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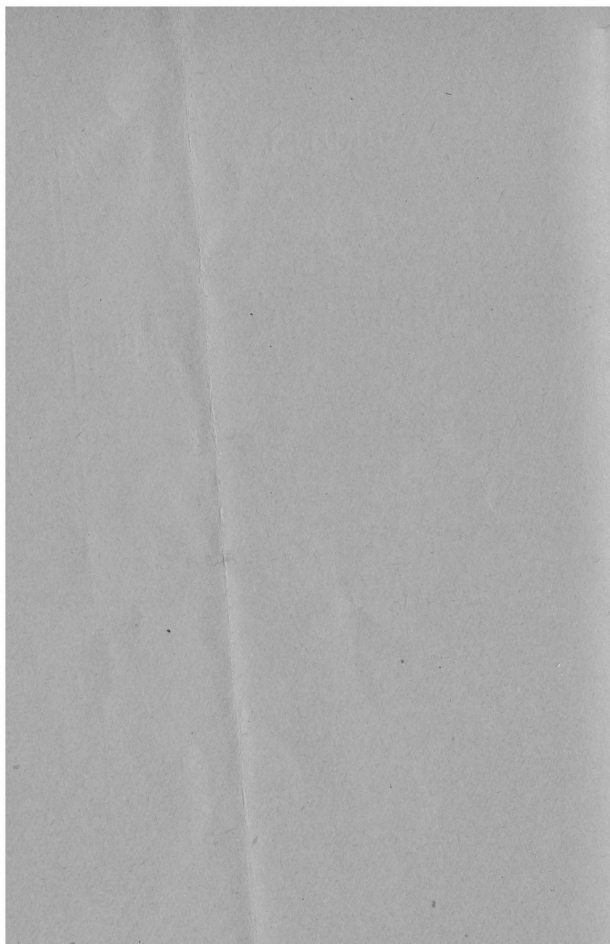
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The Upper Cumberland Association.

FIRST DAY—AUGUST 23.

The Upper Cumberland Valley Association met in its second annual session with the church at Mt. Pleasant, Harlan County, Kentucky, August 22, 23, 1890.

Elder Shoemaker presided.

Elder N. H. Noe preached the introductory sermon from Matthew 18:34.

Prayer by Elder Noah Smith.

Adjourned to meet at 2:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The association met at the appointed time.

Prayer by W. H. Shoemaker.

Letters were read from the following churches, with statistics, as follows:—

MT. PLEASANT CHURCH.—Messengers: J. C. Jones.
Wm. Harris, James McCleary, Elder Thomas Harris.
Additions: By baptism, 5. Total membership, 29.

FORESTER'S CREEK CHURCH.—Messenger: W. W. Brock. Total membership, 26.

JESSE'S CREEK CHURCH.—Messenger: L. C. Long. Total membership, 12.

MARTIN'S FORK CHURCH.—Messengers: Stephen Osborne, Elder W. D. Fee.

Additions: By baptism, 26; by relation, 2; by restoration, 3. Dismissed: By letter, 11; excluded, 6; deceased, 1. Total membership, 79.

WALLINS' CREEK CHURCH.—Messengers: Callaway Wilson, Larkin Howard, Jackson Blanton, Jr., with the ordained ministers. Total membership, 100.

MIDDLE FORK CHURCH, (Leslie County).—Messenger: Elder A. B. Noe. Total membership, 46.

Grand total membership, 337.

The election for officers resulted in the election of H. F. Hensley, Moderator; Elder T. G. Harris, assistant; H. C. Rice, Clerk, and S. A. Saylor, assistant.

The Articles of Faith, Constitution, and Rules of Decorum which were adopted at the organization of the association in March was read, adopted and ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

Elders Randolph Browning, Noah Smith and Caleb Slusher, and the visiting brethren of Freedom Church, North Concord Association, was invited to seats in the association.

On motion the Martin's Ford Church was admitted into the association.

The Moderator appointed the following Committee on Divine Service:—

W. H. Shoemaker, T. G. Harris, S. A. Saylor, and Larkin Howard, who reported as follows:—

Elders Noah Smith and Caleb Slusher to preach to-night.

The association adjourned until to-morrow at 9:30 A. M.

SECOND DAY—AUGUST 24.

Association met promptly at 9:30 A. M.

Singing by the choir.

Prayer by Elder T. G. Harris.

Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

The roll of messengers were called, and it was ordered that names of those who were present on the first day appear in the minutes, but the names of those who were not in attendance not to appear.

Brethren Wilson Lewis, Andrew Osbourne and W. D. Fee were invited to seats in the association.

The Committee on Divine Service reported.

Elders W. D. Fee and F. H. Noe to preach to-day at 10:30 A. M. in the Court House. Elders Randolph Browning and A. B. Noe to preach at the church to-night, and Elders W. H. Shoemaker and W. D. Fee to preach in the Court House to-morrow at 10:30 A. M.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:—

On Foreign, Home, State and District Missions—A. H. Noe, Randolph Browning and Noah Smith.

On Sunday-Schools, Colportage, Work, Religious Periodicals, Education and Pastors' Support—Lewis C. Long, Wilson Lewis and T. G. Harris.

On Temperance, Obituaries, Orphans' Home, Ministers' Aid Society, Correspondence and Finance—Elders W. H. Shoemaker, W. W. Brock and A. B. Noe.

The association voted to hold its next annual session with the church at Grave Hill, on Wallins' Creek, Harlan County, Ky., commencing on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1891.

Elder W. H. Shoemaker was elected to preach the next annual sermon, and Elder Randolph Browning was elected his alternate.

Elder W. H. Brock led in prayer.
Adjourned to meet at 2:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by W. D. Fee.

The Committee on Foreign, Home, State and District Missions made their report, which was adopted without discussion.

REPORT.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We believe that missionary agencies are the only means by which the world is to be Christianized and brought to a knowledge of the truth in Christ, and, therefore, ask our churches to donate liberally of their means for the spread of the Gospel in heathen lands.

HOME, STATE AND DISTRICT MISSIONS.

We believe it to be the duty of our churches and ministers to do all they can to spread the Gospel in our own bounds, and in the destitution of our own land. Also, believing that it is through the missionary agencies that the Gospel is to be carried to lost men to bring them to Christ, we urge our people to give liberally to the home and State work.

We urge our brethren to take the "Mountain Baptist," published at Williamsburg, Ky., and the "Western Recorder," published at Louisville, Ky., as they each are sound and give much missionary information which our people need.

Respectfully submitted.

N. H. NOE,
R. BROWNING,
NOAH SMITH,
Committee.

Brother W. H. Shoemaker read the report on Temperance, Orphans' Home, Ministers' Aid Society, Correspondence, and Finance, which was adopted.

REPORT.

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance believe that the question of temperance is one of great importance, and one whose success and solution must be determined by the Christian men and women of our land. Until the churches of Christ awake to their duty upon the subject and array themselves against the curse of strong drink, this overshadowing evil will remain upon our fair land.

ORPHANS' HOME.

This grand institution began its successful career 21 years ago in a hired-out, the rent of which was paid by some Baptist ladies. But it has grown to be one of the best equipped chartered institution in the land, and we fully approve of this institution and ask our churches and pastors to co-operate in this good work.

MINISTERS' AID SOCIETY.

We believe this to be one of the best things ever organized by the Baptists of Kentucky, as it has for its aim the sustenance of disabled soldiers of the cross. It is a surprise to us that it should have been neglected so long. We recommend that our ministers and churches take great interest in this work, and that

collections be taken up in all our churches this year for this object. Funds should be sent to George H. Cox, Owensboro, Ky.

Correspondence and Finance.

Your committee recommends that we invite correspondence from all of our sister associations, and, further, your committee reports that they have received \$10.25 from the churches for the printing of Minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. NOE.

W. W. BROCK.

W. H. SHOEMAKER.

Committee.

T. G. Harris read the report on Sunday-school and Colportage Work, religious Periodicals, Education, and Pastors' Support. Adopted.

REPORT.

Your committee are in favor of Sunday-schools and Colportage Work. We believe firmly in the distribution of Bibles, Testaments and other religious literature.

We urge that Sunday-schools be organized in all our churches, and that religious tracts be put into the hands of all the people in our borders.

Pastors' Support.

We are in favor of pastoral support, and urge our churches to wake up to their duty and support their pastors.

Education.

Our children need education to make them better men and women, and we advise all of our people who propose to send their children away from home to school to send them to the Williamsburg Baptist Institute, located at Williamsburg, Ky.

This is an excellent school and deserves our patronage.

Religious Periodicals.

Our people should read at least one religious paper. We advise our brethren to subscribe for the "Mountain Baptist," published at Williamsburg.

Respectfully submitted.

WILSON LEWIS,
L. C. LONG,
T. G. HARRIS,
Committee.

MISSIONARY REPORT

By Elder A. B. Noe, which was read and on motion was adopted, viz:—

Total number of days engaged.....	20
Total number of miles traveled.....	89
Total number of sermons preached.....	32
Total number of family visits.....	4

Amount received for religious books, tracts, &c., sold. \$ 7 75
Amount received from Executive Board..... 15 85

A. B. NOE, Missionary.

On motion it is ordered that the State Board of Missions be asked, through Elder R. C. Medaris, to donate a sum of money to pay or finish paying the missionary of this association for his services from the last association to the present time.

The Moderator appointed the following brethren to compose the Executive Board for the next year, viz: W. H. Shoemaker, W. D. Fee, Wilson Lewis, T. G. Harris, Larkin Howard, W. W. Brock, Lewis C. Long and A. B. Noe.

On motion Elder Randolph Browning was duly elected missionary for the ensuing year.

On motion it is ordered that the Clerk prepare a letter of correspondence from this association to the Clinch Valley and North Concord Associations.

On motion the Clerk, H. C. Rice, was ordered to prepare and superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes, and that he have not less than 250 copies printed, and, as the Clerk offers and agrees to prepare the Minutes free of charge, on motion the same is ordered to be inserted in the Minutes, and hope that Clerks of other associations take this liberality as a precedent.

Elder W. H. Shoemaker offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted, viz:—

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the members of the Mt. Pleasant Church and the citizens of the town and surrounding country for their unbounded hospitality extended us during the sitting of the association, and pray God's blessing upon them.

The minutes of to-day were read, and on motion were adopted.

On motion the association adjourned until the time and place of the next meeting.

Prayer by Elder W. D. Fee.

H. F. HENSLEY, Moderator.

H. C. RICE, Clerk and Treasurer.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal in essence, power and glory, yet these three are but one God.

Article 2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the written word of God and the only infallable rule of faith and practice.

Article 3. We believe in the fall of Adam, the corruption of human nature and the impotency of

man to recover himself by his creature abilities.

Article 4. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the righteousness of Jesus Christ imputed to them.

Article 5. We believe that the saints will continue in a state of grace and not one of them will finally be lost.

Article 6. We believe there will be a resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

Article 7. We believe that the visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons who have attained fellowship with each other and have given themselves up to the Lord and one another, having agreed to keep up a Godly walk agreeably to the rules of the Gospel.

Article 8. We believe it to be the duty of all Christians to make an abridgement of their principles as deducted from the Scriptures as their constitution.

Article 9. We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of the Church and that the government is with the body.

Article 10. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Lord and to be continued by the church until his second coming.

Article 11. We believe that true believers are the only proper subjects of Baptism, and that immersion is the only proper mode.

Article 12. We believe the church is composed of baptised believers and none others, and that baptism is the immersion of the body in water, by the authority of a Gospel church, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost, upon a profession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and in the belief of the forgiveness of sin.

Article 13. We believe that the Lord's Supper is a solemn memorial of Christ's death, and that it is a church ordinance and should be observed only by those who have been regenerated and who have been Scripturally baptised and who have regular membership in Christ's Church.

Article 14. We believe it the duty of every church to keep a faithful record of all their official acts.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This association shall be known as the Upper Cumberland Valley Association of United Baptist and shall meet annually on Friday at 10 A. M. before the 4th Saturday in August.

Article 2. The association shall be composed of churches of the United Baptist Faith and Order.

Article 3. The association when convened shall consist of members delegated by the different churches in our union, who, being duly chosen to represent them in the association, and producing from their respective churches letters certifying their appointments, shall be entitled to seats.

Article 4. The officers of this association shall consist of a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk and Treasurer, said officers to be elected by private ballot of the Messengers present. The officers to be members of this body.

Article 5. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number of members in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, by relation and by restoration; those dismissed by letter, excluded and deceased; also, value of church property, number of Sunday-schools and average attendance; amount contributed for Foreign, Home, State and District Missions, Sunday-school and Col-

portage work, Baptist Orphans' Home, Baptist Ministers' Aid Society, other objects and printing Minutes.

Article 6. This association when convened shall have no ecclesiastical power, nor shall it infringe on the internal rights of the churches, but shall consider and advise for the general good of the Union.

Article 7. This association when convened shall be governed by a regular decorum.

Article 8. A majority shall rule in all cases except in receiving and dropping out churches.

Article 9. This association will not receive nor hold in fellowship churches that receive members from other denominations without baptism.

Article 10. This association will not hold it as a bar of fellowship for our members to give or withhold from missionary or benevolent purposes.

Article 11. This association will not hold in fellowship ministers nor churches that hold to the doctrine of mixed communion.

Article 12. This association will not hold in fellowship any church or individual that makes, sells or uses as a beverage alcoholic liquors, and we will withdraw from all such.

Article 13. This Constitution may be amended at any time by a two-thirds vote of the association.

RULES OF DECORUM.

Article 1. This association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Article 2. One person only shall speak at a time, who shall, when he is about to make any remarks, rise from his seat and address the Moderator.

Article 3. Any member desiring to make a speech shall arise and address the Moderator.

Article 4. No brother shall be interrupted while

speaking unless he violates these rules, then any member or the Moderator may call him to order.

Article 5. No speaker shall cast any reflection upon the speaker before him, but shall state his propositions as clearly as he can.

Article 6. No person shall speak more than three times on any subject except by permission of the association.

Article 7. No person shall abruptly absent himself from the association without permission.

Article 8. No person shall whisper or laugh during the business of the body.

Article 9. No member shall address another in any appellation than that of brother

Article 10. The Clerk shall enroll the names of the Messengers and the roll may be called as often as the association desires.

Article 11. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege on the floor as any other member, provided the Chair be filled. He shall not vote except when the vote is equal, then he may cast the deciding vote.

Article 12. Any person making a motion and it being seconded shall be taken under consideration, unless it be withdrawn by the person who made it.

Article 13. Any person being invited to seats with us and accepting the same shall be permitted to make any motion they shall think proper for the benefit of the body.

Order of Business for 1891

1. Annual sermon.
2. Reading of the letters from the churches and organizations of the association by Moderator of last year if present; if not present, by the assistant.
3. Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.

4. Prayer, read Articles of Faith, Constitution and Rules of Decerum.

5. Call for correspondence and invite visiting brethren to seats.

6. Call for new churches to join us.

7. Appoint the following committees:—On Divine Services, Foreign Mission, Home Mission, State Mission, District Mission, Sunday-school and Colportage Work, Pastors' Support, Education, Religious Periodicals, Temperance, Obituaries, Orphans' Home, Ministers' Aid Society, Correspondence and Finance.

8. Report of Executive Board.

9. Report of Committees.

10. Place of holding next annual meeting.

11. Preach next annual sermon—who shall?

12. Printing and distribution of Minutes.

13. Read and receive Minutes.

14. Adjournment.

NAMES AND POST-OFFICE ADDRESS OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Elder N. H. Noe, Wallins' Creek, Ky.

“ A. B. Noe, “ “ “

“ D. F. Noe, “ “ “

“ J. J. Noe, “ “ “

“ W. W. Brock, “ “ “

“ W. H. Shoemaker, Evarts, Ky.

“ T. G. Harris, Harlan, Ky.

“ W. D. Fee, “ “

“ R. Browning, “ “

“ Joseph Caldwell, Sandy Fork, Ky.

“ Jacob Caldwell “ “ “

“ J. M. Caldwell, “ “ “