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MINUTES

OF THE

Concord Association,

HELD WITH THE

CHURCH AT GHENT, KENTUCKY.

On the 10th and 11th days of August, 1869.

.....
T. J. JENKINS, Moderator.
H. P. MONTGOMERY, Clerk.
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Next Session to be held with the Church at Cane Run, (Port Royal)
Henry County, Ky., on Tuesday after the first Saturday
in August, 1870.

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MINUTES OF CONCORD ASSOCIATION.

TUESDAY, August 10, 1869.

Elder J. E. Kenney, who was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon, delivered a practical and touching sermon from 8th verse, iv chapter of Paul's first epistle to Timothy: "For bodily exercise profiteth little: but Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come."

Letters from the Churches were called for, read, and names of Messengers enrolled, as follows:

CHURCHES—MESSENGERS' NAMES.	Rec'd by	Exp. & Bapt.	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total	Am't for Minutes	Sat. Church Meet.
NEW LIBERTY—Elders J. W. Cox, J. E. Kenney, R. H. Alexander, and brethren J. W. Vallandingham, Isaac Foster, T. J. Jenkins and J. H. Kemper	10	7	0	0	3	3	353	\$4 00	1
MT. HEBRON—W. B. Gross	0	0	0	0	2	0	63	1 10	1
MT. PLEASANT—E. V. Thomas, A. J. Johnson, J. J. Thomas, R. Quisenberry and L. A. Schooler	18	3	7	2	7	0	307	2 00	4
GREENUP'S FORK—Elder L. H. Salin and Bros. H. K. Scott, James Ellis and H. C. Vallandingham	13	4	0	0	4	1	216	2 00	1
MUSCLE SHOALS—Elder J. W. Waldrop	78	5	52	7	7	4	442	2 80	2
GHENT—Elder W. L. German and Bros. Walton Craig, D. H. Lindsey, Jas. Lyon, A. G. Craig, R. W. Sebree and B. H. Blanton	0	0	12	0	0	3	185	2 00	1
LONG RIDGE—H. P. Montgomery, C. H. Duvall, J. S. Forsee, Green Threlkeld and A. B. Davis	7	2	5	0	0	2	90	1 00	3
PLEASANT VIEW—D. E. Smith, John Dempsey and John Lee	7	2	2	0	0	0	113	2 00	4
SALEM—W. H. Bibb, J. W. Willhoite, Samuel Renfro and John Cull	13	3	10	3	2	0	212	2 00	2
DRENNON'S RIDGE—John Washburn, J. S. Adams, H. S. Adams, G. W. Montgomery and P. T. Hartford	13	2	5	0	2	0	139		2
MT. ZION—No Messenger. Letter	1	0	4	1	0	0	98	1 20	3
WHITE'S RUN—M. Barrett, S. McCann, S. Craig, John C. Duvall and L. Leechman	1	0	6	1	1	3	131	1 50	2
DALLASBURG—Elders G. W. Wheatley and J. V. Riley, and Bros. J. J. Alexander, N. R. Vandever, H. Blanton, T. D. Alexander, J. B. Wheatley and J. Q. Baker	0	3	38	1	0	2	217	2 50	4
CARROLLTON—J. J. Orr, Joseph Sams and Allen McCann	6	5	5	0	3	2	87	1 00	1

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CANE RUN—Elders J. O. Anderson, Levi Chilton and J. M. McGuire, and Bros. J. H. Coblin, Elisha Powell, John L. Chilton, E. Tingle and John Chilton, Sr.	1 2	7 0	10 6	334	3 00	1		
LOCKPORT—Letter. No Messenger.....	0 0	4 0	0 0	48		3		
LICK CREEK—Paschal Jones and Elder P. H. Todd.....	1 1	4 0	1 0	49	1 05	1		
WARSAW—Elder W. H. Williams, Robt. Steerman, J. W. Kirby, J. C. Bacon and Wm. Brightwell	14 4	7 0	3 0	83	1 00	2		
BEECH GROVE—Elder J. H. Young and Bro. J. L. Furnish.....	18 5	0 7	0 2	67	1 40	3		
OWENTON—A. Cobb, J. H. Dorman, T. B. Hancock, G. F. Waldrop and S. D. Duvall.....	0 10	1 1	1 0	50	1 00	2		
CANEY FORK—J. H. Haydon & J. A. Abbott	1 0	0 1	1 3	165	1 75	1		
PLEASANT RIDGE—F. B. Agee, B. F. Ransdall, Jas. M. Pryor and Jas. Vanarsdall	20 2	6 0	2 1	252	2 60	4		
JORDAN—John Darbro, O. F. Jackson and S. L. Duvall	0 13	2 0	2 3	56	1 25	3		
*BETHEL—Willis Ewing, W. F. Smith, Allen Gentry, Jr., and Wm. Stribling.....	9 4	1 0	0 0	49	1 00			
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* This church was received the present session.

Brother T. J. Jenkins was chosen Moderator, and Bro. H. P. Montgomery, Clerk.

Adjourned till half past 1 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Elder L. H. Salin.

EVENING SESSION, August 10, 1869.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Palmer.

The following standing committees were appointed, viz :
State Missions—Elders J. W. Waldrop, G. W. Wheatley and J. W. Cox.

Sabbath Schools—Elder J. V. Riley and Bro. J. H. Dorman.

Domestic Missions—Elder W. H. Williams and Bro. J. J. Orr.

Foreign Missions—Elders W. L. Jerman and J. E. Kenney.

Education—Brethren James Rice and D. H. Lindsey.

Religious Exercises—Elders L. H. Salin, W. L. Jermane and J. O. Anderson.

Letters from Corresponding Associations called for and responded to, as follows :

Elkhorn—No intelligence.

Ten Mile—Bro. N. Crouch.

Sulphur Fork—No Letter. Elders A. Smith, R. Holman, and Bro. A. C. Crabb.

North Bend—Elder J. A. Kirtley and Bros. R. K. Graves, B. M. Allen, A. Sebree and J. P. Scott.

Franklin—No intelligence.

Long Run, Ind.—Letter presented, which was ordered to be read, and Messengers invited to seats with us, viz: Lewis Thieaband, J. D. Griffith and D. Gibbs.

All visiting brethren are invited to seats with us.

Circular Letter called for, read, and referred to Elder J. W. Cox and brethren J. H. Dorman and J. J. Orr, to report to-morrow morning.

Ordered that the next sessions of this body be held with the Church at Cane Run, Henry County, Ky., on Tuesday after the first Saturday in August, 1870.

Bro. D. H. Lindsey was selected to write the next Circular Letter, and Elder W. H. Williams to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Elder G. W. Wheatley, alternate.

Ordered that the time of Standing Committees to report be deferred until to-morrow morning.

Bethel Church, of Owen county, Ky., lately constituted, applied by letter and messengers for admission into this body, and was received.

Elder J. W. Cox was selected to prepare letters to the Associations with which we correspond, and report to-morrow morning.

Ordered that the correspondence heretofore existing between this Association and that of Long Run, Ind., be resumed, and brethren D. H. Lindsey and J. J. Orr, and Elder J. W. Cox were appointed to write a special letter to said Association, and to report.

The report of the Executive Board was called for, read and adopted.

The following brethren were appointed Messengers to bear our letters to Corresponding Associations, viz:

Elkhorn—At Mt. Vernon, August 17, 1869; Elder J. W. Cox and Bro. M. M. Riley.

Ten Mile—At Concord Church, September 1, 1869; Elders J. V. Riley, L. H. Salin, G. W. Wheatley and W. H. Williams.

Sulphur Fork—At _____ September 14, 1869; Elders J. O. Anderson, L. S. Chilton, J. M. McGuire and J. W. Cox, and brethren John Chilton, Sr., and H. S. Adams.

North Bend—At Walton, Ky., September 8, 1869; Elders J. W. Waldrop, W. H. Williams, G. W. Wheatley, L. H. Salin and Bro. T. J. Jenkins.

Franklin—At Cedar Church, August 24, 1869; Elders J. H.

Young, C. M. Riley, L. H. Salin, and brethren N. R. Vanderen, P. Jones, J. H. Haydon and A. Cobb.

Long Run, Ind.—At Bushy Fork, Ind., September 15, 1869; Elder W. H. Williams, and brethren D. H. Lindsey, H. S. Adams and T. J. Jenkins.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 8 o'clock. Prayer by Elder Wm. Huff.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, August 11, 1869.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Dr. W. M. Pratt.

Elder L. H. Salin offered a resolution to make this Association entirely auxiliary to the General Association, which was adopted.

Elder J. W. Cox reported letters to Corresponding Associations, which were adopted.

Ordered that brethren J. H. Dorman, A. J. Mason and H. P. Montgomery be appointed a committee to recommend suitable men as missionaries to the Board of the General Association, and to point to said Board the most important points of destitution within our bounds.

Adjourned till half past 1 o'clock, P. M. Sermon by Elder Wm. Huff.

EVENING SESSION, August 11, 1869.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. E. Kinney.

Elder L. H. Salin offered the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the committee to recommend suitable men to the General Association be requested to try to collect the balance subscribed by our churches, and pay of said amount to Elder A. Smith \$20.25, and the balance to Elder J. E. Kinney, and if same is not sufficient then to try and collect of the churches a sufficiency to pay them off.

The Committee on the Circular Letter made their report, which was adopted.

The committee to prepare special letter to Long Run Association, Ind., made their report, which was adopted.

Elder L. H. Salin, who was appointed to confer with the Board of the General Association in regard to the claim of Elder P. H. Todd, against the Church Extension Board of Louisville, made his report, which was adopted, and it is ordered that this Association request the Board of the General Association to pay to Elder P. H. Todd thirty per cent. of the contributions made by the churches of this Association till said claim is satisfied.

Ordered that the several committees on Missions report to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Elder J. M. McGuire introduced the following resolution, which was adopted, viz :

WHEREAS, Our brother, J. W. Cox, is publishing a series of articles in the Western Recorder, on the Design of Christian Baptism, which it is believed contain the development of important truths: and whereas, a permanent form of essay would give it a larger access to the mind of the brethren, and especially to the public mind, therefore,

Resolved, That this Association recommend the publication of said essay in pamphlet form for general circulation.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Sermon by Elder Palmer, of Madison, Ind.

August 12, 1869.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder A. Smith.

The Committee on Education made a verbal report, and after an able discussion the following brethren were appointed a committee to report in writing in regard to educational interests within the bounds of the Association, viz: Elders J. W. Cox and J. V. Riley, and Bro. J. J. Orr. Said committee retired and shortly made their report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Sunday Schools made their report, which was adopted.

Ordered that this body send five messengers to the next meeting of the General Association of Kentucky. The following brethren were selected: J. J. Orr, J. S. Foysee, D. H. Lindsey, T. J. Jenkins and H. P. Montgomery.

The committees on Foreign and Domestic Missions not being in attendance this body was entertained by several interesting speeches on these subjects.

The clerk and elder, W. H. Williams, appointed a committee to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes.

Adjourned *sine die*.

Prayer by Elder A. Smith.

Attest:

T. J. JENKINS, Moderator.

H. P. MONTGOMERY, Clerk.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Concord Association, now in Session with the Baptist Church at Ghent, Kentucky, to the Associations with which she holds correspondence.

DEAR BRETHREN:

We rejoice that our Heavenly Father has preserved us to convene again, and has given us another opportunity to address you,

to strengthen the ties of brotherly love—those imperishable affections kindled in the hearts of all true christians. The information furnished us by the letters from the churches composing this Association, shows the churches are in peace and fellowship. Some good news of revivals in some localities will be found in our minutes. We feel that what is most wanting in our churches is a more perfect co-operation in the great work of evangelizing the world. The hearts of the brethren need culture in liberality for the missionary work, and it seems to us that this culture can be forwarded only by immediate calls upon their love for Christ. Our great brotherhood need practical co-operation in this one great mission of the Church of Christ, and perhaps this could be more readily effected, if there were but a single centre of power from whence the entire influence of all the churches would radiate in the proclamation of the Gospel. We mean merely to put forth this thought for your reflection. We regret that we have had so few Letters and Messengers from you, and earnestly invite you to send Messengers to meet with us next year at Cane Run, (Port Royal,) Henry county, Kentucky, on the Tuesday after the first Saturday in August, 1870. Brethren, may grace, mercy and peace be with you.

Attest:

T. J. JENKINS, Moderator.

H. P. MONTGOMERY, Clerk.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

DEAR BRETHREN :

Having accomplished the work assigned us, we would report, that during the past year, we have had Brother A. Smith employed as missionary for five months and a half. The aggregate report of his labors is: Received by experience and baptism 134 and by letter 32. The full amount of his salary has been collected and paid over to him.

Now, may the Lord help the Association to devise the best means to supply our destitution with the blessed Gospel.

By order of the Board,

LEWIS H. SALIN, Cor. Sec.

RESOLUTION

TO MAKE THIS ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY TO THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

Resolved, That this Association become, in every sense of the word, auxiliary to the General Association, discontinuing her local Board and working only through the Board of the General Association, inviting her agents to visit our churches, and collect money for the support of missionaries, and that this Association appoint a committee of three, whose duty it shall be to recommend suitable men as missionaries to the board of the General Association, and to point out to said Board the most important points of destitution within our bounds.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, recommend that the committee appointed to correspond with the Executive Board of the General Association be also instructed to give special attention to the wants and demands of our district for laborers in the Sabbath School cause.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CIRCULAR LETTER.

Your committee, to whom was referred the Circular Letter, would respectfully report, that we deem the Circular referred to us, an admirable production, and believe that its publication would do good. But the press of business, accumulated during this session, is so great that we would recommend the omission of any Circular Letter this year.

J. W. COX.

J. J. ORR.

J. H. DORMAN.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your committee, to whom was referred the Educational interests, within the bounds of the Association, would respectfully report: The importance of the education of our children cannot be exaggerated. Education is the leading out of the real man. By this means the permanent character is formed. Hence it is not too much to affirm that the development of our children depends almost wholly on the quality and character of the schools which they attend. Baptist schools are intended to aid in the extension of our principles by subjecting the young to the personal influence of our most wise and discreet brethren. If then a man is a sound Baptist, he must feel an interest, an abiding interest, in his children becoming Baptists. How, then, can a Baptist subject his own children to the most powerful influence of error—influence which rarely fails to bias and carry the mind away from that Gospel of Salvation, which, as a Baptist, he must believe is held in its integrity only by the great brotherhood to which he belongs. That a Baptist should send his children to sectarian schools, when a Baptist is in his reach, is deplorable for the sake of his children and the church of God; but for a Baptist to patronize Roman Catholic schools is treachery indeed. And yet some professed Baptists even send their children to these pest-houses of moral ruin. We protest against this as inexpressibly and inexcusably inconsistent and ruinous to the interests of Bible Christianity. We beg our brethren to think of their responsibilities to God and save their children from this net of Satan.

Concord College, located at New Liberty, has capacity to supply the wants of the brethren of this Association. It is now thoroughly organized, and is worthy the patronage of all the churches. It seems to us that Baptists are in duty—religious duty—bound to patronize this institution, and we assure them that by failing to do it, they injure the highest interests of the Baptist cause. This school is a Baptist school in its inception, and the brethren can make it a fountain of light and life.

We would also say that Ghent College is a school eminently deserving of consideration; and though not a Baptist school, yet the children of brethren would be safe in it. We earnestly beseech our brethren to consider these great matters.

J. W. COX.

J. J. ORR.

J. V. RILEY.