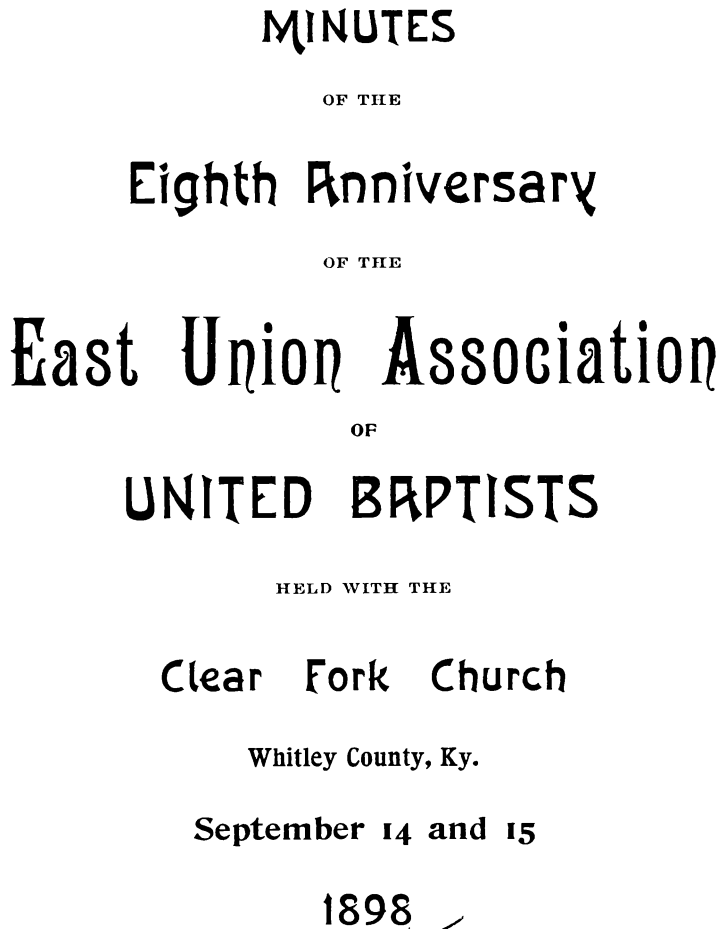


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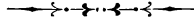
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OF
UNITED BAPTISTS,
HELD WITH
Clear Fork Church, Whitley County, Ky.,
SEPTEMBER 14 AND 15, 1898.

OFFICERS.

ELD. J. A. INGRAM, Moderator, Williamsburg, Ky.
ELD. S. STANFILL, Assistant Moderator, Pleasant View, Ky,
B. E. PARKER, Clerk, Barbourville, Ky.
G. W. NICHOLSON, Assistant Clerk, Williamsburg, Ky.

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Constitution of East Union Association.



ARTICLE 1. This body shall be called the East Union Association of United Baptists, and shall be composed of churches of the United Baptist faith and order.

ART. 2. Each church composing this body shall be entitled to representation, with one vote for every twenty members or fraction thereof.

ART. 3. This body shall meet annually according to adjournment.

ART. 4. This body at each annual meeting shall elect, by private ballot, a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk, whose duties shall be such as custom imposes on such officers.

ART. 5. The business of this body shall be for the advancement and growth of Christ's Kingdom among all the churches of this body or elsewhere, planning and advising and using all lawful and necessary means in our power to build up new churches, and building them up in the most holy faith.

ART. 6. This body shall exercise no ecclesiastical authority.

ART. 7. This body may appoint a committee to carry out or perform any business under Article 5.

ART. 8. This body shall be constituted by and with messengers and delegates from the different churches belonging to this Association.

ART. 9. New churches shall be received by a vote of the delegates present, upon approved evidence of their United Baptist faith and principles. A majority rules.

ART. 10. Visiting brethren of same faith and order will be invited to seats with us and allowed the liberty of speech, but not to vote.

ART. 11. The Constitution may be altered or amended, except Article 6, by concurrence of two-thirds of the members present, after notice having been given at its previous annual meeting.

ART. 12. No member shall speak more than twice upon any one subject without leave of the Association. Chairmen of committees are given ten minutes, all others five, unless time is extended by the Association.

ART. 13. Members wishing to speak shall arise and address the Moderator with brotherly respect and await recognition from him, and then speak. Any brother, having received recognition from the chair, is entitled to the floor, undisturbed, while his five minutes last if he does not digress from the subject on which he is speaking. Members shall call no brother by any other appellation than that of Brother.

ART. 14. Any brother may arise to a point of order if any brother digress from the subject on which he is speaking, question of privilege.

ART. 15. A motion with a second is before the Association for action unless another is made to amend; then the amendment is for action, afterwards the original.

ART. 16. No member shall absent himself from the house during the business hours without leave of the Moderator.

ART. 17. All whispering and laughing strictly forbidden during business hours.

ART. 18. Two members arising and addressing the Moderator at the same time, both claiming the floor, the one farthest from the Moderator shall be entitled to the floor first and the other next.

ART. 19. This Association may withdraw its fellowship from any church in its bounds for a violation or departure from the United Baptist faith and practice.

ART. 20. The Chair, having decided any question which is thought to be contrary to the Constitution of the United Baptist faith, any brother may appeal from his decision to that of the house.

ART. 21. On each morning at the opening of the Association there shall be given one hour, or such less time as is necessary, to the offering of resolutions and such new business as is necessary.

ART. 22. If the moderator fails to exact the rules of this Constitution in the transaction of business, any member of this Association may move him to order. If he fails to exact such rules, the Assistant Moderator shall take the chair.

It is ordered that this Association adopt Mell's Parliamentary Practice for our guide in the transaction of the business of our Association.

This done by order of the Association.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Annual sermon.
2. Body called to order by Moderator of last session, Assistant Moderator, Clerk or Assistant Clerk ; or in their absence, the body shall elect a Moderator pro tem.
3. Appointment of Committee on Credentials and Enrollment.
4. Call for New Churches.
5. Election of Officers.
6. Appointment of Standing Committees, Divine Service, Correspondence, Obituaries, Nominations, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Sunday School, Education, Orphans' Home, Ministers' Aid Society, Literature, Finance, Resolutions, Temperance.
7. Call for Corresponding Letters.
8. Report of Executive Board.
9. Report of Evangelist.
10. Place of Next Meeting.
11. Appointment of Next Introductory Sermon.
12. Miscellaneous or New Business.
13. Reports of Standing Committees.
14. Adjournment.

PROCEEDINGS.

First Day, September 14th, 1898.

The East Union Association of United Baptists met this day in its Eighth Annual Session, and at 10 a. m. was called to order by Bro. S. Stanfill, Moderator of last year.

Devotional exercises consisted of singing, by Association, "I Need Thee Every Hour," reading of the 2nd and 10th Psalms, and prayer by Wm. B. McGarity.

Eld. Isham Lawson, who was elected to preach the Introductory Sermon being absent, the Association ordered that the sermon be preached to-night at 7:30.

The Association engaged in singing "Jesus Lover of My Soul," and were led in prayer by J. L. Reeves.

G. W. Nicholson and J. C. Bird were appointed Committee on Credentials and Enrollment.

Letters were presented and read from twelve churches, and names of messengers enrolled as follows:

Sulphur Spring.—Jesse Walden, M. N. Willey, Nathan Lawson, A. L. Williams.

Mossy Gap.—J. W. Wells.

Rock Spring.—G. W. Tye, Michael Croley.

Jellico.—Robert Harp, P. L. Mahan, W. B. McGarity, T. C. Mahan, Michael Broyles.

Clear Fork.—J. L. Reeves, Mitchell Petrey, Frank Petrey, H. T. Wilson, A. D. Williams, W. S. Smith, H. C. Tye.

Poplar Creek.—L. B. Reeves.

Little Poplar.—H. B. Lewallen, B. E. Parker.

New Hope.—H. B. Lewallen, of Little Poplar.

Pleasant View.—Barton Davis, J. S. Tye, J. C. Bird, John Hicks.

Cumberland River.—S. Stanfill, P. B. Stanfill, J. A. Ingram, J. M. Ellison, G. W. Nicholson.

Boston.—D. W. Oaks, Terrell Siler, S. S. Smith, J. W. Faulkner, Sr., John Archer, H. F. Snyder.

Ephesus.—M. K. Vanderpool, S. B. Woods.

New churches called for. Received one, viz: *Locust Grove*, of the North Concord Association, with Messengers as follows: M. G. Wilson, William Reynolds, Isaac Mays, John Mays.

J. L. Reeves requests special prayer for the church at Red Ash.

Election of Officers: J. A. Ingram, Moderator; S. Stanfill, Assistant; B. E. Parker, Clerk, and G. W. Nicholson, Assistant.

Motioned that the words "Assistant Moderator" be inserted in Article 4 of the Constitution after the word Moderator if not found in the original.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Divine Service.—Clear Fork Messengers.

Correspondence.—S. S. Smith, G. W. Nicholson.

Obituaries.—M. K. Vanderpool, P. L. Mahan.

Nominations.—H. B. Lewallen, W. B. McGarity, P. B. Stanfill.

Foreign Missions.—J. W. Wells, W. B. McGarity, J. S. Tye.

Home Missions.—Lewis Reeves, G. W. Tye, Nathan Lawson.

State Missions.—John Archer, Mitchell Petrey, S. Stanfill.

Sunday Schools.—S. B. Woods, W. B. McGarity, Michael Wilson.

Education.—J. W. Wells, J. C. Bird, Benj. Calloway.

Orphans' Home.—Mike Croley, Thomas Owens.

Ministers' Aid Society.—G. W. Tye, P. L. Mahan, S. S. Smith.

Literature.—W. B. McGarity, S. Stanfill.

Temperance.—William Reynolds, J. S. Tye.

Finance.—G. W. Nicholson, B. E. Parker.

Resolutions.—D. W. Oaks, J. L. Reeves.

Moved that the next annual meeting be held with the Cumberland River Church, one mile south of Williamsburg, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in October, 1899.

Eld. W. B. McGarity was elected by private ballot to preach the next Annual Sermon, with Eld. D. W. Oaks his Alternate.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

(Discussed by W. B. McGarity, B. E. Parker, J. L. Reeves, P. L. Mahan, P. B. Stanfill.)

The most glorious work man ever engaged in is saving souls. Since Christ came his Gospel has spread, until now the isles of the sea as well as the continents are becoming His. Formerly the question was, will the nations be open so we can preach to them the Gospel? But God has opened every country. The Gospel preacher is not only protected, but welcomed in China, Africa and nearly everywhere else. Recently God has placed in our hands Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands—seventeen million ignorant people, as bad or worse than heathen. We have missionaries in China, Japan, Africa, Italy, Mexico, Brazil. Seventy-six missionaries and one hundred and seventeen native assistants are laboring in these countries. The Lord gave us 701 conversions and baptisms last year.

We rejoice to see an increased interest among our members in missions. Five churches report contributions this year. We hope that next year every church will give something. Our noble Secretary, Brother R. J. Wallingham, says that ninety-two cents on every dollar sent to him goes to our missionaries. The Baptists of the South gave last year \$124,249.69.

We suggest that our fifth Sunday meetings be continued, and Foreign Missions be made a prominent feature.

J. S. TYE,
 WM. B. MCGARITY,
 J. W. WELLS,
 L. B. REEVES,
 H. B. LEWALLEN,
 P. B. STANFILL.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

(Discussed by G. W. Nicholson and J. A. Ingram.)

The Sunday School is the church at work. Every thoroughly organized church has its Sunday School. There are 108,939 schools in the United States and 9,800,471 teachers and scholars, while there are only 190,575 schools and 20,078,595 teachers and scholars in the world.

Only six churches in our Association reported schools last year and nine this year. We suggest that every church organize a school, and that they use the lesson helps printed by the Baptist Sunday School at Nashville, Tenn.

MIKE WILSON,
S. B. WOODS,
WM. B. MCGARITY.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We find reported \$12.26 for printing minutes.

G. W. NICHOLSON,
B. E. PARKER.

Motioned that B. E. Parker and G. W. Nicholson superintend the printing and distribution of minutes.

Adjournment, with prayer by D. W. Oaks.

Night Session.—After singing and prayer, the Introductory was preached by Eld. S. Stanfill from Romans 1:16. Benediction by Thomas Owens.

Second Day, September 15th, 1898.

Association called to order at 9 a. m. Singing, followed by the reading of the 13th chapter of Rom. and prayer by S. Stanfill.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We, your Committee, note with sadness the death of sixteen of our members, the names of only a few of whom we were able to secure.

William Ellison joined the Cumberland River Church in 1867, was ordained a deacon in 1868, lived a faithful Christian life until February 25th, 1898, when he was suddenly called to the rest that awaits the children of God. He was called away while alone in the forest. He was a cheerful giver to the poor.

Susie Smith, wife of J. M. Smith, and Kassie Davis, of the Jellico Church; William Warfield, of New Hope Church; Susan Davis, of Popular Creek Church; Reuben Marlow, Elizabeth Powers, William Huddleston, James Sears, J. K. Paine, J. S. Smith, Sr., and Mrs. J. M. Smith.

M. K. VANDERPOOL,
P. L. MAHAN.

Motioned that each church send up a report of its obituaries each year.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

TO ASSOCIATION WITH WHICH WE CORRESPOND:

Dear Brethren—We are having a pleasant and, we believe, a very profitable

meeting with the Clear Fork Church, Whitley County, Ky. Fifteen churches were reported with statistics as follows:

Increase: By baptism, 169; by letter, 45; by restoration, 8. Decrease: By letter, 74; by exclusion, 72; by death, 16, by erasure, 10. Present membership, 1,922.

We have 11 Sunday Schools, with 83 officers and teachers and an average attendance of 412.

Our next meeting will be with the Cumberland River Church, one mile south of Williamsburg, commencing on Friday before first Saturday in October, 1898, at which time we hope you will meet with us by letter and messengers.

S. S. SMITH,

G. W. NICHOLSON.

Motioned that we keep up a friendly correspondence with North Concord, Mt. Zion and South Union Associations, and that we print our corresponding letter in our minutes.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

(Spoken to by W. B. McGarity and G. W. Nicholson.)

Our State Board, located at Louisville, is putting forth its best energies to foster State Missions. Our Secretary, J. W. Warder, reported \$374.18 last year spent in State Missions. He is now doing all he can to induce every church in the State to take a part in this work. We recommend to our churches to do all they can to aid in this work.

S. STANFILL,

MICHAEL PERRY.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We are proud to say that the interest manifested in the line of education in the mountains of Kentucky is greater than ever before. As to the public schools, there has been a decided improvement in both the students and teachers. But schools, like everything else, are just what the people make them. Therefore, we urge that everybody encourage and patronize the public schools and make them what it is intended that they should be. After the children have taken the course in the public schools, we would also urge that they attend some high school if possible. We think that we should patronize our own schools. Therefore, we heartily recommend the Williamsburg Institute.

J. C. BIRD,
B. F. CALLOWAY, } Committee.
J. W. WELLS,

REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

(Spoken to by Thomas Owens.)

We, your Committee on Orphans' Home, beg leave to report the following: Our Baptist Orphans' Home, located at Louisville, Ky., is doing a good work taking care of and finding homes for the Baptist orphans in the State. Twenty-eight years ago Miss Mary Hollingsworth was called to this work. The Home was started with but three orphans, who with their matron took up their abode in a rented house. Since that time 1,015 children from the State at large have homes, 305 from the city. Of those given out, fourteen were adopted and fifteen appren-

ticed. In either case the child is to be educated and treated as if born into the family. There are at present eighty-eight children in the Home who are depending on the gifts from the church for bread and clothing. We ask each church in the East Union Association to make a special offering to the Home at once, and send same to Miss Mary Hollingsworth, the present matron.

THOMAS OWENS,
M. M. CROLEY,
N. LAWSON.

(At this time a letter was received from the Beech Bottom Church from the hand of Eli Goins, whereupon the rules were suspended for the reading of letter.)

REPORT MINISTERS' AID SOCIETY.

(Spoken to by S. S. Smith, McGarity and Owens.)

We believe this to be a noble and benevolent society, and that there is nothing in our work that needs attention more than does this society now, as there are a goodly number of worn out ministers depending on our contribution for their support. Therefore, we recommend that each church of the Association, at the earliest opportunity, take up a collection and send it to the Secretary of the Society, George A. Cox, at Owensboro, Ky.

S. S. SMITH, } Committee.
P. L. MAHAN. }

A collection was taken amounting to \$5.00 for Ministers' Aid Society ; also \$3.00 for Andrew Patrick.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, 1st, That we advise the pastors of churches in this Association to teach and urge the importance of giving to the different Missions, also the Orphans' Home and Ministers' Aid Society.

2nd, That we request the churches to send all money collected for the Orphans' Home, Missions and Ministers' Aid Society to the Treasurer of the Executive Board of this Association.

3rd, That we tender our thanks to the church and the vicinity here for their hospitality to us during our stay with them ; also to our officers for their faithful services.

D. W. OAKS.
J. L. REEVES.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

(Spoken to by Ingram, Owens, Stanfill, Mahan and Bird.)

Because of the constant scenes of intemperance there is danger that we become insensible of the great evil of drink and our duty respecting this curse. There are few communities, churches or homes among us which have not directly or indirectly felt the power of this evil. Every day we see examples which show that strong drink is the enemy of everything that is good and the promoter of everything that is bad. Is it not time that we should all become concerned about this agency which is abroad in our land and which destroys more lives and causes more suffering than all other evils?

Shall we remain silent and inactive while the enemy, strong drink, is destroying the youth of our land? We would urge upon our churches to warn the tempted, to advise those who are being led astray, and after using our influence to check them, to withdraw fellowship from those who visit saloons, or those who manufacture or sell, or those who in any way aid in making or selling of strong drink.

J. S. TYE,
WM. REYNOLDS. } Committee.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We recommend that the following brethren be our Executive Board: P. B. Stanfill, J. A. Ingram, S. Stanfill, John Reeves, D. W. Oaks, Michael Broyles, Wm. B. McGarity, I. Lawson, P. L. Mahan.

We suggest that Brother J. A. Ingram represent us at the Southern Baptist Convention, which meets at Louisville next May, and S. Stanfill be appointed alternate. We also suggest that Brother G. W. Nicholson represent us at the General Association, which meets at Mt. Sterling, Ky., and Wm. B. McGarity be alternate.

P. B. STANFILL,
H. B. LEWALLEN,
WM. B. MCGARITY.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Our Home Mission Board, located at Atlanta, Ga., with Rev. I. T. Tichenor Secretary, is working in our cities, on the frontier, among the negroes, the Indians in the mountains and among the foreigners. Nearly every section of the South feels the work of this Board. Last year \$54,050.41 was given for this work. Our Association gave \$10.02.

The Board is taking steps to open work in all parts of Cuba and Porto Rico. They ask for \$50,000 for this purpose. May the Lord stir upon hearts to take part in this great work.

LEWIS REEVES,
G. W. TYE,
NATHAN LAWSON.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

TREASURER'S REPORT, DISTRICT BOARD.

Received from Boston	\$3 72
Clear Fork	1 20
Mossy Gap	3 33
Pleasant View	4 40—\$12 65
Sent Rev. J. W. Warder, Louisville	\$12 65

M. B. MCGARITY, Treasurer.

Rev. S. Stanfill held a meeting of eleven days at Sutborn's Mill in March, and received sixteen additions to the church.

The next meeting of the board will be held at Sulphur Spring, fifth Saturday in October, 1898.

Most of the reports of the Executive Board were given orally, hence we can't publish them. Much good work was reported.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Your Committee would recommend that more attention be paid to supplying our people with good reading. There is great need of scattering Bibles and inducing our people to read them. Also good books ought to be placed in the hands of children. Good religious papers will do great good in our families. We recommend that our people take the Baptist Evangelist, the Baptist Argus and the Western Recorder. We also recommend that our Sunday Schools provide themselves with literature published by our Baptist Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn., and not with undenominational literature.

WM. B. MCGARITY.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet on Friday before the first Saturday in October, 1899, with the church at Cumberland River, one mile south of Williamsburg, Ky.

After singing How Firm a Foundation, we were dismissed by Brother Owens.

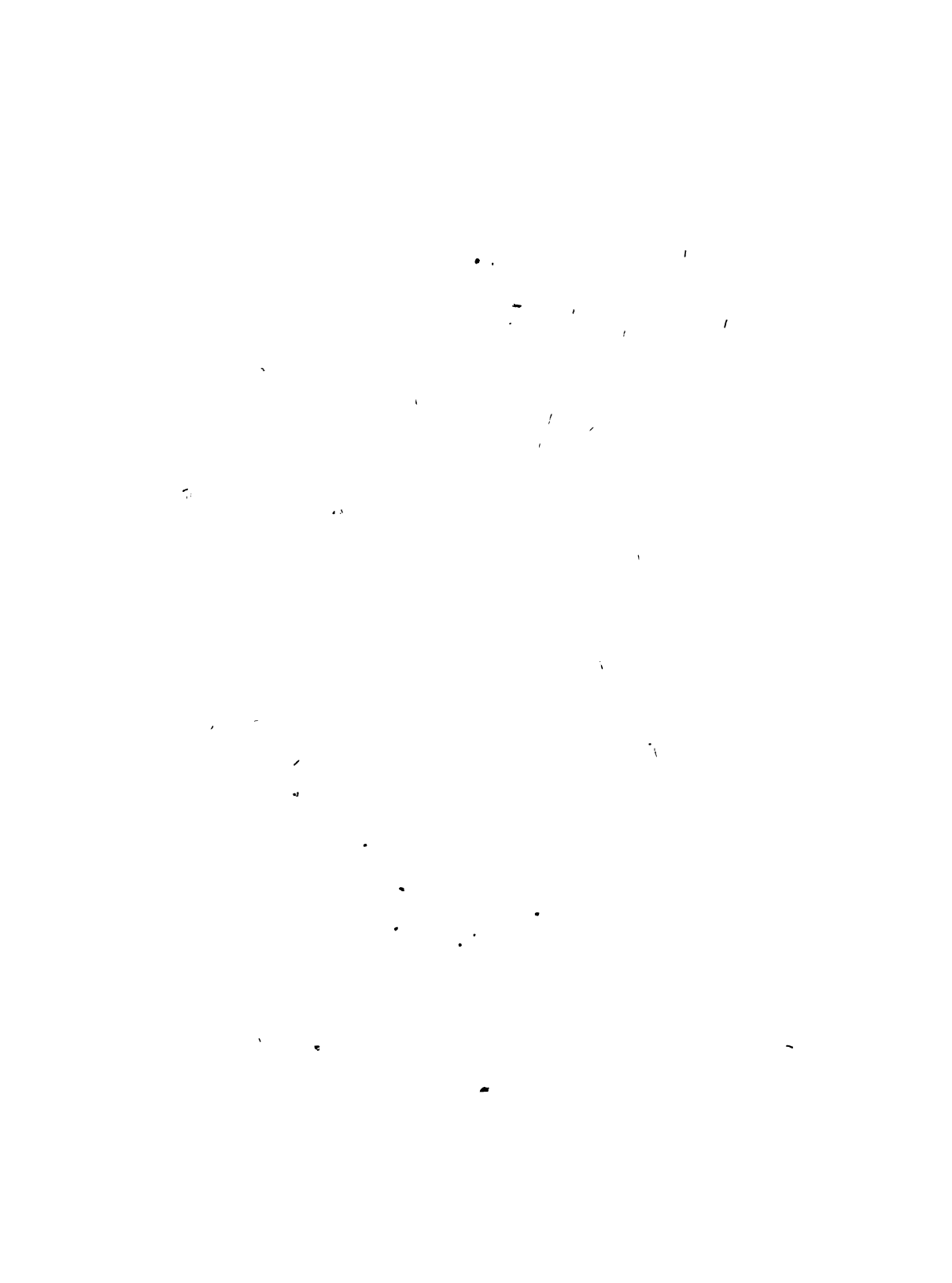
The following churches made pledges for Orphans' Home, to be given in provisions:

Boston	\$10 00
Beech Bottom	5 00
Clear Fork	5 00
Pleasant View	5 00
Cumberland River	5 00
Jellico	15 00
Little Poplar	2 00
Mossy Gap	3 00
Locust Grove	5 00

All the churches promised to make a collection for Ministers' Aid Society.

The following pledges were made for State Missions :

Jellico	\$15 00
Pleasant View	2 00
Cumberland River	5 00
Boston	2 00
Clear Fork	2 00
Sulphur Spring	1 00
Locust Grove	1 00
Little Poplar	1 00



CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES.	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES.	INCREASE.			DECREASE.				Present member-ship.	Membership last year.	CONTRIBUTIONS.						Value of church property.	Seating capacity.	Saturday of church meeting.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					
			By baptism.	By letter.	By restoration.	By letter.	By exclusion.	By death.	Erasure.			Pastor's salary and church expenses.	State missions.	Home mis-sions.	Foreign mis-sions.	Orphan's Home.	Minutes.				Teachers and officers.	Average at-tendance.	Months taught	Number bap-tized.	Expenses.	
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Locust Grove	W. F. Davis, Bird's Eye, Ky	Daniel Reynolds, Carpenter, Ky....	7	2		4	3	1	3	244	246						30	550 00	350	1st						
Beech Bottom	J. L. Hale, Carpenter, Ky	Jas. Mahan, Carpenter, Ky	16	8	1					126	82									4th..						
New Hope	R. Lewallen, Bryant's Store, Ky	J. L. Pope, Barbourville, Ky	16			3	2		2	100							1 00				11	45	5		1 98	
Rock Spring	Lewis Bennett, Bryant's Store, Ky..	G. W. Tye, Pollyton, Ky	20	1		11				57	40						44									
Sulphur Spring	Jacob Siler, Lot, Ky	A. C. Walden, Lot, Ky	3	4	1	6		1		46							45				6	21	8		2 70	
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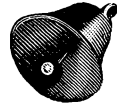
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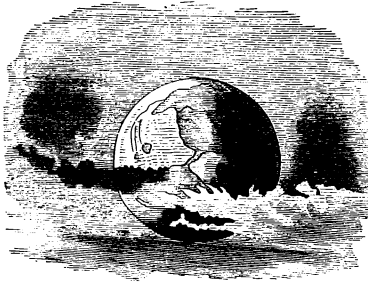
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