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Ordained Ministers.

H. J. BAILEY, Van Hill, Tenn.
W. S. BARTON, Van Hill, Tenn.
W. V. BELL, Greeneville, Tenn.
WM. BLAZER, Jeraldstown, Tenn.
J. H. BOLTON, Greeneville, Tenn.
J. A. BROWN, Milburnton, Tenn.
J. L. CASE, Newport, Tenn.
A. H. BURGESS, Painter, Tenn.
J. B. CATRON, War Gap, Tenn.
T. H. COLLINSWORTH, Acuff, Tenn.
W. H. CLENDENNIN, Chestnut Ridge, Tenn.
R. H. DARNELL, Fairview, Va.
J. F. DEWITT, Woolsey College, Tenn.
R. C. FRY, Milburnton, Tenn.
J. D. FOX, Jeraldstown, Tenn.
E. P. HULCE, Locust Springs, Tenn.
R. M. JOHNSON, Limestone Springs, Tenn.
W. H. JOHNSON, Greeneville, Tenn.
W. B. JONES, Greeneville, Tenn.
R. H. JONES, Amis, Tenn.
WM. KYLE, War Gap, Tenn.
C. L. LEDBETTER, Blair's Gap, Tenn.
J. W. LUCAS, Midway, Tenn.
WM. SKEEN, Powder Springs, Tenn.
W. D. STRONG, Baileyton, Tenn.
WM. STROUP, Stacy, Tenn.
J. C. STALLARD, Midway, Tenn.
L. J. STEWART, Amis, Tenn.
P. H. VANN, Jeraldstown, Tenn.
J. W. WEST, Keplers, Tenn.
W. B. WOOLSEY, Woolsey College, Tenn.

Chairman Educational Board.—J. W. LUCAS, Midway, Tenn., to whom funds for ministerial education should be sent.

Agents for Young People.—J. C. STALLARD, Midway, Tenn., and C. G. RICHARDS, Rogersville, Tenn.

PROCEEDINGS.

REPRESENTATIVES of the Union Freewill Baptist Association met in Twenty-Seventh annual session with Grassy Creek Church, in Hawkins County, Tenn., at eleven o'clock, A. M., Thursday, August 10th, 1899. Introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. T. H. Collinsworth, of Union. Text: 1 Samuel, 17:29.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The house was called to order at 2 o'clock by the clerk, T. H. Collinsworth. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Wm. Blazer and H. J. Bailey. Names of members present were enrolled as follows:

MINISTERS.

Wm. Blazer, H. J. Bailey, W. S. Barton, J. A. Brown, A. H. Burgess, J. L. Case, T. H. Collinsworth, J. D. Fox, J. W. Lucas, C. L. Ledbetter, W. D. Strong, Wm. Stroup, J. C. Stallard.

DELEGATES.

From Bethany, A. J. Starnes, J. K. P. Jackson, W. M. Deatheridge, L. West, Wm. Jackson. From Bradshaw, J. B. Fish, M. H. Herring. From Midway, J. A. Hurt, J. F. Hurt, L. A. Cobble, J. C. Justice. From New Home, W. F. Buckner, C. S. Bradley, B. Buckner. From Simpson's, Nathan Light. From Mountain View, J. A. Jones. From Grassy Creek, Pleasant Parker. From Bell's Chapel, John H. Bolton. From Brown's, S. Z. Ball, G. S. McLain.

Rev. A. H. Burgess was elected Moderator by acclamation. The clerk offers his resignation, which was accepted, and J. W. Lucas was elected standing clerk.

Rev. C. C. Kensinger, of M. E. Church, South, and Rev. G. W. Yokely, P. Baptist, accept seats in the body.

Time of meetings for business was fixed at 8 A. M. and 2 P. M. The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Pulpit Supply—Pastor and Delegates of Grassy Creek Church.

On Sunday Schools—W. M. Deatheridge, J. C. Justice, C. S. Brady.

On Temperance—Wm. Blazer, J. K. P. Jackson, W. F. Buckner.

On Literature—T. H. Collinsworth, J. C. Stallard, J. L. Case.

On Obituaries—J. D. Strong, H. J. Bailey, M. Herring.

On Next Session—J. B. Fish, B. Buckner, L. A. Cobble.

On Finance—J. A. Brown, J. A. Hurt.

On Ministerial Education—J. W. Lucas, W. S. Barton, R. C. Fry.

On Young Peoples Work—J. C. Stallard, Wm. Blazer, H. J. Bailey.

On Resolutions—Wm. Stroup, J. D. Fox.

Committee on Pulpit Supply report: J. L. Case will preach this afternoon and J. C. Stallard to-morrow morning.

Recess was taken for preaching.

Rev. J. L. Case preached from James 5:16.

Adjourn with prayer by Rev. C. L. Ledbetter.

FRIDAY MORNING, AUG. 11.

Religious exercises were led by Rev. W. D. Strong. Roll was called. Names were enrolled as follows:

MINISTERS—L. J. Stewart, W. H. Johnson.

DELEGATES—From St. John's, Johnathan Gregg, Miles Gregg. From Chestnut Hill, W. A. Miller.

On motion of J. W. Lucas all licentiates present not already seated as delegates are invited to a seat in the body. Licentiates C. G. Richards, J. R. Richards, M. A. Herring, W. P. Knowling and M. H. H. Morelock came forward and were seated.

Minutes of Thursday were read and approved.

Written and verbal reports were received from the churches, for which see Table of Statistics.

Names of Delegates, Wm. Ward, from Grassy Creek, and James Simpson, from Simpson's, were enrolled.

Rev. A. A. Myers, Congregationalist, and Prof. G. W. Lawrence, of Harrow School, Cumberland Gap, were introduced and accepted seats in the body.

Petitions for next session were referred to Committee on Next Session. Other petitions were referred to appropriate committees.

Committee on Education from last annual meeting reported as follows:

The Educational Committee from F. B. Associations in East Tennessee, Western North Carolina and Virginia while in session at Midway, Tenn., Jan. 26 and 27 unanimously adopted the following as their report:

"After a careful survey of the field and a full discussion of various propositions for a F. B. school central to associations here represented, the committee is of the opinion that we are not able at present to raise the funds necessary to establish and equip such school as we need, or to afford it proper support if established.

"Our most practical course is to endorse and patronize Midway High School under the management of Prof. J. W. Lucas, until, by co-operation and increased concern for education we are able to sustain a good school of our own. Midway is centrally located on the Southern railway, in a healthy Christian community. We have here an active church of more than one hundred members, with a live Sunday school, prayer meetings, etc. School expenses are very low. No extravagant habits are encouraged. The course of instruction is that of a high school, strongly endorsed by the University of Tennessee. The instructors are practical educators. The principal is one of our own ministers, well and favorably known to most of our people, thoroughly qualified with a lifetime experience in the school. We can not do better than intrust to him the training of our sons and daughters; and we would earnestly impress upon all our people the imperative duty of sustaining him in his effort and sacrifice to elevate our people and to prepare the way at an early date for a first-class F. B. training school."

A. J. ELLENBURG, Chairman,
R. C. FRY, Clerk.

Report was tabled to afternoon session.

Committee on Literature reports as follows:

"In the first place we recommend to our people a more earnest, prayerful reading of the Bible. We further recommend the *Free Baptist*, published at Minneapolis, Minn., and other Freewill Baptist literature."

T. H. COLLINSWORTH, Ch'm.

The report was discussed by Collinsworth, Barton, Strong, Stallard and others, and then adopted.

Recess taken for preaching.

J. C. Stallard preached from Revelations 2:10.

Closing prayer by Rev. Wm. Blazer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Opening prayer was led by Rev. L. J. Stewart.

Rev. A. A. Myers preached from Psalms 147:2: "God as a constructionist."

Roll was called. Names of Rev. R. C. Fry and Joshua Moore, from Simpson's, were enrolled.

Revs. D. K. Richards, of the Baptist Church, and James F. Jones, of the M. E. Church, accepted seats in the body.

The educational report is taken from the table and discussed

by Fry, Burgess, Myers and others and adopted. Adjourned with prayer by Prof. Lawrence.

SATURDAY MORNING, AUG. 12.

Devotional services were led by J. L. Case.

Roll was called. Name of James Simpkins, Jr., from Simpkin's Chapel, was enrolled. Minutes of Friday were read and approved.

Committee on Sunday Schools reported as follows:

From the letters and verbal reports from the churches, we are glad to learn that there is some increase over last year's interest in Sunday school work. But we still urge our ministers to organize more Sunday schools, and all our people to work more earnestly in this cause. We feel that in this way a great work may be accomplished.

W. M. DEATHERIDGE, Ch'm.

Report adopted after discussion by Deatheridge and Myers.

Committee on Temperance reported as follows:

We recommend truceless and uncompromising hostility to the manufacture, sale and use of alcoholic beverages in any and all forms. We regard the policy of using Government license for the purpose of carrying on the liquor traffic as a sin against God, and a dishonor to our people. It is our conviction that we should by all legitimate means oppose the liquor traffic in municipality, county, state and nation. Nobody should be retained in the fellowship of a Freewill Baptist Church who engages in the manufacture or sale of alcoholic liquors, or who invests his money in such manufacture or sale or who rents his property to be used for the traffic in the same. No church should retain any member who drinks intoxicating liquors as a beverage, or visits saloons for the purpose of such indulgence.

WM. BLAZER, Ch'm.

Report was discussed by Lawrence, Bolton and Case, and then adopted.

Committee on Ministerial Education reported as follows:

We recommend that all young men contemplating the work of the ministry give themselves the very best training possible at Midway or some other good school. That the Educational Board render all necessary aid to such young men in Midway school under such restrictions as in its wisdom are best. We advise that no one be ordained to the ministry unless he has at least such education as may be obtained in the primary schools of Tennessee and familiarity with the Treatise and Butler-Dunn Theology, and consents to abstain from the use of tobacco and intoxicants, and devote as much as possible of his time to the work of the ministry. We insist that those already in the ministry try to improve themselves that they may be more useful in the work. We, therefore, suggest that a course of reading be arranged for the ministry and that annual examinations be held on the same.

J. W. LUCAS, Ch'm.

Report discussed by Fry and adopted.

(It is suggested that Butler-Dunn Theology and Broadus on Preparation and Delivery of Sermons constitute the course of reading for the next year.—CLERK.)

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Committee on Young Peoples Work reported as follows:

We suggest that this body appoint one or two general agents whose business it shall be to look after the interests of the young people and, if possible, to arrange a Young Peoples Society and a Womans Missionary Society in every church of the Association and have them reported at next annual meeting, and we urge all pastors to co-operate with these agents in this important work.

WM. BLAZER, Ch'm.

Discussed by Lucas, Myers and Lawrence, and adopted,

Revs. J. C. Stallard and C. G. Richards were elected to do this work.

Rev. Henry Fields, of the P. Baptist Church, accepted seats in the body.

Committee on Next Session reported as follows:

Next session will be held with Cedar Creek Church in Greene County, twelve miles south of Greeneville, fifteen miles southeast of Midway, beginning on Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1900.

Report accepted, and W. S. Barton appointed to preach the introductory sermon, and H. J. Bailey alternate.

Report on Obituaries:

The Committee has been unable to get the information necessary to a full report, and can present only the following sketches:

Sister SARAH ELLENBURG, member of Midway Church, departed this life February 24, 1899.

Sister LOUISE COPP, member of Liberty Church, passed to her reward in July 1899.

Brother MARION CUTSHAW and Sister MARY GREGG, members of St. John's Chapel, have joined happy friends on the other side within the year.

Sister JANE ATKINS, a member of New Home Church, has entered the home above in 1899.

Sister MARGARET SMITH, a member of Bethany, has gone to her reward in 1899.

Sister LOUISE BERNARD, of Simpson's Chapel, has joined the Church above in 1899.

WM. STROUP, Ch'm.

The following was offered by Rev. J. D. Fox:

Resolved, That this body advise each Church to elect its officers by a vote of its members only, the world being excluded.

The same was adopted without discussion.

Rev. W. S. Barton offered the following, which was accepted:

WHEREAS, There is quite a number of our Churches not reported and many without preaching:

Resolved, That these Churches be visited and supplied with preaching, voluntary or otherwise.

On adoption of this resolution J. L. Case volunteers to care for Clear Creek and Cedar Brook; J. C. Stallard is asked to investigate Marble Hill and report at next session; W. H. Johnson agrees to visit New Cross; J. H. Bolton to serve Piney

Grove; C. G. Richards, Tunnel Hill; W. P. Knowling, Bear Creek, and L. J. Stewart were asked to visit Beech Hill.

Committee on Finance reports \$7.21 on hands for Minutes.

Recess for preaching. J. W. Lucas preached from John 20:21: The Church's Mission.

Closing prayer by R. C. Fry.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, AUG. 12.

Scripture lesson was read by L. J. Stewart, and prayerled by T. H. Collinsworth. Roll call.

Finance Committee report \$1.90 additional for Minutes and \$2.00 in pledges.

Report accepted, and committee instructed to pay to the clerk the amount on hand for printing Minutes.

Clerk was ordered to have Minutes printed as soon as sufficient fund is secured.

Ministers present make verbal reports of their labors.

Character of all ministers were passed except that of C. G. Gentry, who has left the denomination. His name is dropped and J. L. Case instructed to call for his Freewill Baptist credentials.

W. S. Barton and J. C. Stallard were appointed delegates to the General Association, to be held with Liberty Church, beginning Thursday before the first Sunday in November 1899.

The following was passed without discussion:

Resolved, That the members of this organization have been greatly encouraged by the presence and helpful talks and suggestions of Rev. A. A. Myers and Prof. G. W. Lawrence, of Cumberland Gap. They have added enthusiasm to our work and given substantial evidence of sympathy, for which we shall hold them in grateful remembrance.

Thanks were given to the community for kindness and hospitality during the session.

Adjourned with prayer by C. L. Ledbetter.

Lost motions, of course, were not recorded.

A. H. BURGESS, *Moderator*.

J. W. LUCAS, *Clerk*.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTOR ELECT.	CLERK.	CLERK'S ADDRESS.	Added by Baptism	Added by Letter.	Excluded.	Dismissed.	Died.	No. of Members.	No. in S. S.	Paid for Minutes.	Paid Pastor.
Ambro.....	T. H. Collinsworth.....	D. F. Neill.....	Powder Spring, Tenn.....	3					35		\$ 1.00	\$
Bear's Creek.....	W. P. Knowling, sent.....	T. Reece.....	Warrensburg, Tenn.....						53			
Beech Hill.....	L. J. Stewart, sent.....								7			
Bell's Chapel.....	W. V. Bell.....	H. A. Bell.....	Greeneville, Tenn.....						13			
Bethany.....	W. S. Barton.....	N. E. Thornburg.....	Jeraldstown, Tenn.....					1	186	75	1.25	60.73
Bradshaw's Chap.....	R. H. Jones.....	Moses Wright.....	Church Hill, Tenn.....	10	2				40	68	50	14.14
Brown's Chapel.....	W. S. Barton.....	G. A. McLain.....							20			15.15
Cedar Creek.....	J. C. Stallard.....								24		1.00	
Cedar Brook.....	J. L. Case, sent.....								56			
Chestnut Hill.....	W. S. Barton.....	W. A. Miller.....	Yellow Store, Tenn.....	1	1				36		50	13.42
Clear Creek.....	J. L. Case, sent.....								12			
Grassy Creek.....	Wm. Stroup.....	M. H. Whitlock.....	Stacy, Tenn.....			3			38		85	14.00
Liberty.....	J. W. Lucas.....	M. Copp.....	Pilot Hill, Tenn.....						118		1.00	
Marble Hill.....	J. C. Stallard, sent.....								23			
Midway.....	J. W. Lucas.....	J. A. Hurt.....	Midway, Tenn.....	11	5	3		1	106	78	1.75	10.35
Mountain View.....	W. S. Barton.....	J. A. Jones.....	Van Hill, Tenn.....		1	1	1		21			13.22
New Cross.....	W. H. Johnson, sent.....								34			
New Home.....	J. C. Stallard & W. P. Knowling.....	C. S. Brady.....	Driskill, Tenn.....	25	7	4		1	153	50	1.01	50.00
Piney Grove.....	J. H. Bolton, sent.....								44			
Pleasant Point.....	W. H. Clendenin.....								50			
Simpson's Chapel.....	Wm. Stroup.....	Z. Crawford.....	Chimney Top, Tenn.....	1	1	1		1	86		1.05	
St. John's Chapel.....		I. Lafollet.....	Peanut, Tenn.....	3	2	2		2	28		1.00	
Tunnel Hill.....	C. G. Richards, sent.....								18			
Woolsey College.....	W. B. Woolsey.....		Woolsey College.....						20		50	
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