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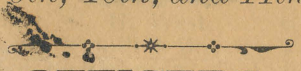
—HELD WITH THE—

Church of Christ at Bull Creek, Scott County, Tenn.

—ON—

FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SABBATH,

October 9th, 10th, and 11th, 1885.



OFFICERS:

- C. C. TERRY, Moderator, ..... P. O., COMMERCIAL SUMMIT, KY.
- M. LAY, Assistant Moderator, ..... GUMFORK, TENN.
- W. A. NEWPORT, Clerk, ..... HUNTSVILLE, TENN.
- S. B. PIERCE, Assistant Clerk, ..... ARMATHWAITE, TENN.



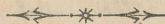
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## PROCEEDINGS :



FRIDAY, OCT. 9.

The Introductory discourse was delivered by Elder D. L. Acres, from Second John first chapter and 10th verse, "If there come any unto you and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God-speed."

Prayer by M. Lay, after which letters from different churches was called for and read which presented the following statistics.

## STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	Rec. by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Deceased	Total No.	Sat. Chu. Meet'g	Contributions
New Salem	Jas. Lay, W. R. Owens, R. Chambers, F. M. Chambers, A. Laxtan	47	2	1	2	0	0	179	3	\$1 25
Elk Fork	Jesse Biard, W. L. Lay, G. B. Lay	7	0	2	7	1	5	84	1	1 00
Paint Rock	L. Griffith, C. Carson, Wm. Ellis, Joseph. Botts	29	1	0	2	0	2	55	1	33
Union	M. C. Cross, Thomas Harness	2	0	0	1	0	0	37	4	60
Huntsville	J. Newport, T. L. Phillips, W. A. Newport	0	0	0	1	4	1	40	4	50
Hopewell	J. Seiber, Pleasant Seiber	0	0	0	2	1	0	24		
Fellowship	S. B. Pierce, H. C. Jones, C. J Tompkins, H. W. Bow.	2	3	0	0	2	0	78	1	1 00
Bethel	J. W. Swain	0	1	0	0	5	1	71		60
Otter Creek	H. C. Daugherty	0	0	0	0	0	1	37		10
Pleasant Hill	Letter but no Delegate	0	0	0	0	0	0	47		30
Antioch	M. Ellis	21	7	0	0	0	1	44	3	75
Rock Creek	A. Spradlin	1	1	3	0	1	3	36		30
Charity	Letter but no Delegate	0	1	0	1	0	1	10		20
Pine Creek	C. C. Terry, J. A. Marcum, Wm. Marcum	3	7	0	0	7	0	30		60
New Freedom	Letter but no Delegate	0	0	0	2	0	0	33		
Marsh Creek	Wesley Perry, James Cordell	2	1	0	0	2	1	65		60
Shiloh	G. B. West, C. H. West	0	2	0	1	7	0	62	3	50
Bethlehem	D. L. Acres, Hamilton Brown	3	1	0	9	1	0	30	2	50
First Freedom	Letter but no Delegate	1	1	0	0	1	1	79		
Buffalo	J. R. Brown, Wm. Newport	0	0	0	0	1	1	13	2	25
Black Creek	Jacob Smith, Jesse Smither, J. C. Hopkins	6	2	0	2	0	1	27	2	50
New Zion	J. B. Blevins, Thos. Davis, J. Hatfield	7	0	0	4	3	0	77	1	70
Bull Creek	John Harness, H. Griffith, W. S. Rich, Jasper Jeffers	0	0	0	0	2	1	51	3	55
Zion	M. Lay	3	0	0	0	0	0	29		25
<i>NEW CHURCHES.</i>										
2nd Union	W. P. Douglas, James Lay							33		75
New Hope	G. P. Barley, F. McCuley							22		50
TOTALS		128	30	6	35	38	20	1293		\$1263

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1st. The Association then proceeded to organize by electing by private ballot a Moderator and Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk, which resulted in the election of C. C. Terry, Moderator ; M. Lay, Assistant Moderator ; W. A. Newport, Clerk ; S. B. Pierce, Assistant Clerk.

2d. Rules of Decorum called for and read, and a strict compliance requested.

3d. Called for newly constituted churches, and received one from Second Union, situated in Campbell County, Tenn., by the hands of her delegates, W. P. Douglas and James Lay ; And one from New Hope, also in Campbell County, Tenn., by G. P. Barley and F. McCulley, which were received and delegates invited to seats.

4th. Called for corresponding letters and received one from Hiwassee Primitive, by J. R. Hollamon and F. M. Odom ; and one from Hiwassee original by I. F. Hamby, John Shannon, Elders E. H. Walker and B. H. Human. Both were received and their delegates invited to seats.

5th. Appointed the Clerk and Assistant Clerk to write corresponding letters.

6th. Appointed one member from each church with the entire delegation of Bull Creek church, a committee on Divine Service, who report as follows: W. P. Douglas, E. H. Walker, B. H. Human, W. Perry, and J. Seiber to fill the stand on Saturday night ; J. C. Hopkins, Jas. Lay, S. B. Pierce, with the Moderator to fill the stand on Sabbath, and make their own arrangements.

7th. On motion, Wm. Newport, D. L. Acres and the corresponding Brethren, with the Moderator and Clerk, were appointed a Committee on Unfinished Business.

8th. Voted that our next Association be held with the Church of Christ at Pine Creek, Scott County, Tenn., two miles northwest of Oneida, on the Cincinnati Southern Railroad, beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in October, 1886.

9th. Voted that Elder J. C. Hopkins preach the next Introductory Sermon, and that Elder Jas. Lay be his alternate.

10th. Adjourned till 9:30 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by J. C. Hopkins.

SATURDAY, OCT. 10.

1st. The Association met at 9:30 A. M., pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator.

2d. Minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

3d. Called for the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business, which was read and approved and the Committee discharged.

4th. Moved and seconded that the Obituary of Elder Spencer Lay, be annexed to our Minutes.

5th. Called for Corresponding letters, which were read and approved, and delegates appointed to bear them as follows: To Hiwassee Original, to be held with Mount Union Church, in Cumberland county, Tenn., to begin on the Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1886, Elders W. R. Owens, C. C. Terry, and Wiley S. Rich. To Hiwassee Primitive, to be held in Roane county, Tenn., ten miles from Kingston, to begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1886, Elders J. C. Hopkins, D. L. Acres and M. Lay. To South Union, at Redbird, six miles from Williamsburg, Whitley county, Ky., to begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1886, Elders H. C. Daugherty, John Harness, Wm. Lay, Joseph Botts and Brothers J. W. Swain and Jesse Biard. To South Concord, in Wayne county, Ky., on first Saturday in October, 1886, Brothers A. Spradlin, C. Carson, J. G. Hatfield and J. B. Blevins. To Stockton's Valley, on Clearfork, Clinton county, Ky., one mile east of Albany, to begin the second Saturday in September, 1886, Joseph Botts, C. C. Terry, H. C. Jones, Jacob Smither and James Lawson.

6th. Appointed Jesse Biard and J. R. Holloman, a Committee on Finance, who reports \$12.63, to pay for printing the Minutes of this Association, and distributing the same.

7th. Agreed that the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes, and that he distribute them according to the contributions received from each Church.

8th. Answer to query of Paint Rock Church: We advise Churches to proceed cautiously; and do nothing that would sever the union; but judge the qualification of members by principles of union.

9th. The Association tenders thanks to the Bull Creek Church, and vicinity, for their kind hospitality during our stay with them.

10th. Adjourned until the time and to the place above mentioned.  
Prayer by D. L. Acres.

C. C. TERRY, Moderator.

W. A. NEWPORT, Clerk.

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## OBITUARY.

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### ELDER SPENCER LAY.

Elder Spencer Lay was born Sept. 25, 1811, and died Oct. 29, 1884. He professed a faith in Christ about the year 1842, and united with the United Baptist Church of Christ at Clear Fork, Whitley Co., Ky., after which he soon began to preach the Gospel, and was ordained to the ministry on Saturday, June 3d, 1852, at Good Hope Church, Tenn, Revs. Wm. Siler, Wm. Biard and Wm. Lay officiating. Since that time he was ever ready to follow after the Saviour in the path of duty, and a great efficient teacher of others to do likewise, and his Christian character was such as should exert a constraining influence over those knowing him, to emulate the same. He died of flux, after a painful illness of about ten days, when he passed away in the full triumph of Faith. Such was his life and death that we feel assured his Spirit is with the Saviour and is meeting with joy the Spirits of just men that have gone before, and that his body will come up in the first resurrection. At his death his membership was with the Baptist Church at Elk Fork and had been for about twenty-five years. As a last respect the funeral service was attended on August 19, 1885 by Elders James, Jesse and Michael Lay. As a neighbor he was benevolent; as a husband and father he was kind; as a minister, he was a true teacher and defender of the doctrine of Christ, and the Baptist faith. In his death we lost an able teacher and instructor. All mourn his loss, and the bereaved relatives have our sympathy. But our loss is his eternal gain.

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