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Next Session of the Association.

PLACE—Fall Branch Church, Washington County, Tenn.
TIME—Thursday before the Second Sunday in August,
1887. Introductory Sermon by Rev. E. Allison. Alter-
nate, Rev. W. A. Keen.

Delegates will leave Railroad at Jonesboro. Dis-
tance to the Church fifteen miles.

Address E. H. BACHMAN, C. C.,
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— HOLSTON —

Baptist Association,

— CONVENED IN ITS —

**One Hundred and First Anniversary with New
Salem Church, Washington County, Tenn.,
August 5th, Thursday before the Second
Sunday, 1886.**

— MINUTES. —

THURSDAY.

OPENING SESSION.

Promptly at 11 A. M., worship is opened by a service of
song. Elder E. Allison invokes the Divine blessing on the
delegates and their labors.

Rev. James E. Smith who had been appointed to preach
the Introductory Sermon is absent. Rev. Eli Ratliff, his
Alternate, is also absent. Therefore, by request, Rev. T.
J. Murphy preached this sermon: TEXT: "*For we are his
workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which
God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*"—EPH.
2-10.

Prayer led by Rev. G. P. Faw. After benediction, ad-
journed for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION. 1 P. M.

Song—"I will sing you a song of that beautiful land."

Rev. W. A. Keen reads II. Tim. 2nd chap., and leads the
body in prayer. As Moderator for the past year, he calls
the Association to order, and asks for letters from the

Churches. By request Col. T. H. Reeves and Rev. J. H. Moore read them, and the clerk makes the following

ENROLLMENT OF DELEGATES.

- Antioch.*—M. J. Peoples, John Kelly, David Saylor.
Beaver Creek.—R. B. Cross, James Phillips, Thomas Carroll.
Bethel.—John S. Wolf, Cain Shell.
Blountville.—Letter. but no delegate.
Buffalo Ridge.—Rev. W. A. Keen, Rev. G. P. Faw, D. P. Hale, Rev. T. H. Crouch.
Chinquelin Grove.—W. H. Hicks, D. N. Lyon, J. C. Smith, J. W. Watson.
Cherokee.—Rev. J. H. Moore, H. Bayless, Keen Bacon, William Waller.
Clear Fork.—Rev. James Ratliff, James E. Smith.
Double Springs.—W. O. Smith.
Eron.—James E. Deakins, James W. Smith, Edward Humphreys.
Fall Branch.—Murrell Moore, R. M. Hopper, J. H. Haws.
Fall Creek.—No letter, no delegate.
Fordtown.—Jackson Ervin.
Harmony.—J. E. Brown, John Taylor, J. A. Smith.
Holston.—S. M. Jones, Wm. Webb, G. W. Humphreys.
Holston Valley.—J. M. Buckles, James Watson.
Indian Creek.—J. Bogart, W. S. Erwin, E. Booth.
Johnson City.—Rev. J. B. Jones, J. A. Cargille, J. W. Hunter.
Jonesboro.—Rev. E. Allison, R. H. Dungan, T. H. Reeves, D. W. F. Peoples.
Kingsport.—Neither letter, nor delegate.
Liberty.—Neither letter, nor delegate.
Limestone.—F. S. Murdock, Jackson Bowser.
Lovelace.—R. V. Basket, S. M. Brandon, Wm. Hall.
Mt. Hermon.—D. A. Bowers, Jesse Crouch, Martin Hodges.
Mt. Olivet.—J. L. Dyche.
Mountain View.—John W. Ruble.
Muddy Creek.—Cannady Hodge.
New Lebanon.—Benjamin White, Francis M. McNeese, John Kilday.
New Salem.—W. H. Humphreys, J. B. Chase, Mc. Maples.
Philadelphia.—M. Miller, Rev. S. H. Harold.

- Roaring Springs.*—Wm. Holland, Alex. Smith.
Shiloh.—Rev. A. Routh.
Susong's Memorial.—No letter, no delegate.
Union.—John Edens, E. S. Brumit, N. J. Galloway, John Houtz, J. D. Weaver.
Walkers Fork.—Elder S. Bachman, F. Gibson.

ORGANIZATION.

Election by ballot. Tellers: Elders E. Allison, N. W. G. Baxter, T. J. Murphy, and Brother S. T. Harris, who announced the election of the following officers. (See first page).

Organization being completed, Col. T. H. Reeves, Moderator, takes the chair.

On invitation the following brethren accept seats with the Association as

Corresponding Delegates.

W. A. J. Moore, Tennessee Association; Rev. J. C. McLain, Holston Valley Association; Prof. A. Hutton, Professor of Mathematics in King College, New Lebanon Association, Va.; Rev. R. D. Haymore, Lebanon, Va.

Visiting Brethren.

NOLACHUCKY ASSOCIATION.—Prof. W. C. Russell, representing Newman Female College, Mossy Creek; Rev. C. C. Brown, D. D., Cor. Secretary State Mission Board, Mossy Creek.

WATAUGA.—Brother J. F. Perkins.

LEBANON, VA.—Rev. T. J. Murphy.

HOLSTON.—Rev. N. W. G. Baxter; Dr. Wm. Smith, S. T. Harris.

BRISTOL CHURCH.—Brethren J. J. Adams and W. F. Cooper.

Rev. J. M. Robertson, D. D., representing the Baptist Publishing Company, and the *Baptist Reflector*, Chattanooga.

The Moderator appoints the following

COMMITTEES.

ON ARRANGEMENTS.—Rev. W. A. Keen and D. W. F. Peoples.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.—The Pastor and Deacons of this Church, and J. B. Chase.

FINANCE.—S. M. Brandon and Rev. T. H. Crouch.

RESOLUTIONS.—Elders J. H. Moore and S. H. Harold.

LETTERS.—Brethren J. Bogart and Jas. E. Deakins.

OBITUARIES.—J. A. Cargille and D. P. Hale.

PERIODICALS.—Rev. J. B. Jones and Jno. S. Wolf.

COLPORTAGE.—Rev. Jas. E. Smith and Reuben Basket.

On motion adjourned to 9 A. M. to-morrow.

Prayer by Rev. R. D. Haymore.

Benediction by Rev. W. A. Keen.

FRIDAY.

MORNING SESSION. 9 A. M.

Moderator in the chair.

Song: "Sweet bye and bye."

Rev. W. A. Keen reads 23rd Psalm.

Prayer led by Dr. J. M. Robertson.

Singing: "All hail the power of Jesus' name."

The Committee on Arrangements offers a report which is received and adopted, and indicated by the proceedings of the body.

Periodicals.

Rev. J. B. Jones reads:

Your Committee respectfully submit the *Baptist Reflector*, published at Chattanooga, having passed into the hands of a Joint Stock Company, has been enlarged and improved, and being sound in doctrine and fearless in its utterances, we heartily commend it, and would urge upon our people the pressing importance of extending its circulation in our Churches. A "Book House" has also been established in connection with the paper, where our denominational literature can be obtained. We earnestly commend to the management of our Sunday Schools the Quarterlies, Papers and Lesson Helps of the American Baptist Publishing Society at Philadelphia, as well as that most excellent little journal "*Kind Words*," published at Macon, Georgia. The importance of sound literature, and plenty of it, in our Sunday Schools, is a matter we would especially emphasize, and, since it has become so cheap, it requires but little effort to supply the demand.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. JONES, }
J. S. WOLF, } Committee.

Motion for adoption being duly seconded, brother J. Bogart moves to limit addresses to ten minutes for opening and five minutes for all others on all subjects except Missions, Education and Temperance. *Carried.*

Rev. W. A. Keen rose to a point of order. He thinks the motion contrary to the constitution or to a by-law. At any rate he opposes haste in discussion. If any one is disposed to speak more than he should, or the subject demands, let him go ahead and make an exhibition of his folly.

Rev. G. P. Faw reads Article 9 of Rules of Decorum, and says that he does not think 10 minutes sufficient time to discuss any subject worthy of our consideration.

Rev. J. H. Moore moves to reconsider the vote upon the limitation of address. *Carried.*

Rev. J. B. Jones urges the adoption of the report upon the intrinsic value of the publications recommended to our schools and churches. No Baptist school or church should be without sound Baptist literature.

Dr. J. M. Robertson says:

"I came not here to represent myself, but the Baptist Publishing Company. The time has come when the Baptists of the State should own and control their own paper. The Company's stock is placed at \$10,000—divided into shares of \$25.00 each. The *Reflector* belongs to the Company. Stock has been taken in Memphis, Jackson, Brownsville, Humboldt, Milan, Ripley, Belle, Nashville, Gallatin, Shop Spring, Woodberry, Wartrace, Shelbyville, Mechanicsville, Winchester, Chattanooga, Knoxville, Loudon, Island Home, Mossy Creek, Newport, and many other places in town and country, being held by parties, brethren, and Churches. In Nashville, every pastor and twenty business men hold stock. This shows the feeling towards the paper, located at Chattanooga, which location has been conceded by the whole State. Each stockholder is entitled to one vote for each share of stock he holds. If an editor does not voice the sentiment of the denomination, he can and ought to be discharged and a man put in who does represent us. The paper belongs to the denomination, and is specially devoted to the interests of Tennessee. It makes no war on other papers, but means to make itself indispensable to every reading Baptist in the State. Now that the location of the enterprise has been conceded to East Tennessee, the question is, What will East Tennessee Baptists do? Will they stand by it? They have done so in the past. We need that every minister and reader shall work for its circulation. A large eight-page paper cannot be published at \$1.50 a year and hire traveling agents. We must depend upon its friends to push it. The price to ministers is \$1.00 a year."

Rev. R. D. Haymore says:

"Evidently there is something wrong in the Baptists of this country. I have never heard in all my life so many blanks in Church letters. There is something wrong about all this. I believe that it is ignorance. I do not say its ignorance in general, but ignorance in our special work. Our brethren therefore need information. They need to read the *Reflector*. How many present take it? The Churches send their best men to the Association as delegates, yet I would be ashamed, I know, if I were to ask all here who take it, to rise. Baptists ought to be a reading people. They have the truth as it is in Jesus, and they ought to know it and teach it to others. I want to see every Baptist family in the land reading the *Reflector* and the Sunday School literature of our Publication Society."

Committee on Religious Exercises announce preaching in the grove at 11 A. M., and 2 P. M., to-day. Rev. W. A. Keen offers in lieu:

Resolved, That appointments for preaching to-day be recalled, and until this Resolution is revoked, this body uniformly adjourn at 11:30 A. M., for preaching. *Carried.*

Report on Periodicals adopted.

Colportage.

Rev. James E. Smith reads :

Knowing that impressions made in youth have their bearing in the life of a man, and an error once imbibed can scarcely, if at all, be eradicated, it is of vital importance to the Church of Christ in the future, that nothing of an impure nature be brought into the reach of the young which might prejudice them against the truth. This demands our attention, and we must prosper or suffer just as we give it attention.

We must have a Colporteur to visit our homes and Churches, and supply us with pure literature, such as will reveal the Church in its proper light and place. We recommend that the Association secure a traveling Colporteur, to use the present books and means, and collect by donation and subscription whatever he can to carry on this business, and that he be allowed a per cent on all he sells and collects.

JAS. E. SMITH, }
R. V. BASKETT. } Committee.

After motion to receive and adopt the report, Rev. J. E. Smith, says :

"This subject is very important. It demands our money as well as our attention. Many a brother would give a quarter, a dollar or more, to aid in so great a work. Remember the widow's mite, and let all help a little. We ought by all means to have a traveling Colporteur, and I believe that he could make a fair livelihood from it; certainly he could if he would contribute the aid we ought. Let us not say *resolved* only in this matter, but let us do our duty. We are worth exactly what we put into practice, only that and nothing more. If we believe that we are right, we should prove it by our actions."

Rev. R. D. Haymore followed in an earnest and urgent address upon the great utility of this work.

Report adopted.

Report on Ministerial support is called for. Rev. J. H. Moore replies "not ready." On motion the subject is passed for the present.

Sunday Schools.

W. A. J. Moore, Committee, reads :

"The Church and its interests should demand our attention first, and as the fond mother trains the delicate mind of her infant, so should the Church nourish the youth, train the young minds for spiritual usefulness. The Sunday School is the nursery of the Church. In no other way can we properly instruct the youth for future usefulness in the Lord's vineyard. But do we realize this in its full meaning? If so, great will be our reward if we act in accordance therewith. But if on the other hand we know our duty in this respect, and do it not, will not the Lord hold us responsible for our negligence? It is not necessary to assert that each Church should support a Sunday School, corresponding in size with the number of Church members and members of their families. Just how this is to be done, depends upon the different circumstances of the churches now without Schools. I shall lay down no plans, but would urge that action be taken in this matter. We are losing ground. If we do not do this work, by and by some one else will do it for us, and they who labor shall be rewarded.

Brethren, let us not pass this by as an idle tale and one often told, but act, and act at once. As helps to the proper study of the Sunday School Lessons, we would recommend those published by the American Baptist Publication Society, and also those published by the Southern Baptist Convention.

W. A. J. MOORE, Committee.

Brother Moore says :

"This subject has been a hobby of mine, but I feel that it is about time that I should make another, yet I am greatly interested in this work. Of twenty-

five Churches, thirteen report Sunday Schools. Of these many are fully alive, but some are nearly dead. If we would plan wisely and successfully build ourselves up, we must begin with the children. Of course parents are highly responsible in this matter. They should attend with the children, nor should they be satisfied by mere attendance. They should feel that success in this work is of the very first importance. Our common schools succeed only under zealous and determined efforts, and as Christian workers, Baptists should have better reports from the Churches on this subject.

Any Church can support a Sunday School. A small one is better than none—one not very lively is better than none at all. A Church whose members are really in earnest in christian work will have a Sunday School. The smallest church is just as responsible here as the largest. It can not do as much in any christian work as the larger one should, but it can do as much (or more) in the Sunday School as anywhere. God has given his people the power to do great things in this field of christian work, and we are responsible to just the extent of our failure, and shall be rewarded to the limit of the duties we discharge. As Churches and Christian workers, we are not as responsible to our Association as to God himself. Any Church can have a Sunday School. If it does not, and will not, it alone is responsible."

Rev. J. E. Smith says :

"It's difficult for every Brother and Sister to realize the importance of a Sunday School. There are no trifles in christian work. If a farmer is not ready and willing to plow when harvest comes, he fails; so it is with the Churches. The Sunday School is the work of the Church, and if the Church fails to work in it, she will find a corresponding failure in her efforts. A true christian tries to use all his means to do good. We expect the Church to live long after we are gone. The work of our forefathers has brought us to the present point. What we lack is due to their failures. Just as we correctly teach the boys and girls to-day, we provide for the future church. Herein is the first great importance of the Sunday School.

The Church or that people who organize a Union Sunday School are doing an injury to the cause of Christ, and to the children who attend it. If we are not practicing the truth as we teach it, we ought neither teach nor practice, for only those who practice what they teach can successfully teach. Nothing delights me more than to teach the truth to those in error, nor does anything cause greater regret than to hear those who practice error teach what they practice. Children are not expected to detect error in that which they read, or what they are taught. It is, therefore, dangerous to tamper with them. Better no drink, than a poisonous draught, however thirsty; and better no teaching than to inculcate error. Herein is the importance of Baptist Sunday Schools greatly emphasized. As a Church, we have sometimes been classed as opposed to Sunday Schools, but of all people on earth we should be their strongest advocates. Possessing the truth as it is in Christ, we should be the first and leaders in teaching it. God has permitted us to have and to hold the truth, and if we love it as we should, we will love to teach it to others, especially to the children."

Brother Watson says :

"I did not come to speak but to hear, yet I can not go back to my people without giving my voice in behalf of this great work. My children read the Baptist *Reflector* and good books. When our children read our books and papers we will have true Baptists. I am opposed to Union Sunday Schools. I never believed that hateful doctrine of falling from grace and I never will. I don't want it taught to my children, nor to anybody's child.

Next Sunday, my brother, take your children to the Sunday School. Children often know more than their parents, and many of them know very well that their parents are not doing their duty to the Sunday Schools. Parents have a fearful responsibility right here. If they love their own souls, they might be the means of saving those of their children by taking them to the Sunday School. I want my children in a Sunday School, and in a Baptist Sunday School."

Rev. T. J. Murphy says :

"My idea of the Sunday School is the Church assembled on the Lord's Day to study the Bible. A Union Sunday School has always aroused my sympathies. It is a something without a head, and not likely to live long. But I am not as hard on them as our Brother Watson. I believe them a little better than none, and that means *some good*. I love to teach in them, for there I may not only teach the truth but expose error. Thousands of Pedo-Baptists, so-called, know nothing of the truth as held by Baptists, and in the Union Sunday School many of these can be taught the truth of Baptist doctrine that would never otherwise hear of it.

But every Baptist Church should certainly have a Baptist Sunday School. Any Church capable of doing its own work can have one, or more. If it can have a Church meeting, or a prayer-meeting, it can have a Sunday

School. The Lord holds us responsible. How can we keep house without furniture, and how can a Church do her work without the Sunday School? It is an outgrowth of her faithful work. The zealous Church will always exhibit this fruit of her labor. The school should be as evergreen as the Church itself. It should no sooner go into "winter quarters" than the Church. With the fundamental idea that the true Sunday School is the Church engaged in the study of the Scriptures, let us not cease to urge this work upon the Churches till every one in Tennessee is engaged in it."

Rev. Jas. Ratliff says:

"I do not like mixed vegetables. Mixing spoils the flavor. So I do not like mixed doctrines. The mixing hides the truth. I love a live Baptist Sunday School. The object is to save the souls of the children. Wherever there is a live, active Sunday School revivals succeed, and it is no trouble to raise funds for Pastors, for Missions and the like. The members of such Churches love to talk of Jesus. They love to pray, and to sing the songs of Zion. But notice the members of the old foggy Church that has never had a Sunday School. They won't pray. They won't sing. They won't give. I have never seen but one use for them on earth. They are good object lessons for live Christians. I don't doubt their religion. Many of them are converted and will be saved, but their earthly use is all negative, unless they learn better ways by the example of Churches that have live, active Sunday Schools."

Dr. Brown says:

"I am Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board. Last year many Churches pledged contributions to Missions, and a few have failed to redeem them. Many Sunday Schools also pledged, but not one failed to pay. I had as soon have a draft on a zealous Sunday School as on any bank in the country."

While I approve of most of what has been said concerning Union Schools, yet I do not believe it wise policy to meet in Association and be continually demolishing *this man of straw*. I think it far better to enquire into the cause of the lamentable condition of our Sunday School work, and try to remove it."

Dr. Robertson says:

"One great cause of failure in this work is a want of energy in Christian work. Christians won't get up as early on Sunday as on Monday morning. If they would get up on Sunday morning with as great zeal for the Lord's work as they do on Monday morning for their own work, a mighty mountain of difficulties would disappear."

On motion, adjourned to 1:30 P. M.

Prayer, led by Dr. Smith.

Song—Doxology.

Benediction by Dr. Brown.

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AFTERNOON SESSION. 1:30 P. M.

Song—"Am I a soldier of the Cross."

Prayer by Rev. Jas. Ratliff.

Report on Sunday Schools adopted.

On motion of Rev. E. Allison, the report on State Missions is set for 10 A. M., to-morrow.

Foreign Missions.

Rev. T. J. Murphy reads:

"Since there can be no intelligent interest in any cause without information, your committee recommend to the Churches the *Foreign Mission Journal*. The Treasurer's report of the Southern Baptist Convention, while it shows an increase, the contributions have not been equal to the demand, and certainly far beneath the ability of our membership."

MEXICAN MISSIONS.

Baptized 87; scholars 216; church members, 270. They have of themselves the last year published a paper, supported a school and sustained two Missionaries at the expense of \$1200. Brother Powell says: "The work everywhere was never so encouraging. God has truly blessed his servants here. If the Board will only increase our working force constantly, we will take Mexico for Christ and his truth in a few years."

BRAZILLIAN MISSIONS.

Our 12 Missionaries on this field are gathering the first fruits of a splendid and abundant harvest. 23 have been baptized; membership, 168; contributions, \$485. Brother Bagby says: "Our work is now very promising. The attendance is good, and the interest increasing."

ITALIAN MISSIONS.

Baptized, 24; church members, 228. Brother Eager reports: "That there seems to be a growing tendency on the part of our Italian brethren towards self-support; most of our members are very poor; we need the sympathy and prayers of our brethren at home; we need funds to enable us to occupy new and inviting fields, and to employ other laborers who desire to work for us. May the Lord of the vineyard inspire the hearts of the brethren at home to unite with us in our daily prayer: O Lord, revive thy work in Italy."

AFRICAN MISSIONS.

Baptized 18; membership, 125; contributions, \$230; pupils, 220. Never was that Word of God which declares that Ethiopia shall stretch forth her hands unto God so thrillingly realized by the Churches of God as to-day. Her starving millions are crying to the Christian nations for the bread of life—shall it be given or denied?

CHINA MISSIONS.

Baptism, 17; membership, 537; contributions, \$300.24. This of course, is the great mission of our Southern Board. More than one-fourth of our funds go to this field. The past year has been one of trial and triumph. The membership has been decreased, yet the work has been strengthened and deepened. Dr. Yates writes: "I adhere to apostolic plan, Repentance towards God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and a holy life as necessary for church membership, and a true consecration and a creditable evidence that a man is to preach, as requisite for the ministry. I live in hope of the blessings of God's Holy Spirit upon the gospel we preach, without which, machinery and all of man's methods and plans of work to convert the heathen are worse than vain."

Scarcely a letter comes from our Missionaries that does not contain the request, expressed or implied: "Brethren pray for us, that the work of the Lord may have free course among us." We earnestly ask for united prayer for the success of our Missions, for the higher consecration of our people, and the revival of our missionary spirit.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. BACHMAN, *Committee.*

Rev. T. J. Murphy says:

"The foreign field is now white to harvest, and the heathen are stretching forth their hands to us for the Bread of Life. Shall we give it to them? They are waiting for it, and much depends upon our decision here to-day. As we cultivate the foreign fields, so will we cultivate the Home and State Mission fields, and increase our own desire for our own Church and Pastoral Support. In fact I regard the division of the work into Home, State and Foreign fields as so many mile-stones in our march in obedience to our Saviour's commission to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. Every member of the Church is included in the "Go ye into all the world," not perhaps to go in person but to support those that are there, and to pray the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into his vineyard."

Rev. R. D. Haymore says:

"I have never heard a report or speech on this subject I did not endorse. It is both the doctrine and the spirit of Christ. Our people are already missionary in doctrine. The question then is how shall we reach the object of the work? To be brief, I would say

FIRST, We want more men to enter the Foreign field. We do not pray for this enough in our families and our public prayers. Some say if God wants men for the field, he will raise them up, but if this has been his plan he has been slow, and allowed thousands to perish in the mean time.

SECOND, We need money. Not that money converts. I repudiate the idea that money can ameliorate the soul, but money may be made a legitimate means to the noblest objects. God uses both men and every thing they can command.

THIRD, We need more frequent and more earnest prayers. We need to pray for the men in the field, and for the fields in which they work. If any difference our very best men are in the foreign fields, yet they need the prayers as well as the means of the brethren at home.

FOURTH, We need a greater *personal* interest there. Where our treasures are there will our hearts be. A man engaged in business said, "where you put your money, there you will have business." Let us then cast our bread upon the waters, if we would gather many days hence. Let us indulge ourselves in this direction in our *works* as well as our *words*."

Report adopted.

On motion of Rev. E. Allison, a hat collection was raised for Foreign Missions. Amount \$14.96. This is followed by a covenant, expressed by rising, that our prayers as well as our money shall be more heartily contributed to this work.

Education.

Prof. W. T. Russell reads:

"Next to the Church, the highest visible work of man beneath the stars is the lofty tower of the College or University, a type of the higher and nobler work within its walls. False religions have all been born in ignorance, and have been propagated in fanaticism. These false religions have invariably declined as enlightenment has advanced. The gospel of Christ in the prophesy of the Old Testament, and in the revelation of the New, is the only system of religion that has stood the test of education. To the enlightened mind, Christianity becomes pure and stronger, "grows brighter and brighter unto the perfect day."

In times and among people where ignorance prevails, a false religion may be propagated even more rapidly than Christianity. A false religion fits itself to the popular mind, Christianity *converts the world to itself*. Heathenism spreads most rapidly where education is not. The crescent of Mohammedanism has been carried from its strongholds in parts of Asia where the light of education has cast its shadow into the dark continent of Africa where greater ignorance prevails. Where enlightened Christianity spreads, Judaism with its false teachings gives way.

The confucianism of China can be supplanted only by the more enlightened and enlightening gospel of the Cross. Polytheism flourished most in the times of heathen Mythology. All these errors and false religions give way before the advancing light and glory of enlightened Christianity. In addition to this, education does much in eliminating errors from establishing systems of christianity. A true religion accepted by any people without a good degree of culture becomes fanaticism. It is the province of education to go as the hand-maid of christianity, to eliminate errors and heresies, and promote the power and propagation of the truth. It is the work of her hand to rid christianity of all human devices of the innumerable adhesions that obscure a pure form of religion. It will rob Mormonism of his hundreds of wives. It will lift up the oppressed and idolatrous Catholic to the level of a pure Christianity. It will pluck the diadems from the crowns of the Popes.

Then it is an imperative demand upon the Churches to foster her institutions, and to encourage the cause of education in every possible way. We have under our direction as Baptists in Tennessee, Newman and Carson Colleges at Mossy Creek, Doyal College at Doyal Station, Mary Sharp at Winchester, the Brownsville Female College at Brownsville, and the South-Western Baptist University at Jackson. All these are worthy of our support. Especially would we commend our schools at Mossy Creek. We are glad to know that an effort is to be made at once to erect a new building for the Newman, and we commend that enterprise to the contributions of our brethren.

W. T. RUSSELL, *Committee*.

Prof. Russell says:

"This is the 11th year of Newman College. Last year we enrolled over one hundred, with an average of ninety per cent. Our first class graduated this year. The Trustees are now taking steps for more suitable buildings.

We aim to make good scholars and ladies of correct habits. By our system of boarding we have been enabled to reduce expenses to less than \$70.00 per pupil per annual session. Our tuitions are reasonable, as shown by our Catalogues. We hope by our system of reducing expense, &c., to reach the young ladies and girls of our humblest citizens."

Dr. J. M. Robertson says:

"I apprehend that our brethren do not appreciate the responsibilities that are upon them. When I see their fine farms, their fine stock, and other evidences of profitable investments, and then look upon the miserable huts, called school-houses, not comparable to the stables in which our brethren house their stock, I conclude that they think more of money than of brains. The worst endowment any man ever bestowed upon his child is money, in the absence of education, under sanctifying influences. The man who imagines that his money will pass his son into good society, or secure a worthy husband for his daughter, deceives himself. Scoundrels will court the daughter and marry her for her money, and yet despise her. Saloonists and gamblers will fondle the rich ignoramus and swindle him out of his money. You had better sell some of that land and stock, and invest it in sanctified brains, something that will ennoble in time and prepare for eternity, and that thieves and robbers can not steal. Send your sons and daughters to Carson and Newman Colleges at Mossy Creek, and prepare them for refined society, and then help to build up such institutions and thus prepare a society in which they may move. I would not make my children rich if I could. Riches increase temptation. Educate, and let them work as you have to do."

Dr. Brown says:

"There is one special difficulty in the way of Education. It is *procastination*. Every one who can is going to educate his children. But he is in debt and this must be paid first; he has undertaken a special work and this must be accomplished, and so on. The first thing he knows, his children are grown. They are grown now much sooner than they used to be. It is thus that procastination seals upon a large number of the children of our country, the blighting of ignorance.

Ministerial Education is a great want. No other education is equal to it. The brethren made me feel this morning, that the Sunday School was the most important thing in the world, but I know that an educated, godly ministry is a universal need. The Baptist want is intelligent leadership. Piety is good, is indispensable, but piety alone will not lead us to denominational success. We must keep up with the age, and if the age goes wrong we can correct it, if we will."

Col. T. H. Reeves, Moderator, addressing.

Rev. G. P. Faw says:

"I am a friend of our denominational institutions of learning, but when it is remembered that there are not enough Schools under Baptist control in the United States to accommodate the children of East Tennessee, nor enough such schools in the whole South to accommodate the scholastic population of Washington county, Tennessee, the question arises, what shall Baptists do to supply the pressing demands of the rising generation for an education. To my mind the only solution is, for us to foster the public schools of the country. I know it has been said that the Baptists are unfriendly to public education. This I deny, and I would urge the Baptist young men and women of the country to qualify themselves for Teachers, and then go out into the country and seek positions in the public schools, where Baptist influence may be felt and appreciated. The public schools will then become the feeders of our Colleges and High Schools under denominational control. The speech of Brother Robinson is such a strong one in favor of popular and universal education, that I have decided to renew my subscription to the *Reflector*, which I have not been taking for some time on account of its former utterances on this subject. Let it go forth throughout the land from henceforth that the Baptists are the friends of popular education, as well as our own denominational schools."

Report adopted.

Rev. J. H. Moore moves an adjournment till to-morrow at 8:30 A. M. *Carried*.

Brother J. A. Cargille leads in prayer.

Rev. R. D. Haymore pronounces the benediction.

SATURDAY.

MORNING SESSION. 9 A. M.

The Moderator in the chair.

After a service of song and prayer, Rev. J. H. Moore reads the following report on

Ministerial Support.

"Your Committee is of the opinion that there is no subject of more importance than the support of the ministry, and at the same time there is no part of the work of our Churches so much neglected. The letters from the Churches show that our pastors do not receive on an average over fifty dollars for their services per year. This cannot be in accordance with God's word. The New Testament emphatically teaches the right and the duty of ministers of the gospel to live by the gospel. In II. Cor., Chap. 9, verse 14th, the Apostle Paul teaches, "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." If the world is ever brought to Christ it must be done by the preaching of God's word. How necessary it is that the minister gives himself wholly to the work. He can not do this unless he receives a compensation for his labors. We therefore urge our deacons and brethren to see that each and every Pastor within the bounds of our Association be kept constantly at work, and that they receive ample support for themselves and their families.

J. H. MOORE, *Committee.*

This report was ably discussed, and the ample support of the ministry urged upon the Churches by Elders J. H. Moore, R. D. Haymore and J. M. Robertson.

Report adopted.

State Missions.

"Efforts to unify the work of Tennessee Baptists cover a period of ten years. Success and failure has followed each other during all this time, and not until within the last eighteen months have its most earnest advocates entertained well-grounded hopes of ultimate success. To-day the work is propitious. We have reasons to thank God and take courage. Of the thirty-eight Associations in the State thirty-seven are laboring together as one body. Under the efficient administration of our Missionary Secretary, Rev. C. C. Brown, D. D., who, under the blessings of the Master, has won the enviable appellation of "the right man in the right place," the State Mission Board has now thirty-five Missionary pastors in the field at a salary not exceeding \$300 per month, including the Secretary's own salary. The labors of these brethren have been abundantly successful the past year.

In all this, thirty of the thirty-five Churches proper of Holston Association have contributed \$300; of those contributing only a few have done what they could; yet "the field is white unto the harvest," and for the want of means the laborers are few. More than 14,000 square miles in Tennessee (nearly one-third) is destitute of Baptist preaching. Of this destitution Holston Association has her proportionate per centage. Souls are perishing for the want of the bread of life within our own borders—at our very doors. Fully one-third of our own Associational territory is unoccupied by Baptist Churches or Baptist preaching. The State Board has heretofore furnished us no aid, and your committee thinks that the day is here when we must have some returns for our contributions to this Board. We feel that we should at least have an efficient evangelist in our bounds six months of the incoming year, and at least one missionary pastor should be sustained by the State Board in our territory. In view of these facts, your Committee would urge more earnest prayers and more zealous work for the objects of the State Convention, and larger contributions to her Mission Board. As the best method to reach these ends the following suggestions are offered, viz:

1st. That each Church in the Association appoint a Missionary agent from her most earnest workers, a part of whose duty it shall be to represent the

best interest of the State Board in his Church, and raise contributions for it from each member thereof as far as practicable.

2nd. That the Executive Board of this Association be instructed to cooperate heartily with the Mission Board of the State Convention. That whatever contributions may be demanded of the Association by the Board of the State Convention, it will apportion to the Churches, and when the amount shall have been ratified by the several Churches, that it will use its best efforts to collect the same through its Corresponding Secretary, and the Mission Agents of the Churches, and forward the same to the Treasurer of said Convention. That in addition to funds for State Missions, it will endeavor to raise from each Church in the Association liberal contributions for Foreign Missions, Home Missions, and Colportage.

3rd. That the Pastors of the Churches of this Association be requested to lend their personal influence and encouragement to further the objects of the State Convention. That they explain its objects and work to their Churches and aid the Missionary Agents in raising collection for the same."

R. H. DUNGAN, *Committee.*

R. H. Dungan

Urged the importance of State Mission work, and explained the method recommended for raising mission funds. The most important officer in this undertaking is the Mission Agent of the Church. It devolves upon him to see that each member of his Church has a clear opportunity to contribute to the benevolent objects of the Church. Without this there can be no hope of success. The most efficient worker in the Church should hold this position. He should be a constant reader of the *Reflector*. If he does not take it, and is unable to do so, the Church, or some brother able to do so, should aid him to secure it. This would enable the Secretary of the State Convention, and of the Executive Board of the Association to reach the Churches often and easy, besides keeping himself and the Churches informed of our denominational enterprises and success.

Rev. Jas. Ratliff says:

"I am glad that we are to have aid from the State Board this year. Our people do not know what the State Board is doing—whether it is building a railroad or what. This is a prime reason that the Churches do not give. When they have work being done in their midst, and see and know for themselves the objects to be accomplished, they will come liberally to the aid of the Boards."

Rev. W. Keen says:

"I am not an D. D., nor a M. D., but I have had sickness in my family, and have been compelled to have prescriptions and medicines. Some of our Baptists are sick. I will not say that the disease is stinginess though it may be this in some cases, and many may not understand just what the matter is, but they need a prescription. I have given a sort of prescription to my Churches, and under it one of them has given \$55.00, another \$40.00, &c. Much of our failure is failing to apply the prescription. I have asked the sisters to help. They are our best nurses, and they can do as much, if not more, than any one in applying the proper prescription in this work."

Rev. T. J. Murphy says:

"If pastors will make the Churches feel that this is their work they will give. Let them lead in this work themselves, and the brethren will follow. Let Pastors, Deacons, Missionary Agents, and members, all feel that this is our work, and the work will be done. Let all read the *Baptist Reflector* if they would know the work and the objects of the State Convention. Every one of our 91,000 Baptists should be fully enlisted."

Dr. Brown says:

"One thing in the report does not voice a correct sentiment to my mind, or as I think the minds of the members of this Association. The State Convention cannot supply a Missionary Pastor, or an Evangelist just when and where our brethren may see a field for them. The Convention is doing all it can, and just where the work seems to be most needed. If the Associations will do more, the Convention will, but unless this Association will do what it ought and what I believe it can do (raise \$1,000 to \$1,500 for State Missions) it will be impossible to undertake the recommendations set forth in this report. The State Board can not be hampered in this way. Let us look at the facts. There are many difficulties in the way. About the first among these is a *knowledge of the work*. The Corresponding Secretary can't give this to his

brothers, nor even to the Churches *in person*. It would take him three years, if he could even do it at all. I bought me a copying machine, and wrote all the corresponding Secretaries of the Association and others, but to-day not one in ten of our brethren understand the objects of the Convention—many do not know that the Baptists have such an organization. More than half of our Churches have never contributed a cent to its work. They know nothing of it, and doing nothing for it. How then can we reach them? This is the first question and a great difficulty. To my mind it can only be done through our publications. The *Baptist Reflector* gives the desired information in every issue, but I cannot send this paper to my brethren. Nor do I know how to put it into their hands. Brother Robertson has been trying it for years, and has not yet found out. But I believe this is the best way to reach them, if not the only way, and propose to keep hammering away at it.

Next this *localizing idea* is another difficulty. Many seem to think that every thing they give must be spent on their neighbors. Until we get so full of the love of God that we don't care where our money goes so it is spent for the good of souls and the glory of God, this idea will be a huge mountain in our work. For a hundred years this Association has been trying Associational mission work, yet much of it is called missionary ground to-day. But I don't see the destitution spoken of. There are more Baptist Churches in East Tennessee than mills or post offices. The great destitution of our State is Middle Tennessee. [Here the speaker exhibited a map of the State, and pointed out succinctly the localities where the Baptists are laboring successfully, and where destitutions exist.] He closed by urging liberality and magnanimity in this great work. The commission is "Go ye into all the world," &c. We should look out and reach out, and expect great things of our Lord in this field of our labors.

11:30 A. M. Sermon by Rev. R. D. Haymore, after which a collection was taken to aid in the erection of Bristol Baptist Church, amounting to \$11.00 cash, besides pledges.

Report on State Missions adopted.

Digest of Letters.

Your Committee report 30 Churches represented in the Association by letter, with a total membership of 2,080. From their letters it appears that the increase by baptism has been 161; by letter, 60; by restoration, 16; total increase, 237. Decrease by exclusion, 92; by letter, 100; by death, 43; total decrease, 235; showing a net increase of 2 members. Pastor's salaries as represented in the various letters foot up \$1,812.00; State Missions, \$281.63; Home Missions, \$5.30; Foreign Missions, \$93.00, and for Minutes, \$41.95. We also find 15 Churches report Sunday Schools, with number of officers, 57; number of teachers, 101; number of scholars, 1034. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. BOGART,
JAMES P. DEAKINS, } *Committee.*

Report adopted.

Report on Nominations.

MESSENGER TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS.

- WATAUGA ASSOCIATION.—J. W. Hunter, T. H. Crouch, and Geo. P. Faw.
HOLSTON VALLEY.—Wm. A. Keen, N. W. G. Baxter, J. H. Moore, S. H. Harold, James Ratliff.
FRENCH BROAD.—J. H. Moore.
LEBANON.—Rev. Elija Allison.
NEW LEBANON.—A. Routh, J. B. Jones, and J. M. Buckles.
STATE CONVENTION.—Rev. Wm. A. Keen, J. E. Smith, T. H. Reeves, and R. H. Dungan.

That our next Association be held with the FALL BRANCH CHURCH. Elder Elija Allison to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder Wm. A. Keen, alternate. Respectfully submitted.

GEO. P. FAW, *Chairman.*

Report received and adopted.

Song—"Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Prayer and benediction by Dr. Brown.

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AFTERNOON SESSION. 1:30 P. M.

Hymn—"When I can read my title clear."

Prayer by J. B. Chase.

Called and corrected roll of Delegates.

Obituaries.

Your Committee beg leave to report that from statistics gathered from the letters, forty-two deaths have occurred during the year, three of which were ministers of the gospel, connected with this Association. A brief biographical sketch of whom we append to this report.

Respectfully submitted: J. A. CARGILLE, } *Committee.*
D. P. HALE.

REV. J. W. WHITLOCK was born in Grainger county, Tennessee, was ordained to the work of ministry about 1870. Was Missionary of the State Board along the line of the C. S. Railroad, where he did a good work, and has been pastor of several important Churches, among which are Jonesboro and Johnson City, where he was pastor at the time of his death. He was one of the purest and noblest of men; an able minister of the New Testament, and one whose life adorned the gospel which he preached. May God's blessings rest upon the bereaved wife and three children left to mourn his departure.

REV. J. C. DAVIDSON, who passed into that rest that remaineth to the people of God since our last Annual Convocation, was a member of the Buffalo Ridge Church. He made a profession in 1868 or 9, and was ordained to the full work of the ministry at the request of the Johnson City Church in 1876, and from that time until he became physically unable, continued in the pastoral and missionary work, the Lord adding many souls as a testimony of his call to the work. His remains were deposited with those of the pioneers of the Baptists of Tennessee, at Buffalo Ridge, while his memory is an evergreen in the minds of those who knew him. Our loss is his gain. Paul says "It is better to be absent from the body, and present with the Lord."

ELDER T. J. MURRELL was born in Sullivan county. He join the Baptist Church at Double Springs, and was transferred to Walker's Fork Church by which he was ordained to the ministry in the year 1865 or 6. He labored with much zeal and success for a few years, till he was made a cripple by being thrown from a buggy. After which his ministry was chiefly limited to his own Church. After much suffering he died in the peace and comfort of that gospel which he preached.

Report adopted.

Resolutions.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be and are hereby expressed by a rising vote to the Moderator and Clerk for their efficient labors on this occasion. *Carried.*

Resolved, That thanks of this body are hereby tendered to this Church and community for their liberal hospitality to our delegates and visitors during this session of our Association. *Carried.*

A. H. MOORE, } *Committee.*
J. H. HAROLD.

APPENDIX.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD.

ORGANIZATION.

- D. W. F. PEOPLES, *Chairman*, Jonesboro, Tenn.
 R. H. DUNGAN, *Secretary and Treasurer*, Jonesboro, Tenn.

PROCEEDINGS.

MISSIONARY WORK.

Resolved First. That it is the opinion of this Board that a Missionary Pastor should be sustained within the bounds of this Association during this Association year, and that one or more Missionary Evangelists should be employed to labor in the said bounds for not less than three months of the said year; that said Pastor and Missionary be appointed, after approval by a majority of the members of this Board, by the Secretary of the State Convention; that their labors be subject to his advice and direction, and that they be paid from the Treasury of the State Convention.

Resolved Second. That to sustain this Missionary effort, this Board does hereby pledge to the State Convention its best endeavors to raise, through the Pastors and Mission Agents of the Churches, the largest amount possible during this year, and to pay the same as collected to the Treasurer of the said Convention.

COLPORTAGE.

The Association now owns nearly two hundred bound volumes of denominational and other religious works, besides from one to two thousand tracts, all valued at about \$150.00. They include Bibles from 25 cents to \$1.00; Testaments from 5 cents to \$1.00; Baptist Year Books; Baptist Histories by Cramp, by Orchard; by W. R. Williams; Baptist Pamphlets (bound); Distinctive Principles of Baptists; Baptists Martyrs; Theodosia Earnest; Search for the Church, (Robertson); The Church by H. Harvey, D. D.; Bunyan's Works; Sunday School Books, &c., &c. All these and such as may be bought during this year, the Board has deposited with our brother, R. H. DUNGAN, Jonesboro, Tenn., who is fully empowered to sell these books, tracts, &c., &c., to reinvest the proceeds in other books, tracts, &c., at his discretion. He is further empowered to contract for regular colportage work, to sell through Pastors, or Mission Agents, and in any and every way to dispose of this work as may appear to him for the largest denominational good. He proposes to keep on hand at actual cost the most popular publications of the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia; The Baptist Publishing Company, Chattanooga; and such other publications as he may deem saleable and instructive. Besides, he will order at actual cost any publication desired by his brethren. He solicits correspondence and contracts in this work, and especially the aid of Pastors in the Association. The Board pledges its best efforts to this work, and urges upon the brethren generally the importance of a wider diffusion of Baptist teachings.

On motion, the Board adjourns to meet at Union Church, Saturday, October 30th, 1886.

D. W. F. PEOPLES, *Chairman*.
 R. H. DUNGAN, *Clerk*.

MISSION DIRECTORY.

State Missions.—State Missions are those sustained within the State of Tennessee. Rev. C. C. Brown, D. D., is the Missionary Secretary, located at Mossy Creek, Tenn. W. M. Woodcock, Treasurer, Nashville, Tenn.

Home Missions.—Home Missions embrace the general missionary labors among the Indians of the Western Territories, among the Chinese in California, and among the Western Territories. Also special missions in such great cities as New Orleans, Mobile, Memphis, where the State Conventions cannot answer the demands for missionary labors. Dr. I. T. Tichenor, Secretary, Atlanta, Ga. Vice-President for Tennessee, Rev. O. L. Hailey, Knoxville, Tenn.

Foreign Missions.—Foreign Missions embrace all missions in foreign countries, as Mexico, South America, China, Japan, Burmah, and India. Dr. H. A. Tupper, Secretary, Richmond, Va. Vice-President for Tennessee, J. M. Senter, Trenton, Tenn.

Bible Work.—This is now carried on through the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, Pa. This Society was instructed by the Bible Convention of Baptists at Saratoga in May, 1883, to publish the Common Version, the Revised Version, and the Bible Union Version, according to the demands for each. By this order from the denomination, the Bible department of the Publication Society is made the Colportage Society of the Baptists. Rev. C. C. Biting, Bible Secretary, 1420 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Churches of this Association are urgently requested to contribute annually to these several causes, and remit the same to the Treasurer of this Association, R. H. Dungan, Jonesboro, Tenn., who will remit them in due order to the proper Missionary Secretary. All funds for whatever purpose should go through this channel. Proper record of our finances cannot otherwise be kept.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.—Funds for Young Ministers at the S. W. B. University, should be sent to Dr. G. C. Savage, Jackson, Tenn.

For Young Ministers at Carson College, to Rev. S. E. Jones, Mossy Creek, Tenn.

☞ The next Session of the SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION will be held May 7, 1887. Secretary, Rev. Lansing Burrows, D. D., Augusta, Ga.

☞ The next Session of the Tennessee Baptist STATE CONVENTION meets with Central Baptist Church, Nashville, October 14th, 1886.

☞ The next MINISTERS AND DEACON'S MEETING of the Holston Baptist Association convenes with UNION CHURCH, five miles north of Johnson City, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 29th to 31st, opening at 10 A. M.

SOME BAPTISTS STATISTICS.—Among the Baptists in the world there are 1,400 Associations, over 34,000 churches, nearly 24,000 ministers, and 5,185,000 members. Of these 15,000 were baptized last year.

Contributions during the year: Nearly \$200,000 for education; \$1,038,000 for missions; \$1,700,000 for other benevolent objects; 2,750,000 for other objects—an aggregate for 1885, including everything, of nearly \$9,000,000.

Of the 1,400 Associations, 1,300 are in the United States; of the 24,000 churches, 16,000 are in the United States; of the 34,000 churches, 29,000 are in the United States; of the 150,000 baptisms, 136,000 were in the United States; of \$9,000,000 raised by the Baptists of the world, over \$7,100,000 were raised in the United States.

The Baptists raised last year for Home Missions as follows: American Baptist Home Mission Society, \$447,379.05; Southern Convention board, \$94,521.03; other Baptist Societies, \$11,734.42; Woman's Home Mission Society, \$47,535.58; total \$503,269.98.



TABLE OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

CHURCHES.	Organized.	Year	Value of Church Property.	YEARLY CONTRIBUTIONS.					Other Expenses.	Total Contributions
				Building & repairs	Minister's Salary	Minister's Aid	Minister's Expenses	Other		
Cherokee	1783		\$1500	200 00	\$ 30	\$ 8 50			\$238 50	
Buffalo Ridge	1787		1800		85	41 37	\$30 00		156 37	
Double Springs	1803		900		50	2 00			52 00	
Mountain View	1803		1000	300 00					300 00	
Indian Creek	1822		250		60	15 90			75 90	
Clear Fork	1825		300	300 00	60	7 11			367 11	
Muddy Creek	1825		500			1 80			1 80	
Fall Branch	1827		1000	108 75	80	59 02	9 05		256 82	
Holston	1827		500		50	5 95			55 95	
Jonesboro	1842		5000	232 00	400	101 55	51 36		784 91	
Limestone	1842		500		40	17 08			57 08	
Blountville	1843		875		40	7 00			47 00	
New Salem	1845		1500	20 00	100	11 74			131 74	
Union	1846		800		160	48 69	27 00		235 69	
Walker's Fork	1847		800		30	1 50			31 50	
New Lebanon	1848		1300	200	36	14 50			250 50	
Harmony	1850		500		50	12 03	20 50		82 53	
Kingsport	1854		1200		80	1 10			81 10	
Fall Creek	1857		50			1 00			1 00	
Enon	1869		800			9 21			9 21	
Johnson City	1869		3500	165 000	200	70 82			920 82	
Philadelphia	1870		800		65	6 35			71 35	
Chinquipin Grove	1871		100		50	22 35			72 35	
Holston Valley	1872		1286		100	3 00			103 00	
Roaring Spring	1872		200			45			45	
Mt. Olivet	1872		1000	10 00	60	2 95			72 95	
Antioch	1875					3 90			3 90	
Bethel	1875					4 10			4 10	
Susong's Memorial	1877		800						55 12	
Fordtown	1879		1300		50	5 12			246 50	
Lovelace	1879			175 00	54	17 50			182 00	
Mt. Hermon	1881				60	9 00	63 00		1 00	
Liberty	1882					1 00			61 60	
Beaver Creek	1882				52	9 60				
Shiloh	1883									
			\$30061		219575	\$2042	\$524 39	\$200 91	\$4963 25	

* For separate account see Report of Executive Board.—Clerk.



Sunday School Statistics.

NUMBER ENROLLED.			CONTRIBUTIONS.						Total.
NAME OF SCHOOL	Officers & Teachers	Pupils	Total	Use of School	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Bible Work	Other Objects	
Chinquepin Grove,...	13	50	63	\$11 80					\$11 80
Cherokee,.....	8	35	43						
Fall Branch,.....	14	110	124	22 88		6 75			29 63
Fordtown,.....	9	45	54	6 00					6 00
Harmony,.....	9	32	40	2 50					2 50
Johnson City,.....	11	90	101	60 00			12 14	15 00	87 14
Jonesboro,.....	16	136	152	94 87	2 00	2 00	8 25	5 88	113 00
Lovelace,.....	16	152	168	37 25					37 25
Mt. Hermon,.....	9	60	69	10 00					10 00
Mt. Olivet,.....	12	47	59	9 25					9 25
New Lebanon,.....	14	90	104	22 39					22 39
New Salem,.....	10	45	55	5 00					5 00
Philadelphia,.....	9	40	49	6 40					6 40
Union,.....	13	80	93	6 91					6 91
Walker's Fork,.....	4	24	28	1 40					1 40
Total.....	166	1036	1202	295 65	2 00	8 75	\$20 39	\$20 88	\$347 67

Ordained Ministers Not Pastors in this Association.

Rev. J. B. Jones, Johnson City, Tenn.	Rev. Robert Bates, Childress, Tenn.
" S. H. Harold, Telford, Tenn.	" E. F. Kinchelo, Haw's X Roads.
" T. C. Hodges, Romeo, "	" D. H. Barron, "
" J. B. Stone, Locust Mount, Tenn.	" B. F. White, Kings Mill, Va.
" J. B. Cross, Blountville, Tenn.	" S. H. Price, Spring City, Tenn.
" James E. Smith, Cedar Lane, T.	" L. B. Ball, Lost Mountain, Tenn.
" Elihu Cox, Meadow Brook, T'n	" S. Bachman, Clover Bottom, T.

Licentiates.

W. R. Bayless, Chucky Valley, T'n.	J. C. M. Allen, Meadow Brook, Tenn.
J. B. Chase, Conkling, Tenn.	Spencer Tunnell, " " "
Thomas Carroll, Blountville, Tenn.	J. A. Smith, " " "
E. W. Bayless, Jonesboro, Tenn.	W. K. Cox, Wahoo, Tenn.
J. G. Zimmerman, Fordtown, Tenn.	Richard Brown, White Store, Tenn.
Everett Booth, Erwin, Tenn.	William Patton, Bristol, Tenn.

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1886.

Pastoral Support,	\$2042 00.
Church Building and Repairs,.....	2193 75.
State Missions,.....	286 50.
Foreign Missions,.....	102 54.
Home Missions,.....	7 00.
Sunday Schools,	347 67.
Minutes,	55 00.
Other Expenses,	200 91.
Total,.....	5235 97.

Clerk's Addresses and Church Statistics.

CHURCHES.	CLERK'S ADDRESSES.	Increase. D'cr'ase				Total
		Baptism.	Leaves.	Rest'rain.	Exclusion.	
Sullivan County.						
Beaver Creek	R. B. Cross, Lella, Tenn.	12	..	4	..	..88
Blountville	N. J. Phillips, Blountville, Tenn.,	..	2	..	1	..119
Chinquepin Grove	W. H. Hicks, Union Depot, "	13	..	3	..	..117
Double Springs.....	T. N. Tunnel, Meadow Brook, "	8	37	2	12	33
Fall Creek.....	W. H. Dixon, Eden's Ridge, "	..	..	..	..	..57
Fordtown	G. W. Kitzmiller, Fordtown, "	7	1	..	1	..144
Holston	S. M. Jones, Island Mills, "	..	1	3	1	..187
Holston Valley.....	D. W. Garrett, King's Mill, Va.,	4	1	..	6	1
Kingsport	Samuel Bachman, Kingsport, T'n.	..	..	..	..	..80
Liberty	D. M. Miller, Edgeworth, Tenn.	..	..	..	..	..22
Mt. Olivet	H. C. Glover, Union Depot, Tenn.	..	..	..	6	4
Muddy Creek	A. W. Morris, White Store, "	1	1	1	1	..90
Walker's Fork.....	Francis Gibson, Clover Bottom, T.	1	..	..	4	1
Shiloh	J. E. Smalling, Piney Flats, Tenn.	7	1	..	..	..21
Carter County.						
Bethel	J. L. Murray, Carter's Depot, Tenn	4	2	..	2	2
Washington County.						
Antioch	T. J. Carr, Jonesboro, Tenn.	10	..	..	1	..2
Buffalo Ridge.....	F. W. Devault, Fordtown, Tenn.	3	12	1	..	..121
Cherokee	E. W. Bayless, Jonesboro,	1	2	..	6	5
Enon	James E. Deakins, Conkling, "	..	2	..	..	..1
Fall Branch	E. H. Bachman, Clover Bottom, T.	11	..	1	3	5
Johnson City	E. H. Range, Johnson City, Tenn.	5	8	3	..	..1
Jonesboro	L. C. Peoples, Jonesboro, Tenn.	3	4	..	2	..3
Harmony	John Deakins, Harmony, "	11	8	2	26	6
Limestone	J. J. Deakins, Nellie, Tenn.	2	1	..	1	..5
Mt. Hermon	E. D. Hale, Flourville, "	18	6	..	4	..1
New Salem.....	D. S. Northington, Conkling, Tenn	1	..	..	..	..1
Philadelphia.....	M. Miller, Leesburg, Tenn.	1	..	..	3	..1
Union	E. S. Brumitt, Flourville, Tenn.	28	8	..	9	2
Unicoi County.						
Indian Creek	J. B. Erwin, Erwin, Tenn.	4	..	..	1	3
Greene County.						
Clear Fork	John Wheeler, Swanay, Tenn. ....	..	..	..	2	..
Lovelace	A. H. Pierce, Lovelace, "	1	..	..	8	..
Mountain View	H. H. Ruble, Woolsey College, T'n	..	..	..	1	..
New Lebanon.....	John E. White, Lost Mountain, "	24	1	..	..	..2
Roaring Spring.....	W. M. McCamis, Locust Spring, "	1	..	..	..	..2
Susongs Memorial	Henry J. Woods, Greeneville, "	..	..	..	..	..12
		173	70	93	14	1001
		..	..	..	92	43
		..	..	..	..	3430



Pastors' and Missionary Agents' Addresses.

CHURCHES.	Sabbath of Month by Service	PASTORS.	AGENTS.
<i>Sullivan County, Tenn.</i>			
Chinquepin Grove	2nd.	Rev. G. P. Faw, Piney Flats.	D. N. Lyons, Union, Depot, Tenn.
Holston	3rd.	" " " " " "	Harvey Hatcher, Bristol, Tenn.
Bethel	4th.	" " " " " "	J. L. Murray, Carters, Tenn.
Double Springs	3rd.	Rev. Eli Ratliff, Meadow Brook	Floyd Bruner, Meadow Brook, T
Philadelphia	3rd.	Rev. Spencer Tunnell, Kin. Cr'k	A. J. Campbell, Locust Mount,
Enon	2nd.	Rev. N. W. G. Baxter, Clov'r B'm	J. B. Chase, Conkling, Tenn.
New Salem	3rd.	" " " " " "	Miss N. Northington, Browns-
Walker's Fork	4th.	" " " " " "	F. Gibson, Clover Bottom, [boro
Liberty	1st.	Rev. F. D. Cox, Blountville.	G. D. Lady, Edgeworth.
Beaver Creek	4th.	Rev. R. B. Cross, Lella.	Mrs. E. R. Cross, Lella, Tenn.
Shiloh	3rd.	" " " " " "	J. E. Smalling, Piney Flats.
Fall Creek	1st.	Rev. H. W. Bellamy, Bl'mingd'e	J. W. Horn, Eden's Ridge, Ten.
Blountville	3rd.	" " " " " "	Mrs. T. J. Galloway, Bl'untv'ile
Mt. Olivet	4th.	" " " " " "	A. W. Edwards, Union Dep't, T
Mt. Hermon	1st.	Rev. A. Routh, Piney Flats.	Martin Hodges, Boon's Creek, T.
Holston Valley	2nd.	" " " " " "	J. M. Buckles, Stamps, Va.
Kingsport	2nd.	Rev. M. L. Ingram, Kingsport.	Samuel Bachman, Kingsport, T
<i>Washington County, Tenn.</i>			
Union	1st.	Rev. D. F. Manly, Tampico.	Mrs. Sarah E. Houtz, Flourville
Limestone	1st.	Rev. W. A. Keen, Morning Star	R. M. K. Deakins, Morning Star
Fall Branch	2nd.	" " " " " "	J. H. Haws, Clover Bottom, T'n
Lovelace	3rd.	" " " " " "	R. V. Basket, Lovelace, Tenn.
Buffalo Ridge	4th.	" " " " " "	F. W. Devault, Fordtown, Tenn
Clear Fork	2nd.	Rev. T. H. Crouch, Boons Creek	Miss Kate White, Swanay, "
Fordtown	1st.	" " " " " "	J. R. Cox, Fordtown, Tenn.
Harmony	4th.	" " " " " "	Elijah Cary, Morning Star, Tenn
Johnson City	1 & 3.	Rev. E. Allison, Jonesboro.	J. A. Cargille, Johnson City, "
Jonesboro	2 & 4.	" " " " " "	L. C. Peoples, Jonesboro, Tenn.
Cherokee	1st.	Rev. J. H. Moore, Chucky Valley	Harris Bayless, Chucky Valley.
Indian Creek	2nd.	" " " " " "	J. Bogart, Erwin, Tenn.
Antioch	2nd.	Rev. E. P. White, Flourville.	D. W. Leach, Jonesboro, Tenn.
Muddy Creek	1st.	" " " " " "	C. Hodges, White Store, "
<i>Greene County, Tenn.</i>			
New Lebanon	3rd.	Rev. Jas. Ratliff, Swanay.	John B. White, Lost Mountain.
Roaring Spring	4th.	Rev. E. Kilday, Clear Creek.	A. Smith, Locust Spring, Tenn.
<i>Hawkins County, Tenn.</i>			
Susong's Memorial	.....	Without Pastor.	Mrs. Margaret Neal, Greenville
Mountain View	.....	Without Pastor.	J. W. Ruble, Woolsey College, T



MINISTERS' AND DEACONS' MEETING,

Union Church, October 29th, 30th, 31st, 1886.

PROGRAMME.

FRIDAY, 10 A. M.

Introductory sermon by Rev. E. Allison.

ORGANIZATION.

An address of welcome, Rev. D. F. Manley.
Response, Rev. J. B. Jones.

1st. Should Monthly Saturday Meetings be dispensed with by our Churches? Rev. J. T. Murphy. Discussion.
2nd. How and when should a Pastor's salary be paid? Rev. C. C. Brown. Discussion.

EVENING SESSION. 8 P. M.

Prayer and Praise Meeting, R. H. Dungan.
Sermon, 8 P. M., Rev. T. H. Crouch.

SATURDAY, 9 A. M.

Prayer and Praise Meeting, Rev. James Ratliff.
1st. How long should a Church bear with a member who fails to contribute anything for the support of the cause? Rev. E. Allison. Discussion.
2nd. Growth in Grace—How it may best be promoted, Rev. G. P. Faw.

AFTERNOON. 1:30 P. M.

1st. Have the days of miracles necessarily passed away? Rev. A. Routh. Discussion.
2nd. Are all efforts for the cause of temperance to be performed in the Church? Rev. Preston White. Discussion.

EVENING SESSION. 7 P. M.

Prayer and Praise, T. H. Reeves.
Sermon, Rev. J. B. Jones.

SUNDAY. 9 A. M.

Model Sunday School.
Sermon 11 A. M. Rev. J. H. Moore.
Collection for Missions.

S. T. HARRIS,
Chairman of Committee.

