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MINUTES

OF THE

NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

ELKHORN ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

CLEAR CREEK CHURCH,

WOODFORD COUNTY, KY.,

AUGUST 17th, 18th and 19th, 1875



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PROCEEDINGS.

The Ninetieth Session of the Elkhorn Association was held with the Clear Creek Church, Woodford county, Ky., commencing on Tuesday, August 17th, 1875.

Elder W. S. Ryland preached the Introductory Sermon from 2 Cor. x: 4.

Letters from the churches composing the Association were then read, and the names of the Messengers enrolled, as follows:

CLEAR CREEK.—John W. Arnold, John B. Singleton, G. Y. O'Neal.

GREAT CROSSINGS.—J. D. Bohannon, G. T. Long, J. N. Bradley.

BRYAN'S STATION.—Geo. Coons, G. W. Coons.

EAST HICKMAN.—Charles Graves, J. W. Berry, F. Mitchell, B. F. Johnson, I. P. Shelby, M. C. Alford.

STAMPING GROUND.—J. E. Thomason, B. W. House, J. H. Cannon, W. B. Galloway.

DRY RUN.—J. W. Nutter, W. J. Neale, S. Hambrick, S. E. Triplett.

SILAS.—Ed. Clark, Jacob Kellar, Frank Switzer, F. Sparks, John Offutt.

GLEN'S CREEK.—T. E. Edwards, J. H. Hackney, J. W. Martin, A. L. Wright.

HILLSBORO.—G. Hunt, S. Arnett, R. H. Gray, Isaac Jeff, Samuel Gray.

MT. PLEASANT.—Spencer Holloway, O. D. Bryant, A. M. Young, G. W. Cleveland.

DAVID'S FORK.—R. M. Dudley, J. H. Darnaby, A. Fleet, Jr. J. A. Darnaby, A. M. Alexander.

GEORGETOWN.—H. McDonald, B. Manly, D. Thomas, J. J. Rucker.

LEXINGTON.—R. Ryland, L. B. Woolfolk, W. S. Ryland, J. H. Talbutt, H. Gilbert, W. D. Bryant, G. E. Darnaby, J. T. Slade, J. A. Prall, R. H. Talbutt, Hugh Hicks, S. F. Tisdale, S. Lancaster, John Richardson.

PARIS.—A. N. White, R. S. Henderson.

MT. VERNON.—John Stout, T. S. Williams, W. Wheeler, W. Price, R. H. Hicks, B. W. D. Secley.

CANE RUN.—A. S. Pettie, A. F. McMeekin, J. W. Cooper, B. G. Tyler, L. V. Ware.

VERSAILLES.—A. B. Miller, D. M. Megee, H. H. McDowell, T. T. Bryant.

NICHOLASVILLE.—S. L. Helm, T. B. Crutcher, G. M. Barclay.

SOUTH ELKHORN.—J. C. Freeman, Levi Rice, W. T. Hearne, B. Hackett, J. Muncey.

LONG LICK.—No Messengers.

HARTWOOD.—No Messengers.

MT. FREEDOM.—No Messengers.

PROVIDENCE.—E. Lewis, S. Black.

MIDWAY.—B. Branham, L. Witherspoon, J. H. Thompson.

BETHLEHEM.—J. S. Burrier, C. B. Elkin.

PILGRIM.—Daniel Wade, N. H. McClelland, T. B. Threlkeld.

After reading the letters, Elders J. A. Kirtley and S. H. Ford were appointed to take the vote for Moderator and Clerk, when the Association adjourned to meet at the church at 2:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The tellers announced the choice of Eld. George Hunt as Moderator, and B. W. D. Seeley as Clerk, Prof. Rucker having declined a re-election.

After a few appropriate remarks by the Moderator on taking the chair, prayer was offered by Eld. J. A. Kirtley.

An opportunity being offered Bethlehem Church, Fayette county, Ky., constituted since the last session of the Association, requested admission as a member of the body, and presented her articles of Faith and Church Covenant. Upon motion, this church was unanimously received, and the Moderator, in behalf of the Association, gave to her Messengers the right hand of fellowship.

Application was also made by the Pilgrim Church of Lexington, another new organization, which was unanimously received, and the right hand of fellowship extended to her Messengers.

The Rules of the Association were then read by the Clerk.

Upon motion, a committee, consisting of Eld. C. Lewis, J. J. Rucker and B. W. D. Seeley, to revise and condense the Rules and report during the session of the Association.

Bro. W. B. Galloway was chosen Assistant Clerk.

Letters from Corresponding Associations having been called for, were responded to as follows:

Bracken—Messengers: J. M. Frost, Jr., Z. A. Owens.

Boone's Creek—Messenger: J. L. Smith.

Franklin—Messengers: J. B. Tharp, F. H. Kerfoot, E. H. Black, T. Rodman, G. W. Robb.

Concord—Letter and Messengers: C. G. Skillman, W. A. Smith.

Baptist—Messengers: J. M. Bell, E. Burrus.

Daviess County—Messenger: T. C. Stackhouse.

North Bend—Letter and Messengers: J. A. Kirtley, W. H. Felix, R. H. Graves.

Sulphur Fork—Messengers: A. C. Davidson, J. T. Christian, W. T. Carpenter.

Shelby County—Messenger: W. C. Jones.

Bethel—Messenger: C. E. W. Dobbs.

St. Louis, Mo.—S. H. Ford.

The Messengers, with all other visiting brethren, were cordially invited to seats with us.

The Letter from Long Lick Church was read.

The Circular Letter was read by its author, Eld. R. M. Dudley, and referred to a committee, consisting of Eld. R. H. Gray, D. Waide and J. W. Cooper.

Eld. H. T. Daniel and J. N. Bradley were appointed a committee to write the Corresponding Letter.

Voted that the time usually employed in preaching on the second day of the Association, be taken up in Centennial Work, and Eld. R. M. Dudley, R. S. Henderson and J. H. Talbutt be a Committee of Arrangements.

Eld. B. Manly read the report of the Executive Committee (see report A.), and made some remarks, giving the reasons why the Committee concluded to leave the work to the Board of the General Association. Bro. J. J. Rucker also made some remarks, when the report was adopted.

Eld. H. McDonald, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Missions, read the report, and after some remarks by Elders R. Ryland, C. Lewis, B. Manly, H. McDonald and S. L. Helm, the report was adopted. (See report B.)

The Committee on Centennial Work made a partial report, announcing that Elders J. A. Kirtley B. Manly and W. H. Felix would speak at the stand Wednesday morning.

Voted that the Pastor and Deacons of Clear Creek Church arrange religious services for Thursday.

The Association then adjourned to meet at the stand at 9 A. M. to-morrow. Prayer by Eld. R. Ryland.

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Association called to order by the Moderator after singing and prayer by Eld. S. Arnett.

The minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was read by Eld. C. Lewis, and after remarks made by Elders S. L. Helm, R. Ryland and A. N. White, adopted. (See report C.)

Voted that the next Association be held with the Stamping Ground Church, Tuesday after the second Saturday in August, 1876.

Upon motion, it was ordered that the writer of the next Circular Letter make it a historical one.

Moved, that the Rule requiring the writer of the Circular Letter to be chosen by ballot, be suspended. Adopted, and Eld. B. Manly was chosen to write the Letter.

The hour for the addresses on the Centennial having arrived, it was voted to resume the business session immediately after the addresses were made.

The report of the Committee on Centennial Work (see report D.) was presented by Eld. R. M. Dudley; after which Elds. J. A. Kirtley, B. Manly and W. H. Felix addressed the large audience assembled.

AFTERNOON.

The Association after an intermission for dinner, reassembled at the stand, and was led in prayer by Eld. F. H. Kerfoot. After some remarks by Eld. R. M. Dudley, addresses were made by Elds. S. H. Ford and L. B. Woolfolk. The hour being late Eld. S. L. Helm, who was to have spoken, proposed that all who approved of the Centennial work, and who would labor for it, should manifest it by a rising vote, when nearly the entire audience arose.

The Association then adjourned to meet at the stand Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The Association called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Eld. W. C. Jones.

Minutes of Wednesday read and adopted.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Circular Letter reported, recommending its adoption without alteration or amendment. Adopted.

The Committee on Rules reported. Report received and Rules adopted. (See Rules.)

The Committee on Religious Services announced that Elds. W. H. Felix, C. G. Skillman and L. B. Woolfolk would preach to-day.

The Corresponding Letter was presented by the committee and adopted.

Voted that members of any church in the Association attending any of the following Associations with which we correspond, be recognized as our Messengers, viz.: Bracken, Concord, Union, Long Run, Boone's Creek, Baptist, South District, Franklin, Daviess County, North Bend, Irvine, Sulphur Fork, Tate's Creek, Shelby County, Greenup, Booneville.

The report on State Missions was made by Eld. A. B. Miller, and discussed by Elds. J. C. Freeman, A. B. Miller, L. B. Woolfolk, B. Manly, S. L. Helm and Bro. J. J. Rucker.

Eld. L. B. Woolfolk offered the following resolutions as an amendment:

RESOLVED. That we earnestly recommend to the State Mission Board of

the General Association the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Lexington, as a proper object of a liberal appropriation.

RESOLVED, That we will use our influence to induce the churches of Elkhorn Association to enlarge their contributions to the Board, so far as to cover the amount so appropriated.

The amendment was concurred in and report adopted. (See Report E.)

On motion Eld. S. L. Helm was added to the Committee on Education, and the Committee requested to prepare a Report immediately.

Bro. J. W. Cooper, Sunday School Superintendent, made the annual report of the Sunday Schools in the Association. Adopted. (See Sunday School Report.)

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

Executive Committee of Elkhorn Association—J. J. Rucker, C. Lewis, R. M. Dudley, R. S. Henderson, T. B. Crutcher, J. H. Talbutt, J. W. Cooper.

Foreign Missions—D. Thomas, J. N. Bradley, W. J. Neale, J. A. Darnaby, B. W. House.

Home Missions—H. McDonald, B. Manly, H. H. McDowell, J. Stout, B. G. Tyler.

State Missions—S. L. Helm, J. C. Freeman, A. M. Young, A. T. McMeekin, A. L. Wright.

Education—C. Lewis, W. S. Ryland, W. D. Bryant, I. P. Shelby, S. Black.

Superintendent of Sunday Schools—W. T. Hearne.

Eld. S. L. Helm read the Report on Education, and made some remarks; followed by Elds. R. Ryland and R. M. Dudley. Report adopted. (See Report F.)

Eld. L. B. Woolfolk offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That this Association heartily commend to our people our Baptist State paper, THE WESTERN RECORDER, as an able and fearless exponent of Baptist principles, well worthy our patronage, and deserving a place in every Baptist household.

Adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Eld. B. Manly, and adopted:

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the body be extended to the brethren and friends of Clear Creek Church and community, for the generous hospitality extended to the messengers and visitors of this Association.

Eld. L. B. Woolfolk was chosen to preach the next Introductory Sermon. Eld. H. McDonald, alternate.

The Association then adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Sermons were preached by Elds. W. H. Felix and C. G. Skillman. After some concluding remarks by Eld. C. Lewis, the parting hand was given, and the Association adjourned *sine die*.

GEORGE HUNT, *Moderator*.

B. W. D. SEELEY, *Clerk*.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

*The Elkhorn Association in Session with the Church at Clear Creek,
To the Associations with which we Correspond:*

DEAR BRETHREN—We send to you this, our Letter of Annual Greeting. We pray that our Heavenly Father may grant to you a meeting as full of harmony and enjoyment as this meeting has been to us. Our churches, by their letters, represent, generally, a state of brotherly love and prosperity within their borders; and some of them report a considerable number of additions by baptism, whilst others have not been the recipients of the grace of God in this respect. May He bless us more abundantly is our earnest prayer. We think we can see a growing interest in the great Sunday School work in our midst. Care and solicitude for the souls of the youth growing up around us, should more earnestly engage the attention of all of us. This marks the ninetieth year of our existence, and we hope, during the coming year, to show that we are not ungrateful for the many blessings which we have received from our Father since our organization, by a liberal donation in the great Centennial movement upon which we are just entering. We beg you to do the same. Let us raise here our Ebenezer, feeling that "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us." Our next meeting will be held with the *Church at Stamping Ground, Scott county, on Tuesday after the second Saturday in August, 1876*, to which we cordially invite your attendance.

GEO. HUNT, *Moderator.*

B. W. D. SEELEY, *Clerk.*

CIRCULAR LETTER.

A BAPTIST PECULIARITY.

The present hour is an auspicious one for Baptist churches, because circumstances have conspired to awaken a careful investigation of those principles which distinguish them from other christian peoples. When the ground has been fully explored, and the truth in this respect has been fairly manifested, we opine that those differences will be found to apply to other and far more important things than is commonly supposed.

Perhaps, if it were asked of those without our own membership, and, possibly, of some within our membership, "What is the peculiarity of the Baptists?" in the majority of cases, the answer would probably be, that the Baptists practice immersion. It is a stinging taunt that is frequently hurled against us, that we have divided christendom, and built up a sect upon a mere *form*; and that form a matter of indifference as respects its administration. If the taunt was true, it would be ruinous to our claims to public regard. But against its truth we enter our honest and indignant demurrer.

A brother, honored and beloved, has written a book which he has called, "Three reasons why I am a Baptist." Those three reasons are: that the Baptists hold to and practice immersion, believers baptism, and restricted communion. In a most important sense these are peculiarities of the Baptists; and for proof of the scripturalness of these peculiarities we may confidently refer the public to Dr. Pendleton's excellent book. But as a statement of Baptist peculiarities, we regard the "Three Reasons" as a partial and superficial presentation of the truth, and, therefore, so far forth an unfortunate one. There is something back of, and underlying these surface indications; something that is necessary to the rounded fullness of the truth, and that should never be lost sight of—a peculiarity out of which these aforementioned peculiarities logically grow, and without which they would lose much of their force and consistency. We refer to the peculiar views of Baptists concerning the WORD OF GOD. We sound it out on the public ear as a Baptist peculiarity, that they believe that the Holy Scriptures are, at once, the only authoritative and the all sufficient rule of faith and practice in the churches. This grand truth was the basis of the Reformation of the Sixteenth Century. And just as far as that Reformation was a success at all, it was the energy and power of this truth that gave it success. But the Reformers were unfaithful in carrying this truth to its legitimate length. While in their creeds they distinctly avowed it, in their works they denied it. Both Luther and Calvin held to the supremacy and all sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures; yet Luther gave his authority to infant baptism, while admitting the New Testament contained no authority for it; and Calvin said that the word baptize meant to immerse, and that it is certain that immersion was the practice of the primitive churches, and yet he practiced sprinkling. They thus practically abandoned the very truth that gave vitality to their own protest against Rome, for the traditions and commandments of the Church of Rome. And there is nothing that gives the Catholic more pleas-

ure to-day than to taunt the disciples of the Reformers with their inconsistency to their own principles in these particulars.

On the contrary, the Baptists have ever held that the Holy Scriptures are the only authoritative and all-sufficient rule, in all matters of faith and practice. We hold that the decrees of Popes, synods, councils, assemblies of churches, are of no binding force or authority whatever, except only so far as they agree with the Word of God; and then of force only because authorized by that Word. We believe that one chapter, page, verse, should have greater weight in the churches than the combined laws and declarations of Christendom—Protestant or Papist—even though promulgated under the most dreadful anathemas.

And Baptists believe in the all-sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures; that they contain every thing that is needful for us to know or do; that nothing has been omitted that is necessary to the prosperity or perpetuity of the churches

In consequence of this, Baptists throw overboard the traditions of the past, the teachings of the Fathers (so called), and the edicts of councils. They take as their only chart and compass, the Holy Word of God. The enquiry is: What saith the Scriptures? And from their decision there is no appeal. If a truth be found in them, all the authority of earth cannot remove it. If it is not found in them, all the authority on earth cannot place it there, or make it binding upon his churches as a matter of faith and practice.

And this is a peculiarity from which our other peculiarities naturally and necessarily result. Baptists do not practice infant baptism, because, believing the Scriptures to be an all-sufficient rule of faith and practice, they find no trace of infant baptism in them. Baptists cannot recognize sprinkling or pouring as baptism, because, recognizing the supreme authority of the Word of God, they cannot substitute a human ordinance for the one baptism of the New Testament, which plainly enough is immersion. Let us hold on to this peculiarity, and pray that all christians may be brought to its acknowledgment. Let us cherish the Holy Scriptures, and labor for their dissemination as the true and only light of the world.

(A.)

Report of Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee, appointed at the last session to arrange measures for sustaining missionaries within the bounds of this Association, and in its neighborhood, beg leave to report that, after consultation and inquiry, they deemed it best that we should concentrate all our efforts on endeavoring to raise funds for the general work of State Missions, as conducted by our General Association Board, and that it is inexpedient to establish any separate mission. We are glad to know that the voluntary efforts of our brethren have led to the organization of two new Churches within our bounds, Bethlehem and the Pilgrim Baptist Church in Lexington, both of which give good promise of usefulness.

B. MANLY, Ch'n.

(B.)

Report on Foreign Missions.

The Lord Jesus Christ came into this world to seek and to save the lost. With unwearied love He went about doing good. His last command to the disciples whom He loved and taught, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," breathes the same divine compassion and beneficence. In order that it might be fulfilled, He gave the sweetest promise that ever fell from His lips, to cheer the toilers in their great work, "Lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Every era of high spiritual life has been distinctively marked by an enlarged missionary spirit. It has been by the preaching of the gospel that the dark places of the earth have been brought to God—that the wilderness has blossomed as the garden of the Lord. All the Christianity there is in the world has been by the blessing of God upon missionary work. Shall we doubt the purpose and grace of God in the evangelization of the world? Rather let us recognize what great things He has done for us in these latter days of evangelistic labor among the heathen. Gratefully acknowledging the success that has been given by other laborers in the various mission fields of the world, we bow in gratitude to the Head of the Church that he has been pleased to honor the Baptist Churches in using them prominently in this blessed work.

Scarcely a century since, our Missionaries went far hence to the Gentiles with the great message of God, and behold what harvests have been gathered unto eternal life. "In Asia 454 Churches, 227 ordained ministers and 30,000 members—a greater number than this having passed away from earth. In Africa we have 24 Churches, 25 ordained ministers and 2,020 members. In Australia we have 144 Churches, 86 ministers and 5,645 members: while in North America we have increased during the century from 15,000 or 20,000 to 1,832,685. In Europe we have increased from about the same number to 281,124, making the sum total of 2,153,685 up to the present time. Surely the labor which has been crowned with such results has not been in vain.

There is nothing more plainly read in the history of the past than this, that when a people forget or disregard the spirit and work of the justly styled great commission, such a people cease to be witnesses for Christ, and that when in the spirit of our crucified Lord, we labor for those that are ready to perish, the Divine blessing rests upon the laborers.

If the above mentioned results had not been attained, still the efforts to honor Jesus in having him known, would have brought reflex blessings that would have filled our hearts with joy.

We have our Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention working amidst embarrassments, and maintaining its stations for the Master in Asia, Africa and Italy with forty-eight missionaries in its employ. The contributions of Kentucky Baptists, for the year ending last May, were \$5,578 32. while there was contributed from all sources to the work of the Board, \$33,218 35.

We would recommend that each Church should take up a regular, annual contribution for Foreign Missions.

That our brethren and their fields of labor should be remembered often in our prayers. That the claims of the heathen, and the command of our Lord to preach the gospel to them should be frequently urged by our ministers, the facts and incidents of missionary labor should be brought before our people. Christian people, especially the young, should be encouraged to read the lives of eminent missionaries, such as that of Dr. Judson.

That we would recommend the observance of the request of Dr. Tupper, the Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board—That the Churches of this Association, which have not taken up a collection this year for Foreign Missions, should do so the first Sunday in October.

That we recommend, where practicable, the observance of the monthly concert of prayer for Foreign Missions.

HENRY McDONALD,
D. THOMAS,
W. S. RYLAND,
A. M. ALEXANDER.

(C.)

Report on Home Missions.

The cause of Home Missions, for some reason which your committee cannot ascertain, seems to be exciting very little interest just now in all our Southern States, as well as in Kentucky. The report of contributions, made to the last Southern Baptist Convention by the Home Mission Board, showed a vast decrease in the amounts from the several States. And owing to some presumed dissatisfaction with the Secretary, he resigned his place, and another was selected, but having refused to accept, we are not now posted as to the operations of the Board. It may be that the falling off of contributions and the decrease in the zeal for this object, may be more apparent than real. So many Associations, local as well as State, are carrying on the work of supplying destitution in their fields, that much which formerly was done by the Marion Board may now be done by this indirect agency, which is accomplishing the same end. So far, however, as Kentucky is concerned, we are certainly delinquents. For while we have been proposing to do our own State work, the General Association, at its session in Bowling-Green, adopted a resolution that Kentucky would sustain Bro. Buckner as our missionary to the Indians, auxiliary to the Marion Board. This has not been done, and the Recorder of 17th July, contained a sad tale from Bro. Buckner of his destitution, through our failure to meet that pledge. We have now a District Secretary for Kentucky, who, with his assistants, are canvassing the State; and your committee recommend that the contributions taken up within the Elkhorn Association, be directed by each Church to be sent directly to Bro. Buckner. And that all the Pastors in the Association be requested to lay his matter before their Churches, and urge them to a more earnest effort to keep our devoted and faithful missionary from the pressing need of support for his family, which must necessarily greatly interfere with his usefulness.

C. LEWIS,
A. S. PETTIE,
T. S. WILLIAMS,
B. G. TYLER.

(D.)

Report of Centennial Committee.

The year 1876 will mark the advent, one hundred years ago, of the first Baptist preachers to Kentucky. They were, Thomas Tinsley and William Hickman. The labors of these humble men, begun in the fear of God and the love of the gospel, have multiplied into hundreds of ministers and tens of thousands of church members. In humble recognition of our gratitude for what our fathers have, under God, accomplished, it is proposed to hold in the city of Louisville, in May, 1876, a Centennial Mass Meeting.

It is farther proposed that our gratitude shall not expend itself in thanksgiving and prayer, however sincere, but take the more substantial form of a lasting memorial. This memorial, it is proposed, shall be increased facilities for higher education, by placing our educational institutions upon a firmer and broader basis. In furtherance of this object, addresses will be delivered by Elders J. A. Kirtley, B. Manly and W. H. Felix, this forenoon; S. H. Ford, L. B. Woolfolk and S. L. Helm, this afternoon.

It is also recommended that a committee be appointed in each Church, whose business it shall be to see that every member of the Church and congregation shall have an opportunity to contribute.

Farther, that every Pastor be requested to preach, or have preached, a special sermon on the subject, explaining its objects and importance.

R. M. DUDLEY,
J. H. TALBUTT,
R. S. HENDERSON.

(E.)

Report on State Missions.

Your Committee on State Missions would respectfully Report the following:

The Report of the Corresponding Secretary of the Executive Board of the General Association at the meeting in May, showed an increase in the Missionary efforts throughout the State; and the Board of the General Association seem determined to improve the great Centennial movement in the interest of their work as well as the special objects of this grand uprising. Quite a number of Missionaries are employed to labor in the destitute portions of the State, and money is being raised by the financial agents of the Board to sustain them, and also to aid several weak churches, some of which are in this Association.

We regret to learn from our State Agent, that the contributions to the State work from this Association were smaller than for several years.

Your Committee would suggest than an increased effort be made by our churches for our State work, as the Board of the General Association are expending more than usual in our bounds.

J. C. FREEMAN.
A. B. MILLER.
H. McDONALD.
W. T. HEARNE.

(F.)

Report on Education.

WHEREAS a great movement is being made by Kentucky Baptists to increase the endowments funds of our Colleges—Georgetown and Bethel; and complete the portion assigned to Kentucky to raise an endowment for the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That we approve of the movement, and urge upon the members of our churches to give liberally to these causes.

Resolved, That while we feel fully the importance of a thorough theological training for all our young ministers, we feel equal interest in the education of the masses.

Resolved, That the past eminent usefulness of Georgetown College to our cause in Kentucky and elsewhere, entitles it to the full confidence of all lovers of education and religion, and to their increased liberality.

Resolved, That we owe it to ourselves, our daughters, and the cause of Christ, to patronize our own Female Schools.

Resolved, That we cordially approve of the appointment of Rev. R. M. Dudley as agent for Georgetown College, and earnestly request our brethren to cordially receive him, and liberally contribute to the cause he represents

S. L. HELM.
J. H. TALBUTT.
W. J. NEAL.

Report of Committee on Rules.

1. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen annually by ballot, immediately after reading the letters and credentials; those of the former year continuing in office until the choice is made.

2. The rules usually adopted by parliamentary bodies shall govern the proceedings, of this Association so far as they can be applied to a religious organization, or as they are not contrary to any of the rules herewith adopted.

3. The Clerk shall keep a record of the proceedings, take care of the books and papers belonging to the Association, and furnish a copy of the Minutes of its transactions at each session for publication and distribution among the churches.

4. At every sitting, business shall be opened and closed with prayer by the Moderator, or whomsoever he may request.

5. Corresponding members and ministers invited to a seat with the Association may debate, but shall not vote on any subject before it.

6. No member of the Association shall absent himself without leave of the Moderator.

7. No person shall speak more than once on any motion, until all others wishing to speak have spoken, unless by the permission of the Association.

8. Arrangements for the next Association shall not be attended to on the first day of the session.

9. When two or more churches apply for the Association to be held with them, the one applying which has been the longest without it shall be entitled to it.

10. On the opening of the business on the second day of the session, the Roll of Messengers from the churches shall be called, and the names of those who have not arrived shall be stricken off; nevertheless, ministers and licentates shall be inserted with the mark of absence.

11. The basis of representation from the churches shall be two for each church, and an additional one for fifty members, and one for every fraction over twenty—and no one shall be eligible to a seat who is not a member of the church sending him.

12. The Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected, if necessary, before the rising of the Association.

12. These Rules shall be distinctly read by the Clerk immediately after the organization of the Association.

ANNUAL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	ADDITIONS				DIMINUTIONS				PASTORS.	CLERKS.
		Experi- ence and Baptism.	Letter.	Relat- ion.	Restored.	Letter.	Exclud- ed.	Dead.	TOTAL.		
Clear Creek	Woodford.	20	3			3	2		57	H. T. Daniel, Georgetown.	J S Arnold, Versailles.
Great Crossings	Scott.		5			4			67	B. Manly, Georgetown.	J N Bradley, Georgetown.
Bryan's Station	Fayette					1	1		45	R. Ryland, Lexington.	E F Darnaby, Lexington.
East Hickman	Fayette	15	5	1		11	3	2	170	W. S. Ryland, Lexington.	I P Shelby, Lexington.
Stamping Ground	Scott.	1	2	1	1	3	1		272	R. M. Dudley, Georgetown	W B Galloway, Georgetown.
Dry Run	Scott.		1			4	2		101	L. H. Salin, Monterey	W J Neale, Dry Run.
Silas	Bourbon	20	1			4	1		104	L. H. Salin, Monterey	W Sparks, Leesburg, Harrison Co.
Glen's Creek	Woodford.	12	2			5	2		82	J. C. Freeman, Lexington	A Hammond, Versailles.
Hillsboro	Woodford.	4	1			4	1	3	129	George Hunt, Versailles	I N Gray, Mortonsville.
Mt. Pleasant	Jessamine.	2				11	1		97	R. M. Dudley, Georgetown	H W Cleaveland, Keene.
David's Fork	Fayette.	1				2		3	147	R. M. Dudley, Georgetown	C B Quisenberry, Clintonville.
Georgetown	Scott.	10	8			18	1		167	H. McDonald, Georgetown	J E Farnam, Georgetown.
Lexington	Fayette	69	17			45	6		510	L. B. Woolfolk, Lexington	B P Carpenter, Lexington.
Paris	Bourbon		8			6	1	1	98	A. N. White, Paris	James Paton, Paris.
Mt. Vernon	Woodford.	26	1			5	4		204	C. Lewis, Frankfort	B W D Seeley, Midway.
Cane Run	Fayette	4	1			6	1		78	A. S. Pettie, Lexington	P H Thompson, Lexington.
Versailles	Woodford.		1			4	1		87	George Hunt, Versailles	C R Burke, Versailles.
Nicholasville	Jessamine.	3	3			4	1	1	57	S. L. Helm, Nicholasville	J Q Baker, Nicholasville.
South Elkhorn	Fayette	14	6			28	2	3	71	J. C. Freeman, Lexington	B Bosworth, Slickaway.
Long Lick	Scott.	28	3		1			2	141	J. A. Peters.	A J Hiles.
Hartwood	Scott.								30		S Estes, Little Eagle.
Mt. Freedom*	Jessamine								15	G. D. Hunt, Lexington	J H Wilson, Pekin.
Providence	Franklin.	3						1	64	C. Lewis, Frankfort	R Wilson, Frankfort.
Midway	Woodford.		3			4			83	F. H. Kerfoot, Georgetown	R H Stout, Midway.
Bethlehem	Fayette	2	6						24		F Spencer, South Elkhorn.
Pilgrim	Fayette	4	6			1			61		L Thomson, Lexington.
*No. for 1874 given.	Total	239	82	2	2	173	14	35	2961		

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CHURCHES.	No. Teach- ers and Officers.	No. of so lars.	No. of Months in Year.	S. S. Papers distributed monthly.	Volumes in Libr-ry.	Conver- sions in S. Schools.	Contrib- tions for Sunday Schools.	Superintendent.	Post Office Address.
Clear Creek	9	50	8	50		15	\$10 00	H. T. Daniel,	Georgetown.
Great Crossings.....	5	30	12	39				J. N. Bradley, ...	Georgetown.
Bryan's Station									
East Hickman	8	40	8	120	100	2	20 00	J. W. Berry,	Lexington.
Stamping Ground	8	54	6	80	150		25 00	J. H. Cannon, ...	Stamping Ground.
Dry Run									
Silas									
Glen's Creek	10	35	8	70	240	6	90 00	J. L. Whittington,	Versailles.
Hillsboro	10	60	8	120		2	25 00	George Hunt,	Versailles.
Mt. Pleasant.....									
David's Fork.....	8	50	8	112	250		35 00	A. M. Alexander,....	Chilesburg.
Georgetown	13	101	12	30		7	110 86	J. J. Rucker,.....	Georgetown..
Lexington	30	350	12	1000	300	25	250 00	Hugh Hicks,	Lexington.
Paris	10	75	12	75	250		50 00	A. N. White,	Paris.
Mt. Vernon	11	86	12	80	400	17	60 00	John Stout,	Midway.
Cane Run	11	72	8	120	200	2	30 00	J. W. Cooper,	Lexington.
Versailles	12	50	12	100	300		40 00	D. M. Megee,	Versailles.
Nicholasville.....	7	40	12	100	300			W. H. Cook,....	Nicholasville.
South Elkhorn	12	60	12	100	500	5	60 00	W. T. Hearne,	Lexington.
Long Lick									
Hartwood									
Mt. Freedom									
Providence	7	44	8	24	150		25 00	Stephen Black,	Frankfort.
Midway	9	45	12	25				B. Branham,	Midway.
Oakland Mission...	6	35	6		75			Thos. Spicer,	Peak's Mills.
Perry Mission.	5	30	6	30			10 00	R. Sprake,	Stamping Ground.
Bethlehem.	8	25	8	80			6 00	J. S. Burrier,	Lexington.
Pilgrim	16	185	12	6000			250 00	Daniel Waide,	Lexington.
Total,	215	1517		8435	3215	81	\$1096 86	Respectfully submitted, JNO. W. COOPER, Superintendent.	