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PROCEEDINGS

of the

CONCORD :-: ASSOCIATION,

1900.

FIRST DAY.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1900.—The Association met with Huntington Baptist Church, Huntington, Ark., at 10 a. m., and, in the absence of the Moderator, Eld. H. L. Been was called to the chair as Moderator pro. tem. After reading the scriptures and prayer by Eld. Been, Eld. L. E. Finney was elected Clerk pro. tem.

By motion Eld. J. T. Watson was selected to preach the Introductory Sermon. His theme was: "The Holy Spirit," and it was a strong presentation of the personality and power of the Spirit.

The Moderator, Bro. John E. Tatum, being present, took the chair after preaching.

Letters from Churches were read and roll called. (See table "A" for list of Messengers present.)

Moderator appointed Pastor and deacons of Huntington Church and H. G. Johnson Committee on Divine services.

Adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

2:00 p. m. Met pursuant to adjournment; Prayer by Eld. P. C. Mays.

On motion of Eld. J. T. Watson, Bro. John E. Tatum was re-elected Moderator and Eld. L. E. Finney was elected Clerk.

Association went into election for Treasurer which resulted in the re-election of Bro. W. A. Mayfield.

Call for petitionary letters. Bonanza Baptist Church, of Bonanza, Ark., presented letter and on motion was received.

Second Baptist Church of Fort Smith, Ark., presented letter. Motion by Bro. R. A. Rowe to receive them. Discussed by Bro. R. A. Clarkson and Eld. F. L. Cragle. On motion of Bro. J. E. Finney, the matter was referred to the following committee appointed by the Moderator:—J. E. Finney, J. W. Nobles, D. M. Jetton, R. M. Joyce, Jos. Herriman.

Pilot Grove Baptist Church of Webb City, Ark., presented letter and on motion by Bro. R. A. Rowe, was received.

Call for correspondence from sister Associations, and Eld. B. F. Wofford was seated from Clear Creek Association. On motion, Corresponding Messengers were appointed as follows:

Buckner,—Eld. H. L. Been, Bros. A. J. Williams, R. A. Rowe.
 Clear Creek,—Elds. H. L. Been, Henry Karr, Bro. C. F. Spiller.
 Short Mt.—Elds. H. G. Johnson, F. C. Neely.
 Dardanelle,—Eld. L. E. Finney, Bros. W. F. Hall, G. W. Sullivan.
 Motion that a copy of these minutes shall constitute the credentials
 of above Messengers. Visitors were seated as follows:
 Eld. H. L. Been and Bro. L. Been from Oak Grove Church.
 Elds. D. L. Moore, P. E. Windham and Bro. J. W. Condry from
 Buckner Association.
 Eld. W. A. Clark, Editor Arkansas Baptist.
 On motion adjourned until after preaching tonight
 8:30 P. M.—Met pursuant to adjournment after Eld. P. C. Mays had
 delivered a stirring sermon on the Second Coming of Christ.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

Foreign Missions,—F. C. Neely, L. W. Dearen, W. F. Hall.
 Home Missions,—R. L. Lavender, John Terry, W. A. Hill.
 State Missions,—E. G. Woodward, A. H. Dewitt, T. C. Gee.
 Association Missions,—H. L. Been, G. W. Speegle, W. G. Garrett.
 Sunday Schools,—R. A. Rowe, W. A. Mayfield, R. M. McGee, Jas. Ray.
 Education,—H. G. Johnson, D. M. Jetton, T. B. Hairston.
 Ministerial Support,—P. C. Mays, Jesse Weaver, J. E. Finney.
 Prohibition,—J. W. Nobles, F. M. Alexander, Jesse Jackson.
 Religious Literature,—J. T. Watson, J. L. Finney, Jos. Herriman.
 Digest of Letters,—L. E. Finney, A. M. Head, G. W. Sullivan.
 Nominations,—C. F. Spiller, W. G. Wilkerson, W. L. Puckett.
 Queries,—L. J. Burt, J. E. Carroll, A. R. Hill.
 Finance,—W. L. Puckett, A. J. Williams, C. F. Spiller.
 Order of Business,—R. M. Joyce, M. B. Blaylock, W. L. May.
 Women Work,—Sisters L. E. Finney, Maggie Wood, N. J. Suther-
 land.
 Orphans' Home,—J. E. Elinor, W. J. Ming, Wm. Shelton.
 On motion of Eld. J. T. Watson Orphans' Home was raised to the
 list of standing committees.
 On motion adjourned to meet Monday at 8 a. m.

SECOND DAY—SUNDAY SERVICES.

Sunday School mass meeting was largely attended and was addressed
 by Bros. R. A. Clarkson, Supt. of Ft. Smith and R. A. Rowe of Green-
 wood. Eld. L. Quinn preached at the Baptist Church, a strong sermon
 on "The Complete Life in Christ." Text—Col 2:10. A collection was
 taken amounting to \$8.81.

Eld. L. E. Finney delivered an address at the M. E. Church, South,
 on "The Gospel in China," after which a collection was taken for For-
 eign Missions amounting to \$8.50.

At 3:00 p. m., Bro. R. A. Rowe delivered the Annual Temperance
 address. It was a splendid discussion of the subject from a scientific
 standpoint. He was followed by Bros. J. T. Watson, B. F. Wofford, L.
 Been, L. J. Burt and L. E. Finney in ten minute speeches.

At night Eld. B. F. Wofford preached at the Baptist Church. Text

—Luke, 12:31. Eld. H. L. Been preached at the M. E. Church South and Eld. J. W. Nobles at Witcherville.

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THIRD DAY.

8:00 A. M. Met pursuant to adjournment; after singing and prayer, proceedings of first day were read and approved.

Executive Committee made report which was adopted.

Committee on Religious Literature made a report which was adopted after discussion by L. E. Finney and J. A. Finney.

Committee on Sunday Schools made report which was adopted.

Committee on Order of Business made report,—adopted.

Committee on Petitionary Letter of Second Baptist Church of Ft. Smith reported as follows:

We, your committee, appointed to report on the petitionary letter of the Second Baptist Church of Fort Smith, beg to submit the following:

From evidence at hand we believe that some irregularities exist in the membership of said Church, but we recommend that, in case these irregularities are adjusted, the above Church be admitted into this Association.

COMMITTEE:—J. E. Finney, R. M. Joyce, D. M. Jetton, Jos. Herri-man, J. W. Nobles.

The report was discussed in splendid spirit by Brethren J. E. Finney, L. Quinn, J. T. Watson, F. L. Cragle, L. E. Finney, R. L. Laven-der and, on motion of Eld. J. T. Watson, was adopted as read.

Report of Committee on Nominations was read and adopted.

Report of the Committee on Education was read and L. E. Finney offered the following amendment:

We believe that Ouachita College is the best institution of learning in the State and therefore recommend that each church take collections for Ministerial Education and send same to Prof. F. D. Baars at Arkadelphia, Ark.

(Signed)

L. E. FINNEY.

After a lively discussion by Elds. H. G. Johnson, P. C. Mays, W. A. Clark, L. E. Finney, N. R. Pittman, and Bros. J. A. Finney and L. Been the report as amended was adopted and the following pledges were taken on the purchase price of the property of Buckner College:

P. C. Mays	\$10	1st Church Ft. Smith	\$10	J. T. Watson	\$5
S. J. Epley	10	2nd " " "	5	L. Been	7.50
J. A. Finney	10	National Springs Ch.	5	Mrs C. F. Spiller	2.50
J. J. McAllister	10	Booneville Church	10	(cash)	50
H. L. Been(cash)	1	Greenwood " "	10	Total	\$96.50

Adjourned at 11:00 a. m., for preaching by Eld. W. A. Clark, who preached a strong Gospel sermon from Acts 1:1.

2 P. M. Met pursuant to adjournment; song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," prayer by Eld. N. R. Pittman.

Report of Committee on Digest of Letters was read and discussed by J. T. Watson, P. C. Mays and J. A. Finney—adopted.

Report of Committee on Prohibition read and a lively discussion followed, stirring speeches being made by J. T. Watson, L. E. Finney, L. Been, Henry Karr, W. A. Clark, P. C. Mays, F. L. Cragle, N. R. Pittman and J. A. Finney—adopted.

Report of Committee on State Missions was read and adopted after discussion by N. R. Pittman.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Support was read and a discussion followed that was very beneficial to the work. Brethren P. C. Mays, N. R. Pittman, C. F. Spiller, L. Been, H. L. Been and C. F. Neely brought out some splendid points in their speeches. Report adopted.

On motion speeches were limited to five minutes each.

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Orphans' Home read and adopted.

Collection was taken at the night service for the Orphans' Home amounting to \$—.

Finance Committee made report which was adopted.

Report of Committee on Home Missions read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Associational Mission was read and after discussion by H. L. Been and W. A. Clark, was adopted.

Treasurer submitted his report which was adopted.

On motion of L. E. Finney, the \$8.50 collected at M. E. Church South, on Sunday was appropriated to Foreign Missions, and \$6.59 of the collection at Baptist Church was appropriated to the Mission work at Bonanza.

On Motion of Eld. J. T. Watson, the Clerk was instructed to have 600 copies of the Minutes printed and to retain balance of Minute fund for his labor.

On motion of P. C. Mays that we do now adjourn to meet with Oak Grove Church, near Greenwood, Ark., September 21st, 1901; Prayer by Eld. P. C. Mays; Valedictory by the Moderator; singing "How Firm a Foundation"; and taking the parting hand, the 30th Annual Session of the body closed feeling that they had been in a profitable meeting.

L. E. FINNEY,
Clerk.

JOHN E. TATUM,
Moderator

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N. B. The Executive Committee met Sept. 24th, 1900 and, after organizing, elected Eld. H. L. Been, Missionary for Bonanza, for one-fourth time. Also elected Eld. L. E. Finney, Collector to visit each and every Church in the Association this winter and collect funds for Associational Mission Work. We ask all the Churches to be ready to give him a good hearing and a large collection.

J. A. FINNEY,
Chairman

CONSTITUTION.

Art. I. This Association shall be known as the Concord Association.

Art. II. It shall be composed of Messengers from Baptist Churches known to be in good standing. Each Church, with fifty members or less, shall be entitled to three Messengers. Each additional fifty members shall entitle the Church to one additional Messenger.

Art. III. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual session, and shall continue in office until their successors are chosen.

Art IV. SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the body according to parliamentary usage.

SECTION 2. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings, attend to the publication and distribution of the Minutes, keep a regular file of the printed Minutes of the body and deliver the same to his successor in office.

SECTION 3. The Treasurer shall take charge of the funds of the Associations, or its Executive Committee, and render an account of the same to the annual session of this body.

Art. V. The objects of this Association shall be to promote Fellowship among the Churches, to secure unanimity of faith; to encourage concert in operation, and especially to cultivate the piety of the Churches, and to aid in this last object, several minutes of each session shall be spent in devotional exercises.

Art. VI. SECTION 1. This Association shall in no case interfere with the internal regulations of the Churches, but will act as advisory council whenever it shall be necessary.

SECTION 2. It, however, claims authority over its own members, the Messengers from the Churches, and will withdraw from and disown all Churches that depart from the principles of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice.

Art. VII. Newly organized Churches, or Churches dismissed from other Associations, may be admitted into this body upon application by letter and Messengers at our annual meeting, and subscribing by their Messengers to the abstract of principles herewith published.

Art. VIII. Churches may be dismissed from this Association upon application at the annual meeting for the purpose of joining a new Association, but any Church departing from us without being regularly dismissed, shall be regarded as disorderly.

Art. IX. SECTION 1. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the officers of this body with five members chosen by the Association at each annual meeting. The duty of this committee shall be to superintend the Missiary operations of the Association, and represent it in all matters requiring their attention when the Association is not in session. The committee shall report annually at each meeting of the Association. Three members of said committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Upon appointment, said committee

shall come together and arrange their meetings and take such other steps as may be to the interest of the cause of Christ.

SECTION 2. The regular committees of this Association shall be as follows: Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Association-
al Missions, Sunday School Missions, Education, Ministerial Support, Prohibition, Religious Literature, Digest of Letters, Nominations, Queries, Finance, Order of Business, Woman's Work, Orphan's Home.

Art. X. It shall be the privilege of the Association, through its Executive Committee, in addition to the power already granted, to conduct missionary operations within its limits, and for this purpose to choose a Missionary or Missionaries as means may allow, and designate the fields of labor and pay them quarterly through its treasurer out of any funds in his hands except the money sent for publishing the Minutes of every annual meeting.

Art. XI. The annual meeting of the Association shall embrace the Lord's Day, and shall begin at 10 o'clock A. M., on Saturday before the fourth Lord's Day in September, at which time the introductory sermon shall be preached. On each succeeding day the Association shall adjourn at 11 o'clock A. M., for preaching.

Art. XII. This constitution may be altered or amended, except as to Article VI, Section 1, at any regular meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members who are in attendance.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE XIII.

1st. No person shall serve as Moderator of this body more than two terms in succession. Adopted in 1882.

2nd. The Constitution shall be published annually in the Minutes of this Association. Adopted in 1893.

3rd. Missionary Sermon is placed in the hands of Divine Service Committee. Adopted in 1894.

4th. Each Church is expected to send to each annual meeting of the Association, by the hands of its Messengers, a sum of money to be used for printing Minutes. Adopted in 1895.

ARTICLE OF FAITH.

1. We believe there is one, and only one, true and living God, Jehovah, and that in the Unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father; the Son and the Holy Spirit.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Words of God, constituting the only and all sufficient standard of Faith, Doctrine, Discipline and Practice.

3. We believe that election is the sovereign exercise of the eternal love by which God hath, according to His infinite wisdom, chosen His people in Christ before the world was, and has predestinated them unto the adoption of children through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth, and doth keep them by His power through Faith unto Salvation.

4. We believe that man was created holy, but by wilful violation of the law of his maker, he fell into a state of sinfulness, and brought death upon his race, who being by natural descent in the unholy image of Adam, are children of wrath by nature, and without natural or spiritual power to live a holy life or attain to a happy state.

5. We believe that sinners are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, and no other way.

6. We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated or born again; that regeneration is effected by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth and the proper evidences thereof Repentance, Faith and Obedience to God.

7. We believe that such only are believers as endure unto the end in holiness of life, and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

8. We believe the Scriptures teach that repentance and faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God.

9. A Christian Church is a congregation of immersed believers who meet stately and have covenanted together to maintain the ordinances of Christ, discharge the duties and enjoy the privileges of the New Testament appertaining to the Church of Jesus Christ.

10. The only proper officers of Christian Churches are Bishops or Pastors and Deacons.

11. Christian Baptism is the immersion of a believer in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit by a regularly ordained Baptist minister in good order.

12. The Lord's Supper is a positive and commemorative ordinance of Jesus Christ, to be observed in the Church as such in remembrance of Christ, and to show forth His death till He comes.

13. The first day of the week is the Lord's Day and should be observed as a day of rest from common labor and all worldly business, and devoted to religious duties.

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

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. An introductory sermon shall be preached by minister chosen by ballot at the preceding Association. In case of absence or failure the sermon 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. A committee of arrangements, consisting of five members, besides the Moderator and Clerk, who shall be members ex-officio, shall be appointed by the Moderator to arrange and report the "Order of Business."

4. Visiting brethren who are in good standing may be invited to

seats, but not to vote.

5. A member not satisfied with any decision of the Moderator may make an appeal to the Association on the same day, but at no other time.

6. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise, address the Moderator, and upon obtaining leave shall proceed.

7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject or use words of personal reflection, and then by the Moderator.

8. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association by yeas and nays or otherwise.

9. A member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.

10. No member shall speak more than twice on one subject without permission from the Moderator.

11. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used in the Association by the members in their addresses one to another. Titles that are unknown to the Scriptures, such as "Rev.," "Parson" and the like, shall not be employed nor 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 appoints another to his seat during the time, but shall not vote on any question unless the Association be equally divided.

14. Any person 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 Association by a majority vote of the Members present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call Association to order by former Moderator; or, if absent, by the Clerk or Moderator pro tem.
2. Reading Church Letters and enrolling Messengers.
3. Election of officers by ballot.
4. Call Petitionary Letters.
5. Appointment of Committee on Divine Service.
6. Call for Letters and Messengers from Corresponding Associations.
7. Visiting brethren invited to seats.
8. Appointment of Committees.
9. Appointment of Corresponding Messengers.
10. Miscellaneous business.
11. Calling the roll.
12. Calling for Reports of Committees.
13. New business.
14. Appointment of place for next meeting.
15. Reading the Minutes.
16. Valedictory by Moderator; prayer and parting hymn.