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MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

South District Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

BETHEL CHURCH, ST. CLAIR COUNTY,

ON

THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 1869.

BELLEVILLE, ILL.:

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1869.

SOUTH DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

SUMMARY OF FAITH.

This Association believes that the Holy Scriptures, being given by the inspiration of God, are the only rule of faith and practice in the churches of Christ; and teach (among other truths) the self-existence of one infinite and holy God, who is revealed to us in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Ghost;—the eternal and essential deity of Christ;—the entire depravity and lost condition of all men; the holiness, and unchanging obligation of the divine law, that requires supreme love to God, and corresponding affection to all men; the necessity of a change of heart, called the "new birth," and which is effected by the Holy Spirit as the agent, and the word of God as the means; the duty of all men who hear the Gospel to repent of sin and believe in Christ, and that a wicked heart is no excuse; the unchanging purpose of God in all his works; the free pardon and justification of every believer in Christ, through the redemption in Him; the perseverance of the Saints; the duty of every believer to be baptized in water, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, before membership in the church; the duty of the church to partake of the Lord's Supper; the entire independence of each church in government and discipline; the duty of each believer to obey all the laws of Christ; our obligation to observe the Lord's day, or Christian Sabbath; the resurrection of the dead, and final judgment; with the eternal punishment of the wicked and salvation of the righteous.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This body shall be known as the South District Association of Baptist Churches in Illinois.

ART. II. It shall be composed of the ordained ministers and licentiates belonging to the churches composing this body, together with those ordained ministers acting as supplies or pastors; and such other brethren as the churches shall send as messengers to each annual meeting.

ART. III. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and a Clerk, who shall be chosen for each session, as soon as the names of ministers and messengers are enrolled, and shall be elected by private ballot, without nomination or debate.

It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the session, and until a re-election; enforce the rules, preserve order, reprove any improprieties, decide on points of order (subject to an appeal, by a majority of members, to the body, which shall be without debate.) He may speak on all subjects after calling a member to the Chair, and he shall examine and correct the Minutes.

It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a correct account of the proceedings of the session, and at the close furnish the standing Secretary a copy of said proceedings.

It shall be the duty of the Standing Secretary, (who, by virtue of his office shall be a member of this body,) to receive and take care of all books and papers belonging to the Association; to receive communications addressed to the body during the recess, and lay them before the Association, and be its organ of correspondence in communicating such information as may be called for from other religious bodies.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and take charge of all funds contributed to the Association for its expenses, or for any benevolent purpose, and pay them out according to the order of the Association, or that of any standing committee having charge of any specific business during the recess. Any funds contributed for a specific object shall be paid out only for that object. And he shall exhibit a report in detail at each annual meeting, to be examined and certified by an auditing committee.

ART. IV. It shall be the duty of the churches to send with their messengers a report of their condition and progress, with the additions and diminutions of the past year, in the particular form as is printed in the table of churches, with the whole number of members. Each church shall forward money in proportion to the number of its members, to print the Minutes, and each church shall receive Minutes in proportion to the amount of money paid; and each church of one hundred members or less, be entitled to send three messengers, and one for every additional twenty-five.

ART. V. Churches desirous of being received into this body, may apply by letter and messengers, and upon presenting their articles of faith, if found sound in faith and correct in practice, they may be received by vote and giving the hand of fellowship.

ART. VI. If any church departs from the faith of the Gospel, or becomes disorderly in practice, on due proof thereof, the Association may drop its name from the Minutes, and thus rid itself of all responsibility on account of the disorderly member.

ART. VII. The Association shall hold an annual meeting, to commence on the Thursday before the first Sabbath in September, at such place as shall have been previously appointed.

ART. VIII. The Association may open and hold correspondence with other Associations and Missionary Conventions, as it may think proper.

ART. IX. When a church shall neglect making a communication to the Association for two years, it shall be dropped from the Minutes, unless two or more members shall request its continuance, and will engage to visit said church, inquire into its standing, and report at the next Association.

ART. X. It shall be the duty of the Association, from time to time, to suggest to the churches such measures as may be thought most expedient to promote the spread of the Gospel in the world.

ART. XI. This Constitution shall be and remain in full force until altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, and on the last day of the session.

MINUTES.

THURSDAY, Sept. 2, 1869.

The South District Association of Baptist Churches in Illinois, convened with the Bethel Church, in St. Clair County, for its Forty-Ninth annual session, at 2 o'clock P. M.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. M. Cochran, from Isaiah IX, 6: "And the government shall be upon his shoulder."

The former Moderator not being present, the Association was called to order by the Clerk, and Elder T. W. B. Dawson, being the oldest minister present, took the chair pro tem.

On motion M. W. Weir was appointed Assistant Clerk.

The letters from the churches were then read, exhibiting statistics. (See Table.)

The Association proceeded to the election of officers: Elder H. S. Deppe was elected Moderator, and M. W. Weir, Clerk.

The following brethren were appointed a committee on Religious Exercises, viz: J. M. Cochran, G. W. Bowler and Gideon Lemen.

The following brethren were appointed a committee to arrange, digest and prepare business for the Association, viz: E. J. Palmer, J. M. Cochran, Geo. Silver, L. W. Scandland and Solomon Teter.

Visiting brethren were then invited to seats in the Association, and the invitation was accepted by Rev. I. S. Mahan, Agent American Baptist Home Mission Society, and representative of the Louisville Association. (Subsequently the following brethren appeared and accepted similar invitations, viz: Rev. Leroy Church, Editor STANDARD; Rev. Norman Fox, Editor CENTRAL BAPTIST; Rev. D. F. Car-nahan, Agent General Association, and Superintendent of Missions; Rev. G. J. Johnson, District Secretary American Baptist Publication Society, and Prof. James Henderson, Traveling Agent "Burlington Collegiate Institute.")

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported preaching to-night at 8 o'clock, by Rev. George Silver; prayer meeting at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning, and preaching to-morrow at 11 o'clock by Rev. I. S. Mahan.

Correspondence from other Associations being called for, Bro. Mahan said he had a communication from the Louisville Association, which he would lay before this body at a convenient time.

Elder Green moved that Bro. Mahan be specially invited to lay said communication before this body.

Bro. Palmer moved that Bro. Green's motion be made the special order for to-morrow morning at 9 1-2 o'clock. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Palmer that the hour for commencing business in the morning during this session be 9 o'clock. Carried.

On motion the Association then adjourned.

FRIDAY MORNING, Sept. 3.

Prayer meeting at 8 o'clock.

At 9 o'clock the Business Committee reported the following resolution :

(No. 1.) RESOLVED, That the several churches composing this Association be requested to prepare a brief history of their respective churches, from the date of their organization, and that the several histories thus prepared be published successively in the Associational Minutes, commencing with the oldest church and continuing in the order of their organization until the history of each church shall have been published.

Bro. Green moved that the resolution be adopted. After some discussion, further consideration of the resolution was postponed to take up the special order of the day.

Bro. Mahan then read a communication from the Louisville Association containing the following resolutions :

WHEREAS, Southern Illinois presents a field of great spiritual destitution, and WHEREAS, No organization of our denomination is doing anything adequate to the necessities of the case, to occupy and cultivate the same; therefore

RESOLVED, That it is the sense of this Association that the time has come when a mass Convention of the Baptists of this section of the State should be called to inquire as to the best means of meeting this want so pressingly felt in its demands.

RESOLVED, That we earnestly invite other Associations and individual churches of Southern Illinois, to meet with us by their messengers at such time and place as may be agreed upon, to deliberate upon this matter; and, if deemed expedient when assembled, to organize a permanent "Baptist Convention of Southern Illinois," for missionary purposes, on such basis as may seem most advisable.

RESOLVED, That a committee of three be appointed to correspond with any like committees that may be appointed by sister Associations and Churches, and make all necessary arrangements for the meeting of such Convention.

The Business Committee reported the following resolutions :

(No. 2.) RESOLVED, That this body adopt the resolutions in the communication from the Louisville Association, and appoint brethren ——— to unite in the call therein contemplated.

(No. 3.) RESOLVED, That we recommend to our small churches which are located in out-of-the-way places, and away from business centers, to consolidate with churches in central places with a view to an increase of strength.

Moved by Bro. Palmer that Resolution No. 3 be filed for future consideration, and that Resolution No. 2 be adopted.

After some considerable discussion the committee asked leave to withdraw the Resolution to amend same. Granted.

The hour for preaching having arrived, the Association took a recess of five minutes, after which Bro. Mahan delivered a discourse from Mark XVI, 15 & 16.

The committee on Religious Exercises, reported preaching this P. M. at 3 o'clock by Bro. D. F. Carnahan, and at 8 o'clock this evening by Bro. Cyrus Thomas.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, Sept. 3.

In the absence of the Moderator the Association was called to order by the Clerk, and Bro. Dawson was appointed Moderator pro tem.

On motion of Bro. Cochran, the Association proceeded to appoint delegates to sister Associations.

Bros. Cochran and Silver were appointed to the General Association.

Bro. Silver, Edwardsville Association.

“ Deppe, Nine Mile “

“ Cochran, Louisville “

On motion of Brother Palmer the Clerk was instructed to send copies of Minutes to the Clerks of Clear Creek and Carrollton Associations, respectively.

The Moderator appearing, took the Chair.

On motion, Bro. Wm. H. Bowler was elected Treasurer of this Association.

The former Treasurer submitted the following report, which was referred to an Auditing Committee composed of Bros. Dawson and Silas Smith :

M. W. Weir in account with the South District Association of Baptist Churches in Illinois, for the year 1868--9.

To cash rec'd from the churches for Minutes of Association.....	Dr.	\$37 00
By cash paid Clerk of Association as per vouchers filed herewith.....	Cr.	\$35 23
By balance in Treasury.....		\$ 1 77 —\$37 00
Respectfully submitted,		
Sept. 2, 1869.	M. W. WEIR, Treasurer.	

On motion of Bro. Green, Bro. J. M. Cochran was appointed a member of the Board of the General Association.

The Committee on Business reported back Resolution No. 2 without amendment. The consideration of the same was resumed. On putting the question the resolution was adopted. The blanks in the resolution were filled by a vote of the Association with the names of Bros. Deppe and Palmer.

The hour for preaching having arrived, Bro. Carnahan delivered a discourse from 2d Cor. IV. 1-7, after which Association adjourned.

SATURDAY MORNING, Sept. 4.

Prayer meeting at 8 o'clock.

At 9 o'clock prayer by Bro. Cochran.

The Auditing Committee reported that they had found the report of Treasurer referred to them correct; on motion the report was adopted.

Moved by Bro. Cochran that the churches be required in their next letters to this Association, to state the date of their organization. Carried.

The discussion of Resolution No. 1, being resumed, Bro. Green moved that the same be amended by requiring three of the oldest churches to send up their respective histories next year, so as to ensure the publication of one of them in the minutes of next year. Carried.

A vote being taken upon the Resolution as amended, the same was adopted.

Resolution No. 3, being called up and discussed, was, by vote, rejected.

Moved that this Association hold its next session with the Collinsville Church. Carried.

On motion, Bro. George Silver was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Bro. Cyrus Thomas was appointed his alternate. The following resolutions were then adopted :

RESOLVED, That we recommend the STANDARD published at Chicago, and the CENTRAL BAPTIST, published at St. Louis, for general circulation in the churches composing this Association.

ON TEMPERANCE.

RESOLVED, That we should, as churches, require our members to cease tipping or in any way patronizing saloons, and that they should exert their united influence against the use of all intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

RESOLVED, That it is our special duty as members of churches to labor for the reformation of drunkards and the suppression of intemperance wherever we can.

ON A PROPER OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH AND FAMILY WORSHIP.

WHEREAS, The Sabbath is the Lord's day, for Him and His service alone should it be spent, and

WHEREAS, It is highly displeasing to God to devote any part of it for our own work or pleasure or words or thoughts, as we learn in Isaiah LVIII, 13; therefore,

RESOLVED, That we should spend a portion of each Sabbath in the public worship of God, and if we cannot have preaching, we should assemble in God's house in His name, for prayer and praise, and be instructed by the reading of His word, and thus hold communion with God, and christian intercourse with each other.

RESOLVED, That as a means of the highest importance, and the most explicit duty, we should, as parents and heads of families, have our altars erected in the family circle, whereupon to offer our morning and evening sacrifices. That religion begins here, and renders us capable of exerting a proper influence over our own families and those with whom we mingle, and fits us for the work of the sanctuary, and the enjoyments and employments of that "Sabbath which shall never end."

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported the following Resolution :

RESOLVED, That Bro. Cochran be instructed to give the General Association an account of the state of Religion in the bounds of this Association.

On motion of Bro. Palmer, same was adopted.

A communication was then read from Bros. S. M. Osgood and C. F. Tolman, District Secretaries American Baptist Missionary Union, whereupon Bro. Green offered the following resolution :

RESOLVED, That we heartily sympathize with the American Baptist Missionary Union, in its important work, and that we will do all we can in our churches at home to sustain it by our contributions and our prayers. Adopted.

On motion the following Resolutions were adopted :

RESOLVED, That we heartily commend to the members of our churches to take and read the MISSIONARY MAGAZINE, and the MACEDONIAN AND RECORD, which are the channels of communication between the Missionaries abroad and the supporters at home.

RESOLVED, That the work of the Illinois Baptist General Association, in aiding feeble churches, in sustaining pastors, and establishing churches where there are none, is a work of great importance, demanding the sympathies, prayers and liberal contributions of the churches of this Association.

RESOLVED, That in view of the glorious work done by the American Baptist Home Mission Society during the past year, and of the constantly increasing demand for Missionary aid in all parts of the West and South, we recommend every church in our bounds to pray for and contribute to the work of this Society. And that we ask that Society to take measures to place a German missionary in our Association, and we pledge ourselves to do our part to sustain him.

RESOLVED, That we hail with pleasure the evidences of progress and success of our AMERICAN BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY during the past year; and we hereby pledge ourselves to give it preference in the purchase of Libraries and papers for our schools; and will also remember it in our contributions, as well as sympathies and prayers.

After prayer by Bro. Palmer, the Association adjourned.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, Sept. 4.

In accordance with the Constitution of the South District Baptist Sunday School Association, that body convened at 2 o'clock.

It being understood that a beautiful banner had been prepared, to present to the Sabbath School which should give the best performance in singing, the Association spent the greater part of the afternoon in listening to the delightful music produced by the different schools represented on the occasion. But three schools entered into the contest for the banner, viz: those of Bethel, Lebanon and Waterloo. Bros. Church, of Chicago; Fox, of St. Louis, and Lemen, of Salem, were chosen judges. After several songs had been sung by each school, the banner was awarded to the Lebanon School. The Association then adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock this evening.

SATURDAY EVENING, Sept. 4.

Prayer by Bro. G. W. Darrow.

The report of the Secretary of the Board of Directors was then read, and after an interesting discussion, the same was adopted and ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

REPORT.

Secretary's Report to the Board of the South District Baptist Sunday School Association; met at Bethel, St. Clair County, Ill., Sept. 4, 1869:

DEAR BRETHREN:—After the formation of the South District Baptist Sunday School Association, and at the organization of its Board Sept. 6, 1868, Bro. G. W. Darrow was appointed as its S. S. Missionary Colporteur for the ensuing year.

The Secretary soon after opened correspondence with the following Societies, viz: The American Baptist Publication Society, The American and Foreign Bible Society, The American Bible Union, The American Tract Society, Boston, and the American Tract Society, New York; also with several private Publishing Houses, with the following result, in part:

The American Baptist Publication Society has donated to our own Association \$25 worth of Tracts (English and German) and "Young Reapers."

The American Tract Society, Boston, has donated \$10 worth of Tracts and small Books.

The American Tract Society, New York, has donated \$10 worth of Tracts and small Books.

The American and Foreign Bible Society has donated \$30 worth of Bibles and Testaments (English and German.)

The American Bible Union has donated \$84 50 worth of Revised New Testaments, German Testaments, Easy Lessons, Bible Lessons and Bible Primers.

We have received donations from individuals to the amount of \$60.

Several churches of the Association have also donated to the American Baptist Publication Society for the support of our Missionary Colporteur, \$155 40.

Making the total receipts of the Association for the past year \$424 90.

Our Sunday School Missionary and Colporteur has sold and donated Bibles, Testaments, Books, Tracts, Papers, Cards, &c., to the value of \$400—\$85 45 of which belonged exclusively to our Association.

We have paid for Bibles, Testaments and Freight on Books, Tracts, &c., \$64 98. And have now on hand Bibles, Testaments, Tracts, &c., to the value of \$169 05, as the property of the Association.

Your Missionary Colporteur from unavoidable circumstances has been able to devote but a portion of his time to Missionary work.

He has labored 142 days—traveled 1,554 miles—visited 839 families—sold 435 volumes—donated 205 volumes—procured and distributed 1,500 copies of the "Young Reaper" and other Sunday School papers—found 67 families destitute of the Bible, and supplied 57 families with the WORD OF LIFE—has organized 18 Sunday Schools and addressed 57 other schools—held 65 meetings for prayer and praise, and gathered into Sunday Schools 1,100 children, one half of whom were German children.

Your Missionary has been provided with the means, and has faithfully "sown the good seed beside all waters," which with God's blessing will doubtless bring forth an abundant harvest; but not till the great day of account will it be known what amount of good has been accomplished during the past year through the instrumentality of your Association.

J. M. COCHRAN, Sec'y.

On motion, Bros. Silver and Cochran were appointed delegates from this Association to the State Sabbath School Convention.

There being no further business before the Sabbath School Association, that body adjourned, and the South District Association resumed its session.

Moved, that a collection be taken up to-morrow morning, after preaching, for the American Baptist Publication Society. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Palmer, that it be a standing rule of this Association that our Constitution and rules of order, and the Constitution of the Sabbath School Association, be printed in the Minutes. Carried.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to superintend the printing of the Minutes of this session, and to have five hundred copies printed for distribution among the churches entitled thereto.

The following resolution was then adopted :

RESOLVED, That we hereby express our thanks to the people of this community for their hospitality to us during the session of the Association."

The Minutes of the session were then read and approved.

There being no further business to transact, the Association adjourned after a few appropriate remarks by the Moderator, and the singing of the hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds," and the extending of the hand of fellowship.

H. S. DEPPE, Moderator.

M. W. WEIR, Clerk.

SUNDAY, Sept. 5.

Rev. G. J. Johnson preached to a large congregation at 11 o'clock, after which a collection was taken up for the American Baptist Publication Society, amounting in money and pledges to \$118 70.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Messenger's Names.	Total from each Church.	Home Expenses.	For Other Objects.	For Foreign Mis-	For Bible Cause.	For Amer'n Bap-	For Pub. Society.	For Home Missions	For Printing Min-	Expended for Sun-	Vols. in Library.	No. Pupils.	No. Teachers	No. S. Schools	Present No.	Decased	Excluded	Dismissed	Restored	Rec'd by Letter.	Baptized	
Belleville.....	Cyrus Thomas, Pastor, W. T. Green, Ord. M.; Chas. Gooding, Frederick Merrells, M. F. Stooker, M. W. Weir	\$1,226 60	\$1,983 78	413 00	3 05	20 00	\$90 87	4 00	\$5 00	\$5 00	\$193 31	256	220	3 21	169	3	1	3 27	1	4	1	37	7
Bethel.....	J. M. Cochran, Pastor; G. W. Bowler, Gideon S. Lemna, Samuel Beadle	600 00	671 15	5 50	3 05	20 00	40 00	4 00	3 60	3 60	100	100	108	1	108	1	4	4	1	1	1	1	1
Bushy Grove.....	Not reported	200 00	249 50	9 33	.....	.....	14 00	.....	2 00	24 17	50	50	78	1	78	1	6	6	1	6	6	6	6
Collinsville.....	L. W. Scandland, Judson Wilson, Wm. H. Bowler	200 00	249 50	9 33	.....	.....	14 00	.....	2 00	24 17	50	50	78	1	78	1	6	6	1	6	6	6	6
Erechburg.....	H. S. Dopp, Pastor; E. J. Palmer, O. M. Solomon, Jeter, Benj. McGuire, J. T. Lemna	600 00	651 75	6 00	.....	.....	4 75	.....	5 00	36 00	.....	.....	52	2	154	2	2	9	7	2	2	29	3
Lebanon.....	H. S. DeJaye, Pastor; J. McCoy, Silas Smith, John Rader	100 00	101 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	1 50	50	50	36	1	36	1	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oak Hill.....	J. M. Cochran, Pastor; W. A. Darrow, John Rader	500 00	584 25	5 00	5 00	16 25	.....	10 00	3 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	52	.....	6 2	1	6 2	.....	.....	.....	.....
O'Fallon.....	Not reported	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Ridge.....	W. J. Cross, Pastor; John Black, David Williams, Preston Geers	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	110	2	1	6	1	1	24	7	
Red Bud.....	Daniel Shipman, Pastor; Conrad Lanier	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Shiloh Valley.....	Not reported	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Troy.....	George Silver, Pastor; I. W. B. Dawson, O. M.; F. Carman, A. Wilson	750 00	800 25	.....	12 00	.....	.....	.....	3 25	35 00	85	85	106	1	106	.....	6	1	6	.....	.....	.....	.....
Waterloo.....	Daniel Shipman, Pastor; James Miles, Commodore Tolin, Peter Wright	350 00	477 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	125 00	250	250	59	1	59	.....	3	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....		4,576 60	5,513 18	4,527 83	18 00	96 25	159 62	20 00	29 35	413 48	605	606	605	11 53	902	11	11	779	12	11	28	196	306

POSTOFFICE ADDRESS OF PASTORS AND CLERKS.

Churches.	Ministers and Postoffice Address.	Clerks and Postoffice Address.
Belleville,	CYRUS THOMAS, Pastor, Belleville; W. T. GREEN, Ordained Minister, Belleville; T. J. KOETZLE, Ordained Minister, Waterloo; SAMUEL P. ROACH, Ordained Minister, Millstadt.	M. W. WEIR, Belleville.
Bethel,	J. M. COCHRAN, Pastor, O'Fallon; JAMES LEMEN, SR., Ordained Minister, Collinsville.	SAMUEL WHITLOCK, Collinsville.
Collinsville,	No Pastor.	W. H. BOWLER, Collinsville,
Freeburg,	H. S. DEPPE, Pastor, Freeburg; E. J. PALMER, Ordained Minister, Freeburg; J. S. SHORT, Licentiate, Freeburg.	G. C. PATTERSON, Freeburg.
Lebanon,	H. S. DEPPE, Pastor,	SILAS SMITH, Lebanon.
Oak Hill,	J. M. COCHRAN, Pastor, O'Fallon.	W. M. PEACH, JR., O'Fallon.
Pleasant Ridge,	W. D. ROSS, Pastor, Lebanon; V. LINGENFELTER, Licentiate, Lebanon; EMANUEL COX, Licentiate, Lebanon.	A. P. HART, Lebanon.
Red Bud,	DANIEL SHIPMAN, Pastor, Red Bud.	W. M. M. OUTON, Red Bud.
Troy,	GEORGE SILVER, Pastor, Troy; T. W. B. DAWSON, Ordained Minister, Troy; JOHN PADON, Ordained Minister, Troy.	A. WILSON, Troy.
Waterloo.	DANIEL SHIPMAN, Pastor, Red Bud.	J. H. H. WALLACE, Waterloo.

NOTE.—No reports from the Bushy Grove, O'Fallon and Shiloh Valley Churches.

SOUTH DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of each day shall be opened and closed with prayer. On the first day there shall be an introductory sermon, at the hour of 2 o'clock P. M., by some person previously appointed, or his alternate, and should both fail, then a preacher shall be named, and a vote taken for the occasion.

2. In the absence of the Moderator, the Clerk shall call the Association to order, and the oldest minister present shall officiate as Moderator until one is chosen.

3. Ministers and members of Baptist Churches present, and invited to sit with us, may speak on all subjects, but vote on none.

4. No subject shall be discussed without a motion and a second, unless introduced by a committee appointed for the purpose; and no person shall speak more than twice on any subject, without leave of the Association.

5. All subjects shall come up in the order in which they stand, unless by vote or agreement they shall be made the order of a particular day or hour. In filling blanks, the largest sum, the highest number, and the longest time, shall be taken first.

6. Every motion shall be put in writing, and each member, when speaking, shall arise from his seat, address the Moderator, avoid all personal reflections, and if he depart from the subject, he may be called to order.

7. The Moderator shall nominate all committees, unless otherwise ordered by the Association. A committee to arrange the religious exercises and designate the preachers, shall be appointed immediately after organization; and a committee to arrange, digest and prepare the business; and such other committees as the Association may direct, shall be announced as soon as the morning of the second day of the session.

8. The Constitution and rules of order shall be read immediately after being organized.

9. The Constitution of this Association, and the rules of order, and the Constitution of the South District Baptist Sabbath School Association, shall be printed each year with the Minutes of this Association.

SOUTH DISTRICT BAPTIST SABBATH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

CONSTITUTION.

ART. I. This Body shall be known as the South District Baptist Sabbath School Association, and shall hold its annual meetings in connection with the Association from which it takes its name, beginning at 2 o'clock P. M., on the last day of the regular session of said Association.

ART. II. Its object shall be the promotion of Sabbath School work within the bounds of the Association, by such means as may from time to time be deemed advisable.

ART. III. Its membership shall be composed of messengers from the Sabbath Schools uniting with us, no school to send more than five, in addition to the Superintendents and Pastors connected with the Association.

ART. IV. Its officers shall consist of a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be the same as those of the South District Association.

ART. V. The Superintendents and Pastors of this body shall constitute a Board of Directors, which shall make such rules for their guidance as may be deemed necessary, make all arrangements for the meetings of the Association, and have a general supervision over its work.

ART. VI. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of the Association, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.