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**MINUTES**  
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**SIXTY FIRST ANNIVERSARY**  
OF THE

**ELKHORN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,**

Held with the Mt. Vernon Church, commencing on Saturday, August 9, 1845.

1. Agreeably to appointment, Elder EDWARD DARNEBY preached the Introductory sermon from Ezekiel, 11th ch., 19th and 20th verses: "And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you, and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh and I will give them a heart of flesh; that they may walk in mine statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them; and they shall be my people and I will be their God."

The letters from the Churches were then read, and the names of the Messengers bearing them, enrolled, as follows:

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS' NAMES.	Recd. by Bap.	Recd. by letter.	Restored.	Dis. by letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.
Clear Creek.	B. Giltner, Henry Moss, C. Barnes and Jos. Felix.		3		4	1	1	180
G. Crossings.	W. G. CRAIG, Y. R. PITTS, G. B. Long, N. Long, Beverly Branham and A. Smith.	13	6		21	4	3	403
Bryant's Station.	E. DARNEBY, Chas. Rice, G. W. Coons and James E. Chrystal.	1			5	1	1	186
Stamping Ground	J. D. BLACK, Joseph R. Barbee, F. C. Ford, F. C. McCalla, J. M. Lindsay, Isaac Adams, Ed. H. Black and JOHN LUCAS.	36	8	2	15	1	16	605
David's Fork.	E. Bryant, G. Darneby, A. F. Eastin, Jn. Darneby, B. Crim, J. H. Darneby, M. Coons & J. Weathers.	2			3	6	3	617
Big Spring.	B. G. Yancy, George Nall and F. Junod.			1	2	3	2	107
North Fork.	A. Baldwin and S. W. Boehm.	5	3		18	14	2	91
Mt. Pleasant.	S. Holloway, E. Haydon, E. Neal and Jas. Smith.	3	5		2	2	4	227
Silas.	A. Allen, N. Switzer, H. Shropshire & Wm. Allen.	5			1			112
Georgetown.	HOWARD MALCOM, B. B. Ford and JAS. M. FROST.	12	14		6	1	1	196
Hartwood.	James Truett and H. Miller.			1	2		1	28
1st Baptist church —Lexington.	W. M. Pratt, R. Brent, J. HEWETT, N. Mixer, H. C. Payne, P. Kidd, W. C. Vanmetre, J. Gipson, D. Bosworth, M. Mitchell, Dr. G. Warfield, Dr. Payne and L. Taylor.	2	3		11	2	3	246
African church.	(Under care 1st. Baptist Church.)	19	5	4	2	2	8	1114
Pleasant Green.	(Same care.)	4					2	16
Paris.	G. G. Goss, JOHN W. KENNEY, Thos. Scott, Jas. Hinton and Joseph Porter.	1	3		6	2	3	202
Dry Run.	W. M Brooks, M. Burch and J. S. Glass.	1	2			2	3	123
Cane Run.	R. Quarles and M. Hoagland.				1	1	2	61
Long Lick.	M. C. H. Kirby and J. Garwood.	2			1		3	61
East Hickman.	R. T. DILLARD, Wm. Rodes, George Neat and John M. Hunt.	24	5		2		1	249
Glen's Creek.	JN. C. WALLER, W. F. BROADDUS, N. C. Harris, R. D. Shipp and T. Hinton.	6	4	1		1	6	209
Hillsborough.	T. Edwards, J. D. Carpenter, S. Arnett, T. J. Waller and J. Jelf.	2	5		9	4	6	244
Mt. Vernon.	L. W. SEELY, N. Payne, S. Anderson and James M. Davis.	18	4		3		1	170
Versailles.	John F. Jesse and B. C. Bradley.			1				28

[Ordned Ministers in capitals; licentiates in italics.—Churches 21; ord. ministers 14; licentiates.]

Total, . . . . . 156 | 72 | 9 | 113 | 49 | 70 | 5475

3. After a recess of twenty minutes, the Messengers again assembled in the Meeting House and chose William Rodes, Moderator, and F. C. McCalla, Clerk. The Association was called to order, and the Throne of Grace addressed by Elder Pratt.

4. There being present several Ministers of the Gospel of other denominations, *Resolved*, That such be invited to come towards the stand, and take seats in our midst, when they may better enjoy that sociable and friendly feeling, which we trust is reciprocal.

5. Letters from Corresponding Associations were then read, and the names of the Messengers bearing them, enrolled, as follows:

SHILOH, VA.—Twelve copies of their Minutes.

MIDDLE DISTRICT.—

NORTH BEND.—A. Drury, Ab. Graves and R. C. Garnett.

BAPTIST.—J. Hayden, J. Boone, R. Sale, S. Ruffner, P. Reynolds and A. Downing.

CONCORD.—A. Mothershead, L. B. Osborne, E. Threlkeld, James Davis, S. D. Alexander, D. Bassett and Thomas Hanks.

BOONE'S CREEK.—J. Robinson, B. E. Allen, Samuel Chorn, Mason Owens and A. R. Mar

SULPHUR FORK.—No letter; no messengers.

FRANKLIN.—R. W. Scott, J. H. Elliston, J. M. Cox, A. Goodell, J. S. Major, S. B. Scofield, S. C. Steadman, James Ford, W. R. Roberts, N. E. Mitchusson and F. H. Hodges.

SOUTH DISTRICT.—S. Cooke, G. W. Allen, J. S. Higgins and J. H. Kemper.

LONG RUN.—No letter; no messengers.

UNION.—H. Eclin, J. M. Arnel and M. Bell.

TATE'S CREEK.—(No letter)—J. H. Edmiston, James Yates, T. J. Hiatt and Walter Chenoweth.

TEN MILE.—T. Searcy, T. Hazlewood, C. Carter, E. B. Bartlett, J. J. Elliston and T. Lillard.

BRACKEN—No letter; no messengers.

6. Elders Crockett, Campbell, Collins, Clarke and Elliott, visiting ministers, were invited to seats.

7. *Resolved*, That the Cane Run letter, referring to certain persons excluded from the Lexington church, be referred to a committee of five, viz: Elders Waller and Frost; brethren B. Ford, Burch and Davis.

8. Corresponding letter read in part, and leave granted to Elder Broadus to extract from the letters from the churches, to complete it.

9. Brother Beverly Branham and Elder Dillard granted leave of absence.

10. W. F. Broadus, Edward Darneby, John M. Hunt, the Moderator and Clerk, committee on Arrangements.

11. Asa Smith, J. M. Lindsey and Elder Vanmetre to write Corresponding letters.

12. *Resolved*, That Elder J. M. Frost take up a collection to-morrow, to be equally divided between the General Association and the Indian Mission Association.

13. Elders Waller, Pratt and Dillard appointed to preach to-morrow, (Lord's day) at the stand, and Elders Higgins, Collins and Campbell, to preach on Monday.

Elder Howard Malcom appointed to preach on Lord's day, and Elder A. Goodell on Monday excused on account of ill health.

14. Adjourned to Monday morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder J. M. Frost.

SUNDAY MORNING, }

Half past 10 o'clock. }

15. Elder Pratt preached from Acts 2nd, 11th v.: "We do hear them speak in our tongues, the wonderful works of God." Elder J. L. Waller, from 2d Corinthians, 4th ch. 7th v.: "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of power may be of God and not of us." Discourse not finished in consequence of rain. Elder R. T. Dillard, from Romans, 4th ch., 25th v.: "Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification."

MONDAY MORNING, }

9 o'clock. }

Prayer by Elder W. G. Craig.

16. Report from the committee of Arrangements read and adopted.

17. The Circular letter read and referred to a committee of three, viz: Elders Broadus and Malcom, and brother Payne.

18. Corresponding letter read and adopted.

19. The committee on the Circular letter reported it back without amendment, with an expression of opinion that it ought to be

20. Messengers appointed to bear the Corresponding letters, as follows:

SHILO, VA.—Twelve Copies of our Minutes.

MIDDLE DISTRICT—W. F. Broaddus, A. Goodell, J. L. Waller, J. M. Frost, W. G. Craig, G. B. Long.

NORTH BEND, at Middle Creek Church, Boone co., Ky., 3d Friday in August 1845—R. T. Dillard.

BAPTIST, at Clover Bottom, Woodford county, Kentucky, on Friday before 4th Saturday in August, 1846—T. J. Waller, Thomas Edwards, S. Holloway, H. Malcom, and J. Jell.

CONCORD, at White's Run, Carroll county, Kentucky, 4th Friday in August—H. Malcom, V. R. Pitts, J. R. Barbee, James M. Lindsay and Isaac Adams.

BOONE'S CREEK at Howard's Upper Creek, 2d in September, 1845—William Rodes, J. M. Hunt, John W. Kenny, W. M. Pratt, Edward Darneby, Enoch Bryant.

SULPHUR FORK, at Pleasant Ridge, Henry county, 2nd Friday in September—J. M. Frost and R. T. Dillard.

FRANKLIN, at Bethel, 3d Friday in September, 1845—Y. R. Pitts, John Lucas, L. W. Seely, S. Anderson, J. M. Lindsay, F. C. Ford, James Smith, H. Malcom, S. W. Boehm, and H. C. Payne.

SOUTH DISTRICT, at New Providence, Boyle county, Kentucky, 3d Saturday in August—W. C. Van Metre, John L. Waller, J. M. Frost, and R. Quarles.

LONG RUN, at Harrod's Creek, Jefferson county, Kentucky, 1st Friday in September—J. Felix and H. Malcom.

UNION, at Beaver Creek, Harrison county, Kentucky, 4th Saturday in August, 1845—L. W. Seely, G. G. Goss, G. F. H. Crockett, J. M. Frost and G. B. Long.

TATES CREEK, at Mason's Fork, Garrard county, Kentucky, 4th Saturday in August, 1845—W. F. Broaddus.

TEN MILE—Mt. Zion Meeting House, 4th Saturday in June, 1846—J. M. Frost, J. D. Black and W. G. Craig.

BRACKEN—J. M. Frost, W. G. Craig, J. L. Waller and R. T. Dillard.

21. Next Association to meet with the Church at Mt. Pleasant. in Jessamine county, Kentucky, on the Tuesday after the 2nd Saturday in August, 1846, and continue three days.

22. L. W. Seely, appointed to write next circular letter.

23. Elder John L. Waller to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Eld. W. F. Broaddus his alternate.

24. The Committee on the Cane Run letter, made the following report, which was adopted:

The committee appointed to take into consideration the letter from Cane Run, so far as it pertains to the action of the Church in Lexington, in the case of certain members excluded by her, beg leave respectfully to report:

That the Church of Cane Run, in her letter states, that two years ago, "twenty one sisters were hastily excluded from the Lexington Church, on the charge of schism. Those twenty one sisters," continues the letter, "in compliance with the advice which you gave in the case of sister Lucretia Hoagland, at your last meeting, have disavowed, in writing, to the Lexington church, the charge on which they were excluded, and asked to be restored to their privileges. This request the church refused, so that they still stand in the attitude of excluded members to the whole Association."

These are the only statements of the letter in relation to the action of the Lexington church, and on them we remark, That in our opinion, the subject of the exclusion of the individuals alluded to, does not legitimately come up for the action of this Association. It has not been brought before you in any of the ways usually pursued amongst us, in cases where Associational advice is to be sought. No charge has been preferred against the Lexington church by Cane Run or any other church, in relation to this exclusion, and therefore your committee felt wholly unauthorized to enter upon this subject. When charges shall be duly and properly preferred against the Lexington church, for violation of Association compact, in the exclusion of these persons, then, and not until then, may the circumstances pertaining to it be investigated by this Association.

The only inquiry, then, is: Has the church in Lexington disregarded your advice, given last year in the case of sister Lucretia Hoagland? From the documents put into our hands by the Cane Run church, it does not appear, in the judgment of your committee, that sister Hoagland applied for restoration, according to that advice. Your advice was on her individual case, and on that alone. And yet it appears that she did nothing more than to unite with the others excluded, when she was, in addressing the church a letter, disclaiming, in the name of all, any intention whatever to produce schism in the the church, and asking, in consequence, that the resolution excluding them be rescinded. This letter was sent to the church by one of its members; but neither sister Hoagland nor the other signers of the letter were present in person, or by representative. We do not consider that this was seeking the fellowship of the church in the manner advised by you; and of course, that the church did not treat your advice disrespectfully, in the case of sister Hoagland; much less in the case of the others, in relation to whom you gave no advice whatever.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. WALLER, Chairman.

25. The Clerk and President Malcom, appointed a committee to attend to printing and distributing the Minutes. Brother A. Smith was added.

On motion of Elder W. G. Craig,

*Resolved*, That the Association recommend to the Churches the adoption of the "Baptist Hymn Book" as most suitable to the wants of the Denomination.

On motion of Elder J. D. Black,

*Resolved*, That we consider the Kentucky and Foreign Bible Society an important institution, which should not be forgotten. Shall we stop here? Let us come up to the help of the good and great work, and thus assist in giving the Bible—the whole Bible to the world.

On motion of Elder J. M. Frost, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

*Whereas*, The vote of last year recommending each Church to make a collection for the General Association, has been complied with but by few of the Churches: therefore

*Resolved*, That all the Churches be earnestly requested to make such collections before the meeting of the General Association and forward the same to Georgetown, where the Session will be held on the 16th of October next.

On motion of Brother J. M. Davis,

*Resolved*, That the Clerk be directed to procure a new Book for the keeping of the Records, and to transcribe therein the Constitution, rules of decorum, and all resolutions, &c. that following committee, appointed for that purpose, may direct—viz: Dr. Malcom, B. B. Ford and the Clerk.

On motion of Elder W. F. Broaddus,

*Resolved*, That we hail with pleasure the proposition of Elder J. L. Waller to publish the "Western Baptist Review," we regard it as supplying a deficiency we have long felt, and calculated to co-operate with our "Baptist Banner" in furnishing the west with a Baptist Literature. Adjourned. Prayer by Elder A. Goodell.

WILL. RODES, *Moderator*. }  
P. O. LEXINGTON, KY. }

F. C. McCALLA, *Clerk*, }  
P. O. GEORGETOWN, KY. }

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#### NAME OF EACH PASTOR AND HIS POST OFFICE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.
Clear Creek,	W. F. Broaddus,	Versailles.
Great Crossings,	Y. R. Pitts,	Great Crossings.
Bryant's,	Edward Darneby,	Chilesburgh.
Stamping Ground,	J. D. Black,	Stamping Ground.
David's Fork,	R. T. Dillard,	Lexington.
Big Spring,	Destitute.	
North Fork,	B. F. Kenney,	White Sulphur.
Mount Pleasant,	Y. R. Pitts,	Great Crossings.
Silas,	J. D. Black,	Stamping Ground.
Georgetown,	Howard Malcom,	Georgetown.
Hartwood,	John Lucas,	Stamping Ground.
1st Baptist ch., Lex.,	W. M. Pratt,	Lexington.
Paris,	Edward Darneby,	Chilesburgh.
Dry Run,	J. D. Black,	Stamping Ground.
Cane Run,	B. P. Drake,	Lexington.
Long Lick,	Will. R. Combes,	Georgetown.
East Hickman,	R. T. Dillard,	Lexington.
Glen's Creek,	John L. Waller,	Versailles.
Hillsborough,	Josiah Leake,	Salvisa.
Mount Vernon,	L. W. Seely,	Versailles.
Versailles,	John L. Waller,	Versailles.

# CIRCULAR LETTER.

TO THE CHURCHES COMPOSING THE ELKHORN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION:

We conclude that we shall be more likely to accomplish our object in addressing you on the present occasion, if instead of discussing some particular doctrine or precept of the Gospel, we present you with a brief statement of the condition of the churches composing our body, with extracts from the communications they have respectively sent up to the present session. We proceed as follows:

## **Clear Creek, Woodford county.**

This is one of the oldest churches in the State. She has passed through several extensive revivals, under the labors of our fathers, long since gone to their reward. In the afflictions growing out of the attempts to "reform" the Baptist denomination, she was considerably involved, and through all the struggle, maintained her original standing. Deaths and removals have greatly reduced the number of members, while the increase of other denominations in the vicinity, has greatly diminished the congregation attending the regular preaching. Recently, however, the congregation has considerably increased, and some few are apparently interested about the salvation of their souls. The brethren are in favor of the benevolent enterprises of the present age. The church expresses, in her letter, a determination to renew and increase their prayers that God would pour out his spirit among them, and revive his work. Days of preaching, 3d Saturday and Sabbath—W. F. Broaddus, Pastor.

## **Great Crossings, Scott county.**

This is also a church of long and efficient standing. She expresses great interest in the spread of the Gospel, and gives substantial proof of her attachment to the cause of Domestic Missions, by sending up \$10 to aid the General Association. Although not many have recently joined the church, some drops of mercy have fallen upon them, by which they are encouraged to pray that the Lord would bless the means his people are using, "until the kingdom and the dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him." Preaching twice a month—Y. R. Pitts, Pastor.

## **Bryant's Station, Fayette county.**

The word of God was preached here long ago, with power, and many were added to the Lord. The spirit of division finally separated them into two parties, worshipping in the same house; one party fraternizing with the anti-missionary Baptists. Since the separation, the church connected with our body has enjoyed much peace. They express gratitude to God for his long continued favors to them as a church, and earnest prayers for the spread of the gospel: while they invite the ministering brethren generally to visit them, and preach for them. Days of preaching, 4th Saturday and Lord's day—Edward Darneby, Pastor.

## **Stamping Ground, Scott county.**

So frequent and extensive revivals had this church enjoyed a few years ago, that the whole neighborhood was crowded with Baptists, and some had even suggested that but little remained to be done within her borders. Our hearts have been made to rejoice, however, by the intelligence that during this summer many have been brought into fellowship with Christ. The church writes: "Fathers and mothers have been made to rejoice at the action of their prodigal sons and daughters." We contemplate with peculiar pleasure this season of refreshing, as indicating that the favor of the Lord is not utterly withdrawn from the churches of our union. God grant that all our churches may soon enjoy a like gracious visitation! The colored members have a separate meeting for business, with their own Moderator, attended by the regular clerk and deacons of the church; great good has resulted from this arrangement. Preaching twice a month—J. D. Black, Pastor.

## **David's Fork, Fayette county.**

This largest of our churches, (except the Lexington African,) enjoys uninterrupted peace; but complains of great sorrow in view of the languid state of Zion generally. The brethren express a hope that the "exhortations of the Pastor to persevere in the work of the Lord, will soon be followed by a rich blessing. Preaching twice a month, and prayer meeting every Wednesday evening—R. T. Dillard, Pastor.

## **Big Spring, Woodford county.**

the brethren pray for an out pouring of God's spirit. Preaching 4th Saturday and Lord's day—no regular Pastor.

### **North Fork, Franklin county.**

No revival in this church. The letter complains of great coldness, but breathes a spirit of prayer for an out pouring of God's spirit. Preaching 2d Saturday and Lord's day—B. F. Kenney Pastor.

### **Mount Pleasant, Jessamine county.**

Under the labours of the Pastor, this Church enjoys peace. They invite, however, other Ministering brethren to visit them, that the Pastor may be aided in his efforts to win souls to Christ. Preaching 3d Saturday and Lord's day—Y. R. Pitts Pastor.

### **Silas, Bourbon county.**

The brethren of this Church express regret that they have not been engaged as they should have been in endeavoring to promote the cause of Christ. They, however, enjoy peace, and some degree of prosperity, with a prospect of still greater. Preaching 1st Saturday and Lord's day—J. D. Black, Pastor.

### **Georgetown, Scott county.**

This Church holds an attitude of special importance to the denomination, being located at the seat of our College; where so large a number of young men licensed for the ministry, are receiving education. The brethren here have acquitted themselves well. Though comparatively few in number, and not wealthy, they have lately erected one of the best meeting houses in the State, in which they have preaching every Lord's Day, with weekly prayer meetings. The congregation averages about 400. The Sabbath school numbers 230. The Library contains about 800 volumes. 100 copies of the youth's Penny Gazette, and 20 of the Sunday school Journal are circulated. The monthly concert is regularly observed; and the great cause of benevolence vigorously supported. The increase of numbers has recently been small, but constant. Preaching every Lord's Day—H. Malcom, Pastor.

### **Hartwood, Scott county.**

This is a small Church. We extract from their letter a prayer, which if sincerely persevered in, must enable this little one to chase a thousand. "We pray God that all the human family may be converted and brought to a knowledge of themselves, and of the plan of salvation by Jesus Christ." Preaching 1st Saturday and Lord's Day—J. Lucas, Pastor.

### **First Baptist Church, Lexington.**

This Church informs us that her Pastor, W. F. Broaddus, has resigned, having removed from the city, and that brother W. M. Pratt has accepted the pastoral charge. Embarrassing questions have arisen among them, but they have been disposed of, and passed away, and the Church now enjoys comparative peace. We have aided (say they) with our substance, in carrying forward the missions to foreign lands, to the Western Indians, and amongst ourselves. This Church is actively engaged in works of benevolence. They have preaching every Lord's day—two weekly prayer meetings. The monthly concert is regularly observed, and contributions constantly made for the spread of the Gospel. The Sabbath school numbers 130, and is regularly increasing. The Library contains 700 volumes. Fifty copies of the "Youth's Penny Gazette" are gratuitously circulated in the Sabbath school every two weeks. On the whole, this Church appears to be actively engaged in Gospel labors. Preaching every Lord's day—William M. Pratt, Pastor.

### **First African Church, Lexington.**

This is the largest Baptist Church in Kentucky. The Pastor, Elder London Ferrell, a colored man, is highly esteemed, and labours with great success. The Church enjoys peace and prosperity. Preaching every Lord's day, with weekly prayer meetings—London Ferrell, Pastor. The Church is auxiliary to the 1st Baptist Church.

### **Pleasant Green, African Church, Lexington.**

This a small body of colored brethren, also auxiliary to the 1st Baptist Church. They are without a Pastor; their former preacher, brother January, having died. They are likely to do well.

### **Paris, Bourbon county.**

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ants. They have the occasional pulpit labors of brother G. G. Goss, in aid of the Pastor. But in addition has recently been made to their number. Preaching 1st Saturday and Sunday—Edward Darneby, Pastor.

### **Dry Run, Scott county.**

While peace is enjoyed in this church, but few have been added. The brethren pray for a revival of religion. Preaching 3d Saturday and Lord's day—J. D. Black, Pastor.

### **Cane Run, Fayette county.**

This is a small church; no additions lately to her number. The brethren express in the church meeting, deep regret that the cause of religion is not in a more flourishing condition; they favor our benevolent institutions generally. Preaching 4th Saturday and Lord's day—B. P. Drake, Pastor.

### **Long Lick, Scott county.**

The brethren of this Church complain of coldness and barrenness. They are supplied with preaching by brother W. R. Combs, as Missionary of the General Association. Preaching 1st Saturday and Lord's day.

### **East Hickman, Jessamine county.**

This Church enjoys peace and prosperity. A goodly number has been added lately to the Church. They warmly support the Mission cause. They say, "let us with more ardour support the general Association; and let us not stop here, but let us find *faithful men*, who are willing to go to the poor heathen, and tell them of the dying love of Christ." This Church has a prayer meeting on Wednesday afternoon of each week. On the whole, they are exerting a good influence for the cause of Christ. Preaching twice a month—R. T. Dillard, Pastor.

### **Glen's Creek, Woodford county.**

These brethren express great joy in the "harmonious action which happily characterize all their proceedings." A few have been added to the Church recently. Besides the regular preaching, the Pastor gives occasional lectures, on Sabbath afternoons. Preaching twice a month—J. L. Waller, Pastor.

### **Hillsborough, Woodford county.**

Large additions were made to this Church several years ago; since when, they have enjoyed peace; but in their letter they complain of coldness and barrenness at present. They favor our benevolent institutions. Preaching 4th Saturday and Lord's day—Josiah Leake, Pastor.

### **Mount Vernon, Woodford county.**

A pleasant revival of religion last summer, added considerably to the strength of this Church. She welcomes the meeting of the Association in her house of worship, it being the first such meeting since her Constitution. This Church formerly suffered much from divisions. But at present enjoys entire peace, and seems to be growing in the Lord. The members meet every Lord's day in a Bible class and social meeting. They are friendly to the cause of Missions. Preaching twice a month—L. W. Seeley, Pastor.

### **Versailles, Woodford county.**

This is the smallest church of our body, lately constituted. They have no house of worship, and are not able to build. They worship in the Court House. Their letter breathes a good spirit. Could not the brethren in the country adjacent, aid this little band? Our villages generally deserve more attention than they receive. Preaching twice a month by brethren J. L. Waller and W. F. Broadus.

### **General Remarks.**

It is a fact which calls for heart-felt humiliation, that while two or three of the churches have gained somewhat in numbers, during the past year, the Association as a whole, has diminished in number, since our last session.

Brethren, why is this so? We venture to make the inquiry whether our churches have been striving by all proper means, to advance the Redeemer's Kingdom. Alas! brethren, what do we see from your letters? More than half our churches, are contenting themselves with preaching once a month. Very few are in the habit of coming together in prayer meetings. Sabbath Schools, those nurseries for piety, which God has always smiled upon, as the means of increasing the number and efficiency of Zion's friends, are found in only two or three churches in all our Association. Shall we not awake? Will not the churches resolve to meet every Lord's day, at

preaching every Sabbath, would meet to pray, to sing praises, to read the Scriptures, and converse about the things of the kingdom. Printed sermons abound among us, which might be read on such occasions with great profit. Meanwhile, the children of the neighborhood, many or few, could be collected in a Sabbath School, and such instruction given them as might minister, under God, to their eternal well being. We will hope, brethren, that you will prayerfully consider these suggestions; and each one crying out, with a penitent heart, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" May we hear from you next year, that your winter is over, and your souls are filled with those rejoicings which none but the faithful followers of Jesus ever realize. Grace, mercy and peace be with you! Amen.

F. C. McCALLA, *Clerk*.

WILL. RODES, *Moderator*.

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## CORRESPONDING LETTER.

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The Elkhorn Association now in session at Mount Vernon, Woodford county, Kentucky, send the Christian salutation to all the associations in our correspondence.

BELOVED BRETHREN:

By the mercy of that God, whose ear is not dull that he cannot hear, and whose arm is not shortened that he cannot save, we once more hail the opportunity with pleasure of addressing this our annual communication. We cannot, as on former occasions, tell you of the pleasing news that many sons and daughters have been born to God. Although some of our Churches have enjoyed refreshing seasons from the presence of the Lord—yet a large number of them complain of coldness, and apathy in the cause of our blessed Redeemer. And may we not with the penitent exclaim, O Lord, revive thy work! in the midst of the years make known in wrath remember mercy. And while we thus pray, we feel we are not using that exertion that should characterize the disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ. O, that God would help us to bring all the tithes into our store house, that he would open the very windows of Heaven and grant us such a blessing that there would not be room to receive it. God has truly shown that he is not forgetful of our turning wants, for our land is richly laden with every thing that is necessary to make us comfortable and happy; and notwithstanding all this, we have been ungrateful and have been so much conformed to this world; but we trust Brethren, that the associational year which has just commenced shall find us not so much conformed to this world, but transformed by the renewing of our minds that we may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. For the blessed Saviour has said, seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all things else, shall be added unto you. We request a continuance of your fraternal intercourse. Since our last we have received into our fellowship 156. Our present number is 5,475. Our next Association will be held at Mount Pleasant, Jessamine county, Ky., on the Tuesday after the 2d Saturday in August, 1846. We send you this by our brethren, to whom we refer you for further particulars. And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

F. C. McCALLA, *Clerk*

WILL. RODES, *Moderator*.

NOTE.—The delay in getting out these Minutes, is the result of the serious illness of the Printer employed to do the work