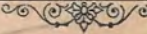



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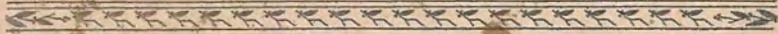


OF THE



»FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION«

OF THE





»Liberty Baptist Association,«




HELD WITH

»»EL DORADO CHURCH,««

SEPTEMBER 8-10, 1888.



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← OFFICERS: →

H. T. HAWKINS,
H. WADE,

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MODERATOR.
CLERK.



PROCEEDINGS.

EL DORADO, ARK., September 8, 1888.

The forty-third session of the Liberty Baptist Association convened with El Dorado Church Saturday September 8th, 1888, at 2 o'clock p. m.

A very able and interesting sermon was preached at 11 a. m. by Rev. J. U. H. Wharton from Gallatians 6:6, subject—"Duties of church members to their pastor." After preaching there was an intermission for dinner, refreshments being bountifully furnished on the grounds.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1 o'clock p. m. the house was called to order by the former Moderator, H. T. Hawkins. H. Wade was elected Clerk pro tem. Letters from the churches were read by J. U. H. Wharton, W. C. Langford and G. E. Murphy, and names of messengers recorded as given in statistical report.

W. C. Langford moved to elect H. T. Hawkins Moderator by acclamation. A. C. Jones moved to amend the motion of W. C. Langford by suspending the rules of the Association and elect the Moderator and Clerk by acclamation.—Carried.

On motion, H. T. Hawkins was elected Moderator and H. Wade was elected Clerk.

Visiting ministers and brethren of the same faith were invited to seats.

Petitionary letters were called for, and Lisbon Church presented her letter asking admission into the Association. The letter was read, and, on motion, the church was admitted and the right hand of fellowship extended to her messengers by the Moderator.

On motion, the order of business of last Association be observed at this session.

On motion, a preaching committee was appointed consisting of A. C. Jones, J. M. Morgan and J. E. Lide, together with the deacons of El Dorado Church.

Correspondence from Columbia, Concord and Ouachita (col.) Associations were called for, but none responded.

Returned correspondence: To Concord—J. U. H. Wharton, J. N. Gathright, M. P. Newsom. To Columbia—H. T. Britt, W. O. Lockett, J. C. Alford. To Bartholomew—D. W. Ward, G. E. Murphy, F. M. Stocks. To Ouachita (col)—M. L. Langley, W. C. Langford, F. M. Stocks.

Delegates elected to State Convention: Eld. J. U. H. Wharton S. B. Lide, A. C. Jones, Eld. J. R. Hughes and T. W. Roberson.

Eld. J. M. Hart suggested that the delegates to the Arkansas State Convention be authorized to substitute any visiting member of the Association, in good standing, as a delegate in the absence of the regular delegate.

On motion, J. U. H. Wharton was appointed to represent the Association at the next Southern Baptist Convention, with H. T. Hawkins as alternate.

Report of Committee on Devotional Exercises.

The committee on Devotional Exercises report preaching Saturday night at Baptist Church by Eld. J. M. Hart. Sunday, 11 a.m., at Baptist Church, M. D. Early; at Presbyterian Church, W. A. Forbes. Sunday, 2 p. m., at Baptist Church, J. P. Hart. Sunday night, at Baptist Church, W. A. Forbes. Monday, 11 a. m., at Baptist Church, J. U. H. Wharton.

On motion, 10:30 a. m. Monday was the hour appointed for the committee to make report on Ouachita College.

The following committees were appointed:

On Sabbath Schools—D. W. Ward, J. H. Rogers and J. N. Gathright.

On State Missions—Eld. J. U. H. Wharton, W. C. Langford and W. T. Jameson.

Foreign Missions—G. E. Murphy, Zeke Jones and Eld. H. C. Pugh.

Ouachita College—A. C. Jones, R. A. Faulkner, I. H. Ingram.

Publications—G. M. Morgan, F. M. Burns and Harvey Smith.

Finance—J. E. Lide, R. A. J. Moore and S. J. Nolly.

Ministerial Education—G. M. Morgan, D. W. Ward, J. Dean.

Statistics—G. E. Murphy, A. A. Ward, W. T. Roberson and W. C. Langford.

Nominations—J. H. Rogers, W. O. Lockett and B. C. Green.

On motion of W. C. Langford, a special committee of five was appointed on Home Missions as follows: W. C. Langford, D. W. Ward, Eld. J. U. H. Wharton, A. C. Jones, J. E. Lide.

On motion of W. C. Langford, a special committee on Memorials was appointed consisting of W. C. Langford, Elds. M. P. Newsom, J. M. Hart, H. T. Britt and G. E. Murphy.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

Preaching Saturday night by Eld. J. M. Hart. Text—Psalms, 42:11.

SABBATH DAY'S EXERCISES.

Sunday School meeting at 10 a. m. Services opened with prayer by Eld. M. D. Early. Very interesting and instructive addresses were made by Eld. W. A. Forbes and Eld. Roddy.

Preaching at the Baptist Church at 11 a. m. by Eld. M. D. Early. After preaching there was a collection taken up for State Missions amounting to \$14.

Preaching at the Presbyterian Church at 11 o'clock a. m. by Eld. W. A. Forbes, from Hebrew 9:22. Subject—"And without shedding of blood is no remission." At the close of the sermon there was a collection taken up for State Missions amounting to \$9 40.

Preaching at 2 p. m. by Eld. J. M. Hart, from Luke 24:51, "And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven."

Preaching at night by Eld. W. A. Forbes, from John 19:30—"When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, 'It is finished,' and he bowed his head and gave up the ghost."

MONDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Services opened Monday morning at 8 a. m. with prayer by Eld. H. T. Britt. Association called to order by the Moderator. Minutes of Saturday's meeting were read. A. C. Jones moved to amend the minutes by adding the names of Elds. J. M. Hart and W. A. Forbes as representatives from Ouachita College.

On motion, the minutes were adopted with the above amendment.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools.

We your committee on Sabbath Schools most earnestly beg the importance of organizing a Sabbath School in every church, and not only in the churches but in every neighborhood, if possible, where there are children that need to be taught the Scriptures, within the bounds of this Association.

We feel the importance of this work, earnest faithful work in training our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and there is no better way of doing it than by good Baptist literature published by the Baptist Publishing Company.

We recommend that the superintendents of each Sabbath School in the Association meet at Lisbon on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in this month for the purpose of organizing a Sunday School Convention, and agree on some systematic plan of carrying out this work.

Respectfully submitted, D. W. WARD,

Chairman.

Report commented on by Eld. M. D. Early, A. C. Jones, G. M. Morgan and W. C. Langford.

On motion, the report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions.

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, would report that while we find, from listening to the letters from the various churches in our Association, that there is some interest manifested in this important part of our work, that there is not near the aid and sympathy bestowed that its importance demands.

The great commission is "to preach the gospel to every creature," and if we fail to respond to the earnest appeals of our Foreign Mission Board, located at Richmond, Va., we will be held accountable for this failure in the great day of accounts.

And we would further recommend that each pastor and minister in this Association preach a special sermon on this great and important subject, and afterward to take up a collection to be forwarded to our Foreign Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,

G. E. MURPHY, Chairman.

Report was ably discussed by Eld. W. A. Forbes and Eld. M. D. Early.

On motion, the report was adopted.

Report of Committee on State Missions.

Your committee on State Missions would submit the following report: That in view of the magnitude of the field—the State of Arkansas, and the importance of its evangelization, we should regard the work represented in this report as next in importance to the support of the gospel in our own churches.

We have a great country and a great people, and the time is upon us when we, as a people, must occupy for the Lord. Immigration is pouring in upon us, and towns are springing up in many parts of our State, and if we fail to enter these fields we need not expect to become a great people.

The State Convention is doing all in its power to plant the cross in these centres. The present year we have twelve men who are doing a splendid work.

It is now costing the State Board about five hundred dollars per quarter to meet its obligations. We need now twelve hundred dollars to meet the cost of the past quarter. The demands of the field are such as to require at least fifty men all their time. Brethren, just think of these great demands upon the Baptists of Arkansas! And then resolve to do more to support the destitute portions of our State, with the preached gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

May we not hope in a few more years to do this great work?

We ought to raise \$5000 per annum for our home work.

Brethren of Liberty Association, let us co-operate with other Association, through our State Board, more than we have hitherto in the prosecution of this glorious work.

We further recommend that the pastor of each church be appointed sub-agents to collect for State Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

J. U. H. WHARTON, Chairman.

The report was discussed in an able and feeling manner by Eld. M. D. Early.

On motion, it was adopted.

Report of Committee on Ouachita College.

The committee on Ouachita College beg leave to report that it recommends the hearty and unqualified endorsement of the college by this Association, and a liberal patronage and financial aid in its present necessities.

Your committee deem it unnecessary to make any statement in regard to the condition and prospects of the college, as our beloved brethren Hart and Forbes are present to represent its interests.

We also recommend that Bro. Hart be empowered to appoint sub-agents for each church in this Association.

Respectfully,

A. C. JONES, Chairman

There was a motion and second to adopt the report, and it was adopted after the claims and interests of the college had been ably discussed by Eld. W. A. Forbes and Eld. J. M. Hart.

Report of Committee on Publications.

We believe the power of the press is not appreciated; therefore we respectfully recommend that we be more particular to place good Baptist literature in the hands of our children.

We should encourage the reading of the word of God more in our families, and try to get parents more interested in our Sunday Schools.

We recommend the laity to procure good histories of the Baptist Church and read them more.

While we have no fight to make against any Baptist paper, we do earnestly recommend the Arkansas Baptist and believe that it should be patronized more than it is.

We recommend the publications of the American Baptist Publishing Society as Sunday School literature.

G. M. MORGAN, Chairman.

There was a motion and second to adopt the report; and it was adopted after the subject was discussed by Eld. M. D. Early and Eld. J. M. Hart.

On motion, the Association adjourned until 2 p. m.

Preaching at 11 a. m. by Eld. J. U. H. Wharton; text—Luke 22:31.

An able, effective sermon was preached, after which there was a general feeling of brotherly love manifested.

Report of Committee on Finance.

The committee on Finance respectfully submit the following report:

For Minutes and Associational purposes.....	\$41 25
For State Missions	23 75
For State Missions, Ladies Missionary Society,.....	6 85
For Foreign Missions " " "	8 00
For Foreign Missions " " "	60
Amount collected on Sunday for State Missions.....	23 40
Total.....	\$103 85

J. E. LIDE, Chairman.

On motion, the report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education.

While much has been done by the Liberty Association in the interest of Ministerial Education, we believe there remains much more to be done in that direction.

As we understand there are about one dozen young men now in Ouachita College studying for the ministry. We believe this Association should

take some steps in that direction, in collecting money for their support. While we believe a great deal of good can be done by ministers of limited education, yet we believe culture is necessary to meet the strongholds of infidelity. As we are not able to have a high school in the bounds of the Association, we should support the Ouachita College, and aid in preparing our young minister for the ministry, therefore we recommend that each church belonging to this Association adopt a system by which we may have a worker in every church for this cause.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. WARD,

Chairman.

On motion, the report was adopted.

Agents Appointed for Ouachita College from the Various Churches.

El Dorado, R. A. Faulkner.	Hillsboro, R. D. Newton.
Spring Hill (Ark.), G. M. Morgan.	Champagnolle, D. W. Ward.
Spring Hill (La.), G. E. Murphy.	Union (Ark.), W. S. Perry.
Blanchard Springs, H. Wade.	Union (La.), J. R. Carroll.
New London, G. Norsworthy.	New Hope, J. C. Alford.
Centre Point, James Simmons.	Okalona, A. Harris.
Holly Grove, J. M. Roddy.	Shiloh, H. T. Britt.
Liberty, Mrs. Nancy Smith.	Zion Hill, E. Ward.
Ebenezer, F. M. Stocks.	Lisbon, Mrs. Harvey Smith.
Hopewell (No. 3), M. L. Langley.	Salem, W. O. Lockett.
Hopewell (No. 1), Jas. Sheppard.	Camden, J. E. Lide.
Cane Creek, J. E. Green.	Midway, N. Davidson.
Pleasant Grove, S. J. Nolly.	

Report of Committee on Nominations.

We recommend that the Association hold her next session with the church at Spring Hill, La., on Saturday before the second Sunday in September, A. D. 1889. Eld. H. T. Britt to preach the introductory sermon, Eld. J. G. McCain alternate.

Respectfully,

J. R. ROGERS,

Chairman.

On motion, the report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Home Missions.

Your committee appointed on the above work would submit the following: The Home Mission Board of the State Board Convention now located at Atlanta, Ga., has committed to its hands a great work.

1st. For many years it has been the work of that Board to preach the

Gospel among the Indians, establish churches and schools, with the view to bring them from darkness to light, from the power of satan to God.

2nd. To help plant the Gospel firmly in the great centres of our own land — by this we mean our State especially. As soon as it could gather sufficient means after the war, it came to our relief, and for 12 years or more it has been sending to us annually from \$1000 to \$1500 to help us build up for the Master in Arkansas. Eternity alone can tell the good which has been done by that Board in our State by the contribution of this money to help our people on with their work.

In addition to the above work, about two years ago the Lord opened to our people a door upon the island of Cuba, and seemed to say to us, go up and possess the land. The matter was presented to the Board of Foreign Missions, but by reason of the largeness of the work of that Board at that time it could not enter the field. Feeling the importance of entering this field at once, Dr. I. F. Tichnor, the Secretary of our Home Board, brought the matter before this Board and urged it to enter the field. The Board after much thought and prayer decided to trust in the Lord and go forward. With the moving of our people was seen the hand of the Lord. The question arose in the Board, "Where can we get the money and the men?" God furnished the men in the person of A. J. Diaz, a native Cuban, who in less than two years has under God baptized more than 1100 believers, with 8000 more, who are to-day asking for admittance into their membership. Thus God seems to be giving us a nation almost in a day. In order to prosecute this great work we must have a church in Cuba that will meet the demands of the hour. Our brethren there are not able to build this house, hence the Board has asked the churches of the South to help build this house. Bro. Tichnor has asked Arkansas Baptists and their friends to raise \$1000 of the amount needed. Will not the Liberty Association between now and next May raise \$50 of this amount? We believe you will. Will not every Baptist in this Association take some part in helping on this work? Do we not owe this to the Lord? Do we not owe this to the Home Board? Your committee are of the opinion that we do, and close this report with the hope and prayer that we will begin the work to-day.

Respectfully,

W. C. LANGFORD,
Chairman.

On motion, the report was adopted.

Report of Executive Board.

Balance on hand after last published report	-	\$10 85:
Paid Clerk of Association (extra expense on minutes)		10 00.
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Cash on hand	- - - -	85.

J. R. HUGHES,
Chairman Executive Board.

Report of Committee on Memorials.

Died at his residence in El Dorado, Union County, Ark., on the 25th day of August 1888, Dr. O. Lamar. The subject of this sketch was born in Putman County, Georgia, as we are informed, on the 8th day of February, 1808, and was therefore 80 years 5 months and 17 days old. He professed faith in Christ in early life, and joined the Baptist Church and continued a faithful member until his death. About 1830 he moved from Georgia to Alabama where he resided until 1850, when he moved to Union County, Arkansas. He was three times married, all his wives preceding him to the grave. He leaves no children, his last living son, John Lamar, after serving in the Confederate army as a good and true soldier for about four years, was in 1865 drowned in the Ouachita river. The writer of this was at the burial of John Lamar and never shall we forget how sad and sorrowful our good brother looked, but we remember how the Christian religion cheered him on that occasion, and he stated "my son can not come back to me, but I can join him in the 'sweet bye and bye.'" Our dear brother was a regular attendant of the church, prayer meeting and Sunday School as long as he was able. He was ever ready for every good work, and we feel assured that he now rests from his labors and has received the welcome, "Well done thou good and faithful servant." What shall we say more. Brethren, imitate his example, and be like he was, ready to go when the Master calls.

It is a sad duty that devolves upon your committee to report the death of dear Bro. J. W. Cobb, which occurred October 21st, 1887, at his residence near Caledonia, Ark. Bro. Cobb was born in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, in 1836, immigrated with his parents to Saline County, Arkansas, in 1841, and from thence to Union County in 1851. He was married to Miss Sarah F. Cole in 1864, and in November of that year they were baptized by Eld. Samuel T. Cobb into the fellowship of Spring Hill church, of which church Bro. Cobb remained a devoted member until the day of his death. He served his church in the capacity of Clerk for several years and was noted for his punctuality in attending its meetings, and for his liberality in contributing to all the objects of the church. Bro. Cobb was in every way a noble Christian gentleman. He leaves a noble Christian wife and four children all of whom are members of the Caledonia Church.

Respectfully,

W. C. LANGFORD,

Chairman.

Statistical Report by Committee.—G. E. Murphy, Chairman.

NAME OF CHURCHES.	District.					Number of Males	Number of Females.	Total Membership.	Ordained Ministers	Licentiates.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Expenses.	S. S. Literature.	For Minutes.	Pastor's Salary.	Value of Church Property.	Sabbath of Meeting
	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Restored	Deceased.														
Camden.....	1			4	1	12	23	35			\$5				\$1 25	\$175	\$1000	2nd	
Pleasant Grove...	1		1	2	1			28							75			4th	
Hopewell (No. 3)...	3	3	1	3	2	12	31	43							1 00			1st	
Ebenezer.....	3	2		4		13	17	30							2 00			4th	
Blanchard Springs	2	3		1	1			79		\$1 00		\$7	\$118		4 00	\$100		2nd	
Salem.....	1			2				45		6 85		10	250	\$6	2 45	100	500	3rd	
Lisbon.....	12	14						40							1 00			3rd	
El Dorado.....			5		3			77	1						3 00	\$400	\$600	1 & 3	
Hopewell (No. 1)...	8	3	1	6	2	3		82	1	\$10 00		\$25	\$90	\$15	2 50	150	500	1st	
N w Hope.....	23	1		1				109	1						2 00		400	2nd	
Holly Grove.....	13	4	1	1	1	21	28	49							2 00			1st	
Zion Hill.....		3		1	1			60	1						3 00			4th	
Spring Hill (Ark)...	6	4		2	4			87	3	\$10 00		\$2		\$7	2 00	\$197	\$500	3rd	
Liberty.....	5	2				9	30	39				2			2 00			1st	
Champagnolle.....	1	1		3	3			37	1					\$5	60	\$100	\$500	1st	
Union (Ark).....	2	1			1			55							2 00			2nd	
Camp Creek.....		2				7	20	27							1 00			3rd	
Spring Hill (La)...	15	1	6	8		68	41	109	1	\$17 15		\$6			2 00		\$500	4th	
Hillsboro.....	4	5						80				15			2 50	\$300	600	2nd	
Union (La).....	6	5	12	6	2	40	55	95							2 00	89	400	2nd	
Green Grove.....	2			3		5	15	20	1						1 00			4th	

