

MINUTES

OF THE

STATE LINE

ASSOCIATION

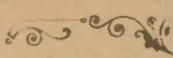


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*Fifteenth Session,*

1883

SOUTH MISSIONARY TRUST, ALTON, ILL.



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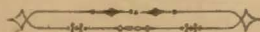
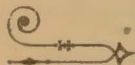
—HELD WITH—

Concord Church, Randolph Co., Ark.,

ON THE 4TH, 5TH AND 6TH DAYS OF SEPTEMBER,  
1888.

A. R. KIRKPATRICK, Clerk.

D. A. PRESLEY, Mod.



# MINUTES.

State Line Association met pursuant to adjournment with Concord Church, in Randolph Co., Ark, commencing on Tuesday, September 4th, 1888.

Annual sermon delivered by M. M. Jackson from Matthew 28 chapter and 19 verse, after which, the Moderator and Clerk being absent, the Association proceeded to appoint D. A. Presley Moderator pro. tem., and A. R. Kirkpatrick Clerk pro. tem. Then the names of the churches were called and names of messengers enrolled in the following order:

Antioch.—A. M. Jackson, Marcus Vermillear and Morgan Davidson.

Alton.—A. R. Kirkpatrick.

Bethany.—E. T. Lincoln and T. B. Allison.

Concord.—J. E. Amos, J. P. Vandergriff and C. H. Tyler.

Hollow Springs.—S. C. McCollough and W. H. Smith.

Lebanon.—S. Harmon.

Many Springs.—J. W. Livingston and John Martin.

Mill Creek.—J. H. C. Sconce and J. M. Taylor.

New Salem.—W. J. Jones and S. P. Couch.

Oak Grove.—Samuel Hart, Thomas Abernatha and Green Teel.

Rocky Point.—Milton Childers and H. C. Smith.

New Hope.—F. M. Starling.

Rose Hill.—J. L. Young.

Will's Chapel.—Stith Maynard and Jacob Richardson.

The Association then proceeded to ballot for Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the election of D. A. Presley, Moderator, and A. R. Kirkpatrick, Clerk.

Rules of Decorum were then read, and visiting brethren invited to seats with us.

Rev. J. N. Hall, of the Arkansas Baptist, W. P. Kime, of Reno, Ark., and J. A. Jiles, of Kentucky, came forward and took their seats.

Called for correspondence from sister associations.

Cave Spring responded by her delegate, C. L. Cate.

Union responded by her delegates, Wm. Jolliff and Enoch Willard.  
Called for new churches.

Baker's Creek Church presented her petitionary letter, which was read and received, and her delegate, T. M. Johnson, was given the right hand of fellowship and admitted to a seat with us.

The Moderator then proceeded to appoint the several committees as follows:

ON ARRANGEMENTS—J. E. Amos, J. W. Livingston, S. C. McCollough, with the Moderator and Clerk.

ON CORRESPONDENCE—H. C. Smith and T. B. Abernathy.

ON TEMPERANCE—E. T. Lincoln and F. M. Starling.

ON MISSIONS—T. M. Johnson and S. P. Couch.

ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES—S. Harmon and J. H. C. Sconce.

ON SABBATH SCHOOL—Stith Maynard and Wm. Jolliff.

ON FINANCE—Jacob Richardson and Charlie Tyler.

ON PUBLICATION—E. T. Lincoln and Stith Maynard.

ON PREACHING—J. E. Amos, D. H. Tyler and J. P. Vandergriff.

ON OBITUARIES—W. J. Jones and John Martin.

On motion and second the Association adjourned to meet Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Bro. Klme. Sermon at night by Bro. J. N. Hall; We are Helpers to the Truth.

### WEDNESDAY'S PROCEEDINGS

9 A. M.—The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. Wm. Jolliff, of Union Association.

Called the roll and marked absentees.

ARRANGEMENTS.—We, your Committee on Arrangements, submit our report, which was read and adopted and committee discharged.

J. E. AMOS,  
J. W. LIVINGSTON,  
S. C. MCCOLLOUGH,  
with Moderator and Clerk.

} Committee.

Reading Rules of Decorum.

Called for new churches. None presented.

Called for correspondence from sister Associations.

Called for report of Committee on Missions.

We, your Committee on Missions, submit the following report:

We would recommend that our churches pay their pastors liberally, and would recommend that each pastor preach at least two discourses a year on the missionary cause. We also recommend that a missionary board be appointed, and that two Deacons and two Clerks of each church take up collections in their respective churches every three months and pay same to the missionary board,



whose duty it shall be to employ and pay ministers to labor in destitute places, or where in their judgment good might be accomplished.

S. P. COUCH,  
T. M. JOHNSON, } Committee.  
S. Harmon,

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.—We, your committee on the State of the Churches, submit the following report:

We find that churches have not made the progress they should have made; We therefore recommend more earnest zeal and peace-walk and Godly conversation among our members. We further recommend that our churches should do more for the support of the ministry.

J. H. C. SCONCE, } Committee.  
S. HARMON.

Report received and committee discharged.

Called for the report of the Treasurer and Secretary, which resulted in the appointment of a committee to investigate the matter and report at our next meeting; Committee consisting of T. B. Abernathy and Jacob Richardson.

On motion and second the Association adjourned to meet at 2:30 o'clock P. M. Prayer by E. T. Lincoln.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment; prayer by Bro. Henry Smith

On motion and second Bro. R. V. Parker was received as a correspondent messenger from Current River Association.

Called for Committee on Correspondence.

Report received and committee discharged.

Called for volunteers from sister Associations.

To Spring River, E. T. Lincoln; To Cain Creek, H. C. Smith; To Current River, M. M. Jackson and J. B. Roach; To Union, W. J. Jones and S. P. Couch.

Called for report of Committee on Temperance.

We, your committee on temperance, submit the following report:

Realizing the ruinous demoralizing effect of intemperance we would advise all of our churches to take steps against intemperance by warning their members against the evils thereof, and we recommend strict discipline of their members who may be given to strong drink; all of which is submitted.

E. T. LINCOLN, } Committee.  
F. M. STARLING.

Report received and committee discharged.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—Dear brethren, what is the Sunday school? Answer: The church of God at work. Studying the word of God and communicating the same to others. Or it is the gospel to the children. What is its object? To educate the young. What is to be taught in a Sunday school? The pure word of God. Who are to teach in the church of God? None but christians can take this work in hand to either officer or teach in the Sunday school. You had just a grand and glorious work. To do this work every member has a duty to

perform. He should attend and take an active part either as officer, teacher or scholar. What book or help should be admitted into a Sunday school? The Bible first, but the American Baptist Publication Society has all other helps necessary for fully arming and occupying the Sunday School. Respectfully submitted.

STITH MAYNARD, } Committee.  
WM. JOLLEY.

Report received and committee discharged.

ON PUBLICATION.—We, your Committee on Publication, submit the following report:

Feeling it to be the duty of all of our Baptist brethren, as we think, to supply themselves with such helps as good papers and books, that the mind may be supplied with good food and strengthened, we would recommend the Arkansas Baptist and Publishing House, Little Rock, Ark., also the American Baptist and National Publishing Co., St. Louis, Mo., also the Tennessee Baptist and Publishing House, Memphis, Tenn., also the Central Baptist, St. Louis, Mo. All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. T. LINCOLN, } Committee.  
STITH MAYNARD.

Report received and committee discharged.

ON FINANCE.—We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following report: The amount received from the different churches, is \$15 70; Which is submitted.

J. W. RICHARDSON, } Committee.  
C. H. TYLER.

Report received and committee discharged.

The Association then adjourned to Thursday morning at 8 o'clock. Prayer by the Moderator.

## THURSDAY'S PROCEEDINGS:

Thursday morning the Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. D. A. Presley.

MINISTER'S REPORT.—Very dear brethren, I beg leave to make the following report:

Sermons delivered,.....106.	Exhortations,.....31.
Prayers,.....125.	Baptised,.....5.
Miles traveled,.....1195.	Am't rec'd from churches,...\$63.95.
All of which is respectfully submitted.	

E. T. LINCOLN.

Missionary sermons delivered,.....4.	Days labor,.....8.
Conversions witnessed,.....4.	Helped organize one church.

E. T. LINCOLN.

## MINISTERIAL REPORT.

Miles traveled.....	1,950.	Pastor of three churches.	
Sermons preached.....	108.	Converts baptised.....	2.
Conversions witnessed.....	19.	Received, cash or its equivalent, \$94.45.	
Submitted.		ELD. H. C. KIRKPATRICK.	

## MINISTERIAL REPORT.

Miles traveled in pastoral work,	439.	Sermons delivered.....	60.
Prayers.....	52.	Conversions witnessed.....	15.
Baptised.....	10.	Received for my services....	\$31.50.

## MISSIONARY LABOR.

Miles traveled.....	60.	Sermons delivered.....	18.
Prayers.....	15.	Exortations.....	15.
Conversions witnessed.....	23.	Sick visits.....	30.

Submitted.

ELD. D. A. PRESLEY.

## REPORT OF MISSIONARY BOARD.

We, your committee, submit the following report:

We, as your Missionary Board, employed Eld. D. A. Presley

to work 11 days at one dollar a day, - - - - \$11.00

Eld. E. T. Lincoln 8 days, - - - - 8.00

Bro. I. H. Witt 10 days, - - - - 10.00

Total, - - - - \$29.00

Cash received from the churches, - - - - \$24.95

Received from the delegation, - - - - 4.05

Total, - - - - \$29.00

Which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH VANDERGRIFF,	} Committee.
A. M. JACKSON,	
WM. ENGLISH.	

Report received and committee discharged.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, submit the following report:

We find that the messenger death has visited our body during the Association year and removed our beloved sister Sarah C. Couch, age 42 years, of New Salem Church; also Jane Busby, of Many Springs, age unknown; also Bro. Thomas Taylor, age 60 years, of Mill Creek, and J. P. Higginbotham, age 35; also Bro. J. J. Curlin, age unknown, and sister Mariah Higginbotham, of Witt's Chapel Church; also Mary Witt, wife of Eld. I. H. Witt; also Elder Emanuel Richardson, who was born in South Carolina Sept. 6, 1818. His parents were poor, so he was an apprentice and hence failed to obtain even a common school education. He professed faith in Christ in 1838, and was baptised by Eld. Jesse Elye into the fellowship of the Missionary Baptist Church—he was licensed to



preach the gospel in 1870, by the church at Pleasantgrove, and was regularly ordained to the full work of the ministry, by Elders H. Sharp, John Readwine and Deacon Cochrane, by order of the church at Pleasantgrove, Ark. on the 6th day of Nov. 1870. During his ministry, was pastor of Pleasantgrove, Lebanon, Oak Grove, Mount Pleasant and Mud Creek churches, also, Pleasant Hill and Antioch. He was Moderator of the State Line Association in 1881: was a man noted for his great courage and self-sacrificing devotion to his Master's work—spending much of his time in preaching to the destitute without compensation, and was successful in winning many souls to Christ. He baptized many persons and was zealous in good works to his last hour; which occurred at his home near Maynard, Randolph Co; Arkansas, on the 17th day of June, 1888.

At the time of his death he was a member of Witt's Chapel Baptist Church. His whole life was a living example to others. During his last moments (which were long and painful,) he manifested great patience and resignation and met Death calmly, passing, we trust, direct to the arms of his Savior.

He was married three times and left a devoted wife and seven children to mourn his departure. In his death he glorified God, and his life will not soon be forgotten. "Blessed are the Dead that die in the Lord; yea, saith the Spirit—the rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

JOHN MARTIN, } Committee.  
W. J. JONES, }

On motion and second that the Moderator appoint a committee of five to act as a Missionary Board resulted in the appointment of Brothers Jacob Lain, Stith Maynard, John Amos, Joseph Tyer and Thomas Johnson.

RESOLVED, That this Association be changed to meet on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1889.

RESOLVED, That the clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and distribution of the same, and that he have five dollars for his services.

RESOLVED, That this Association be held with Witt's Chapel Church, commencing on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 1889.

Eld. D. A. Presley was elected to preach the next introductory sermon and Jesse B. Roach alternate.

Whereas, The brethren living in Missouri believe that it would be to the good of the cause of God to have a new Association in Missouri, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our sister churches have permission from this Association and they are hereby dismissed from this body for that purpose.

RESOLVED, That the committee on investigation turn over the amount of means that may be received from the former clerk to the present clerk, and that the same go to the benefit of the new Association to be organized in Missouri on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1888.

RESOLVED, That we co-operate with the general Association of Arkansas Delegates, E. T. Lincoln. Also that we correspond with the Southern Baptist Convention; Delegate, Jesse B. Roach.



RESOLVED, That every member of this Association be received as a corresponding delegate to the organization of the new Association of Missouri at Many Springs, Mo., on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1888.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Association be extended to the church and surrounding country for their kindness towards us during our stay with them.

The Association then adjourned to meet at time and place above stated.

Prayer by Eld. Cate.

D. A. PRESLEY, Moderator.

A. R. KIRKPATRICK, Clerk.

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D E C O R U M .

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. Every motion made by a member of the Association, and seconded, shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless withdrawn by the member making it.
3. Only one person shall speak at the same time, and he shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator before proceeding with his remarks.
4. The person speaking shall not be interrupted by any one, except the Moderator, until he has finished his remarks.
5. The person speaking shall confine himself strictly to the subject under consideration, and shall in no wise either reflect on or make any unfriendly remarks of any who may have preceded him, but shall fairly discuss the subject, conveying his ideas as concisely as possible.
6. No member of the Association shall absent himself in time of business without permission of the Association.
7. No member shall speak more than twice on any one subject without permission from the Association.
8. No member of the Association shall address another by any other appellation than that of Brother.
9. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member while speaking, unless he violates the rules of the Association.
10. Any member who shall knowingly violate any rule of the Association, shall be reproved by the Association in such a manner as a majority of the members present may direct.
11. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled, and the roll called as often as the Association may think proper.

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A R T I C L E S   O F   F A I T H .

1. We believe in one true and living God—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; and these three are one.
2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only true rule of Faith and Practice.
3. We believe that Man was made upright, but by a voluntary transgression violated God's law and became a sinner.

4. We believe that by voluntary transgression of one man, Sin entered into the world, and Death by sin; thereby death passed upon all men, for all have sinned.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the righteousness of Christ imputed unto them.

6. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith and follow after justification.

7. We believe that saints will persevere in grace and not one of them be lost.

8. We believe that Baptism and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Church, and that they shall be continued until the second coming of Christ.

9. We believe that baptism by Immersion is the only gospel mode and that true believers are the only fit subjects for it.

10. We believe that none but legally baptised members have a right to commune at the Lord's table, and that no person has a right to administer that ordinance of the Church unless he is legally called and qualified.

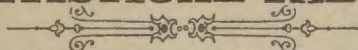
11. We believe in revealed religion by the operation of the spirit, agreeable to the Word of God: that Jesus Christ is the great head of the Church, and the government thereof is with the body.

12. We believe there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust, and of a general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

13. We believe that the Lord's day should be set apart for the worship of God, and no work of a worldly nature transacted thereon—that of necessity excepted.



# STATISTICAL TABLE.



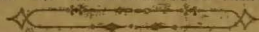
CHURCHES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Meeting day..	Rec. by ex. bap	Rec. by letter.	Rec. by Rest'n	Rec. by Recom	Dis. by letter.	Excluded ....	Died .....	Membership..
1. Antioch. -	A. R. Kirkpatrick, - - - - -	1					2		2	33
2. Bethany. - -	Eld. E. T. Lincoln, P. B. Alison, - - - - -	3							3	72
3. Concord. -	J. E. Amos, J. P. Vandergriff, C. H. Tyler. - - - - -	3	1	3			1	1		37
4. Hollow Springs. -	S. C. McCollough, W. H. Smith. - - - - -	2					4			16
5. Lebanon. -	S. Harmon. - - - - -	2		1	1					31
6. Many Springs. -	J. W. Livingston, John Martin. - - - - -	3						1	1	49
7. Mill Creek. -	J. H. C. Sconce, J. M. Taylor. - - - - -	1	2	1	2				1	51
8. Mud Creek. -	Not represented. - - - - -									
9. New Salem. -	W. J. Jones, S. P. Couch. - - - - -	2	3	3			3	3		62
10. New Bethel. -	Not represented. - - - - -									
11. Oak Grove. -	Sam Hart, Thomas Abernathy, Green Teel. - - - - -	3	1		1		1			47
12. Pleasant Grove. -	Not represented. - - - - -									
13. Rocky Point. -	Milton Childers, H. C. Smith. - - - - -	3		1			2			23
14. New Hope. - -	F. M. Starling. - - - - -	3	1							11
15. Rose Hill. - -	J. L. Young. - - - - -	2						1		10
16. Witt's Chapel. -	Stith Maynard, Jacob Richardson. - - - - -	4	2				3		1	23
17. Baker's Creek. -	T. M. Johnson. - - - - -		2							10
18. Antioch. - -	M. M. Jackson, Mark Fermelier, Tom Brown. - - - - -	4	1		2		5			51
Totals, - - - - -		13	9	6			21	6	8	526

# CHURCH DIRECTORY.

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	MODERATORS.	STATES.
Antioch .....	Pocahontas.	J. W. Tyer.	John Looney.	Arkansas.
Bethany. ....	Raynden Springs.	A. J. Ryrd.	H. C. Kirkpatrick.	do
Concord .....	Lhea.	J. E. Amos.	D. A. Presley.	do
Hollow Springs. .	Harly.	W. H. Smith.	John Wicker.	do
Mud Creek. ....	Warm Springs.			do
Oak Grove. ....	Pocahontas.	Tob Chasteln.	D. A. Presley.	do
Pleasant Grove. .	Alberth.			do
New Hope. ....	Daltan.	F. M. Staring.	M. M. Jackson.	do
Witt's Chapel. . .	Maynard.	D. Roberts.	G. L. Crie.	do
aker's Creek. . .	Elm Store.	T. M. Johnson.	John Looney.	do
Alton. ....	Alton.	A. R. Kirkpatrick.	S. D. Williams.	Missouri.
Big Barren. ....	Bennett.			do
Lebanon. ....	Gatewood.	A. S. Cotham.	H. C. Kirkpatrick.	do
Many Springs. . .	Many Springs.	John Martin.	W. R. Sanders.	do
Mill Creek. ....	Myrtle.	J. H. Justice.	E. T. Lincoln.	do
New Salem. ....	Conch.	B. V. Conch.	H. C. Kirkpatrick.	do
New Bethel. ....	Big Barren.			do
Pine Grove. ....	Pine.			do
Rocky Point. ....	Segla.	W. T. Smith.	J. H. Rouch.	do
Royal Oak. ....	Alton.			do
Rose Hill. ....	Deddek.	A. Wales.	E. T. Lincoln.	do



## FORM OF A CHURCH LETTER.



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.....Church, to the Ministers and Messengers composing the State Line Association of Missionary Baptists, sendeth Christian salutation:

VERY DEAR BRETHREN! We send our beloved brethren, .....and....., whom we pray you will receive to sit with you in your deliberations. Our statistics are as follows: Received by experience and baptism,.....; received by letter,.....; received by relation,.....; received by restoration,.....; dismissed by letter,.....; excluded,.....; dead,.....; total membership, .....; contribution for printing minutes,.....; day of meeting, Saturday before the.....Lord's day in each month;.....is our pastor, and.....our post office.

Now, brethren, pray for us, and may the God of all grace guide you in your deliberations, is the prayer of your sister in Christ. Done by order of the Church, in council, on Saturday before the....Lord's in....188 .

.....CLERK.

.....MODERATOR.