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OF THE

ELKHORN ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS,

HELD AT

STAMPING-GROUND,

SCOTT COUNTY, KY.

ON THE 2D SATURDAY IN AUGUST, 1842.

Agreeably to appointment, Elder JOSIAH LEAKE preached the Introductory sermon from Deuteronomy, 33d chap. 1st clause, 29th verse, "Happy art thou, O Israel: who is like unto thee, O people saved by the Lord."

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Letters from the Churches were called for, read at the stand, and the Messengers' Names enrolled, as follows:

CHURCHES.	Messengers' Names.	Rec'd Letter	Restored, -	Dismissed by Letter,	Excluded, ..	Dead,	TOTAL,
Clear Creek, - -	Catesby Barnes, Henry Moss, James Brown and Wyatt Arnold, - -	4	3	1	12	3	1 181
Great Crossings,	Will. Suggett, Y. R. Pitts,* W. G. Craig,* G. B. Long and Asa Smith,	18	7	1	14	3	4 352
Bryan's Station, -	E. Darnaby, † Geo. W. Coons, James Chrystal and John Cox. - - -	2			8	5	4 176
Stamping-Ground	J. Adams, J. Lucas,* F. C. McCalla, † F. C. Ford, † Marcus Duvall,* R. Smith † and J. D. Black, - - -	11	7	1	9	10	5 651
Big Spring, - - -	Tho. Suiter,* Burkett G. Yancy and William May, - - - - -	36	1	1	11		1 160
David's Fork, - -	E. Darnaby, E. Bryan, J. H. Darnaby, B. Y. Crim, John Darnaby, A. F. Eastin, G. W. Darnaby † and Geo. Mitchell, - - - - -	35	1	2	5		3 617
North Fork, - - -	S. W. Bechin, A. Baldwin, and Jas. F. Story, - - - - -	22	4	6	13	6	120
Silas, - - - - -	J. W. Chisam, J. W. Sparks, H. Shropshire and Asa Allen, - -	2	1	1	1	1	3 107
Georgetown, - - -	Ben. B. Ford, Howard Malcom* and L. J. Stedman, - - - - -	25	10	2	5		117
Mt. Pleasant, - -	Edmund Waller,* Tho. Lyne, Jas. Smith and S. Holloway, - - -	9	4	2	4	2	2 197
Hartwood, - - - -	Tho. Estis and William Berry, - -					1	26
1st Bap. Church, Lexington, - - -	Broaddus,* Hoagland, Payne, Brent, Clarke, Drake, † Claggett, Kidd, Richardson and Taylor, † - - -	37	10		18	7	2 291
African Church, Paris, - - - - -	Under care of 1st Baptist Church, - Geo. C. Sedwick,* Tho. Scott, John W. Kenney, † Jas. Hurter and Tho. Sadler, - - - - -	96	3	7	3	6	13 1027
Dry Run, - - - -	Jas. S. Glass and F. Hambrick, - -	4	5	1	2	4	83
Cane Run, - - - -	Geo. W. Graves and Jas. Ware, - -	1	2		1		68
Long Lick, - - - -	Will. Covington and John Moss, - -			1		1	1 39
East Hickman, - -	R. T. Dillard,* P. G. Hunt, William Rodes and David Carr, - - -	62	4		2		3 232
Glent Creek, - - -	R. D. Shipp, B. P. Gray, John G. Mastin and Tho. Henton, - - -	3			16		5 205
Hillsborough, - -	J. D. Carpenter, C. L. Barnes, Tho. Edwards, Bernard Giltner and S. Gray, - - - - -	68	4		14	6	10 189
Mt. Vernon, - - -	Spencer Anderson, Will. Price, H. Wallace and L. W. Seely,* - - -	7	2		9		1 133
Versailles, - - - -	Josiah Leake* and John R. Peters, -	2			2		20
Centre Ridge, - -	Tho. Henderson* and Edw. Bartlett, -	1					7
*Ord. Ministers. †Licentiates. ‡Absent.		446	74	28	159	59	61 5339

The messengers repaired to the meeting house, and chose by ballot, Brother William Rodes, Moderator, and F. C. McCalla, Clerk.

The Association was then organized, and a door opened for the reception of Churches, when letters from the Versailles Church, at Versailles, and Centre Ridge Church, Grant county, were presented and read, and their applications for membership unanimously granted, their messengers given the right hand of fellowship, and invited to seats.

Letters from Corresponding Associations were then called for, read, and the messengers' names enrolled as follows:

Shiloh, Va.—No letter or messenger.

Middle District—Will. G. Price, P. Willis, and Spotswood Jordan.

North Bend—Joseph C. Graves.

Long Run—John L. Waller.

Franklin—Joel Scott, Isaac Wingate, S. Forsee, B. Robinson, H. Crutcher, J. E. Duvall, J. Gaines, J. M. Frost, and James Ford.

Salem—No letter or messenger.

Concord—A. Mothershead, Jno. Beadles, J. H. Smith, R. C. Lindsay, J. W. Lee, Tho. M. Daniel, L. D. Alexander, and Joel Herndon.

Baptist—A. W. Berryman, S. Rufner, A. Downing, and G. W. Slaughter.

South District—J. S. Higgins and S. Cooke.

Bracken—No letter or messenger.

Sulphur Fork—Isaac N. Carson, S. McIlvane and D. C. Stewart.

Boon's Creek—G. Winter, W. Ballard and J. C. Christopher.

Union—J. S. G. Watson, G. W. Oldham and Geo. King.

Correspondence resumed with Tate's Creek Association.

Tate's Creek—Anderson Chenalt.

North District, after being visited by our messengers last year, refused to open a correspondence.

The circular letter read, and referred to a committee of brother Payne, Sedwick, Seely and Dillard.

Brethren Pitts, Drake and Sedwick, appointed a committee to write corresponding letters, and directed to write six copies.

Brethren Black, Mareen, Duvall, Brent, the Moderator and Clerk, appointed a committee of arrangements.

Brethren J. L. Waller, Frost and Pratt, appointed to preach on Lord's Day, and brethren Vauter and Alexander, on Monday.

On motion of brother Wallace it was

Resolved, That this association request the preachers and other messengers met with her, to hold social meetings in all the private houses where they may remain for the night.

After prayer, by Elder R. T. Dillard, adjourned to meet for worship at the stand on to-morrow at 10 o'clock, and at the house on Monday at 9 o'clock, for business.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The association met pursuant to adjournment, and was organized and opened with singing and prayer, by Elder Edmund Waller.—The committee of arrangements made report, and action had thereon as follows:

Corresponding letters called for, read and adopted, and messengers appointed to bear them, as follows:

Shilo, Va.—Clerk directed to hand Elder Broaddus six copies to be sent to this association. Middle District, Shelby county, at Mt. Moriah, 4th Friday in July, 1843—J. C. M'Calla, Josiah Leake and Jno. R. Peters—Franklin, at Indian Fork, Shelby county, 3rd Friday in September—Josiah Leake, F. C. Ford, R. D. Shipp, C. L. Barnes, Spencer Anderson, H. Wallace, S. W. Bechin, J. D. Black, F. C. McCalla, and Geo. C. Sedwick. Salem, at Harding's Creek, Washington county, Friday before the second Lord's day in October—H. Wallace. Concord, Drenning's Ridge, Henry county, 4th Friday in August—F. C. M'Calla, J. D. Black and W. G. Craig. Salvisa, Mercer county, Friday before the 1st Saturday in August—Josiah Leake, C. L. Barnes, Tho. Lyne, Jno. G. Mastin, Jno. R. Peters, H. Moss, Tho. Edwards and B. Giltner. South District—Salt River, Boyle county, 3rd Saturday in August—W. F. Broaddus. North Bend, at Bullitsburgh, Boon county, 3rd Friday in August—Edward Bartlett, Tho. Henderson, and Jno. J. Johnson. Bracken, Flemingsburgh, 1st Saturday in September—Geo. C. Sedwick, Josiah Leake and F. C. M'Calla. Sulphur Fork—J. D. Carpenter and B. P. Gray. Long Run, Little Mount, Spencer county, last Friday in September—C. L. Barnes.

Boon's Creek—Indian Creek, Clarke county, 3rd Saturday in September—F. C. M'Calla, J. Darneby, E. Bryant, E. Darneby, Wm. Rodes, R. T. Dillard, B. Crim, W. F. Broaddus and B. P. Drake.

Union—Union Meeting House, Harrison county, 4th Saturday in August—W. G. Craig, Isaac Adams, G. B. Long, Y. R. Pitts, P. Kidd, Josiah Leak.

Tate's Creek—Tate's Creek Meeting House, Madison county, 4th Saturday in August—Spencer Holloway and James Smith.

The committee on the circular letter reported the same, with an amendment, which was adopted.

The report of the Executive committee adopted.

The verbal report from Elder J. D. Black, and written reports from Elders A. G. Curry and Y. R. Pitts, missionaries, were severally received, and that of Elder Pitts ordered to be printed. The missionaries of last year, viz: Elders Black and Pitts, re-appointed; accepted by the first and declined by the latter, and Eld. R. T. Dillard appointed in his place, who accepted the appointment, provided the ministers of the association would cordially co-operate with him, which was assented to nem. con., and on motion of brother Payne, the other messengers of this association pledge their co-operation and aid.

The missionary field of labors is extended at the will of the missionaries and executive committee.

The executive committee, in future, are to reside in Georgetown, and Elders G. C. Sedwick, Howard, Malcom, and brethren L. C. Stedman, G. G. Steffer and B. B. Ford, committee.

The next association to be held at Hillsborough, Woodford county, on the second Saturday in August, 1843.

Elder Y. R. Pitts to preach the next introductory sermon, and Elder W. G. Craig his alternate.

Elder W. G. Craig to write next circular letter.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed, viz: brethren Suggitt, Craig and M'Calla, whose duty it shall be to collect and examine all the books, papers and documents belonging to this association, and report at our next meeting.

Resolved, That all the churches that failed to give a short history of themselves, be requested to do so in their next letters.

The following resolutions were then read and adopted:

Resolved, That this Association again recommends Georgetown College to her Churches and sister Associations.

Resolved, That the President and Faculty, and board of Trustees, occupy a high place in her confidence and affections, and that an

CIRCULAR LETTER.

DEAR BRETHREN:

According to the government of the Church of Christ, or at least of that portion of which we are members, we cannot command obedience to authoritative precepts, but we beseech you, as fellow-servants of our common Master, to hear us upon the subject of *Christian stability*.

The Apostle Paul, having in the 15th chapter of his first letter to the Corinthians, finished a masterly and unanswerable argument in favor of the Resurrection, concludes with an exhortation to stability, saying: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

It is a very fashionable and often repeated sentiment, that, provided a professor of religion is sincere in what he believes, it is all right; thus making sincerity the test of truth. But, dear brethren, truth is truth—whether we believe it or not. For when God requires any given proposition to be believed, that proposition must be believed and acted out, else we need not expect the divine blessing. Therefore, to believe the opposite of what God requires, even with the utmost degree of sincerity imaginable, is but mockery of God, and will be visited with chastisement.

As sincerity in error is dangerous to the souls of men; so instability in the truth is also dangerous. With what unbounded joy, was the heart of the aged Apostle John filled, when he found that the children of his sister in the Lord, were walking in the truth. "I greatly rejoiced that I found of thy children walking in the truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father." And what contributes more to the glory of

the Gospel ministry now, than to see Christians consistent, stable, unmovable, in the principles and practice of our most holy religion? For want of this decision of character many lose their reward; being unstable as water, or as changeable as the wind. Hence, says the last named Apostle, "Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward." Many professors have lost all they have been doing for years, for many years; and if for want of stability, a man may lose so many years of profession, duty, privilege and blessing once, may he not again and again, and at last die bankrupt in religion?

Living as we do in a society, compounded of all the interests of the Christian church, many are the opportunities for the trial of the Christian's faith; and equally many are the opportunities for our evincing Christian firmness in resisting the temptations to evil. There is a wild enthusiasm afloat, as to Christian *liberty*. It is the *ultra democracy* of the church; dangerous to its peace, ruinous to its prosperity. The Apostle Paul saw the budding of this noxious plant, when he exhorted his brethren not to use their liberty "as a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God." This unbridled liberty is not only dangerous to the peace of the Church, but also of the State. For that untamed spirit, that is restless under the discipline of the Church, nor ceases its restlessness until all government of the Church is broken up, may not only live in contempt of the laws of God, but may despise government, speak evil of dignities, and break in upon the rules of civil society.

In view of innovations so dangerous, be steadfast, dear brethren, and abound in the work of the Lord. And let not the glare of a false liberality induce you to swerve from the principles and usages of our Christian fathers. If the institutions of the New Testament were ours, then we could alter them, and suit ourselves to others and others to us. But they belong to Christ, and we have no right to infringe upon the high prerogative of our Divine Legislator.

Brethren, we have a great work to do; let us not lose our reward by idleness, but let us be always abounding in the work of the Lord. The heathen world is continually saying "give us Bibles; send us teachers—" much of our own country needs the bread of life, and is thirsting for the waters of life. Let this be our motto: the dead have worked for us, we will work for the living. Our fathers, through whose instrumentality we enjoy the blessings of salvation, sowed the seed of truth, and we

have reaped the fruits of righteousness. Let us sow that others may reap. We now bid you an affectionate farewell in the language of the Apostle: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as you know your labor is not in vain in the Lord." FAREWELL.

Written from the Association, at the Stamping-Ground, to the Churches.

WM. RODES, *Moderator.*

F. C. McCALLA, *Clerk.*

ELKHORN ASSOCIATION

TO HER SISTER ASSOCIATIONS.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We bless God that we have the privilege of informing you, that during the past year, there have been added to us by experience and baptism 446 members, and that in other parts of the State, there have been glorious in-gatherings to the Lord. We desire to be thankful, also, that the past year has witnessed a larger increase of our denomination throughout the United States than has ever been known in the same time.

Although our denomination is bound together by no authoritative creed, it is worthy of remark, that there is perhaps no other body of Christians so united in faith and practice. We regard this unity as being under God the reason why the truth has so extraordinarily prevailed.

As we have ever been, dear brethren, let us endeavor to be in future, rooted and grounded in the faith of the Gospel. Let us strive together to advance and uphold the great and fundamental doctrines of the Bible. Let us sustain the institutions and ordinances which the Master has appointed; and though, by this course, we may incur scorn from the world, and the imputation of uncharitableness and sectarianism from other denominations, God will assuredly bless our united and brotherly efforts in so good a cause; and if we can but secure the approbation of God, it is enough. May God bless you and revive you.—AMEN.

We desire a continuance of our correspondence with you.

WM. RODES, *Moderator.*

F. C. M'CALLA, *Clerk.*

increased acquaintance has confirmed that confidence and affection.

Resolved, That our brethren may, with implicit trust, confide their sons to the forstering care of said College.

Resolved, That we recommend to every Baptist who may read these resolutions, to give *immediately* One Dollar or more, to Georgetown College, and One Dollar for each member of his or her family belonging to the church.

Elder W. F. Broadus appointed to attend to the printing and distributing the minutes.

The following sums were given to pay for printing, and the following places designated for the minutes to be sent:

Clear Creek, sent to Versailles,	:	:	:	:	\$1 00
Great Crossings, to Georgetown,	:	:	:	:	1 50
Bryan's Station, to Lexington,	:	:	:	:	1 00
Stamping-Ground, to Stamping-Ground P. O.	:	:	:	:	2 00
David's Fork, to Lexington,	:	:	:	:	1 75
Big Spring, to Midway,	:	:	:	:	1 00
North Fork, to Stamping-Ground P. O.	:	:	:	:	1 00
Mt. Pleasant, (no place designated),	:	:	:	:	1 50
Silas, to Leesburgh P. O.	:	:	:	:	1 00
Georgetown, to Georgetown,	:	:	:	:	1 00
Lexington and African Church, one dollar each,	:	:	:	:	2 00
Paris, to Paris,	:	:	:	:	1 50
Dry Run, to Georgetown,	:	:	:	:	1 00
Cane Run, to be left at the Printing Office, Lexington,	:	:	:	:	75
Long Lick, to Long Lick P. O.	:	:	:	:	50
East Hickman,	:	:	:	:	2 00
Glen's Creek, to Versailles,	:	:	:	:	1 50
Hillsborough,	:	:	:	:	2 00
Mt. Vernon,	:	:	:	:	1 50
Versailles, to Versailles,	:	:	:	:	37½
Centre Ridge,	:	:	:	:	00
Hartwood, to Georgetown,	:	:	:	:	25

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WM. RODES, *Moderator*.

F. C. M'CALLA, *Clerk*.

TO THE MESSENGERS COMPOSING THE ELKHORN
ASSOCIATION.

DEAR BRETHREN:

On the 18th day of April last, the Executive Committee for the Elkhorn Association, tendered me the appointment, in conjunction with brother J. D. Black, to preach within her bounds, to supply the destitute, hold protracted meetings, &c. At the time the appointment was tendered, the undersigned was under obligation, by promise, to attend a protracted meeting with Mount Pleasant Church, in the Franklin Association, which appointment was filled with evidences of the blessing of the Lord attendant. Eleven were added to the Church by experience and baptism. Only six of the Churches within the bounds of the Association have been visited by your agent; and he would here take occasion to remark, that he has not met with *one* individual who was opposed to the efforts of this body to advance the cause of Christ by the means she has adopted.

After the acceptance of the appointment by the undersigned, he was frequently solicited to leave the bounds of the Association, and deeming the cause a common one, on two occasions labored without its bounds. On one occasion by himself, when he avowed that he was laboring under the appointment of your body, on the other, in conjunction with brother Black.

Since the acceptance of the appointment, your agent has filled his engagement with the Church at Great Crossings, to preach once in every month, and has preached forty-five sermons in his appointment. No account of the number of exhortations or miles travelled, has been kept. Among the Churches where he has labored, there have been received by experience and baptism *sixty-five*. Forty-seven of the above additions within the bounds of the Elkhorn Association, the others among the Churches with which he labored without the bounds of said Association.

No effort has been made to collect funds publicly. Your agent has received in private contributions, twenty dollars and twenty-five cents.

Your agent would remark, at the close, that we have abundant reason to bless the Lord for his goodness and mercy, and, especially, for the evidences of his approval of our weak efforts to advance His cause by the means adopted by this Association.

All of which is respectfully submitted by your brother, and fellow-laborer in Christ,

Y. R. PITTS.