

PROCEEDINGS

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GRAND PRAIRIE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Rising Sun Baptist Church, Arkansas Co., Ark.

September 24, to 27, A. D. 1896.

A. H. SOEKLAND, MODERATOR. - - - DeWitt, Ark.

B. F. HOUSE, VICE-MODERATOR, - - - Hazen, Ark.

W. THEO. SMITH, SECRETARY, - - - Stuttgart, Ark.

E. A. ALLEN, TREASURER. - - - Almyra, Ark.

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The Twenty-Second Annual session of the Grand Prairie Baptist Association met at the above time and place and was called to order by the moderator, Bro. A. H. Soekland, and after the congregation sang, "Come Thou Fount," prayer was offered by the moderator.

The Introductory Sermon was then preached from Mark 15:16 by Eld. D. S. Cannon, appointee, after which Eld. A. L. Tanner led in prayer.

The pastor and deacons of the church, Rising Sun were appointed a committee on Religious Worship. The committee announced that Eld B. F. House would preach Friday morning at 11 o'clock.

Dismissed by Eld. N. G. Williams to meet Friday morning at 8:30.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Owing to rain but few delegates were present at the hour adjourned to, so an hour was devoted to song and prayer.

At 10 o'clock the moderator called the body to order and after singing "Am I a Soldier," in which the congregation joined, Bro. E. A. Allen led in a word of prayer.

The moderator then appointed Brethren E. A. Allen and E. J. McQuin reading clerks and called for letters from the various church-

es, whereupon the following were presented, naming those following as messengers:

Bethel—J. W. Cupit, D. D. Willis, S. Brinkly.

Cash Prairie—A. J. Barker, S. A. Mitchell, Sister Mittie Allen.

Center Point—E. J. McCuin, B. P. and Sister Calley.

DeWitt—W. H. HalliBurton, S. Coffee, H. Hanks.

Almyra—J. E. Walker, J. M. Fuller, C. M. Berger.

Hazen—John and Sister Rounsaval.

Macedonia—Sisters Jessie Tanner, May Pierson, Susie Boyd.

New Bethel—G. Gerren, J. M. Harrison, Sister Mattie Wood.

Oak Grove—Sister R. F. Routh.

Pleasant Ridge—T. L. Ricks, H. Y. Morris

Stuttgart—Sisters H. B. Dudley, W. Theo. Smith, M. L. Wilson.

Rising Sun—J. A. Ragan, L. Swartz, J. C. Ragan.

St. Charles—J. N. Worthy, Sisters Agnes Bass, May Alexander.

A recess of five minutes was taken, after which the congregation convened for preaching by Eld. House. "Come Thou Fount" was sung and prayer offered by Eld. H. Y. Morris. The preacher used as a text 2nd Timothy, 4:2.

After the sermon a call was made for the presentation of church letters, but as there were none presented a recess was taken until 1:30 p. m.

ONE THIRTY P. M.

Moderator Soekland called the meeting to order after which "How Firm a Foundation" was sung; prayer by Bro. J. J. Alderson.

Another call for church letters was made, whereupon the following churches presented letters:

Big LaGrue—Sister Millie Parker, G. W. Parker, Berry Pope.

Hurican—J. W. Slaughter, I. T. Lewis.

Pt. DeLuce—Abbot Powell, Geo. Slusher, R. L. Fletcher.

Salem—Sister Sallie Luckett, T. A. and Sister Fanny Ross.

Cross Roads—J. T. and Sister Addie Hammon, Robt. Welch.

New Hope—Elmer Moon, Sisters Mary D. Graves, Nannie F. Webb.

The moderator then delivered his annual address and upon motion a committee of five was appointed to report on the advisability of including same in the printed minutes. Elds. H. H. Street, C. L. Walker and Brethren J. J. Alderson, J. W. Highfill, G. W. Belcher were appointed as such committee.

It was then ordered that the Association proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year. Eld. A. L. Tanner and Bro. Jessie Walker were appointed tellers. They reported that Bro. A. H. Soekland had been re-elected moderator, Eld. B. F. House re-elected vice moderator and W. Theo. Smith re-elected secretary. As no one had received a majority of votes for treasurer a motion was made and carried that the rules be suspended and Bro. E. A. Allen elected by acclamation which was done.

Upon motion Eld. H. H. Street, Brethren J. W. Highfill, J. J.

Alderson were appointed a committee on Abstract of Church Letters to report during the session.

A call was then made for reports by the standing committees.

The committee on Education reported. The report, after considerable discussion, was not accepted.

Adjourned to meet at 7:30 p. m. for preaching by Eld. H. Y. Morris.

SEVEN THIRTY P. M.

The congregation convened at the appointed time and commenced worship by singing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," after which Eld. Morris prayed. He then took as his text, John 12:32.

After the sermon another call was made for church letters. The following churches reported:

Bayou Meto—J. Carpenter, N. M. Henderson.

Crooked Creek—W. M. Carroll, N. J. Walton.

Bellview—Caro McSwain, Sisters Bell Horton, Harriet McSwain.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. Report adopted. [See App. "A."]

Requests were made by Crooked Creek and Salem churches that the Association ordain two deacons for the former and one for the latter, but the moderator ruled that the association had no right to do the work.

Adjourned to meet Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock. Dismissed by a word of prayer from Eld. R. F. Routh.

SATURDAY NINE A. M.

Congregation sang "Stand Up;" prayer by Eld. B. F. Coburn.

The moderator then appointed the following brethren as a committee on Finance: W. J. Highfill, W. C. Luckett and Robert Fletcher.

The committee on Education made its report, which was adopted. [See app. "B."]

The Executive committee reported, said report was adopted. [See App. "C."]

The moderator then appointed the following brethren as a committee on State Missions: R. H. Parker, S. K. Downs and E. A. Allen.

The committee on Foreign Missions made its report, which was adopted. [See App. "D."]

The committee on Temperance reported. [See App. "E."]

Upon motion the body decided to dispense with the sermon at 11 o'clock and proceed with the regular business.

The committee on Home Missions reported [See App. "F."]

A recess was then taken until 1 o'clock p. m.

ONE O'CLOCK.

The congregation was called together by some excellent songs rendered by the Almyra church choir.

The moderator then reported the names of the new Executive Board. [See App. "G."]

The committee on State Missions made its report. [See App. "H."]

Committee on Statistics reported. [See App. "I."]

The committee on Moderator's Address reported that said Address be accepted with a recommendation that it be not printed. The report was rejected. But upon motion the Address was accepted and ordered printed. Eld. D. S. Cannon voting in the negative. [See App. "J."]

Finance committee reported. [See App. "K."]

The following churches petitioned for the next annual meeting of the association: Salem, Pleasant Ridge and Bethel. Salem church was selected and Wednesday evening before the 4th Sunday in September 1897 as the date of meeting. After the time and place had been settled upon, Eld. H. Y. Morris was elected to preach the Introductory sermon, with Eld. A. L. Tanner as alternate.

Eld. B. F. Coburn was elected to preach the Missionary sermon with Eld. N. G. Williams as alternate.

Eld. H. H. Street was elected to preach a sermon on Ministerial Education.

Eld. R. F. Routh was elected to preach a sermon on Temperance.

The moderator then announced the standing committees. [See App. "L."]

Rev. H. H. Street was appointed a member of the State board.

The following brethren were appointed as delegates to the State Convention: W. Theo. Smith, D. S. Cannon, B. F. and Sister Coburn, E. A. and Sister Allen.

The moderator was elected a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

A recess was taken until 7:30 p. m.

SEVEN THIRTY P. M.

The congregation convened at the appointed time and religious services were opened by singing "Come Thou Fount."

A collection of \$5.48 was taken to be applied on the printing of minutes, with the understanding that if the collection amounted to more than was needed for said printing the remainder should be applied to Home missions.

Eld. P. A. Hammon, who had once been a faithful worker in the Association, but a resident of Mississippi for the past seven years, having just arrived, was invited to a seat in the Association. After he had led in prayer Eld. Street preached from Acts 13:17.

The committee on Publications was authorized to see to the printing of the minutes.

Upon motion Eld. Hammon was elected to preach the Missionary sermon instead of Eld. Walker, the appointee, who was present but desired to hear Eld. Hammon.

The minutes were then read and adopted, after which an adjournment was had until Sunday morning at 9:30.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Owing to the inclement weather the association was not called to order until 10 o'clock. The services were turned over to Eld. Routh who conducted an hour of song and prayer. The rain continued and as Eld. Hammon did not arrive, who was to preach the Missionary sermon at this hour, the proceedings were changed to that of a historical nature and for an hour those present were highly entertained by reminescent talks from different brethren.

Upon motion the following brethren were appointed as a committee to collect historical matter pertaining to the Association from its organization to the present time and report at the next annual meeting of this body: Thos. Belcher, R. F. Routh, W. Theo. Smith, N. G. Williams, and N. M. Henderson.

Minutes of the day read and approved, after which the Twenty-second Annual Session of Grand Prairie Baptist Association was declared adjourned to meet with Salem Baptist church, near Mt. Adams, Arkansas county, on Wednesday evening before the 4th Sunday in September, 1897. A. H. SOEKLAND, Moderator.

W. THEO. SMITH, Secretary.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We found very few Sunday Schools in our Association wholly conducted by our denomination. As the Sunday School is a recognized means of teaching God's word we deem it unnecessary to expatiate on the value of such schools.

We recommend that each church support a school, using our Southern Baptist Literature. We, as a denomination cannot afford to engage in so-called Union Sunday Schools, using "Union" Literature, as the meaning of God's word is often perverted and may be the means of doing much harm, therefore we earnestly request the co-operation of each Baptist in this Association in standing firm to the teaching of the scripture and earnestly endeavor to impress its vital truths on those who are endeavoring to learn the way of life. We would also recommend the careful selection of teachers and officers as much depends upon them in making the school instructive.

A. L. TANNER.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

The printing press is one of the greatest and most useful of all inventions. All kinds of business are promoted by its aid. The greatest of all business—Christianity—should surely make use of this powerful machine. The Apostles were directed to “write” what is now the “New Testament,” that it might be preserved in permanent form, for the good of all men. The great Head of the church has directed us to “publish” his truth, the “good tidings,” that all may hear. For “Faith cometh by hearing.” By inspiration, then, we are directed to “publish” and to make use of those publications.

The most powerful human organization on earth, the Roman Catholic church, has shut up the “Word of God,” refusing to allow the people to read it. Upon us devolves the responsibility, and important duty, of unsealing the truth, and publishing it to the world. Therefore we recommend the more diligent study of the Bible by our own members, and all christians. That our preachers and religious leaders see that each family has a Bible. That we all do what we can to circulate the doctrines of the Bible, as published in book and tract form, and in news papers. Especially do we recommend that the head of each Baptist family will provide his household with his state paper, and with some standard work on Bible Doctrines, and with some accepted work on distinctive Baptist Principles such as “Grace Truman,” or “Theodosia Earnest.” We believe that publications may be used to greater advantage by preachers, and christian workers.

H. H. STREET.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

We ask you to accept so much of the moderator's report as refers to the work of this board, and offer the following suggestions:

We have not been as diligent workers, as a whole, as we should have been, only a few members meeting at every appointment. Several of our churches, numerically, were not represented at all. The board was seriously embarrassed by the failure of churches and individuals paying what they pledged, which forced us to suspend all Missionary work. We urge upon churches and individual members the great importance of raising a fund, sufficiently large that the board may do efficient work during the coming year.

The board recommends that when churches desire financial aid that they make their wishes known, in writing, to the moderator, stating the amount needed and to whom to be paid. We also recommend that hereafter churches make itemized reports of all church work in their letters to the Association and the same to be published in the minutes. The board further recommends, that, as some, at the last meeting of the Association, pledged money to Ouachita College and for the support of Eld. C. I. Walker in school and have not paid the amount, therefore to avoid disagreeable consequences

in the future, this body adopt a rule that when donations or pledges are made in its behalf that they be made in writing to the treasurer of the Association, And furthermore, we deem it unchristian like to pledge anything without redeeming same.

A. H. SOEKLAND, Chairman.

W. THEO. SMITH, Secretary.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission board of the Southern Baptist Convention is doing great things in spreading the Gospel in foreign lands, which is in obedience to the command of our master. "Go teach all nations." We wish to impress upon the minds and hearts of this body that it is through the efforts of Missionaries of other lands that we claim so many Baptists in America.

We rejoice that the efforts of others are being blest in foreign fields and that many are being brought to Christ,

We can report but little done by our Association to help on the Master's work. We therefore recommend a collection be taken now for Foreign Missions.

B. F. HOUSE.

TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on temperance would report that God in his word does most positively command temperance in all things. Notwithstanding this injunction we are made to feel sad over the great amount of intemperance of not only the world but the church to a great extent. Alcoholic drinks and opiates blight, mildew, dwarf and wither the hopes of all its adhearants.

Temperance in all things means much. The tongue having never been tamed needs much care, for by it men blaspheme God, blight the character of ladies and gentlemen, making many sad hearts. It is bad for sinners to thus engage, but still worse for church members and ministers of the Gospel. We should be as Paul when he says, "If eating meat offend my brother, I will eat no meat all the days of my life. If drunkenness and lying offend, which it does, we should refrain therefrom. We should all guard the tongue, appetite, thoughts and deeds. We further recommend that our churches see that God's word is obeyed in all these things, that their members go not into temptation or be entangled by her cunning webs, so deeply woven.

D. S. CANNON.

HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission of the S. B. C. is doing great things for Christ in spreading the Gospel and we should be under lasting obligations to it for what it has done for Arkansas. Let us, with our money as well as our prayers, assist in taking the country for Christ and showing the world what Baptist principles are. This board is

doing its work in our home land and in Cuba, and as foreigners are coming from all parts of the world it behooves us to obey Christ. "Preach the Gospel to every creature." ROBT. F. ROUTH.

EXECUTIVE BOARD,

Bethel, G. W. Belcher; Cash Prairie, S. K. Downs; Center Pt., W. H. Bullock; DeWitt, Ed Hanks; Almyra, J. J. Alderson; Hazen, —Birdsong; Macedonia, W. W. Ault; New Bethel, B. F. Honea; Oak Grove, W. L. Cole; Pleasant Ridge, T. L. Rix; Rising Sun, Hubbard Spiller; St. Charles, J. N. Worthy; Big LaGrue, R. H. Parker; Hurrican, S. W. Slaughter.; Point DeLace, Wm. Hume; well; Salem, T. A. Ross; Cross Roads, W. J. Highfill; Bayou Mo to, N. M. Henderson; Crooked Creek, Sam Bond; New Hope, M. D. L. Webb, Stuttgart, J. F. Swanson; Bellview, Geo. McSwain.

STATE MISSIONS.

Not having received notice in time to procure statistics we will say that, we believe from what chance we have had for gaining information that there has been and is at present a great amount of mission work done within our state. We recommend that greater efforts be made during next associational year so that as far as possible all destitute places may be supplied, especially as far as the bounds of our Association.

R. H. PARKER,

STATISTICAL REPORT.

Since the last meeting of the Association your committee find that there has been: Baptisms, 156; received by statement, 17; restoration, 39; by letter 37, died 22; excluded, 69; dismissed, 3. The value of church property is \$7,600.00; Sunday schools, 6; pro ermeetings, 9; pastorless churches, 6; pastored part of the time, 3; amount raised for Foreign Missions, \$40.65; for education, \$19; for orphanage, DeWitt church, \$25.00; churches present 22.

H. H. STREET.

MODERATOR SOEKLAND'S REPORT.

On the 24th day of last October at Center Point Baptist Church you saw fit to elect me your moderator for the ensuing year; it would have been then, and is now, hard for me to say which impressed me most, the responsibility that would rest upon me, or the fear of disappointing this body in my ability to do what you expected at my hands. With these two thoughts weighing upon me and with my faith in God; I accepted the trust, and now I come to you to give an account of my stewardship.

This body recommended Bro. Cannon as its Missionary. The executive board immediately after the Association adjourned.

employed him for the year, at a salary of \$30 per month. There was a little money on hand, and some pledges made by the churches.

The fifth Sunday in December came and with it the report of our Missionary, also the report from about one half of our churches and these not coming up with all the money pledged and the Missionary's report not altogether satisfactory, the times being very hard, with nearly two months salary due Bro. Cannon, and the opportunity presenting itself, he presented his resignation. Your board accepted the same, paying him for the time served, and concluding to abandon the work until some future time.

In my opinion, the proper thing to have done last October would have been to collect a sufficient fund first; and then employ a Missionary. And unless we, as Baptist churches and members, do much more than we have done, we may as well wipe out the word "Missionary" and substitute the word "Hard Shell." Our name would then be consistent with our practice.

I am sorry to say, that, spiritually, I found our people at a very low ebb; the winter came on, and passed into the lap of spring; with it also, came the board meeting in March which convinced us that it was well that we had dispensed with the service of our missionary, for but little money came from the Churches, but we found enough to pay off what the board had obligated itself to do. At this meeting there was a very small attendance, and a still smaller contribution. Your board again decided not to employ a missionary. Thus ended the second meeting of the board.

From information gained by correspondence with the various members, I took the responsibility to cancel the Fifth Sunday board meeting in May, writing to the brethren to attend our meeting in August, hoping that we might be benefited thereby, and I am very happy to say that while this meeting was a failure financially; from a spiritual standpoint it certainly was a success, not on account of anything that the board had done, but on account of what the Lord had done for the people at Bethel. The first time I entered the house at that meeting, I breathed a religious atmosphere. The house was clean, the light was bright, the old benches were in order, the front benches were full of people, all eagerly waiting with smiling faces for service to begin, and such attention as was given to our Bro. Tanner, while he gave out the soul-cheering doctrine of Life everlasting, was wonderful to see. The board adjourned to meet here just before this meeting should assemble.

THE MODERATOR'S WORK.

Now as to my individual labor as your Moderator: I have written 87 letters and cards; traveled 453 miles, and consulted and made inquiries in every direction possible, when I thought that I might be able to do some good for the Master's cause. In these investigations I found, which for some time I had feared was true; that our

ministerial talent was not sufficient for the needs of the Association. There seemed to exist a jealousy, uncalled for, between some of our elders; that in many instances reports would come to me of how some one had erred; how some deacon had usurped authority; how some elders had made very partial rulings; that a brother held inconsistent church relations; that this or that sister church was not exactly following the Law and Gospel of Jesus Christ, and that many of these questions would be brought up before the Association; that the threat to have some of these differences brought up before this body caused me to pass many sleepless nights. I have asked help from on High on these lines; that in making my investigations, I might be guided by the spirit of true brotherly love; that I might be spared even the knowledge of knowing anything about these questions, that did not come under the authority of this Association. After carefully and prayerfully taking all these questions into consideration, I beg you, my dear brethren, consider the advice I now give, namely: There must not be permitted, even the discussion by this body, as to the rights of this or that church, brother or sister, until the subject is properly brought before us, and not then if the least infringement upon the rights of individuals or churches are threatened. In this connection I advise churches to have their rules and by-laws printed and studied by the whole membership, that they may become better acquainted with their duties. I offer these suggestions because I have invariably found, that in a great majority of the reports, the nearer home these questions were brought or traced the less they become. I also learn that in many cases brethren who felt aggrieved at some elder, deacon or brother, if they had gone direct to the one thought to be in fault, and reasoned together as becometh Christians, nine-tenths of all these differences would be already settled, and the Master's Kingdom would seem nearer than it does.

This body is not the place to open up these questions. Our constitution, which binds the churches together in an Associational capacity is simple and plain, very easily understood, and I hope all delegates will get a copy and post themselves, so that they may act intelligently.

I regret to learn that some of our churches found fault with Bro. Theo. Smith, clerk of this Association because certain churches failed to get the minutes of last Association, they felt entitled to have, I called Bro. Smith's attention to this, and he made a personal explanation, that was entirely satisfactory to me and I hope will be to you.

If every Baptist in this Association, would make a firm and steadfast resolution, that now and for all time, they would see that their individual churches were represented by their best workers, and that a little money be sent to the Association for Ministerial Mission, Charity and other funds, I assure you that there would be

plenty of minutes, and who knows but what there would be a revival all along the line.

Now in conclusion, I thank God that the church letters just read, show that God is still with us, that for all our slothfulness, our sinfulness and our unworthiness, he has blessed, instead of punished. has spared, instead of sweeping us away, and has permitted us to meet one another again. Brethren let us resolve to do more for the Master the coming year than we have ever done before. Let us be up and doing while the opportunity is ours, for the end will surely come when our accounts must close. Finally, allow me to thank you, one and all, for the honor of having, by the grace of God, been permitted to preside over you. I thank you for the assistance you have always given me. I especially thank the old grey-headed members for their kind advice and prayers, and, if perchance I have in any of my rulings, said, or done any thing that hurt the feelings of any one, I assure you it did not come from the heart. I can do no more than to say that I am sorry, and ask your prayers. May God guide and bless us all until we finally meet over on the other shore.

A. H. SOEKLAND, Moderator.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your committee finds that there was sent up for the following purposes, to wit:

Home Missions, 25; clerk's fees, \$2.10; Associational missions, \$7.00; for minutes, \$22.60. To this fund is also added a popular collection by the Association of \$5.48, making the fund for minutes, \$28.08.

W. J. HIGHFILL.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Finance—J. W. Highfill, W. C. Luckett, Robert Fletcher.

State Missions—R. H. Parker, S. K. Downs, E. A. Allen.

Foreign Missions—N. G. Williams, M. D. L. Webb, Abbott Powell.

Home Missions, R. F. Routh, B. P. Calley, C. M. Berger.

Temperance—Chas. I. Walker, W. Theo. Smith, H. Hanks.

Education—A. L. Tanner, E. J. McCuin, W. L. Cole.

Publications—B. F. Coburn, Smith Wilson, J. A. Ragan.

Sunday School—H. Y. Morris, Sisters S. E. Calley, Mattie Wood.

Obituaries—D. S. Cannon, W. L. Cole, J. W. Highfill.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the heartfelt thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered to the brethren and sisters of Rising Sun church and the friends of the community generally for their abundant hospitality to us while we have sojourned with them.

H. H. STREET.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Your treasurer would report that there has been paid into his hands since the last meeting of this body the following sums to-wit:

Balance on hand	\$24.66	New Bethel Church	\$2.00
Hattie Saunders	25	New Hope Church	2.00
C. C. Starks	25	Oak Grove Church	1.00
D. G. Miller	25	A. H. Soekland	2.00
Center Point Church	2.00	Cross Roads Church	2.00
DeWitt Church	5.00	Center Point Church	1.25
G. W. Belcher	2.50	W. L. Cole	.50
Cross Roads Church	4.00	New Hope Church	2.00

Making a total of \$51.66. Amount paid out since our last meeting, \$49.00 said amount being paid to Eld. Cannon as missionary.
Balance on hand, \$2.66. S. K. DOWNS, Treasurer.

ORDAINED-MINISTERS.

B. F. Coburn, Almyra.	H. H. Street, DeWitt.
W. L. Rowland, Tichnor.	D. S. Cannon, DeWitt,
N. H. Williams, Pt. DeLuce	B. F. House, Hazen.
H. Y. Morris, Barrettsville.	A. L. Tanner, Hazen.
R. F. Routh, Fairmount.	T. K. Flinn, Hazen.

AN EXPLANATION.

In the proceedings of the second day it will be observed that the minutes read: "The committee on Education reported. [See App. "B"]" Instead of Education it should have been, Publications, which will be seen by refering to the report itself under the head of Publications.

As that portion of the minutes refering to the report on Education was overlooked by the printer we take this method of saying that a report was made on Education, but it was rejected for two reasons.

First: It indorsed the South Western Baptist Seminary of Louisville, Ky.

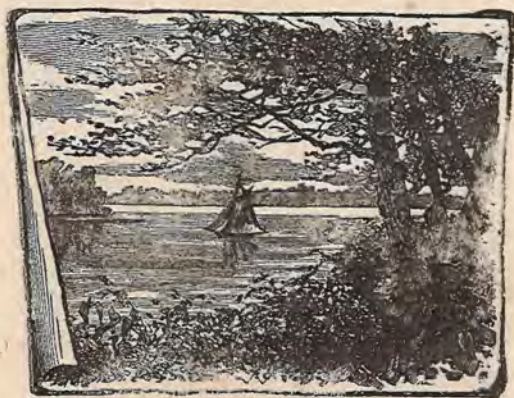
Second: The Association also objected to the latter part of the following paragraph: "As we are living in an enlightened age it behooves us, as a religious body to act in self defence by doing all in our power to educate our ministers. The time has come when a minister who is not educated is like a mechanic without tools, he cannot build for Christ."

The committee on printing decided that as the minutes were nearly as large again as heretofore and as the by-laws and constitution had been printed in full last year, they might be left out, this year.

Yours Fraternally,
W. THEO. SMITH.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Called to order by the Moderator to hear the Introductory sermon after which the Association re-assembles with the Moderator and Clerk in their seats.
2. Letters read and delegates enrolled.
3. Petitionary Letters called for.
4. The election of officers for the ensuing year.
5. Call for Correspondence.
6. Invitation to visiting brethren to seats in the body.
7. Committees appointed: (1) Committee on Education. (2) Committee on Sabbath Schools. (3) Committee on Finance. (4) Committee on Foreign Missions. (5) Committee on Publication. (6) Committee on Religious Exercises. (7) Committee on Temperance. (8) Committee on Obituaries.
8. Complete Correspondence and Messengers with Sister Associations and State Convention.
9. Reports from Standing Committees.
10. Contributions and pledges from Churches received.
11. Resolutions and Propositions received.
12. Report from Executive board.
13. Determining Time and Place for holding the next Annual meeting.
14. Treasurer's Report.
15. Executive board appointed.
16. Reports from Temporary Committees.
17. Appointment of brethren to preach the Introductory and Missionary sermons.
18. Reading of Minutes.
19. Parting Address by the Moderator.



STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches, Pastors and Post Offices.	Clerks and Post Offices.	Received by baptism.....	Received by letter.....	Received by relation.....	Died.....	Dismissed.....	Excluded.....	Present membership.....	Sunday School pupils.....	For Minutes.....	For Pastors salary.....	For Missions.....	Value Church property.....
Almyra, B. F. Coburn, Almyra.....	Bart Allen, Almyra.....	19	6	2				36	\$ 55	\$	\$	\$	
Bayou Meto.....	J. Carpenter Humphrey.....				3		6	10	1.50				
Bellview, D. S. Cannon Dewitt.....	G. D. Cunningham Ethel.....			1	2			65	40	80			
Bethel, T. K. Flynn, Hazen.....	F. A. Wallace Fairmount.....	14	3	14	2	3	4	58	27	1.50			200.
Big LaGrue, R. F. Routh Fairmount.....	R. H. Parker Dewitt.....	9	1	4		2	2	82		1.00		2.80	
Cash Prairie, B. F. Coburn Almyra.....	J. A. Thomason Stuttgart.....	5		1		1		14		40			
Center Point R. F. Routh Fairmount.....	D. B. Scott Hazen.....	8	10	4	2	2		80		1.15	50.00	2.00	
Crooked Creek D. S. Cannon Dewitt.....	N. J. Walton.....	9	5	1	1			30		1.00			
Cross Roads.....	J. T. Hammond Tellala.....	1	1	1		3	5	58		1.00			
Dewitt, H. H. Street Dewitt.....	J. B. Wofford Dewitt.....	11	2	2		6		65	57	2.00	600.	37.75	3000.
Hurricane, T. K. Flynn, Hazen.....	C. R. Greeson Roe.....				1	1		13	22	50	8.50		
Hazen A. L. Tanner, Hazen.....	Hattie Sanders Hazen.....	1	6	1	1	1	5	52	40	55		17.70	80)
Macedonia B. F. House, Hazen.....	Jessie Tanner Hazen.....	10	3	2	1	2		30		30			
New Bethel, R. F. Routh Fairmount.....	Onia Honea Fairmount.....	1	1			1	1	23		1.25	37.00		550
New Zion, not represented.....													
New Hope, R. F. Routh Fairmount.....	Elmer Moore Bagler.....	17		5	4	3	13	94		1.00	50.00	2.50	
Oak Grove.....	Wm. L. Cole Hamilton.....	13	1	8	1	4		53		1.50			
Pleasant Ridge A. L. Tanner Hazen.....	Hattie Simpson Barrettsville.....	25	3	5			2	66	50	90	40.00	5.00	230
Pt. DeLuce R. F. Routh Fairmount.....	Abbott Powell Durell.....	22	2		3	2	5	44		60	75.00	2.80	
Rising Sun B. F. Coburn Almyra.....	H. H. Spiller Sassafras.....	4	1	2	2	1		53	33	1.50			470
Salem B. F. Coburn.....	W. S. Appleby Cascoe.....	2			1	1		33		1.35		15	
St. Charles, R. F. Routh Fairmount.....	A. B. Cullipher, St. Charles.....							22		75			
Stuttgart.....	H. B. Dudley, Stuttgart.....		4			5		34	38	1.50	50.00	2.00	500
Total.....	Total.....	172	49	52	24	38	69	1015	304	\$22.67	\$916.00	\$72.70	\$5,630