## MINUTES

OF THE:

## FIF'TY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

## LONG RUN ASSOCIATION <br> OF <br> UNITED <br> BAPTISTS, <br> HELD AT

ELK CREEK CHURCHI, SPENCER COUNTY, KY., SEPTEMBER 7, AND 8, 1860.

FIRST DAY.
Friday, September $7,1860$.
The Association convened at $10 \frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, A. M., Elder Smith Thomas, Moderator.

Opened by singing and prayer.

1. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. M. Weaver, from I Cor., ii: 2. "For I determined not to know any thing among' you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified." (Delivered at the stand.).
2. The letters from the Churches were then read, and the names of the messengers enrolled as follows:

Elk Creek -Josiah Reasor, James Heady, P. Carlin, R. Van Dyke, Bryant Sloan.*

Long Run-Elder W. E. Powers, F. Luttrell, Wm. Cinnamond, Geo. Hudson, John Johnson,* Jas. G. Malone.

Beck Creek-(. Doyle, J. L. Demaree, H. H. Stout, E. Stout. Isaac Newland, J. Marshall, D. P. Stout.

King's-Elder Wm. P. Barnett, Wm. Markwell, Taylor Gentry, John B. Markwell.

Berk's Braneh-Elder A. B. Knight, M. Collier. E. Menton. A. Genovely, E. B. Mc Williams, T. W. Tucker, G. Johnston.

Little Mount-James Reasor, J. B. Ford, E. D. Massie, Jas. Allen, T'. W. Connelly.

Shelbyville-Elders S. F. Thompson, Jas. W. Goodman, B. F. Hungerford, and Brothers J. R. Stanley, N. Howell, J. W. Stone, F. H. Garnett, E. Scope.

Floyd's Fork-N. Hawker, J. I. Netherton, N. W. Hobbs, $A$. Vanarsdel, J. M. Crutcher, R. A. Seato.
Taylorsville-A. H. McKay, Thos. Tichenor, J. J. Wood, Joseph Hill, Z. A. Carruthers, Elder J. M. Weaver.

Plum Creek-G. W. Stratton, Jas. B. Tichenor, A. C. Kincheloe, Milton McGrew, M. V. Buckner.

Srmpsonville-Elders J. Dale,* A. Hunter, Brethren J. Shouse, T Shanks, J. Robinson, B. Shouse.

East Baptist Church-Elders J. M. Bennett, S. H. Ford, Jer. Bush, S. J. Evans, Jno. S. Hubbard, H. McDonald,* S. N. Hodges.* Cedar Creek-Ed. Wigginton, J. H. Harrison,* J. W. Maddox, J. Hays.

Jeffersontown-Wm. Vaughan, L. Fields, Wm. Tyler, Chas. T. Tucker.*

Clayvillage-S. P. Middleton, J. T. Middleton, Henry Vannatta; * Jas. A. Gill, Jas. Weakley,* Elder S. Thomas.

Buck Creek, 2d-Thos. Long, Jas. Van Dyke, Wm. Pemberton, L. R. Finch, B. C. Stephens, A. W. Thomas.

Lititle Flock-H. B. North,* W. A. Cardin, Elder J. A. Ireland.
Pleasant Grove-G. 'I. Wilcox, Wm. Tinsley,* John Wilcox,* J. W. Williamson.*

Walnut Street-L. W. Allen, J. Otis.
Jefferson Street-Elders A. C. Osborn, J. H. Brown, G. Gates,* 1. C. Matthews, Wm. Garnett,* Jos. F. Pearson,* Joseph Thomas.

German Church-G. Wagner, J. S. Gubelman.
First Colored-Represented by letter only.
Second Colored-Represented by letter.
Fifth and York Street-Represented by letter.
Portland-Not represented this year.
Befchland-Jos. O. Smith W. T. Kennedy,* Thos. D. Spain.*
Knob Creek-L. C. Torrey, Jas. Beard,* Peter Jacobs.*
The morning session was adjourned with prayer, by Elder J. C. Rush.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

1. The delegates met at the house, and cast their votes for Moderator and Clerk. Eilder S. H. Ford was chosen Moderator, and J. Otis, Clerk.

Brother Thomas, after a few appropriate remarks, invited Brother Ford to the Chair, and, after prayer by Brother Thomas, the Moderator announced the meeting organized and ready for business.
3. On motion, it was agreed that the pastor of Elk Creek Church, and delegates of said Church, be appointed a committee to arrange the religious exercises for to-night and to-morrow.

Committee reported that Brethren' D. R. Campbell and J. B. Tharp would preach immediately at the stand.

3: An opportunity was then given to churches to unite with the Association, whereupon a letter from Beechland Church, Jefferson County, constituted 1860, was presented, accompanied with the Articles of Faith, as held by the United Baptists; and, after the reading of the letter, she was unanimously voted a member of the body.

Also, a letter and Articles of Faith, same as above, were presented by the Church called Knob Creek, in Bullitt County, constituted 1860, asking for admittance. Letter was read, and Knob Creek Church voted a member of the body by a unanimous vote.

The Moderator then gave the messengers of the Churches just admitted, the right hand of fellowship, and welcomed them into the Association.
4. Letters from corresponding Associations called for, read, and messengers' names enrolled as follows, viz:

Elkhorn-President D. R. Campbell.
Franklin-Elder J. B. Tharp.
Baptist-Not represented by letter or messenger.
Middle District-Elder W. G. Hobbs, P. Snyder, S. Ruble, H. White, W. Doolin, W. H. Graves.

Sulphur Fork-Elder J. C. Freeman.
Concord-Not represented by letter or messenger.
South District-Elder V. E. Kirtley.
Velson Association-Elder Wm. Vaughan, A. King.
Salem-Elder W. Wright.
5. On motion, the Moderator and Clerk were appointed a committee to arrange the business of the Association, and report the first thing to-morrow.
6. On motion, Brother S. J. Evans and Elder S. F. Thompson were appointed to write the Corresponding Letter, and report to-morrow.
7. On motion, brethren of the same faith and order, not delegates, were invited to seats in the Association, when the following names were reported and welcomed to the deliberations of the body, viz:

Elders H. F. Buckner, J. C. Rush, Wm. Jones, T. M. Gray, and Garland Williams.
8. The following brethren then volunteered to go as delegates to corresponding Associations.

Elkhorn-Elder S. H. Ford, B. C. Stephens, J. Otis.
Nelson-Elder J. M. Weaver, J. Y. Netherton, J. Otis.
Franklin-Elder S. H. Ford.
Middle District-Elders S. F. Thompson, A. B. Knight, and Brethren F. Garnett, and E. D. Massie.

Concord-Elder S. H. Ford.
Sulphur Fork-Elders L. W. Allen, S. H. Ford, J. M. Bennett, S. F. Thompson, A. B. Knight, B. F. Hungerford, A. B. Hunter, W. F. Powers, Smith Thomas, and Brethren Geo. Jobnson, J. Otis, Caleb Doyle, and D. P. Stout.

Salem-Elder J. H. Brown.
South District-J. Otis.
General Association-Elder S. H. Ford, J. M. Bennett, S. F. Thompson, J. M. Weaver.
9. The following report of the Executive Board was read by Elder 8. F. Thompson; and, after remarks by Brethren Powers, Thomas, Osborn, and others, was unanimously adopted:
REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE LONG RUN ASSOCIATION, SHELBYVILLE, KY.
Your Committee beg leave to submit the following report :
We had much difficulty in determining the extent of the destitution in our bounds, which delayed, somewhat, our action. But finally, September 30, 1859, the Board resolved on occupying with a missionary, the following territory, laying south of Louisville, extending from the city to the mouth of Salt River ( 21 miles), thence up Salt River to Shepherdsville ( 15 miles), thence back to Louisville by the Louisville $\mathbb{d}$ Nashville Railroad ( 20 miles).

The Secretary was authorized to open a correspondence with Elder Jas. Brown, soliciting him to become our missionary, at a salary of $\$ 600$ per annum. It was not until the first Saturday in March, 1860, that our negotiations with him ceased, which resulted in his refusal to accept our proposition, owing to other engagements.
The Secretary was requested to open a correspondence with Elder Joseph Porter, and he was engaged to labor at the rates specified above. He entered on his labore,
but soon was compelled, from ill health, to tender his resignation, which was received with sadness by us.

April 17, we opened a correspondence with Brother W. F. Powers, who personally appeared before the Committee, and he was engaged at the same rates at which we had employed Brother Porter, and entered at once into the work. We felt that, after all of our delays, we had been waiting on the Lord, who sent us the right one at last. His first monthly report was made May 29. Writing to the Chairman of our Board, he says: "I find this to be a very important field-a part of it very wealthy, and a part very poor. I find about twenty-five Baptists, mostly families. The greatest difficulty I have is to get places of worship. There are two points at which I expect to constitute churches shortly-one point about twelve miles below Louisville, and the other about twenty-five miles. Received four by experience and baptism, preached twenty-one sermons, delivered three exhortations, held prayers and religious conversation with a great many families "

We extract from his second report, June 29. He says:
"Commencing about six or seven miles below the city, and extending for near twenty miles, there is a great interest manifested on the subject of religion-as much as I ever saw, where there are so few professors of religion. My labors are as follows, for the month : Preached about twenty-four sermons, visited and held religious conversation and prayer with about fifty families, received, by experience and baptism, iwo."

August 23, Brother Powers reports for the months of July and August as follows:
"I commenced a meeting Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, which lasted iwelve days, about ten miles below the city of Louisville. During the meeting a church was constituted of twelve members, and fourteen received by baptism, so that they now number twenty-six. A general religious feeling pervades, and I think we will soon have a house of our own, in which to worship.
"First Saturday in August I began a meeting with Little Flock, Bullitt Co., Ky. This Church, it is true, was not in my fich, but it is in the edge of it-was almost dead ; having ceased to meet as a church, and no pastor, I took the responsibility on myself. The Church was greatly revived. There were eleven added to the Church, and Brother Ireland agrees to preach for them another year.

* "On Saturday before the third Sunday in August, I commenced a meeting in Bullitt County. I here constituted a church of eight members, and the meeting is still in progress. We have received for baptism up to the present, seven, and still there is a good prospect. I am nearly worn out, and must have rest, as I have been laboring day and night for more than a month."

We have extracted thus from the reports of Brother Powers, that you may see his difficulties and his successes in the canse of his Master. Truly, the Lord has done great things, whereof, as a Church, we should be glad and rejoice, and encouragent to promote the work in this field with more diligence.

We make the following summary of Brother Powers' labors:
Four months in the field, eighty sermons preached, two churches constituted (Beechland, and Knob Creek), one church resuscitated (Little Flock), eighty-three received by experience and baptism, twenty by letter and otherwise.

From this showing, the Committee would urge upon this Association the propriety of redoubling its efforts to evangelize the destitute portions of its own bounds, and their duty of solemn thanksgiving and praise for the suceess that has already attended their efforts, all of which is respectfully sulmitted.

> J. A. GOODMAN, Chairman.
10. On motion, the Treasurer's report was called for, and having been read by Elder A. B. Knight, was unanimously received as correct: 'TREASURER'S REPORT.
Sept., 1860. Received of Burk's Branch Church, per A. B. Knight, as pastor... \$30 00 Received of Rev. W. B. Smith, as General Agent..................... 18265 Contributed by J. W. Goodman ................................................ 500. 00

Total........................................................................... 217 . 65
$\qquad$Paid to J. B. Porter......................................................................... 1400 \$164 00
Leaving balance on hand ..... $\$ 5365$
J. A. MIDDLETON, Treasurer Long Run Association.
secure the appointment of a missionary to the Indians, by that Board, to be supported by your body, and the churches composing the same, would beg leave to make the following report: In obedience to your instructions, we opened a correspondence with our esteemed brother, M. S. Summer, one of the Secretaries of the Board at Marion, and we learned with regret that at that time there was no missionary to be obtained, and the demand was greater than the supply. Things continued thus, and it was not until May, 1860, that we got a favorable response, at which time the Board gave us our esteemed brother, and son of Kentucky, Brother H. F. Buckner, and we are happy to announce Brother Buckner as your missionary, and we feel no hesitancy in saying that you approve the appointment, and that you will liberally support him, and trust that this appointment will add a new impetus 1. your zeal in the great work of Judian Missions, all of which is respectfully submitted.
F. IH. GARNETT, Cl'm.)
$\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { JOHN W. STONE, } \\ \text { S. F. THOMPSON, }\end{array}\right\}$ Committec.
12. The Committee on Religious Exercises, reported Brethren L. W. Allen would preach at early candle light this evening at the church, J. M. Bennett, at the same hour at Taylorsville, and on to-morrow, after the Annual Sermon, by Brother Thompson, at the house; Elderis Wm. Vaughan and J. C. Rush would preach at the stand.
13. After prayer, adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock, A. m.

## SECOND DAY.

Saturday, 9 o'clock, a. m.

1. Opened by singing and prayer.

2 . Annual Sermon, by Elder S. F. Thompson.
3. The roll was called, and absentees marked.
4. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.
5. The committee to arrange the business, reported as follows, and report adopted, viz:

1st. Report on religious exercises.
2nd. Reading of Circular Letter.
3rd. Appoint a Committee on Education, to report next year.
4th. Appoint a Committee on Sabbath Schools, to report next year.
5th. Appoint an Executive Board and Treasurer.
6th. Indian Missions.
7 th. Reading of Corresponding Letter.
8th. General business, resolutions, etc.
9 th. Select the place of holding the next meeting.
10th. Appoint some one to preach the next Introductory Sermon; also to preach the Annual Sermon, and to write the Circular Letter.
6. It was announced that Elders Wm. Vaughan and J. C. Rush would preach at the stand in the morning, and Elders H. F. Buckner and W. Wright, in the afternoon.
7. Circular Letter called for, and the writer, Elder J. W. Goodman, reported not prepared, and was excused by the Association from the duty.
8. On motion, Elder B. F. Hungerford was appointed to report on education next year.
9. On motion, Jider A. C. Osborn was appointed to report on Sunday schools next year.
10. On motion, the following Executive Committee was appointed: Elders J. W. Goodman, S. F. Thompson, A. B. Knight, and Brethren John Hansbrough, J. R. Stanley, John W. Stone, E. Swope, and J. A. Middleton, Treasurer.
11. The subject of Indian Missions was made the special order for this afternoon.
12. Corresponding Letter read, approved, and ordered to be appended to the Minutes.
13. Adjourned, after prayer, to meet at 2 o'clock, p. m.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

14. After singing and prayer, the Moderator announced that the Association was ready for business.
15. The subject of Indian Missions was taken up as per order, and the Association was addressed by Elder H. F. Buckner, missionary to the Creek Indians. After the address, it was resolved that Brother Buckner's salary be $\$ 1,000$ per year whilst he continues the missionary of this Association, and that the Board at Marion, Alabama, we informed of said resolution, and request their agent to visit our bounds and raise the sum specified.
16. On further motion, it was resolved that two hundred dollars of the above salary be paid over to Sister Buckner, wife of Brother H. F. Buckner, annually, as a donation from the Long Run Association, for her special benefit.
17. An opportunity was then given to any person to contribute to the support of Brother Buckner, and the following amounts were paid :

| R. Van Dyke | \$500 | Thos. Long. | 100 |
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| James Matthews | 500 | A. C. Kincheloe. | 00 |
| S. J. Evans. | 500 | H. L. Gaunt. | 00 |
| Elder Wn. Vaughan | 100 | Jas. P. Tichenor | 200 |
| Jno. Y. Netherton ... | 200 | W. T. Tyler. | 50 |
| S. R. Norman | 500 | M. V. Buckner | 200 |
| G. T. Wilcox. | 100 |  | 100 |
| L. Fields. | 100 | Mrs. N. J. Kinne | 50 |
| J. J. Wood. | 100 | Jas. W. Marshall. | 50 |
| Elder J. B. | 100 | Mrs. E. W. Davis. | 50 |
| C. Doyle | 100 | Mrs. E. A. Goodman | 0 |
| Dr. Heady | 300 | S. M. Clarke. | 100 |
| Abner King | 500 | Miss Sallie E. Matthew | 100 |
| J. Shouse.. | 500 | Charles H. Lee.. | 100 |
| J. Robinson | 500 | E. B. Fryar. | 0 |
| John M. Bell. | 200 | Mrs. C. D. Norman | 100 |
| John Hubbard | 500 | N. Hobbs.. | 100 |
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| James Stone | 500 | J. E. Young. | 300 |
| A. W. Thomas. | 100 | T. J. Tichenor | 200 |
| J. W. Stone. | 100 | A. Vanarsdall . | 100 |
| Wm. Stone. | 100 | T. W. Tucker. | 100 |
| Elder A. B. Hunte | 100 | Elder V. E. Kirtley | 100 |
| Lucinda Stone | 100 | Mary McCrocklin. | 500 |
| J. G. Malone. | 100 | Mrs. Martha McKay | 300 |
| J. T. Middleton | 100 | Lucinda Norman. | 100 |
| A. Genovely | 200 | A. H. McKay. | 200 |
| G. Johnston. | 200 | Mrs. V. Clark. | 100 |
| M. McGrew | 100 |  |  |
| Jas. Crutcher. | 100 | Amount paid. | 1950 |
| Elder Jas. W. Go | 200 |  |  |

The following persons subscribed the amounts opposite to their names, for the support of Brother Buckner, payable on demand :
Elder S. H. Ford......................... $\$ 1000$ Mrs. S. P. Otis..................... ....... 300
B. C. Stephens............................... 500 Mrs. Narcis Long............................. 200

Wm. Pemberton............. ............ 500 Miss Mattie Berkley .... . ............. 200
Elder L. W. Allen........................ 1000 Fanny Hobbs................................ 200
Fleming Garnett......................... 500 Mrs. S. A. Netherton.................... 500
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J. E. Martin................................ 100
M. E. Ford..................................... 100
J. B. Markwell

Mrs. B. C. Stephens....................... 100

Elder V. E. Kirtley............................... 200
Mrs. Fanny Tichenor................... 100
Miss Annie 0. Long.......................... 300
Amount subscribed................. $\$ 6900$
Notr.-The amount raised at the stand on Sabbath, has not been reported to the Clerk.
18. On motion and seconded, the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Whereas, The General Association of Kentucky Baptists, at its last session, appointed a Board, to be located at Lexington, Ky., to superintend Bible and Colportage operations within the State, therefore,

Resolved, That this Association approve the establishment of this Board, and thereby request the churches to co-operate with said Board in the appointment of colporters, and to give such encouragement as will secure success to their plans.
19. The following resolution was presented and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That atter paying our missionary, or missionaries, and the expenses of the General Agent of the General Association of Kentucky, for collecting, that the overplus, if any, be annually paid by the Treasurer of this Association, into the treasury of the General Association of Kentucky, to aid in carrying the gospel to the more destitute portions of the State.
20. The vote was then taken for the place of holding the next session, and the Church at Long Run, Jefferson Co., Ky., was selected. Time of holding meeting, the first Friday in September, 1861.
21. Brethren D. R. Campbell, L. W. Allen, and Wm. Vaughan, were, by ballot, elected to preach on to-morrow at the stand, and Brethren W. E. Powers, and A. B. Knight were appointed to preach at the house, to the colored membership, at the same time.
22. The Association then proceeded to ballot for some one to preach the next Introductory Sermon, the next Annual Sermon, and to write the Circular Letter, which resulted as follows: Introductory Sermon, Elder A. B. Knight, Elder J. Mr. Bennett, alternate ; Annual Sermon, Elder J. M. Bennett, Elder S. H. Ford alternate. To write the next Circular Letter, Elder B. F. Hungerford.
23. It was agreed that Elder H. F. Buckner be allowed an opportunity on to-morrow to take up a collection for the benefit of Indian Missions.
24. The Clerk was requested to superintend the printing of the Minutes.

On motion, adjourned, after prayer.
S. H. FORD, Moderator.
J. Otis, Clerk.

## CORRESPONDING LETTER.

## The Long Run Association, to the Associations with whom we correspond, sendeth Christian Salutation.

Dear Brethren : The object of our annual correspondence is not only to convey to you the expression of sincere Christian affection, but to communicate information of the progress and welfare of our churches, and to encourage each other in the holy labors and arduous conflicts of the Kingdom of Christ. In engaging in this pleasing duty, we would humbly acknowledge our obligations to the God of love, who has graciously preserved our lives, watched over the interests of the Church. and given us abundant cause to offer our united and grateful praise to the Throne of Grace; that, while the truth, as it is in Jesus, possesses to us the same quickening power to high and holy excitement, the events of the past year, as detailed in the letters of our churches, present no cause for sorrow or despondency, but powerful incentives for fervent gratitude, ardent effort, and humble joy. Faith in God, and the certain accomplishment of his purpose and promise, do not supercede the necessity of Christian exertion, but rather demands our highest efforts in holy enterprise and vigorous execution. The purposes of God, as developed by his providence in the advancing glory of the Saviour's reign, and the promises of God in their progressive fulfillment, should arouse us from our spiritual lethargy, and impart a sacred energy to all our measures. Let us, then, exert a holy courage in a conflict that must terminate in a glorious victory, and a persevering industry in labors that involve the happiness of man and the interests of eternity. Our toils and sufferings are limited to time; the rewards of grace are glorious and eternal. Therefore, we sincerely pray for the direction of the Moly spirit in your councils, and the blessings of heaven upon your labors.

Our next Association will convene at Long Run, the first Friday in Scptember, 1861.
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