MERANSAS DAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Old Organization, and the Twenty-Second of the New Organization of the

# Baptist Association.

HELD WITH THE

Church at Mountain Home, Baxter County, Ark.,

August 30th, 31st and September 1st, 1888.

#### OFFICERS :

ELD. H. H. HILTON, Moderator, Mountain Home, Ark-ELD. Wm. A. COLLIS, Clerk, - Independence, Ark. T. H. HORN, Treasurer, - Mountain Home, Ark

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#### **MESSENGERS**.

T. I. Hicks, D. S. Reed and S. H. Talbert Monutain Home, H. H. Hilton, J. T. Hand, T. H. Horn, J Hopewell, A. Harrelson. V. D. White, J. T. Prior, Wm. Denton Mount Pleasant, and M. P. Coventon. W. D. Jennings, Wm. Collis, J. H. Wade, Pilgrims Rest. H. Roberds and C. L. Strait. Palistine. New Harmony, J. D Noe. R. Gosvener, J. W. Hargrave D. L. Stone Friendship, (Eddings) and J. W. Morgan. J. T. Stone, J. M. Green G. W. Eddisch S Oakland. A. H. Baxter, J. A. Parks, W. H. Thank Oak Grove, Pleasant Grove, E.F. Hand. Represented by letter. Rehoboth, R. D. Keeter and S. Cheek. New Hope, Represented by letter. Pleasant Hill, Shady Grove. H. A. McEntire Not represented. New Liberty. Not represented. Confidence, L. G. Lowery and J. S. Willingham, Jefferson Hall. Not represented. Big Spring. J. H. Paugle. Zion Hill. J. B. Taylor. Harmony, Wm. Ausburn and J. Coward. Cedar Creek. J. K. Ritchardson. Rockey Mount, New Prospect, J. R. Cotton and J. W. Norton. E. M. McCarty and S. Matlock. Betbel. E T. Conley. Hall's Chapel, Mountain Grove, S. P. Downing, H. Bayless, J. L. Lafarlett. J. A. Thornton and J. A. Ostin Rock Point. Pleasant Ridge, Not represented. J. F. Hancock Mount Vernon.

### \* \* MINUTES. \* \*

#### FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The White River Baptist Association convened with Mountain Home Church, Baxter County, Arkansas, on Friday before the first Sunday in September, A. D. 1889.

The introductory sermon by Eld. T. W. Wright was deferred until 7 p. m.

2.d. Wm. A. Collis being present and at his post, the of churches was called, the letters presented and read Bros. P. A. Cox and J. M. Casey and the names of the messengers enrolled.

The Moderator appointed Bros. L. A. McPherson, A. M. (asey and E. F. Hand to take the vote for Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer. The election resulted in the election of INd. H. H. Hilton as Moderator, Eld. Wm. A. Collis as Clerk and Bro. T. H. Horn Treasurer.

Called for letters from Churches petitioning membership, wherenpon a letter from Mountain Grove church, Marion pounty, Ark. was presented. On motion the church was received into the Association and the right hand of fellowthip extended to the messenger by the Moderator.

Called for correspondence from sister Associations. Eld. T. W. Wright, of Union Association, Mo., Eld. J. E. (Jargil, of Big Creek Association, and also Eld. A. J. Whaley, of Rocky Bayon Association, came forward and received the right hand of fellowship by the Moderator, Invited visiting ministers to seats in the body; Elder B. L. Bayless accepted.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

On Divine Service—Bros. R. D. Casey, T. I. Hicks, D. S. Reed and S. H. Talbert.

On Finance-H. A. McEntire, C. L. Strait and E. F. Haud.

On Destitution-Elds. W. D. Jennings, J. B. Perkins, W. A. Collis and Bro. J. K. Ritchardson.

On Associational Missions-Elder J. H. Wade and Bros. W. J. Taff and J. T. Stone.

On State Missions-Bros. R. Gosvener, W. H. Thorn and J. B. Taylor.

On Foreign Missions-Elders J. T. Prior, J. T. Hand and Brother J. Norton.

On Baptist Literature-Brother R. D. Casey, Elders W. D. White and Wm. Denton.

On Sunday-Schools-Elder J. B. Perkins, Brothers J. W. Hargrave and J. G. Walker.

Ou Woman's Work—Elders J. T. Hand, J. T. Thornton and Wm. Denton.

On Temperance—Brothers S. H. Talbert, H. Roberds H. Bayless and Elders Wm. Denton, J. T. Prior and A. Harrelson.

On motion the Moderator appointed a committe on education, to-wit;

Elders W. D. Jennings, J. T. Prior, J. T. Hand and Brother J. T. Stone, and on motion the Moderator, H. H. Hilton, was added to the committee.

On motion, adjourned until 3 o'clock p. m. Prayer by Brother R. D. Casey.

#### Evening Session, 3 o'clock p. m.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder H. H. Hilton.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended

in order that the call for Churches might be renewed, whereupon Hall's Chapel, Rehoboth, and Mount Vernon churches responded by letters and messengers. The body then resumed the regular order of business.

The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were read by Brother J. M. Casey.

On motion Brother M. P. Coventon, alternate from Mount Pleasant church, was seated as a permanent member of this body.

Called and corrected roll of messengers and marked absentees.

Called for report of Corresponding messengers, when Elder Wm. Denton made his report, stating that he visited Crooked Creek Association; found a noble and devoted body of Christians working for the salvation of sinners

Elder T. W. Wright made his report, stating that he visited Union Association, Mo., and found them a devoted lody of Christians.

The rest of the messengers made their reports, stating that they did not visit the various Associations that they were appointed to visit.

Next in order the Appointment of Corresponding Mesongers to Sister Associations, which is as follows:

Union, Mo.-Elder W. D. White.

Crooked Creek-Elders Wm. Denton W. D. Jennings, H. H. Hilton, W. D. White and Brother J. W. Norton.

Rocky Bayou-Elder J. T. Hand, Brothers E. T. Conley and T. H. Horn

Union, Ark, J. F. Hancock, H. A. McEntire and Older J. R. Pennington.

Big Creek-Elder J. T. Hand and W. D. Jennings.

Blue Mountain-Elders W.m. Denton W. A. Collis and Irother H. A. McEntire.

Taney Association, Mo, -S. H. Talbert and Elder J. H.

Wade.

Called for the report of committees in the following order: Committee on Destitution made their report, which was read and adopted. The report is as follows:

We, your Committee on Destitution submit the following report, that we find great destitution within our bounds. Souls are being lost while we are making no efforts to save the same. Therefore we urge and recommend that this body devise some means to supply the destitution.

J. K. RITCHARDSON, Uhairman. Committee on Associational Missions made their report which was read and adopted. The report is as follows:

We, your committee submit the following report that, we regret to say that there is a very great need of a missionary within the limits or bounds of this body. We further report that there has been no missionary imployed to travel in this Association the past year. Therefore we would recommend that this body take steps toward employing missionaries to work in the destitute part of this Association.

ELDER J. H. WADE, Chairman.

Committee on Baptist Literature made their report, which was read and adopted. The report is as follows:

We, your committee submit the following report:

That, there is great barrenness of mind as pertains to Bible truth. Therefore we would urge the prayerful study of the Bible.

1st. Because it is the the book of God.

2nd. It is the only book with which we can make a true and genuine Baptist.

We would urge upon our people to take the Arkansas Baptist, our own State organ, because it is our medium of communication. Above all others we also urge most earnestly the reading and studying of cheap literature published by our different Baptist Houses in the U. S., because

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our distinctive views as Baptist are ably and kindly handled in said literature.

R. D. CASEY, Chairman.

The Association adjourned until 8 o'clock a. m. Saturday morning. Prayer by Elder Wm. Denton.

#### SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Morning Session, 8 o'clock a. m.

Saturday morning the Association met persuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder J. E. Cargil.

The roll was called and absentees noted.

Elder W. A. Collis offered a resolution on the missionary plan which was read and adopted.

The resolution is as follows:

Resolved, That the Moderator appoint one member in each church to constitute a general Home Mission Board in the bounds of this Association, whose duty it shall be to bring the subject of Home Mission before their respective churches and collect funds for the same. The said Board shall before the adjournment of this body meet and organize by appointing a Central Board of three, to whom said general Board shall report every three months and pay over all money collected by them to said Central Board. One of said Central Board to be chairman, one secretary and one treasurer and the Central Board shall have power to employ a missionary or missionaries, fix their salaries and assign them their territory to work in, and to pay them for their labor out of the money turned over to them for Home Mission purposes.

The Moderator in accordance with the foregoing resolution appointed the General Board, consisting of the following named members, to-wit:

Zion Hill church\_J. H. Pangle; Shady Grove\_H. A.

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McEntire; Hopewell—J. A. Harrelson; Mount Pleasant. M. P. Coventon; Mountain Home—J. M. Casey; Rocky Mount—T. B. Featherstone; New Harmony—J. D. Noe; Friendship—R. Gosvenor; Cedar. Creek—Wm. Ausburn; New Hope—J. G Dillahunta; Oakland—G W. Eddings; Harmony—J. B. Taylor; Pleasant Hill—J. W. Coker; Bethell—Smith Matlock; Pleasant Grove—E. F. Haud; Oak Grove—W H. Thorn; Rock Point—J. A. Thornton; Pilgrims Rest—J. H. Wade; Mount Vernon—J. Hancock; Mountain Grove—S. P. Downing; Hall's Chappel—C. M. Hill

The foregoing board was granted leave of absence that they might organize.

After a short while the said board returned back into the house and made the following report:

We, your Home Mission Board have organized by appointing Brother M. P. Coventon, J. M. Casey and W. H. Thorn as a Central Board and have appointed the first meeting of said board to be held at Mountain Home Saturday, 10 o'clock a. m., before the the fourth Sunday in October, 1889.

J. M. CASEY, Chairman.

W. H. THORN, Secretary.

On motion the body adjourned until 2 p. m.

#### Evening Session, 2 o'clock p. m.

Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Moderator.

Brother J. W. Blankenship of Eastian Olla Association, of East Tenn., was invited to a seat in this body.

Report of committee called for again, when the committee on Temperance made their report which was read and adopted.

The report is as follows:

We, your committee submit the following report: Whereas, this question is agitating the minds of all civilized nations of the earth and has become the question of all questions with us and,

Whereas, The evils of intoxicating drinks have assumed such gigantic proportions that it becomes all Baptist and all lovers of good morals and human welfare to take a decided stand against the liquor traffic and using it as a beverage. Therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we call upon all Baptists and christians to use their influence for the suppression of this monstrous soul destructive traffic.

#### S. H. TALBERT, Chairman.

Committee on Foreign Missions made their report which was read and adopted.

The report is as follows:

We, your committee submit the following:

Whereas, The great Head of the Church gave His disciples the commission to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, and,

Whereas, our Lord and Savior was himself a Foreign Missionary from Heaven's high courts to this sin cursed earth. Therefore,

Resolved, That we as Missionary Baptist Churches believe it to be our bounden duty to send the gospel to the heathens throughout the world, and in order to do this is to contribute liberally of our means for Foreign Missions.

We also regret that the churches of this body have so generally failed to send up money for this great cause and we recommend that the Pastors and Messengers of this body present the claims of Foreign Missions to their respective churches and take up collections for that purpose and send it up to the Association.

J. T. HAND, Chairman.

Committee on Woman's Work made their report, which was read and adopted.

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The report is as follows:

We, your committee submit the following:

Whereas, the Master's cause seems to be languishing on the account of means and as Mosses' sister aided him we your committee recommend that each Church select two or three sisters to organize the sisters of their respective churches into societies to raise means to forward the Manter's cause in the bounds of this body.

J. T HAND, Chairman.

The Ladies Missionary Society of the Mountain church made their report, which was read and adopted and is as follows since September, 1888:

The amount of money expended to Pastor, \$15.00, Building Fund, \$15.00, Foreign Missions, \$30.00, State Missions, \$20.00, Pastor, this year, \$20.00, Church furnishing work, \$25.95, Associational Missions \$10.00, Miscellaneous, \$4.05. Total \$140.00. August 31st, 1889.

MRS. ANNIE DYER, President.

MRS. D. L. SHIPP, Secretary.

Committee on Finance made their report, which was read and adopted.

The report is as follows:

We, your committee submit the following:

Received from the church \$27.75 for minute funds.

H. A. MCENTIRE, Chairman.

Committee on State Missions made their report, which was read and adopted.

The report is as follows:

We, your committee submit the following:

That we favor all legitimate means of christianizing our great State and we recommend that this body take some steps to assist our State Convention to that end.

RICHARD GOSVENOR, Chairman.

On motion the Association adopted Dr. Mell's Parlia-

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mentary law and agreed to furnish one copy for the Moder. tor of the Association.

The Association adjourned until 9 a.m., Monday.

#### THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Monday Morning Session, 8 o'clock a. m.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder W. A. Collis.

The minutes of the previous day was read and adopted. Committee on Education made their report. which was read and adopted.

The report is as follows:

We, your committee submit the following:

Whereas, In former days Baptist were accused of being an ignorand sect because they were lovers of religious liberty, freedom of speech and freedom of the press; rather than lovers of an educated claims of an established and persecuting churches; and

Whereas, The cause of Christian education is now so universally recognized by Baptist as of paramount importance in the uplifting of the masses to a high plain of Chris: tian civilization; and

Whereas, In many places our Public schools and other Secular schools are being largely brought under the influence of infidel and wordly sentiments; Therefore

Resolved, That we are decidedly in favor of denominational schools under the supervision of our own denomination.

That we do most heartily endorse and recommend to our brethren throughout North Arkansas and elsewhere Ouachita Baptist College, at Arkadelphia, Ark.

That we also re-indorse and recommend to the favorable consideration of the Baptist within the bounds of this body and elesewhere the Gassville Classical Institue, Gassville, Ark., by reprinting in our minutes in connection with this report the resolutions endorsing it, passed at our last session.

That we deem it advisable that we take active steps at an early day to establish a denominational school under the control of the White River Baptist Association.

We also recommend that Brothers H. H. Hilton, Wm-Denton, W. D. White, W. D. Jennings, M. N. Dyer, J. M. Casey, J. T. Stone, P. A. Cox and J. R. Cotton be a Board of Trustees for this White River Baptist Association to confer with the people of different towns and neighborhoods as to what inducements they will offer for said school to be located among them, to receive donations of funds and deed to property for establishing said school, to receive and consider proposals for said school and at an early day, to establish such school at some suitable place, to employ teachers and put said school in operation as soon as it can be done, and report their work at our next session.

J. T. PRIOR, Chairman.

Resolved, That our Association cheerfully recommend said Gassville Classical Institute to the favorable consideration of all who wish to educate their sons and daughters in a school of high grade.

On motion M. N. Dyer, H. H. Hilton, Wm. Denton, P. A. Cox, J. M. Casey and J. T. Stone were appointed as an executive committee on said Educational Board to superintend the business of said school.

On motion the Association adjourned till 2 o'clock p.m.

#### Evening Session, 2 o'clock p. m.

Association met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion Shady Grove church was granted a letter of dismission from this body to go into the formation of a new Association.

Wm. A. Collis, clerk, made his report, which was read and adopted. The report is as follows:

Received from the Treasurer \$41.05 as minute funds. Clerks fees, postage and stationery \$37.00, leaving in my hands as minute funds \$4.05.

T. H. Horn, treasurer reports that he has in his hands 10.00 to pay traveling expenses of corresponding messengers to other bodies, and \$2.25 Associational Mission hands.

Resolutions were called for, when the following resolutions were offered and adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this body is requested uppy over all funds in his hands belonging to the minute muds to the Clerk of this body.

Resolved, That the Clerk be requested to superintend the mating of the minutes and that he have as many copies minted as the money will pay for after deducting \$10.00 out at same for his services.

Resolved, That article second of the Constitution of this body be amended so as to read as follows:

The members composing this Association shall consist of all ordained Ministers in good standing in their respective durches within the bounds of this body, together with two we messengers from each church of fifty members or less, me messenger added for every fifty or fractional part thereof until four messengers at that rate be be allowed. No church to be allowed more than four.

Resolved, That this body return their thanks to the church at Mountain Home and the community around it for the hospitality extended to us during the present session.

On motion this body returned their thanks to the Methodist brethren of Mountain Home for the tender of their church house to this body to hold services in during the present session.

On motion this body agreed to hold its next annual ses-

sion with New Hope church Marion county, Ark.

On motion Elder J. T. Prior was elected to preach the introductory sermon at the next meeting of this body, with Elder Wm. Denton as his alternate.

On motion this body adjourned to meet with the New Hope church on Friday at 10 o'clock a. m., before the 1st Sabbath in September, A. D, 1890, four and one half south of Yellville, Marion county, Ark.

Prayer by the Moderator.

ELDER H. H. HILTON, Moderator. ELDER W. A. Collis, Clerk.

#### MINUTES

OF THE

## SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION

OF THE

# WHITE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

#### FOURTH SESSION.

Held with Pilgrims Rest Baptist Church and Sabbath School, Pilgrims Rest, Baxter Co., Ark., August 2nd to 4th, 1889.

Morning Session.-Aug. 2, 1889.

The fourth session of the White River Baptist Sunday School Convention of the White River Baptist Association, met according to previous appointment at. 10 o'clock a. m. with the Baptist Church at Pilgrims Rest, on Friday, Aug. 2nd 1889.

The President, Elder T. W. Wright, not being present the Vice-President, Wm. Denton called the Convention to order and read the 1st Psalm and prayed.

Letters from the Sunday Schools were read and names of members enrolled as follows:

Mountain Home School—R. C. Paul, M. N. Dyer and J. M. Casey; Pilgrims Rest School—Sister D. P. Martin and J. G. Walker, also Elders W. A. Collis, W. D. Jennings and J. H. Wade; Oak Grove School—A. J. Copeland, W. H. Horn and Lula Condry; Oakland School—J. M. Green Mount Pleasant School—J. B. Crane, H. Hayes, P. A. Cox, N. Lamb and Elders Wm. Denton and Wm. White; Hopewell School—Frank Nicholson, W. E. Newman and W. A Gloer; Azota School—W. M. Dinei; Lythia Springs School— J. Harrelsov.

By motion Brother N. Lamb was appointed to represent Lythia Springs School.

On motion the Convention proceeded to re-organize by electing Elder Wm. Denton, President; P. A. Cox, Clerk; W. D. White, 1st Vice-President; W. D. Jennings, 2nd Vice-President; M. N. Dyer, Treasurer.

President appointed W. D. White, J. H. Wade and M. N. Dyer as a committee to set the hour for opening and adjourning the body.

During the session committee's report was received and adopted as follows:

Resolved, That the Convention meet each day at 9 o'clock a.m. and adjourn at 12 o'clock m. for dinner and meet again at 2 o'clock p.m. and adjourn at 5 o'clock p.m. to meet again at 7:30 p.m. and adjourn at pleasure

The President appointed the following committee to arrange a program for the next convention and make their report during this session: M. N. Dyer, J. H. Wade and W. A. Collis.

Adjourned till 2 p. m. Prayer by W. A. Collis.

#### Evening Session, 2 o'clock p. m.

Convention called to order by the President. Prayer by Elder J. H. Wade. Then proceeded with the regular program.

1st. Necessity of a Sunday School, which had been assigned to Elder Q. C. Pennington and Carroll McCormick, neither of them being present the subject was passed.

2nd. Duties of a church in respect to the organization

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and perpetuity of the Sabbath School—Elders W. D. White and W. D. Jennings. They excusing themselves the subject was passed for the present.

3rd. "The Superintendent—His qualifications and various duties discussed—P. A. Cox and J. M. Casey, followed by J. T. Stone, M. N. Dyer, J. Harrelson, W. A. Collis and R. C. Paul

4th. The relation of a Sunday School to the church. Hecussed by Elder J. H. Wade and followed by J. T. Stone, M. N. Dyer, W. A. Collis, P. A. Cox and J. M. Casey.

Resolved, That the Convention meet in mass meeting with the Baptist Sunday School at Pilgrims Rest at 9 o'clock m on Sunday morning and that Brother J. M. Casey conluct the exercises and P. A. Cox assist.

Adjourned till 7:30 p. m. Prayer by Brother J. M. Carey.

#### Night Session.

After singing and prayer, Elder J. T. Prior preached a nonventional sermon from text, Gal. iii. 29.

Benediction by Elder W. D. Jennings.

#### Morning Session.-Aug. 3, 1889.

Convention met. President in chair.

After singing, and reading 103 Psalm prayer was offered by Brother M. N. Dyer. Minutes of first day read and approved.

The regular program was then taken up.

5th. Is it advisable that our Sunday Schools use the International lessons. Brother Dyer not being ready the junction was passed for the present.

6th. The best plan of systematic giving in Sunday schools assigned to Elders T. W. Wright and W. A. Collis, Elder Wright not being present and W. A Collis not ready the question was passed

7th. The influence of Sunday Schoos upon civilization.

Discussed by Elder J. T. Prior, followed by J. M. Casey W. D. White, P. A. Cox, Wm. Denton, J. B. Crane and R C. Paul

Resolved, by the Convention, That we realize the great necessity of concert of action by this Association, that we humbly bow in prayer, which was lead by Bro. J. M. Casey, who earnestly prayed for the blessings of heaven upon our Sunday School interest in the White River Association.

8th. The Christian Sabbath and its obligations. Discussed by Eld. Wm. Denton, followed by Eld. J. T. Prior.

Evening Session, 2 oclock p. m.

Convention called to order by the President. Prayer by Elder W. D. White.

Resolved, That the 8th question on program be passed.

M. N. Dyer, treasurer, reported as follows: \$14.65 left with J. M. Casey from last Convention. Paid out \$10.00 to J. M. Horn; \$3.00 to W. A. Collis, leaving in treasury \$1.65.

Resolved, to meet in the next session on Friday before the first Sabbath in Angust, 1890, at 10 o'clock a m., with Mount Pleasant church.

Resolved, That the Convention return to the people at Pilgrims Post and vicinity our sincere thanks for their kind hospitality during this session of the body—carried. Also moved and carried that the thanks of the Convention be tendered Elder Wm. Denton for the faithful manner in which he has discharged the duties of presiding officer.

Resolved, That this Convention ask the Association the privilege of baving our minutes published in the same phamphlet as last year. This Convention paying its proratta of expenses for publishing. Brothers M. N. Dyer, J. M. Casey and J. H. Wade were appointed to bear this request to the Association at their next meeting.

9th. Woman's work in the Sunday School which was ably discussed by Sister Adaline Coventon by an essay on the subject, followed by M. N. Dyer and Wm. Denton.

10th. Was dispensed with and passed.

2nd question taken up. The duties of the church in respect to the organization and perpetuity of the Sunday School. Discussed by Elder W. D. White, followed by W. D. Jennings and N. Lamb.

5th question taken up. Is it advisable that our Sunday Schools use the International lessons. Discussed by M. N. Dyer, followed by J. M. Casey and J. T. Prior.

The committee on program made their report which was received and adopted.

#### Program.

1st. A brief history of the Sunday School work and Its progress with statistics showing the increase in the work and its present magnitude, by Brother J. M. Casey.

2nd. Comments on the history of Sunday Schools as presented by Brother Casey.

3rd. What encouragements can we have from the progress of the work and what should be our part in the work?—Elders Wm. Denton and H. H. Hilton, Brothers P. A. Cox and J. T. Stone.

4th. Why should all christians and especially those who are members of the Baptist church be interested in the Sunday School work—Elders J. H. Wade, W. D. White and Brother N. Lamb.

4th. Is the Sunday School warranted by the Bible-Elders J. T. Pryor, W. A. Collis and B. L. Haley.

5th. What ends ought to be expected to be accomplished by Sunday Schools—Elders W. D. Jennings, J. B. Perkins and Brother H. Hayes.

6th. The duties of ministers who are exofficio members of this Convention—Elders J. T. Hand, A. J. Copeland and J. G. Walker.

7th. Is it the duty of each pastor of a Baptist church

to organize and endeavor to keep a Sunday School in each of his churches-M. N. Dyer, J. B. Simpson and R. C. Paul.

Resolved, That the next conventional sermon be preached at 11 o'clock on Sunday a. m. by Elder W. D. Jennings and Wm. Denton, also Resolved, by the Convention that Brother J. H. Wade preach at night.

Adjourned till 7:30 p.m.

Prayer by J. H. Wade.

Night Session, 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder J. H. Wade, who also preached from Jeremiah xii. 5, which had a telling effect upon the congregation.

Adjourned.

Benediction by W. D. White.

Sunday 10 o'clock a. m. in Mass S. S. Meeting.

1st. Song by congregation.

2nd Prayer by Elder Wm. Denton.

3rd. Song by congregation.

4th. Lecture by Elder W. D. White on the importance of a Sunday School.

5th. Song.

6th. Lecture by W. D. Jennings on the effect of a Sunday School.

7th Song.

The rain now began to fall in torrents and the President, Wm. Denton, with a few remarks from a warm heart infused by the thought of dismissing the addience to meet again twelve months hence, the effect of such produced tears from the eyes of the audience.

Benediction by President, Wm. Denton.

WM. DENTON, President.

P. A. Cox, Clerk.

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Nors-Mountain Home church paid \$80.00 for incidental expenses. Pilgrims Reat paid \$8.00, Rehobeth \$1375, and Mountain Greve \$3.00 for Ministerial support. New Hope paid \$25.00 for church building, Zion Hill paid \$1.25 for state. Missions.