## MINUTES,

KENTUCKY BAPTIST HISTORICAL COLLETY LOUISVILLE, ME TOCKY

OF THE SALEM ASSOCIATION OF

## BAPTISTS,

HELD AT MOUNT MORIAH MEETING HOUSE, NELSON COUNTY, ON THE 4TH FRIDAY & SATURDAY IN SEPTEMBER, 1822, BEING THE 27TH & 28TH OF SAID MONTH.

M. BARNETT, PR.

## MINUTES, &C.

1st. THE introductory sermon was preached by brother Warren Cash, from the 5th chapter of the Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Gallatians, first verse, Stand fast, therefore, in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us fee, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bandage.

2nd. Received letters and messengers from the following churches, to wit:

	Baptised	Dism'd	part by lot	Kestored.	Dean.		Total.	
CHURCHES. MESSENGERS.	. 10	by let	eu.	ed.				
Cedar Creek-Josh in Morris, Wm. Abel, Jas. Rogers,	2	1	1	2		*W0	63	
Cox's CreekMoses Pierson, Isaac Taylor,	64					200	237	
Simpson's Creek-Walter Stallard, Wm. Davis, D.Lewis,	16	8	1	4	1	3	246	
Mill Creek-Thos. Hubbard, Thos. Linthecum, Robert								
Batsel, William Nall,		4		2			75	
Mount Moriah-Joseph Brown, Thos. Wells, James Ham-								
ilton, Benjamin Harned,	11	1	1			1	95	
Wilson's Creek-Dan'l. Warlker, Wm. Chenowith,	1	2	1			2	23	
Rolling Fork-James Edelin, Mark Marshall, Samuel		1						
Miller,				1		1	29	
Severns Valley-C. Lovelace.						1	48	
Notin-Alexander McDugal, Cornelius Luens,	1		1	3	1		130	
Bethel, H. CWarren Cash, Robert Tabb,	3			2	4		56	
Mill Creek, H. C Jas. Nalle, John J. Shelton, A. Lewis,	7	14	12	4	1	3	95	
Union-Encas Harned, Urband Williams, John Cash,				1				
Eneas Keith,	30		8	1	1	2	98	
Little Union-A. McDonnall, Geo. Wells, David H. Con,	8	4		2	2	4	116	
Otter Creek-John Rush, Tho Robertson, C. McCarty,					3	23		
D. Dawson, A. Chambers,	4		8	4		3	108	
Salem-Joseph Lewis, William Kendall.	1	1	2			1	24	200
Mount Zion-No letter nor messenger,				3				100
Rudes Creek-S. Buchannan, J. Bland, John C. Hicks,		13	3	1	-		37	100
New Hope-Thomas Ellison, Wm. Kendrick, S. Ray,	02 02	2	1	1		1	23	150
Ohio, B. C Maxfield Willet, John Frans,	2	3	0	1		1	30	1500
Chaplin's Fork-Charles Bunch, Timothy P. Marshall,	2	1	18			1	16	100
New Hope, H.CJohn Jenkins, Theoderick J. Hubbard,	100						14	
	154	63	41	26	7	29	1573	
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3rd. Brother Thomas Hubbard chosen Moderator and Joseph Lewis Clerk.

4th. The Association was opened by prayer.

5th. A new constitution, called New Hope, Hardin county, petitioned for admis-

sipn into this Association; received, and its messengers, John Jenkins and T. J.

Hubbard, invited to seats with us.

6th. Received letters and messengers from the following corresponding Associations, to wit—From Elkhorn, by brother William Rice—From Long Run, by brethren William Stout, George Marshall, and Benjamin Allen—From South District, by brethren Joel Gordon, James Bently, and William Thurman—From Green River, by brother Andrew Nuckolds—From Russells Creek, by brother John Hodgen—From Blue River, (Indiana,) no letter nor messenger—From Goshen, by brother Isaac Whitaker.

7th. A petition for correspondence from the Franklin Association, by brethren John Taylor, & A. Bohanan, agreed to, and their Messengers took their seats.

8th. The circular letter called for, read, and referred to the committee of arrangement, to be hereafter appointed.

9th. Brethren Joseph Lewis, Isaac Taylor, Walter Stallard, and Warren Cash,

chosen to arrange the business of the ensuing day.

10th. Brethren Thomas Linthecum, James Bland, James Nalle, and Stephen

Ray chosen to write letters to the corresponding associations.

11th. The next association to be held at Severns Valley Meeting house, Hardin county, on the 4th Friday in September next; brother Moses Pierson appointed to preach the introductory sermon, in case of failure brother Isaac Taylor.

12th. Adjourned by prayer till to-morrow morning, half after 9 o'clock.

13th. Saturday, 28th September, 1822.—The association met agreeable to adgournment, and, after prayer, proceeded to busines.

14th. The committee appointed to arrange the lusiness of the association made

their report; read, received, and they discharged.

15th. Corresponding letters read, received, and messengers appointed to bear them, to wit:—Daniel Walker and James Nalle to Elkhorn—Simeon Buchannan, Alexander McDugal and Joseph Lewis to Long Run—James Rogers to South District—Alexander McDugal, Joseph Lewis and Coemore Lovelace to Russells Creek—Warren Cash, Cornelius Lucas, Eneas Keith and Robert Tabb to Green River—James Rogers and Cornelius Lucas to Golhen—Thomas Robertson, Asa Chambers, Warren Cash, John Rush and Simeon Buchannan to Blue River—T. P. Marshall, James Nalle and Abraham Lewis to Franklin.

16th. Brother Alexander McDugal appointed to write the circular letter for the

next year.

17th. Brother Joseph Lewis appointed to superintend the printing of the min-

utes and circular letter.

18th. Brethren Cornelius Lucas, Robert Tabb and James Nalle appointed a committee to visit Mount Zion church, and enquire why they failed to represent themselves in the association.

19th. Circular letter read and received. 20th. The association ajourned by prayer.

THOMAS HUBBARD, Mod'r. JOSEPH LEWIS, Clerk.

The next Elkhorn Association is to be held at Clear creek Meeting-house, on the 2nd Saturday in August, 1823. Long Run, at Daver Meeting-house, Shelby county, the first Friday in September, 1823. Russells creek, at the South fork of Nolin on the 3rd Saturday in September, 1823. South District, at the forks of Dick's river, Garrard county, the 3rd Saturday in August, 1823. Green River, at Skaggs' Meeting house, in Barren county, on the Friday before the 4th Saturday in July, 1823. Goshen, at Rock creek, Grayson county, on the 2nd Friday in October, 1822. Franklin, at Frankfort the 1st Friday in August, 1823.

## CIRCULAR LETTER.

DEAR BRETHREN: Our annual conference having once more, in the course of an indulgent Providence, rolled round, renders it necessary that we should (according to our usual formalities) address you with a circular. And we can say, as in the presence of the searcher of hearts, that we are not alone influenced by dead formality, for your best interests lie near our heart. Influenced by this high consideration, we exhort you to be on the watch-tower—be diligent in making your calling and election sure, for rest assured brethen, that no one is justified by the precious word of God, in concluding himself a subject of grace, who does not bring forth fruits meet for repentence-for, says the Apostle, "Know ye not that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey, whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness." Yes, dear brethren, as it respects ourselves and our fellow creatures, the tree can only be known by its fruit; for a good tree cannot bring forth bad fruit, neither a bad tree good. fruit. This important truth appears with superior clearness from the word of our blessed Lord, which is the only infalible rule of both faith & practice—this every true disciple of the Lord Jesus will readily assent to; but too many, we have reason to fear, do not rightly value their high calling, by fixing their aims too low. O! what precious seasons of converse and communion, with our lovely redeemer, do we lose by our criminal negligence and inattention to divine things. Pray always, pray all of prayer, says our great prophet and high priest-and what is the promise annexed to the diligence of his people? "I will dwell in you and you in me." And O! what a glorious companion Jesus is to the poor sinner who is destitute of all self-righteousnes, and has come to him as the end of the law for righteousness. You not only insure to yourself, by this course, a comfortable passage through this world of tribulation to the heavenly canaan of uninterrupted felicity, but your conduct preaches powerfully to all your acquaintances, seeing that you are, indeed, "as a city set upon a hill, which cannot be hid," but shines resplendently to the declarative glory of your divine master. A few words to the ministers of the gospel and we shall conclude-Dear brethren, be diligent and unwearied in your endeavors to preach the word; be not careful about the concerns of this life, for he who feeds the ravens when they cry will not let you suffer. Farewell, dear brethren.

THOMAS HUBBARD, Mod'r.
JOSEPH LEWIS, Clerk.