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ARKANSAS BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OF THE

THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

*To John H. Byers
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OF THE

CONCORD ASSOCIATION

ARKANSAS BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WESTERN ARKANSAS.

HELD WITH

MT. PLEASANT CHURCH

SEBASTIAN COUNTY, ARKANSAS,

SEPTEMBER 27th to 30th, 1873.

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MINUTES.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment with Mount Pleasant Church, Sebastian County, on Saturday the 27th of September, 1873.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder C. P. Tupper. Text: Heb. 13: 1, "Let brotherly love continue."

The Association, after a short recess, was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. E. L. Compere, who read the 146 Psalm; singing and prayer by Bro. J. J. Holland.

On motion, the Pastor and Deacons of Mount Pleasant Church, Bre'n R. H. Cook, W. W. Pettus and Isaac Davis, were constituted a committee on preaching.

The letters from the churches were then read by Bre'n J. H. Smith, M. S. Buckley and Isaac Davis.

Petitionary letters were presented by Hopewell, Friendship No. 2, Lick Creek and New Bethel churches.

On Motion, all except New Bethel were received, and the Moderator gave to their Messengers the hand of fellowship.

The letter of New Bethel church was laid upon the table.

The Association proceeded to ballot for officers, choosing E. L. Compere, Moderator; F. L. Kregel, Clerk, and M. S. Buckley, Treasurer.

On Motion, a special committee, consisting of Bre'n S. J. Fuller, J. S. Gray, A. J. Rippey, C. P. Tupper and H. Karr, were appointed to investigate the complaints preferred against Mt. Nebo, by Macedonia and Poteau churches; and to report at as early an hour as possible.

On motion, committees on Finance and Documents were appointed.

On Finance, R. H. McConnell, H. Payne and R. H. Cook.

On Documents, M. S. Buckley, J. H. Smith and James Jetton.

On motion, adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 8 1-2 o'clock.

LORD'S DAY SERVICES.

At 10 o'clock a. m., the brethren met for prayer. Bro. S. J. Fuller conducted the services. It was a precious season, and all felt it was good to be there. Bre'n Bean, Watkins and Buckley led at a throne of grace.

Missionary sermon at 11 o'clock, by Elder F. L. Kregel, from Mark 16: 15 and 16, "Go ye into all the world and preach, &c."

Temperance lectures were delivered at 3 o'clock p. m., by Elders E. L. Compere and S. J. Fuller.

Preaching at night by Elders A. A. Spiller and Henry Karr.

MONDAY Sept. 29th, 1873.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. J. S. Gray. Minutes of Saturday read and approved. Roll and statistical table called and corrected.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed on the queries sent up by the churches, and any others which might be submitted.

Committee—Wm. Greenlee, John S. Bennett and M. S. Buckley.

The reports of the committee on the complaints of Macedonia and Poteau churches against Mount Nebo, were received, and on motion adopted.

Report on Poteau vs. Mt. Nebo.—The committee, to whom was referred the complaint of Poteau church against Mt. Nebo, for assuming to herself the right of restoring B. F. Reese, an excluded member from Poteau church, to what Mt. Nebo church calls fellowship amongst the churches, report that, they have carefully examined the evidence in the case, and are satisfied that the act of Mt. Nebo in restoring said Reese, was disorderly; and recommend that she be declared in disorder, until she shall have rescinded the act of Reese's reception; but as her Messengers agree that said act shall be rescinded at her next regular meeting, unless providentially hindered; and as we believe that she was misled in said restoration by a misconception of the intention of the oral advice given by the Association through its moderator, at its last session, we recommend, and are joined in the recommendation by the

messengers from Poteau, that the messengers from Mt. Nebo be allowed seats with us at this session.

S. J. FULLER,
Chairman.

Report of the committee in the case of Macedonia vs. Mt. Nebo church.—The committee, to whom was referred the complaint of Macedonia church against Mt. Nebo, for refusing to receive a regular letter of dismission, granted to one of her members by Macedonia church, and receiving the member on recommendation, have carefully examined the case, and report, that the messengers of Mt. Nebo acknowledged that the church acted hastily in receiving the member while rejecting the letter. They believe that Macedonia acted in good faith in granting the letter, and the messengers from Mt. Nebo agree that Mt. Nebo church shall, as early as possible, rescind the act of the member's reception, and restore to him the said letter now on the table of Mt. Nebo church.

The messengers of Macedonia, express themselves satisfied with the above acknowledgement and agreement. The committee is authorized to report the case amicably settled upon the above premises.

S. J. FULLER,
Chairman.

Corresponding Messengers were present from the following bodies:

Dardanelle Association—Bro. J. S. Gray.
Clear Creek Association—Bro. Jesse Garner.
Bentonville Association—J. W. Duckworth.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats and the following were reported:

Bre'n J. J. Holland, Hazzard Bean, J. H. Council, P. B. Lowery.

Reports from the Corresponding Associations were called for, and made as follows:

Dardanelle Association—Bro. Gray reported a session of peace and harmony, and urged a continued correspondence.

Bentonville Association—Bro. Duckworth spoke briefly in behalf of Springdale College, located in the bounds of this Association, and invited us to open a correspondence with the Association.

Clear Creek Association—Bro. Jesse Garner invited the brethren to meet with them in their next session.

On motion, the order of business was suspended, and a committee consisting of Bre'n C. P. Tupper, S. J. Fuller,

Wm. Greenlee, J. S. Ledbetter and J. H. Smith, was appointed to consider the application of New Bethel church for membership in the Association.

Appointments of Corresponding Messengers were made as follows:

Dardanelle Association—Meeting with Corinth church, 10 miles east of Clarksville, Johnson Co., 3d Lord's day in September, 1874, E. L. Compere, A. J. Rippy, A. A. Spiller, F. L. Kregel and M. S. Buckley.

Mountain Association—J. J. Holland, Wm. Greenlee, A. A. Spiller, E. L. Compere, J. H. Smith and S. J. Fuller.

State Convention—Meeting at Little Rock Thursday before the first Lord's day in November, A. D. 1873, M. S. Buckley and F. L. Kregel.

Bentonville Association—Meeting Friday before the 4th Lord's day of September, 1874.

On motion, resolved that any member of this body being present, and having a copy of our minutes, is authorized to represent us in the Bentonville Association.

Clear Creek Association—Meeting with Rehoboth church 10 miles N. W. of Ozark, Saturday before the 3d Lord's day of October, 1873, Henry Karr, Geo. W. Tignor and J. S. Ledbetter.

Choctaw Association—Meeting at Atoka, Indian Territory, E. L. Compere, F. L. Kregel, A. J. Rippy, C. P. Tupper, A. G. Washburn, S. Harrell, J. H. Smith, M. S. Buckley, A. A. Spiller, Jno. Bennett, J. P. Barnes and Isaac Davis.

The Committee on Petitionary letter from New Bethel church, made the following report, which on motion, was adopted:

Your special committee, to whom was referred the Petitionary letter of New Bethel church, report that they find said church in confusion and disorder, owing to the fact that B. F. Reese has, without authority, baptized ten (10) of her twenty-eight members.

We advise said church to discard all the pretended official acts of said Reese, and present herself in order to the next Association, when she will be cordially received.

This may be best effected by calling ministerial aid by those of the church who have not been baptized by Reese.

C. P. TUPPER,

Chairman.

The hour for religious services having arrived, Bro. J. J. Holland preached from Mathew 22: 14, "For many are called but few are chosen."

After recess the Association re-assembled. Prayer by Bro. J. S. Ledbetter.

On motion, the following brethren, in connection with the officers of the Association, were constituted its Executive Board: Brethren W. V. McNeeley, B. Stonecipher, A. J. Rippy, N. Scarborough, J. F. Burt, Asa Scott, T. N. Watkins, Jno. Bennett, M. S. Buckley, Isaac Davis, Wm. Tyler, J. S. Ledbetter, J. M. Jeton, C. T. Cagle, J. Cantley, J. Clevenger, J. J. Mooneyhan, J. N. Greenlee, R. H. McConnell, W. B. Cone, J. W. Condrey, R. P. Claibourn, Wm. A. Sorrels, W. C. McBee, J. P. Barnes, A. A. Spiller, M. Highlower, J. F. Cently, L. J. Lovelace, John Hunt.

On motion, standing committees were appointed on the subjects of Home Missions, S. Schools and Church Building.

Committee on Home Missions—Bre'n C. P. Tupper, J. M. Ledbetter, J. J. Holland.

Committee on S. Schools—Bre'n Wm. Greenlee, A. J. Rippy, Henry Karr.

Committee on Church Building—Bre'n E. L. Compere, F. L. Kregel, Wm. Blaylock, M. S. Buckley.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

REPORT. The Executive Board regret that they have but little of interest or importance to report. Through the almost entire failure of the churches to send up at our last session the necessary funds to carry on our missionary work, the Board were able to accomplish but little.

The Board met immediately after adjournment, and ratified the appointment of Bro C. P. Tupper, as missionary within the bounds of this Association. But as we had no authority to go beyond the funds on hand and involve the Association in debt, we gave Bro. Tupper to understand that we could incur no obligation beyond the monies in the hands of your Treasurer.

Bro. Tupper could not undertake the work at this time, but under the appointment of the Board, made at a called meeting May 3d, 1873, labored at intervals through the greater part of the summer and fall, embracing in all 59 days of actual labor.

In this interval 48 sermons were preached, 4 believers baptized, and 1 church constituted.

In accordance with the instructions of the Board, he also endeavored to interest the churches visited in the work of missions, and in sending funds to each session according to the plan of the Association for carrying on mis-

sionary work. Bro. T. obtained pledges of co-operation from Poteau, Pleasant Valley, New Hope, Pleasant Hill, Greenwood and Cedar Creek churches.

Bro. Tupper expresses regret that so little has been accomplished, but when we look at the short time and adverse circumstance under which he has labored, we rather rejoice that *so much* has been done, and who can measure the good—estimate the harvest which may yet be gathered from the “good seed sown.”

Our terms of contract with Bro. Tupper were for three-fourths of his time at \$37 1-2 per month. He has received from various sources \$63.05, leaving a balance yet unpaid of \$11.95.

The Board would here urge upon the churches the necessity of complying with the constitutional provisions of the Association, and sending up their contributions, so that when we again meet there may be no lack of means for carrying on our work, and as much as in us lies of preaching the gospel to every creature.

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. KRÉGEL. Clerk.

On motion, report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee beg leave to report, that we find *very great* destitution existing within the bounds of our Association, and which it is our manifest duty to supply. We would therefore urge upon the churches the necessity of arousing themselves to meet the responsibility of those who have the gospel and to whom therefore the Spirit has said, “let him that heareth say, come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”

And we would especially recommend as a feasible and efficient means of raising the funds necessary to supply this destitution and carry on our mission work, the plan suggested in the following resolution passed at the last session of the Association:

Resolved: That the Pastors of our churches assist their Deacons in urging and getting each member of every church to give 5 cents per month, for the missionary cause, to be brought up at the next meeting of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

S. J. FULLER,
M. S. BUCKLEY.

On motion, the report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report as follows:

We regard the sin of drunkenness as equally potent as any other vice in retarding the Baptist cause—the cause of the gospel. But not greater than the more common (and commonly regarded honorable) practice of ~~drinking~~. For as the last mentioned practice leads to the first, and as both are disgraceful to those who practice them—to the non-professor, and how much more to the members of the Baptist church—and as Baptists (whether true or false) have long rested under the withering charge of BOTH, we beg our bretheren of this Association to redeem their character from this charge by *ceasing* to buy, sell, or drink all intoxicating liquors, except in case of sickness, where it may be regarded as the best remedy that can be obtained.

WM. GREENLEE,
Chairman.

Report received and adopted.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee appointed to consider the subject of Sabbath Schools, beg leave to report, that so much has been said upon the subject of S. Schools, that they feel themselves at a loss to say any thing upon the subject which would be profitable or interesting.

But while much has been said, and well said, far too little has yet been done among us to create and sustain these schools. The Holy Spirit has said, train up a child in the way he should go, and as our early impressions are by far the most lasting, your committee would urge upon the churches the necessity of organizing and sustaining a school in every church.

We believe it would be wise to make them a sort of church S. School, in which both *parents* and children should become pupils—learners of the word of God.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. HOLLAND,
Chairman.

Report, on motion, adopted.

REP. OF COM. ON DUTY OF PASTORS TO CHURCHES.

Your committee report, that after prayerfully considering the subject, we have reached the conclusion that, how-

ever important the knowledge of the Pastor's duty to the churches, it might possibly better subserve *their* interest at this time, to suggest that there is not within the bounds of the Association a single church having a pastor. We do not mean to affirm that there are not men having the character and qualifications, but that such are their surroundings that they cannot possibly perform the duties of pastor.

The pastor is the shepherd, and his work is to *guide, protect and feed the flock*. The pastor is the *Bishop* or *overseer* of the church, and he can only fulfil his duties in the looking after all its work and interests.

But can any one, whose time, labor and brains are all employed upon the farm, workshop or school, in supplying the necessities of his family, meet the requirements of the pastoral office, or discharge its duties?

If they are forced to labor in the workshop; or in any other business, can they labor in the interest of the church?

If they are compelled to give themselves to "the care of tables," how can they "give themselves continually to prayer and the ministry of the word?"

We would, however, suggest to all, the prayerful study of the character and work of the gospel (Pastor or Bishop) as given in the Epistles of Timothy and Titus, to the *churches*, that they may not thrust the *unworthy and unfit* into this sacred office.

To the Bishops, that they form to themselves the character, and acquire the qualifications which may make them to be approved as ministers of God to their master and before men.

F. L. KREGEL, }
A. LOVELACE, } Committee.

On motion, the report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE DUTY OF CHURCHES TO THEIR PASTORS.

Your committee on Duty of Churches to Pastors, do hereby recommend in lieu of a new report, the adoption and reprint of the report upon said subject, found in the minutes of last session.

C. P. TUPPER, }
J. S. LEDBETTER, } Committee.

The report was, on motion, adopted, and the reprint ordered to be made. See minutes 1872, pages 7, 8 and 9.

REPORT.—Your committee regard the subject as one of vital interest to the churches.

The Pastor's office was instituted by the authority of Jesus Christ, and Pastors are numbered by the Holy Spirit among the gifts of God to the churches, for the perfecting of the Saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

Paul, therefore, instructs Timothy to ordain Elders in every church.

Hence, every church should provide for herself a *Bishop*, who may "oversee the flock of God;" and failing to do so, must rob herself of the *ends* for which, as a gift of God, he is bestowed.

The duty of the church to the Pastor begins with his election, and is here, as in all its bearings, only another form of her duty to herself, inasmuch as they are partakers of his grace.

First, then, the church should *know* and *love* her Pastor. We beseech you, brethren, know those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake."

We cannot love the unknown, nor can we truly know the loved.

Hence, any church who may elect for her Pastor one whom she does not *know*, does both herself and him serious injustice. She does herself injustice because the hearty co-operation necessary for the "work's sake," cannot exist where the workman is unknown and unloved.

The Pastor is also injured, because robbed of the cordial sympathy and hearty co-operation which springs from an affection founded on a knowledge of his character. Let every church, then, have a Pastor—let him be one whom she knows and loves, and then by a manifested affection strengthen his hands "unto every good word and work."

Again, obey them in the Gospel! "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves, for they watch for your souls as they that must give account."

Practical hearing is the great duty of believers. "My sheep hear my voice and they follow me."

"Receive with meekness the ingrafted word, which is able to save your souls; and be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

To transform our lives by the word; in purifying our affections, in controlling our passions, and in regulating the conduct of our lives, is to realize "the will of God concerning us, even our satisfaction, and to secure the end of the

gospel ministry, "even the edifying of the body of Christ."

Your duty to your Pastor, then, is unmet, when your own soul does not profit by the "word preached."

To pray for the success of his labors, to co-operate with him in every good word and work, and to provide for him an adequate support become easy and pleasant duties when knowing and loving him and profiting by God's word; you yourselves grow in grace and in the knowledge of God.

But, inasmuch as it is God's law "that those who preach the gospel should live by the gospel—your committee do not hesitate to say that, that church which has the ability to sustain her Pastor, and yet forces him to seek the store or the farm, or the workshop, or the school room for a support, cannot enjoy the blessing which comes from the presence and approbation of God, unless God can approve of conscious disobedience and dwell with wilful sin.

The church, however, which does what it can, may rest assured of his presence and blessing, and rejoice in the promise—"to him that hath, shall be given more abundantly."

The Committee on Finance made their report, and pending its adoption the Association adjourned to meet at 8 1/2 o'clock Tuesday morning. Prayer by Bro. A. J. Rippey.

TUESDAY, Sept. 30th, 1873.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment at 8 1/2 o'clock A. M. Prayer by Bro. Wm. Greenlee.

Minutes of Monday read and approved.

Report of Finance Committee resumed, and after correction, on motion, adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Finance report the following amount received from the churches, &c.:

For printing Minutes	-	-	-	-	-	\$58.00
" Home Missions	-	-	-	-	-	27.50
Sabbath Collections	-	-	-	-	-	7.50

Total, \$92.50

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. McCONNELL,
Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON QUERIES.

We, your committee on Queries, have been called to consider the following, which, with their answers, we respectfully submit.

WM. GREENLEE,
Chairman.

1st Query, from Enon Church—Can a christian put away his wife for any cause and marry another?

Ans—He may for one cause only—Math. 19: 9.

2nd Query—When a church dissolves by motion and ~~unanimous~~ and unanimous rising vote, and delivers her church back over to her former moderator, never to be called for ~~all the~~ judgement day. is such dissolution lawful?

Ans—Yes. For from evidence we find that the church calling forth this question had vitiated all claims to be regarded a church.

3rd Query—What ought a church to do with one of her ministers who will visit and pastor a faction of said dissolved church?

Ans—Your committee recommend that said minister be advised by his church to desist, and that if he will not, she then deal with him.

These queries were separately considered, and on motion were adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTS.

The Committee on Documents beg leave to report, that we find invitations from Charleston and Washburn Creek churches, severally, to hold the next session of the Association with them.

Bethel church requests that the minutes be distributed to the churches in proportion to the funds they may severally send for printing the same.

We recommend that the request of Bethel be approved, and the clerk thus instructed to distribute the Minutes.

M. S. BUCKLEY,
Chairman.

Report received and adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Wm. Greenlee, Treasurer, in act. with Concord Association. Dr.

Oct. 7, 1872.—To am't	Association Fund,	- -	\$ 65.70
" "	Mission	" - -	14.00
" "	Lord's Day Collection	-	20.20
" "	From E. L. Compere,	-	5.00
" "	" E. M. Pettigrew,	-	3.00
" "	" S. Harrell,	- - -	5.00
" "	Paid at present session		
on pledges made for Bro. Tupper at last session,			
from Hepzibah church, \$5, R. H. McConnell, \$5,			
Fellowship, \$3, J. W. Condry, \$2,	- - - -		15.00
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Oct. 11.—By Am't	paid over to clerk for fee, printing		
	minutes &c,	- - -	\$ 65.00
" "	paid C. P. Tupper as per		
	order of Ex. Board,	- -	46.00
" "	paid Bro. Tupper at present		
	session,	- - -	16.90
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			\$127.90

WM. GREENLEE,
Treasurer.

On motion, the report of Treasurer was adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

1. Elected Charleston as the place for the next session of the Association, commencing on Saturday before the 4th Lord's day of September, 1874.

2. The following brethren were chosen to fill the annual appointments:

Introductory Sermon, S. J. Fuller. Alternate, Wm. Greenlee.

Missionary Sermon, C. P. Tupper. Alternate, J. M. Ledbetter.

Temperance Lecture, J. J. Holland. Alternate, A. J. Rippy.

3. On motion, the Association was districted as follows:

First District—Fort Smith, New Hope, Mount Zion, Mount Nebo, Pleasant Hill, Greenwood, Bethlehem and Macedonia churches.

Second District—Charleston, Hepzibah, Grand Prairie, Pine Mountain, Oak Bower, Mt. Hope and Bethel churches.

Third District—Boonville, Cedar Grove, Washburn Creek, Union, Mount Lebanon, Waldron, Antioch, Hope-well and Lick Creek churches.

Fourth District—Fellowship, Friendship, Pilgrims' Rest, Mount Pleasant, Smyrna, Pleasant Valley, Cedar Creek, Friendship No. 2 and Poteau churches.

4. The following preamble and resolution was, after some discussion, unanimously adopted and commended to the attention of the churches:

WHEREAS, The objects of this Association are to promote fellowship among the churches, and to encourage and promote concert in operation, and

WHEREAS, We believe the more frequent meeting of the brethren would greatly promote these objects.

Therefore, *Resolved*, that we recommend the churches to hold four District meetings every year in each District of the Association, and by preaching, prayer and fraternal counsel stir up the missionary spirit within our bounds. The first of these meetings to be fixed at the session of the Association, the others at the first District meeting.

Resolved, that the several churches be requested to appoint messengers at their first regular conference.

5. District meetings were appointed for the 5th Lord's day in November and Saturday preceeding as follows:

First District, Macedonia, Second, Hepzibah; Third, Washburn Creek; Fourth, Friendship.

6. On motion, *Resolved* that we take pleasure in calling attention to the Baptist school known as Springdale College, Washington Co., Ark., and that we regard the principal, Elder L. R. Barnes, as an efficient instructor, a good man, and sound Baptist.

7. On motion, the following preamble and resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, We find a great many churches of very small membership, and a very great disposition on the part of some brethren to organize churches even at the door of already existing churches;

And, WHEREAS, we find many of these organizations coming into conflict with the peace and harmony of churches and even neighborhoods;

Therefore, *Resolved*, that this body advise her ministers to urge, upon the brethren wherever found, to go into churches already constituted, except where there exists a

positive necessity of an organization; so that we may be efficient and sufficient as churches, to have pastors, and be churches indeed and in truth.

8. On motion, the request of Charleston church to print the following communication in the minutes, was granted:

THE CHARLESTON CHURCH, FRANKLIN COUNTY, ARK., TO THE CHURCHES OF THE ARKANSAS RIVER VALLEY.

DEAR BRETHREN: We desire to call attention to the school of our beloved pastor, Eld. E. L. Compere, at this place.

Eld. Compere has devoted fourteen of the best years of his life to missionary labor in this valley. All of this time, he has been a member of this church, and for the past eight years has been our pastor; building us up from three members and a church book, to a membership of more than one hundred, which has also given off members for the organization of five other churches. Hence, he is highly esteemed by this community as a preacher, and greatly beloved by us as a brother and pastor; and his record as moderator and clerk of Dardanelle Association; as clerk of the General Association, and moderator of the Concord Association proves the estimation in which he is held by the churches throughout the valley.

Last April, he requested us to release him and secure another pastor; but after four months' prayerful consideration, we have re-elected him, and hope he may be able to continue his labors for us. But we are not able to support him in the ministry. Hence we trust he may be sustained by combining the double work of teaching and preaching.

For teaching he is eminently qualified—being a First Honor graduate of the Mississippi College, besides having devoted four years to study at Mercer University. And since graduation, he has received the degree of Master of Arts.

He has taught seven months at this place, and gained a reputation as a successful instructor. So that when his services were called for in Texas, and other points in this state, the citizens here—Baptist and others—liberally contributed to build him a school house.

The course of instruction will be thorough. Board and tuition cheap as can possibly be afforded, and on easy terms. Health is as good as at any point in the valley. A most excellent well of water on the premises. Principle can board several young gentlemen.

Resolved. That this church procure the insertion of this notice in the minutes of the Dardanelle, Mountain and Concord Associations, and the Association about to be organized north of the river, and Eld. Stanton be requested to represent us there.

9. On motion, *Resolved*, that we commend the Fort Smith Institute, taught by Bro. F. L. Kregel, to the favorable notice and patronage of our brethren.

10. On motion, *Resolved*, that the clerk be allowed \$15, and the balance of the Associational fund be spent for minutes.

On motion, the Association then adjourned,

Our parting song was sung, the brethren giving the separating hand with mingled emotions of sorrow and joy. Sorrow that we were called to part; joy that brotherly love had continued, and in anticipation of that blessed assembly where there will be no more parting.

Prayer by Bro. Kregel.

E. L. COMPERE, Moderator.

F. L. KREGEL, Clerk.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. An Introductory and Missionary sermon shall be preached by ministers chosen by ballot at the preceeding Association. In case of absence or failure, the sermon of either to be preached by an alternate, chosen at the same time and in the same way. Some brother shall also be chosen to deliver a Temperance address.
3. Visiting brethren in good standing may be invited to seats, but not to vote.
4. A member not satisfied with any decision of the Moderator, may appeal to the Association on the same day, but at no other time.
5. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise, address the Moderator, and on obtaining leave, shall proceed.
6. No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject, or use words of personal reflection, and then by the Moderator.
7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless withdrawn by him who made it. Every case taken up by the Association shall be decided or withdrawn before another is introduced.
8. When a question is taken up, after allowing time for debate, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association by yeas and nays, or otherwise.
9. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.
10. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission of the Association.
11. The appellation of Brother shall be used in the Association, by members in their addreses one to another, and all titles unknown to the Scriptures, such as "Rev.," "D. D.," "Parson," and the like, shall not be employed or appear upon the minutes.
12. The names of members shall be called as often as the Association may direct.
13. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoint another to his seat during the time, but shall not vote on any question unless the Association be equally divided.
14. Any member violating these rules may be reproved by the Moderator, at discretion, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

15. These rules may be amended or altered at any regular meeting of this body, by a majority vote of the members present.

MINISTERIAL RECORD.

ORDAINED.

Bunch, Wm.	Black Jack	Scott	Co.
Bennett, Jno.	Ozark,	Franklin	"
Barnes, Jas.	Sugar Loaf,	Sebastian	"
Campbell, J. C.	Greenwood,	Sebastian	"
Compere, E. L.	Charleston,	Franklin	"
Cagle, C. T.	Greenwood,	Sebastian	"
Cordell, A. C.	Sugar Loaf,	Sebastian	"
Cleringer, J. M.	Greenwood,	Sebastian	"
Fields, J. S.	Greenwood,	Sebastian	"
Fuller, S. J.	Boonville,	Sarber	"
Greenlee, Wm.	Bloomer,	Sebastian	"
Holland, J. J.	Greenwood,	Sebastian	"
Karr, Henry.	Ozark,	Franklin	"
Kimmon, E. B.	Bloomer,	Sebastian	"
Kregel, F. L.	Fort Smith,	Sebastian	"
Ledbetter, J. M.	Greenwood,	Sebastian	"
Ledbetter, J. S.	Charleston,	Franklin	"
Long, C. B.	James Fork,	Sebastian	"
McCollum, Wm.	Black Jack,	Scott	"
Rippy, A. J.	Bloomer,	Sebastian	"
Rowe, Daniel	Greenwood,	Sebastian	"
Spiller, A. A.	Waldron,	Scott	"
Sutton, M. N.	Sugar Loaf	Sebastian	"
Tupper, C. P.	Sugar Loaf,	Sebastian	"
Tollison,	Charleston,	Franklin.	"

LICENTIATE.

Anthony, C. P.	Black Jack,	Scott	Co.
Bean, Alex.	Dayton,	Sebastian	"
Cornut, D.	Waldron,	Scott	"
Dickerson, J. M.	Black Jack,	Scott	"
Glass, G. W.	Greenwood,	Sebastian	"
Griffeth, S. J.	Waldron,	Scott	"
Greenlee, J. N.	Bloomer,	Sebastian	"
Johnston, J.	Black Jack,	Scott	"
McNeeley, W. C.	Sugar Grove,	Sarber	"
Patterson, Wm.	Sugar Loaf,	Sebastian	"
Watkins, T. N.	Waldron,	Scott	"

STATISTICAL.

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RECAPITULATION.

Baptized.....
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Excluded.....
Deceased.....

Present Number.....

WESTERN INDEPENDENT OFFICE,

FORT SMITH, ARK., October 18th 1873.

Amount of F. L. Kregel amount in full for
minutes. \$43 00

J. F. WHEELER & SON.