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OF THE

ELKHORN ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

BRYANT'S STATION CHURCH,

FAYETTE COUNTY, KY.,

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PROCEEDINGS.

TUESDAY, 10 o'clock A. M.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder H. McDonald, from II. Corinthians, IV, 10-12.

The letters from the churches were then called for and read, and the names of messengers enrolled as follows :

CLEAR CREEK—S. H. Crim, and D. C. Atkins.

GREAT CROSSINGS—Elder J. G. Bow, N. Long, M. N. Peak, and J. N. Bradley.

BRYANT'S STATION—Dr. R. T. Dillard, J. M. Dillard, and E. H. Coons.

EAST HICKMAN—Elder C. E. W. Dobbs, J. W. Berry, and G. S. Mitchell, I. P. Shelby, C. F. Alford, J. F. Teasdale, and M. C. Alford.

STAMPING GROUND—W. H. McDonald, B. W. House, S. L. Thomasson, and J. E. Thomasson.

DRY RUN—Trusten Woolen, J. B. Thomasson, and J. W. Neale.

SILAS—Jacob Kellar, William Sparks, N. Switzer, and George Clark.

GLEN'S CREEK—A. L. Wright, and A. Hammon.

HILLSBORO—Elder R. H. Gray, P. S. G. Watson, S. H. Shouse, and J. A. Orr.

MOUNT PLEASANT—Spencer Holloway, A. M. Young, H. W. Cleveland, and D. H. Bryant.

DAVID'S FORK—Elder R. M. Dudley, J. K. Nunnally, J. H. Darnaby, C. Weathers, A. M. Alexander, J. A. Darnaby, and C. F. Estill.

GEORGETOWN—Elder B. Manly, Elder H. McDonald, D. Thomas, J. E. Farnam, and J. J. Rucker.

LEXINGTON—Elder George Hunt, Elder R. Ryland, L. Warfield, H. Hardesty, G. O. Yeiser, A. M. White, G. Clarke, George McCann, and J. H. Baker.

PARIS—A. Myers, and W. E. Clark.

MOUNT VERNON—C. R. Thompson, W. Price, W. Wheeler, H. H. Hicks, and B. W. D. Seeley.

CANE RUN—Elder J. C. Freeman, P. H. Thompson, A. F. McMeekin, and J. C. Montague.

VERSAILLES—Elder A. B. Miller, H. H. McDowell, D. M. McGee, G. R. Scott, and T. T. Bryant.

NICHOLASVILLE—J. M. Hunt, James Lyne, and T. B. Crutcher.

SOUTH ELKHORN—Elder J. L. Smith, W. T. Hearne, John Davis, Ben Bosworth, and Levi Rice.

LONG LICK—J. S. Perry, and Thomas Darnold.

HARTWOOD—No messenger or letter.

MOUNT FREEDOM—Peter Crutcher and J. H. Wilson.

PROVIDENCE—Elder C. Lewis, T. W. Jones, and H. M. Bedford.

MIDWAY—J. H. Thomson, A. S. Branham, A. M. Lyon, and W. H. Branham.

AFTERNOON SESSION—TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

TUESDAY, 2 o'clock P. M.

The Association then proceeded to organize according to the usual form. Brethren Seeley and Trimble were appointed to take the vote for Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the election of Elder George Hunt, Moderator, and J. J. Rucker, Clerk. On taking the chair the Moderator made some appropriate remarks. Prayer by Elder N. B. Johnson.

On motion B. W. D. Seeley was requested to act as Assistant Clerk.

The Baptist Church at Midway applied for admission, and its covenant and articles of faith having been read and approved, was received into the fellowship of this Association. Elder C. Lewis made some remarks in regard to this church.

Messengers and letters from corresponding associations were called for and responded as follows:

CONCORD—By Messenger J. V. Riley.

BRACKEN—By Messengers J. Pike Powers, James Bassett, and J. E. Carter.

UNION—By Messenger L. G. Bell.

LONG RUN—By Messengers Elder S. L. Helm, and Elder W. M. Pratt.

BOONE'S CREEK—By letter and Messenger G. W. Lewis.

BAPTIST—By letter and Messengers J. L. Martin, J. B. Singleton, H. H. Tilford, and J. E. Shropshire.

SOUTH DISTRICT—Messenger Elder G. D. Hunt.

FRANKLIN—Messenger R. T. Thompson.

DAVISS COUNTY—By Messenger J. S. Coleman.

NORTH BEND—By letter and Elders J. A. Kirtley, T. J. Stevenson, and S. H. Burgess.

IRVINE—By Messenger Elder N. B. Johnson.

Visiting brethren were invited to take seats and participate in the deliberations of the body.

Elder J. C. Freeman read a letter from the Board of Managers of the Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home, introducing the matron, Miss Mary Hollingsworth.

Order of business read by the Clerk and adopted.

Circular letter called for, reported and referred to a committee of three, Elders Dudley, Manly, and Dobbs.

Brother J. K. Nunnally was appointed to write the corresponding letter.

On motion of Elder B. Manly, a special Committee on Education was appointed to report during the present session of this body. Committee, Elders Manly, Lewis, Dobbs, and brother J. P. Shelby.

The following ministers were then selected by the Association to preach on Wednesday: J. S. Coleman, J. A. Kirtley, and S. L. Helm.

On motion the pastor and deacons of Bryant's Station Church were requested to select ministers to preach on Thursday.

On motion Elder J. S. Coleman was invited to present the claims of the *Western Recorder* at the stand on Wednesday.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at the stand on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by W. M. Pratt.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 9 o'clock A. M.

Association called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder H. H. Tilford.

Minutes read, and after some amendments approved.

Report of Committee on State Missions was called for and read by Elder C. Lewis; after remarks by Elder N. B. Johnson in regard to the mountain work, it was adopted.

On motion the report of the standing Committee on Education was called for, read by Elder George Hunt, and adopted.

The report of the special Committee on Education was called for and presented by Elder B. Manly, who supported it by some very interesting and earnest remarks. He was followed by Elder R. M. Dudley, when the report was adopted.

Adjourned for preaching.

AFTERNOON SESSION—TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

Association called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by brother A. Myers.

Report on Sunday Schools was presented by brother J. W. Cooper, and after remarks by brothers Manly, Thomas, Freeman, Hunt, Rucker, Myers, and Miller it was adopted.

Corresponding letter was read by brother J. K. Nunnely and adopted, and brothers Nunnely, Bow, and Bradley were appointed to prepare a few copies for present use.

Elder A. D. Phillips was recognized as representing the Domestic and Indian Mission Board.

Elder R. L. Thurman was recognized as representing the Foreign Mission Board.

The committee to whom the circular letter was referred reported it without amendment. The letter was read by its author, Elder R. M. Dudley, and after remarks by brethren Lewis, Farnam, Phillips, Miller, Manly, and McDonald, was adopted.

On motion it was requested that this essay be published in the *Recorder*.

On motion the reports on Foreign Mission and Domestic and Indian Mission were deferred until Thursday morning.

By a standing rule of this body the next meeting of the Elkhorn Association will be held with the First Baptist Church in Lexington, Ky., beginning on the Tuesday after the second Saturday in August, 1873.

Elder B. Manly was selected to preach the introductory sermon and Elder R. M. Dudley alternate.

Elder H. McDonald was selected to write the next circular letter.

Messengers were appointed to visit corresponding associations as follows:

CONCORD—Elders G. Hunt, J. C. Freeman, H. McDonald.

BOONE'S CREEK—

TATE'S CREEK—Elders R. T. Dillard, H. McDonald, B. Manly
J. C. Freeman, A. B. Miller, G. Hunt, C. E. W. Dobbs, C. Lewis,
R. M. Dudley, and brother J. J. Rucker.

FRANKLIN—Elders Hunt, Miller, Freeman, and brother W. H.
McDonald.

BAPTIST—

SOUTH DISTRICT—Elder H. McDonald.

BRACKEN—P. S. G. Watson.

SULPHUR FORK—Elders Freeman, Hunt, and Manly.

LONG RUN—

NORTH BEND—Elders McDonald, Miller, and Hunt.

Adjourned to meet at the stand Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, 9 o'clock A. M.

At the appointed hour the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder R. L. Thurman.

Moved that the action of the Moderator on yesterday in appointing messengers to associations that have not asked for correspondence with us be rescinded. Adopted.

On motion messengers were appointed to Shelby County and Daviess County Associations:

SHELBY COUNTY—Elders Manly, Lewis, Miller, Ryland, Hunt, and brother J. J. Rucker.

DAVIESS COUNTY—Elders Dudley, Miller, and Manly.

IRVINE—Elders R. T. Dillard, Miller, and Hunt.

Report on Foreign Missions was called for, read by Elder Freeman, and after remarks by Elders R. L. Thurman, Dudley, Miller, and Phillips. was adopted.

The report on Domestic and Indian Mission was called for, read, and after remarks by Elder A. D. Phillips, was adopted.

The following standing committees were appointed for the ensuing year :

Foreign Missions—H. McDonald, B. Manly, J. E. Farnam, T. Woolen, and J. N. Bradley.

Domestic and Indian Mission—C. Lewis, R. M. Dudley, B. W. D. Seeley, C. Weathers, and J. Stout.

State Mission—A. B. Miller, R. H. Gray, S. H. Shouse, and H. H. McDowell.

Education—J. C. Freeman, C. E. W. Dobbs, W. T. Hearne, W. E. Clark, and W. H. McDonald.

Superintendent of Sunday Schools—J. W. Cooper.

Brother G. O. Yeiser offered the following resolutions :

Believing that the cause of Christ and the strengthening of our churches demands greater effort on our part, therefore,

Resolved, That a suitable missionary be employed by this Association to labor within its bounds and under its control, and that — dollars be raised and set apart for this work.

The above resolution was referred to a special committee with instruction to correspond with the Board of the General Association on the subject of missionary work within our bounds. Committee, G. O. Yeiser, J. C. Freeman, B. W. D. Seeley, R. S. Henderson, and J. J. Rucker.

On motion the Moderator, George Hunt, was added to the committee.

Elder C. Lewis offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, 1st. That our churches should seek out and encourage young men who are called of God to preach the gospel to avail themselves of the facilities offered at Georgetown.

Resolved, 2d. That the churches be requested to continue to take up regular collections for this purpose, and to send contributions, either of money or provisions, to the care of H. Bohannon, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Georgetown College.

Adopted.

Elder B. Manly offered the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the establishment of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville in accordance with the recent decision of the Committee of the Trustees, would greatly add to the efficiency of our denominational work in the State.

Resolved, That while we are earnest and decided in the continued support of our existing institutions, we welcome the Seminary into Kentucky, and will contribute as we may have opportunity and ability to its funds.

Adjourned after appropriate remarks by the Moderator.

Prayer by Elder J. A. Kirtley. GEO. HUNT, Moderator,
J. J. RUCKER, Clerk.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

ELKHORN ASSOCIATION, NOW IN SESSION WITH THE CHURCH AT BRYANT'S STATION, FAYETTE COUNTY, KY.

To Sister Associations :

DEAR BRETHREN:—We are glad to inform you of the universal peace and great harmony existing among us. The news from many of our churches is encouraging. All are desiring and looking to an increasing in our Redeemer's kingdom.

Another new and interesting church at Midway, Woodford County, has been

added to our number. We look with delight upon the favorable indications of development and enlargement of our Zion in the State. All our churches, save three or four, report interesting Sabbath Schools. We hope our people are truly becoming more and more awake to this important part of Christian work. Since our last communication we have received by experience and baptism about 250. May great success attend all your labors for the Lord Jesus during the next associational year, is our prayer. Our next meeting will be with the church at Lexington, Fayette County.

GEO. HUNT, Moderator.
J. J. RUCKER, Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

THE FORGIVING OF INJURIES.

In this world of ours where light and darkness, truth and error, faithfulness and falsity, the good and the evil are so mingled together, truly, "it is impossible but that offenses will come." "The children of the kingdom," though not of the world, are yet in it. They are thrown in daily contact with the children of this world in the domestic, social, and commercial relations of life, and out of them spring up misunderstandings, injuries and offenses of various degrees of turpitude. And not simply does this state of things exist as between the church and the world, but as between the disciples of Christ themselves—brethren, it may be, whose hearts were just now knit together in love. How often are the concord, good will and efficient co-operation of churches disrupted by strife, in which offenses and injuries are both given and received. How often have we had to complain of ill usage at the hands of our neighbors and brethren; and how often have they complained of the same at ours!

Nor does the matter end here. Indeed, the danger has but begun. An injury begets resentment; resentment too commonly and easily degenerates into hardness against our brothers, and hardness into a desire for revenge. Evil is repaid with evil; and as his hardness and revenge is the rule by which he measures, not only the extent of the injury received, but also the punishment due the aggressor. He who was just now the injured party becomes more injurious and blamable than the aggressor. Soon must the weaker party cringe before the stronger; or, being equal, how soon will life become an increasingly aggravating series of cruel and bitter wrongs.

Now, as this is a temptation to which we are all, more or less, exposed, owing to the prevalence of evil, it behooves us to consider and practice the doctrine of Jesus in respect to the forgiveness of injuries; for not only is the doctrine of Christ the standard of our life, but unless we have so laid hold of Christ as to be governed by his laws we are none of his.

The Saviour tells us that in the manner in which its subjects are dealt with the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who reckoned with his servants. When one was brought who owed ten thousand talents, having nothing to pay, he was ordered to be sold with his wife and children and all he had. But he fell down before his Lord and begged indulgence; whereupon his Lord not only commanded his release, but freely forgave the debt. But this forgiven servant went out from the presence of his Lord and found a fellow servant who owed him one hundred pence, one millionth part of the debt he had owed his Lord. He laid hold of him by the throat and demanded payment, and when the fellow-servant fell down before him and begged indulgence he refused to hear him, but commanded him to be thrown in prison till the debt should be paid. He had no proper memory of the mercy he had received from his Lord, and therefore no bowels of compassion for the distress of his fellow-servant. When his Lord afterward knew how he had done he upbraided him for his wickedness, and commanded that he should be delivered to those who would make his prison life bitter to him till the debt was paid.

By way of applying this parable to his disciples Jesus said unto them: "So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you if ye from your hearts forgive

not every one his brother their trespasses." The same lips that taught us in filial reverence and affection to pray "Our Father which art in heaven," taught us in that same prayer to say, "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." Then singling out this alone, as if to impress us with its importance or its difficulty, he added: "If ye forgive men their trespasses your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your heavenly Father forgive you." Matt. VI: 14, 15. On another occasion he said to them: "And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any, that your Father also, which is in heaven, may forgive you your trespasses." Mark XI: 25. When, with a burdened heart, we approach the mercy seat, we must bethink ourselves of our fellows, and if there be any hardness against any, our compassion must stir within us to melt that hardness down. We must put away all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking with all malice; and be kind, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven us. Eph. IV: 31, 32. Forgiving, because we have been forgiven; forgiving, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven us.

How frequently do we find ourselves asking the question of Peter: "How oft shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him?" We easily persuade ourselves that patience ceases to be a virtue when exercised toward a frequent offender. If one offend us seven times we think he has reached the boundary of forbearance, beyond which the obligation of forgiveness ceases. But Jesus says to us, "Not till seven times, but till seventy times seven." Matt. XVIII: 22. "And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn to thee saying, I repent, thou shalt forgive him." Luke XVII: 4.

"But," says one, "if forgiveness is not limited as to the number, is it not as to the degree of the injuries we may receive?" Nay, my brother, one may wound you in your person or property, or family, or reputation—aye, he may touch thee in the apple of thine eye, and wound thee in the most sensitive part; yet, by the forgiveness you have received from God are you constrained to forgive your brother. No matter how, or how often our brother may sin against us, if he, sorrowing, turns to us, saying, "I repent," there is an end of all argument, of all question, of all complaint. We must forgive him, and we thank God it is so. Thank God we have a kingdom, not only of righteousness and joy, but also a kingdom of peace; a kingdom where we may end our complaints, our injuries, and our offenses by *forgiving* them. We may think our wrongs to be very many and grievous, especially when magnified by our pride and sensitiveness; but how dare we cherish hardness or practice revenge when we remember our rebellions and offenses against God. In the language of another, "Are the injuries of which I complain to be compared with those with which I have a thousand times dishonored the supreme grandeur? Is it for me, O, my God, to be so feeling and so inexorable to the slightest insults? I who have such necessity for thy mercy and indulgence? Must the worm of the earth be irritated and inflamed at the smallest marks of disdain, while thy Sovereign Majesty hath so long and with so much goodness endured his rebellions and his offenses? But no, great God, thy glory is in forgiving the sinner, and mine shall be in forgiving my brother. Accept, O Lord, this sacrifice I make to thee of my resentments; and seeing Thou hast promised to forgive us our trespasses whenever we shall have forgiven the trespasses of our brethren, fulfill, O Lord, thy promise. It is in this hope that I presume to reckon on thine eternal mercies."—*

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Notwithstanding the stringency in money matters we are glad to be able to report our Foreign Mission work in so prosperous a condition. There were raised in Kentucky last year for this cause three thousand, six hundred and seventy-two dollars and twenty-nine cents (\$3,672.29).

—*Massillon.

From the wrong policy of some of our churches of writing for an agent to visit them before they make a collection for missions, all of the churches of our Association have not contributed to foreign missions this year. We learn from the agent who is now canvassing our churches that he is meeting with a good degree of encouragement, and hopes to be able to raise one thousand dollars in our bounds. This will include what has been so nobly done by some of our brethren for brother Cote's church house in the city of Rome.

Brother Richard Meriwether, of Shelby County, who died in July, 1871, left \$5,000 to the cause of foreign missions; this, with the accumulated interest for one year, has been paid over to our Board at Richmond, Va. This Board deserves our warmest sympathies and earnest co-operation. They have in the past year sustained an almost irreparable loss in the death of two of their most zealous workers—brother James B. Taylor, who was their efficient Secretary for about twenty-six years, and brother A. M. Poindexter, than whom our denomination can boast of but few superiors. These brethren have been called by the Master to their reward on high; but we should feel thankful that he is raising up others to take their places who give promise that this noble cause will not suffer in their hands.

The foreign fields were never more inviting than now. The Lord seems to be opening still wider the doors for the gospel. We recommend that the agent of Foreign Missions be invited to visit our churches and present to our people the facts in regard to the plans and doings of the Board, and we ask for him a warm reception and liberal contributions.

J. C. FREEMAN,
J. E. FARNAM,
HENRY GILBERT,
Committee.

REPORT ON DOMESTIC AND INDIAN MISSIONS.

The work of the Domestic Mission Board enlarges every year, and the vast territory of its operations demands more than it is possible for the Board to do with its present income. During the past year the Board has had employed 177 missionaries at the expense of \$38,000, who have delivered 18,843 sermons and addresses and baptised nearly 4,000 persons, and yet the destitution is by no means supplied. In the South and West are vast territories and numerous neighborhoods where there is no preaching, and where the Sabbath is never observed as a day of worship. These people throng into sheds or in groves, whenever there is a chance to hear the word of God, and their cry for the bread of life comes to us more loud and piercing than was ever wafted by ocean's breeze from heathen lands. The Chinese, Germans, and Africans are all at our doors, and we must *shape* them or be shapen by them. The Board has now several missionaries among the Germans, and have begun a system of education for colored ministers, and with a liberal support from the churches will send the best missionaries into these countries, viz.: their own children christianized and educated. Will not, then, every Christian exert *all* his powers to do his fellow man good and glorify the name of his Redeemer?

R. W. SEELEY,
J. T. SLADE.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The resignation of our Secretary, Rev. S. F. Thompson, during the current fiscal year, and the lapse of some months before a suitable successor could be obtained by the Board at Louisville, left us at the commencement of the winter with increased indebtedness and decreased means of meeting it.

The appointment of brother Cabaniss, who entered upon the work of Secretary with energy and success, in a good degree overcame those difficulties before the meeting of the General Association.

The financial condition of our people since the war has in some degree crip-

pled their efficiency in carrying on this great work. But we believe that a little more self-sacrificing spirit and a more complete recognition of the importance of the work and of the obligation to carry it on will remedy any lack in this respect. Any argument upon this subject is unnecessary, for we all feel that the great commission is obligatory upon us and requires a starting point for that influence which, like a spreading wave, is to reach the remotest shores of the heathen world. Like the heart, which vitalizes first the great organs nearest to it, yet sends the influence through them to the remotest parts of the body, so State missions, in its proper efficiency, is but the vitalizing force to quicken all others, and as it is more or less vigorous, so they are more or less efficient. This is the little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.

The report of the Financial Secretary shows the

Total amount collected by auxiliary Secretary for mission work	
in their own bounds.....	\$3,245.30
Total amount collected by General Association to May 1st....	4,778.19
Amount collected to May 22d	440.00
	\$8,463.49
Balance in Treasury.....	53.50

The associations are reported as auxiliary contributors carrying on the work in their own bounds, while others may be doing something outside of their contributions to the General Association, and we hope for a more general co-operation this year.

The results of the labors of our missionaries are four churches and eighteen Sabbath Schools organized, one thousand sermons, two hundred exhortations and seven hundred and forty members added to the churches. We have in the State nine hundred and seventy-six churches, six hundred and eleven ordained ministers, and a white membership of eighty five thousand eight hundred and seventy-three. In regard to the evangelization of the colored people a special committee was appointed by the General Association, who made a report, which was adopted, recommending a conference with the American Baptist Home Mission Society and the Board of Domestic Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention, and with the Colored General Association in Georgetown, now in session, and that the whole matter be disposed of according to their best judgment. This has not yet been carried out in full, and we are therefore unable to say more on this point. All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. LEWIS

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

We are happy to state that the institutions in our midst are in a healthy state of growth and development, and presenting all the needed educational facilities of a high order.

The Trustees of Georgetown College have been fortunate in receiving since our last session the services of Dr. Bazil Manly, late of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, as President, a man eminently fitted for this responsible position by his natural endowments, developed by a liberal, mental culture and refined by the grace of God, whom we recognize as a valuable addition to the ministry of our Association and also of our State. We are happy to say that his labors in connection with the College have been highly satisfactory.

There have been in attendance during the past year one hundred and thirty-seven students, twenty-two of whom had the ministry in view. Arrangements have been made to furnish board in Paulding Hall to ministerial students at actual cost, and further important aid is offered to those requiring it by the Theological Board. There have been six instructors employed during the year in addition to the President, laboring faithfully in their departments.

We are gratified to be able to report that important changes have been made in the course of instruction, adding greatly to the advantages afforded by College

and adapting them more perfectly to the wants of the people in affording to young men an opportunity to pursue such a course of study as their time, their taste, and their object in life demand.

Moreover, we would mention with peculiar interest that in addition to those already engaged the services of our esteemed brethren, Henry McDonald and R. M. Dudley have been secured as Professors, who properly enjoy largely the confidence of their brethren and possess ability of a high order, such as will make their connection with the college a valuable addition to its corps of instructors. We would therefore commend the college to our brethren as deserving of their fostering care and their affection and confidence.

We would also report that the Georgetown Female Seminary, under the charge of Professor J. J. Rucker, and the Lexington Baptist Female College, under Dr. Robert Ryland, as President, are in a prosperous condition, and are schools of such a character as to entitle them to a generous patronage and support.

GEORGE HUNT, Chairman.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your committee to whom were referred the resolutions in regard to increasing our educational facilities, beg leave to report.

In every country where the control of affairs is committed into the hands of the people, it is indispensable that the people should be educated. Ignorance is one of the fundamental dangers. Scarce less ruinous is wrong education—an education which leads to immorality or unbelief. If those who love Jesus may not be relied on to care earnestly and assiduously for the instruction of the young it is vain to expect it of others; and if any part of the Christian public neglect their share in this great work, it is certain that they are not only derelict in duty but doomed to decay.

From these obvious considerations it is a plain inference that the Baptists of Kentucky, as they are the most numerous, ought to be foremost among all the people of the State in promoting the great work of popular education. Nor have they been unmindful of their high vocation and duty. They have laid the foundation of educational enterprises sufficiently numerous and extensive in plan to accomplish very great results. They have begun to build—they are not unable to finish. It is needless to discuss why we have hitherto had more of promising foundations than of completed structures. It is sufficient to present the fact on which all can agree, that there is now both opportunity and necessity for us to rise up and build.

While this Association feels a deep interest in all our denominational enterprises throughout the State, there is a special obligation resting on it with regard to Georgetown College. And it is right that the beginning for any efforts for its enlargement and elevation should be made here in this mother Association.

We are pleased to recognize the arrangements which the Trustees of Georgetown College have made for enlarging the course of instruction and increasing the corps of instructors; and we trust that such additions may be made to the endowment as will authorize still further increase. But the most pressing need, as it seems to us just now, is some arrangement by which students may be enabled to procure their board at rates as low as other institutions around us. It is believed that the erection of a building or buildings in which young men may have the opportunity of securing board at absolute cost would greatly benefit the college and bring its advantages within reach of many who are now debarred from them by their slender resources.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the resolutions as follows:

1st. *Resolved*, That it is the duty of the Baptists to take their full share in promoting the education of the people.

2d. *Resolved*, That for this purpose it is desirable that arrangements be made

to increase the advantages of our institutions of learning, and especially of Georgetown College.

3d. *Resolved*, That it is important to provide facilities by which board may be furnished at the lowest practical rates, so as to bring the higher education within reach of the largest possible number.

4th. *Resolved*, That an effort be now made to raise within the Elkhorn Association \$5,000 for erecting a suitable boarding house for such a purpose.

5th. *Resolved*, On motion by brother Rucker, that brethren Manly, Appleton, W. H. McDonald, and C. Weathers be a committee to solicit subscriptions during the session of this body for the building of the house above referred to.

B. MANLY,
C. E. W. DOBBS,
J. P. SHELBY,
C. LEWIS.

STATISTICS.

Churches.	Received by Experience and Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Received by Relation.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.	Pastors.	P. O. Address.
Clear Creek.....	5	...	3	...	1	42	A. S. Pettie.....	Georgetown.	
Great Crossing.....	1	...	19	...	3	87	J. G. Bow.....	Georgetown.	
Bryant's Station.....	5	...	...	1	...	48	J. B. Tharp.....	Frankfort.
East Hickman.....	17	3	...	16	2	178	C. E. W. Dobbs...	Lexington.	
Stamping Ground..	..	..	10	16	5	269	E. D. Isbell.....	Stamping Ground.
Dry Run.....	6	4	...	5	1	103	L. H. Salin.....	Monterey.	
Silas.....	3	1	...	6	3	80	L. H. Salin.....	Monterey.	
Glen's Creek.....	7	..	...	2	...	63	E. N. Dicken.....	Versailles.
Hillsboro.....	..	2	...	4	3	127	R. H. Gray.....	Mortonsville.	
Mount Pleasant.....	20	4	...	10	...	117	A. F. Baker.....	Nicholasville.	
David's Fork.....	8	2	1	1	...	146	R. M. Dudley.....	Georgetown.	
Georgetown.....	2	6	...	21	...	142	Henry McDonald	Georgetown.	
Lexington.....	46	43	1	22	1	427	George Hunt	Lexington.	
Paris.....	..	4	...	4	3	77	.....	.....
Mount Vernon.....	20	4	...	16	...	191	C. Lewis.....	Forks Elkhorn.	
Cane Run.....	2	3	...	5	2	92	J. C. Fœeman.....	Lexington.	
Versailles.....	14	..	...	9	2	...	A. B. Miller.....	Versailles.
Nicholasville.....	10	9	...	7	1	51	A. F. Baker.....	Nicholasville.	
South Elkhorn.....	23	7	...	...	1	92	C. E. W. Dobbs...	Lexington.
Long Lick.....	24	2	...	...	2	129	W. Harris.....	Georgetown.
Hartwood.....	..	..	...	...	...	...	Z. A. Owens.....	Georgetown.
Mount Freedom.....	..	..	...	...	1	14	.....	.....
Providence.....	4	1	...	3	...	69	C. Lewis.....	Forks Elkhorn.	
Midway.....	11	34	45	J. G. Bow.....	Georgetown.	
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