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OF THE

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

South District Association

OF

UNITED BAPTISTS,

**Held with the Church at Doctor's Fork, Boyle Co., Ky.,  
on the 18th, 19th, and 20th days of August, 1857.**



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## PROCEEDINGS.

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The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder V. E. Kirtley, from Acts, 8: 4.

Letters from the Churches were read, and their Messengers names enrolled, as found on last page.

Bishop B. Kemper was chosen Moderator, and W. Peck, Clerk. Prayer by Elder A. Broadus.

A door was opened for the reception of new Churches; whereupon, a letter was presented from West Point Church, and her delegates invited to seats with us.

Called for letter from Associations that correspond with this Association.

*Baptist Association*—Letter. No Messengers.

*Cumberland River*—Letter. No Messengers.

*South Kentucky*—Letter. Messengers—Elders W. T. Green and P. H. Prewitt.

*Nelson*—Letter. No Messengers.

*Middle District*—Letter. Messengers—James M. Cheser and J. Freeman.

*Tate's Creek*—No letter. Elder J. S. Higgins.

*Elkhorn*—Messengers: Elders J. L. Smith and A. W. Larue.

Other visiting Ministers, viz: A. Broadus, Agent of the General Association; J. E. Rue, Agent of the Revision Association; J. C. Freeman, and Geo. Wentmore, were invited to seats with us.

The delegates of this Church, and F. S. Fisher, W. Willis, and Milton Rogers were appointed a committee to select preachers to occupy the stand during the sitting of this body. They reported J. S. Higgins, A. Broadus, and J. E. Rue to preach to-morrow. The last named delivered a very able lecture in behalf of Bible revision, and took a collection of \$12 20 for that object.

Moved and seconded that this body meet to-morrow morning at

8½ o'clock, and continue in session until eleven o'clock, and then adjourn to meet at the call of the chair. Carried.

Moved and carried that the usual Committee of Arrangements be appointed. Committee—A. Rice, S. Cook, W. B. Smith, Moderator, and Clerk.

R. P. Steenburgen and F. Ray to write letters of correspondence.

A. Pomroy, V. E. Kirtley, F. Ray, J. H. Maratty, and J. K. West, were appointed a Committee on Education.

The Circular Letter read and referred to the Committee of Arrangements.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at half-past eight o'clock. Prayer by Elder J. L. Smith.

WEDNESDAY, 8½ O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. E. Rue.

The Report of the Committee of Arrangements adopted.

The Circular Letter adopted as it now appears.

The Report of the Committee on Education was read, and after a friendly discussion, in which V. E. Kirtley, J. L. Smith, A. Broadus, F. Ray, John Swope, F. S. Fisher, and J. S. Higgins took part, was adopted.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the chair.

EVENING SESSION, 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayer by Elder A. Pomroy. Elders A. W. Larue, J. L. Smith, and J. C. Freeman to preach on to-morrow.

Next Association to meet with the Church at Salt River, Boyle County, Ky., seven miles West of Danville, on Tuesday after the third Saturday in August, 1858.

The Corresponding Letter adopted, and the following Brethren agreed to bear it to the Associations with which we correspond:

*Tate's Creek*—Elders W. B. Smith, D. Bruner, and B. Kemper.

*Elkhorn*—F. S. Fisher, W. B. Smith, and D. Bruner.

*Boone's Creek*——

*Cumberland River*——

*Baptist*—D. Bruner, D. Buckner, S. Cook, and W. B. Smith.

*South Kentucky*——

*Middle District*—D. Bruner, W. B. Smith, and D. Buckner.

*Nelson*—J. H. Maratty and M. Rogers.

W. Peck to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and D. Buckner alternate.

A. Pomroy to write the next Circular.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow at half-past eight o'clock.

Prayer by Elder D. Bruner.

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THURSDAY, 8½ O'CLOCK, A. M.

Prayer by W. B. Smith. The Report of the Executive Board received and adopted.

V. E. Kirtley, A. Rice, Thos. Hutchinson, F. S. Fisher, A. Cook, M. Kemper, and W. Peck appointed an Executive Board for the ensuing year.

*Resolved*, That this Association become auxiliary to the General Association, and hereby instructs her Executive Board, when they shall have selected their Missionaries for the ensuing year, to commend said Missionaries to the Board of the General Association for the ratification of their appointment, with the understanding that the Agent of the General Association be requested to visit our Churches, collect money, and pay it over to our Executive Board, to be applied to the payment of the salary of our Missionaries; after which, the surplus, (if any), shall be subject to the control of the Board of the General Association.

The Clerk to attend to the printing of the Minutes, and distribute them according to the money.

Adjourned to meet with the Church at Salt River, Boyle Co., Ky., seven miles West of Danville, on Tuesday after the third Saturday in August, 1853.

Prayer by Uncle Mose.

B. KEMPER, *Moderator*.

W. PECK, *Clerk*.

*Danville, Ky.*

# APPENDIX.

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## CORRESPONDING LETTER.

*The South District Association of United Baptists, now in session at Doctor's Fork, Boyle County, Ky., to the Associations with whom we correspond :*

DEAR BRETHREN:—Another year of our pilgrimage has passed away, and through the tender mercies of our Heavenly Father we have been permitted to meet in an associated capacity.

The most of our Churches complain of coldness and barrenness in religion, though some of them have enjoyed seasons of revival during the past year.

Dear Brethren, we regret that so few of our corresponding Brethren have met with us; we hope that our friendly correspondence will be kept up, and that we shall meet more of you in future. Our next Association will be held at Salt River, Boyle County, Ky., commencing on Tuesday after the third Saturday in August, 1858. We send you this by our Brethren, whose names are found in the Minutes. Brethren, pray for us. Farewell.

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## CIRCULAR LETTER.

*“Cultivate a Small Field.”*

The Saviour and his apostles made frequent allusion to things around them, with which their hearers were familiar, in order to illustrate the subjects on which they spoke. Thus would they illustrate spiritual things by natural ones, making the knowledge of their hearers available in developing and enforcing the wonderful and sublime truths they taught. To vine-growers the Saviour would say, “*I am the vine; ye are the branches.*” To agriculturists Jehovah says by the mouth of his prophet, “*Break up the fallow-ground.*”

In this brief epistle we would adopt the same method of communicating spiritual truth, and stirring up your pure minds by way of remembrance, to double your diligence in our Master's service.

In the more densely populated portions of our country, each husbandman has a comparative small portion of ground. But, by dint of industry, and careful, and skillful cultivation, he makes that small portion yield the greatest abundance. It is enriched with all possible care, and this “small field” is made astonishingly productive. Let us hence, Brethren, learn a spiritual lesson. If we have not a large field to cultivate, let us try a small one. Lay members are sometimes tempted to feel that they are under no special obligation to labor for Christ's cause; that the preachers must do all; that it is enough for them to go and listen to preaching. But, Brethren, did not the same Saviour die for you that died for the preachers? If you are Christians, have you not been bought by the same precious blood, and are you not under the same obligation to labor for your Redeemer according to your ability? But you say, There's the point, I have not the ability. Could any of us feel to-day, that if the Almighty should speak to us from the bending heavens, that he would say that we had done all in our power? Brethren, have we done what we could? Our field may be small, but have we to the utmost of our powers cultivated it as diligently as we might have done? Some of you may say you are not blessed in speech. But you don't lack language in talking about your richly laden fields of grain. You find plenty of language in talk-

ing about things in which you are interested. Any one can speak a few words to recommend Christ to others if their heart is interested in it. It is true you may not be able to explain to a public audience the deep mysteries of God's word. Yet you have a small field; you can cultivate that, and it will bring forth fruit to the glory of God's name. You can preach Jesus around the fire-side. You can tell to sinners about your experience—of the love of God shed abroad in your heart. You can tell them of your hopes of heaven, and affectionately entreat them to journey with you to those sun-bright climes. Then, if you send up your prayers from an earnest, faithful heart, they will bring down the gentle dews of heaven, and the refreshing showers of grace, and the warm and genial sunshine of God's love. Thus shall your "little field" bud and blossom, and bring forth much fruit to the glory of God.

But then the cause of Christ needs our contributions. Herein, also, we sometimes run into error. We think if we cannot give largely, we will not give at all. The poor widow of whom we read in Scripture was willing to cultivate a small field, and her two mites were more in the sight of Heaven than the abundance of the rich. God often crowns the smallest contributions, (even a few dollars or dimes,) with the happiest result. Take a single case. A Sister in this Association gives twenty five cents toward sending the Word of God to the heathen. That twenty-five cents buys a Bible, which is placed in the hands of a heathen youth. He reads it in his native language, and it proves the power of God to his salvation. He tells the news to others, who believe and rejoice, and they to others; and thus the influence of this small pittance goes on accumulating, like the wave of a small pebble on the surface of a lake, till it breaks on the shores of eternity. When that Sister realizes in the world to come these happy results, will it not afford her pleasure that she did not despise the day of "small things;" that she was willing to cultivate a "small field?" Brethren, your Minutes of last year show a membership of nearly three thousand. Now, suppose that each member resolves that he (or she) will send up at least one dollar at the next meeting of the Association. Here, then, would be in your hands nearly three thousand dollars to expend for the cause of the Redeemer.

Finally, Brethren and Sisters, think of these things, and let us not be forgetful hearers, but doers of the work. Let us not stand idle in our Master's vineyard, though our field be a small one. But we should always bear in mind this fact, that the Lord of the harvest will always give us as large a field as we have the will and ability to cultivate.

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## REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY BOARD.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We regard home missions with deep and unabated interest, believing that the welfare and perpetuity of our political institutions are immediately connected with their success. It needs no argument to prove to every thinking mind, that man is degraded or elevated in proportion to the extent that he is under the influence of the Bible. And yet it is true, with this admission before their minds, that many professed Christians do but little, and others nothing, for the accomplishing of this great and God-honoring work. Your Board most earnestly desire that a greater amount of zeal may be aroused in the minds of Brethren generally, in the ministry particularly; that a greater effort may be made on the part of this Association in the coming year than has been made in the past year. It is man's highest and best work on earth to labor and expend his money for the extension of the kingdom of God. No man, at death, will think he has done too much of this kind of labor; but, it is feared, that most of us will think we have done far *too little*. We all desire to hear, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant;" but how can this be if we are *unfaithful*? This is a work that belongs to all, and in which all can engage.

The first meeting of your Board took place on the first Thursday in October, 1856. It will not be forgotten that all the pastors of this Association, and a delegate from each Church, were invited to meet with and compose a part of the Board; but, instead of *all*, there were not more than half that number. But, after some deliberation, the Board proceeded to appoint its Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary, and fill a vacancy occasioned by the absence of Bro. A. Smith, who has removed to Missouri.

The Board then resolved to appoint a missionary, at a salary of four hundred dollars per twelve months, with the privilege of discontinuing him at any quarterly meeting. Bro. J. O. Anderson received this appointment, and, being present, accepted of it, to take the field early in November.

At this meeting the Board directed the Treasurer to pay Elder N. C. Alspaugh \$80, and Elder W. Peck \$29 20, for labor done last associational year, as will be seen per Treasurer's report.

Bro. Anderson commenced his missionary labors on the 7th of November, 1856, who reported at the next quarterly meeting as follows:

Preached twenty-four sermons; offered prayer seventy-four times; delivered six exhortations, and traveled two hundred and seventy-four miles; received into the West Point Church twenty-two persons, five of whom were baptized. He also collected \$22 50 to pay the ministers that aided him in the meeting. Raised by subscription \$75 to get the services of a pastor at West Point Church. Sold books to the amount of \$11 10, and collected \$5 for domestic missions.

At the quarterly meeting in January, 1857, it was thought best to dispense with the missionary till warm weather, as it was not possible to get houses to preach in in the destitute field; so that nothing was done till the meeting in April, when Elders W. B. Smith and W. Peck were appointed agents and missionaries to preach to the destitute, and collect funds from the Churches to carry out the objects for which this Board was appointed.

These Brethren were allowed to spend half of their time for the objects named above, and each of them to receive \$50 per month for their services, to whose reports we refer you for an account of their labors.

W. Peck reports: Traveled eighteen days; baptized three persons; preached seventeen sermons; delivered two exhortations; collected in cash \$25 45; sold books to the amount of \$15 05.

W. B. Smith reports: Preached forty-one sermons; delivered sixty-two exhortations; in connection with others, received into the Church fifty persons, thirty-seven of whom were baptized; sold \$31 worth of books, and traveled over eight hundred miles.

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### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Report of funds received and disbursed by the Treasurer of the Executive Board of the South District Association, from the 18th of August, 1856, to the 18th of August, 1857:

To cash on hand, August 18th, 1856,	-	-	-	-	-	\$28 70
“ amount received from Salt River Church,	-	-	-	-	-	8 10
“ “ “ “ Shawney Run Church,	-	-	-	-	-	11 00
“ “ “ “ Harrodsburg “	-	-	-	-	-	11 50
“ “ “ “ Lancaster “	-	-	-	-	-	10 00
“ “ “ “ Cartright's Creek Church,	-	-	-	-	-	11 50
“ “ “ “ New Providence “	-	-	-	-	-	21 00
“ “ “ “ Danville “	-	-	-	-	-	23 00
<b>Total,</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>\$124 80</b>



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DISBURSEMENTS.

Cash paid Elder Willis Peck,*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$29	20
“ “ “ N. C. Alspaugh,*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	00
“ “ “ J. O. Anderson,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54	60
“ “ “ Book Fund,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	00
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Leaving a balance in Treasury, August 18, 1857, of	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	00
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								\$124	80

\* Labors performed last associational year.

Moneys received during the sessions of the Associations:—

From Deep Creek Church,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$11	50
“ Cartright’s Creek Church,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	00
“ Hillsborough	“	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	90
“ Salt River	“	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	00
“ Sugar Grove,	“	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	00
“ Shawney Run	“	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	00
“ Harrodsburgh	“	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	00
“ Agent General Association—cash,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	90
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To cash paid W. B. Smith, Missionary.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	00
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Balance,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$84	30

RESOLUTIONS.

*Whereas*, Some of our Churches are without pastors; *and, whereas*, there is great complaint of a low state of piety generally in the bounds of this Association—

*Be it resolved*, That the Association recommend to the Churches composing this body to set apart Wednesday, the 14th of October, for fasting, humiliation, and prayer, that the Lord may send forth more laborers into his vineyard, and for a general revival of religion.

Your Committee on *Education* beg leave to report the following:—

*Whereas*, The members of the Baptist Church in Danville, and the friends of education in the vicinity thereof, are now making an effort to establish a first class Female Seminary in the bounds of this Association—

*And, whereas*, They are now wanting about six thousand dollars to complete the buildings of said Institution, so as to be able to accommodate a large number of pupils, and thereby meet the *wants* and *demands* of our denomination in this region of country—

*Resolved, therefore*, That we, the ministers and delegates present, do *highly approve* of the efforts which are being made by the Brethren and friends of female education at Danville; and, in view of the importance of establishing such an Institution in the midst of our Association for the education of our daughters, we do *most cordially* recommend to this Association the appointment of a *suitable Agent* to visit our Churches and Brethren as early as practicable, for the purpose of raising, as soon as possible, by subscription and otherwise, the amount of money *necessary to complete* the buildings of the Institution now in course of erection at Danville.

*Resolved, furthermore*, That we will *faithfully co-operate* with our Brethren at Danville, in the *noble enterprise* in which they are engaged, by extending to them *our prayers, our contributions, and our patronage*.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS.	MESSENGERS' NAMES.	By Baptism.	Rec'd by Letter.	Dis. by Letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Dead.	Colored.	Total.
BETHLEHEM,.....	J. GORDAN,* R. P. STEENBURGEN, J. H. Maratty, J. Froman, L. R. Thurman,* R. Jeffries, .....	11	2	6	1	2	2	...	162
D. Buckner.									
BETHEL,.....	D. C. Dawsey, — Pinkerton,*.....	...	...	5	...	...	1	...	130
T. T. Hedger.									
BEECHFORK,.....	S. Fiddler, James Herrigan,* Thomas Milburn, .....	10	4	...	...	1	1	...	105
D. Buckner.									
UNION,.....	A. Elder, John Holland, Wm. Bolling, .....	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	67
S. G. Pond.									
FORT DIA RIVER, ..	B. KEMPEE, M. Kemper, John Swope, E. J. Floyd, B. Sutton, W. T. B. White, John K. West,.....	30	2	14	2	9	3	170	477
B. Kemper.									
NEW PROVIDENCE, W. Peck.	W. PECK,.....	...	3	7	...	4	1	...	165
DEEP CREEK,....	L. Rice, E. Lester, jr., Wm. H. Best,...	38	1	6	1	3	3	...	202
D. Bruner.									
SHAWNEY RUN,...	R. S. Curd,* J. Ballard, John Curd,* W. B. Smith. ....	...	...	4	...	2	1	...	144
SUGAR CREEK,....	A. Adams,* W. Willis, W. Eason,...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	54
No Pastor.									
HILLSBOROUGH, ..	R. SALE,* H. Leachman,* M. Rogers, ..	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	43
No Pastor.									
SALT RIVER,.....	J. Wigham, J. H. Vanarsdalle, H. Vermilion, .....	3	1	2	2	...	...	30	85
W. B. Smith.									
DANVILLE,.....	V. E. KIRTLEY, A. POMROY, THOS. HUTCHINSON, A. RICE, F. S. FISHER,.....	32	10	10	...	2	...	...	123
V. E. Kirtley.									
AFRICAN CHURCH, H. Green.	.....	3	...	8	4	1	...	...	208
CART'S CREEK,...	Foster Ray, H. H. Clark, J. S. Stallings, ..	...	3	6	1	1	2	14	54
R. P. Steenburgen									
HARRODSBURGH,...	T. H. COLEMAN, J. M. ALEXANDER,* M. B. PULLIAM,* W. B. SMITH, M. E. Clark,* .....	1	7	9	...	4	2	...	122
No Pastor.									
AFRICAN CHURCH, Geo. Passmore.	.....	16	3	3	4	9	1	...	128
FRIENDSHIP,.....	S. COOK, J. H. PROCTOR, J. H. SALLEE, Jesse Stone,* .....	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	58
S. Cook.									
LANCASTER,.....	N. C. ALSPAUGH,* E. BYERS, J. BURNSIDES,* .....	...	...	6	...	3	2	44	97
No Pastor.									
PERRYVILLE,.....	M. SCOTT, D. BUCKNER, James West,...	4	2	6	...	...	...	26	58
D. Buckner.									
BEECH GROVE,...	J. T. Catlin, G. P. Campbell, H. Lawson, F. M. Campbell, .....	9	10	...	...	1	...	15	109
T. G. Pond,									
SUGAR GROVE,...	D. BRUNER, N. SHIRLEY, Geo. Sallee, B. M. Wheeler, Harrison Moore,.....	32	3	31	1	...	3	...	143
D. Bruner.									
PLEASANT RUN,...	John Hall, J. H. Noe, E. Hiatt, W. S. Cook, .....	...	2	3	...	1	...	...	39
S. Cook.									
GILBERT'S CREEK, H. Hiatt, Thos. Edmiston, .....	.....	3	...	...	...	2	32	...	54
No Pastor.									
WEST POINT,.....	John Clemans, A. Watson, John Clark, W. Woner, .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	62
N. C. Alspaugh.									

\* Absent. SMALL CAPITALS, ordained Ministers. *Italics*, licentiates.

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Use of Instrument, ..	6 00	Incidental Expenses, ..	1 25

One half of all charges payable in advance.

No deduction made for absence, unless in cases of protracted sickness.

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N. B. One daughter of each Minister in this, the South District Association, may receive her tuition gratuitously in this Institution.

For further particulars address the Principal,

REV. A. POMROY, A. M.,  
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