



OF THE

Liberty

*Baptist * Association,*

HELD WITH

Smackover Church,

Smackover, Arkansas, Sept. 9, 10 and 11, 1898,

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The next, Fifty-Fourth, session will convene with New Temple Church, Tubal, Ark., September 8, 1899.

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:-: OFFICERS: :-:

H. T. Hawkins, Moderator, Mt. Holly, Ark.

F. E. Morgan, Clerk, Junction, Ark.

Proceedings.

SMACKOVER, ARK., September 9, 1898.

The Fifty-third Annual Session of the Liberty Baptist Association convened with the Baptist church of Christ at Smackover, Union County, Ark., Friday before the second Lord's Day in September, 1898, when the following proceedings were had:

At 11 o'clock a. m., the messengers having assembled at the school house and the former Moderator, H. G. P. Williams, being absent, the Clerk, F. E. Morgan, called the house to order, and announced that neither the appointee, Eld. J. N. Hartley, nor his alternate, W. J. Newsom, were present to preach the introductory sermon; therefore, it was in order to elect one to discharge that duty. Eld. W. F. Dorris put in nomination Eld. W. W. Gardner, of Arkadelphia. There being no other name in nomination, he was unanimously elected. The congregation sang "Come, Thy Fount of Every Blessing," when the preacher read a part of the 17th chapter of the Gospel by Luke. After the reading the congregation united in prayer. After singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," the congregation was engaged by Bro. Gardner in a sermon from Luke 17: 5, "And the apostles said unto him, Lord, increase our faith." The theme was, The necessity for an increase of faith. The sermon was timely and well received. Eld. D. N. Mullins led the prayer. It was announced that dinner was prepared and would be served on the ground. The benediction was pronounced by Eld. H. T. Britt.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After partaking of a most sumptuous dinner, the delegates assembled at the arbor at 2 p. m., when the Clerk read Psalm 103. The congregation was led in a devout and impressive prayer by Eld. W. F. Dorris.

The former Moderator, H. G. P. Williams, being absent, the Clerk announced the chair vacant, and asked the Association to elect a Moderator.

Upon motion and second, Bro. H. T. Hawkins was unanimously chosen temporary Moderator.

Upon taking the chair, Bro. Hawkins made a few very appropriate and modest remarks of thanks to the brethren for their confidence, thus expressed, in calling him to preside over the body. He then announced the body ready to proceed to business, and called for letters from the churches constituting this Association. Elds J. N. Hartley, W. F. Dorris and R. B. Devine read the letters.

The following is the roll of the churches composing this Association, with the names of the delegates in attendance:

Blanchard Spring—Represented by letter.

Camden—E. C. Crowell, S. A. Rowland, W. F. Davis and C. B. Rogers.

Cargile—I. H. Ingram.

Center Point—M. D. Ballard and W. J. Harrison.

Champagnolle—James Armor and S. L. Adams.

Ebenezer—

Elliott—Benj. F. Rogers, W. H. Carter and H. M. Warnock.

El Dorado—E. C. Faulkner, W. F. Owen, B. W. Reeves and J. H. Lee.

Green Grove—

Hillsborro—Represented by letter.

Hopewell, No. 1—H. T. Britt.

Hopewell, No. 3—J. E. Lambert.

Holly Grove—J. R. Williams.

Junction—J. H. Hughes.

Liberty—

Lisbon—D. M. Oliver and J. A. Moore.

Lanon—

Midway—A. B. Sessoms, W. J. Bankston and J. C. Davison.

Mt. Hope—W. E. N. Cravens.

Mt. Moriah—

Mt. Pleasant—

New Hope—T. M. Hicks, James Perry and W. S. Parker.

New London—

Norphlet—C. L. Stocks, W. W. Lawton and E. G. Murphy.

Philadelphia—W. H. Helms.

Pleasant Grove—

Smackover—T. B. Daniels, J. T. Irwin and John Holloway.

Salem—W. T. Jameson, J. A. Lewis and H. T. Hawkins.

Shiloh—H. T. Britt and C. P. Kinard.

Spring Hill—W. F. Miears.

Three Creeks—J. D. Crawford.

Upland—

Union—J. V. Jenny.

Zion Hill—Ed. Ward.

After reading the letters and enrolling the churches and delegates, the Association proceeded to a permanent organization.

On motion and second, the rules were suspended and H. T. Hawkins was elected Moderator and F. E. Morgan, Clerk, by acclamation.

On motion and second, the order of business of the former sessions of this Association was adopted for the order of business for this session.

The chair invited visiting brethren to seats with this body. The following visitors were enrolled and took seats in the body: Eld. V. M. Stone, of Mt. Pleasant, Tex.; Eld. W. W. Gardner, of Arkadelphia, Ark.; Eld. J. N. McCann, of Woodbury, Ark.; Elds. R. B. DeVine and D. N. Mullins, Beuna Vista, Ark., Columbia Association, and Eld. J. N. Hartley, Arkadelphia, Ark.

On motion and second, the rules were suspended, and B. W. Reeves, Benj. F. Rogers, J. A. Lewis and the pastor and deacons of Smackover church were appointed a Committee on Devotional Exercises.

On motion and second, the body took a ten minutes recess for the chair to make up the committees, after which the house was called to order and the chair announced the following committees:

State and Associational Missions—W. F. Dorris, E. C. Crowell and W. T. Jameson.

Foreign Missions—H. T. Britt, W. F. Miears and J. H. Hughes.

Education—B. W. Reeves, C. B. Rogers, A. B. Sessoms and Henry Warnock.

Temperance—J. D. Crawford, E. C. Faulkner and J. T. Irwin.

Nominations—S. A. Rowland, T. M. Hicks and J. H. Lee.

Sunday-schools—E. C. Faulkner, W. F. Owen and Ed Ward.

Orphans' Home—B. W. Reeves, B. F. Rogers and J. A. Lewis.

Finance—I. H. Ingram, J. A. Lee and C. B. Rogers.

On motion, returned correspondents to associations as follows: Judson, J. H. Hughes; Everett, F. E. Morgan, J. D. Crawford and W. E. N. Cravens; Liberty, Dr. W. A. Moore.

At this juncture the chair indulged Eld. H. T. Britt in a few very earnest remarks of admonition to the brethren, urging them to attend other associations. He felt it would be to their good and to the good of the cause of the Master.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made a partial report: Eld. R. B. DeVine will preach at night at the school house.

On motion and second, adjourned until 9 o'clock a m. tomorrow. The benediction was pronounced by Eld. W. W. Gardner.

At night, as per appointment, Eld. R. B. DeVine preached to an attentive and crowded house from 1. Sam. 15: 22. Subject, "Obedience." The sermon was appropriate and forceful. It was received with profound attention.

SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

At 9 o'clock the messengers reassembled at the arbor. After singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," the Moderator read Psalm 15, and Eld. J. N. Hartley led in prayer.

After prayer the Moderator announced the body ready for business and called for the reading of the minutes of the previous day's proceedings. On motion, minutes were adopted as corrected.

The Moderator having received by mail the letter from the church at Blanchard Springs, the same was read and the church properly accredited.

Under suspension of the rules, the following brethren were appointed to return correspondence to the Columbia Association, that having been overlooked yesterday: H. T. Britt, A. R. Britt and W. T. Jameson.

Called for reports of committees.**STATE AND ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.**

We, your Committee on State and Associational Missions, would make the following report: Our State has many places of destitution hitherto unoccupied by us. We have numerous weak churches recently organized in new towns unable to secure the services of pastors. Our State Board has co-operated so far as in its power with the various associations of the State in supplying these destitutions. Their crying needs stare us in the face and appeal to us for help. Shall we do our share in helping to proclaim the gospel to the lost? or shall we withhold the "bread of life" from the spiritually starving souls of our State? Our State Evangelist, Bro. Tate, has rendered valuable services in holding meetings with the weak churches of the State, and many have been converted through his instrumentality. We would recommend that each church make regular contributions to the work of State Missions. Let no church fail to give something during the year to this great work. The Lord loves a cheerful giver. Then, brethren, of Liberty Association, for Christ's sake, who died for us and for the sake of the lost, for whom he died, let us give to, and pray for, the State and Associational work.

W. F. DORRIS, Ch'm'n.

W. T. JAMESON,

E. C. CROWELL.

Pending the adoption, the report was discussed with great zeal and earnestness by Brethren W. F. Dorris, E. C. Faulkner, E. Ward, E. C. Crowell, J. N. Hartley and J. D. Crawford. The report was unanimously adopted as read.

The report of the Committee on Education was read by the chairman:

Your committee beg to report that it is with pleasure that we call attention to the fact that our denomination is giving more prayerful attention to the subject of Christian education than ever before. We are glad to note the fact that our people are becoming aroused on the subject of higher education and are patronizing our own denominational schools. If the world ever receives the whole truth, it must be delivered by Baptists. Therefore our responsibilities are great. In order to meet these responsibilities, we must thoroughly train our young people, and to thoroughly equip our children for the great work which is before them; we must send them to our own denominational schools, where not only the mind will be trained, but character developed, their souls fed on the pure word of God, and thoroughly indoctrinated. Your committee believe it is the duty of Baptists to patronize Baptist Schools and Colleges.

We point with pride to Ouachita College which is a creature of Arkan-

sas Baptist State Convention. Ouachita has but few equals in the South. Her faculty is composed of twenty-three consecrated men and women who are giving their time and talents to the cause of our denomination.

Parents can make no mistake by sending their children to our schools.

Central College, located at Conway, Ark., is a first-class female college and deserves our sympathy and support.

Mountain Home College, located at Mountain Home, Ark., is doing good work in Northern Arkansas.

As a denomination we believe in an educated ministry, and earnestly pray that the day may soon come when we will be able to give to the world, country and town alike, a thoroughly educated ministry. Ouachita College enrolls twenty to thirty-five preachers every year. Many of them are unable to pay their expenses and turn with aching hearts to their brethren for help that they may prepare to do the work the Master has given them to do.

Your committee recommends that each church in this association take at least one collection for ministerial education during this associational year.

Respectfully submitted,

B. W. REEVES, Ch'm'n.

C. B. ROGERS,

A. R. BRITT.

The report was spoken to by Brethren E. C. Faulkner, J. N. Hartley, B. W. Reeves, C. B. Rogers, H. T. Britt, J. N. McCann and J. H. Hughes. The report was adopted as read.

Eld. E. C. Faulkner moved to take a collection for ministerial education. The motion prevailed, and the following pledges made by churches and individuals:

PLEDGES FOR MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Camden, by W. F. Dorris.....	\$25 00
Cargile, J. H. Hughes	2 50
ElDorado, E. C. Faulkner.....	10 00
Elliott, B. F. Rogers	2 00
Junction, J. H. Hughes	10 00
Midway, A. B. Sessoms.....	1 00
J. C. Davison.....	50
Norphlet, E. G. Murphy.....	1 00
Philadelphia, W. H. Helms.....	2 50
Smackover, J. T. Howard.....	2 00
Salem, W. T. Jameson.....	5 00
I. H. Ingram (paid)	1 00
Lisbon, J. P. Roberson	2 50
Cash.....	80
Total.....	\$65 80

The Committee on Orphans' Home reported:

Your Committee would report the following: Since your last association the Home has made some progress. At present we have eighteen children; one has died; another has been put in a private family. Our present building is full. We have no room for others, and others are asking for admission. Brethren, what shall we do? We have decided to put a man in the field to raise money for that purpose, and they elected Bro. W. W. Gardner who entered at once upon the work. Since then he has raised \$1,250.00 in cash and \$100.00 in pledges. It will take twenty-two hundred dollars to build and furnish the house we have in view, and in connection with this the children are to be cared for, and we desire to lay this matter on the hearts and minds of the brethren of Liberty Association. Brethren, you were the first to respond to our appeal. To you we look again to keep the ball rolling. No work appeals more strongly to the hearts of all people, especially to the Baptists of Arkansas, than this. The moral, Christian and intellectual training of those whose wings that sheltered is broken forever. Now another wing is provided in the Orphans' Home at Monticello. Mrs. Hannah Gardner, our matron, after giving us her lands, is now giving us her life in taking care of those children. She has received no pay for her work. The board has not been able to pay her a salary. Noble woman! Here is consecration, indeed. May God bless her and the children in her care. Brethren, can we make some sacrifice as well as she? Let us lift our hearts to God in her behalf, and also leave our gifts on the altar today, and have some part or interest in the new building.

B. W. REEVES, Ch'm'n.

B. F. ROGERS,

J. A. LEWIS.

Under a motion to adopt, Bro. Gardner, who is the agent for the home, made a very impressive speech and gave facts concerning this noble work. The report was adopted.

The following pledges and cash contributions were taken for the Orphans' Home:

Camden.....	\$15 00	Mt. Pleasant.....	1 50
Cargile.....	2 50	New Hope.....	2 50
Center Point.....	1 50	New London.....	1 00
El Dorado.....	10 00	Norphlet.....	2 00
Elliott.....	2 00	Philadelphia.....	2 50
H. H. Laverett.....	50	Smackover.....	2 50
H. T. Britt.....	2 50	Salem.....	2 50
J. E. Lambert.....	1 00	Shiloh.....	2 00
J. B. Williams.....	2 00	Spring Hill.....	2 50
Junction.....	5 00	Three Creeks.....	3 00
Midway.....	2 50	Union.....	2 50
Mt. Hope.....	2 00	Zion Hill.....	1 50
W. E. N. Cravens.....	1 00	Cash.....	17 40

Total..... \$90.90

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This is the greatest subject that claims the attention of man. It is of vital interest to every living soul. The heathen are lost without the gospel. For this cause Jesus, the head of the church, left heaven to carry the glad tiding of Salvation to a dark and lost world. We who have received the light should send it forth into all the world. We have the gospel here, and if a man desires the gospel with its blessings, he can hear and receive salvation. But there are multiplied thousands who have not heard who can not have the good news unless we send it to them. We can not fully carry out the great commission and neglect foreign missions. The spirit of Christ is to help those who can not help themselves. So if we go or send the gospel to the lost we have the spirit of Christ. If we do not go nor send we have not the spirit of our blessed Master.

Your committee would beseech you in the name of Christ to go to foreign fields. If you can not go, contribute to the support of our brethren who are anxious to go. The Lord in his own good way has given to us large fields. He has given to us Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines. Now, let us rise in the strength of our Master and take those islands for Christ. If we believe the Baptists are right, we should not rest till every land has fully obeyed Christ.

Brethren, let us enter heartily into this work. Liberty Association is able to support one missionary in foreign fields. Are we willing?

Respectfully submitted,

H. T. BRITT, Ch'm'n.

W. F. MIEARS,

J. H. HUGHES.

Pending the adoption. speeches of great fervency were made by Brethren W. F. Miears, Benj. F. Rogers, H. T. Britt, W. F. Dorris, J. D. Crawford and V. M. Stone.

The report was adopted as read.

On motion, the Association adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

A bountiful dinner was furnished on the grounds, of which the people partook most cheerfully.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The congregation had grown to such proportions that the Committee on Devotional Exercises arranged for preaching at the school house at 2:30 p. m. Bro V. M. Stone preached to a crowded house from 1 Cor. 14: 8: "For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?"

At 2 p. m. the Moderator called the house to order and proceeded to business, and called for the report of the Commit-

tee on Temperance. The report was read by Eld J. D Crawford, and is as follows:

We understand "Temperance," properly defined, to mean a moderate use of all things necessary to life and comfort and total abstinence from all things unnecessary. It is a subject that we should study. It places us on a high elevation of purity and virtue, and frees one from many an hour of suffering, both in body and soul. It is one of those high, ornamental graces that should adorn the life and character of every Christian. In fact there can be no well rounded character without temperance. We should be slow to speak, slow to anger, kind, gentle, sober; not even looking upon the wine cup as a beverage. In all cases we should shun the very appearance of evil, not only in regard to the intoxicating cup, but in all those passions and vices that would destroy our influence for good. It is the high and noble privilege of all to live in an atmosphere perfumed with the breath of God; to live in touch with him; to have him in our business and in our homes. Let us from this time forward study to be more temperate in all things, and in every instance using our power to rid our country and homes from the curse and woe of intemperance.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. CRAWFORD,
E. C. FAULKNER,
J. T. IRWIN.

A motion to adopt was promptly made, pending which the subject was warmly discussed by Elds Faulkner, Crawford, Clark (editor of the Arkansas Baptist, who had just arrived, and was welcomed by the Moderator on behalf of the Association), Gardner and Brethren E C Crowell, B F. Rogers, W. E N. Cravens and H. T. Hawkins. The report was adopted.

The report on publications was read by Bro. Benj. F. Rogers:

PUBLICATIONS.

We, your Committee on Publications, beg leave to submit the following as our report: We would most earnestly beg that our people make the study of the Bible of first importance. We realize with sadness that the masses do not study the Bible as they should. It is the book of books. It teaches us of a loving Savior; of his willingness and desire to save. It gives us the whole plan of salvation. Then let us study the Bible with a full purpose; not only to learn more of God, but to live nearer him.

As to papers, we would suggest that our people read all the good and sound Baptist papers that they can, but would recommend that they take and read our own State paper, by all means. But, brethren, the way to make the "Arkansas Baptist" better, is to give it a larger patronage. If

we would have an ideal paper, let us uphold the paper by our talk, our means and our prayers.

We noticed, with much gratitude, while the letters were being read yesterday, that every Sunday-school, except one, use the Southern Baptist Convention series. This is as it should be, except that one church's Sunday-School should use the S. B. C. S. This series of literature is published by our own home board. It is ours, and it is our duty to support it, and more especially so when we consider that about 20 per cent of all orders, when ordered through Brother W. A. Clark, of Little Rock, goes directly into the State Mission fund.

Respectfully Submitted,

B. F. ROGERS, Ch'm'n.

A. B. SESSOMS.

HENRY WARNOCK.

The report was discussed by Elds. E. C. Faulkner and W. A. Clark, and an amendment having been adopted, the report was adopted as above recorded

Pending the question, Dr. Clark spoke forcibly for the Baptist, and Eld. R. B. DeVine and Bro. B. W. Reeves made appropriate speeches on the subject.

The report of Committee on Sunday-schools was read by Bro. B. F. Rogers, by request, as follows:

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sunday-Schools, beg leave to submit the following: Our Sunday-School work is one of little importance, and while the report of our Publication Society is encouraging and shows material advancement in the use and dissemination of our denominational literature, yet there is great destitution and lack of enthusiasm in this important church work, even in the bounds of our own association. It is sad to note the neglect and indifference along this line of work. Is it to be wondered at that we are bringing such reports of small gains to churches which we believe hold Bible truths so pure and unadulterated? There was a time when it might have been argued with some plausibility that Bible helps were scarce and high priced and sometimes unsatisfactory, but no such argument now can reasonably be made. The inauguration of our Southern Baptist Publication Society has met this need in every particular. The abundant supply and the low price at which they are made together with the soundness of their teachings. make them not only in reach of our weakest churches, but worthy of the highest indorsement of our entire denomination. There is a fault somewhere. Our leaders do not urge upon our brethren the importance of this work, or our brethren are woefully negligent of a great duty, or the whole thing is wrong.

We would urge a prayerful consideration of the Sunday-school work by every member of the church—male and female—and decide for himself or herself whether it be of God or men, and in the fear of God act promptly—

Respectfully submitted.

E. C. FAULKNER,
W. F. OWEN,
ED. WARD.

The report was spoken to by Eld. E. C. Faulkner in a timely though brief speech, and adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Finance read its report, which was adopted. It shows the following amounts sent by the churches:

FINANCE.

For Associational purposes.....	\$28 95
State and Associational missions.....	2 25
Home missions.....	2 50
Foreign missions	6 82
Orphans' Home.....	17 40
Balance from clerk for associational purposes last year.....	7 20

Total.....\$65 12

Respectfully submitted,

I. H. INGRAM,
C. B. ROGERS,
J. H. LEE.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following:

We, your Committee on Nominations, beg leave to report as follows: We recommend that the next session of this association be held with New Hope Church, commencing Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1899, at 11 o'clock a. m., and that Eld. E. C. Faulkner preach the introductory sermon; Eld. W. F. Dorris, alternate. We recommend Eld. W. F. Dorris as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention; Bro. B. W. Reeves alternate. We recommend as delegates to the Baptist State Convention Eld. J. D. Crawford and Bros. M. P. Muse, F. E. Morgan, H. G. P. Williams and H. F. Hawkins. We recommend that the Executive Committee be as follows: E. C. Faulkner, W. F. Dorris, H. F. Hawkins, B. W. Reeves, H. G. P. Williams and M. P. Muse.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. A. ROWLAND,
J. H. LEE,
T. M. HICKS.

Under a motion to adopt, an amendment was accepted recommending Eld. E. C. Faulkner as member of State Board of Missions. Report was then adopted as amended.

The following resolutions were read and promptly adopted unanimously:

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, that this association pay to Bro. W. J. Newsom \$3.75, (the amount we owe him for missionary work) out of the surplus minute money turned over to this body by the clerk.

W. F. DORRIS,
B. F. ROGERS.

Resolved, That the Finance Committee turn over the moneys for minutes, missions, Orphans' Home, ministerial and educational to Bro. B. W. Reeves to be paid out as ordered by the Central Committee.

2, That we allow the clerk \$15 for his services when he shall have superintended the printing of the minutes and distributing of them to the churches.

B. F. ROGERS,
J. H. HUGHES,
H. T. BRITT.

On motion and second, the clerk was instructed to give the Arkansas Baptist the preference in printing the minutes.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, that this Association extend thanks to Smackover Church and the community for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained us.

W. F. DORRIS.

On motion and second, the surplus minute funds turned over to this body remaining after paying Bro. Newsom be added to the minute funds for this year.

A petition signed by a number of persons claiming to be members of Shiloh church was read. The petitioners asked that the Association send a committee of three to examine into some troubles existing in that church and to aid in settling same. Upon motion of Eld. H. T. Britt, the petition was tabled.

All business of the body having been completed, a motion was made to adjourn, to meet with New Hope church, Friday before the second Lord's Day in September, 1899. The brethren joined in singing "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" and a fraternal hand-shaking, when the motion was adopted. And thus closed the fifty-third session of Liberty Association.

NIGHT PREACHING.

Eld. E. C. Faulkner preached a very forceful and edifying sermon at night from II. Cor. 8: 7, "Therefore, as ye abound in everything, in faith and utterance and knowledge, and in all

diligence and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also

SUNDAY MORNING.

At 11 o'clock, Eld. W. A. Clark preached one of his characteristic sermons to a large audience from Acts 1: 1, "The former treaties have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus begun both to do and teach."

After the sermon a collection for missions was taken, which amounted to \$8.15.

H. T. HAWKINS, MODERATOR.

F. E. MORGAN, CLERK.

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERSHIP.										SUNDAY-SCHOOL.						
	Increase.					Decrease.					Membership.				Finances.		
	By Baptism.	By Letter.	Restored.	Total Increase.		By Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total Decrease.	Males.	Females.	Present Membership.	Officers.	Teachers.	Classes.	Scholars Enrolled.	Average Attendance.
*Blanchard Springs.	1	8	9	3	2	1	6	15	20	35	35	113			9	60	\$1 65
Camden.....	1	5	6	10	1	11	18	13	31	45	77	47			48	37	
Cargile.....	1	2	3	6													
Center Point.	1	2	3	6													
Champagnolle.	1	2	3	6													
+Ebenezer.	1	5	6	2	1	4	13	24	42	10	6	70	40				\$7 00
Elliott.....	11	11	11	7	18	51	89	140	11	8	91	60					51 11
El Dorado.....	3	3	5	3	8	30	52	82	4								4 00
*Green Grove.	2	2	2	1	3	25	16	41	29								
*Hillsboro.	1	1	2	1	3	17	30	47	108								
Hopewell No. 1.	3	10	13	7	3	7	49	59	108								
Hopewell No. 3.	1	1	2	1	3	17	30	47	108								
Holly Grove. *	3	10	13	7	3	7	49	59	108								
Junction.....	1	1	2	1	1	15	25	40									
+Liberty.....	1	1	2	1	1	15	25	40									
Lisbon.....	7	7	2	1	2	5	55	75	130	2	32						
+Louan.....	1	7	8	9	3	12	20	24	44								
Midway.....	6	1	7	7	3	10	37	51	88	7	4	40					1 00
Mt. Hope.....	2	2	4	1	2	3	35	35									
+Mt. Moriah.	2	12	14	2	2	19	27	46									
+Mt. Pleasant.	5	5	9	7	1	17	19	49									
New Hope.....	1	1	3	1	3	46	57	103	3	2	45						1 55
+New London.	2	2	4	1	2	3	35	35									
Norphet.....	2	12	14	2	2	19	27	46									
Philadelphia.	5	5	9	7	1	17	19	49									
+Pleasant Grove.	1	1	3	1	3	46	57	103	3	2	45						
Salem.....	1	1	3	1	3	46	57	103	3	2	45						
Shiloh.....	2	1	4	6	4	1	21	107									
Smackover.....	1	1	3	1	3	46	57	103	3	2	45						
Spring Hill.....	2	1	4	6	4	1	21	107									
Three Creeks.	1	1	3	1	3	46	57	103	3	2	45						
Union.....	2	1	4	6	4	1	21	107									
+Upland.....	4	4	5	1	7												
Zion Hill.....	4	4	5	1	7												
Totals.....	53	60	1	114	104	34	17	155	498	702	1669	28	9	20	631	290	\$1 65 \$172 22

Churches represented by letter marked *

Churches not represented marked †

CONTRIBUTIONS.													Value of Church Property.	Sundays of Meeting.
Missions.			Miscellaneous.											
State.	Home.	Foreign.	Ministerial Education.	Orphans' Home.	Relief of Poor.	Associational and Minutes.	Incidental Expenses.	Purchase of Property.	Paid for Building.	Pastor's Salary.				
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Elliott	W. F. Dorris	Camden	Ben. F. Rogers	Elliott
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Lisbon	J. D. Crawford	Three Creeks	J. P. Robinsan	Lisbon
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Mt. Moriah				
Mt. Pleasant				
New Hope	J. D. Hope	Three Creeks	J. G. Adams	Tubal
New London				
Norphlet	J. W. Newsom	Wesson	G. E. Murphy	Norphlet
Philadelphia	J. W. Newsom	Wesson	H. B. White	Dihola
Pleasant Grove				
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Union			D. D. Pumphry	Juno
Upland				
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FAULKNER, E. C.	El Dorado
GREEN, B. C.	Dihola
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HUGHES, J. H.	Junction
MCCAIN, J. G.	Champagnolle
NEWSOM, J. W.	Wesson
PHILLIPS, ELISHA	Junction
ROBERTSON, W. T.	Cornie

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, who, upon producing their credentials, shall be entitled to seats.

ART. 2. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known by the name of the Liberty Baptist Association, which shall usurp no authority over the churches in our union, nor infringe any of their internal rights, but shall merely be considered as an advisory council in all matters relative to their internal concerns. Nevertheless, it becomes necessary in some cases to have a uniform rule of procedure, namely, if one church commit an offense against another, it shall be the duty of the offended to labor with the offender for satisfaction. If she fail of success, she shall call the aid of two or more churches in our union to assist in laboring for satisfaction; and if final satisfaction, in the opinion of the helps thus called, be not obtained, the aggrieved may bring the case before the Association, which shall be taken up and decided upon according to its merits. If a serious difference should arise in an individual church, which, upon due labor, can not be reconciled, she shall call the aid of two or more sister churches to assist in the work, and if a reconciliation be not effected, the help so called or the church may bring the case before the Association, to be acted upon according to its merits; but the Association will take cognizance of no such case of the above kind, unless a due course of procedure shall have been previously pursued according to the economy of the church discipline, found in the eighteenth chapter of the Gospel by St. Matthew, and other parts of the Scripture which define the nature of offenses and the manner of bringing offenders to trial.

ART. 3. The churches in our union shall transmit to every annual session of the Association a written communication, specifying the names of the delegates, their number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, restored and deceased since the last session, which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

ART. 4. Every church in our union shall be entitled to representatives in the following manner, viz: Each church shall be entitled to three delegates for the first fifty members or under, and one for every fifty over. Any church failing to represent herself as above described, shall state her reasons at the next session.

ART. 5. New churches may be admitted into our union by delegates bearing petitionary letters. If upon due examination they be found orderly and orthodox, the Moderator shall manifest their admission by giving their delegates the right hand in token of Christian fellowship.

ART. 6. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular, proper decorum, which she is authorized to form and amend, according to her own views.

ART. 7. At every session of the Association a Moderator shall be appointed by and from among the delegates present, whose duty it shall be to see that the rules are strictly observed and to take the voice of the Association on all subjects legally introduced. A Clerk shall also be appointed, whose duty it shall be to take proper and correct minutes of the proceedings, and record the same in a well bound book kept for that purpose.

ART. 8. The Association shall have the power to withdraw from the union

of any church that may violate the constitution or depart from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

ART. 9. The Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

ART. 10. Every query sent by a particular church must be included in her letter, certifying that she endeavored to reconcile it but failed. In such cases the Association shall take it under consideration, and the voice of the majority shall be considered an advisory answer, which shall be entered on the minutes.

ART. 11. Queries which immediately concern the general union of the churches, sent by a particular church, or introduced by proper motion, shall be taken up and decided as soon as practicable.

ART. 12. Any church in our union having a preacher whom she deems worthy of ordination shall call a presbytery of ministers from sister churches to officiate in the work. Presbyteries, in the ordaining of ministers or deacons, or in the constitution of the church, shall be governed by the Abstract of Faith adopted by this Association. Nevertheless, where ministers' aid can not be obtained conveniently, one minister may constitute churches, with the assistance of a deacon, and shall be dissolved by a like presbytery.

ART. 13. The Association shall have a fund supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches, and all moneys thus contributed shall be transmitted for the churches by their delegates and handed over to the Committee on Finance. The committee shall be appointed annually, whose duty it shall be to receive in charge the Association fund and dispose of same agreeable to order; and make at every session a fair and substantial report of its proceedings.

ART. 14. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Association to keep a regular file of the minutes of every session of this body.

ART. 15. The Association shall not adjourn until it shall have finished all the business on hand, except in extraordinary cases.

ART. 16. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session rises.

ART. 17. In all cases the Association shall be governed by a majority, only when conflicting with the constitution.

ART. 18. Amendments to the constitution may be made by submitting the same at one session of the Association, which shall stand over until the session following, and then be voted upon, requiring two-thirds of the members present voting in the affirmative to effect a change.

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RULES OF DECORUM.

ARTICLE 1. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject or use words of personal reflection. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless withdrawn by him that made it.

ART. 2. Every case taken up by the Association shall be decided on or withdrawn before another shall be offered.

ART. 3. When a question is taken up, after allowing time for debate, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association on the subject, and the members on the affirmative side of the question shall signify the same by rising.

from their seats, or otherwise, and those on the negative side shall retain their seats.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall announce the decision of the Association.

ART. 5. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

ART. 6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same proposition without permission from the Association, nor more than once until every member wishing to speak shall have spoken; nor shall any proposition be made to close the subject until the debates have been carried through.

ART. 7. The appellation of brother shall be used in the Association by members in their addresses to one another.

ART. 8. The names of the members shall be called as often as the Association may direct.

ART. 9. No member shall be tolerated in any practice which tends to interrupt public speaking.

ART. 10. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoints another to his seat during the time, but shall not vote on any question unless the Association be equally divided.

ART. 11. Any member violating these rules shall be reprovved by the Moderator at discretion, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

ARTICLE I. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

ART. II. We believe that the Scriptures, composing the Old and New Testaments, are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

ART. III. We believe in the doctrine of election as founded in the foreknowledge of God, through sanctification of the spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.

ART. IV. We believe in the doctrine of original sin by the fall of Adam.

ART. V. We believe in man's incapacity, by his own free will and ability, to recover himself from the fallen state by which he is in nature.

ART. VI. We believe that sinners are justified, in the sight of God, by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.

ART. VII. We believe that saints shall be preserved in grace, and never fall finally away.

ART. VIII. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of baptism, and that immersion is the apostolic mode.

ART. IX. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and in the general judgment; and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

ART. X. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel but one who is regularly baptized, called and comes under the imposition of the hands of a presbytery.

ART. XI. We believe that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's table.

ART. XII. We believe that the Lord's day should be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion.

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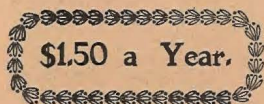
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