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FIRST DAY.

Cumberland River Church, Whitley, Co., Ky., Sept. 5, 1895.

The East Union Association of United Baptists met with the above named church at 10 a. m., in its 5th annual session, and was called to order by Eld. Sterling Stanfill, the Moderator of last year, followed by devotional exercises consisting of singing by delegation, Scripture reading by Eld. S. Stanfill, and prayer by Eld. J. N. Prestridge. Elders J. A. Ingram and C. P. Prichard, who were chosen by the delegation last year to preach the annual sermon, not being present the sermon was postponed until 7:30 p. m. After being suggested by Eld. A. S. Petrey and Motioned by Bro. P. B. Stanfill that we have a sermon this morning, Eld. J. N. Prestridge proceeded. After reading a portion of the 16th chapter of St. John he gave us one of the most beautiful sermons we have ever heard upon like occasion; touching briefly as to how we, as a body of coworkers for Christ, are to reach the moral, social, and religious influences of the young and rising generation; speaking chiefly of our common schools, and especially of the teachers of the common schools.

The Moderator appointed Elds. J. N. Prestridge and A. S. Petrey as committee on credentials and enrollment. (For names of churches, delegates, statistics, and contributions see table of statistics.)

Letters from new churches called for and one received from Red Ash by the hands of J. W. Ratcliff, D. W. Davis, C. C. Hall, and Sister Jennie Jones. The right hand of fellowship was extended and the delegates received into our body.

The Moderator appointed Elds. Prestridge and Petrey tellers, and the body proceeded to elect by private ballot the following officers: Eld. S. Stanfill, Moderator; Eld. A. S. Petrey, Ass't Moderator; J. R. Foley, Clerk; and L. D. Miller, Ass't Clerk. It being questioned whether or not Bro. Petrey was eligible, his name was withdrawn and J. W. Ratcliff was unanimously chosen Ass't Moderator.

Corresponding letters called for. One received from Mt. Zion Association by the hands of Elds. J. N. Prestridge, A. S. Petrey, and R. MonHolland. From South Union, A. J. Silcox, and G. V. Nicholson. Lynn Camp, Eld. P. E. Foley. Cumberland River Association, Elias Hale. No statistics given.

No application having been made by any of the churches through their letters for the Association next year, it was motioned by Bro. P. B. Stanfill that it be held with Cumberland River again. This was seconded and sanctioned by many other

cordial invitations from members of the church. Bro. Prestridge offered to furnish 200 homes for the reception of delegates. But by request of J. R. Foley, a delegate, and Eld. G. T. Hill, the pastor elect of Mossy Gap church, the motion was withdrawn and the next annual session will be held at Mossy Gap, one mile from Wilson's Ferry, Whitley Co., Ky., Thursday and Friday before the first Saturday in Sept. 1896.

Motioned that Eld. S. Stanfill preach the next annual sermon with Eld. A. S. Petrey, alternate. Motioned that Eld. J. A. Ingram transcribe and superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes. The moderator appointed Elds. A. S. Petrey and J. R. Foley as committee on finance. For contributions see statistics. Motioned that we omit the printing of the constitution in our minutes. The Moderator appointed the following standing committees to report during the session.

1. On Divine service, no committee appointed but the announcement was made for Eld. J. A. Ingram to preach the annual sermon at 7:30 p. m.

2. On Home Missions, A. S. Petrey, E. L. Jones.

3. On Foreign Missions, J. N. Prestridge, C. C. Hall.

4. On State Missions, A. J. Silcox, S. W. Rookard.

5. On District Destitutions, D. W. Davis, Demsey Petrey.

6. On Sunday Schools, J. M. Bennett, J. R. Foley.

7. On Education, M. M. Ellison, A. J. Silcox, J. A. Ingram.

8. On Orphans' Home, Sisters D. W. Jones, and Jennie Haughton, and J. N. Prestridge.

9. On Literature, S. W. Rookard, Wm. Hamblin.

10. On Executive Board, J. W. Ratcliffe, P. B. Stanfill, A. S. Petrey.

11. On Ky. Ministers' Aid Society, Wm. Wells, J. N. Prestridge.

12. On Temperance, J. W. Ratcliffe, E. L. Jones.

13. On Resolutions, M. M. Ellison.

Motioned that we adjourn to meet at 7:30 p. m. for the annual sermon carried. Singing and prayer led by Eld. P. E. Foley

Dismissed by benediction.

Eld. S. Stanfill, Moderator.

J. R. Foley, Clerk.

EVENING SESSION.

Met at 7:30 pursuant to adjournment. Services opened with singing by delegation, reading 6th chapter of II. Corinthians by Eld. A. S. Petrey, and prayer led by Eld. R. MonHolland. Owing to the absence of Bro. J. A. Ingram it was motioned that Eld. P. E. Foley preach the annual sermon, which he did from St Luke 14:23. Singing and prayer led by Bro. D. W. Davis. Suggested by Moderator, motioned by Bro. Stanfill and sanctioned by the delegation there was a collection of \$2.60 taken up jointly for the Orphans' Home and Ministers' Aid Society.

Be it resolved that each church in the bounds of the Association meet at the church-houses in each respective place of worship, on

the first Thursday in October, 1895 for the purpose of returning thanks to the Almighty for the crops in our fields, for the fruit in the orchards, for the berries on the hillsides, for the beech in the hollows and along the streams, and the acorns in the mountains. Motioned to adjourn to meet on Friday, Sept. 6, 1895 at 9:30 a. m. carried. Benediction pronounced by Eld. A. S. Petrey.

ELD. S. STANFILL, Moderator.

J. R. FOLEY, Clerk.

SECOND DAY.

Friday, Sept. 6, 9:30 a. m., met pursuant to adjournment and after Devotional exercises consisting of singing by the delegation, reading 7th chapter of Romans, and prayer by Bro. Wesley Mahan. Time was given for new resolutions but none were offered. By motion the minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved. Motioned that we have corresponding letters prepared and delegates appointed to those associations with whom we correspond carried. Mt. Zion, E. L. Jones, C. A. Gibson, S. Stanfill. South Union, J. A. Ingram, P. B. Stanfill, E. L. Jones. General Association of Kentucky, J. A. Ingram.

Motioned that Eld. J. A. Ingram complete the record and have it ready for next annual session. Ordered that each church look up and send in a complete account of the constituting of each church, when constituted, by whom, and from what church it was derived if any, and give the name of the first pastor and a list of the names of the pastors up till now. Reports of standing committees called for, read, discussed, received, and committees discharged as follows.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

HOME MISSIONS.—In minutes of General Association it is stated that more was done last year for Home Missions than during fifty years, despite the financial crisis of the times. Last year there were 44 more missionaries employed than the year before, while there were 1451 more baptisms, and \$15,319.29 more cash receipts. No. of missionaries employed 425. No. weeks of labor 11466. No. of sermons and addresses 46620. No. of Sunday schools organized 2110. No. churches constituted 178. No. of houses built 52. No. of Baptisms 5921. Total cash receipts 88,640.20.

Brethren the Indians, Cubans, and colored population besides the increasing claim of foreign population make demand for contributions even greater in the ensuing year than the past. Last year Ky. gave \$9179.04 for Home Missions. She bids fair to give more the ensuing year.

This Association at its last session appointed an executive Board composed of the following brethren: Noah Ratcliff, P. P. Stanfill, John Hicks.

This Board had only one meeting organizing one Sabbath school and collecting \$3.29 for missions. The development of the minerals in the territory of our association brings to us many people who need the gospel, as well as many places destitute of preaching and mission work. Brethren we must give our people the Gospel. Now is our opportunity. Let us rush with consecrated energies and means, to meet the great demands made upon us.

A. S. PRETNEY.
E. L. JONES.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Over \$130,000 were given by the Southern Baptist last year, which is the largest contribution ever made for foreign missions. Recently a Catholic Canon in Brazil has been converted, and he surrendered more than a \$2,000 pension to become a poor Baptist preacher. He sent to our Board a walking stick which cost over \$100, which had been presented by Catholic friends on an occasion of his making a great Catholic oration. We have in the foreign fields 114 churches, 91 missionaries, and 30 ordained and 59 unordained native workers. Last year there were reported 581 baptisms. Your committee would urge every church to take up a collection for foreign missions. Respt. Submitted.

J. N. PRESTRIDGE.
C. C. HALL.

STATE MISSIONS.—We, your committee, beg leave to say that there is a great work being done in State Missions and we recommend a still greater effort on our part, as the field is large and the harvest is truly ripe, and laborers are few. Mission Boards everywhere keenly felt the financial depression, but our executive boards have received more than \$100 a month more than we received last year, and reports show 305 more baptisms. Including the amount given to Sunday school and Colportage work, \$7,088.65 have been given for State missions since the last report. This shows a decided improvement in the interest now manifested in state missions.

S. W. ROOKAR.

DESTITUTION.—We, your committee on destitution, respectfully submit the following report. We find in the bounds of this Association three churches without pastors and almost without preaching; to wit, Mossy Gap, Rock Springs, and Kensee. We also find south of Pine mountain a large territory that is almost destitute of the gospel. Brethren we advise that each church arise in the might of Christ and endeavor to do according as the Bible teaches, and report at the next annual meeting what they have done. We advise the executive board to put forth an evangelist,

take up a collection at the different churches to pay said evangelist for his services and to help supply good reading matter in the homes of those that are destitute. Such as Bibles etc. We highly recommend the Baptist Evangelist as a paper that should be in all our homes.

D. W. DAVIS.

D. P. PETREY.

P. S. And that an appeal be made to the State Board for help.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—Your committee find from the letters that nine of our churches report Sunday schools, and that from four churches none are reported. These schools have 64 officers and teachers, 608 members, average attendance 268, and contributions to the amount of \$25.20. We are sorry to see these figures show that we have made no progress during the past year. We urge our pastors to make vigorous efforts to build up our Sunday schools. As a rule, live pastors make live Sunday schools. For Sunday school supplies we recommend most heartily our own Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. M. BENNETT.

J. R. FOLEY.

EDUCATION.—In the last ten years we have had a complete revolution in the public schools of our section of the state. Many of the old houses have been replaced by new ones, and new apparatus can be found in nearly every one of them. A new type of teachers was demanded, more and more severe state examinations, and the demand is being met. Williamsburg Institute, our own training school, has steadily and rapidly grown in usefulness and in favor with the people. The thoroughness of its work and the Christian character of its professors places it close to the heart of every lover of education. Our Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville has become the largest institution of the kind in the United States, and its work has quickened and enlarged all the interests of our denomination.

Your committee recommends, (1) that we as individuals and churches take a deeper interest in our public school, using our influence to secure the spiritual as well as the intellectual training of our children and youths. (2) That we labor and pray for the ever enlarging work of Williamsburg Institute. (3) That we call the attention of our ministers to the great aid in their studies to be had in our Louisville Seminary.

M. M. ELLISON.

A. J. SILCOX.

ORPHANS' HOME.—Our Home has a new building which has enabled it to double its usefulness. Last year they had, on an average 114 children. These children gave \$28 00 for missions. Our Orphans' Home is not only a shelter and a table for

our bereaved little ones, but it is a school to train their minds, and a sanctuary where they are led to know and serve Jesus Christ. We urge that no church fail to send money and boxes to our home at least once a year.

MRS. D. W. JONES.

MRS. JENNIE HAUGHTON.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.—We your committee on literature recommend the literature published by the American Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., and the American Baptist Pub. Society, Philadelphia, Pa., the Western Recorder is good sound literature. We also recommend most heartily the Baptist Evangelist, our own home paper, published in Williamsburg Ky. It costs only 25 cents a year. A book is given with each subscription to this paper and we recommend it as being worth twice the price paid for book and paper together. The book is a story of the times of Christ. We also recommend one book on music published by the Baptist Publishing Society. Its name is Searchlight, its music is smooth and its melody is sweet. This our report on religious literature to the association now in session at Cumberland River church.

S. W. ROCKARD.

M. D. HAMLIN.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.—We, the Executive Board, beg leave to report the following. We have been really unable to do the work required because of the failure on the part of some of our number to meet with us, but we have succeeded in organizing one Sabbath school at Mossy Gap and securing a collection of \$3.62 as help for destitute churches. We hope to see greater efforts made in this direction.

Respectfully Submitted,

NOAH RATCLIFFE, Chr.

JOHN HICKS, Sec.

P. B. STANFILL.

JAS. FOLEY.

MINISTERS' AID SOCIETY.—This Society should be held near the heart of every Baptist in our land. Many of our old soldiers of the Cross have worn themselves out, and for these long years of labor they have received very little pay. Your committee urge each and every church to take up a collection at least once a year for this cause.

Respectfully Submitted,

WM. WELLS.

J. N. PRESTRIDGE.

TEMPERANCE.—While we remain in our churches dram drinkers and dealers in whisky we cannot expect God to bless us greatly. We have every reason to believe that if we will cleanse the churches of Jesus Christ from the pollution of this accursed thing that the Holy Spirit will come upon us and within us in great power. We rejoice in that the Baptist General Association

of Kentucky at its last session took higher and stronger ground upon this subject than ever before. Your committee suggest that the ministers be requested to preach plainly upon this subject, and make it the object of frequent talks before our Sunday schools.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. W. RATCLIFFE.

E. L. JONES.

RESOLUTIONS.—In consideration of the many places in our Association which are destitute of preaching, the many points where Baptist churches should be planted, the many churches that need organizing for work, the numerous weak Sunday schools which should be backed, and the great need of evangelical work throughout our whole Association, we recommend as a potent factor to the supplying of the many needs, an executive board composed of the following members; P. B. Stanfill, C. G. Ellison, Hynes Slatten, E. L. Jones, J. A. Jones, Mrs. D. W. Jones, Noah Ratcliffe, Mrs. Dr. Rose, and S. W. Rookard.

The Board organized one Sabbath school and collected \$3.62 last year.

This Board shall hold two or more meetings a year at Pleasant View church, to devise means for the promotion of supplying the many needs of the Association. Three shall constitute a quorum. We urge this Board to look carefully into the destitution of this Association and to urge the churches to give to the support of an active man in the field. God loveth the cheerful giver. Pleasant View is chosen as the place of meeting, being the most central.

A. S. PETRIE.

P. B. STANFILL.

J. W. RATCLIFFE.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	No. Last Year										For Printing Minutes
		Total Membership	Deaths	Excluded By Erasure	Dismissed by Letter	Relation Restored	By Letter	By Baptism	Received	No. Last Year		
Little Poplar,	Wm. Hamblin, Jas. Bennett, J. M. Bennett.	150	24	7	3	5	3	5	190	\$ 65	80	
Lo-ton,	Nathan Lawson, Not represented.	113	40	46	3	3	7	5	117	40	1 00	
Cumberland River	E. L. Jones, S. Stanfill, D. Bird, J. M. Millson, P. [B. Stanfill.]	150	39	28	1	3	6	4	225	39	50	
Mossy Gap,	J. R. Foley, Wm. Wells.	106	28	2	1	3	6	4	138	75	50	
Clear Fork,	D. P. Petrey, J. A. Jones,	104	30	2	1	6	2	2	96	30	40	
Poplar Creek,	J. M. McKeelhan, L. D. Miller.	130	35	2	5	3	1	1	165	42	1 00	
Southern Springs,	A letter by N. Lawson.	42	56	42	6	2	1	2	96	57	50	
Jellico,	S. W. Rookard, Sister J. Haughton.	56	42	6	2	1	2	1	96	57	50	
Rock Springs,	Not represented.	42	56	42	6	2	1	2	96	57	50	
Pleasant View,	J. C. Bird.	56	42	6	2	1	2	1	96	57	50	
New Hope,	M. D. Pritchard, Wm. Pritchard, W. H. Snowden,	50	2	1	1	2	1	2	14	25	25	
Kensee,	Not represented for 3 years. [B. F. Caloway.]	14	1	1	1	2	1	2	14	1 00	25	
Halvey,	Eld. Wm. Hamblin. [W. Jones.]	14	1	1	1	2	1	2	14	1 00	25	
Red Ash,	J. W. Ratcliffe, D. W. Davis, G. C. Hall, Sister D.	1024	175	16	10	7	26	9	1211	356	7 35	
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