MINUTES

OF THE

Thirtieth Annual Session

OE THE

NEWTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

Pewlon Church, Alabama,

OFFICERS:

P. M. CALLAWAY, Moderator. W. H. SIMMONS, Clerk.

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The Newton Baptist Association met with the Newton Baptist church Oct. the 9th, 1895. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. R. Deal, text: "Therefore it is of Faith that it might be by Grace to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed," Rom. 4 chapter, 16 verse.

At 1:30 o'clock the Association was called to order by the Moderator, R. Deal, prayer by Bro. H. H. Blackman.

Letters were then called for and read by Brethren H. H. Blackman and A. J. Preston. The following are the names of the delegates enrolled from the various churches:

Bethel, Charles Hollis and Joseph Murphree; Charlton, W. W. Faulkner, W. L. Dean, W. W. Weed, H. L. and W. S. Doster; Chalk Head, E. E. Andrews and S. M. Maund; Daleville, John D. Hammock, Dr. B. L. Byrd and J. J. Byrd; Enon, M. L. Howell and Henry Thurston; Elam J. H. Phillips, Alto V. Dansby and Walter Andrews; Mt. Pisgah, W. L. Deal U. W. Balkum; Mt. Zion, A. J. Bendick T. B. Senn, J. B. Bowden; Newton, Pitt M. Callaway, T. D. Martin, B. P. Poyner, Simeon J. Chapman; New Hope, J. I. Covington, G F, Mims; Pleasant Hill, W. R. Andrews and J. J. Fain; Penial, R. B. Arnold, C. W. Mizell; Providence, H. M. Walden, Henry Thomas and J. F, Pouncey; Pleasant Ridge, J. C. Brown, J. S. Stubbs, J W Burdeshaw Daniel Phillips and Edward Flowers; Spring Hill, J. W. Davis; Cedar Grove, J. F. Floyd, M. A. Walding I. E. Woodham.

Brother R. Deal, the Moderator, then arose and after appropriate remarks suggested that the body suspend the rules and elect Bro. P. M. Callaway Moderator for this session, whereupon the body unanimously elected Bro. P. M. Callaway Moderator.

Bro. P. M. Callaway on coming to the chair with deep

emotion to himself and to the body, expressed his deep felt gratitude to the body for their continued confidence in him. Here Bro. Calloway gave a short and very interesting history of his connection with the Baptist church and Baptists. Joined the church about 1842 at Eufaula. He and Gov. John Gill Shorter were soon after elected deacons of the church and ordained together. He was the first clerk of the Eufaula association—then moved into Dale county, was after elected Moderator of the Judson association for two years. When the Newton association was organized he was elected Moderator of this Association, and has been Moderator most of the time since.

W. H. Simmons was re-elected clerk and treasurer of the association.

Call for petitionary letters from other associations was made, when the following churches came forward by their

delegates:

Springfield, E. D. Adams and R. M. Davis; Midland City B S. Bracewell, S. M. C. Howell; Elim, J. A. Phillips, Alto V. Dansbey. The Moderator gave them the right hand of christian fellowship.

Visiting members and agents of Baptist organizations

were then called.

A. J. Preston, representing Alabama Baptist, W. B. Crumpton, the State Board of Missions. Visiting brethren from the Judson association, Rev. A. L. Martin, J. B. Ward W. J. Preston. T. H. Trawick and D. E. Burdeshaw; Salem, D. C. Allen; Geneva association, G. J. Cannant.

CORRESPONDENCE TO OTHER ASSOCIATIONS.

Haw Ridge, C. S. Pelham and W. W. Faulkner; Geneva, P. M. Calloway Jr.; Salem, R. Deal; Pea River W. W. Faulkner and C. S. Pelham; Judson, B. F. Bracewell, Henry Thurston, T. Jones; Troy, W. H. Simmons.

Committee on Divine service report that the Sunbeam society will have a mission service here at 7 o'clock p. m.,

W. B. Crumpton to preach at 8 p. m.

H. H. BLACKMAN, Chairman.

The body changed the time of the next meeting to Sat-

urday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1896.

The following committees were appointed by the chair; On Nominations:—J. M. York, S. J. Chapman, W. L. Deal.

ON DOCUMENTS:—S. W. Doster, J. J. Byrd, E. E. Andrews.

On Finance:—R. L. Jones, M. Walden, W. F. Clements. The association then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8:30 o'clock.

Persuant to adjournment the association met Oct. 10th.

Moderator in the chair. Prayer by Rev. R. B. Arnold.

Called for report on missions, and deferred to a special

hour, 1:30 o'clock.

Called for report on education. Read by W. W. Faulkner, and discussed by him, A. J. Preston and Jno. B. Ward. Pledges and contributions were then made for the education of Bro. P. M Jones at Howard College: W. H. Simmons \$5.00, H. L. Martin \$5.00, W. W. Faulkner \$5.00, Charlton \$2.00, John J. Byrd for Daleville \$5.00, Newton \$62.00 J. J. Covington \$1.00, Salem \$6.00, Union \$5.00 Providence \$2.00, R. M. Davis \$1.00, E. D. Adams \$1.00 Midland City \$2.00. Appendix "D."

At 11 o'clock Rev. Jno. W. Stewart representing Orphans' Home, preached from Rom. 14th and 7, "For none of us

liveth to himself and no man dieth to himself."

At 2 o'clock the report on missions was called for and read and discussed by A. J. Preston and Jno. W. Stewart, W. W. Faulkner and P. M. Calloway Sr. Report adopted. See Appendix "A"

Adjourned to meet to-morrow, Friday, at 8 o'clock a m.

FRIDAY, 8:30, A. M.

After singing a hymn Bro. Faulkner led in prayer. On motion the reading of the minutes was dispensed with:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Report of the Executive Committee was read by Bro. H. H. Blackman, and a collection was taken for the

purpose of paying Bro. Pelnam, amounting to \$5.81, and the report was adopted. See Appendix "E."

The report on Documents was read by S. W. Doster and

adopted. See Appendix "F."

The report on Nominations was read by J. M. York and adopted. Appendix "G."

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The Report on Temperance was read by Bro. S.J. Chapman and discussed by brethren J. M. Poyner, P. M. Callaway Sr., H, H. Blackman, J. B. Ward, A. J. Preston, W. F. Clements, W. W. Faulkner, G. J. Cannant, J. F. Pouncey, J. W. Stewart, and adopted. Appendix "B."

Report on Sabbath Schools read by H. H. Blackman and discussed by W. H. Simmons, A. J. Preston and W. W. Faulkner. Adopted by amendment offered by A. J. Preston recommending that the Sabbath Schools make a report

to the association each year. Appendix "C."

The following resolution was offered by W. W. Faulkner:

Resolved that this association denounce and condemn the use, by any of its members, of all intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and we pledge ourselves to do all in our power to free our people from the dangers and temptations, incident to the intemperate use of alcoholic drinks. and we recommend that our churches withdraw fellowship from all who sign whiskey petitions or aid or abet in any way in the sale of strong drink.

W. W. FAULKNER.

Resolution on Publication was offered by W. W. Faulkner and discussed by Brethren Stewart and Preston and adopted.

Report of Finance Committee was read by W. F. Clem-

ents and adopted. Appendix "H."

Resolution of thanks offered by J. P. Phillips and unani-

mously adopted,

The following pledges were taken for the purpose of employing Bro Pelham for the next year: Bethel, paid \$1.00, Charlton, \$10.00, Chalk Head \$5.00, Daleville \$10.00, Newton \$10.00, New Hope, Providence \$15.00, Pleasant

Hill, Penial, Pleasant Ridge, Mt. Pisgah \$5.00, Mt, Zion, Spring Hill, Salem.

INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES.

Judge Daniel Carmichael \$5.00, J. M York \$1,00.

On motion of Bro. S. J. Chapman the Haw Ridge association was requested to co-operate in the employment of Bro. Pelham. (For standing committees see Appendix "I")

On motion of S. J. Chapman a committee to confer with Haw Ridge association as to the employment of Bro. Pelham. Rev. W W. Faulkner and Rev. P. M. Callaway were appointed.

It was moved to pay Bro. Simmons \$10.00 for his services, and the balance to be appropriated for the publica-

tion of minutes.

Adjourned to meet with Ozark on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1896.

Bro. J. W. Stewart then preached and we extended the parting hand and were dismissed by the Moderator.

P. M. CALLAWAY,

W. H. SIMMONS, Clerk. Moderator.

APPENDIXES.

APPENDIX A.—To the Newton Baptist Association, in session with the church at Newton, Ala: Report of Committee on Missions. Ap-

pendix "A."

The Gospel is its own vindicator. It needs no one to defend its work. "And when they saw the man that was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it." Who can say anything against the healing influence of the gospel, in the home, in the State, in the heathen lands? In India where Cary went 100 years ago, preaching, there are now 150,000 christians, 800 missionaries are there to-day, and 3,000 natives join in with them. Here is where they were burning women for being widows, sacrificed their children, and where they ground hundreds beneath the car of Juggernaut

This is the "healing" of a whole nation by the preached gospel, "And

they could say nothing against it."

There are 9,000 missionaries in foreign lands, 44,500 native helpers catching up the gospel sound and are promulgating it. Over 2,000 converts are reported for every week of the year, 700 Buddhist temples are closed in Japan. Behold the nations of the earth are being "healed" by the true gospeld preache, and as they could say nothing against Peter and John healing the poor man crippled from his birth, who can say anything against these nations being healed? The wicked men who openly opposed Christ could say nothing against this healing. Can a christian say anything against it?

It is said what a people love most, they will give most for. It is said that the United States gives \$18.00 for sinful lusts to one dollar for the cause of Christ. When a "christian nation" does this way, it is "saying something against it!! When a church refuses help to send this healing power, it is saying something against it; when an individual talks against missions, he is doing something that the

wicked who were standing around Peter would not dare do.

Jesus commissioned his deciples to go into all the world, He did not select a surveyor and have him to mark off a certain distance for them to go, but into the uttermost parts of the earth. Are you standing by the way to oppose them as they go marching on to obey this command? The wicked could say nothing against it; what can you say? You can speak against it by refusing to help them along, or you can have the hardyhood to downright oppose it, which is impudence in the face of God It is strange religion that forces many men to speak out against people spending mony for missions, and are as silent as the grave over people spending their money for liquor. Have you opposed spending money for liquor as much as you have opposed spending money for missions? If you have not you had better raise your voice against this and all other needless expenditures, before you are in good trim to oppose the spread of the gospel.

The following is a short statement of the work and progress of the

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gospel:	
Conversions in all foreign lands last year	104,000
Amount of money expended in same	
Cost of a convert in foreign lands	2,25
Home missions in Southern Baptist Convention territory:	Í
Number of bantisms in Home Mission field	5 921

Amount of money spent in Home Mission field	\$67,138
Cost of each conversons	₹11.37
Number of conversions in Newton Association:	
Amount of money paid to pastors in that association	
Cost of each conversion	
It will be seen that the reward of missions raised is ore	ater in

foreign lands than any where else

The additions in this association being greater than ever before, (142 last year) has reduced the cost of each conversion more than ever before, but we dare say heretofore it has been at a cost twice as great as this year. This is shown that we may see actual results of the Respectfully submitted W. H. Simmons, Chairman. work everywhere.

Appendix "B."—We your committee on Temperance respectfully

submit the following as our report—Appendix B

One of the greatest evils of modern civilization is the saloon, Driuking and drunkenness are bad enough, but an institution devoted to encouraging drunkenness and concentrating the evil effects of inebriety is much worse. Nations of past ages have been cursed and ruined by saloons and strong drink. What then shall the churches and great states of to-day expect when the saloon and drunkenness are made a source of public revenue, and when a licensed and powerful institution is supported for the besotting of our churches and peo-

In the year 1894, there were in the State of Alabama, 405 retail liquor dealers, 49 wholsa e dealers, 33 dealers in lager beer, 11 stills and breweries, 7 retail liquor dealers on boats, 28 billiard tables, 122

pool tables.

There was paid as a revenue from the above sources \$190,828 to the

cities, counties, and State of A'abama.

There were in the United States in the year 1894. according to the report of the Commissioners of Internal Revenue, 1,494 refiners, 219,863 retail liquor dealers, 4,791 wholesale dealers, 38 manufacturers of stills, 1.930 Brewers, 12,618 retail dealers in malt liquors, 5,518 whole-

sale dealers, 10.757 stills.

There were made from the above stills, 1,668,118,650 gallons of the deadly poison. This sold at retail of \$6,00 per gallon, or ten cents per drink, will aggregate the sum of \$10,008,711,900, wasted for the deadly poison. If confined to the United States the money spent for whiskey would support the whole population of the United Satates. Divide \$10,008,711,900, the cost of the whiskey, by 65,000,000, the population of the United States, and we would have for each citizen's part \$154.

The number of illicit stills seized and destroyed in the year 1894, were 1,016. There are in the State of Alabama about 2,600 convicts at hard labor, from the report of the book keeper, Capt. J. L. Williams. It will be found that a out 80 per cent, of the convicts of the United States

There are four classes especially who suffer from the use of the deadly Ist. The drunkards toemselves, who number at this time about 2.000,000 in the United States 2nd. The sober men of the country who are exposed to all kinds of violence and outrages from their dr nken neighbors. 3rd. The children of the drunkards, who may be fairly estimated at 3,000,000 of innocent and helpless victims, whose

injuries from drunken fathers is a variety of ways, can be estimated only by the infinite mind of God himself. 4th. The women of the country, who are so unfortunate as to be the wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of hopeless drunkards. A host of guiltless sufferers amounting at a moderate calculation to at least 4,000,000. Watch the heart broken wife of the drunkard, as, with countenance haggard with care and want, she seeks in vain to hush the cries of a hungry babe. Then return to her home in the morning and find her blood a. d that of the infant's wet upon the heart-stone. This is no imaginary picture, but in some of its features of almost daily occurrence. Figures can not tell us how many scalding tears the wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of drunkards have shed, or how many prayers of bitter anguish and cries of agony God has heard them utter. They can not tell us how many mothers have worn out body and soul in providing the necessities of life for children whom a drunken father have left destitute, and finally we can not search the records of the other world and tell how many soul; have been shut from that Holy Place where no drunkard enters, and banished to the regeions of eternal hell. Can the liquor traffic be righ.? And if not right, how long must it continue? Look for a moment at the magnitude of this evil!

Whiskey destroys the strongest man. It blights the fairest flower; While it sparkles but a span, I: reigns with deadly power.

S. J. CHAPMAN, Chairman.

APPENDIX "C."—The committee on Sabbath Schools, report as follows: Even the words "Sabbath School" should be loved and cherrished by all, as they are of more than ordinary signification.

The Sabbath, being the Lord's day-a day of rest-rest from toil.

That great day, beginning at the end of what may be termed the mechanical forces, powers and stuperdeous labors, phisically and intellectually required to create, model, adjust, finish and put in metion, the material universe with its wonderful ponderosity and intricate delicacy. From the great earth or globe, with its mountains, hills Islands and Dale, with their contents, to the smallest particle of sand or dust.

From the emmense oceans with their seas, bays, gulfs, cataracts, rivers, rills &c. with their contents, to the tiny dew drop or even to the particles of vapor, with that atmospheric pressure and gravity adapted to each. From the huge sun, the king of light and heat, with his queen the moon, and their children, the innumerable stars, the great luminaries of day and night, to the smallest ray of light with their life sustaining properties.

From the giant oaks, pines and cedars of Lemanon, &c. with their kindred trees of the great forest, to the acorn in protoplasm, with all of their contents; together with all the beautiful shrubbery and flowers, to the tiniest rose bud, with all their variegated tints, hues, colors, odors

and medicinal properties.

From the man Adam with his wife Eve, to the incipient infant in the loins, with their mentality, and physical powers both station and locomotive, descending all along down the line of the animal kingdom to the protoplasm of the tiniest animal without the power of locomotion; and at the conclusion of all His works, God gave birth to another day, and called it the Sabbath. A season of rest, And God gave the

commandment in these words; "Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; for in six days the Lord made heaver, and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it. A day for the cessation of all secular business, and to be devoted exclusively to the worship of God with a'l our hearts and minds. A day to be kept sacred to His memory. A day especially for thanksgiving and prayer, and the study of His Holy Book o' Truth.

Now associate the word "School" with the word Sabbath, and you

have Sabbath School. A school of the highest type or excellence,

Webster tells us that "school" is a place for learned intercourse and instruction; an institution for learning; a place for acquiring knowledge and mental training; an educational establishment; with the combination, you have a holy, in which no labor is to be done, and a school assembled on that day, for what purpose? Certainly to acquire spiritual instruction only. Not to be devoted to any other purpose than the worship of God,

(except in cases of necessity.)

Holy day on which Christ rose from the grave after he finished the work of redemption. The work assigned him for the rectification of the evil consequences of Adam's disobedience. Hallowed day. The day of the great re-union of the Father, Son and Hely Spirit. after the Gospel of love and peace, amid trials, tribu'ations, crucifixion and death, had been given us as a lamp to our feet, and a light to our pathway, to study, especially on the Sabbath. Sabbath School, the school in which the ways of peace and eternal rest are taught.

Schools in which God is the Great Superintendent, using His own literature as a basis of instruction. School in which Jesus Christ is the principal teacher, with the Holy Spirit to convey the words of truth through the instrumentality of other agents, to the hearts and consciences

of the pupils of the school.

Glorious School. Studying the word of God. The Tree of Life, the leaves of which, are for the healing of all nations. God speed the Jay, when every family in all this land and country will be blessed with the pleasure and privilege of attending a Sabbath School every Sunday. We have this to say, that this county is pretty well organized along this line, according to the various letters from the churches to the Association, but not to the extent that is so much desired.

We have held two county Sabbath School Conventions, in which very active interest in this direction was manifested. And it is hoped that every beat in the county will be organized before the next county convention, which will be held at, or near Skipperville next year, in July, and by that time, let every church and community establish a sabbath School, and elect officers, if they only have a baker's dozen, as we want a thorough organization of this one of the first institutions for good.

Then let every school elect delegates to the next county convention by all means. That we may, through our County Sabbath School Convention, cooperate with the State Convention, held annually, and thus secure in every county and precinct a complte Sabbath School organization.

Everybody is admonished to go to work in earnest, for the general dissemination of religious knowledge and training in this department of the Master's work. Respectfully submitted,

H. H. BLACKMAN, Chairman. Amendment offered by A. J. Preston and adopted: Resolved that each of our churches he requested to organize and keep up a Sabbath School during this associational year, and send up a complete report of the same to the next session of this association.

Appendix "D."—Report on Education,—We your committee offer the following as our report: In our judgment, there has never been a time when the subject of education deserved more careful consideration and

more unanimnity in purpose than just now among the Baptists.

In view of the fact the people, through the country and every where, are making progress in education as they have never done before, and further, denominational schools are springing up in convenient locali-ties, where our young people are being persuaded to enter under rare advantages. Why should it be thought a thing incredably for us as Baptists to have our Baptist schools, with Baptist teachers for every church in the Association if necessary.

And again, brethren, other denominations are not ignorant concerning the great advancement along this line, but, on the other hand, are fully discerning the signs of the times, and are putting forth an educated ministry in every charge possible. And we your committee are conscious of the fact, that nothing less than an educated ministry in our denomi-

nation can possibly meet the issue of to-day.

Hence we believe its the duty of this association to support some ministerial student each year in Howard College, or we rather recommend that we adopt some plan whereby we may be able to sustain as much as one student each year in Howard Coilege

We have now about 25 ministerial students in Howard College and 7

in the Seminary at Louisville Ky.

We also recommend to you the Judson at Marion for the girls. These schools we can say without any fear of contradiction, have no peer W. W. FALKNER, in Alabama in point of competency.

J. I, Pouncey,

Committee.

APPENDIX "E"-The Executive Committee respectfully submit the

fellowing report.

In pursuance of a resolution of the last Association, your committee met after the Association and engaged the services of Bro, C. S. Pellum as Missionary and Colporteur for this Association, in connection with the Haw Ridge Association and agreed to pay him one hundred and fitty dollars for the work for this Association. The tollowing is a report of his work for this and the Haw Ridge Association. Traveled 2,000 miles, preached 150 sermons, had 241 devotional services, delivered 388 admonitions, made 680 family visits, visited 93 sick persons, visited 1838 different places during this year in the bounds of the two Associations, and received from all sources \$121.04 Newton and Haw Ridge. C. S. Pellum to the Executive Committee of Association.

The committee ordered the Treasurer to pay Bro. Pellum for his services out of any money in the Treasury, and the said Treasurer paid to him fifty dollars, as shown by his receipts to the Treasurer. It appears that Bro. Pellum has received from all sources for his services——dollars. The committee think that the brother has labored faithfully in the cause, and that he has done efficient work. We suggest that the Association arrange for his further service for the next year if practicable.

Respectfully submitted,

II. H. BLACKMAN, J. I. COVINGTON, L. WILKINSON, O. C. DOSTER, J. C. WELLS,

Committee.

APPENDIX "F."—We your committee on Documents find invitations from Union, the church at Ozark, and the church at Daleville, asking that the next session of this body convene with them

We recommend that this body accept the invitation extended by the Baptist church at Ozark, and that we convene with that church on Saturday before the second Sabbath in October 1896.

All of which is respectfully submitted,
S. W. Doster,

S. W. DOSTER,
J J. BYRD,
E. E. ANDREWS.

Committee.

APPENDIX "G."—We, the committee on Nominations respectfully submit the following report: We nominate to preach our next annual introductory sermon, 18 ro. J. M. Poyner, alternate, 'H. L. Martin. We nominate as the Executive committee of our Association, R. L. Jones, H. H. Blackman, Q. C. Hunter, J. F. Pouncey and J. M. York, We nominate as our delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, Bro. H. L. Martin, alternate, Bro. W. W. Falkner. We nominate as our delegates to the State Baptist Convention, Brethren P. M. Callaway Jr., N. J. Peters, R. Deal, R. B. Arnold, R. C. Deal, H. H. Blackman and C. S. Pelham. All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. M. YORK, S. J. CHAPMAN, W. L. DEAL,

Appendix "H."—We your committee on Finance offer the following report: We find in cash and vouchers the following amounts for the following purposes: CASH. VOUCHERS. \$15.45 5.36. For State Missions, For Home Missions, 19.2512.34.13.90 For Foreign Missions, 42.93. For Bible and Colportage, 28,96 86.00. For Ministerial Education, For Minutes, 89.65. 30.60 For Associational purposes, 6.61 8.50. For Sunbeams, Newton, For Pledges, J. W. Drughon, 1.00

Total Cash. \$118 12

Amount reported by Newton church for ministerial education by Foreign missions, Daleville, \$3 21. vouchers, \$6250

We have examined Treasurer's report and found it correct.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L Jones, M. WALDEN, Committee. W. F. CLEMENTS.

STANDING COMMITTEES.—APPENDIX "I."

On Missions.—F. W. Zimmerman, C. S. Pelham, J. M. Poyner, On Sunday Schools—R. L. Jones, J. M. York, W. L. Deal.

On Education—H. C. Hurley, H. L. Martin, Q. C. Hunter, On Orphans' Home—W. H. Simmons, B. T. Jones, P. M. Callaway Jr. On Temperance—H. H. Blackman, R. C. Deal, A. N. Jones.

REPORT OF TREASURER.—APPENDIX "J."

Your Treasurer begs leave to make the following report: Amount of funds received at last session for missions and colportage, and for all purposes except for minutes, Amount paid out as shown by vouchers,

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Balance on hand,

W. H. SIMMONS, Treasurer.

REPORT OF BRO. PELHAM.

Ozark, Ala., Oct., 9th 1895.

Beloved Brethren in the Lord:-I, your evangilist, make my report. I have gone from church to church, and from house to house, and to those that are sick, to the poor and needy; laboring with them to console them the best I could. I traveled some over 2,000 miles, preached 150 sermons, held 241 devotional exercises, delivered 388 admonitions and exhortations, made 680 family visits, visited 93 sick persons, held service at 138 different places. I wanted to do much more than I did, but the year was too short to do any more. I believe that the good Lord has blessed my labors, though done in much weakness. Bro J. I. Covington did me much good in July and part of August. God bless him, and all the dear people all over this land and country! Your servant is in his 76th year. Hoping that the good people of the churches will continue to bear me up. God bless you all is my prayer.

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