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PROCEEDINGS.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. I. U. H. Wharton from 1st Corinthians. Subject, Christ Crucified, the Wisdom and Power of God unto Salvation. The preacher earnestly and ably entertained the large audience present. At the close of said service recess was had for one and half hours and a bountiful repast was enjoyed on the premises, after which the Delegates present from the various Churches assembled, and were called to order by I. U. H. Wharton and proceeded to temporarily organize by calling Bro. H. T. Hawkins to the chair and B. W. M. Warren to act as clerk. The chairman called for letters in the hands of the delegates from the churches composing the Association, and the names of delegates were recorded as per statistical table.

In order to a permanent organization of the body a motion was made to suspend the rules and elect a moderator and clerk by acclamation, which resulted in the selection of Bro. H. T. Hawkins, moderator, and B. W. M. Warren, clerk.

A call was next made for petitionary letters, when one was presented by Green Grove Church by Eld. B. C. Green and received into fellowship with the body.

On motion and second the order of business of the last session of the body was adopted.

By the regular order the following committee on devotional exercise was appointed: Brethren R. A. Faulkner, T. M. Davis and A. C. Jones. The Deacons of Spring

Hill Church, Ark., requested to act in concert with said committee.

By regular order Ministers and Visiting Brethren of the same faith were invited to seats with us.

By order a call for correspondence was made, Concord Association responded in the persons of Elders S. T. Cobb, Wm. Hunt, J. P. Everette and W. H. Gathright, and Brethren H. W. Ramsey, Joseph Rockett, Wm. Henderson, I. A. Cobb and I. S. Cobb.

State Convention, by Eld. M. D. Early, Secretary of S. Convention.

Columbia Association, Eld. I. R. Bishop and Bro. George Cate.

Colored Association, Brethren Jepe Meek, W. R. Meek, Albert Cobb, Jepe Hurry and E. Lucky.

Bartholomew Association, Bro. Jepe Hill.

Green Springs, La., (Colored), Eld. Willis Gray.

Returned Correspondence, Columbia Association Eld. W. J. Robertson and Brethren B. W. M. Warren, R. A. J. Moore, J. K. Sheppard, H. T. Hawkins, and G. M. Morgan.

To Concord Association, Elders J. G. McCain, J. M. Gathright and Brethren J. Manning, Wm. F. Miears and T. H. McFadden.

To Bartholomew, Elders J. G. McCain, I. U. H. Wharton and Brethren O. G. Hill and G. M. Morgan.

To Ouachita, (Colored), Brethren J. E. Lide, M. L. Langly and H. T. Hawkins.

Green Springs Association, Bro. T. M. Davis.

By regular order the following committees were appointed:

On Sabbath Schools.—Bros. A. C. Jones, W. J. Robertson and James E. Lide.

On Documents.—Eld. J. G. McCain and Bros. A. E. Davis and T. H. McFadden.

On Foreign Missions.—Eld. I. U. H. Wharton, Bros. J. K. Sheppard and S. A. Jones.

On Ministerial Education.—B. W. M. Warren, Elders J. R. Hughes, Wm. Griffin and M. L. Langly.

On Nominations.—Bros. T. H. McFadden, M. L. Langly and J. M. Cathright.

On Finance.—Bros. E. M. Bull, R. A. J. Moore and T. M. Hudson.

On Publications.—Eld. J. R. Hughes, W. M. Ruffin and A. C. Jones.

On State Missions.—Elders J. R. Hughes, I. U. H. Wharton and Bros. R. A. Faulkner and A. C. Jones.

On motion the question of establishing a school of high order in the bounds of the association was suggested by Eld. J. G. McCain which was referred to the committee on Ministerial Education.

By motion adjourned to half past eight o'clock, Monday, a. m.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

Owing to constant rain the contemplated Sunday School mass meeting was omitted. Preaching at 11 o'clock a. m. by Eld. M. D. Early, from Matt. 12, 21st. The service was indeed a precious Spiritual feast. At the close of the service a collection was taken for State Missions, amounting to \$19.45. At 2 o'clock p. m. the stand was occupied by Eld. J. P. Everette from Gallatians 4, 20th. who ably and zealously presented the Gospel to an appreciative audience. At night Eld. S. T. Cobb faithfully presented the truths of the Gospel to the people at Calidonia and at the same hour Eld. M. D. Early preached the truth at Blanchard Springs, the health resort of Union county.

Monday, 9 o'clock a. m., still raining and the Moderator being absent, the body was called to order by the clerk, prayer conducted by Eld. Early, at the close of which Eld. J. R. Hughes was called to the chair by the clerk.

By order of business the report of committees were called for. Committee on Ministerial Education made their report, and no motion to adopt, after some remarks, said report was laid upon the table subject to call.

The Moderator Bro. H. T. Hawkins made his appearance and took his seat.

On Sabbath Schools made their report, on motion to adopt its importance and necessity was ably discussed by Bro. A. C. Jones and J. R. Hughes. See appendix B.

Committee on Publications made their report. On motion to adopt the claims of the Baptist State papers of Arkansas and Louisiana was ably and earnestly presented by Eld. M. D. Early, J. P. Everette, J. R. Hughes and J. U. H. Wharton. See Appendix C.

Committee on Documents made their report, adopted. See Appendix D.

Committee on Foreign Missions made their report, on motion to adopt was discussed by Eld. J. P. Everette, Sam'l Cobb and M. D. Early.

After which the following cash and pledges were taken for Foreign Missions.

CASH PAID.		PLEDGES.		S. M. PLEDGES.	
J. G. Lide,	\$1.00	Hillsboro,	\$5.00	Hopewell, No. 1,	\$ 5.00
G. C. Taylor,	1.00	Blanchard,	3.00	Eldorado,	10.00
L. Swilley,	1.00	Spring Hill, La.	5.00	Hillsbon,	5.00
W. T. Thurkill	1.00	J. K. Sheppard,	5.00		
B. B. Hawkins,	1.00	McCain and Griffin,	1.50		
M. L. Langly,	.50	Liberty,	5.00		
Mary M. Cooper,	.50	A. C. Jones,	1.00		
Mrs. Wm Harrison,	.50	R. A. Faulkner,	1.50		
Cash,	.50				

The cash mentioned in this list in the hands of Eld. M. D. Early, also in his hands about fifty dollars for State Convention. See Appendix F.

The report on Ministerial Education was taken from the table and after being discussed by several Brethren was adopted. See Appendix A.

On motion of Bro. A. C. Jones the Executive Board

was instructed to use any money on hand in the purchase of books for Eld. B. C. Green.

Committee on Finance made their report, adopted. See Appendix G, or statistical table.

On motion, the following brethren were elected an Executive Board, Bros. J. R. Hughes, R. A. Falkner, H. G. P. Williams, H. T. Hawkins and B. W. Reeves.

Executive Board made their report. Adopted. See Appendix I.

On motion of Bro. A. C. Irons, the Clerk is allowed \$15, and is to send manuscript of minutes to the Evangel.

The following resolution offered by Bro. W. W. Griffin :

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to this community for their hospitality during the session of this body.

The Executive Board was instructed to turn over \$23.40 to the Corresponding Secretary of the State Convention, \$8.50 for Foreign Missions, \$5.30 to be expended in buying books for Bro. B. C. Green ; \$2.70 sent up by the ladies aid society to Home Missions.

On motion, adjourned to meet with Salem Church, near Mt. Holly, on Saturday before the second Sabbath in September, A. D., 1887.

H. T. HAWKINS, Moderator.

B. W. M. WARNER, Clerk.

APPENDIX A.

On Ministerial Education. This subject has been presented annually to this body for a number of years, and for years past with beneficial effects. The denomination are to-day reaping a rich harvest from the seed sown by Liberty Association ; and the question now presents itself to us. With such encouragement before our eyes, shall we so far forget our duty to the beloved Master and the Baptist family as to cease our efforts in this behalf? Are we poorer to-day, my dear brethren, than when we

educated our revered Bros. Venable and Jameson, or has our love abated to Him who is the wisdom and power of God unto our salvation? I trust not, I believe not. We only need to have our zeal stirred to that temperature which the importance of the subject demands at our hands. It is useless for us to urge upon this intelligent body of Baptists the necessity of an educated ministry. We know you feel and realize the overshadowing importance of this necessity; and what we desire is to induce you to act in the premises, so that the denomination and world may reap the benefits of what you feel and know on this vital question.

Your body have referred to us a matter of very grave importance, namely: The propriety of establishing within our bounds a school of high order. While we realize the many advantages which would result from such action on our part, we fear the unusual financial stringency which exists at the present would render such an undertaking impracticable, and in lieu thereof we recommend your body to lend all the aid in the power to the Baptist college established by our State Convention at Arkadelphia.

Respectfully submitted,

B. W. M. WARNER, Chairman.

APPENDIX B.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools regret to have to report that there does not appear to be any increased interest upon this subject, judging from the number of schools reported in the letters from the various churches. This is much to be regretted, from the fact that it is recognized as one of the most important factors in the prosecution of religious works at the present day. A full discussion of this subject would make this report too lengthy. We therefore confine ourselves to two propositions by way of suggesting a line of thought to any brother who may wish to speak on the subject. First, that any Christian church of whatever name, that has not in connection with it a Sab-

oath School is neglecting an important duty. Second, that a Christian church not engaged in this work is depriving itself of a great privilege. A. C. JONES, Chairman.

APPENDIX C.

Your Committee on Publications submit the following report :

Believing it to be of the greatest importance to our people, and hence to the cause of our Dear Master, that we supply ourselves with the very best religious literature. We, therefore, recommend the Evangel, our own State paper, as well worthy of our patronage. It is our paper. It aims to advance our best interests, and would prove an invaluable aid in the spread of the Gospel in our midst if read by more of our people. We therefore urge that our pastor's work to place the Evangel in every family. Kind Words, Fereign Mission Journal and the Sunday school literature of the American Baptist Publication Society. We realize that if our people would be a growing, useful and happy people, they must read the scriptures and other good religious literature. We also recommend the Heathen Helper, especially, as an indispensable aid to our sisters in their "woman's work."

Respectfully,

J. R. HUGHES, Chairman.

APPENDIX D.

We, your committee on documents, submit the following report: The number of baptisms, 73; total membership, 1,196. We find 26 churches represented by letter and delegates. One petitionary letter from Green Grove church, messengers, Eld. B. C. Green and Bro. R. S. Frisby. We find three applications for the next session of your body to be held with viz: Spring Hill, La., Salem and Hopewell. Ten churches report Sabbath Schools.

J. G. MCCAIN, Chairman.

APPENDIX E.

Your committee on Foreign missions respectfully submit the following: We believe it is the duty and should be the earnest and constant purpose of those who have the blessed Gospel of Christ to give it to those who have it not. We believe that every true christian upon earth has a sincere desire for the salvation of his fellow man, and when the subject is properly and intelligently placed before him, and an opportunity given, will promptly and cheerfully take a part in doing what his heart so earnestly desires, and God's word so solemnly commands. We believe that it is our duty as christians to carry the gospel to all nations and kindreds, and tribes; to preach it to every creature in the wide world of whatever name, nationality, race, color, creed or condition according as God has given us the opportunity and means. Your committee believes that God does give special and precious opportunities to His people when they are willing people, ready to obey His commands; that He prepares the fields and calls such laborers as are fitted for each particular field; that He has specially and wonderfully blessed the Baptists of Arkansas in the efforts they have made for a few years past, not only to carry the gospel to every portion of Arkansas, but also to other nations. The contributions of the Baptists of Arkansas, to the cause of foreign missions has exceeded the sum of \$1,000 per annum for the past three years, and besides this increase of contributions for one State, to the work of preaching the gospel to all nations. To encourage us to greater efforts in this work, we have to stimulate us to greater zeal the cheering fact that we have a noble missionary preaching in West Africa who went from Arkansas. Shall not our prayers and contributions follow him to help sustain him in his glorious work? The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention ask the Baptists of Arkansas to contribute \$1,500 to the work of the gospel in foreign fields. The churches of this Association should take an active part in

raising the amount asked for by the Board at the last meeting of our State Convention. This association was pledged for \$100 for foreign missions by her representatives, your committee apprehend that not more than half of the pledge has been redeemed. We recommend that the ministers and churches make an earnest effort to raise the remainder by the 1st of November, and forward the same to Dr. H. A. Tupper, Richmond, Va., or to Eld. J. B. Searcy, Dardanelle, Ark.

J. U. H. WHARTON, Chairman.

J. K. SHEPPARD. } Committee.
S. A. JONES, }

APPENDIX F.

We, your committee on nominations, would respectfully submit the following report: We recommend that the Association hold her next session with the church at Salem, Ark., Eld. J. R. Hughes to preach the introductory sermon, Eld. J. G. McCain alternate, commencing on Saturday at 11 o'clock a. m., before the second Sabbath in September, A. D., 1887.

W. T. JAMESON, Chairman.

APPENDIX G.

Finance report will be found in statistical table by

E. M. BULL, Chairman.

The executive board filed the following statement, viz:

On hand for State missions last session.....	\$78 35
Oct. '86, collected at Hillsboro. S. M.....	2 95
Oct. 17, '86, Eldorado S. M.....	10 00
Hopewell S. M.....	5 00
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	\$96 50
Paid State Mission Board.....	96 50
Last session on hand for foreign missions....	\$10 40
Sent Dr. Tupper.....	10 40

APPENDIX H.

Your committee on State missions submit the following:

We are pleased to say that this department of our work is on the upward tendency during the past year. The State board has had in its employ fifteen missionaries, all of whom have been faithfully at work in their several fields, and it affords us pleasure to state that their labors are being greatly blessed, and from these fields we are already receiving funds with which to prosecute the work in other destitute fields. The board has one mission within the bounds of this Association, to wit: Camden. Here the board is paying \$150. We rejoice in the success thus far attending our efforts in the spread of the gospel throughout our beloved State. There still remains much to be done ere we can fill the fields now destitute and calling for help. The board is praying to be able another year to put at least fifty live men in the field to build up for the Master. Brethren this is our work; the Master says occupy till I come. Will we do this? For this we pray. We, therefore, recommend that the pastors and delegates here assembled, pledge themselves to present the claims of this great work from time to time during the next year to the churches comprising this association, and do all in their power to secure for the work the sum of twenty-five cents from each member. Some, perhaps, may not be able to pay the above amount, many others can pay more, and so we hope this amount can be secured. We recommend that the churches adopt some systematic plan by which the interests of the work can be advanced in our association. We only need to try to succeed in this work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. HUGHES, Chairman.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICE.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	For State Missions.	For Foreign Missions.	Baptisms.	For Minutes.
First District.						
Camden	Camden, Ark.....	Jas. E. Lide.....				\$2.00
Pleasant Ridge.....	"	Not Represented.....				
Pleasant Grove...	Lisbon, Ark	J. H. Smith, G. A. Nolly, C. J. Rogers				1.50
Hopewell No. 3....	New Port Landing, Ark.....	M. L. Langly, D. C. Fredrick 2.....				1.05
Shiloh	Three Creeks, Ark.....	Not Represented				
Ebenezer	El Dorado, Ark.....	J. R. Leverette 2, Bery Hanell 2, Robt. Howard.....				.90
Midway.....	Mt. Holly, Ark.....	Jas. Campbell 2, W. Duke.....	\$1.50			1.50
Second District.						
Salem.....	Mt. Holly, Ark.....	A. E. Davis, Wm. T. Dameron 2, H. T. Hawkins.....	5.50	\$5.00		2.00
El Dorado.....	El Dorado, Ark.....	Eld. J. R. Hughes, R. A. Falkner, W. F. Mearns 2, R. T. Lee	2.50			2.50
Hopewell No. 1....	Three Creeks, Ark.....	R. A. J. Moore, Wm. Ruffin 2, J. K. Shepherd.....				2.50
New Hope.....	"	W. J. Roburton, A. C. Jones 2, C. G. Britt.....				1.25
Holly Grove.....	"	E. H. Jones, I. P. Hayes 2, I. A. Jones.....				2.00
Zion Hill.....	Woolly, Ark.....	E. Ward, J. M. Welch 2, H. F. Daniel.....	.50			1.50
Spring Hill, Ark	Blanchard Sp'ings, Ark.....	Eld. J. W. H. Wharton, W. F. Owen 2, A. R. Cobb.....	5.15			2.00
Blanchard Springs	"	W. H. Harris, T. M. Davis 2, N. A. Groves.....				1.50
Third District.						
Union, Ark.....	Champagnolle, Ark	J. D. Graves.....				2.00
Cane Creek.....	Hillsboro, Ark.....	Eld. F. M. Burns 2, J. G. Burnside.....				1.00
Spring Hill, La....	Oakland, La.....	J. M. Gathright, T. H. McFadden.....	9.85			1.50
New London.....	New London, Ark.....	D. Barfield				1.50
Hillsboro.....	Hillsboro, Ark.....	W. T. Hudson, A. J. Hudson 2, B. W. M. Warren.....				2.50
Union, La.....	Marion, La.....	W. H. Harrison, J. R. Carroll 2, J. F. Taylor.....				2.50
Oakalona	Oakland, La.....	G. W. Jones, J. H. Gathright 2, W. A. Harris.....				1.00
Champagnolle	Champagnolie, Ark.....	Eld. J. G. McCain, W. Griffin 2, D. W. Ward.....	3.55	3.50		1.50
Mt. Olive.....	Cherry Ridge, La.....	John Manning, John Auger 2, John W. Noland.....				1.15
Liberty.....	Hillsboro, Ark.....	E. M. Bull, W. Jerry 2, I. L. Webb.....				1.50
Center Point.....	"	D. M. Sanders 2, T. R. Moore.....	3.85			1.00
Green Grove.....	New London, Ark.....	Eld. B. C. Green.....				1.00

The amount here which was sent up for Associational purposes is placed to Home Missions. CLERK.