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MINUTES

OF THE SIXTY FIFTH SESSION OF THE

ELKHORN ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS,

Held with the Church at Versailles, Woodford County, Ky.
Commencing on Saturday, the 10th day of August, 1850, and continuing three days.

1. Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder T. J. DRANE, from 1st General Epistle of JOHN, the 4th Chapter and 8th Verse—"He that loveth not, knoweth not God, for God is love."
The LETTERS from the Churches were read at the stand, and the names of the Messengers enrolled as follows:

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Rec'd by Baptism.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dismiss'd by letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total number.
Clear Creek, Great Crossings,	B. Giltner, C. Barnes and Henry Moss. Y. R. PITTS, G. B Long, Asa Smith, W. H. Martin and Beverly Branham.	62	8	1	19	1	5	401
Bryant's Station,	E. DARNEY, G. W. Coons, J. M. Coons and J. E. Chrystal.	4			4		6	204
East Hickman,	R. T. DILLARD, D. T. Carr, E. N. Hart, Isaac Shelby and George Mitchell.	52	10	1	13		4	303
Stamping Ground,	J. D. BLACK,* F. C. McCalla, I. Adams, W. B. Galloway, E. H. Black,* J. R. Ferguson,* M. B. Mothershead, M. Threlkeld, W. H. Stifler.	137	6	2	24	2	10	694
Dry Run, Silas, Glen's Creek, Hillsborough, Mt. Pleasant,	S. Thomason, W Nutter, T Woollum, B C Glass. J. Cantril, H. Shropshire and P. Shropshire. J. L. WALLER, B P Gray, T Hinton, N C Harris. C. L. BARNES, J. D. Carpenter, S. ARNET J. Felix.	40	10	1	5		1	157
	J. R. BARBEE, S. Holloway, O. D. Bryant, N. B. Waller and Jas. E. Hughes.	3	1				1	90
	G. W. Darnaby, M. Coons, J. H. Darnaby, T. M. Wilson, B. Y. Crim, N. F. Eastin, J. Withers.	4	3	1	4	1	1	180
David's Fork,	M. C. H. Kirby and Wm. Brooks.	25	3	4	11	3	4	256
Long Lick, Hartwood, Georgetown,	J. M. FROST,* D. G. Hatch, L. C. Stedman, and D. Thomas.	47	6		7	1	5	220
	W. Sutton and S. M. Berry.	57	4	2	2	2	3	492
Big Spring, Lexington,	J. M. FROST,* D. G. Hatch, L. C. Stedman, and D. Thomas.	18	4		2	3		75
	W. M. PRATT, H. C. Payne, P. H. Kidd, S Kidd, C. R. Thompson, Dr. Payne, G. Cowgill, W. Graves, J. Hoagland, D. Bosworth, J. Thompson, A. S. Drake, J. Estis, and J. Adkins.	2	6		8			34
1st African Ch. Pleasant Green, African Ch. Paris,	Under care 1st Baptist Church.	11	6		25		3	285
Mt. Vernon,	Same care.	17	18	13			3	9
	S. Rule, T. Scott, J. Porter, H. C. Hastings and J. W. KENNY.	105	5	4			4	20
Cane Run, Versailles, African Church, Nicholasville,	L. W. SEELY, J. D. Hagar, S. Shipp, and J. M. Davis.	31	5				3	2
	James Ware, P. Henry Thomson.	15	5	8	3	3	6	229
	W. D. Young, R. Jesse and B. C. Bradley.	6	2	6			2	5
	Under care Versailles church.	3	5	1			1	82
	T. J. DRANE, J. F. Barkley and S. P. Waller.	14	6	7			2	39
		12	8				1	4
		4	1	1	3			89
		4	1	1	3			34
		669	121	52	130	29	93	642

* Absent. SMALL CAPITALS—Ordained Ministers. *Italics*—Licentiates.

2. The Messengers assembled at the Meeting House and elected Elder JOHN L. WALLER, Moderator, and F. C. M'CALLA, Clerk. The Moderator called the Association to order, and prayer was offered by Elder R. T. Dillard.

3. Letters from corresponding Associations called for, read, and the names of Messengers enrolled as follows:

North Bend.—No letter, John J. Johnson.

Baptist.—S. Ruffner, J. Hayden and R. H. Slaughter.

Concord.—T. Hanks, Z. Ransdell and Alvin Mothershead.

Long Run.—W. F. BROADBUSH and J. Ford.*

Tates Creek.—No letter, Bro. Chenault.

Franklin.—F. H. HODGES, C. LEWIS, J. R. Scott, S. B. Scofield and B. T.

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South District.—No letter, no Messengers.

Boone's Creek.—No letter, no Messengers.

Union.—Henry Ekler, Henry Bell, George King, Levi Walter and R. Roux.

Ten Mile.—No letter nor Messenger.

Bracken.—No letter nor Messenger.

South Ky.—No letter nor Messenger.

Sulphur Fork.—No letter nor Messenger.

4. Elder J. M. Frost failed to present the Circular Letter; and Brothers Hughes and Kenney were appointed to prepare one and present it on Monday.

5. The following Ministers were elected to preach on Lord's Day, at the Stand: R. T. Dillard, J. L. Waller and J. Bryce; and on Monday, J. W. Goodman, F. H. Hodges, and W. R. Combs.

6. Brethren Davis, Hatch and Smith, appointed to write corresponding letters.

7. Elder W. M. Pratt appointed to write Letter of Correspondence to the General Association.

8. Elders Dillard, Pitts and Drane, the Moderator and Clerk, appointed a committee of arrangements.

9. Voted that a collection be taken up at the Stand, on to-morrow, to be divided between the General Association and the Indian Mission Association.

Adjourned to meet on Monday, at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder J. R. Barbee.

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MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

Opening Prayer by Elder Y. R. Pitts.

The committee of arrangements made a report, which was adopted and action had thereon as follows:

1. Circular Letter read and adopted.

2. Corresponding Letter read, adopted, and Messengers appointed as follows:

North Bend.—John I. Johnson. *Baptist*.—J. L. Waller and C. L. Barnes.

Concord.—Isaac Adams. *Boone's Creek*.—B. Y. Crim, J. Withers, George Darneby, R. T. Dillard, T. J. Drane, and J. L. Waller. *South District*.—

J. F. Barkley, T. J. Drane, J. E. Farnam, S. Holloway, and S. Arnet.—

Long Run.—Reuben Jesse and J. L. Waller. *Union*.—J. W. Kenney. *Ten*

Mile.—Y. R. Pitts, M. B. Mothershead and N. Long. *Bracken*.—H. C. Has-

tings, R. T. Dillard and J. M. Frost. *Sulphur Fork*.—J. M. Frost and J. E.

Farnam. *Tates Creek*.—T. J. Drane, B. C. Bradley, J. R. Barbee, S. Arnet,

D. Thompson, R. Thompson and R. T. Dillard. *South Kentucky*.—J. M.

Frost, J. R. Barbee and S. M. Berry, *Franklin*.—J. R. Barbee, M. Threlkeld, G. B. Long and J. M. Frost.

3. Voted that the next Association be held with the Church at Cane Run, Fayette county, Ky., on the 2d Saturday in August, 1851.

4. Voted that President J. L. Reynolds preach the next Introductory Sermon, and J. R. Barbee his alternate.

5. J. W. Kenny appointed to write next Circular Letter.

6. The letter to the General Association was read and adopted:

The Elkhorn Association of United Baptists, convened with the Church at Versailles, August 10th, 11th, and 12th, 1850; To the Messengers and Brethren composing the General Association of Baptists of Ky., when met at Covington, Ky., October 17, 1850, Greeting:

DEAR BRETHREN—We have closed the sixty-fifth session of our Association, which has been characterized by harmony and peace. The letters from the churches generally, speak of the visitation of God's grace in the revival of his work and the conversion of sinners, also of the decided interest they feel in the operations of the General Association; and although your agents have not visited and presented the claims of your Society, during the year, very many have voluntarily forwarded a contribution by the hands of their Messengers. We would desire to see our churches more systematic and enlarged in their benevolent effort; and we sincerely hope that your body will take immediate and active steps towards eliciting the benevolence of the churches throughout the State, also to supply, to the utmost of your ability, the destitute and feeble churches within your bounds. We would suggest the propriety and advantage of the General Association engaging in the work of supplying our State with a Baptist literature. Our standard denominational works should be more extensively circulated.

We send this letter by the hands of the following brethren whom we appoint as our delegates to your body:

Y. R. Pitts, F. C. McCalla, J. L. Waller, J. R. Barbee, G. B. Long, N. Long, R. T. Dillard, B. C. Bradley, W. D. Young, J. G. Mastin, T. J. Drane, S. Arnett, J. E. Farnam, J. Darneby, J. I. Johnson and D. G. Hatch.

F. C. McCALLA, *Clerk*.

J. L. WALLER, *Moderator*.

7. Voted that at the recommendation of the committee of arrangements, one of the Ministers belonging to the Association be appointed to preach on some special subject, at a fixed time during her session.

8. Elder R. T. Dillard was, in accordance with the above vote, elected to preach—the theme: The Lord's Supper; time and place—Sunday, at the Stand.

9. *Resolved*, That we commend to the affectionate regard of all the brethren, the objects and interests of *Georgetown College*; an institution adapted eminently to promote the well-being of our beloved Zion and of our State.

Resolved, That the *Western Baptist Theological Institute*, at Covington, deserves the confidence and patronage of the Baptist denomination in the West—

Resolved, That we are deeply interested in our denomination papers, especially "*The Western Baptist Review*," and "*The Baptist Banner*," and that we will give our brethren editing those papers our cordial co-operation.

Resolved, That Elder J. L. Reynolds, President of *Georgetown College*, be requested to direct the Publishers of his work on Church Polity, to send a number of the copies to some place in this State, where they may be procured by the brethren of our churches; and that D. G. Hatch inform him of this resolution.

10. The Clerk and D. G. Hatch appointed to superintend the printing and distributing of the minutes.
Adjourned with prayer by Elder R. T. Dillard.
F. G. M'CALLA, Clerk, J. L. WALLER, Moderator.

The Board of Christian Education of the General Association was organized at the meeting of the Association at the residence of the Moderator, August 10th, 1850. The following were the members of the Board: D. G. Hatch, Moderator; J. L. Waller, Clerk; F. G. M'Calla, Secretary; and J. H. Hays, Treasurer.

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Dear Brethren:—We have closed the day with a session of our Association which has been characterized by industry and peace. The Lord has been with us in the midst of our deliberations, and we have been enabled to transact our business with freedom and unanimity. We have also had the pleasure of seeing many of our brethren who have labored for the cause of the Lord in various parts of the State.

Our standard denominational works should be more extensively circulated. We send this hour by the hands of the following brethren what we desire as our offerings to your body: Y. M. Jan, A. C. McCall, J. A. Waller, J. E. Hays, D. H. Bond, N. Bond, R. T. Dillard, B. G. Frazier, W. D. Young, J. G. Lewis, T. H. Hays, S. Amos, A. E. Farnum, J. Barnaby, J. L. Johnson and D. C. Hatch.

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CIRCULAR LETTER.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We have had a very pleasant and interesting season during our present meeting. We have great reason to thank God for the harmony and brotherly love which have pervaded every mind present. From the letters which we have received from the various churches composing our body, it appears that death has been abroad in our land, and that several of our beloved brethren, since our last meeting, have gone to their long home. Their spirits have gone to God, and have ventured upon the blissful realities of the eternal world. How sorrowful the thought that we shall see their faces no more in this world. But we sorrow not as those who have no hope. We trust that at the appointed time we shall meet them, with all the elect of God, in heaven. Brethren, this dispensation of Divine Providence should teach us wisdom; it should teach us humility; it should teach us the instability and evanescence of all earthly things. Let us feel that we too must soon die. And O, let us strive to be ready for that solemn event. "Therefore be ye also ready; for in such an hour as you think not, the Son of Man cometh." "For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ."

But while we have been called on thus to lament the pious dead, we have not been left comfortless. It has been a theme of rejoicing in our midst, that God has made known his power and grace in the midst of the churches. He has revived his work in the hearts of his people. He has converted many precious souls, "Praise ye the Lord." But our joy was not full—it was not perfect—when we remembered that the kingdom of Christ might have been extended still further, if the churches in their individual capacity, had lived nearer the Cross—if they had prayed more. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven." "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." Brethren, it is a thought replete with the most serious consequences—a thought that should weigh us down in sackcloth and ashes, that the doctrines of the Cross might have gained greater conquests, but for our lukewarmness, but for our indifference to the welfare of immortal souls. Let us repent for the past, and amend our lives for the future. Let us arise, not in our own strength, but in the strength of God; and, by a strict discharge of duty, vindicate ourselves from the charge of standing "in the way of sinners."

Another thing which has greatly contributed to our happiness during our meeting, is the fact, that our brethren appear to feel so deep an interest in all the benevolent objects of the day. Especially is this true in relation to the Mission cause. Several of our churches have sent up their contributions with a view of promoting that institution. While they have acted with special reference to the destitute portions of Kentucky, they have not forgotten the red man of the West, whom we have driven from the home of his fathers, and whose soil we now inhabit. The brethren are doing something to atone for past injuries. They have contributed of their substance to carry the Word of God and the living ministry

amongst that long neglected people. Why should we not go on with this work? Has not God owned and blessed it as his own? If we are to judge from the amount of good, which has already resulted to the human race from the Missionary enterprise, we are compelled to answer in the affirmative. We are aware that this position is questioned by many professed Christians. But let us open our eyes to the facts in the case, and we cannot be shaken in our purpose. Look to foreign lands and you will see churches erected on ground occupied but a few years ago by heathen temples, polluted by human sacrifice. Look to foreign lands, and you will see bands of devout worshippers and hear songs of praise to the living God, where but a few years ago the widow was offered up in fire to some dumb idol, upon the funeral pile of her husband. And what has the cause of Missions done upon our own shores? It has carried the hope of immortal life to the wigwam of many perishing Indians. It has buried the tomahawk and the scalping knife. It has hushed the war-song—it has quelled the war-dance. To these have succeeded the posture of prayer, the song of praise. He that cannot see these things is blind, and cannot see afar off. And with these things before us, can we for a moment doubt the divine origin and utility of the cause of Missions. The brethren have commenced well, only let them continue. God has done great things for us, and shall we not do something for our fellow man? God has created us, and given us wealth and every needed blessing. He has redeemed us to himself by the blood of his beloved Son; and shall we make no return of gratitude to him? Brethren, let us work "so much the more as ye see the day approaching."

F. C. McCALLA, *Clerk.*

J. L. WALLER, *Moderator.*

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

ELKHORN ASSOCIATION, To Corresponding Associations:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Our annual convocations are seasons of great pleasure to us, and we have cause to bless the Father of Life, that so many of us have been permitted to meet each other again in council. It is pleasant to interchange opinions on subjects connected with the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom on earth. Though death has been abroad in the land, it is a subject of congratulation, that so few of our brethren have been called from the labors of earth, to the rest of the grave.

In addressing you on the present occasion, we have to acknowledge the goodness of God in the out-pouring of His Spirit on several churches, and the revival of pure and undefiled religion in the hearts of true believers. Sinners have been converted and made to rejoice in the truth as it is in Jesus. The lukewarm have been stimulated to renewed devotion, and the saints to "rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory." Whilst some have enjoyed these refreshing seasons from on high, others, we regret to say, remain in a cold and lifeless state. May the great Head of the Church "clothe his ministers with salvation, and his people with righteousness," that we may witness that happy day, when the "knowledge of God shall cover the earth, as the waters cover the face of the great deep."

We greet our brethren of corresponding Associations, with kind salutations. We regret, that so few meet with us. We ask them to aid us by their prayers and counsel, by their influence and zeal, by their mutual co-operation and contributions, in extending the borders of the Redeemer's Kingdom, and proclaiming salvation to a lost and ruined world. At our next anniversary, we hope to see many of you again, and to hear that the works of your hands have been abundantly blessed of the Lord.

You will perceive from our Minutes, that our brethren are contributing of their substance to sustain the great benevolent operations of the church. We pray, that the Treasury of the Lord may be filled to overflowing, that we may be enabled to send the Gospel of the Son of God to the poor, the ignorant, and the destitute of every land and every clime.

Our next Association will be held at Cane Run church, Fayette county, Ky, commencing on the 2d Saturday in August, 1851. And now may the God of Peace abundantly bless you.

F. C. M'CALLA, *Clerk.*

J. L. WALLER, *Moderator.*

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

GABRIEL B. LONG, Treasurer,

In account current with the Elkhorn Association:

1850.

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August 10.	To Great Crossing's Church, per G. B. Long,	\$25 00
	To Glenn's Creek Church, per J. G. Mastin,	20 50
	To Stamping Ground Church, per I. Adams,	\$68 15
	" China Mission,	24 90
	" Indian do.	5 00
		98 05
	To Dry Run Church, per W. Nutter,	
	For Home Mission,	\$22 60
	For China do.	75
		23 35
	To Mount Vernon Church, per James M. Davis,	
	For Home Mission,	\$24 25
	For China do.	5 00
	For Indian do.	1 00
		30 25
	To Georgetown Church, per Anson Lyon, for Home Mission,	87 00
	To East Hickman Church, per D. T. Carr,	
	For Home Mission,	\$43 75
	For Indian Mission,	5 00
		48 75
	To collection at the Stand on Sabbath Day,	
	For Home Mission,	\$10 55
	For Indian Mission,	9 00
		19 55
	To Mount Pleasant Church, for Home Missions,	16 60
	To Silas Church, for Home Mission,	11 50
	To Hillsborough Church,	5 00
	To Cane Run Church, per Henry Thomson,	6 00
	To Lexington Church, per Wm. M. Pratt,	15 50
		\$407,05

The above report was referred to a committee, consisting of Brethren Hatch and Farnam, for examination and auditing.

"The committee have examined the above account, and find the additions correct.

D. G. HATCH,
J. E. FARNAM."