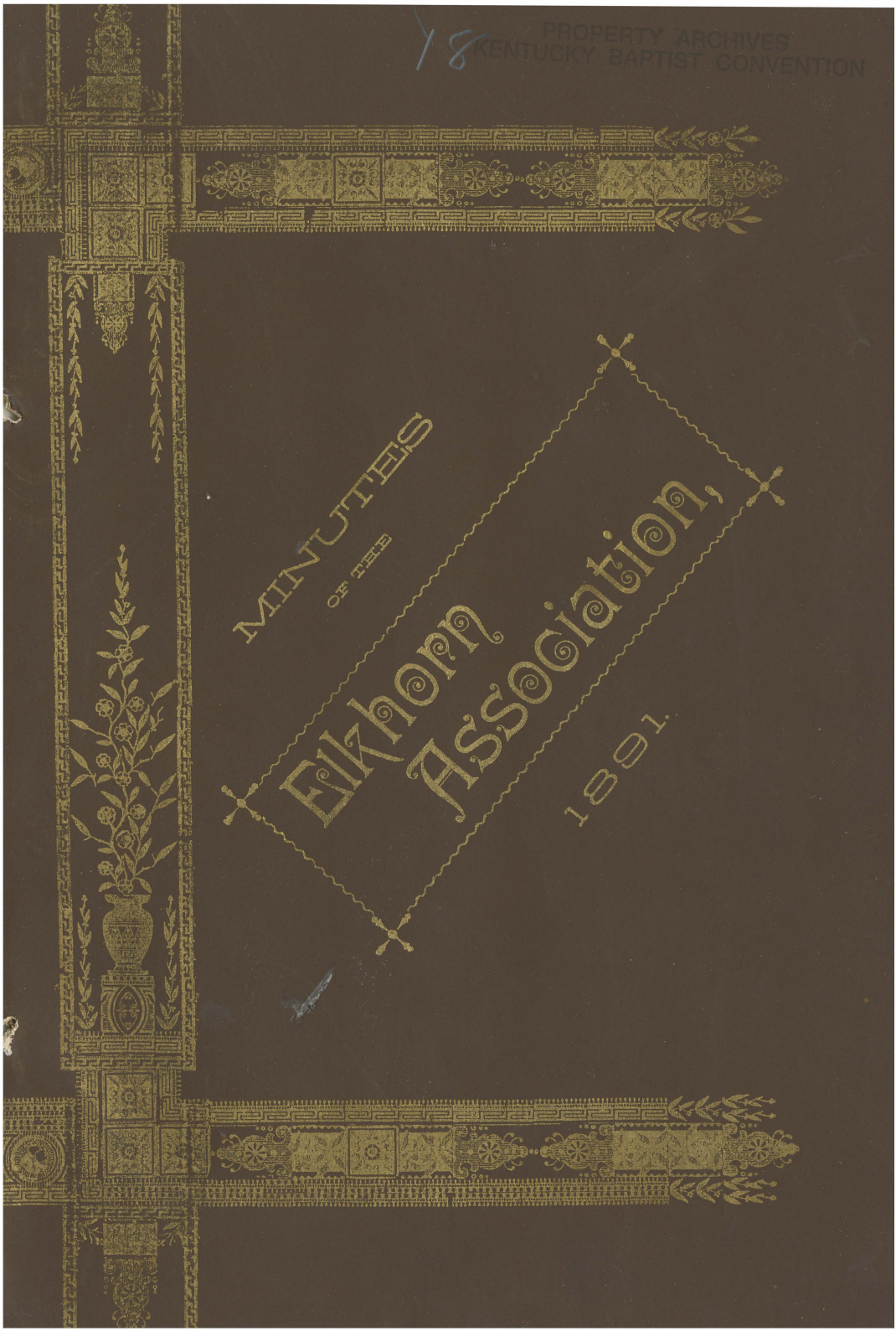


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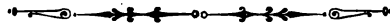
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ECKHORN ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH THE—

DRY RUN CHURCH,  
SCOTT COUNTY.

AUGUST 11, 12 & 13, 1891.



OFFICERS.



E. H. BLACK, *Moderator, Stamping Ground, Ky.*

B. W. D. SEELEY, *Clerk, Faywood, Ky.*

J. R. HOWARD, *Assistant Clerk, Lexington, Ky.*



PRESS OF  
WILL. S. MARSHALL, JR.,  
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY.

## Ordained Ministers and Postoffices.

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WILLIAM AGEE.....	————
E. S. ALDERMAN.....	Woodlake.
T. WARN BEAGLE.....	Nicholasville.
P. V. BOWMAR.....	Versailles.
J. H. CANNON.....	Stamping Ground.
E. COBB.....	Glencoe.
Z. T. CODY.....	Georgetown.
H. T. DANIEL.....	Paris.
L. O. DAWSON.....	Faywood.
R. M. DUDLEY, D. D.....	Georgetown.
W. H. FELIX, D. D.....	Lexington.
J. C. FREEMAN.....	Lexington.
A. C. GRAVES, D. D.....	Stamping Ground.
R. P. JOHNSTON.....	Chilesburg.
F. H. KERFOOT, D. D.....	Louisville.
W. E. MITCHELL.....	Louisville.
J. K. NUNNELLY.....	Georgetown.
B. T. QUINN.....	Georgetown.
J. V. RILEY.....	Mortonsville.
H. C. ROBERTS.....	Clay Village.
ROBERT RYLAND, D. D.....	Lexington.
J. R. SAMPEY.....	Louisville.
T. J. SHIPMAN.....	Midway.
T. C. STACKHOUSE.....	Lexington.
T. J. STEVENSON.....	Georgetown.
B. F. TAYLOR.....	Harrodsburg.
A. M. VARDEMAN.....	Keene.
J. W. WALDROP.....	Williamstown.

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## Licentiates.

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GEO. W. CLEVELAND.....	Keene.
JAS. A. ORR.....	Mortonsville.
H. M. SHOUSE.....	Versailles.
E. G. STOUT.....	Versailles.
J. W. THACKER.....	Georgetown.
W. L. WAYTS.....	Georgetown.

## RULES OF ORDER.

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1. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen annually by ballot, immediately after reading the letters and credentials; those of the former year continuing in office until the choice is made.

2. "Mell's Parliamentary Practice" shall be the standard of rules by which the deliberations of the Association shall be governed.

3. The Clerk shall keep a record of the proceedings, taking care of the books and papers belonging to the Association, and furnish a copy of the Minutes of its transactions at each session for publication and distribution among the churches.

4. At every sitting, business shall be opened and closed with prayer by the Moderator; or whomsoever he may request.

5. Corresponding members and ministers invited to a seat with the Association may debate, but shall not vote on any subject before it.

6. No member of the Association shall absent himself without leave of the Moderator.

7. No person shall speak more than once on any motion, until all others wishing to speak have spoken, unless by the permission of the Association.

8. Arrangements for the next Association shall not be attended to on the first day of the session.

9. When two or more churches apply for the Association to be held with them, the one applying which has been the longest without it shall be entitled to it.

10. The Roll of Messengers shall be read the second and third days of the Association, and those absent on the third morning, unless by consent of the Association, shall have their names stricken from the list of Messengers.

11. The basis of representation from the churches shall be two Messengers for each church, and an additional one for fifty members, and one for every fraction over twenty—and no one shall be eligible to a seat who is not a member of the church sending him.

12. The Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected, if necessary, before the rising of the Association.

13. These rules shall be distinctly read by the Clerk immediately after the organization of the Association.

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
ELKHORN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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The Elkhorn Association met in its One Hundred and Sixth Annual Session, with Dry Run Church, Scott County, Ky., August 11, 1891.

Z. F. Cody preached the Introductory Sermon from Matt. xvi: 18, "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter; and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

The letters from the churches were read by J. R. Howard and R. G. Elliott, and Messengers were enrolled as follows:

*Roll of Messengers.*

<i>BRYAN'S STATION</i> .....	Dr. L. Coons.
<i>CANE RUN</i> .....	A. F. McMeekin, R. J. Spurr, R. W. Higgins, T. C. Stackhouse, Geo. Graves.
<i>CLEAR CREEK</i> .....	W. E. Mitchell, J. C. Roberts.
<i>CLOVER BOTTOM</i> .....	J. E. Shropshire.
<i>CORINTH</i> .....	C. J. Ruddle.
<i>DAVID'S FORK</i> .....	R. P. Johnston, C. B. Quisenberry, H. W. Coleman.
<i>DRY RUN</i> .....	W. J. Neale, J. Lucas, F. M. Triplett, J. D. Smith.
<i>EAST HICKMAN</i> .....	T. A. Davis.
<i>GEORGETOWN</i> .....	Z. T. Cody, J. J. Rucker, B. T. Quinn, J. M. Hunt, R. B. Thomas, J. F. Eastwood, H. S. Anderson, W. H. Barbee.
<i>GLEN'S CREEK</i> .....	James Henton.
<i>GREAT CROSSINGS</i> .....	T. J. Stevenson, W. Smith, J. N. Bradley.

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<i>HILLSBORO</i> .....	H.	M. Shouse, J. V. Riley, S. H. Shouse, J. J. Chapman, Jas. A. Orr, A. F. Shouse.
<i>LEXINGTON, FIRST</i> .....	W.	H. Felix, C. Wright, W. D. Bryant, J. R. Howard, Geo. Darnaby. C. K. Oldham, T. A. Hornsey, J. T. Slade, Jr., W. H. Felix, Jr.
<i>LEXINGTON, UPPER ST.</i> .....	J.	W. Appleton, Sr., R. G. Elliott, Harry Hall. Mrs. J. H. Staples, M. M. Parker, A. M. Alexander, H. H. Diston, R. Ryland, Charles Staples.
<i>LONG LICK</i> .....	Thos.	Dalzell, J. Bradley, J. R. Palmer, J. Robey, James Dalzell, A. E. Stockdell.
<i>MIDWAY</i> .....	R.	O'Connor, A. S. Branham, N. B. Risk, R. R. Early, R. F. Alford.
<i>MT. FREEDOM</i> .....	Charles	Oliver, G. S. Curd, F. H. Lowry.
<i>MT. PLEASANT</i> .....	A. M.	Vardeman.
<i>MT. VERNON</i> .....	L. O.	Dawson, Willis Price, W. T. Risque, C. B. Patterson, Malcolm Thompson, Warren Wheeler, Jr., John Woolfolk, B. W. D. Seeley.
<i>NICHOLASVILLE</i> .....	T.	Warn Beagle.
<i>PARIS</i> .....	A. J.	Ramsey.
<i>PROVIDENCE</i> .....	E. S.	Alderman, R. A. Wilson, S. Black.
<i>SILAS</i> .....	W.	Sparks, J. M. Anderson, J. Evans.
<i>STAMPING GROUND</i> .....	A.	C. Graves, Dr. E. H. Black, J. E. Thomason, B. W. House, J. Y. Bond, E. Threlkeld, C. B. Glass, A. M. Duvall.
<i>SOUTH ELKHORN</i> .....	B.	Bosworth, R. Davis, L. Rice, W. Prewitt.
<i>VERSAILLES</i> .....	P.	V. Bowmar, D. M. Magee, J. B. Singleton, Geo. B. Minray.

The Moderator appointed W. J. E. Cox and J. B. Moody to take the vote for Officers directly upon the re-assembling of the Association this afternoon.

T. J. Stevenson in behalf of the church gave a hearty and cordial welcome to the body.

After the benediction by T. J. Stevenson the Association adjourned to 2 p. m.

### *Afternoon Session.*

The Association re-assembled at 2 o'clock, when the letter from Corinth was read.

The tellers announced the re-election of Dr. E. H. Black, Moderator, and B. W. D. Seeley, Clerk, with J. R. Howard Assistant Clerk.

The Moderator having made some appropriate remarks read the xxiii: Psalm, and Dr. Robert Ryland lead the Association in prayer.

The Committee on Order of Business made the following report, which was adopted:

### *Order of Business.*

#### TUESDAY.

2 P. M. to 3:30 P. M.—Invitations to new Churches.

—Call for Corresponding Letters.

—Invitation to Visitors.

—Report on State Missions.

—Reading Circular Letter.

—Appoint writer of Corresponding Letter.

3:30 P. M. to 4:30 P. M.—Report of Executive Board.

#### WEDNESDAY.

9 A. M. to 9:30 A. M.—Worship.

9:30 A. M. to 10 A. M.—Miscellaneous Business.

10 A. M. to 11 A. M.—Report on Ministers' Aid Society.

—Report on Education.

11 A. M.—Preaching, followed by Report on Orphans' Home.

2 P. M. to 3 P. M.—Report on Foreign Missions.

—Report on Home Missions.

4 P. M.—Preaching.

#### THURSDAY.

9 A. M. to 9:30 A. M.—Worship.

9:30 A. M. to 10 A. M.—Miscellaneous Business.



- 10 A. M. to 11 A. M.—Report on Sunday-schools.  
 11 A. M.—Preaching.  
 2:30 P. M. to 4:30 P. M.—Time and place of next meeting.  
 —Election of Preacher.  
 —Appoint writer of Circular Letter.  
 —Miscellaneous Business.  
 —Closing Exercises.

Messengers from Corresponding Associations and Visitors were enrolled as follows:

LONG RUN—W. M. Pratt, D. D.  
 BRACKEN—W. J. E. Cox, A. N. White.  
 FRANKLIN—W. C. Taylor.  
 TATES' CREEK—George Hunt.  
 OWEN—W. Franks, R. Southerd, J. A. Lee.

#### *Visitors.*

J. W. WARDER, D. D., Cor. Secretary of State Board.  
 W. J. JOHNSON, Williamsburg Institute.  
 J. B. MOODY, Western Recorder.  
 MISS M. A. HOLLINGSWORTH, Baptist Orphans' Home.  
 J. M. FROST, D. D., Cor. Sec. S. S. Board, S. B. C.  
 R. P. LUCARDO, Tennessee.  
 Z. T. Cody read the

#### *Report on State Missions.*

The following figures, taken from a statement furnished by our General Secretary, Dr. J. W. Warder, gives the work and success of our Mission Work in the State

Contributions during the year ending June 1, 1891:

For State Missions.....	\$ 5,308 70
For State Sunday-school and Colportage work .....	2,104 15
For District Missions .....	7,129 69
Raised by Missionaries in field, as part of their salary, about..	9,000 00
For District Sunday-school and Colportage work.....	1,784 08
For Mission Sunday-school work in Louisville under the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary .....	1,200 00
For church building and expended on the State and the District Mission fields.....	25,725 00
Total.....	\$52,251 62
For Foreign and Home Missions .....	16,000 00
Total.....	\$68,251 62
Increase over last year.....	\$1,057 49
State Missionaries employed.....	51
State Sunday-school Missionaries and Colporters.....	26
District Missionaries and Colporters (a low estimate)..	73

These laborers of the Lord added to our churches about 2,000 souls, and organized 26 Sunday-schools.

Of the above amount of money, for State Missions, Elkhorn Association contributed \$998 20.

The blessings of God have attended our efforts, but the work before your Executive Board is appalling in its magnitude. All of Eastern Kentucky is a continuous Mission field, and many and large sections of our own Central region cries out for help, while Western Kentucky, "comparatively the least needy of the three divisions," could not be supplied by fifty missionaries. It is not a time for complaining. The Board has not done all it wanted to do, and you have not done all you could have done. Our mountain region has been and is Baptist in sentiment, but as you know great industrial and social changes are rapidly going forward in that region. New Mission points of much importance are constantly opening, demanding strong men to supply them. Perhaps there never was a time in the history of your Board when its work and needs should rest more heavily upon the hearts of patriotic, consecrated stewards of Christ.

Z. T. CODY, Ch'n.

Discussed by J. W. Warder, H. T. Daniel, R. P. Johnston, T. Warn Beagle, W. J. Johnston.

J. J. Rucker offered the following as an amendment:

*Resolved*, That Elkhorn Association respond to the S. B. Convention in the effort to properly observe the Centennial of the great Mission work of the world in 1892.

*Resolved*, That we earnestly request the Pastors of our churches to make special appeals to the churches in behalf of this work.

*Resolved*, That we urge upon the churches to respond promptly and freely to this appeal for funds for carrying on the great work now before us.

*Resolved*, That we refer to the Association Board, in connection with the Convention, the duty of arranging for all meetings that may seem desirable, to thoroughly arouse the missionary spirit among our people.

Which was accepted by the Committee, and the subject was further discussed by W. H. Felix, and adopted.

W. H. Felix read the Circular Letter, which was ordered printed in the Minutes.

W. H. Felix was appointed to write the Corresponding Letter.

J. R. Howard read the Report of the Executive Board. The consideration of which was postponed until to-morrow morning.

### ***Report of the Executive Board.***

The subject of Missions rests not alone upon the Ministers, but upon every one who professes to love the Saviour and desires the extension of His kingdom.

One great defect in our churches is that contributions are made not by the many, but by the few. May every pastor endeavor to make each member of his church feel their personal responsibility in the great work

of Missions and their privilege to give of their means to their support and extension.

Besides, no Association can afford to neglect its own field; feeble churches must be strengthened, and unless this is done the cause will languish. "Ye that are strong must bear the infirmities of the weak."

In regard to whether the Association should change its time of meeting, which was at the last meeting of your body referred to your Board, we would recommend that no change be made.

As will be seen from the Treasurer's Report, the following churches were aided by the Board during the year, viz: Nicholasville, Paris, Mt. Freedom, Clover Bottom and Clear Creek.

Bro. T. Warn Beagle, the pastor at Nicholasville, reports the following summary of his work there—Sermons, 74; Prayer meetings, 50; visits, 110; additions, 3. His congregations have averaged larger than any previous year of his work—more of the members are manifesting an abiding interest in the church than before—the Sunday-school is an encouraging feature—prayer meetings increasing in attendance—the spirit of benevolence growing. He closes his report by saying, "I do yearn to see the blessing of the Lord poured out upon this church."

Bro. H. T. Daniel preached regularly, with great acceptance at Paris, until his health broke down in March. He hopes to resume his work the first of September.

Bro. B. F. Taylor reports very encouragingly his work at Mt. Freedom and at High Bridge—a mission station. He preaches once a month, at night, at the latter place, with large congregations.

The Sunday-school and prayer meetings are in good condition, and well attended.

High Bridge is a destitute point, and most of the people are poor. A large majority of them are Baptist inclined. Bro. Taylor believes that if an appropriation could be made so that the pastor at Mt. Freedom could give one Sunday to that point, much more could be accomplished. He reports: 60 sermons at Mt. Freedom; 25 sermons in a series of meetings at the church and 20 at High Bridge, making a total of 105 during the year. Received by baptism, 23; by letter and relation, 14.

Bro. E. Cobb is the present pastor of Clover Bottom. The church reports his services are very acceptable to the membership, and he has taken a strong hold upon the people. He preaches on an average five sermons each month.

W. E. Mitchell is the pastor at Clear Creek, and is doing a good work for the Master. Financially the church is poor—but each one helps liberally according to his means, and they hope soon to be self-sustaining. They have a good Sunday-school, and the outlook is very encouraging.

Respectfully submitted,

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Pastor and Deacons of Dry Run were appointed a Committee to provide for preaching during the rest of the session.

After the benediction by A. M. Vardeman the Association adjourned.

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**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 12th.**

The Association was called to order and W. C. Taylor read a portion of Luke xvii, and offered prayer.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and adopted.

The Treasurer's report was read.

**Treasurer's Report.**

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STATE MISSIONS.

To balance August 15th, 1890.....	\$ 400 59	
To amount received from the churches .....	992 73	
By amount paid State Board due from last year.....	\$ 87 78	
By " " State Board.....	367 34	448
By " " Nicholasville.....	200 00	
By " " Mt. Freedom.....	100 00	
By " " Paris.....	125 00	
By " " Clover Bottom.....	100 00	
By " " Clear Creek.....	25 00	
By " " Clerk.....	40 00	
	1045 12	
To balance.....	348 20	
	\$ 1393 32	\$ 1393 32

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To amount received from the churches.....		\$ 1163 86
By " paid State Board.....	\$ 1045 35	
By " " Miss Agnes Osborne (designated) ..	6 50	
By " " " H. A. Tupper.....	81 95	
To balance.....	30 06	
	\$ 1163 86	\$ 1163 86

HOME MISSIONS.

To balance August 15th, 1890.....	\$ 38 45	
To amount received from the churches.....		528 43
By " paid State Board.....	\$ 478 19	
By " " I. T. Tichenor.....	12 95	
To Balance.....	75 74	
	\$ 566 88	\$ 566 88

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

To balance August 15th, 1890.....	\$ 25 18	
To amount received from the churches.....		141 37
By " paid Geo. V. Payne.....	\$ 131 03	
To balance.....	35 32	
	\$ 166 35	\$ 166 55

## SUNDAY-SCHOOL AND COLPORTAGE.

To balance August 15th, 1890.....	\$ 103 67	
To amount received from the churches.....		126 67
By amount paid State Board.....	\$ 188 53	
To balance.....	41 31	
	<u>\$230 34</u>	\$ 230 34

## MINISTERS' AID SOCIETY.

To balance August 15th, 1890.....	\$ 50 38	
To amount received from the churches.....		196 45
By " paid Geo. H. Cox.....	\$ 171 34	
To balance.....	75 49	
	<u>\$ 246 83</u>	\$ 246 83

## ORPHANS' HOME.

To balance August 15th, 1890 .....	\$ 20 00	
To amount received from the churches.....	49 52	
	<u>\$ 69 52</u>	
By amount paid Miss M. A. Hollingsworth.....		\$ 69 52

We the Auditing Committee, have examined the accounts of B. W. D. Seeley, Treasurer of the Executive Board, find them correct and sustained by proper vouchers.

R. G. ELLIOTT.  
W. D. BRYANT.

Any discrepancies between the report of the Treasurer and the statistical table tabulated by the Clerk from the church letters may be explained from the fact that the Treasurer only takes note of the money actually received and paid out by him.

TREASURER.

W. H. Felix presented the proceedings of a meeting held in Lexington last October, which upon motion was made a part of the Report of the Executive Board.

They are as follows:

Agreeably to a motion passed by the Elkhorn Association at its last session, there was a meeting held at the First Baptist Church, Lexington, Oct. 6, 1890, composed of messengers from the various churches, for the purpose of revising the apportionment on State Missions.

The meeting organized by appointing W. H. Felix, Chairman and F. B. Raymond, Secretary.

The following churches responded by messengers viz:

BRYAN'S STATION.....	J. C. Freeman.
CANE RUN.....	A. F. McMeekin.
DAVIDS FORK.....	J. H. Weathers.
EAST HICKMAN.....	I. P. Shelby.
GEORGETOWN.....	Z. T. Cody.
LEXINGTON, FIRST.....	W. H. Felix.
LEXINGTON, UPPER ST.....	F. B. Raymond.
Mt. FREEDOM.....	S. P. Crutcher.
Mt. PLEASANT.....	J. S. Burrier.
Mt. VERNON.....	Willis Price.
NICHOLASVILLE.....	J. A. Baker.
SILAS.....	A. L. Allen.
SOUTH ELKHORN.....	R. A. Davis.

On motion the Executive Board of the Association was invited to meet with the body.

Upon the question of apportionment, it was moved that the roll of churches be called, and the body decide what each church shall pay.

The Chairman then read the name of each church in the Association, and the following sums were assigned in order:

APPORTIONMENT.	
Bryan's Station.....	\$ 15.00
Cane Run.....	30.00
Clear Creek.....	10.00
Clover Bottom.....	5.00
Corinth.....	5.00
David's Fork.....	100.00
Dry Run.....	25.00
East Hickman.....	50.00
Georgetown.....	100.00
Glen's Creek.....	50.00
Great Crossings.....	15.00
Hillsboro.....	40.00
Lexington, First.....	150.00
Lexington, Upper St.....	50.00
Long Lick.....	10.00
Midway.....	50.00
Mt. Freedom.....	10.00
Mt. Pleasant.....	40.00

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Mt. Vernon.....	60.00
Nicholasville.....	40.00
Paris.....	40.00
Providence.....	40.00
Silas.....	25.00
South Elkhorn.....	25.00
Stamping Ground.....	60.00
Versailles.....	50.00

These minutes were read and after correction were adopted.

It was moved that the Executive Board be requested to record these proceedings in their minutes.

F. B. RAYMOND,                      W. H. FELIX,  
Secretary.                              Chairman.

Remarks were made by W. H. Felix and the report was adopted.

J. J. Rucker offered the following resolution which was adopted.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be authorized to close his books on the first day of August each year in the future until otherwise ordered by the Association.

R. M. Dudley read the

*Report of Committee on Education.*

Your Committee beg leave to submit as their report, some reasons why we should educate our youth.

In general, it should be remembered that no man can rise to his best, or make the most of himself, without the advantages of a liberal education. Considering the subject further and in detail,

First. It is education that trains, strengthens and develops the intellectual and moral faculties. Intellectual and moral training of necessity must go together. This is the argument for the Christian college. While the youth is being taught how to think, he should, at the same time, be taught how to live.

Second. In this process of training, the mind is stored with valuable and useful knowledge. It is important that this knowledge should bear the impress of truth. This is another argument for the Christian College. How easily may the wily professor sap the foundation of faith in the pupils mind, without the pupil even suspecting the evil that is being wrought for its unhappy future.

Third. In a State and a church, like ours, where the power and authority reside in the people, every man owes it to the State and to the church, to count for all he can, on the side of virtue and truth.

Fourth. If any of our youth aspire to one of the learned professions, he handicaps himself for life, if he enters the race without a liberal education.

Fifth. An educated man is lifted to a higher plane of conscious dignity and worth, and cherishes for himself a respect which he else cannot have. It also opens to him the wealth of literature and learning which affords no small part of the highest enjoyment of life.

Sixth. An educated man commands the respectful attention of his fellows. Sometimes education gives him an influence and a power which he otherwise does not merit. If education gives one influence when he should not have it, this is not an argument against education; but it shows us the importance of throwing around it all possible safeguards.

Seventh. If a youth choose to engage in manual labor, he possesses greater tact and richer resources for being an intelligent man. Who will say that, in the long run, a carpenter, a mason, a farmer, will not be better off materially, as well as socially and intellectually, for being an educated man? How much more heavily will he press the scale of life, how much more will he be worth to his family, his church, his country, for being an educated man.

Eighth. If disease or accident deprive a youth of his ability to perform manual labor, his education will open to him many avenues of honorable and remunerative employment, from which the uneducated man is debarred.

With the undeveloped tastes and capabilities of our youth, there are few parents who can forecast the sphere of life in which their children are to move, or the vocations that they are to follow. This being true, is it not the wisest course to seek to give them a liberal education, and to fortify them with sound religious principles, and thus prepare them for whatever lot in life awaits them?

ARTHUR YAGER, Chairman.

Remarks were made by W. J. Johnston, H. T. Daniel, J. J. Rucker, L. O. Dawson, R. M. Dudley, R. Ryland, Geo. Hunt, and the report was adopted.

J. R. Howard offered the following resolution which was adopted.

*Resolved,* That we heartily approve the appointment of Rev. M. M. Riley, as Financial Agent of Georgetown College, and Rev. H. T. Daniel, as Agent of the Williamsburg Institute, and heartily commend the worthy objects to the liberality of our churches.

The hour for preaching having arrived J. B. Moody preached at the church from Psalm LI:6.

At the stand, A. M. Vardeman, at the same hour preached from 1 Pet 1:3.

W. E. Mitchell read the

### *Report on Orphans' Home.*

Your Committee is glad to be able to report another prosperous year in the History of the Home. We believe brethren, that this is the Lord's work; for he has shown His approval by the great good which it is accomplishing. Pure religion is to visit the fatherless in their affliction and we shall be rewarded for even a cup of cold water given in His name.



The annual report shows that at the first of the present year there were thirty-five children in the Home, forty-nine have been received making eighty-four cared for during the year. Twenty have been adopted; nineteen apprenticed; and fifty-five remain at present date; thirty-three of which are in the nursery. When we realize that these orphan children are dependent upon our contributions for support surely we ought to lend a helping hand. These children have not only their temporal wants supplied but their mental and spiritual training is closely looked after. Five have made a profession of religion during this year and joined a Baptist Church.

Brethren the thing we need is *more room* so as to be able to meet the worthy applications made to the Reception Committee. The timely offer of Mrs. A. C. Norton and her son Capt. W. F. Norton, Jr., to give \$5,000 to help raise the much needed centre building on condition that a sufficient amount should be secured, should be promptly met. We therefore recommend:

First. That the churches of this Association as soon as practicable make contributions to the building fund.

Second. That a collection be taken during the discussion of this report, and the roll of the churches called giving the messengers an opportunity to promise that the interests of the Home will be brought before their respective churches, also suggesting about the amount they can raise.

Third. We heartily recommend the *Orphan's Friend* published in the interest of the Home.

W. E. MITCHELL,  
Chairman of Committee.

The report was discussed by W. E. Mitchell and after an appeal for aid by R. P. Johnston \$65 in cash and \$97.40 in pledges were raised, and the report was adopted.

Adjourned after prayer by R. P. Johnston.

### ***AFTERNOON SESSION.***

The body re-assembled at 2 p. m. Prayer by A. C. Graves.

L. O. Dawson and W. H. Felix, were appointed a committee to nominate an Executive Board.

H. C. Roberts read the

#### ***Report on Foreign Missions.***

We find that our Foreign Mission work has made very commendable progress during the past year. We have had in China ninety-eight baptisms, and these Christians have contributed \$890.09 to the cause of Christ. In Africa we have had five baptisms, and these people have contributed \$45.67. In Italy we have had twenty-five baptisms, and they have contributed \$329. In Brazil there have been eighty-three baptisms, and they have contributed \$723. In Mexico we have had one hundred and forty-seven baptisms, and they have contributed \$112.

We see from these statements that our Missionaries have done good work and that these far-off Christians have been liberal with the means which God has given them. We have culled from the last report of our Foreign Mission Secretary, the following statistics:

We have on the Foreign Missionary field 38 male and 48 female American Missionaries, 23 native ordained preachers, 41 male and 12 female native assistants, 67 organized churches, 2,377 church members, 361 baptisms, 41 added by letter, 9 restored, 55 deaths, 34 expulsions, 133 removals, 22 schools and 823 scholars, contributions \$2,099.16. We also see from this same report that there was contributed by the Baptists embraced within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention \$184,342.64. Of this amount Kentucky raised \$9,934.01. Of this amount Elkhorn Association raised \$1,300.02.

There is one item in this Foreign Mission report under the head of disbursements to which we wish to call special attention. We find there that our Board had to borrow money upon which they had to pay \$6,441.32. This outlay need not and ought not to have taken place, it was mainly caused by our contributions not being paid promptly, so that our Board could pay the salaries of our Missionaries, and other expenses as they fall due. We take pleasure in recommending the *Foreign Mission Journal*.

H. C. BOBERTS,  
T. J. STEVENSON,  
THOS. DALZELL,  
Committee.

After some remarks by R. Ryland, the report was adopted.

L. O. Dawson read the

### *Report on Home Missions.*

Although crippled by the lack of funds, the work of the Home Mission Board has been vigorously pushed during the last year, and a gratifying increase is seen, both in the labor expended and in the results attained.

There were employed 407 missionaries, who report 5,349 baptisms, and a total addition of 9,987 members. They organized 244 new churches and 424 Sunday Schools, besides building 143 church houses.

The Treasurer's report while thoroughly satisfactory to scientific book-keepers is quite beyond the ken of ordinary mortals. This Association has given during the year \$645.85.

The success of the work in Cuba and the gravity of the race problem coupled with the question of foreign immigration which grows upon us as rapidly as the development of our country, demand that new attention and heartier support be given to the Board.

It is doing a foreign mission work at our very doors; for while the gospel has been carried to comparatively few heathen, God has brought millions of heathens from every shore on earth to the Gospel. The duty of evangelizing them in our section rests largely upon the Home Mission Board, and its success in meeting this obligation holds the key to the solution of the problems that vex our country and threaten her free institutions.

Your Committee urges the churches to inform themselves about this work by reading the *Home Field*, the official organ of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,  
L. O. DAWSON, Chairman.

Discussed by L. O. Dawson, J. J. Rucker, A. M. Varde-  
man, and adopted.

T. Warn Beagle read the

*Report on Minister's Aid Society.*

We your Committee offer the following as a substitute for the regular report of the Chairman, who is at home sick. In the absence of definite figures, we can only say, the demands upon this Society are daily growing more exacting and that the money given our churches fall far below the demand. It seems strange that we should need any appeal other than that made by the work itself—gratitude, church pride. Sympathy, love to God and the aged Christian ministers, all urge us to push the work more vigorously than during the last year. Those who keep posted on the Masters work, will recall that only a few weeks since the Board was compelled to reduce allowances to those already the subjects of your liberality to one half. Shall we thus treat carelessly this important work?

If you would induce young men to enter the work, assure them that if misfortune overtakes them, their brethren will care for them when the ability to care for themselves shall cease.

T. WARN BEAGLE, Chairman.

Discussed by T. Warn Beagle, R. Ryland, and adopted.

The Association chose B. W. D. Seeley, as Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, with J. R. Howard, Alternate.

The hour for preaching having arrived, J. M. Frost preached from John xvi:7.

W. H. Felix read the

***THE CORRESPONDING LETTER.***

***The Elkhorn Association, to Associations With Whom We Correspond.***

*Dear Brethern:—*

We are now in session with the Dry Run Baptist Church, Scott county, Ky. The Churches are all represented either by letter or messengers. The report from them are encouraging. They are all supplied with earnest and God fearing pastors and there seems to be an advance movement all along the line. The liberality of our people is growing and the membership of our churches increasing. Number of accessions by baptism 271; present membership 4411; contribution to State Missions, \$1,003.20; Foreign Missions \$1,302.87, Home Missions \$645.85, Ministerial Aid Society \$395.90, Orphans' Home \$406.93, Miscellaneous \$3,431.89. Our next session will be held with the Great Crossings Church August 16, 1892.

May the blessings of God be upon you.

E. H. BLACK,

B. W. D. SEELEY,  
Clerk.

Moderator.

Adopted.

Upon motion any member attending any association with which we correspond, is authorized to represent this body.

The Clerk was authorized to purchase a new Record Book:

The usual appropriation was voted to the Clerk for his services. After prayer by J. M. Frost, adjourned:

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*THURSDAY, AUG. 13th.*

The Association was called to order by the Moderator at 9 o'clock and Rev. R. P. Lucardo, of Tennessee offered prayer.

The minutes of Wednesday were read and approved.

C. B. Quisenberry made some very pertinent remarks and plead earnestly that the ministers should meet with the new Executive Board, and encourage them by their counsel.

A. M. Vardeman and R. P. Johnston, each lead in prayer.

B. W. D. Seeley, W. H. Felix and J. R. Howard, were made a committee to nominate the preacher and alternate for the next Introductory Sermon, who reported E. S. Alderman, to preach the sermon with A. C. Graves alternate, and the report was adopted.

Upon motion W. M. Pratt was appointed and requested to write a history of the First Baptist Church, Lexington, in lieu of a Circular Letter.

W. H. Felix read the following report on new Board:

Your Committee would beg leave to report the following as the Executive Board:

J. W. Appleton, J. J. Rucker, B. Bosworth, J. R. Howard, C. B. Quisenberry, L. A. Davis, B. W. D. Seeley, R. G. Elliott, R. W. Higgins, W. D. Bryant, T. A. Davis, with power to fill vacancies.

W. H. FELIX.  
L. O. DAWSON.

The report was adopted.

Upon motion of W. H. Felix the Executive Board was requested to co-operate with the State Centennial Missionary Committee.

W. H. Felix, being, requested, explained the intention and wishes of the Centennial Committee.

T. Warn Beagle made an appeal for the brethren to read the suggestions of the Missionary Centennial Committee followed by R. Ryland.

The roll of Messengers was then called and names of absentees erased.

R. G. Elliott read the

### *Report on Sunday-Schools.*

Your Committee on Sunday-schools desire to make the following report:

We are glad to say that there seems no abatement of the interest in the great Sunday-school work in this Association, as indicated by the reports from the churches, and as we read these reports we feel there is much to encourage us in this work. Yet the sad fact stares us in the fact that we are not accomplishing what we ought. In none of our schools is the attendance or interest such as the membership of our churches would justify. And notwithstanding this, how many of our schools are crippled for effective work by the need of more competent, zealous, Christ-like workers. Truly the harvest is great, but the laborers are few, and the earnest prayer of God's people should be for more consecration in this work of reaching the young. Still, while we place such a high appreciation upon the efforts to reach the young in our different communities, through the agency of the Sunday-schools, yet we would urge upon the Sunday-school workers the necessity of seeing that the members of our Sabbath Schools are found in our regular church services, and that, in no way, do we have the church to appear as secondary to the Sunday-school.

We take great pleasure in recommending to our schools the Sunday-school literature published by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the American Baptist Publication Society, thereby recognizing that time-honored Baptist custom, that the fullest freedom of choice be accorded to every one as to what literature he will use.

Earnestly praying for greater efficiency and more consecration upon the part of the membership in this work, this Report is respectfully submitted.

R. G. ELLIOTT,  
Chairman.

Discussed by J. M. Frost and adopted.

The Standing Committees were announced as follows:

HOME MISSIONS . . . . . A. C. Graves, T. Warn Beagle, T. A. Davis.  
STATE MISSIONS . . . . . L. O. Dawson, R. Ryland, S. H. Shouse.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.....E. S. Alderman, T. J. Shipman, W. J. Neale.  
 SUNDAY SCHOOLS.....R. P. Johnston, Z. T. Cody, Charles Stephens.  
 EDUCATION.....R. M. Dudley, J. J. Rucker, W. H. Felix.  
 ORPHAN'S HOME.....A. M. Vardeman, J. V. Riley, C. B. Quisenberry.  
 MINISTER'S AID SOCIETY.P. V. Bowmar, T. J. Stevenson.  
 ORDER OF BUSINESS.....B. W. D. Seeley, J. R. Howard.

The hour for preaching having arrived, W. H. Felix preached from Gen. xxv:31-34—Heb. xii:16-17.

After the benediction by R. Ryland the Association adjourned.

### *AFTERNOON SESSION.*

The Association met at 2:o'clock and J. B. Moody preached from Luke xxiii:42-43.

At the close of the sermon the brethren gave each other the parting hand and after prayer by R. Ryland the Moderator pronounced the Association adjourned *sine die*.

E. H. BLACK, Moderator,  
 Stamping Ground, Ky.

B. W. D. SEELEY, Clerk,  
 Faywood, Ky.

The next session of the Association will be held with the Great Crossings Church, August 16, 1892.



# SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	Number of Teachers and Officers.	Number of Scholars.	Conversions in Schools.	Months in Session.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICES.
Bryan's Station.....	6	30	3	6	Dr. L. Coons . . . .	Muir.
Cane Run.....	8	60	9	9	P. H. Thompson....	Donerail.
Clear Creek.....	9	53	5	5	A. F. Shouse.....	Versailles.
Clover Bottom.....	6	40	1	6	Thos. W. Paul.....	Troy.
Corinth.....						
David's Fork.....	8	60	4	12	J. H. Weathers.....	Clintonville.
Dry Run.....						
East Hickman.....	6	60	4	12	T. E. Walker . . . .	East Hickman.
Georgetown.....	20	175	7	12	J. J. Rucker.....	Georgetown.
Glen's Creek.....	6	35	1	12	W. Boyette.....	Versailles.
Great Crossings.....	6	50		12	J. N. Bradley.....	Georgetown.
Hillsboro.....	12	100		12	M. Elliston, Jr.....	Mortonsville.
*Lexington First.....	31	465		12	H. P. Hicks.....	Lexington.
Lexington, Upper Street.....	15	130		12	R. G. Elliott.....	Lexington.
Long Lick.....						
Midway.....	10	115	6	12	Bennett Branham ..	Midway.
Mt. Freedom.....	6	50	3	12	John C. Cox.....	Wilmore.
Mt. Pleasant.....	8	75		12	Leslie Davis.....	Keene.
*Mt. Vernon.....	2	189	14	12	G. B. Stout.....	Faywood.
Nicholasville.....	10	45	3	12	A. C. Miles.....	Nicholasville.
Paris.....	8	50	1	12	Wm. M. Goodloe ..	Paris.
Providence.....	7	40		12	S. Black.....	Frankfort.
Silas.....	7	52		12	James Allen.....	Jacksonville.
South Elkhorn.....	10	60		12	Joseph Spencer.....	Fort Spring.
*Stamping Ground.....	11	90		12	R. S. Sprake.....	Stamping Ground.
Versailles.....	12	90	2	12	Geo. B. Minary.....	Versailles.
	243	2114	63			

\*Have Mission Schools.

# STATISTICS.

CHURCHES AND WITEN CONSTITUTED.	COUNTIES.	Increase.							D'crease.				TOTAL . . . . .	PASTORS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.
		Baptism . .	Letter . . . .	Relation . .	Restored . .	Letter . . .	Exclusion . .	Erasure . . .	Death . . . .						
1787-Bryan's Station	Fayette . . . .	6	1		1	3							57	T. C. Stackhouse, Lexington	R. J. Johnson, Avon.
1828-Cane Run . . . .	Fayette . . . .	11	6			8							132	W. E. Mitchell, Louisville.	P. H. Thompson, Donerail.
1785-Clear Creek . . . .	Woodford . . . .	25	7			4							64	L. Moore, Finkard.	L. Moore, Finkard.
1802-Clover Bottom . . . .	Woodford . . . .	2	1			2							49	E. Cobb, Glencoe . . . . .	Thos. W. Paul, Troy.
1878-Corinth . . . . .	Grant . . . . .					2							25	J. W. Waldrop, Owenton . .	C. J. Ruddle, Corinth.
1801-David's Fork . . . .	Fayette . . . .	16	10			2							155	W. D. Watts, Chilesburg.	W. D. Watts, Chilesburg.
1800-Dry Run . . . . .	Scott . . . . .	6				5							116	R. P. Johnston, Chilesburg	F. M. Thomason, Georgetown
1789-East Hickman . . . .	Fayette . . . .	8	4			6							159	T. W. Beagle, Nicholasville	I. P. Shelby, Lexington.
1810-Georgetown . . . . .	Scott . . . . .	12	35			1							320	Z. T. Cody, Georgetown . . .	R. E. Thomas, Georgetown.
1800-Glen's Creek . . . .	Woodford . . . .	8	4			1							102	J. R. Sampey, Louisville . . .	T. E. Henton, Versailles.
1785-Great Crossings . . . .	Scott . . . . .	3	5										65	T. J. Stevenson, Georgetown	D. S. Brown, Georgetown.
1802-Hillsboro . . . . .	Woodford . . . .	11				4							160	F. H. Kerfoot, Louisville . .	M. Elliston, Jr. Mortonsville
1817-Lexington Ist. . . . .	Fayette . . . .	77	39			2							719	W. H. Felix, D. D. Lexington	C. K. Oldham, Lexington.
1875-Lex. Upper St. . . . .	Fayette . . . .	4	9			1							323	E. B. Allender, Lexington.	E. B. Allender, Lexington.
1805-Long Lick . . . . .	Scott . . . . .					3							214	Wm. Agee . . . . .	T. Dalzell, Long Lick.
1873-Midway . . . . .	Woodford . . . .	9	14			1							261	T. J. Shipman, Midway . . . .	Richard O'Connor, Midway
1831-Mt. Freedom . . . . .	Jessamine . . . .	23	8			6							105	B. F. Taylor, Harrodsburg.	S. P. Crutcher, Wilmore.
1801-Mt. Pleasant . . . . .	Jessamine . . . .	1	4			10							139	A. M. Vardeman, Keene . . .	R. R. Henderson, Keene.
1822-Mt. Vernon . . . . .	Woodford . . . .	38	5			3							273	L. O. Dawson, Faywood . . .	B. W. D. Seely, Faywood.
1849-Nicholasville . . . . .	Jessamine . . . .	3				4							80	T. W. Beagle, Nicholasville	T. B. Crutcher, Nicholasville
1818-Paris . . . . .	Bourbon . . . .	2	7			3							133	H. T. Daniel, Paris . . . . .	Wm. M. Goodloe, Paris.
1857-Providence . . . . .	Franklin . . . .	2	2			7							84	E. S. Alderman, Woodlake	W. H. Lewis, Woodlake.
1801-Silas . . . . .	Bourbon . . . .	2	1			2							88	T. C. Stackhouse, Lexington	Wm. Sparks, Leesburg.
1859-South Elkhorn . . . .	Fayette . . . .	2	6			2							122	H. C. Roberts, Clay Village	B. Bosworth, Fort Spring.
1795-S. Ground . . . . .	Scott . . . . .	2	6			2							275	A. C. Graves, S. Ground . . .	J. J. Yates, S. Ground.
1842-Versailles . . . . .	Woodford . . . .	2	5			1							191	P. V. Bowmar, Versailles . . .	A. E. Burke, Versailles.
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# CONTRIBUTIONS.

CHURCHES.	Church Property		Seating Capacity	Pastor's Salary and Church Expenses.	Ministerial Education.	State and District Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Sunday-schools.	State Sunday-school and Colportage.	Ministers' Aid Society.	Orphans' Home.	Miscellaneous.	Printing Minutes.	Total.	
	Value of Church Property.															
Bryan's Station.....	\$3500	\$	350			\$15.00										\$ 17 00
Cane Run.....	1500		350	705 00		22 20	11 00	22 20	20 00			30 00	108 15	2 00		\$ 904 60
Clear Creek.....	2500		350	300 00		3 87	1 57	3 87	14 80	1 57		19 00	117 85	1 50		\$ 471 10
Clover Bottom.....	600		500	225 00		5 00	58	58	6 00		59			1 00		\$ 238 75
Corinth.....	750		400			5 00	75							1 00		\$ 6 75
David's Fork.....	5000		400	1425 00		106 50	63 00	82 00	25 00	16 80	95 00	56 00	379 43	2 50		\$ 2321 23
Dry Run.....	2000		300	300 00		10 00						5 00		2 00		\$ 317 00
East Hickman.....	4500		375	625 00		41 22	19 00	18 00	31 50		13 10	15 00	170 00	3 00		\$ 935 82
Georgetown.....	7500		400	1400 24		69 50	75 00	145 88	71 75				29 50	5 00		\$ 1796 72
Glen's Creek.....	250		250	485 15		29 10	32 00	298 50		16 00	23 85	55 00	68 75	5 00		\$ 1019 10
Great Crossings.....	300		300	300 00		5 00			50 00			18 00		1 50		\$ 374 50
Hillsboro.....	3000		350	500 00		35 00	36 93	58 25	15 00				443 10	2 00		\$ 1116 18
*Lexington, First.....	51850		1350	2675 00		154 00	81 70	159 63	150 00		85 53			7 00		\$ 3262 86
*Lexington, Upper St.....	21500		350	1236 13		50 75	26 50	31 03	89 06		13 50	11 00	582 72	3 00		\$ 2057 19
Long Lick.....	1200		300			6 00								1 40		\$ 7 40
*Midway.....	8500		300	1325 95		50 00	50 00	65 66	51 50		40 00	48 30	2006 85	2 00		\$ 3673 36
Mt. Freedom.....	1000		250	350 00		10 00	8 70	3 80	8 70			5 00	20 75	1 50		\$ 398 25
*Mt. Pleasant.....	6500		400	900 00		9 15	14 60	25 00	25 00			25 00		2 50		\$ 1005 15
Mt. Vernon.....	10600		300	1060 00		76 33	51 25	56 25	34 10	55 61	22 33	34 52	573 55	5 00		\$ 2006 44
Nicholasville.....	5000		300	615 00		40 00	7 50	8 85	16 00	7 50	10 00		56 25	2 50		\$ 757 25
*Paris.....	16500		400	1120 00		25 00	20 00	35 00	5 00		41 00	10 00		2 00		\$ 1313 00
*Providence.....	6000		300	1185 00		46 50	46 73	96 65	20 00				260 00	2 50		\$ 1714 05
Silas.....	2500		300	350 00		20 25			10 88					2 00		\$ 372 25
South Elkhorn.....	2500		300	505 00		76 50	27 10	30 00	25 50		31 00	30 00	62 00	2 00		\$ 789 10
*Stamping Ground.....	6800		500	875 00		60 00	56 55	95 30	35 00	5 00	20 00	15 00		4 00		\$ 1173 85
Versailles.....	10000		300	1575 00		25 40	25 39	61 06	60 00	25 39		30 11	550 00	3 00		\$ 2355 35
*Have Parsonages.	180200		9575	7285 00	322 90	100820	647 18	128745	764 79	127 87	395 90	406 93	5428 90	63 50		\$ 30404 25

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## CIRCULAR LETTER.

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### The Working Orders of the Churches.

Matt. 28:19-20.

**By W. H. Felix.**

“Go ye therefore and disciple all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded them.”

DEAR BRETHREN:

These words were spoken by Christ to the disciples for the church in all time to come. He had finished his work, and now the time had come for Him to return unto the Father. Before leaving them He marks out a work for them to do, and sends them forth to do it. They had no discretionary power in the matter, they are to do just what their Lord commanded them. The Master gives his servants orders as to what He wants done. They have no right to change them, or to substitute something else. An army receives orders from headquarters, what shall be done, and how the campaign shall be conducted. They have no right to alter, or to amend, or to substitute, or to disregard. Thus it is with the church.

The Lord, the great commander, has sent his disciples forth with a specific commission, and they have no right to alter, or to amend, or to substitute, or to disregard, without incurring the grave charge of disobedience and insubordination. The churches then should look well to their marching orders they should be careful that they understand them, and that they fulfill them. They have been sent forth upon a moral conquest of the world, the grandest, the most gigantic, and the most benevolent work that has ever been committed to mortal hands, and hearts. The working orders put into their hands contain but thirty-five words, and in those thirty-five words *three* great duties are specified. First *discipling*, second *baptizing*, third *teaching*. We hold that it is perfectly easy for us to interpret the orders. It is difficult for us to conceive how the Saviour could have put them in plainer and simpler terms. If there is any difficulty here man is the author of it. Let us examine these orders again to see if we are working in accordance with them, and to reassure our faith and confidence.

*First we call attention to the order in which these three duties stand in the commission.* Is there any significance in this order, did it just happen so that they were placed in this order, would any other order have done just as well, or was there a well defined purpose in the mind of the Law-giver, in putting them in this order rather than any other order. These are timely and pertinent, not mere curious, questions. It is evident that we may put things out of their true relation, and thus destroy their force and significance. Let us make the experiment. Suppose we put the baptizing first and make the orders read thus: “Go ye therefore and baptize all nations, discipling them in the name, etc., etc.” Now one of two things would occur. We would be required to baptize the nations *before* they were made disciples, or they would be made disciples by baptizing them. To justify either of these positions would require a new Bible. Our Bible clearly teaches that no one is entitled to the ordinance of baptism who has not repented of sin, who has not believed on the Lord Jesus Christ,

who has not been born again, who has not been converted, all of which certainly makes him a disciple. Therefore only a disciple is entitled to baptism.

To teach that a man is made a disciple by baptizing him would rush us all into the church of Rome. Then baptism is the New Birth, then baptism is regeneration, then baptism is conversion, then we must baptize all nations whether they are willing to be baptized or not. If one is made a disciple by baptizing him, then to comply with the command we must baptize him willing or unwilling, conscious or unconscious. Such an interpretation is in direct conflict with the word of God. No one is entitled to baptism who has not first been disciplined. There are those who teach (and they claim to be evangelical), that the nations are to be disciplined by baptizing them and that baptizing is placed second in order, because it explains how the disciplining is to be accomplished. If this be so, then the baptizing instead of being a present participle, should have been a past participle, making it read, "Having baptized them." A feeble attempt was made to make it read thus but it utterly failed as is now acknowledged by the scholarship of the world. If we make the commission read, "Go ye therefore and baptize all nations, disciplining them, etc., etc." The same reasoning would make the disciplining explanatory of the manner in which the baptizing was to be performed, and hence the only way to baptize would be to make disciples which would do away with water baptism entirely. No attempt has ever been made to put "the teaching to observe, etc., etc.," in any other place than the one it occupies in the commission. The true, the logical, the divinely intended order is that which appears in the working orders, first disciple, second baptize, third teach, and is in perfect accord with the declaration made in John 4.1. "Jesus *made and baptized* more disciples than John." That is he first made disciples and then he baptized them.

Now having decided that these duties stand in their logical and divinely intended order let us take up each one and consider them.

*First*, "Go ye therefore and disciple all nations." We want to know just what we are to do, we do not wish to put anything in, or take any thing out. The churches are sent by their Lord upon a mission and the object of it, is to disciple all nations. This is the first duty. How can we disciple all nations. It is to be accomplished by preaching the gospel to every creature. This gospel explains to them their condition, and their need, what has been done to save them, and what they are to do to be saved. Any one hearing the good news and is persuaded to repent of his sins and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, has been made a disciple and when every one in all the nations have been thus disciplined the command of our blessed Lord has been fulfilled. Much has been accomplished in this work, but much more yet remains to be done. Both at home and abroad the harvest is great, and the laborers are few. Brethren, this is the great duty of the churches into which everything else is to pour its tribute. Not one of us can be excused from contributing our mite of influence or money. Not one of us can draw around us limits and say we will not go beyond. For convenience sake we may say District, State, Home and Foreign Missions, but the commission makes the "every creature" and the "all nations" the limits of our responsibility. We are just entering the centennial of missions. Let us commence anew the study of our working orders, and consecrate ourselves to the work without reserve. Let us signalize this centennial by sending forth hundreds of missionaries who

shall for us carry the gospel to all nations in fulfillment of our Lord's command. How can we disciple all nations, but by preaching the gospel to them.

Now what must we do with those who have been discipled. Our working orders say we must baptize them. Here two thoughts demand our consideration. First whom are we to baptize, secondly how is it to be done. There is a great diversity of opinion here. We hold that we have no right to baptize any one who has not been made a disciple; and the first duty of a disciple is to be baptized. This being true we have no right to baptize unregenerate persons, because they are not disciples. We have no right to baptize infants because they cannot be made disciples, they are not subjects of gospel address, they cannot repent of sin, they cannot believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, all of which is necessary to make a disciple. We dare not baptize them on the faith of their parents because it is nowhere taught that the faith of one can make another a disciple, or entitle that one to receive the ordinance.

Those who baptize infants change the order of the commission, which we hold no one has a right to do. Those who are baptized in infancy and then ten, twenty, or forty years after make a profession of repentance and faith in Christ, are not baptized again, therefore in that case they make the commission read. "Go ye and baptize all nations discipling them, etc., etc." In the case of an adult who has never been baptized and who makes a profession they make the order read: "Go disciple and baptize." Now what right have they to make the commission read one way for infants and another way for adults. It is not only illogical, but unscriptural. But *how* are we to baptize those who are discipled. There is but one way. We hear persons speak of the *modes* of baptism, and some Baptists are guilty of using such language. We know nothing of the mode of baptism. We frequently hear the expression, "baptism by immersion" which is the same as saying "baptism by baptism." Immersion is baptism and baptism is immersion. We hear some say "baptism by sprinkling," which according to our belief is the same as to say "immersion by sprinkling" or "immersion by pouring" which involves an absurdity. This may be a little matter, but grave errors may creep in by the language we may use. We hold that our working orders requires us to immerse the body in water, as necessary to the ordinance. We practice immersion because it is the acknowledged meaning of the word, because Christ was immersed in Jordan, because it was the invariable practice of the Apostles, because it is the invariable teaching of the New Testament.

*The third duty is to teach them to observe all things commanded of Christ.* After they have been discipled, and then are baptized, they are to live a life of obedience to Christ's commands. Among the things commanded of Christ is the observance of the Lord's Supper. Now is it not a legitimate question, who are entitled to partake of the Lord's Supper. Does not our working orders settle that question. Would we dare to invite those who had not been discipled? Of course not. Would we dare to invite those who had not been immersed. Of course not, because our working orders read—first disciple, then immerse, then observe, and we dare not change the divine order and relationship of these duties. The moment we invite those who have not been immersed, and who practice infant baptism, we sanction infant baptism and say sprinkling or pouring water upon the candidate is a compliance with the divine order to immerse. Nor can we we consistently invite those who have been immersed, who believe and teach that the world is to be discipled by immersing, because we thereby surrender the doctrine that only those who have been discipled are entitled to be baptized.

Brethren, in charity we hold to, and practice these views. We want to be loyal to the truth as we understand it. We may be abused as we have been, but we will not be driven from our working orders. We will pray God to give us love, and charity for all Christians, though we cannot accept their errors. We must contend for the truth. We shall never complain of others for teaching what they believe to be the truth, unless they mingle abuse with it. We are not ashamed of our faith Brethren, in the prosecution of our work, let us remember our encouragement Like the Jews of old, this commission stands between a pillar of cloud by day, and a pillar of fire by night. Before it is all power and behind it is the assuring presence. We have naught to fear. Let us only be careful that we stick close to our working orders, and all will be well. What a mission is ours to disciple all nations. Let us remember the very first word puts us in a ceaseless activity and not until we have laid our armor down can we be exempt personally, and not until all the nations have been discipled can the churches rest from their labors.



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## AN ABSTRACT

—OF THE—

### *Meetings of the Sunday-school Convention.*

The Sunday-school Convention of Elkhorn Association, met with the David's Fork Church, October 18, 1890.

J. R. Howard, the Moderator presided.

Delegates were present from fourteen churches.

"The Effect of Teaching in the Sunday-School" was discussed by H. T. Daniel, H. C. Roberts, F. B. Raymond, J. N. Prestridge, and W. H. Felix.

The next topic, "The Co-operative Power of the Pulpit and Sunday-School," was discussed by T. J. Shipman and J. J. Rucker.

Miss Perla Nelson read an essay on "The Sunday School as an Instrument of the Church."

The subject of the essay was discussed by J. J. Rucker, Z. T. Cody, H. T. Daniel and D. W. Case.

"Should Our Sunday-Schools Resume Catechetical Instruction," was discussed by J. Dallas Simmons, Z. T. Cody, W. H. Felix, J. J. Rucker, H. T. Daniel and H. C. Roberts, and the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That this Sunday-School Convention urge and request the Pastors and Superintendents of churches in Elkhorn Association to endeavor to introduce into their Sunday-Schools the study of some good Baptist Catechism in connection with the helps now used.

W. L. Threlkeld discussed "The Use of the Bible."

J. J. Rucker spoke on "The Proper Observance of the Christian Sabbath."

Hugh Hicks and J. C. Freeman, gave practical talks.

The Convention Sermon was preached by Z. T. Cody from Matt. iv:1-11.

Prof. R. L. Garrison discussed "The Importance and Benefit of Some System of Regular Contributions in Every Sunday-School." The discussion was continued by H. C. Roberts and J. C. Freeman.

The Children's Mass Meeting, Sunday afternoon, was addressed by W. L. Threlkeld, Hugh Hicks, R. P. Johnston and J. R. Howard.

SPRING MEETING AT PARIS.

The Sunday-School Convention met with the Church at Paris, April 18, 1891.

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Delegates from ten churches were enrolled.

Officers elected for the year were: J. J. Rucker, Moderator and B. W. D. Seeley, Secretary.

"The Qualifications and Duties of a Superintendent," was discussed by T. J. Stevenson, J. N. Bradley, F. B. Raymond and J. C. Freeman.

F. B. Raymond discussed "The Qualifications and Duties of Teachers."

"The Best Means of Increasing the Attendance of the School," was discussed by T. J. Shipman.

"Duties of the Members of the Church with Reference to the Sunday School," was discussed by L. O. Dawson and F. B. Raymond.

A paper was read by Miss R. A. Pollard on "The Preservation and Observance of the Christian Sabbath." The subject was further discussed by J. J. Rucker, J. C. Freeman and F. B. Raymond.

The following resolution was adopted, viz:

*Resolved*, That the Sunday-School Convention of Elkhorn Association, of Kentucky, are in full sympathy with the effort being made throughout the United States to have the World's Fair at Chicago in 1893, closed on the Sabbath, and recommend to all the churches in the Association to express themselves on the subject and forward at once such an expression to the management at Chicago.

B. W. D. SEELEY, Secretary.

## HISTORICAL AND STATISTICAL TABLE OF ELKHORN ASSOCIATION, KENTUCKY, 1785—1891.

PLACE.	TIME.	BM'S.	TOTAL.	MODERATOR.	CLERK.	PREACHER OF INT.	TEXT.
South Elkhorn	June 25, 1785			Lewis Craig	Richard Young		
Clear Creek	Sept. 30, 1785			Wm. Wood	Richard Young	Wm. Hickman	Ex. xxiii: 30
South Elkhorn	1786			John Taylor	Richard Young		
Bryan's Station	1787			Ed. Payne	Richard Young		
South Elkhorn	1788	38	599	Wm. Cave	Richard Young	A. Eastin	
Clear Creek	Oct. 25, 1789			John Gano	Richard Young	A. Dudley	
Great Crossings	May 30, 1789	288	1000	John Gano	Richard Young	John Gano	2 Cor. xi: 28
Boone's Creek	Oct. 30, 1789			James Garrard	R. Young	John Tanner	Isaiah xli: 10
Lexington	1790	137	1365	James Garrard	R. Young	John Taylor	
Cooper's Run	1791	192	1587	John Gano	R. Young	John Gano	1 Cor. i: 10
Bryan's Station	Aug. 26, 1791			James Garrard	J. Price	James Garrard	Eph. v: 1
Tate's Creek	Dec. 26, 1792	114	1711	John Gano	A. Eastin	Wm. Wood	Isaiah xxvii: 13
Bryan's Station	May 18, 1793	78	1773	James Garrard	A. Eastin	A. Eastin	Mal. iii: 16
South Elkhorn	Oct. 12, 1793			John Gano	A. Eastin	George S. Smith	Rom. xii: 5
Marble Creek	1794	36	1922	A. Dudley	John Price	Elijah Craig	John iii: 16
Cooper's Run	1795	18	1969	James Garrard	John Price	John Gano	John iii: 16
Town Fork	1796	43	1988	A. Dudley	John Price	John Gano	Psalms cxxxiii: 1
Clear Creek	1797	33	2234	A. Dudley	John Price	John Gano	Eph. iii: 8
Forks of Elkhorn	1798	63	2376	A. Dudley	John Price	Jno. Shackleford	2 Peter i: 15
Great Crossings	1799	29	1719	A. Dudley	John Price	D. Barrow	John ii: 56
Bryan's Station	1800	82	1642	A. Dudley	John Price	A. Eastin	Psalms lxxiii: 24
South Elkhorn	1801	3011	4853	D. Barrow	John Price	A. Dudley	Gal. vi: 14
Cooper's Run	1802	522	5295	A. Eastin	John Price	Jos. Redding	1 John iv: 19
Great Crossings	April, 1803			D. Barrow	John Price		
Town Fork	1803	61	4408	A. Dudley	John Price	George Eye	Rev. xi: 1
North Elkhorn	1804	22	4220	A. Dudley	John Price	Lewis Corbin	Psalms lxxxv: 11
Bryan's Station	1805	24	3540	A. Dudley	John Price	Carter Tarrant	Mark xvi: 15
Great Crossings	1806	16	3264	J. Redding	John Price	A. Bainbridge	Isaiah xxvi: 2
David's Fork	1807	15	3180	G. S. Smith	John Price	Jacob Creath	Matt. xvi: 17
Silas	1808	9	2933	A. Dudley	Charles Buck	James Suggett	Heb. xii: 15
South Elkhorn	1809	12	2199	R. Johnson	Charles Buck	Ambrose Bourn	Psalms xvi: 1-3
Clear Creek	1810	159	1775	R. Johnson	Charles Buck	Joshua Rucker	



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Great Crossings...	1811	607	2957	R. Johnson.	Charles Buck.	Davis Biggs	Ruth iv: 4.
David's Fork	1812	333	3208	R. Johnson.	Charles Buck.	Jacob Creath.	Eph. iv: 3-5
Bryan's Station	1812			Thomas Bullock	Charles Buck.		
Forks of Elk horn.	1813	54	3068	Thomas Bullock	Charles Buck.	Jer. Vardeman	Deut. i: 10-11.
Mt. Pleasant	1814	67	2697	Thomas Bullock	Charles Buck.	S. M. Noel.	I Peter iii: 25
Town Fork	1815	45	2768	Thomas Bullock	Charles Buck.	George Eye	Col. i: 18.
Great Crossings.	1816	44	2693	James Johnson	Charles Buck.	John Taylor	Matt. xviii: 10.
Hillsboro.	1817	503	3223	Thomas Bullock	S. M. Noel.	Davis Biggs	Rev. iii: 11
South Elk horn	1818	572	3553	Thomas Bullock	Thos. Henderson	John Ficklin	
Big Spring	1819	320	3760	Thomas Bullock	Thos. Henderson	Henry Toler	Eph. i: 4
Great Crossings.	1820	114	3240	Thomas Bullock	Thos. Henderson	James Fishback	Acts xvii: 30-31.
Bryan's Station	1821	102	3526	Thomas Bullock	B. S. Chambers.	Jacob Creath.	Gal. vi: 14
Stamping Ground.	1822	215	3549	Thomas Bullock	B. S. Chambers.	Jer. Vardeman	Col. i: 18.
Clear Creek	1823	279	3624	Thomas Bullock	B. S. Chambers.	Edmund Waller	Eph. ii: 18.
Provi fence	1824	50	3736	Thomas Bullock	B. S. Chambers.	John Edwards	Sol. Song i: 2-5.
North Elk horn	1825	99	3577	Thomas Bullock	B. S. Chambers.	James Fishback	Acts xi: 26
Paris.	1826	104	3559	Thomas Bullock	B. S. Chambers.	James Suggett.	Cor. i: 23-24.
David's Fork	1827	91	2802	Thomas Bullock	B. S. Chambers.	Jacob Creath.	Psalms lxi: 11.
Mt. Pleasant	1828	1676	4346	Thomas Bullock	B. S. Chambers.	Jer. Vardeman	Eph. i: 8-9.
Laxington	1829	429	4488	Thomas Bullock	B. S. Chambers.	John Bryce	John iii: 7.
Silas	1830	87	4301	W. Suggett.	U. B. Chambers	G. Gates	John xii: 35.
Great Crossings	1831	41	3204	W. Suggett.	U. B. Chambers	Edmund Waller	Acts xvi: 29-30.
Big Spring	1832	45	3429	W. Suggett.	G. W. Eaton.	James B. Smith	Luke xvi: 2
North Fork	1833	168	3188	W. Suggett.	G. W. Eaton.	G. D. Blackburn	John iii: 7.
Cane Run	1834	263	3324	W. Suggett.	E. Hawkins	James D. Black	Isaiah lxiii: 1-4.
Bryan's Station	1835	87	3309	W. Suggett.	E. Hawkins	M. Duvall	Rom. iv: 25
Clear Creek	1836	69	3277	W. Suggett.	E. Hawkins	W. C. Buck	Acts xxiii: 28
Dry Run	1837	173	3193	W. Suggett.	E. Hawkins	Edmund Waller	John xvii: 20.
David's Fork.	1838	668	4292	W. Suggett.	F. C. McCalla	R. T. Dillard	Mark xvi: 15-16
Paris.	1839	408	4541	W. Suggett.	F. C. McCalla	James D. Black.	Heb. i: 1-2.
Glen's Creek	1840	327	4536	W. Suggett.	F. C. McCalla	G. C. Sedwick	Rev. i: 5-6
East Hickman	1841	860	5193	W. Suggett.	F. C. McCalla	W. F. Broadbudd	I Cor. i: 9
Stamping Ground.	1842	458	5259	Wm. Rodes	F. C. McCalla	Josiah Leake	Deut. xxxiii: 29
Hillsboro	1843	390	5474	Wm. Rodes	F. C. McCalla	Y. R. Pitts	John iii: 7.

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Georgetown	1844	144	5492	Wm. Rodes	F. C. McCalla	W. G. Craig	John xiii: 1
Mt. Vernon	1845	156	5475	Wm. Rodes	F. C. McCalla	Ed. Darnaby	Ezek. xi: 19-20
Mt. Pleasant	1846	285	5549	Wm. Rodes	F. C. McCalla	John L. Waller	Gal. vi: 4
Silas	1847	286	5851	F. C. McCalla	James M. Davis	D. R. Campbell	Josh. xiii: 1
Great Crossings	1848	187	5921	F. C. McCalla	James M. Davis	W. M. Pratt	Isaiah ii: 2-5
David's Fork	1849	420	5897	R. T. Dillard	W. M. Pratt	B. P. Drake	Heb. ix: 22
Versailles	1850	668	6118	John L. Waller	F. C. McCalla	T. J. Drane	I John iv: 8
Cane Run	1851	289	6157	R. T. Dillard	F. C. McCalla	J. L. Reynolds	John xix: 5
Dry Run	1852	454	6592	J. L. Waller	F. C. McCalla	W. M. Pratt	Isaiah xxxv: 8-10
Nicholasville	1853	246	6553	R. T. Dillard	W. M. Pratt	J. R. Barbee	Habbak ii: 14
Clear Creek	1854	146	6451	R. T. Dillard	W. M. Pratt	J. D. Black	Job ix: 2
Bryan's Station	1855	533	6840	R. T. Dillard	W. M. Pratt	S. W. Lynd	Acts ii: 47
Mt. Vernon	1856	399	6132	Y. R. Pitts	W. M. Pratt	W. M. Pratt	Sol's'g xxii: 10-12
Paris	1857	311	6516	Y. R. Pitts	W. M. Pratt	Cad Lewis	Acts ix: 6
East Hickman	1858	834	6967	Y. R. Pitts	W. M. Pratt	A. W. Larue	Matthew v: 47
Stumping Ground	1859	401	7524	Y. R. Pitts	W. M. Pratt	John L. Smith	I Thess. iv: 3
Cane Run	1860	287	7520	F. C. McCalla	W. M. Pratt	George Varden	I Peter i: 4
Hillsboro	1861	379	7760	E. H. Black	W. M. Pratt	George Hunt	John ii: 5
Glen's Creek	1862	132	6688	R. T. Dillard	W. M. Pratt	T. J. Stevenson	Mic. ii: 10
Mt. Pleasant	1863	12	5287	E. H. Black	W. M. Pratt	J. M. Crawford	Hebrew ii: 9
David's Fork	1864	317	5355	Cad Lewis	W. M. Pratt	W. M. Pratt	2 Cor. i: 12
Georgetown	1865	109	4015	E. H. Black	W. M. Pratt	W. H. Felix	John iii: 1
Silas	1866	241	3496	E. H. Black	W. M. Pratt	N. M. Crawford	Phil. ii: 5-9
Great Crossings	1867	143	3213	E. H. Black	W. M. Pratt	L. B. Woolfolk	I Peter i: 3-4
Versailles	1868	157	2786	F. C. McCalla	J. J. Rucker	W. H. Felix	I John v: 4
Mt. Vernon	1869	217	2655	Cad Lewis	J. J. Rucker	Cad Lewis	I Tim. iii: 1
Providence	1870	91	2521	F. C. McCalla	J. J. Rucker	George Hunt	Acts ii: 38
Dry Run	1871	155	2525	F. C. McCalla	J. J. Rucker	C. E. W. Dobbs	Rom. i: 16-17
Bryan's Station	1872	217	2589	George Hunt	J. J. Rucker	H. McDonald	2 Cor. iv: 10-12
Lexington	1873	106	2451	George Hunt	J. J. Rucker	B. Manly, Jr.	Rev. v: 12
East Hickman	1874	189	2797	George Hunt	J. J. Rucker	L. B. Woolfolk	Acts xvi: 30-31
Clear Creek	1875	239	2961	George Hunt	B. W. D. Seeley	W. S. Ryland	2 Cor. x: 4
Stumping Ground	1876	93	2978	George Hunt	B. W. D. Seeley	L. B. Woolfolk	Heb. xi: 4
South Elkhorn	1877	179	3064	John Stout	B. W. D. Seeley	W. M. Pratt	Ex. xxxiii: 14

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Cane Run .....	1878	122	3166	John Stout.....	B. W. D. Seeley ..	J. M. Frost, Jr. .	2 Cor. xii: 1-6....
Hillsboro.....	1879	159	3102	John Stout.....	B. W. D. Seeley ..	Joseph E. Carter .	Acts xxvi: 28....
Glen's Creek .....	1880	101	3063	John Stout.....	B. W. D. Seeley ..	R. M. Dudley....	Rom. iv: 25.....
Nicholasville .....	1881	111	3017	John Stout.....	B. W. D. Seeley ..	T. Warn Beagle..	Phil. i: 21.....
Mt. Pleasant.....	1882	245	3190	John Stout.....	B. W. D. Seeley ..	Lansig Burrows .	Matt. xxvii: 6-7..
David's Fork .....	1883	177	3423	John Stout.....	B. W. D. Seeley ..	J. J. Taylor.....	Luke xvii: 20-21
Silas .....	1884	192	3523	E. H. Black .....	B. W. D. Seeley ..	J. A. Booth.....	Eph. ii: 3.....
Georgetown .....	1885	295	3683	E. H. Black .....	B. W. D. Seeley ..	J. C. Hiden.....	1 Tim. iii: 15....
Midway .....	1886	261	3906	E. H. Black .....	B. W. D. Seeley ..	T. C. Stackhouse	2 Tim. i: 9.....
Versailles .....	1887	168	3943	E. H. Black .....	B. W. D. Seeley ..	W. H. Felix.....	1 Chron. xxi: 24
Mt. Vernon .....	1888	233	4099	E. H. Black .....	B. W. D. Seeley ..	J. M. Lewis.....	Mark vii: 24.....
Providence .....	1889	288	4124	E. H. Black .....	B. W. D. Seeley ..	H. C. Roberts ..	1 Cor. xvi: 2....
Bryan's Station .....	1890	277	4354	E. H. Black .....	B. W. D. Seeley ..	F. B. Raymond..	Matt. xviii: 22..
Dry Run .....	1891	271	4411	E. H. Black .....	B. W. D. Seeley ..	Z. T. Cody.....	Matt. xvi: 18....



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