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“ SAM. MACK, *Treasurer.*

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. At every sitting, business shall be opened and closed with devine services by the Moderator, or whomsoever he may appoint.
2. Reading letters from churches and enrollment of messengers.
3. Appointment of Committee on Credentials and enrollment of Messengers and Permanent Organization.
4. Reading of the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.
5. Reading letters from new churches and Associations.
6. Invitations to Corresponding Messengers and visiting brethern to participate in all the deliberations of the Association, but vote on none.
7. Appointing Committees on Devotional Exercises, Business, Correspondence, Finance, Ministerial Destitution, Sunday Schools, Missions, College, Place of next Meeting, Annual Sermon, Writer of Circular Letter, Printing and Distributing Minutes, and on Obituaries.
8. New Business.
9. Reports of Committees.
10. Minutes for amendment or approval.
11. Vote of thanks, adjournment, valedictory by the Moderator, and parting hand.

CONSTITUTION OF THE CENTRAL DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, Through the living and tender mercies of Almighty God, we are privileged to meet in a District association; and whereas, an opportunity has presented itself to us to devise means for the intellectual, moral, and religious culture of our race; we therefore adopt the following Constitution:

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be known as the Central District Association of Colored Baptists in Kentucky. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of purity, doctrine, and union fellowship, and to advance the cause of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; also the co-operation in the promotion of Sabbath-schools and missionary work throughout the District, by meeting annually for mutual and religious counsel.

ART. II. All regular Baptist Churches in the District shall be entitled to membership in the Association. Each church composing the Association shall be represented at each annual meeting by messengers and letters, setting forth the spiritual condition of the church, and the extent of their benevolent and missionary operations.

ART. III. Each messenger shall, before taking his seat in the Association, give satisfactory evidence to the Association of his appointment by the church he represents.

ART. IV. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer, to be elected annually, by ballot or otherwise, their duties to be common to their office, as in similar associations, and an Executive Board of seven.

ART. V. The annual meeting shall be held at such time and place as the Association may direct.

ART. VI. The Treasurer shall hold all funds of the Association, and shall pay them out when ordered by the Moderator, and the Moderator's order shall be his voucher; also said Treasurer shall be required to give sufficient bond and security for the safe keeping of all money committed to his care. He shall give a full report of all money received to each annual meeting.

ART. VII. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers, the membership not exceeding 800, and for every 200 over 800 an additional messenger.

ART. VIII. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a two-third vote of the members present.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. No brother can speak more than twice on any subject without permission from the Association.
2. Every brother must respectfully address the chair standing. He must confine himself to the subject under debate, and avoid personalities.
3. Any brother violating any of these rules may be called to order, in which case the Moderator shall immediately decide who is entitled to the floor. There may be an appeal to the Association.
4. No motion can be put without a second, and, if required, reduced to writing.
5. When two or more brothers rise at once, the Moderator shall decide who is in order.
6. Before the question is put on any motion, it shall be distinctly stated by the chair.
7. When a subject is under debate, no motion shall be in order but to lay on the table, to postpone, to refer to a committee, to amend, to adjourn.
8. A motion to lay on the table, reconsider, and adjourn shall not be debatable.
9. No member shall absent himself without permission from the chair.
10. If any proposition or motion contains two or more points, it may be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken separately.
11. Any motion may be suspended when deemed necessary, by the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.
12. No motion made and lost shall be recorded, unless so ordered at the time.
13. The Minutes may be read leisurely, and corrected, if necessary, before the rising of the Association.
14. Any member of the Baptist Church may become an annual member of this Association by paying 50 cents, and a life member by paying \$2.50.
15. These rules may be amended or altered by the concurrence of two-thirds of the Association at any annual meeting.

MINISTERS' AND DEACONS' MEETING.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION—TUESDAY, July 10th, 1883.

The Ministers and Deacons assembled in the Mill Street Baptist Church, at Eminence, at 10 o'clock, A. M., on the above date, with Elder Grigsby in the chair. The Moderator read the 8th chapter of Romans, sang Hymn 646,

O, that I knew the secret place
Where I might my God,

and prayer by Elder A. Heath. The organization was completed by Electing Elder S. Grigsby Moderator, Elder E. J. Anderson Secretary and Bro. Geo. Barbour Treasurer.

The following subjects were discussed:

Is it right for Ministers to solemnize the right of Marriage between divorced persons? It was decided that the marriages as found in Matthew 5, 36 and 19, 8, is a sufficient guide.

Subject 2nd—What authority have the Churches to refuse letters to members in good standing? Decided they have none.

Subject 3rd—Is it right for Christians to dance? Decided it is not right from the following Scriptures: James 4, 4; Mark 6, 22-28; I. Cor. 4, 14; II. Cor. 6, 12; Rom. 8, 5-6.

SATURDAY MORNING, July 14.

Ministers and Deacons at 8:15. Moderator in the chair.
Hymn 131,

Did Christ over sinners weep?

Prayer by the Moderator. Subject discussed, What is the sin unto death? Resolved, that the sin unto death as set forth in the Bible, as known presumptuous sin, as indicated in such passages as Jer. 7, 16, 14; II. John, 17, 9; and Ex. 32, 10 and 7, 16.

Topic 4—What became of Judas Iscariot? Decided that he was lost, from the following Scripture, Mat. 26, 24; Luke 22, 22; Acts 1, 16-19.

The following brethren were appointed to bring these subjects at our next annual meeting:

Duties and qualifications of Deacons—A. Heath.

What is success in the Pulpit?—B. A. Franklin.

Is there any intermediate state after death?—D. A. Gaddie.

Is there evidence for re-baptism in the New Testament?—M. Allen.

What is the difference between Regeneration and Conversion?—
W. Johnson.

On motion, we pay the Secretary \$2 00.

On motion, we adjourn to meet with Central District Association on Tuesday before the third Lord's Day in July, 1884.

ELDER S. GRIGSBY, *Moderator.*

ELDER E. J. ANDERSON, *Secretary.*

MINUTES.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, July 11, 1883.

The Thirteenth Annual Session of the Central District Association met with the Mill Street Baptist Church, Eminence, Ky., at 10 o'clock, A. M., Elder D. A. Gaddie, Moderator, in the chair. He opened by reading the first chapter of the Acts, sang Hymn 465, "Like Isreal Lord am I, my soul is at a stand." Prayer by Elder Simon Grigsby. On motion the following Committees were appointed:

On enrollment, Dr. B. A. Franklin, J. H. Jackson, W. Y. Clinton.

On Finance, Elder A. Heath, E. J. Anderson, Elder J. W. Lewis.

The Clerk then proceeded to read the Letters from the various Churches. The hour having arrived to adjourn, the Moderator sang a Hymn. Prayer by Elder C. C. Bates. Benediction by the Moderator.

EVENING SESSION, July 11.

The Association met at 2 P. M., Moderator in the chair. He opened by reading the 2nd chapter of the Acts, and singing Hymn 979, "How can we see thy children, Lord in love whom thou hast given." Prayer by Bro. W. Wilkerson. Minutes of the morning session read and approved. The reading of Letters having been completed, the Committee on Enrollment made the following report:

Green Street, Louisville, Elder D. A. Gaddie, A. H. Payne,
W. Y. Clinton.
Fifth Street, Louisville, Elder A. Heath.
Anchorage, Elder J. W. Lewis, R. Lillie.
Shelbyville, Elder M. Allen.
Floyd's Fork, John Powers, B. Breashaw.
Green Castle, Elder E. J. Anderson,
Elk Creek, Elder S. Mack, H. Armstrong.
Maple Grove, Elder P. O'Bannon.
Owenton, Elder P. O'Bannon.
Christiansburg, Elder J. W. Lewis, W. Ellison.
Carrollton, J. W. Harris.
Beargrass, Elder E. P. Marrs, J. Lawrence, J. H. Jackson.
Cecelia, Elder Geo. W. Ward.
Bloomfield, Elder S. Grigsby.
Eminence, G. W. Ward, W. B. Hall, Elder W. Lewis.
Centennial, Louisville, Dr. B. A. Franklin, H. Wilson.
Campbellsburg, Elder C. H. Murphy, W. Wilkerson.
Lampton, West Louisville, Elder C. C. Bates.
Port Royal, Elder C. H. Murphy.
Mount Eden, Elder S. Mack, J. Duncans.
Taylorsville, J. Moran, W. May.
Pewee Valley, Elder P. O'Bannon.
Goose Creek, Elder P. Alexander.
Ghent, by Letter.
Simpsonville, Elder P. Alexander, Elder W. Johnson.
Camp Branch, Elder I. Lampkins.

NEW CHURCHES.

Zion, Louisville, I. Ledford.
Ind. Lagrange, Elder R. Straus.
Jeffersonville, Ind., Elder W. M. Miller.
New Liberty, Elder S. Young.
Wibelby, Elder J. Hatter.
Pleasant View, by Letter.

On motion, the officers for the ensuing year be elected by acclamation, Elder D. A. Gaddie was elected Moderator, Elder G. W. Ward Assistant Moderator, Elder E. P. Marrs Secretary, and Elder S. Mack Treasurer. The officers elect thanked the Association for the honors conferred on them. The Moderator, on taking his seat, delivered an address on Education and the duties of Ministers toward each other, that will long be remembered by those who heard it. After which he sang Hymn 13—"How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear." Prayer by Elder A. Heath. The

Clerk then read the Rules of Decorum and Constitution. The hand of fellowship was then extended to the members representing new Churches.

Elder R. Straus, the representative from Lexington District Extension Association, made a fine speech on Church Extension. On motion, Elder S. Grigsby, for his valuable services since the organization of the Central District Association, be made a life member. Bro. F. J. Buckley Annual member. On Motion, we adjourn to meet at 8 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Bro. J. W. Harris.

The Association assembled at 8 o'clock, P. M. to hear the Introductory Sermon by Elder E. J. Anderson.

Bro. F. J. Buckley sang Hymn 852, "Go, preach my Gospel, saith the Lord," and offered prayer. Elder E. J. Anderson sang Hymn 1045, "And now my Soul another year of thy short life is passed." He then took his text Prv. 6th chapter, 6: Go to the ant, thou sluggard, and consider her ways and be wise. He said that his subject might be termed Christian Industry. The text was forcibly and logically handled, and is worthy of commendation.

After a few remarks by the Moderator, Elder Miller offered prayer. Collection \$8 15. Benediction by E. J. Anderson.

THURSDAY MORNING, July 12, 1883.

The Association convened at 10 o'clock—Moderator in the chair. He opened by reading the 53rd chapter Isah, and sung Hymn 845, "Jesus is gone above the sky." Prayer by Elder P. Alexander. The reading of Letters was resumed. Minutes of the last session read.

The Committee on next annual Sermon report. (See report.)

The Committee on Correspondence report. (See reports.)

The Committee on Temperance made their report, and was laid over until three o'clock, P. M.

The Committee on Sunday Schools reported. (See reports.)

The Association stood adjourned, with prayer by Elder Allen Allenworth.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association assembled at 2 P. M. Moderator in the chair. Opened by reading the First Epistle of Paul to the Phillippians—Hymn 170: "No change of time shall ever shake my trust, Lord, to thee." Prayer by Elder J. M. Morton. Minutes of the morning session read and approved. Dr. Porter, of the White Baptist Church, and Elder Mason of the Christian Church, Dr. H. H. Hockens, Elder A. Allensworth and Bro. Wm. H. Steward were introduced to the Association.

The Committee on Ministerial Destitution made their report. (See report.)

This subject was participated in by the following Brethren: G. W. Ward, W. Lewis, R. Straus, and others.

The hour of three having arrived, the subject of temperance was again taken up and discussed by a number of brethren.

The Executive Board made their report. (See reports.)

The Committee on next Annual Meeting reported, and recommended the Centennial Church, Louisville, and Pewee Valley Church, and Taylorsville Church. The vote was taken, and Taylorsville Church was selected for the place of the next meeting.

The Committee on College reported, and the report was laid over until to-morrow. The Association stood adjourned, to meet at 8 o'clock, P. M.. Benediction by the Moderator.

The Association assembled at 8 o'clock, P. M. to hear a sermon by Elder C. C. Bates. Dr. B. A. Franklin read 12th Chapter of Paul's Epistle to the Romans. Hymn 274, "There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Emanuel's veins." Prayer by Dr. B. A. Franklin. Elder C. C. Bates took 22nd Chapter of Matthew, 4th verse, "All things are ready, come to the marriage." Subject—The Gentiles invited. Collection \$3 76.

FRIDAY MORNING, July 13, 1883.

The Association assembled at 10 o'clock, Moderator in the chair. He opened by reading _____ and sang Hymn 85, "'Tis religion that can give." Prayer by Elder John Hatter. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved, except that part criticizing Elder Bates' sermon. The reading of Letters was continued.

The Committee on Periodicals report. (See report.) This report was discussed by Brothers Steward, Allenworth, Franklin and Straus.

The Committee on Circular Letter reported. (See report.) On motion, we return a vote of thanks to Elder Gatting and Professor Holling for their able remarks to the Association.

Resolved, that the appointing of the Missionary be left to the Ex. Board, and that they send out one or more. The Association stood adjourned, with prayer by Elder Gatting.

Geo. Barber became a life member of the Association by paying \$2 50.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association met at 2 o'clock. Moderator in the chair. He

read the First Epistle of Paul to the Thessalonians. Prayer by Elder A. Merefield. Minutes of the last session read and approved. Dr. Hall was introduced to the Association and delivered an address. The Committee on Resolutions continued their report. The Association adjourned at 3 o'clock, P. M., in order that the Sunday School Committee might convene, and reassembled at 8 o'clock, P. M., to hear a sermon by Elder Wm. Miller. He opened by reading the 23rd Psalm, and Elder I. Lamkins Hymn 1122, "And must this body die." Prayer by Elder Lampkins. Elder Miller then took his text: Zacheus come down, for this day I must abide at thy house. Subject—we are up two high; we must come down. The subject was skilfully handled. Collection \$7 95. Benediction by Elder Miller.

APPENDIX.

The Association assembled Saturday night, to hear a sermon by Elder R. Straus. He preached a good, practical sermon. At the conclusion a collection of \$4 50 was raised. On Sunday morning Elder A. Allenworth conducted the devotional exercises in the Sunday School at the church, and Elder J. W. Lewis preached. Elder D. A. Gaddie and Elder E. P. Marrs at the hall. Elder Gaddie preached one of his powerful sermons from Matthew 28, 19, Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations. Subject, you must 'be taught. Elder A. Heath preached in the afternoon at the hall and Elder O'Bannon in the afternoon at the church, and Dr. Franklin at the hall a night, and Elder Allen at the church.

We indeed had a glorious time during the sitting of the Association. On Sunday not less than three thousand people crowded into Eminence. They give to the Association \$46 00. May the Lord bless the citizens of Eminence for the kind manner in which they entertained the messengers of the Association.

ELDER D. A. GADDIE, *Moderator.*

E. P. MARRS, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

We, your Committee on Devotional Exercises, beg leave to submit the following:

- To preach Tuesday night, Elder W. Johnson.
- To preach Wednesday night, Elders E. J. Anderson, F. J. Buckley.
- To preach Thursday Night, Elders C. C. Bates, S. Lampkins.
- To preach Friday night, Elder W. Miller.
- To preach Saturday night, Elders R. Straus, S. Mack.
- To preach at the Hall Sunday morning, Elders D. A. Gaddie E. P. Marrs.
- To preach at the Church Sunday morning Elders J. W. Lewis J. Fisher.
- To preach at the hall Sunday evening Elder A. Heath, Dr. Hockens.
- To preach at the E. M. E. Church, white, at 3 o'clock, P. M., A. Allenworth.
- Sunday School at the Baptist Church, Elders Allenworth, W. H. Steward.
- To preach at the church Sunday evening, Elder P. O'Bannon.
- To preach at the church at night, Elders M. Allen, S. Grigsby.
- To preach at the hall at night, Dr. B. A. Franklin, A. Allenworth.

G. W. WARD,
W. LEWIS,
GEO. BARBER,
W. B. HALL. } Committee.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

DEAR BRETHREN OF THE CENTRAL DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—In writing this Letter, in compliance with my appointment, I find a profound pleasure, and a task which does me great honor. We have met, brethren, in our Thirteenth Annual Session; and as we meet upon this height, let us pause a moment and look back at the pathway along which we have come, that we may strengthen our faith and renew our hope.

Since our first meeting in Shelbyville, in 1870, with Brother Charles Clark as Moderator, this Association has been a power against the ignorance and sin of this district, and even the whole of Kentucky. Like the acorn, sinking, sinking deep in the ground, shooting forth and sending its branches high in the balmy breeze, in the form of the sturdy oak; this Association, from a small body of Christian brethren, planted in Shelbyville, shot forth and now towers in the balmy breeze of popularity, one of the strongest Associations in Kentucky.

The work which it has done for the College is highly gratifying, and the Home Mission and Sunday School work, have received your closest attention. Excellent, indeed have been your past efforts, and much is the good that has been accomplished. Now, brethren, we shall gather fresh courage from the good results of our past labor, and from henceforth push forward with a determination to do everything with untiring energy to elevate our people and the cause of Christ, in Kentucky. Surely, brethren, the harvest is great, therefore none of us should stand idle, but we should go forth in

the name of Jesus, with a perfect knowledge of our weapons, and with skill and daring battle against the power of darkness, pulling down the kingdom of satan, and building up the cause of Christ.

The Baptists of Kentucky have much to do. If they would not have the other denominations gain ground upon us, and if we would successfully wage war against the prince of darkness, we must send out into the destitute places missionaries, and especially Sabbath-School missionaries.

Brethren, we must in the future look after the Sunday Schools with more interest. I hold that the Sunday School is the very nursery of the Church. The great secret of a churches success, to a large extent, lies in the treatment of the children. Show me a church with a large healthy Sabbath School, and I will show you a prosperous, healthy church. The Sabbath-school is of highest importance to our success. This being true, we should go forth, establish them, draw in the children, and there teach them those first lessons of truth, and the wonderous love of Jesus, instilling into their youthful minds the divine teachings, and the Baptist principles, and then our success will be assured. Then will the Baptists grow, and spread their arms over the whole of Kentucky, and great and general prosperity prevail.

Brethren, can you feel satisfied with your work as ministers of the Gospel, without a deep and active interest in the Sabbath-school, and the training of the children? You certainly cannot. When Jesus was here upon earth he said, suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven. Then we must suffer them to come to Jesus through the Sabbath-school. See?

If we neglect the Sabbath-school work, we neglect one of our most essential duties, as workers for Christ. Remember, dear brethren, that the children are the future hope of the church.

In concluding, I would say let us ever fight to support our College and the American Baptist—which are strong helps to the Baptists of the State, and something of which we can justly feel proud. Let us support everything that is an enemy to ignorance and sin; and that will promote the cause of Christ,

Let us now, as we take the parting hand, say—If I have done nothing in the past, I will do that way no more; if I have done something for Christ, I will do just so much the more, and if I have drank whisky, wine beer in the past, I am determined never to touch any more.

See, dear brethren, if we part with such determinations, God will smile upon us, and crown our labors with great success.

That we may all live to meet again in Taylorsville, is the prayer of

Your Brother in the Lord,

AARON H. PAYNE.

REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY.

DEAR BRETHREN:—I beg leave to submit the following report, as your Missionary of the Central District Association.

I visited Grant County, having arrived at Crittenden, and finding a Baptist Church there, pastored by Elder Bush, belonging to the Consolidated Educational Association. I preached several sermons there, leaving there for Dry Ridge, and on arriving there I found there a few Baptist, I preach-

ed a few sermons and attempted to organize a church at that point. They informed me that they wanted a church, but Elder Bush, being the Missionary of the Education Association, had promised to organize a church for them, consequently I failed to organize in that locality

Leaving Dry Ridge for Williams Town (the county seat of Grant,) I arrived there on Monday Morning, finding not one Baptist in the whole place, I at once sought a place to preach for them, finding two connections of Methodist there, it was very difficult to get a place to preach. They were in war, one against the other, having nothing but a school house to preach in, one party had rented the house, and were trying to keep out the other party. The house being owned by a colored man whom I stopped with, who seemed to have been a Baptist believer, went with me one night to the house to a meeting, which seemed to have been an officers meeting, I arose and introduced myself to the congregation, and made known my business as a Missionary of the Central District Association, and asked them the privilege of preaching for them, that I might have the people to hear me the next night. It was rejected saying it was their prayer meeting night, I also asked for the next night, and it was rejected being their class meeting night, at this point the gentleman whom I stopped with, arose to my rescue and said as I was rejected I should preach at his house on Thursday night.

Hearing that they agreed that I should preach there that night, and they would have nothing going on. The other preacher of the other connection being there, invited me to go with him to Corinth, Ky., to preach with him. So I went to the Depot and paid my fair and mounted the cars. Him and I arrived there that night and found his Deacon Steward very low, church being closed on that account. I failed to get to preach there, so I returned to Williams Town, and by that time I was out fifty cents and had done nothing. I then preached that night at Williams Town, to a good audience and they seemed to rejoice.

Leaving there the next morning for Owen County, I preached there at New Liberty, Owenton, Liberty Station, Carroll County and for Steven Creek, Gallitin County. I left there for Lagrange, to assist in preaching Brother Jack Fuller's Funeral, Brother Saultee, not being present, the funeral did not go on, and I preached that day in the Court House.

On the 4th, Sunday in September I preached again in Lagrange, I left there for Shelbyville, where I preached several sermons with Elder M. Allen, and left for Taylorsville, and from Taylorsville, to Mt. Eden, and there I preached and Lectured to the Sabbath School, and from there back to Taylorsville, entering into a series of meetings with Brother Mack.

Received at Beargrass Baptism, 13, Restored, Letter and Watchcare, 6, Total 19. Received by Baptism at Greencastle, 8, otherwise 3, Total, 11. Received by Baptism at Fifth Street, Louisville, 73, Restored by Letter and Watchcare 59, Total 123. Received by Baptism at Simpsonville, 9, otherwise, 12, Total, 21. Received by Baptism at Goose Creek, 8, Total for the year, 186 of which 117 were converts, and 65 were received otherwise.

Money received \$206.08, Sick Visits 28, Sabbath School Lectures 17, Funerals preached and assisted in preaching 10, Sermons preached 239, Miles traveled 561.

P. S.—I am now in the act of organizing a church at Pleasureville, and think I will be successfull in doing so, for further information of Pleasureville, inquire of me.

This is the report of your Missionary for the year, Yours Respectfully,
W. LEWIS, Missionary

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

On Sunday-schools.

We your Committee on Sunday-schools submit the following.

WHEREAS, We know of many places now destitute, where much good could be accomplished, by the Establishing of a Sabbath-school, and as we know that there are many wealthy and accomplished young christians, male and female in our minds, we recommend them by the assistance of the Pastor and Deacons, to help them to Establish a Sunday-school where ever they can, and that we in the future, give Friday and Saturday to the Sunday-school work.

R. STRAUS,	} Committee.
J. W. LEWIS,	
A. H. PAYNE,	
E. P. MARRS,	
G. W WARD,	

On College Work.

We your Committee on College Work, beg leave to submit to you the following report.

The Kentucky Normal and Theological Institute in Louisville, is doing a grand and glorious work, this Institution is the great desideratum of the Colored Baptist Denomination of Kentucky, though young in years, it is taken rank among the leading Institutions of the South, the regime under which it is run is eminently satisfactory, and the curriculum of study taught there are in every respect abreast with the times. Rev. Wm. J. Simmons, the President, A. M., of this Insitute, with his able corps of teachers, are experienced educators and high toned christian snstrutors, of whom our denomanation may possible feel proud, its last closing exercise was a brilliant overture, and marked grand spot in the history of Kentucky Baptist. From this time onward, students will yearly graduate from its classic walls aad go forth to battle with the wide world, and contend for the faith once delivered to the saints.

It is from the Kentucky Normal and Theological School, we are to look for our future leaders, our venerable farthers are passing away, the silver shears have sown there heads with white threads, and they are walking with weary and tottering steps down to the grave. But glory to God, many of them have seen of the trouble of their soul, and are satisfied that students from this school, must come after them and fill their places.

Wherefore, we earnestly recommend that each Pastor and leading layman, take the work of our institute deeply to heart and properly lay it before the people. In conclusion when future history shall lift her luminous head and flash her sparkling eyes down the cyclicity of the ages, may the name of many of our students adorn her pages.

B. FRANKLIN,	} Committee
P. ALEXANDER,	
A. HEATH,	
W. JOHNSON,	
C. C. BATES,	
J. H. JACKSON,	
M. ALLEN,	
I. LANKINS,	

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

To the Central District Association, when convened with the Baptist Church at Eminence, Ky., July 11th, 1883, Greeting.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We, the Executive Board, feel glad to submit our Annual Report. We feel grateful toward our Heavenly Father for his blessings toward us since our last sitting.

The churches in the district have enjoyed rich harvests of revivals, and many souls have been made glad in the grace of God. To God belongs all the praise for this grand and noble work.

According to the work that was referred to the Board, at the last sitting, concerning the picture drawings of the college, the Board appointed a committee to see what 500 pictures would cost. When they reported, we found that we had not the money to have them drawn. The College, we learn, is in a very good working condition. The building is overflowed with students, and have not the room to accommodate them. Therefore the great demand is for money to pay for the property, and also that it may be more commodious.

Now the Sunday-school work. Sunday-schools are important for the young and idle on Sunday. Also many old people that do not attend Sunday-schools. There was appointed last year a District Sunday-school Superintendent, but the board has not heard of any schools the said superintendent has visited or none he has organized. We therefore recommend the association to see to it that the waste places are considered, and one be appointed that will take a deep interest in the Sunday-school work.

We cannot say much about our missionary work. We refer you to him for his report.

Elder S. Grigsby, our correspondent messenger to the Nelson County White Association was successful in receiving from said association \$63.55, donated to the Institute. His traveling expenses were \$6.10 from the above amount, which left \$57.45 that was forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Association. Yesterday, July 10th, Elder Grigsby turned over \$5 more for the same, which is in the hands of the Treasurer. The grand total turned over by him, \$68.50; expenses, \$6.10; clear of expenses, \$62.45.

The following is the Finance report:

Paid to E. P. Marrs, Secretary, July 17th, 1882,	\$ 15 00
Donated to the College,	52 00
Paid that was due Secretary,	2 10
Paid to Missionary,	3 50
Paid to sexton of Carrollton Church,	3 00
Paid to Secretary for stationary, stamps etc.,	1 45
Paid to Bro. Allen for postal cards, etc.,	25
Paid to Bro. Marrs for printing and distributing minutes,	34 00
Forwarded to Corresponding Messenger of Gen'l Ass'n for College,	57 45
Paid to Bro. Grigsby for traveling expenses,	6 10
Paid to Elder Ward for paper,	25
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Total amount paid out,	\$177 10
Remaining in the hands of Treasurer,	5 05
Due Bro. Grigsby for Traveling expenses,	1 80

Respectfully submitted.

S. MACK, J. W. LEWIS, A. HEATH, S. GRIGSBY,
C. MURPHY, G. W. WARD, M. ALLEN,

On Resolutions.

We your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following:

RESOLVED, That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to ascertain the names and the residence of each Messenger appointed by this Association as Corresponding Messenger to other Associations and find out the place and time where such body will meet, at least ten days before said body meets, and make out credentials stating the object and mission of each appointee and forward the same to each Messenger.

RESOLVED, That this Association tender thanks to the Louisville & Nashville R. R. Company for carrying the Messengers over its road at reduced rates.

RESOLVED, That this Association tender heart felt thanks to the Nelson County Association, white, for the kindly manner in which it received our Messenger, Elder S. Grigsby, Corresponding Messenger from this Association, and also the \$67.00 contributed to him for the college.

RESOLVED, That we have 700 minutes published.

RESOLVED, That we pay the Secretary \$20 for services rendered and the Sexton \$3.

RESOLVED, That a vote of thanks be tendered the Mill Street Baptist Church for the use of their house, and the citizens of Eminence for the kindness and hospitality shown us while in their midst.

RESOLVED, That all money remaining in the Treasury after paying all the debts be turned over to the college.

ELD. B. A. FRANKLIN, E. J. ANDERSON, E. P. MARRS,	}	Committee.
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On Ministerial Destitution.

We your Committee on Ministerial Destitution beg leave to submit the following: We find that the whole of Trimble county and the north-east part of Henry and the northern part of Oldham and the eastern part of Shelby and a part of Nelson county destitute. We recommend the Missionary to visit those places and organize churches and that the churches recommend their young preachers to go and work up those fields, and we also recommend the Missionary to establish schools in these places.

W. Y. CLINTON, W. LEWIS, E. J. ANDERSON, J. LAWRENCE, S. MACK, P. O'BANNON,	}	Committee.
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On Temperance.

We your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following: Intemperance is the greatest evil with which the people of this country have to contend, and thousands of both men and women are falling victims daily to this great enemy. This evil is also destructive to the bodies, the minds and the souls of the people. It is therefore the duty of all moral citizens

and especially all christian people to lift up their voices against this crying sin and blend their efforts together and drive intemperance from the land.

RESOLVED, That the definition of Temperance as given in Brown's Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge is the true definition. "Temperance is the moderate use of things useful, and total abstinence from things pernicious." We further recommend that all ministers and messengers of this Association be requested to sign their names as members and workers in the temperance cause.

G. W. WARD,	}	Committee.
A. STRATTON,		
J. HARRIS,		
A. HEATH,		

On Periodicals.

We your Committee on Periodicals beg leave to submit the following: We recommend the adoption of the American Baptist and the Intermediate Lessons and the Baptist Teacher and especially the American Baptist as the official organ of this State.

J. H. HARRIS.	}	Committee.
A. HEATH,		
R. STRAUS,		
W. B. HALL,		
GEORGE BARBER,		
J. H. JACKSON,		
W. WILKERSON,		
DR. B. A. FRANKLIN,		

On Executive Board.

We your Committee on Executive Board recommend the following Brethren as members for the ensuing year: J. W. Lewis, M. Allen, E. P. Marrs, S. Mack, J. Dunkins, W. B. Hall, G. W. Ward.

S. MACK,	}	Committee.
J. DUNKINS,		
W. WILKERSON,		
M. ALLEN,		

On Place of Next Meeting.

We your Committee on Place of Next Annual Meeting recommend that Taylorsville be the place of the next annual meeting of the Central District Association, and that it meet Wednesday before the third Sunday in July, 1884.

On Annual Sermon.

We your Committee on next Annual Sermon beg leave to submit the following to preach the Annual Sermon, Elder A. Heath; Alternate, Elder W. Lewis.

E. J. ANDERSON,	}	Committee.
HENRY WILSON,		
W. WILKERSON,		
R. LILLIE,		
I. LAMKINS,		
W. B. HALL,		
G. W. WARD,		

On Correspondence.

We your Committee on Correspondence beg leave to submit the following:

- To the General Association Colored Baptist—Elder D. A. Gaddie.
- To the First District Association—Bro. F. J. Buckley.
- To the South District Association—Elder S. Grigsby.
- To the Consolidated Educational Association—Dr. B. A. Franklin.
- To the Aid Association—Elder A. Heath.
- To the State Sunday-school Convention—Elder E. P. Marrs.
- To the General Association Indiana—Elder J. W. Lewis.
- To the General Association, White—Elder A. Heath.
- To the White Association Nelson County—Elder S. Grigsby.
- To the Concord Association, White—Elder P. O'Bannon.
- To the Shelby County Association—Elder M. Allen.
- To the Franklin Association—W. B. Hall.
- To the Sulphur Fork Association—Elder P. O'Bannon.
- To the Liberty Association—G. W. Ward.
- To the Mount Pleasant Association—Elder R. Straus.

S. MACK,	}	Committee.
R. STRAUS,		
E. P. MARRS,		
G. W. WARD,		
W. LEWIS,		
J. HOGHES,		
I. LAMKINS.		
F. J. BUCKLY,		

MINUTES OF THE SABBATH-SCHOOL CONVENTION.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON—FIRST SESSION.

EMINENCE, KENTUCKY, July 13th, 1883.

The Central District Convention met with the Mill Street Sunday-school, of Eminence, Friday, at 2 o'clock P. M., with Elder G. W. Ward, President, in the chair. The meeting was opened by Rev. B. A. Franklin reading the eighty-third Psalm. The Convention sang hymn number forty-five of the Gospel Songs. Prayer by same brother.

Committee on Enrollment consisting of Dr. B. A. Franklin, was appointed. The letters from the various schools were then read, after which the Committee on Enrollment submitted their report, which on motion was adopted.

On motion the Convention went into permanent organization, and the following named officers were elected: Geo. W. Ward, President; Miss Dorcus Sherley, Vice-President; Aaron H. Payne, Secretary; Miss Lizzie B. Carter, Treasurer.

On motion Rev. Allen Allensworth was admitted as an honorary member.

The various Committees were then appointed as follows:

Committee on Finance—Samuel Mack, G. W. Adams, W. Y. Clinton.

Committee on Periodicals—F. J. Buckley, E. P. Marrs, S. Young, John Hatter, Allen Allensworth.

Committee on Temperance—Andrew Heath, E. Reid, Mary Robinson, Allen Allensworth.

Committee on College—A. H. Payne, B. A. Franklin, Samuel Mack, D. A. Gaddie.

Committee on Condolence—A. H. Payne, S. Grigsby.

Committee on Sunday-schools—A. Heath, E. W. Reed, Lizzie Roberts, Warner May.

Committee on Place of Next Meeting—J. H. Hughes, W. B. Hall, Dorcus Sherly, G. W. Haden, Mary E. Hughes.

Committee on Correspondence.—

After which remarks were made by Bro^s. Allen Allensworth, Henry Wilson, S. Young and others. After prayer by the Rev. D. A. Gaddie, the Convention adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock A. M. on the following day.

SECOND SESSION, SATURDAY MORNING, July 14th, 1883.

In pursuance to adjournment, the Central District Convention met in their second session, at 10 o'clock A. M., Saturday morning, President G. W. Ward in the chair. The meeting was opened by the Rev. Andrew Heath reading the nineteenth chapter of St. Matthew, and prayer by the same, and after singing, the minutes of the last session were read, and approved.

The committee on Sunday-schools submitted the following: We your committee on Sunday-schools recommend the establishment of Sunday-school institutes in all the counties of this district. We further recommend that the Convention employ the services of Rev. Allen Allensworth to establish and help conduct them in each county, and that they meet as often as possible during the year.

A. HEATH,
E. W. REED,
LILLIE ROBERTS, } Committee.
WARNER MAY,

On motion the report of said Committee was adopted.

The Committee on Periodicals then reported, recommending the American Baptist and the International Series. The report was adopted.

It was here moved that the Chair be addressed, Bro. President instead of Bro. Moderator. Same carried.

After which the Convention adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock P. M.

THIRD SESSION, SATURDAY EVENING, July 14th, 1883.

The Central District Convention met in their third session at 2 o'clock P. M., President G. W. Ward in the chair. The session was opened by

Rev. E. P. Marrs reading scripture and offering prayer. After singing, the minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Committee on Place of Next Annual Meeting submitted the following: We recommend that the Sunday-School Convention meet at Taylorsville, Kentucky, on Friday before the third Lord's Day in July 1884, with the Association, which was on motion adopted.

At this junction Bro. Allensworth made some remarks in behalf of the American Baptist Publication Society. A motion to take up a collection for the benefit of this society was carried. Collection \$3.05.

On motion Bro. F. J. Buckley was appointed Superintendent of the Sunday-Schools composing this Convention.

The Committee on Condolence reported, and the report was adopted.

The Committee on Temperance then submitted the following: We recommend the organization of Temperance Bands of Hope in each Sunday-school in the district. We further ask the pastor of the churches in the Central District Association to preach a temperance sermon, or deliver a lecture on the subject, once a quarter. We further recommend the Sunday-schools to receive and co-operate with Elder A. Barry the R. G. C. T. of Kentucky, in his work. We further recommend that no person who is intemperate be elected an officer or teacher in the Sabbath-School.

ALLEN ALLENSWORTH,	}	Committee.
ANDREW HEATH,		
E. REED,		
MARY ROBINSON.		

The report was adopted.

After which it was moved that we ask the Association to allow our minutes printed with theirs. Same carried.

Moved that the clerk be allowed \$3 for his services. Carried.

Moved that all money remaining, after the general expenses are paid be given to the college. Carried.

The Rev. Allensworth then proceeded to instruct the children present, and distribute presents to them.

After this an Essay, subject, "Sunday-school Work," was read by Bro. G. W. Adams. It was moved that the essay be published in the minutes. Carried.

Miss Mary E. Hughes then came forward and read a very able Essay, subject, "Pernicious Reading." It was moved that this essay be published in the American Baptist. Carried.

After singing and prayer the Convention adjourned to meet at Taylorsville on Friday before the third Lord's Day in July 1884.

AARON H. PAYNE,
CLERK.

REV. GEO. W. WARD,
PRESIDENT.

ESSAY—SUBJECT: ON SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

It is good for us I think in this era of Sunday-schools and Sunday-school triumphs, to consider the blessings that have flowed from them, just as it is well for the man in business, once-in-a-while to draw off his ballance sheet, so that he may see his profits and resources. So it is well enough for our encouragement, to stop a moment and ask what the Sunday-school work done for the Church, this will be done very briefly.

1. The Sunday-school has added to the membership of the church. It has been and is a most valuable institution, the large majority in all our children have come into the church out of the sunday-school. In the Sunday-school, the teachers are preachers, and our children are intended hearers and the word of God, brought in such sweetness, agreeable with the soul that it brings forth its fruit most abundantly. The Sunday-school has done and is a great work for the church, every year adding numbers of its members to the church, such as are saved.

2. It has added to the intelligence of the church, not only has it enlarged its membership, but a work as muchly needed, has been done by the steady measure of intelligence of the churches, and this measure of knowledge, may be traced direct to the Sunday-schools. There is a noble amount of ignorance now, and the Sunday-school has not yet done its full work. But steadily the good work is going on, and the tree of knowledge and the christianizing influences of the Sunday-schools, is growing larger and larger in all our churches.

3. It has added to the workers of the church, there are so few in our church who are willing to work, there are fewer still who know how to work. The Sunday-school is aiming to supply the great demands of the church and is gradually succeeding, and all the children are being sent into the church as trained and efficient laborers.

Very Respectfully Submitted

GEO. W. ADAMS.

CHURCH STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	PASTOR.	POST-OFFICE.	By Baptism . . .	Rec'd by Watchcare	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Deaths	Membership	Money for Min'tes	Money for College	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Church Property .	Established : . . .
Green-st., Louisville	D. A. Gaddie	Louisville . . .	34	6	8	10	8	13	15	1,550	\$3 00	\$7 00	6	6	..	..
Fifth-st., Louisville	A. Heath . . .	Louisville . . .	73	2	15	17	7	7	21	1,096	2 00	3 00	1	1	..	1870
Elk Creek	S. Mack	Taylorsville . .	7	2	2	7	1	1	1	193	50	2 00	..	..	..	..
Shelbyville	M. Allen	Shelbyville . . .	21	3	4	8	2	7	2	215	1 00	1 00	1	1	..	..
Bloomfield	S. Grigsby . . .	Bloomfield . . .	24	2	4	11	2	3	3	185	1 00	1 00	..	..	..	..
Owenton	P. O'Bannon . .	Owenton	2	3	3	5	1	4	4	103	50	1 00	..	..	1,400	1867
Carrollton		Carrollton	16	..	..	5	2	2	2	66	1 00	2 00	..	..	1,400	1871
Christiansburg . . .	J. W. Lewis . .	Shelbyville . . .	10	3	1	4	4	4	4	81	25	50	1	1	..	1872
Port Royal	C. H. Murphy . .	Eminence	14	3	3	2	3	3	..	58	50	50	..	..	400	..
Anchorage	J. W. Lewis . .	Anchorage	10	1	2	1	2	1	2	67	50	75	3	3	..	1873
Eminence	G. W. Ward . . .	Eminence	20	1	18	3	3	3	3	213	1 00	1 00	1	1	800	..
Centennial Ch., Louisville.	B. A. Franklin .	Louisville	46	15	2	6	2	2	3	148	1 00	5 50	3	6	1,500	1869
Roods Creeks	G. W. Ward . . .	Louisville	17	2	6	2	2	7	2	165	1 00	..	..	..	..	..
Floyd's Fork	E. J. Anderson .	Lodds Point . . .	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	120	1 00	..	..	..	..	..
Beargrass	E. P. Marrs . . .	Louisville	36	11	..	4	7	2	130	78	1 00	1 00	1	1	..	1879
Campbellsburg . . .	C. H. Murphy . .	Campbellsburg . .	..	..	..	5	6	..	..	50	1 75	1 75	..	..	600	1871
Ghent	L. Moody	Ghent	4	3	1	3	3	..	..	61	25	1 00	..	..	..	..
Pewee Valley	P. O'Bannon . .	Pewee Valley . . .	26	3	1	3	3	..	..	78	50	1 50	..	..	..	..
Green Castle	E. J. Anderson .	Harrods Creek . .	9	1	3	2	8	2	115	50	50	50	3	5	1,000	..
Mt. Eden	S. Mack	Mt. Eden	4	1	2	5	2	5	5	183	50	3 00	..	..	1,500	1871
Jeffersonville, Ind.	W. Miller	Jeffersonville Ind	27	4	6	5	2	1	68	180	50	..	3	3	1,000	..
Maple Grove	P. O'Bannon . .	Owenton	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	68	1 00	2 00	..	..	..	..

Taylorville	None	Taylorville	8	19	3	4	6	75	50	1 00	2	1,200				
Lampton St., Louisville	C. C. Bates	Louisville	1	3				496		1 00	3	3,000				
Independen't Ch. Lagrange	K. Straus	Lagrange	9					2c	50	1 00		200				
Simpsonville	P. Alexander	Simpsonville	8		12	2	2	277	50							
Goose Creek	P. Alexander	Louisville				1		131	50		1					
New Liberty	S. Young	Campbellsville		2		4	2	60	50							
Pleasant View	None	Hatton						36	1 25							
Campbranch	Lanskins	Smilietown	20	2	8	1	1	90	50	1 00		300				
NEW CHURCHES.																
Willibey, Boone Co.,	J. Hatter	Webeby	20					35	1 00							
Zion Louisville	None	Louisville	18	30				326	1 00	2 00	5	9,000				
*Jeffersontown	R. Reynolds	Jeffersontown										18,49				
*Charlestown, Ind	J. C. Harrison	Charlestown						30				18,48				
*First Baptist, Lagrange	J. M. Morton	Lagrange						58								
*York St., Louisville	C. H. Dinkins	Louisville						400								
*New Castle	J. M. Morton	New Castle						250								
*Fairfield	P. H. Tolbert	Louisville														
*Ten Mile Eggle Creek	H. Hamilton	West Point														
*West Point	None	Long Run														
*Boston	None	Louisville														
Portland	J. Riley															
*Flat Rock	None															
Liberty Station	S. Young	Liberty Station						12								
Vevey Ind	John Hatter	Vevey, Ind														
*St. Johns, Louisville	J. H. Frye	Louisville						20								
*Stephens Creek	None	Ghent														
*Mt. Olevet	W. H. Huffine	Monterey						10				1882				
			477	39	108	180	48	89	72	8,003	\$25	75	\$41	30	27	24

*Churches marked thus * were not represented in the last setting.

It will be seen that we represent 693 more members this year than last, and 103 baptism than last year. There was \$10.00 more sent to the ass. by the church than last year. We Collected \$17.00 more from the church at Carrollton, than at Eminence, \$46.00 at Carrollton, \$63.10, the whole amount of money collected from the Churches and Sabbath Schools, \$131.75 this is \$1.75 more than was collected at our last setting.

E. P. MARRS, Secretary

SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.

SCHOOLS.	MESSENGERS.	SUPERINTENDENT.	POST OFFICE	COUNTY.	Scholars.	Teachers.	Books.	Money for College.	Money for Ministers.
Shelbyville	G. Haydon and G. Adams	Geo. Adams	Shelbyville	Shelby	100	13	..	1 00	50
Eminence	G. W. Ward and A. J. Dorsey	G. W. Ward	Eminence	Henry	65	6	75	50	50
Green-st. Louisville	A. H. Payne	Geo. Thomas	Louisville	Jefferson	300	..	..	..	..
Beargrass	J. H. Jackson & J. Lawrence	J. Lawrence	St. Matthew	Jefferson	50	4	60	1 00	..
5th, st., Louisville	A. Heath	M. Lawson	Louisville	Jefferson . . . . .	..	15	600	..	..
Bloomfield	S. Grigsby	S. Grigsby	Bloomfield	Nelson . . . . .	..	5	..	25	25
Elk Creek	Little Roberts	John Bonds	Elk Creek	Spencer	35	..	40	25	25
Carrollton	J. H. Harris	D. W. Brooks	Carrollton	Carroll	30	..	..	50	50
Hatton	George Johnson	G. W. Johnson	Hatton	Shelby . . . . .	..	22	..	50	..
Taylorsville	A. May	A. May	Taylorsville	Spencer	40	..	75	50	..
Port Royal	J. H. Jordon	J. H. Jordon	Port Royal	Henry	25	3	30	50	50
Ghent	Ed. Reid	Thomas Landrum	Ghent	Carroll	35	3	..	50	..
Centennial Louisville	Mary and J. H. Hughes	Henry Harris	Louisville	Jefferson	185	..	..	5 00	1 00
Charlestown, Ind.	G. W. Ward	J. H. Hughes	Charlestown	Clark	33	..	..	75	25
Rood's Creek	S. Mack	G. Page	Mt. Eden . . . . .	..	35	3	40	50	..
Mt. Eden	F. J. Buckley & Lizzie Carter	David Gilbert	Anchorage	Shelby	30	2	50	1 30	25
Anchorage . . . . .	..	..	Lindon	Jefferson	40	5	60	50	50
Goose Creek . . . . .	..	..	..	Jefferson	35	3	100	25	25
					1060	62	1130	\$13 80.	\$4 75