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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1839.

The ministers and brethren composing the South District Baptist Association, met according to appointment at eleven o'clock.

Elder James Lemen preached the introductory sermon from Math. ix. 37, 38—"The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his vineyard."

The letters from the churches were called for by the former Moderator, and the names of the ministers and messengers enrolled.

The following brethren from other associations and churches, being present and entitled to a seat as corresponding brethren by our rules, their names were enrolled as follows: Elders Moses Lemen and W. F. Boyakin, and brethren A. H. Richardson and R. Trabue.

Eld. James Lemen was chosen moderator, Daniel Converse, clerk, and James H. Lemen, ass't clerk.

Elders Joseph Lemen, N. Arnett, James Pulliam, John Padon, and Wm. Holcombe, with the moderator and clerk, were chosen a committee to arrange and digest the business of the association.

Brethren John Linley, Wm. Skinner, J. S. Brown, Asa Parker, and Valentine Vanhooser, were chosen a committee to arrange the exercises of the meeting.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning; prayer by Elder James Lemen.

SATURDAY MORNING, Oct. 5.

The association met pursuant to adjournment—prayer by Eld. Newman.

Correspondence from sister Associations:—North District association: M. Lemen, M. Bailey, Ashur Chase, Wm. Roberts. Saline association: W. F. Boyakin, R. Nichols, Charles Wade. Edwardsville association: Elders Z. B. Newman and Z. Darrow. Colored association: A. H. Richardson and R. Trabue.

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The committee appointed to prepare a letter of correspondence to the Edwardsville association, setting forth our principles and doctrine, particularly relative to slavery, and ask of them a letter declaring their principles and doctrine in relation to the same subject, and whether slavery exists in any of the churches of that body, presented their correspondence, which was read and received, and the messengers invited to seats.

The committee appointed to procure ministerial labors for that part of the State south and east of the Kaskaskia river, made their report, which was received, and from which it appears they have collected the sum of \$97.56; they have paid to Elders N. Arnett and W. F. Boyakin \$25 each, for services rendered last year; and Eld. James Lemen \$30, and Eld. Joseph Lemen \$10, for services rendered the present year, leaving in their hands the sum of \$7.56; and recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, that Eld. Jas. Lemen be appointed to attend every church in this association, in the course of the ensuing year, and report at the next annual association their state and condition; and that a public collection be made to pay said minister for his labors, which was laid on the table for further consideration.

Resolved, that we recommend to each church in this association to make choice of some preacher to act as their pastor, and to contribute to his temporal necessities as God may give them ability.

Resolved, that we cheerfully co-operate with the Illinois Baptist Convention, in endeavoring to supply the destitute in our State with the preached gospel; and that we appoint Eld. W. F. Boyakin to attend and represent us at the annual meeting of said Convention, commencing at Bloomington on Thursday the 10th inst.

Resolved, that we recommend to the churches of this association, to encourage the religious and moral instruction of children and youth, through the medium of Sabbath schools.

Resolved, that this association consider it the duty of all heads of families, who profess the religion of Christ, to worship God by prayer in their families.

Resolved, that this association deeply deplore the neg-

lect of the Lord's day, by too many members of our churches, and for this reason do earnestly urge a more strict observance of the same.

On motion of Eld. N. Arnett,

Resolved, that a contribution be taken up at some convenient time, to defray the expense of delegates to the Convention and other associations, for the past and present year.

Resolved, that the next association be held with Silver creek church, at Salem meeting-house, on the Friday before the third Sabbath in September next.

Resolved, that the Theological Seminary at Upper Alton, is regarded as an indispensable appendage to the College, with a view to the training of our young brethren for greater usefulness in the ministry; and that the churches be urged to look out such gifts as God seems to designate for the ministry, and provide means for their theological education.

Resolved, that we again urge the principle of Temperance, in abstinence from all intoxicating drinks; and recommend to our churches and brethren vigorous and persevering action; and we would especially call their attention to the act of the Legislature, by which a majority of the voters in each Justice's district, by petitioning the county commissioner's court, can prevent any more licences being granted to sell intoxicating liquors.

Resolved, that Eld. James Lemen be appointed to attend every church in this association in the course of the ensuing year, and report at the next annual association their state and condition; that a public collection be made to pay him for his labors; and that brethren J. Begole, J. D. Hughes, Merlin Jones, Robert Lemen and D. Converse, be appointed a committee to receive and pay over all monies collected by public or private contribution to the use of said brother Lemen. In case of death or inability to act on the part of brother Lemen, said committee shall select some other suitable minister to perform the said service, to be remunerated as provided in the case of brother Lemen.

Resolved, that the churches of this association be requested to hold a protracted meeting in conformity with bro. James Lemen's arrangements in visiting the differ-

ent churches; and said churches are requested to furnish funds to help compensate brother Lemen for his labors in visiting them.

Resolved, that the public collection recognized by a previous resolution, be made to-morrow.

Whereas, the Springfield Association, at its last session, passed a resolution desiring to open a correspondence with the South District Association, by a corresponding circular published in the minutes;—therefore

Resolved, that we reciprocate the correspondence; and that our corresponding secretary transmit a suitable number of our minutes to the Springfield association.

Elds. Joseph Lemen and James Pulliam appointed delegates to the Edwardsville association.

Elds. Nathan Arnett and J. Padon, delegates to the North District association.

Elds. Josiah Lemen and Abner Barker, delegates to the Missouri association.

Elds. Wm. Steele and Joel Terry, delegates to the Saline association.

Eld. Moses Lemen to the Colored association.

Resolved, that 1000 copies of the Minutes of this association be printed, and that brethren Josiah Lemen, Richard Green, and Edward Rodgers, be appointed to superintend the printing thereof, and when printed to be forwarded to brother J. D. Hughes, Belleville, for distribution among the several churches and corresponding associations; and that said committee prepare the corresponding letter to be published with the minutes.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The South District Baptist Association to the Associations with which we correspond.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We have especial reasons for gratitude to the great Head of the Church, for the displays of his grace among our churches the past year. We have, in common with other associations in this State, enjoyed times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

Our associational meeting has been harmonious, and we trust it will redound to the glory of God, and the pro-

TABLE OF THE CHURCHES.

N. B. Ordained Ministers' names in SMALL CAPITALS;—Those of Licentiates in *Italics*.

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS & MESSENGERS.	Baptized.				Restored. Excluded.	Dead.	Whole No.	Money paid.		Saturday of C. Meeting.
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Canteen-creek.	JOSEPH CHANCE, JOSEPH LEMEN, JAMES LEMEN, JOEL TERRY, Merlin Jones, Wm. Hart, Elisha Freeman, Samuel Beedle, L. Lancaster.	35	6	2	4		2164	2	00	1	
Silver-creek.	HENRY ROSS, NATHAN ARNETT, SILAS GASKILL, David Howell, Isaac Griffin, Solomon Teter, James Jackson, Joel Jackson.	6	6	3	1		281	2	00	3	
Fountain-creek.	JOSIAH LEMEN, DANIEL HILTON, <i>Wm Lemen, L Bostwick, C Bostwick, A Barker, A B Harris, J Wiswell, J Hilton, J Tolin, J Kinney.</i>	7	4		2		1106	2	00	2	
Clinton Hill.	WM STEELE, Wm Petree, Joseph Huey.		1				17		75	3	
Upper Silver-creek	JOHN PADON, SAML. WOOD, <i>A Parker, Wm Vanhooser, J S Brown, T Craig, V Vanhooser, Wm Skinner, John Linley, A B Vanhooser,</i>	2	2	1	4	5	73	1	87	2	
Waterloo.	J B OLCOTT, PETER RODGERS, Wm Ditch, R Wyatt, D Converse, J Taylor, Jackson Johnston,	9	6	4	2		64	2	00	4	
New-Salem.	<i>B J Henderson, S Wilton,</i> John H Powers, Peter B Carnes, D Powers, J Simpkins, Wm Henderson,	7	2	4			37	1	50	1	
Belleville.	JAMES PULLIAM, Geo Wilderman, Reuben Berry, John D Hughes.		10	5			38	1	75	4	
2d Shoal-creek.	WM BURGE, <i>R Clyne,</i> Geo Varner, Wm Clyne, M Smith, Wm Smith, J A Wall,	2			1		135		75	3	
Georgetown.	Richard Green, Geo Thompson, Enoch Eaton, W Lyon, J McDonough, Henry Gordon,	18	2		5		32	2	00	3	
Elk Horn.	Benjamin Chesney, A Jackson,	1	2				9		25	4	
Beaver-creek.	Joseph Myers, S H Stevens,	5					11		50	3	
High Prairie.	SAML. RODGERS, <i>Wm Holcombe,</i> H Marler, J Robinson, G W Carr,	1		5		1	43		62	4	
Ebenezer.	Simeon Ferrel, R Goodwin, J Smith, Wm Stallings,				1		34		62	2	
Asher-creek.	CHARLES RADCLIFF, J McKinney, Wm Frieds, S Radcliff, J Taulbee,	9	2				17		50	3	
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