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MINUTES

OF THE

ELKHORN ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS,

HELD AT

HILLSBOROUGH MEETING-HOUSE,

WOODFORD COUNTY, KY.,

ON THE 2D SATURDAY IN AUGUST, 1843.

Elder Younger R. Pitts preached the introductory sermon, from St. John's Gospel, 3d chapter, part of the 7th verse, "Ye must be born again."

GEORGETOWN :

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MINUTES.

Letters were called for from the Churches, and read at the stand, and the names of the Messengers' bearing them enrolled, as follows :

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS' NAMES.	By Letter, Exp. and Baptism.	Restored.	Disin'd by Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	TOTAL.
Clear Creek,	B. Giltner, Henry Moss, C. Barnes,	7	2	2	3	1	187
Great Crossings,	Y R Pitts,* W G Craig,* G B Long, A Smith, N Craig, and N Long,	63	2	3	11	1	411
Bryant's,	Edward Darnaby,* G W Coons, Jas E Chrystal, and John Cox,	20		4	4	4	192
Stamping Ground,	J Lucas,* E Coppidge,† I Adams, J D Black,† F C Ford,† E H Black,† F C McCalla,† and G Beaty,	14	7	3	28	12	628
David's Fork,	E Darnaby, E Bryant, M Coons, A F Eastin, G A Mitchell, S Low, W E McCann, and J H Darnaby,	14		1	7	6	316
Big Spring,	T Suiter,* B G Yancy, and G G Nall,	10			6	5	153
North Fork,	S W Boehm, S Poindexter, and A Bald- win,	1	2		7	4	129
Mount Pleasant,	T Lyne, S Holloway, J Smith, and E Haydon,	37	2	3	5	4	233
Silas,	A Allen, J W Sparks, H Shropshire, and N Switzer,						3104
Georgetown,	G C Sedwick* LC Stedman, and G G Steffee,	43	17		5	4	167
Hartwood,	Asberry Owen, and S M Berry,	5	1			1	98
1st Baptist Church, Lexington,	W F Broaddus,* E Clarke, R Brent, H C Payne, N Mixer, M Hoagland, P Kidd, W H Richardson, J Beech, and J Gibson,	13	9		23	15	3272
African Church, Paris,	Under care 1st Baptist Church, T Scott, J H Kenney,* J Hinton, H C Porter, and R Henderson,	20	2	10	5	7	1060
Dry Run,	W Brooks,† J S Glass, and M Burch,	20	5	3	15	4	6253
Cane Run,	G W C Graves, and Jas Ware,	53	2		14	3	123
Long Lick,	M C H Kirby, and Wm Covington,	2			4	2	165
East Hickman,	R T Dillard,* W Rodes, P G Hunt, and E N Hart,	7	7			1	51
Glen's Creek,	T Hinton, B P Gray, R D Shipp, J G Masten, and J L Waller,*	10	2		4	3	2234
Hillsborough,	C L Barnes, J D Carpenter, T Edwards and S Gray,	4	1		6	3	200
Mount Vernon,	J D Hagar, H Wallace, L Anderson, and M Davis,	5			21	2	7204
Versailles,	Josiah Leake, and John R Peters,	33	2			1	164
Centre Ridge,	Edward B Bartlett,	8					9
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* Ordained Ministers. † Licentiates.		390	64	30	172	67	645509

The Messengers' then repaired to the meeting house, and chose brother William Rodes, Moderator, and F. C. McCalla, Clerk.

The Moderator called the Association to order; opening prayer by Elder George C. Sedwick.

Letters from Corresponding Associations were then called for, read and the names of the Messengers' bearing them enrolled as follows:

Shiloh, Va.—Letter accompanied with 12 copies of their minutes, which were distributed; Middle District—C. Y. Freeman, Geo. Britton, M. Tipton, L. Neal and P. Bass. North Bend—Absalom Graves, Charles W. Scott, James Kirtly, Asa Drury and Edw. Graves. Long Run—A. G. Curry, J. P. Rucker, R. Melvin and J. Ford. Franklin—J. M. Frost, J. Gaines, J. S. Major, Joel Scott, D. C. Freeman, Rob't W. Scott, James Ford, J. H. Elliston, H. Crutcher and S. B. Scofield. Salem—William Vaughan and R. Thurman. Concord—John P. Snelson, Samuel B. Duvall, Thomas Hanks and J. D. Hanks. Baptist—S. Rufner, R. A. Nelson, G. S. Smith and J. M. Bell. South District—J. S. Higgins, S. Cooke, G. S. Slaughter, G. W. Shouse and R. P. Steembergen. Bracken—Gilbert Mason, John L. Kirk, J. S. Morris and S. G. Edwards. Sulphur Fork—J. A. McGuire, J. H. Shouse and Samuel McIlwain. Boon's Lick—Mason Owen, B. E. Allen, W. L. Ballard, Joseph Curd, William Bourn and J. Robbeson. Union—Geo. King, T. J. Miller, Thomas Waggoner and George Garnett. Tate's Creek—No letter or messenger.

A communication was received from the American Indian Mission Association, read and referred to a committee of three, viz: Elders W. F. Broadus, George C. Sedwick and John L. Waller.

The Circular Letter was called for, read and referred to a committee of five, viz: Elders W. G. Craig, John L. Waller, W. F. Broadus, R. T. Dillard and George C. Sedwick.

Brethren G. B. Long, H. Wallace and Asa Smith, appointed to write the corresponding letter.

Brethren J. D. Black, Milton Burch, Richard Brent, the Moderator and Clerk, appointed a committee of arrangements.

Elders John L. Waller, Noah Flood and Gilbert Mason, appointed to preach to-morrow at the stand, and Elders A. Gooddell, R. T. Dillard and William F. Broadus, on Monday.

Closing prayer by Elder William F. Broadus.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow, at 10 o'clock, at the stand.

SUNDAY MORNING, 10 o'clock.

Met pursuant to adjournment—Elder Flood being absent, Elder W. F. Broadus preached from Isaiah 53d chapter, 11 verse. Elder Mason from Hebrews 11th chapter, 21st, 22d, 23d verses. After which Elder R. T. Dillard took up a collection in aid of the Georgetown College, amounting to about 34 dollars. After a short intermission, Elder J. L. Waller preached from Numbers 11th chapter, 21st verse, which closed the services of the day.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Met agreeably to adjournment at the House for business—Elder Edward Darnaby prayed. After reading the rules of decorum and calling the names of the messengers, the Moderator addressed the Association impressing upon them the importance of order.

Report from the committee of arrangements received and action had on it, as follows:

1. A letter of dismission granted to the Centre Ridge Church.

2. The committee on the Corresponding Letter reported one, which was received and messengers appointed to bear it, as follows:

To Shilo, Va.—Elder W. F. Broaddus appointed to transmit twelve copies of our minutes. Middle District, John L. Waller and Josiah Leake. Franklin, George C. Sedwick, Thomas Hinton, Henry Moss, Y. R. Pitts, S. W. Boehm, R. D. Shipp, John R. Peters, F. C. Ford, Isaac Adams, John G. Mastin, Benj. P. Gray, John L. Waller, Edw. Darnaby, J. D. Black and C. L. Barnes. Salem, R. T. Dillard, Isaac Adams, E. H. Black, S. W. Boehm and J. E. Lockwood. South District, S. Arnett and Charles Hammond. Baptist, Josiah Leake, Ben. P. Gray, T. Edwards, M. S. McFall and W. F. Broaddus. Bracken, John W. Kenney, J. D. Black and James Hinton. Sulphur Fork, F. C. Ford, F. C. McCalla, J. E. Lockwood and B. P. Gray. Boon's Creek, Josiah Leake, Thomas Edwards, M. S. McFall, Milton Burch and W. F. Broaddus. Union, Gab. B. Long, Benj. T. Quinn, S. Arnett and Edmund Coppidge. Tate's Creek, John L. Waller. North Bend, R. T. Dillard and W. G. Craig. Long Run, R. T. Dillard, J. E. Lockwood and Josiah Felix.

3. The committee on the Circular Letter to them referred, reported the same without amendment, with an expression of opinion that it is a worthy document, and on the motion to print the same, it was decided in the negative and leave given to the writer to withdraw it, and in lieu thereof, the Clerk is directed to make such extracts from the letters from the churches as he may deem proper, and append the same to the minutes.

4. The committee on the communication from the Indian Mission Association, reported the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted. Your committee are pleased to find that long ago our brethren were engaged in the work. Brother John Young was sent out as a missionary to the Indians, by a committee acting for the "Elkhorn Association," as the following certificate will show:

"I, John Young, certify that I was ordained and sent as a missionary to the Indians, by Ambrose Dudley, David Barrow, George S. Smith, Joseph Redding, Austin Easten, John Priece and Lewis Craig, in the month of September, 1801.

Given under my hand this 2d day of November, 1842.

JOHN YOUNG, Jr."

Teste, William Suggett, Jr.

But your committee look to the formation of the American Indian Mission Association as promising a new era in the operations of western Baptists. Too long had we been deaf to the appeals which the scattered and perishing condition of the Indians made upon our christ-

tian sympathy. Too long had we feasted on the productions of this goodly land, unmindful of the destitute state of those who were once its proprietors and occupants. The hope may be indulged however, that we are at least awaking to a sense of our duty concerning this people, and that the calls of justice as well as religion made upon us in their behalf will now be heartily responded to. Your committee therefore recommend the following resolution :

Resolved, That in view of the perishing condition of the Indian tribes, the Association earnestly recommend to all our brethren to take active means for contributing to the funds of the Indian Mission Association as an institution promising under God to accomplish much for their moral elevation and eternal salvation.

W. F. BROADDUS, Chairman.

5. The following report from the Executive Committee was read and adopted :

At your last anniversary you were pleased to locate the Missionary Board in Georgetown; but no funds having been placed at our disposal and no assurances given by the Association to Missionaries, we have felt crippled in our exertions, and have done but little more than to acquaint ourselves with the vast destitution of Baptist preaching in the Northern and Eastern portion of our Association; the land must be occupied by us or tamely left to other religious denominations, not more evangelical and orthodox than we consider ourselves to be. In this state of inactivity we may soon expect Kentucky to be any thing else than Baptist territory. Shall we give up this goodly heritage, this land of ours which God gave to our fathers? Let us, brethren, by our united efforts enlarge the place of our habitation. Let us stretch forth upon the right hand and on the left, lengthening our chords and strengthening our stakes. We have the means and the men."

GEORGE C. SEDWICK, Chairman.

6. The treasurer reported a balance in his hands for the year 1841, unappropriated, of twenty-five dollars.

7. The committee of last year appointed to collect the books, papers, &c., report that they have been unable to lay hands on a single document, but understand they are in Louisville. Same committee continued for same purpose.

8. The next Association to be held at Georgetown, Scott county, Ky., 2d Saturday in August, 1844.

9. Elder William G. Craig to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder Edward Darnaby his alternate.

10. F. C. McCalla to write the next Circular Letter.

Ordered that the Church and Corresponding Letters with their accompanying documents be placed in the library of Georgetown College.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be authorized to employ a Missionary at thirty dollars per month, to labor in and around the Elkhorn Association.

Resolved, That the churches be requested to send up to the next Association such amounts as they may think proper, to sustain our domestic mission. The following sums were then paid and subscribed to be paid for the purpose above mentioned, viz : George Beaty \$5 ; Jo-

siah Leak \$5; Henry Moss \$5, for the present year, and the same sum annually as long as the Lord spares his life; W. F. Broaddus \$30; H. Wallace \$20; Cutesby Barnes \$5; John L. Waller \$30; Wm. Brooks \$5; Stamping Ground Church \$12 87, paid; E. H. Black \$5; G. B. Long \$5; Versailles Church \$10, paid; W. G. Craig \$5; Wm. Rodes \$10; J. D. Brown \$10; Samuel Gray \$2; Asa Smith \$5; L. C. Stedman \$10. Total, \$179 87.

The Moderator and Clerk appointed a committee to superintend the printing and distributing the minutes.

The following preamble and resolution offered by Elder William F. Broaddus, were unanimously adopted :

Whereas, since our last session it has pleased the Lord to call hence his servant our brother and fellow laborer Edmund Waller,

Resolved, That this Association cherish with lively emotions the memory of brother Waller as a man of eminent piety and christian zeal, and as a most indefatigable and useful minister of Jesus Christ. May his example of piety long live in the memory of those who remain to labour in the vineyard of Christ.

Adjourned, after prayer by Elder George C. Sedwick.

WILLIAM RODES, Moderator.

F. C. McCALLA, Clerk.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

HILLSBOROUGH, Woodford Co., Ky., August 14, 1843.

The Elkhorn Association to the Associations with which she corresponds:

DEAR BRETHREN—By referring to the minutes of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, we find there are 52 associations, 769 churches, 60,844 members, and only 378 ministers. Now the question arises—what can be done that we have not done? Can we make preachers? No brethren. But God has called upon us to use the means he has put in our power, to aid those whom he has called, to qualify themselves for extended usefulness, and if we will not use the means to effect the end, those who do, will obtain the blessing. Let us then dear brethren place this subject in its true light before all the churches. Let each church send to and support at least one young Timothy or Titus at Georgetown College, and when our denomination in Kentucky are supplied with ministers, send the remainder out into all the world to proclaim the glad tidings of salvation.

We have received during the last year 390 members by baptism. Our next Association will be held with the church at Georgetown, Scott county, Ky., on the 2d Saturday in August, 1844. Now dear brethren, may peace and harmony dwell amongst you—may the God of peace and mercy dwell with you and bless you all. Amen.

We send this by our brethren as marked in our minutes, and desire a continuation of our friendly correspondence.

WILLIAM RODES, Moderator.

F. C. McCALLA, Clerk.

EXTRACTS FROM THE LETTERS FROM THE CHURCHES.

"We are thankful for the peace that prevails among us, and for that harmonious action which happily characterizes our proceedings, our members being of one mind, and desiring to labor together for the support and the successful promulgation of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. May the Lord of the harvest bless all such labors to the promotion of his glory, and honor, and to the conversion of many.

Permit us to express to you, brethren of sister churches, our approbation of the missionary system, as being emphatically, in our estimation, the principal avenue through which the gospel is to gain access to the understanding of a benighted world, and thereby effect the great work of Evangelization. Highly honored is the church in the present age, in as much as all christians may become co-workers with God himself in laboring for the salvation of our apostate world, and that none is so humble as to be debarred from participating in this noble work. It is worthy of reflection and enquiry, whether God in his providence has not raised up the Indian Missionary Association in order that Western christians might thereby be stimulated to increased efforts, and will not Western Baptists generally be found active?"

"We have to lament and mourn over our many short-comings and say we feel individually and collectively, that we have not been engaged as we should have been in endeavoring to promote the cause of Christ. Pray for us brethren, and if the blessing should not come while together, cease not to pray that it will come after we are separated.

"We have been made to mourn the loss of our beloved pastor Edmund Waller, who has attended us since January, 1827, discharging the duties of his office with honor to himself and satisfaction to the church. Our ministering brethren are falling on the right and on the left. We should be faithfully engaged at a throne of grace that the Lord would spare our ministering servants and raise up and qualify more laborers to send into his vineyard.

We send you by our messengers ten dollars, which we have directed them to pay over to the treasurer of your body, with a desire that it may be appropriated to the support of a missionary to spend his whole time in and near the bounds of our Association, should your body have it in your power and deem it expedient to make such an arrangement.

"May grace, peace and love abound in your midst. May your associated councils promote the interest of the church and advance the honor of our Heavenly Father. Forget not brethren, to invoke for us, in your united prayers, a freedom from schism and strife, and that our Heavenly Father would increase our union and brotherly love as a church; we have the assurance that the prayers of the righteous will be answered. Pray then for us brethren, that our hearts may be filled with humble gratitude to the author of all good and that brotherly love may continue. We pray most earnestly that the Kingdom of Christ on earth may be enlarged, that the prince of peace may be acknowledged through all the land, that the triumphant banners of the christian church may hover over all the children of men.

"Our Sabbath School during the past year has greatly increased in numbers, and the members of the church have exhibited a more lively interest in this institutioa, which we beheve to be one of God's own establishment, and which we regard as a pillar to the church.

"With sorrow of soul we have to relate that the cold hand of death has taken from us our beloved pastor, (Elder Edmund Waller,) whose faithful services, founded upon the principles of the Gospel and the doctrines of the Bible, for many years were abundantly blessed to us. The unwavering theme of his soul was the prosperity of Zion and the salvation of a perishing world. We feel to say that our loss is great, but his gain is indescribable. We cannot sorrow as those who have no hope, but say to all around, prepare to meet him in the realms of glory and join to adore the Lamb of God forever and ever. We feel to say with the poet—

"Fair star of eve, thy lucid ray
Directs my thoughts to realms on high,
Great is the theme though weak the lay,
For my heart whispers God is nigh."

"We are here brought to remember those days of mourning many years since when left in the same situation by the loss of our former pastor in 1810. We feel to say that though the hand of the Lord is upon us yet will we trust in him, and say with the Psalmist David, "They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion which cannot be removed, but abideth forever.""