

# PROCEEDINGS.

The Friendship Regular Baptist Association convened with Rison Church, Cleveland County, Ark., September 19, 20, 21.

Our former Moderator, Elder W. C. Golden, being present proceeded to organize the body by reading the 91st Division of Psalms and prayer.

On motion of Elder T. J. Varnell, who was appointed to preach the introductory sermon, Dr. W. A. Clark was substituted in his stead; who preached an excellent sermon. Text: John 17:23.

Adjourned for refreshment which was furnished bountifully upon the ground.

2 p. m. Met pursuant to adjournment.

Called for the letters from the various churches.

*Bethel No. 1*—T. J. Varnell, B. F. Moody and J. F. Green.

*Bethel No. 2*—J. T. ———, G. B. ——— and J. E. Vallandingham.

*Bethlehem*—J. W. Fish, Wm. Sackett and Z. T. Stone.

*Centerville*—

*Cedar Branch*—D. Foley, L. L. Musgrove and A. B. Craig.

*Enon*—S. A. Berry.

*Friendship No. 1*—W. J. Cope, I. R. Reed and J. E. Case.

*Friendship No. 2*—T. F. Cheshier, A. J. Crouse and S. F. Baker.

*Holly Springs*—I. R. Vick and D. W. Campbell.

*Hickory Grove*—C. A. Fish, A. J. Owen and F. H. Baldwin.

*Kingsland*—W. M. Hopson, A. M. Gresham and L. J. Griffin.

*Lone Grove*—J. T. Gathright and L. D. Owen.

*Mt. Moriah*—

*Mt. Zion*—A. J. Preston, D. E. Lenheart and J. E. England.

*Macedonia*—W. J. May.

*New Hope*—J. W. Sadler, J. W. Cash and J. A. Ross.

*New Home*—

*New Prospect*—

*Pleasant Springs*—E. Y. A. Rogers, J. W. McPherson and J. H. Owen.

*Pleasant Ridge*—J. B. Wilson, W. R. Ross and B. F. Barnes.

*Pleasant Hill*—Letter by I. R. Vick.

*Pine Bluff*—W. C. Golden, A. O. Edwards and John T. Marshe.

*Rison*—I. B. Williams, W. B. Sadler and S. Kenedy.

*Star City*—O. M. Lucas, J. L. Hunter and H. R. Lucas.

*Spring Hill No. 1*—A. C. Miller and M. E. Hanley.

*Spring Hill No. 2*—H. B. Taylor, J. F. Roberts and H. W. Wood.

*Smyrna*—T. J. Y. Johnson and L. Reed.

*Zion*—J. H. W. Overton, W. H. Cash and W. P. Mitchell.

We now proceeded to permanent organization which resulted in the choice of Elder O. M. Lucas, Moderator, and J. W. McPherson, Clerk and Treasurer.

A call was made for visiting brethren, whereupon Pine Bluff Association responded by Brothers E. D. Taylor, U. W. Poss, E. F. Appling, J. T. Butler and J. W. Lybrand.

Dr. J. B. Searcy responded in the interest of Ouachita College, State and Foreign Missions, and also Dr. Clark in the interest of the Arkansas Baptist and Book House.

A call was made for return messengers which resulted as follows:

Bartholomew Association—E. Y. A. Rogers and I. R. Vick.

Judson Association—S. A. Berry, J. T. Gathright and W. M. Hopson.

Pine Bluff Association—W. H. Cash and T. J. Varnell.

State Convention—B. F. Moody, I. R. Vick, O. M. Lucas, W. H. Hopson and J. W. McPherson.

Resolved, That the time of meeting of this body shall be as follows: Thirty minutes devotional exercise. Meet at 7:30



a. m., adjourn at 12 m. Meet at 2 p. m., adjourn at will. Meet at 8 p. m., adjourn at will.

Thirty minutes devotional exercise to be conducted by Elder W. C. Golden, while the Moderator appoints the various committees.

Divine Service—W. B. Sadler, I. B. Williams and T. J. Varnell.

Nominations—Z. T. Stone, W. J. Cope and W. J. May.

Obituaries—I. R. Vick, A. C. Miller and W. P. Mitchell.

Finance—J. L. Hunter, J. H. Owen and I. B. Williams.

Sabbath Schools—A. O. Edwards, H. R. Lucas, J. W. Fish and A. J. Owen.

Foreign Missions—E. Y. A. Rogers, D. W. Campbell and S. A. Berry.

Education—W. C. Golden, W. M. Hopson and J. B. Wilson.

Publications—J. H. W. Overton, T. J. Varnell and Wm. Sackett.

Home Missions—W. H. Cash, W. B. Sadler and M. E. Hanley.

Temperance—T. J. Varnell, W. M. Hopson and A. O. Edwards.

A motion was made and carried to continue Elder J. H. W. Overton as a committee of one to collect the minutes of all the former meetings of this body and report at our next session.

A motion was made and carried to elect Elder O. M. Lucas delegate, and J. H. W. Overton alternate, to the Southern Baptist Convention. (W. C. Golden.)

A motion was made and carried that Bro: Golden's report on Education be made special order for Monday, 10 a. m. (H. R. Lucas.)

Adjourned till 7:30 p. m.

Benediction by Dr. J. B. Searcy.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

The stand was filled by Dr. W. A. Clark, who read the 10th chapter of Romans and preached an excellent sermon. Theme—Evidences of Salvation.

A motion was made by Elder I. R. Vick, to have the public collection for Missions divided equally between State and Foreign Missions. The motion was lost.

A motion was made by W. M. Hopson to have the collec-

tion divided between State, Associational and Foreign Missions. The motion carried.

Sunday, 9:30 a. m. Assembled in Sabbath school mass meeting. Led by Bro. A. O. Edwards. Many good talks by the brethren. Intermission twenty minutes.

11 a. m. Dr. J. B. Searcy preached an excellent sermon. Text, Isaiah 42:4. And at the same hour Elder I. R. Vick preached at the Methodist church. After which a collection was taken at both places for Missions, amounting to \$29.65.

Dismissed for refreshment bountifully supplied upon the ground.

2:30 p. m. The stand was filled by Elder E. F. Appling. Text, Acts 24:28. At the same time Elder E. Y. A. Rogers preached at the Methodist church. Text, II Cor. 6:19, 20.

7:30 p. m. Elder W. C. Golden preached an excellent sermon; text, Cor. 6:19, 20. And at the same time Bro. John C. Hayes occupied the stand at the Methodist church. After which a collection was taken for Ministerial Education, amounting to \$17.50. Bro. John C. Hays being the beneficiary.

Monday, 7:30 a. m. Met pursuant to adjournment.

Devotional exercises conducted by Elder E. Y. A. Rogers.

Committee on Documents made their report. Read by their chairman, discussed and adopted. (See Report "A.")

Committee on Publications made their report which was adopted. (See Report "B.")

Committee on Obituaries made their report. Read by their chairman and adopted. (See Report "C.")

Committee on Foreign Missions made their report. Read by their chairman. Dr. J. B. Searcy delivered quite an instructive speech upon the report, after which it was adopted. (See Report "D.")

Committee on Education made their report. Read by their chairman. Speeches by Dr. J. B. Searcy, Elder W. C. Golden. A collection for the Ouachita College amounting to in cash \$5, pledges \$48.50, and the report then adopted. (See Report "E.")

Committee on Nominations made their report. Read by their chairman, discussed and adopted. (See Report "F.")

Committee on Finance made their report. Read by their chairman, discussed and adopted. (See Report "G.")

Adjourned for refreshment until 1:30 p.m.



Called to order by singing. Prayer by Elder I. R. Vick.

Committee on Home Missions made their report, which was read, discussed and adopted. (See Report "H.")

Committee on Sabbath Schools made their report. Read by Bro. H. R. Lucas, discussed and adopted. (See Report "I.")

In the absence of a report by the Committee on Temperance it was moved and carried to request Bro. W. C. Golden to write a resolution upon the same, which request was complied with. See resolutions in their regular order.

After words of parting were spoken by the Moderator and prayer by Dr. J. B. Searcy, we united in singing "God be with us till we meet again" and extended to each other the parting hand. Thus closed the Nineteenth Anniversary of the Friendship Association, to meet with Pleasant Springs Church, Drew county, Arkansas, on Saturday, 10 o'clock a. m., before the third Sabbath in September, A. D. 1892.

O. M. LUCAS, Moderator.

J. W. McPHERSON, Clerk.

### RESOLUTIONS.

1ST. RESOLVED, That it is the duty of every pastor to see that the letter of his church to the Association is in good order, and statistical report as full as possible.

2ND. RESOLVED, The Clerk be instructed to have printed 500 copies of minutes and distributed among the churches according to money sent, and that he have \$15.00 for his labor.

3RD. RESOLVED, That we extend our hearty thanks to the brethren and friends of Rison Baptist church for the courteous manner in which they have extended their generous hospitality toward us during our sojourn among them. Also to the Methodist brethren for the use of their house of worship.

4TH. RESOLVED, That the Clerk be instructed to incorporate report of any letter that may be sent in before the minutes go to press.

5TH. RESOLVED, That it is the sense of this body that the use of intoxicating liquor as a beverage is contrary to scripture and detrimental to humanity, therefore we recommend that the messengers and members of the churches of Christ work and pray that our churches and country may be freed from the presence of this great curse. (W. C. Golden.)

### REPORT "A."

We, your Committee on Documents, beg leave to report as follows: Number of churches represented, 24; ordained ministers, 15; unordained ministers, 8; baptized, 107; by letter, 97; by relation, 5; by restoration, 11; dismissed by letter, 83; excluded, 33; deceased, 27. Total member-

ship represented, 1628; 4 churches not represented this year, 155, which makes a total membership of 1783.

Respectfully submitted, A. M. GRESHAM, Chairman.

#### REPORT "B."

Your Committee on Publications submits the following report:

1st. The Bible for all men, both great and small, bond or free, because it is God's gift to man, as his rule of faith and practice, to be a lamp to our feet and a light to our pathway, teaching us in all things our duty to God, to ourselves and to mankind. God tells us to search it and we should do what he tells us to do.

2nd. We would recommend the *Arkansas Baptist*, we believing it to be sound in the faith of the gospel.

3rd. We recommend the *American Baptist*, believing it to be sound in the faith, and especially do we recommend it now to all for the great controversy on the church question in it.

4th. We recommend that our Sunday schools use the literature of either the American Baptist Publication Society of Philadelphia or the Southern Board at Nashville, Tenn. Respectfully submitted,

J. H. W. OVERTON, Chairman Committee.

#### REPORT "C."

Your Committee on Obituaries would report as follows: We do thank God for his protecting care over us during the past year in sparing the lives of his children. Yet he has seen fit in his wonderful providence to call from the walks of men about 2 per cent of our membership to try the realities of eternity. While we regret our loss we hope it is their eternal gain. God has blessed us sparing the lives of all his ministering servants, for which we are truly grateful. Brethren, praise him for his goodness to us and go forward.

Respectfully submitted, I. R. VICK, Chairman Committee.

#### REPORT "D."

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Foreign Missions, would respectfully report that God in his wise providence has opened a wide door for the preaching of the gospel to all nations. The work is deepening and widening, reaching farther and farther. Our various fields are being re-inforced with more laborers, and it will be necessary to increase our contributions to the same. We would recommend that contributions be taken quarterly. We have six missionaries from our own beloved state laboring in foreign fields. We are asked to contribute four thousand dollars this year from Arkansas. Brethren and sisters of the Friendship Association, let us be certain we do our part in this grand work for God. Next year completes the centennial of Foreign Missions; may this body do more during its next Associational year than any year of the past. Brethren pray as we give.

Respectfully submitted, E. Y. A. ROGERS, Chairman Committee.

#### REPORT "E."

We, your Committee on Education would report the following: The cause of education is one of absorbing interest to Baptists and should



be to all people. We stand in the forefront to-day in the cause of education. From academy to university the requirements for an education are so abundant that no one can have a reasonable excuse. In every state and territory in this broad land we have men and women doing the God given work of giving to the youths of our land a Christian education. The success of the efforts made in this state are in the highest degree gratifying. We urge specially the claims of Ouachita College. There is no longer an excuse for sending our boys and girls outside the state or to other schools for an education. You have but to see Ouachita College and become acquainted with Prof. J. W. Conger and his able helpers to be convinced of this fact. The second Sunday in October is College Day and we suggest that every church take a collection for the college on that day or as soon as possible thereafter.

Respectfully submitted, W. C. GOLDEN,  
I. B. WILSON,  
Committee.

#### REPORT "F."

Your Committee on Nominations beg leave to report as follows: We have nominated as our Executive Board O. M. Lucas, H. C. Fox, J. L. Hunter, D. W. Campbell and J. S. Fish; Secretary of Ministerial Education, T. J. Varnell. We recommend that J. H. W. Overton preach the introductory sermon and I. R. Vick as alternate, and O. M. Lucas preach the missionary sermon and W. H. Cash as alternate at our next association; and the next session of this body be held with Pleasant Springs Church, in Drew county, Arkansas.

Respectfully submitted, Z. T. STONE, Chairman Committee.

#### REPORT "G."

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report as follows:

Home church expenses.....	\$ 894 55
Home Sunday school expenses.....	218 27
Associational Missions.....	111 40
State Missions.....	90 60
Home Missions.....	67 65
Foreign Missions.....	75 65
Ministerial Education.....	40 00
Building church houses.....	509 05
Pastor's salary.....	2990 25
Printing minutes.....	38 65
Fund for the poor.....	47 00
For sundry purposes.....	170 05
Ouachita College.....	49 50

Grand Total.....\$5302 62

Respectfully submitted, J. L. HUNTER, Chairman Committee.

#### REPORT "H."

Your Committee on Home Missions would respectfully submit: The work of giving the gospel of Christ to all the people of our dear

home land requires a strong effort, therefore we must work while it is called to-day, for the night cometh when no man can work. Looking then upon our own dear land we find great destitution that needs our immediate attention. The Indian question in the west will only be settled by giving them the gospel. Then the race question of the south can only be settled by giving to the colored people the gospel. The moral rottenness of Mormonism at Salt Lake city and scattered as it is in many places throughout our land. Also the corrupting power of Catholicism in Mexico and in Cuba are calling in pleading tones for the only antidote for their misery and darkness—the gospel. See, brethren, how the fields are widening and whitening. But the laborers are few. What shall be done? Our own land must be made loyal to God and more faithful to giving the gospel of Christ to the people. This calls for money, and paramount to the money let us pray for and teach our people to pray for Home Missions, while each member of every church is taught to contribute to this great work of the Home Mission field.

Respectfully submitted, W. H. CASH, Chairman Committee.

#### REPORT "I."

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, would beg leave to submit the following report: We find that out of the 24 churches represented in the Association only 20 schools are reported; among the number of schools reported we find only 10 are evergreen. We have a Sunday school convention within the bounds of our Association, but we fear that the interest manifested is entirely too weak to meet the demands required of us in the Sunday school work. Let each of us strive to do more in this line of our Master's work in the future, and make it a grand success, and that we urge the brethren in each and every church in this Association to strive to have an evergreen Sunday school. We would further urge that the superintendent in making up his report give the number of officers and teachers, name of superintendent, total number enrolled, average attendance, number of church members in school and total expenses of the Sabbath school.

Respectfully submitted, A. O. EDWARDS, Chairman Committee.

H. R. LUCAS,

A. J. OWEN,

J. W. FISH.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. W. McPherson to the Friendship Association, Dr.

Sept. 21, 1891.	To cash Home Missions.....	\$ 13 40
" 21, 1891.	Foreign Missions .....	22 45
" 21, 1891.	State Missions.....	16 85
" 21, 1891.	Association Missions.....	84 95
" 21, 1891.	Printing minutes.....	40 15
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Sept. 21, 1891.	Paid J. B. Searcy, F. M.....	\$ 22 45
" 21, 1891.	Paid W. C. Golden, A. M.....	84 95
" 21, 1891.	Paid W. C. Golden, H. M.....	13 40
" 21, 1891.	Paid W. C. Golden, S. M.....	16 85
" 21, 1891.	Clerk fee.....	15 00
" 21, 1891.	Stationery.....	1 00
" 21, 1891.	Cash to pay for printing minutes and distributing the same.....	24 15
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		\$177 80

## MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS





## FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary	Current Expenses	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Association Mission	Ministerial Education	Onachita College	Other Purposes	Printing Minutes	Total
Bethel No. 1.....	\$ 125 00	\$ .....	\$ 3 50	\$ .....	\$ .....	\$ .....	\$ .....	\$ .....	\$ .....	\$ 1 50	\$ 130 00
Bethel No. 2.....	75 00	.....	1 05	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 65	1 50	80 85
Bethlehem.....	75 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 15	2 50	91 65
Centerville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cedar Branch.....	74 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	6 00	1 50	86 50
Enon.....	100 00	7 00	6 25	.....	.....	9 85	.....	.....	.....	1 50	124 60
Friendship No. 1.....	108 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 20	.....	.....	.....	2 00	120 20
Friendship No. 2.....	23 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 15	.....	.....	.....	1 50	30 10
Holly Springs.....	40 00	.....	1 00	.....	3 00	8 60	.....	.....	43 00	1 50	90 10
Hickory Grove.....	100 00	27 00	3 30	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	141 40
Kingsland.....	100 00	.....	4 00	.....	.....	1 95	.....	.....	13 00	2 00	120 95
Lone Grove.....	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	50 75
Mt. Moriah.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	1 50	3 50
Macedonia.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00
New Hope.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	5 75
New Home.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Prospect.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Springs.....	100 00	.....	19 50	17 00	33 35	10 00	.....	.....	102 00	2 50	284 35
Pleasant Ridge.....	50 00	.....	2 05	1 00	1 00	5 30	.....	2 50	.....	1 75	63 60
Pleasant Hill.....	16 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 30	.....	.....	6 60	1 25	26 05
Pine Bluff.....	1225 85	.....	21 30	17 35	31 75	5 00	26 50	47 00	661 75	2 50	2276 80
Rison.....	300 00	64 80	2 00	2 00	1 25	5 00	.....	.....	482 30	1 50	865 95
Star City.....	252 50	12 50	5 00	10 00	3 55	10 50	.....	.....	22 50	2 00	318 55
Spring Hill No. 1.....	.....	111 50	4 50	5 00	6 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	135 65
Spring Hill No. 2.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 40	4 40
Smryna.....	31 00	.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	5 00	.....	.....	5 50	1 00	45 50
Mt. Zion.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	1 50	4 00
Zion.....	100 00	.....	1 70	.....	25	8 15	.....	.....	8 65	1 75	120 50
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