hope in the world. In the language of Brother Graves, one of our Missionaries, God's work must go on. If we prove recreant to our trust God will raise up others to carry on His work. I believe the Baptist of the South are able to sustain their present staff of Missionaries and their work and to occupy many other parts of Satan's empire if they will only do it. The time for child's play is over. Satan is in earnest; Rome is in earnest, but God's people has, as one well says, been merely playing at missions. We cannot afford it any longer. The world must be won for Christ. We must either drop the matter and let a blight and a blasting rest on us or be in earnest and obtain God's blessing from on high. O, may the Holy Spirit who is now leading sinners to Jesus revive the churches and make them stand up for Jesus. The field is white unto the harvest; difficulties and obstacles are being removed out of the way, and God is calling upon his people to be up and doing and gird on their armor for the great conflict with the powers of darkness. New fields are opening up for christian effort and the Macedonian cry of "come over and help us" is now being borne to our ears from lands which heretofore have seemed almost inaccessible. Not only is China, with its teeming millions, now open to the Gospel, but multitudes of Chinese idolaters are now flocking to our shores among whom the gospel should be preached in purity. And besides there are urgent claims for missions established in Ireland, Spain and Italy, where hitherto the Papacy has had almost entire control over the people; but, where now, there seems to be a promise of great good being accomplished if the fields are occupied. There is a demand for an increasing number of Missionaries in the parts now occupied, as well as the establishment of missionary stations in new fields. Let all our Churches arouse from their lethargy and each be found doing their whole duty. Let all come up as one man to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

### Report on Domestic Missions.

*We wish to call the attention of the Association to the following:*

1. **THE ORIGIN OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.**—This Convention was organized in the city of Augusta, Georgia, in 1845, and has been in existence just twenty-five years. Its organization was then declared to be "for the purpose of carrying into effect the benevolent intentions of our constituents, by organizing a plan for eliciting, combining and directing the energies of the whole denomination in one sacred effort for the propagation of the Gospel.

2. **WHAT HAS BEEN DONE.**—The good effected by Missionaries cannot be measured by a few facts and figures—eternity alone can present the total; yet a few facts and figures will not be out of place here. During these 25 years, 1,189 commissions have been issued by the Board of Domestic Missions and 74 by the Board of Indian Missions. Both these departments are now under the same Board. These missionaries have been distributed as follows: Alabama 201, Arkansas 77, California 15, District of Columbia 10, Florida 48, Georgia 169, Kansas 1, Kentucky 24, Louisiana 34, Mississippi 99, Missouri 75, Maryland 23, North Carolina 64, South Carolina 74, Tennessee 95, Texas 78, Virginia 100, West Virginia 2, and also in several Indian Territories. These Missionaries have baptized 19,870 persons; organized 288 churches; built 154 houses of worship, and preached 129,959 sermons; and done a vast amount of other labor that space forbids to mention.

3. **RECEIPTS.**—The amount received for Domestic and Indian Missions, during this period, is \$782,926 19. Of this, \$319,498 52 were Confederate money. The amount received the last convention year, ending the 1st of last April, is \$21,549 73.

4. **MISSIONARIES.**—Last year there were 64 Missionaries employed, 6 of whom were in the Indian nations.

5. **THE FIELD.**—The Domestic and Indian Mission field extends from the Atlantic to the Pacific; and from Maryland to Texas.

6. **THE PEOPLE.**—A large majority of the inhabitants of this vast and inviting field, are whites who speak the English language; but there are also many thousands of whites who speak different languages, and various Indian tribes, and the colored people or "Freedmen" and the inflowing Chinese.

7. **THEIR RELIGION.**—The religion is like Joseph's coat of many colors. Formal christianity abounds, infidelity, many think is increasing at an alarming rate, and Chinese temples are reared within our bounds. And last, but very far from least, Roman Catholicism is making fearful conquests.

8. OUR DUTY.—Says our CAPTAIN, “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.” If we cannot go personally, we can feed and clothe those that will go. Missionaries generally are worthy of their hire; they work much and receive little. What is our duty now, should be done now. To-morrow should not be burdened with the duties of to-day.

9. ENCOURAGEMENT.—“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, EVEN UNTO THE WORLD.” These are the words of the risen Jesus, we should desire no greater encouragement. He will fulfill His inimitable word.

Brethren, J. H. Goss and C. King being absent, this report is respectfully submitted without their concurrence.

P. S. G. WATSON

### Report on Sunday Schools.

In almost every age of the world and in every condition of society the appropriate developments, both mental and physical, of youth has been regarded as a matter of paramount importance. In Sparta where the grand object was to make a nation of warriors, children were taken from their parents at an early age and subjected to all those privations and physical exercises which were calculated to produce at once the greatest possible powers of endurance combined with the highest personal prowess, courage and efficiency. The world renowned Balearic Slingers acquired their wonderful proficiency by making their meals even in early childhood dependent upon their successful use of the sling. The old axiom that knowledge is power is unquestionably true, at least in our times. Power, however, may be and alas too frequently is used to attain selfish and improper ends to oppress the weaker and more defenceless. Our country abounds in institutions intended to train and discipline the intellect and thus procure for its possessor that influence which in the darker ages bone and brawn and muscle almost alone could afford. Some of the brightest minds of modern times not only disregard our holy religion, but bend their perverted energies to its overthrow. How shall christianity meet the danger? How render these attacks futile and powerless to the perversion of even a single soul. That passage of inspiration penned more than three thousand years ago, points out the method. “And thou shalt teach them diligently to thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and thou walkest by the way, and when thou layest down, and when thou risest up” (Deut. 6—8.) In other words it is the duty of parents every morning and every evening, and at appropriate times during the day, to impress the great and solemn truths of religion upon the young and ductile minds and hearts of those whom God has intrusted to their care. The Apostle was referring to the happy results of this faithful parental teaching, when he wrote to Timothy those memorable words, “When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in Thee, which dwelt first in thy grand mother Lois, and thy mother Eunice, and I am persuaded that in Thee also.” Whilst we therefore, recognize and assert the important truth that no other influence can or ought to supersede the parental in the religious instruction of their children, we at the same time, assert that no department of christian enterprise has been more signally owned and blessed of God, than that of Sabbath Schools. Nearly at the close of the last century, it was commenced by a comparatively obscure, but great hearted man, in an unimportant town of England, solely for the purpose of instructing the entirely ignorant, degraded, and poverty-stricken of that locality. Now it has widened and deepened and extended its hallowed influences throughout all christendom. Each Sabbath morning witnesses millions of young and happy hearts, alike from the families of the rich and poor, assembling in tens of thousands of places to study the word of God. In view of the mighty results that have already been wrought by this instrumentality and yet mightier and more glorious victories which faith and hope induce us to believe it will achieve in the not distant future. Therefore,

**RESOLVED,** That we will hail with unalloyed satisfaction that period, when every Baptist Church within the bounds of this Association, shall have an efficient Sabbath School attached to it.

**RESOLVED,** That it is the duty of every church member not superannuated, an invalid or otherwise disabled to give aid and countenance to the great Sabbath School work either as a teacher, pupil or member of the bible class.

**RESOLVED,** That the Churches of this Association be requested to furnish in their annual communications the following statistics: Name of superintendent, number of teachers, total number of pupils, number in attendance, number of pupils added to the church during the year, number volumes in library, number of papers taken and amount expended for school.

**RESOLVED,** That the first five items of preceding resolution be published in our annual minutes.

**RESOLVED,** That we heartily endorse the Elkhorn Sabbath School Convention as well calculated to elicit the best method of organizing and managing schools, of affording the most effective instruction to pupils and arousing churches and individual members to an appreciation of the high and solemn responsibilities resting upon them in connection with this great work.

**RESOLVED,** That we are much gratified to learn that the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, under the management of its present efficient Corresponding Secreta-



ry, is rapidly increasing in favor with the denomination throughout the South. The following resolutions are therefore respectfully submitted:

**RESOLVED**, That this Association is in hearty sympathy with the mission work of Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; and regards the establishment of Sunday Schools among the destitute and especially in the valley of Great South West, where Romanism and Infidelity so greatly abound, as work of transcendent importance.

**RESOLVED**, That "KIND WORDS," the organ of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention justly merits the patronage of all our Sunday Schools, both on account of its intrinsic excellence as a child's paper, and also on account of its connection with one of the Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention.

**RESOLVED**. That we hail with pleasure the prospect of being supplied very soon by our Sunday School Board with the Sunday School literature necessary to the successful conduct of our Sunday Schools, both in city and country.

### Report on Education.

We regard the education of the young, second in importance only to the preaching of the Gospel, and that religious people who neglect to cultivate this field is derelict in an important duty imposed upon them by their Creator. The heart can alone be approached through the intellect and if the culture in this department is not of a proper character it will prove a barrier instead of a preparation for the reception of the Gospel. This is a progressive age, we live in the midst of thrilling events, the world is moving around us, and not, it is sad to say, towards superior intellectual and religious improvement, but towards the acquisition of wealth, social position and political distinction. Brethren, we cannot discharge the duties assigned us by the Great Law-giver by sitting idly with our arms folded amidst the scenes now being enacted in the passing drama of human existence. The Baptists of Kentucky, especially of Elkhorn Association, have in days past made laudable efforts for their Educational interest. We have in our midst three Institutions upon which large sums of money have been expended. Georgetown College for the education of males, and the Seminary and Lexington Female College for the education of females. No one can now estimate the good that Georgetown College has already done in sending forth educated men of talent who are extending a powerful influence for good throughout the country. The question for us to-day is, to adopt such measures as will sustain and render more potent for good the Institution inaugurated by those gone before us. To this end we should encourage the patronage of our own schools.

Every member should become an agent in his or her community, in representing our educational interest. Their merits should be fully discussed before all our denominational meetings, that they may be kept prominently before the people. Our educators should be true to their charge. Faithful to all their duties in the intellectual, moral and religious training of the young. They should be active and vigilant. Their discipline should be firm, the general oversight, parental and watchful and the instruction thorough. We should all co-operate and labor together in such a way as to sustain and foster institutions that will command the respect, influence and patronage of, not only our own people, but all who are seeking thorough instruction for their children in this fast and superficial age.

### Supplement to the Report on Education.

**RESOLVED 1st.** That the trustees and other authorities of Georgetown College be requested to appoint an agent to visit all the churches within the bounds of Elkhorn Association.

**2nd.** It shall be the duty of said agent to solicit from said churches subscriptions of forty, eighty, hundred and twenty, and hundred and sixty dollars per annum, for five years.

**3rd.** That the money so subscribed shall be devoted to the support of indigent, promising, pious young men, studying at Georgetown College with a view to the ministry.

**4th.** That said money shall be devoted first to the support of young men from this Association, and secondly, if a sufficient number of young men are not attending from this Association to consume said fund, that the balance may be expended upon young men from other associations.

# STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.														
	Received by Experience and Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Received by Relation.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.	(Church Expenses.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Sunday Schools.	Assist other Churches.	
Clear Creek s. s.	6	0	0	0	0	0	38	No Report.	\$ 77 75		\$41 25.			P. S. G. Watson.	
Great Crossing s. s.	5	1	0	0	0	0	35	\$ 345		\$100	06	\$20		R. P. Hogan.	
Bryant's Station s. s.	8	4	0	0	0	0	176	\$ 700	90					T. B. Tharp.	
East Hickman s. s.	14	5	1	0	0	0	302	1394	50	50				C. E. W. Hobbs.	
Stampline Ground s. s.	6	10	0	0	0	0	107	Church Expenses and Missions.		\$530				A. C. Graves.	
Dry Run s. s.	8	0	0	0	0	0	85							L. H. Salin.	
Clear's Creek s. s.	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	\$ 550	\$ 75 50	\$76	\$48 50			L. H. Salin.	
Hillborough s. s.	1	1	0	0	0	0	157	1000	156 85	91	61 75			T. J. Stevenson.	
Mt Pleasant s. s.	0	0	0	0	0	0	104	800	120	64 35	50			P. S. G. Watson.	
David's Fork s. s.	7	2	0	0	0	0	144							A. F. Baker.	
Georgetown s. s.	0	4	0	0	0	0	124	800	120	64 35	50	47	300	L. B. Woolfolk.	
Lexington s. s.	4	17	0	0	0	0	250	100	100	90		61	10	N. M. Crawford.	
Paris s. s.	0	17	0	0	0	0	82							George Hunt.	
Mt Vernon s. s.	3	4	1	0	0	0	104	307	76 50	61 75	60	35 35	55	68	John Kingdon.
Cane Run s. s.	14	11	0	0	0	0	163	1247	71 50	65	65			C. Lewis.	
Versailles s. s.	6	4	0	0	0	0	86							J. C. Freeman.	
Nicholasville s. s.	6	4	0	0	0	0	58							A. F. Baker.	
South Elkhorn s. s.	9	8	0	0	0	0	60	511	30	25	15	170		G. D. Hunt.	
Long Lick.	0	0	0	0	0	0	79							C. E. W. Hobbs.	
Hartwood.	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	500		47	37	60	30		A. C. Davidson.
Mount Freedom s. s.	0	0	0	0	0	0	18							G. D. Hunt.	
Providence s. s.	91	169	12	146	17	38	2521							C. Lewis.	

Blank indicates No Report. S. S. indicates a Sunday School.