

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Dardanelle Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Cedar Creek Church,

SOUTHERN HOME, ARK.

SEPTEMBER 14, 15 and 16, 1901.



.... OFFICERS:

W. E. LOGAN, Moderator, Greenville, Ark.

IRA A. HUCKABY, Clerk, Dardanelle, Ark.



Next session will be held with New Bethel Church, Gilkey, Ark., eight miles west of Ola, Yell Co., beginning on Saturday, before the third Sunday in September, 1902, at 10 a. m

Proceedings.

CEDAR CREEK CHURCH, SOUTHERN HOME, ARK.,
September 14, 1901.

The Dardanelle Baptist Association convened at 10 o'clock a. m. and engaged in devotional exercise led by Eld. J. F. Brice. At 11 a. m Eld. R. R. Elmore preached the Introductory sermon from Eph. 6:10 11.

After the usual intermission for dinner the body was called to order and the moderator read Ps. 51.

Elder J. A. Myers led in prayer.

The letters from the churches were read and the messengers enrolled.

The deacons, messengers and pastor of Cedar Creek church were appointed a committee on Divine service.

An election was held for permanent officers which resulted in the choice of Eld. W. E. Logan for moderator and I. A. Huckaby, clerk and treasurer.

Petitionary letters were called for, and Danville and Riley Creek churches were received and the hand of fellowship extended to their messengers.

The Order of Business was suspended and visiting brethren and corresponding messengers were enrolled as follows:

J. H. Milburn, of Caroline association; representing the Arkansas Baptist.

United Association—J. A. Myers.

Buckner Association—N. Z. Henry.

Belleville Church—S. C. Copeland.

Paris Church—T. P. Manning.

W. D. Moffit, formerly a member of this body, now holding a letter of dismissal from Bethel Church.

On motion the appointment of a Mission Board was deferred.

On motion a committee consisting of E. H. Gray, J. W. Richardson and W. R. Blair was appointed to revise the Order of Business.

Adjourned to meet at 10 a. m. Sunday.

In the interim the following committees were appointed.

Publications—Brice, Fitzgerald, Toney.

Finance—Owen Cornelius, G. W. Brown.

Documents—Oglesby, Dodd, Price.

Nominations—Downen, Noblett, Woodley.

State Missions—Kimbrough, Manning, Duncan.

Orphans' Home—Gray, Hunter, Sandlin.

Sunday Schools—Richardson, Raper, Nunn.

Foreign Missions—M. P. Henry, Stewart, Stafford.

Associational Missions—Voyles, Blair, Surguine.

Deceased Members—Adams, Burruss, Barker.

Education—Warren, Elmore, Gantt.

Temperance—Womack, Dilday, Peterson.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.

At 10 a. m. a Sunday School mass meeting was addressed by Elder J. H. Milburn.

At 11 a. m. the Missionary sermon was preached by Eld. W. E. Kimbrough and a cash collection was taken for Associational Missions amounting to \$10.17.

At 3 p. m. Eld. Milburn preached on the subject of sanctification.

At night Eld. J. A. Myers preached at the church, Eld. L. A. Robertson at Baker's Creek and Eld. M. L. Voyles at County Line.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16.

At 8:30 a. m. the moderator read Ps. 95.

Prayer by Eld. Womack.

As the clerk was late arriving, Bro. J. W. L. Corley was appointed clerk *pro. tem.*

Visiting brethren were enrolled as follows:

W. E. Atkinson, Little Rock, member of the State Mission Board.

Eld. W. W. Gardner, representing the Orphans' Home, Monticello, Ark.

Buckner Association—Eld. W. P. Hall.

Corresponding messengers to other bodies were appointed as follows:

Russellville Association—Elder E. H. Stafford.

Buckner Association—J. W. Richardson, G. W. Cornelius, J. C. Oglesby.

Concord Association—J. L. Sykes.

Clear-Creek Association—W. R. Blair, J. R. Raper, W. N. Womack.

On motion M. L. Voyles was appointed messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Committee on Order of Business reported and the report was adopted (see Order of Business).

Committee on Documents reported and the report was returned to the committee for revision.

Report of Committee on Orphans' Home read as follows:

The Baptists of Arkansas owe it to their people and to our God to care for the orphans of our state. God laid it on the heart of a pioneer Baptist preacher's daughter to give her heritage and her life to the founding and maintenance of a Baptist orphanage at Monticello. We have now forty-three children in the home—thirty-two girls and eleven boys. In May, 1900, we began the erection of a building of twelve rooms and a chapel. This building has been finished and furnished, except four rooms, and all paid for so far. We are glad to report we are not in debt.

The Home is a combination of the family, the school, the Bible class, the domestic nursery and the industrial school.

We lay this great work on the hearts of our people, and pledge our prayers, our gifts and our influence for its support.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. GRAY,
G. T. HUNTER,
J. J. SANDLIN.

Report discussed by Eld. W. W. Gardner and a cash collection of \$5.83 taken, after which the report was adopted.

Eld. J. F. Brice, of the Committee on Publications read the following report:

We, a Committee on Publications, recommend the use of Sunday-school literature published by the American Baptist Publication Society, and any other literature strictly Baptist. We would further urge that the brotherhood in our bounds, take and read the Arkansas Baptist regularly, supplemented by the Baptist Flag, of Fulton, Ky.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. BRICE,
A. T. FITZGERALD,
W. M. TONEY.

Adopted without discussion.

R. E. Warren, of the Committee on Education read the following report:

We, your Committee on Education, beg leave to submit the following:

To obtain an education should be the aspiration of every youth, every child, every young man and lady in our broad land. But many meet with obstacles which seem to them insurmountable, yet by pluck, energy, ambition and a desire to excel and to reach the top, they can succeed. We have made such rapid progress along all educational lines that now a liberal education is within the reach of nearly every one who desires it. We have three institutions in our state controlled by Baptists, that cannot be excelled or surpassed in their work, influence and dignity, to-wit: Ouachita Baptist and Central Colleges, and Ouachita Magazine Academy. The faculties of these colleges are of the highest order, the best that can be obtained. We beg you, brethren, in the name of Christ, give your undivided support to these schools by sending your sons and daughters there instead of going outside of the state to institutions no better and perhaps not as good as these. But let us not neglect the true foundation of all college work, that is, our public schools, high schools and academies. Many go beyond these. No doubt some of our messengers are directors and teachers. Make our public schools better. Scrutinize the work of your high schools and academies and reject that which does not meet your approbation, but support and cultivate that which is good and which is done in the name of Christ. Let a Christian spirit permeate all your work along this line and greater strides than ever before will be made in all our educational work and glorification of God.

R. E. WARREN,
R. R. ELMORE,
J. W. GANTT.

Report discussed by Warren, Voyles and Atkinson.
Adopted.

M. P. Henry read the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions:

Whereas, our blessed Redeemer has commanded us to go into all the world and preach His gospel to every creature, and realizing His commission was given unto His church, if we, as Baptists, are what we profess to be, upon us rests the great responsibility of sending His gospel to dark and benighted souls who are lost unless reached by His gospel; therefore it becomes the duty of every child of God to help send His gospel to those who have it not; not only because He has commanded it of us, but as a demonstration of our love to Him who has said, "If ye love me keep my commandments."

Respectfully submitted,

M. P. HENRY,
M. L. STEWART,
E. H. STAFFORD.

Adopted.

S. D. Downen read the report of Committee on Nominations as follows:

We nominate J. W. Richardson for the Introductory Sermon; D. A. Robertson, Alternate.

T. P. Manning for the Missionary Sermon; W. E. Logan, Alternate.

S. A. JAMES,
S. D. DOWNEN,
T. M. NOBLETT.

Adopted.

W. M. Toney read the report of the Committee on Documents, which is as follows:

Your committee find that Cane Creek, Bethlehem No. 1, and New Bethel churches respectfully invite the next session of this body. We, your committee, recommend New Bethel.

J. C. OGLESBY,
W. N. DODD,
E. A. PRICE.

Discussed by Bros. Blair and Dodd and adopted.

On motion agreed to hold the next session with New Bethel church.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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| Cash on hand Sept. 16, 1900..... | \$ 30 90 | |
| Received of finance committee..... | 101 69 | |
| Received of various persons and churches for state missions..... | 19 00 | |
| Collection on Sabbath | 18 80 | |
| Collection for Orphans' Home..... | 5 05 | |
| Received during the year for associational missions | 34 12 | |
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| | | \$ 209 56 |
| Paid to J S Gray..... | \$ 15 00 | |
| Paid to M P Henry..... | 15 60 | |
| Paid to J P Burk..... | 15 00 | |
| Paid to state mission board..... | 25 30 | |
| Paid to orphans' home..... | 8 30 | |
| Paid to foreign mission board..... | 6 25 | |
| Paid to home mission board..... | 3 00 | |
| Paid for printing minutes..... | 19 50 | |
| Paid to J W Richardson..... | 74 42 | |
| Clerk's salary..... | 15 00 | |
| Stationery, postage and money orders..... | 7 51 | |
| On hand Sept. 14, 1901..... | 4 68 | |
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| | | \$ 209 56 |

Report adopted.

W. N. Womack read the following report on Temperance:

Intemperance is a great evil in this our land and all good people should be interested because it is ruinous in its nature; it deadens the conscience and the best feelings of the heart; it is in opposition to God, the Bible and the religion of Jesus Christ. It is damnable in its nature. Therefore, we recommend that the churches do not retain in

their membership anyone who uses his or her influence in favor of the damnable traffic.

W. N. WOMACK,
N. PETERSON,
J. H. DILDAY.

Discussed by Bros. Atkinson, Womack and Gray. Adopted.

At 10:45 a recess was taken, for preaching and dinner, until 1:30 p. m.

At 11 Eld. J. H. Milburn preached on the subject of sanctification.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reconvened at 1:30. The moderator read 121st Psalm and led in prayer.

Called the roll and marked absentees.

On motion of Bro. W. N. Dodd the association rescinded the act of appointing messengers to the State Baptist Convention which had been done in the forenoon.

Bro. Dodd then moved that this association withdraw correspondence from the State Convention.

Bro. Gray moved as a substitute that the correspondence be withdrawn only until the affairs of the State Convention be better understood. The substitute was adopted and the motion prevailed.

On motion a committee was authorized and appointed for the purpose of thoroughly investigating the work of the State Mission Board, and furnishing all the facts to the churches.

E. H. Gray, W. R. Blair and J. W. L. Corley were appointed as such committee.

W. D. Kimbrough read the report of the Committee on State Missions.

Within the few years past a general interest has been aroused among Arkansas Baptists, in state mission work. By the convention and through our board, plans have, from time to time, been adopted for the purpose of securing the united sympathy and co-operation of all our people in giving the gospel to all the spiritually needy within our borders. And recognizing the value of time and the destitution on every hand, the board has sought, from year to year, to enlarge the work by the appointment of more men and the appropriation of

more money. The good results of the enlargement are now realized in contributions and baptisms. The report of last year's work far exceeded our most generous expectations, the contributions amounting to \$3,703.38, over \$900 in excess of the total for the work of 1899. There was also an increase in the baptisms, of 191.

For the present year our board outlined the work on a basis of \$8,000. Two thousand of this amount will be received from the home board. In addition to the work of the corresponding secretary, Bros. H. C. Medaris and Frank White are doing the work of evangelists in the territories assigned them. Also we note that many pastors and associational missionaries are receiving much needed aid. We gather from the results already known of the labors of our brethren, that the work will appear greater this year than ever before. As our secretary has recently written: "We now enroll forty-two missionaries who are doing fine work. From present reports I judge they will baptize a very much larger number than has ever before been reported. We are to have far the most glorious report that we have ever had—a report over which angels will rejoice." Such encouraging words from one who knows of the work, ought to inspire us to do our part in supporting the work and helping by paying and praying that we may have that state-wide success for which our convention exists, and for which our board has planned.

W. E. KIMBROUGH, Chairman.

Adopted.

Eld. Adams read report on deceased members:

We find that Eld. A. G. Patterson, of Mt. Vernon church, Dr. H. H. Dacus, of Dardanelle church, and Bro. J. H. Elmore, of Springfield church, have died since your last session. Let us cherish their virtues and cast the mantle of love over their imperfections.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. G. W. N. ADAMS,
JNO. BURRUSS,
E. E. BARKER.

Discussed by Bros. Atkinson and Adams. Adopted.

At this point the association joined in prayer, led by Eld.

Voyles.

Eld. Voyles read the report of the Committee on Associational Missions:

The mission work in the bounds of our association during the past year has been very encouraging.

Through the co-operation of the state board, we have been able to touch three very important points—Ola, Danville and Belleville. Bro. J. W. Richardson, our missionary, has done efficient work. He reports thirty-five conversions and eighteen baptisms. He has built a great house of worship at Ola at a cost of \$800, and has secured a suitable lot at Danville and raised about \$500 toward the building of a church.

Therefore we recommend that this association keep a strong team on the field, and that the churches contribute liberally toward his support.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. VOYLES,
W. R. BLAIR,
W. K. SURGUINE.

Adopted.

I. A. Huckaby read the report of the Associational Mission Board as follows:

The Mission Board of this association organized after the associational meeting last year by electing Eld. Richardson, president and G. T. Hunter, secretary. It was the opinion of the rapid growth of the towns of Ola, Danville and Belleville, the Baptists could not afford to neglect those who were locating there and therefore desired to secure a church organization at each of these places. There were, indeed, feeble churches at all these points, but without assistance from the board they were in danger of being overrun and their influence completely obscured. It was therefore considered advisable to have a man devote his whole time to these three points and the board contracted with Bro. Richardson to devote half his time to our work at Ola and half at Danville and Belleville from January 1, to the meeting of the association, for which we agreed to pay him \$360.00. The board also corresponded with the State Mission Board and secured from it a promise of \$160.00 to assist in paying for said work, which amount was to be paid directly to Bro. Richardson.

On account of Bro. Richardson having accepted the mission work the board was re-organized by making G. T. Hunter president and I. A. Huckaby secretary.

Following is Bro. Richardson's report of his work:

I began work Jan. 1, 1901. Miles traveled, 900; sermons preached, 120; addresses, 15; funerals attended, 14; families visited, 275; conversions witnessed, 35; baptisms, 18; received by letter, 21.

Collections:

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| Received for Associational Missions..... | \$20 77 |
| Original pledges..... | 8 00 |
| State Missions..... | 10 25 |
| Received from Bro. Huckaby. .. | 74 87 |
| Received from State Board..... | 17 77 |

One house built at Ola, cost of same, \$800.00.

J. W. RICHARDSON, Missionary.

This report shows the amount collected by Bro. Richardson from the churches on their pledges and on the field, of \$28.77. The secretary of our board, who is also treasurer of the association, has paid him, under the instruction of this board, \$74.42. This leaves a balance due him, of the amount promised by this board, of \$96.81. The collection taken on Sabbath for associational missions, and the amounts reported as sent up by the churches, will nearly cover this amount and we will be able to pay nearly, if not quite all, the amount promised him, provided the state board redeems its promise, which we confidently expect.

We think the association ought to continue work that has been begun at Danville and Belleville.

Respectfully submitted,

G. T. HUNTER, Pres.,
I. A. HUCKABY, Sec'y.

The report was discussed by Eld. Richardson, and after correction, was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Sunday-Schools was read as follows:

Your Committee on Sunday-Schools beg leave to report:

The era for discussing the duty of every church of Christ to maintain and operate a Sunday-school is past. The only question now remaining open is the question of method and means.

As to method, much has already been said, and much remains to be said—all alike varied and variable by the local conditions in the main. One fact, however, should always stand out prominently and invariably, to-wit: That no Sunday-school can claim any recognition which is not organized and operated by a local church. It is peculiarly *the church at work*.

The second branch of this open question is not exclusively financial; though largely so. The money follows the faith and zeal of the superintendent and teachers. They who operate directly on those who attend, must, therefore, themselves be earnest, discreet, zealous Christians, full of faith. But these places are sometimes shouldered off on some brother not possessing qualifications to bring out the best work and the best results. The church should realize that her best gifts are, in this particular department, in highest demand.

A misfit in the choice of a superintendent is sure to be ended with disappointment, if not failure.

The selection of teachers is very important, indeed but little short in importance of that of superintendent. An unwise selection of teachers, we think, would be disastrous.

The church should select the best educator within her jurisdiction for superintendent, and the corps of teachers should be selected with great care and prudence. But under no circumstances should the church waive her authority nor her responsibility in this work.

We decline to suggest any series of literature, except in so far that it should be pure gospel.

J. W. RICHARDSON,
WM. NUNN,
J. R. RAPER.

The report was adopted.

On motion the moderator was authorized to appoint the Mission Board. He appointed F. W. Peter, L. A. Robertson, W. R. Blair, R. R. Elmore and L. G. Henry.

Pledges were taken for Associational Missions as follows:

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| Bethlehem No. 1..... | \$ 5 00 | |
| Centerville..... | 3 00 | |
| Mt. Vernon..... | 3 55 | Paid. |
| Mt. Tabor..... | 10 00 | |
| Mt. Zion No. 1.... | 5 00 | |
| Springdale..... | 7 45 | |
| Ola..... | 5 00 | |

\$39 00

T. R. Randolph pledged \$1.00 for Foreign Missions and Harmony church pledged \$3.00 for Orphans' Home.

The report of the Finance Committee was read by the

clerk:

We, your Committee on Finance, report the following:

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| Received for Associational Missions..... | \$76 85 |
| Received for Foreign Missions..... | 2 00 |
| Received for Orphans' Home..... | 3 30 |
| Received for Minutes..... | 33 85 |

Total.....\$116-00

C. D. OWENS,
G. W. CORNELIUS,
G. W. BROWN.

Adopted.

Eld. W. E. Kimbrough offered the following resolutions which were adopted:

RESOLVED—First, That the thanks of this association be and are hereby extended to the church and people of this community for the generous hospitality shown its members during our stay in their midst.

Second, That the clerk have printed 800 copies of the minutes, and be allowed \$15.00 for his services.

Adjourned to meet at New Bethel church, Gilkey, Yell county, Arkansas, on Saturday before the third Sunday in September, 1902, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Prayer by Eld. Adams.

W. E. LOGAN, Moderator.

L. A. HUCKABY, Clerk.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

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| E H Gray, Corley | G W Hunnicutt, Danville |
| C C Hogan, Corley | M L Voyles, Magazine |
| W E Logan, Greenville | T L Ingram, Magazine |
| J S Gray, Prairie View | M P Blair, Paris |
| M P Henry, Southern Home | J H Dilday, Stafford |
| J R G W N Adams, Dardanelle | J C Oglesby, Gravelly |
| W E Kimbrough, Dardanelle | W N Dodd, Dardanelle |
| W N Womack, Morrison's Bluff | J F Brice, Chickalah |
| L A Robertson, Bluffton | J W Richardson, Ola |
| T P Manning, Southern Home | R W Richards, Ola |
| L G Earles, Balloon | J L Sykes, Revilee |
| L B Woodley, Sharke | R R Elmore, Danville |
| E H Stafford, Chickalah. | |