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Next Association to be held with El Dorado Baptist Church, Unioln County, commencing Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1895.

PROCEEDINGS.

MIDWAY, ARK., September 7, 1894

The forty-ninth annual session of the Liberty Baptist Association convened with Midway Baptist Church, near Shuler, Union County, Ark, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday

in September, 1894.

At 11 A. M. devotional exercises were conducted by Eld J. M. Hart, of El Dorado, by reading Psalms 90, and preaching the introductory sermon. His zeal and force of presentation of any subject he handles carries conviction to and energizes his audience to a degree that is seldom surpassed Services closed by prayer by Eld. H. T. Britt.

It was announced from the stand that dinner would be served on the ground and the Association would convene at 1:30

P M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 P. M. the house was called to order by the Moderator, II T Hawkins, who read Psalms 133; the congregation joined

in singing "I love thy kingdom, Lord."

Proceeded to business by calling for letters from the different churches, which were read by Brethren J. M. Shepherd, C. D. Frederick and Eld. J. D. Crawford. Names of delegates were enrolled:

EBENEZER — C. L. Stocks, A. J. Harrell,
MIDWAY.—D. Scott, J. S. Bankston, J. H. Scarbrough,
ELLIOTT — Ben F. Rongers, W. R. Venable, S. T. Barns,
HILLSBORO — M. t. Burnsides
THREE CREEKS — J. D. Crawford, Logan Pearce, Hill Jones,
SALEM.—H. T. Hawkins, W. O. L. ckett, W. T. Jamerson,
Spring Hill.—A. R. Cobb, W. F. Miears.

H PEWELL, No. 3.—U D. Frederick, J. Y. Stevens.

ZION HILL -Eld. W J. Newsome, E. Ward, J M. Welch.

HOPEWELL, N . 1-H T. Britt, John W. Hudson

PHILADELPHIA .- C. L. Stegall;

Union -Thos E. Bolding, Jim Graves, Calvin Lambert.

LISB N - J. P. Crawford, T. W. Robinson,

LIBERTY .- D. W. Ward, A. A. Ward, Emmet Hill.

EL DORADO - J. M. Hart, J. N. Hartley, J. M. Sheppard.

SHILOH _A. R. Britt, J H. Good, J. P. Hanry.

CAMDEN _E. A. Schafer, Robt, Terrell.

CENTER POINT .- James Burns, William Burns, D. E Harrison,

CANE CREEK .- W. M. Ethredge, W J. Taylor.

BLANCHARD SPRINGS .- W. W. Cullins

CHAMPAGNOLLE .- W. E. N. Cravy.

Holly Grove. _J. G. Adams, C. W. Attaway, Jesse McComack.

MOUNT HOPE .- T. G. Welch, J. W. Roberson.

NEW HOPE. _J. W. Wright, L. W. Eilen, D. K. Hudson.

By motion, the Association then proceeded to a permanent organization by electing a Moderater and Clerk, and by acclamation, Hon. H. T. Hawkins was elected Moderator, and T. T. Jones, Clerk.

On a call for petitionary letters, Mount Hope Church, through her delegates, presented her letter, and was received and her delegates enrolled.

The Moderator appointed the following Committe on Devotional Exercises: Ben F. Rodgers, A. R. Cobb, W. T. Jamerson.

By motion, the order of business of last session was adopted for the government of this session.

Visiting brethren invited to seats, and the following responded and were welcomed by the Moderator: Elds. J. R. Bishop, R. B. Devine, and J. R. Hollingsworth, of the Columbia Association; and Miss May Clark, representing the Arkansas Baptist.

The following were appointed as Return Correspondents:

To Columbia Association: D. W. Waid, Elds W. J. Newsome, J N Hartley, H. T. Britt.

To Everett Association: Eld. H. T. Britt, A. R. Cobb, W. F.

To Ouachita As-ociation (Col.): Eld. J. M. Har, D. W. Wad, E. Ward, W. E. M. Clavy.

On motion by Eld. J. M. Hart, any brother who attends either of the above-named Association may act as a messenger from this Association, and be recognized and received as such.

Ben F. Redgers and C. W. Attaway were appointed as a committee to re-district this Association.

A recess of thirty minutes was taken to give the Moderator time to appoint Associational committees, during which time the audience was treated to some excellent vocal music, led by Eld. J. D. Crawford.

The Association resumed work, and the Moderator announced the following committees:

Sunday Schools - H. T. Britt, J. W. Hudson, J. P. Crawford. State Missions - J. M. Hart, T. E. Bolding, B. F. Rodgers, H. T. Hawkins.

Foreign Missions —J. N. Hartley, W. R. Venable, A. A. Ward. Education.—J. M. Shepherd, Mat Burnsides, J. D. Crawford. Publication.—W. F. Miears, W. W. Cullins, J. P. Hanry. Temperance —D. W. Ward, Dave Scott, W. J. Newcome. Nominations.—W. O. Lockett, W. M. Ethredge, E. Ward. Finance —U. D. Frederick, W. T. Jamerson, A. R. Britt.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported that there would be preaching tonight at 7:30 by Eld. W. J. Newtone, and tomorrow at 11 A. M. by Eld. R. B. Devine.

The regular order of business was suspended and the following delegates appointed to attend the Arkansas Baptist State Convention: Elds, Thos. E. Bolding, J. N. Hartley, J. M. Hart, and J. M. Sheppard and H. T. Hawkins.

Dr. J. M. Hart was elected delegate to the Southern Baplist Convention at its next session; Eld. J. N. Hartley, alternate. Eld. J. N. Hartley was nominated as a suitable member of the Executive Board of State Missions.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended, that the query referred from the last session be taken up for discussion. The query was read, after which it was referred, by motion, to a special committee, which was composed of the following: J. N. Hartley, Ben F. Rodgers, D. W. Ward, J. M. Sheppard, C. D. Frederick, W. F. Miears, A. R. Cobb.

Adjourned until 8:30 tomorrow morning.

SATURDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The Association assembled at 8:30 o'clock, Moderator Hawkins presiding, who read Luke 12. Prayer by Eld. Hart.

Minutes read, corrected and approved.

Reports of various committees were called for and read as follows:

State Missions - We have made some progress in the missi in work of our state. Some of the strongest churches in the state and the results of the persistent efforts of our people to help the needy. Much remains yet to be done Toe fields are truly "white unto the harvest " As our State is being rapidly settled, and its resourc s developed, new fields are constantly springing up, and the command of the Master to enter rings, imperatively in the ears of the church. Our S ate Board has some twenty or more missionaries in the field, but they can not possibly occupy one-tenth of the vast fields that need belp, and need it seriously. In our own Associational bounds there is, at this time, probably as much or more demand for mission work than at any time for the past ten years. It is true that our caurenes are pretty well distributed, but many of them are weak, a date stuggling for an existence. Only two cources in our bounds have service more than once a month. A large number of people are congregated about the mills in our section who will not have the gospel unless we give it to them. There is ample room and an inviting field for a good man for all of his time in our As

at once. The next year is the semi-centennial year of our Association. We suggest that the Association celebrate next year by keep ing a man in the field for all of his time, aiding the weak churches and supplying the destitute. This can be done. We can probably get some aid by co operating with the State Board, and a small contribution from each member will supply the needed funds. We recommend that an effort be made to raise during the next year, at least fifty cents per member above our usual collections, for the special work of Associational missions, as a thank offering to God for his abundant blessings to us during the past fifty years of our existence.

J. M. Hart, Chm'n.

Ben F. Rodgers, Thomas E Bolding

After a motion to adopt, the report was discussed at some length by the chairman; by request of J. M. Shepherd, the report was re-read, and he discussed it with zeal, urging the Assobiation to act at once; talks by J. D. Crawford, J. R. Bishop, J. N. Hartley and E. Ward, all favoring its adoption and immediate action. Adopted as read.

On motion, the clerk called the roll of churches to ascertain the amount each was willing to give for state missions.

By motion, suspended to take up a collection for state misflors to be used in the bounds of Liberty Association, and Brethren J. M. Sheppard and J. D. Crawford appointed to take the collection, which amounted to \$205.10. On motion, the above amounts were requested to be paid quarterly.

Sunday Schools.—We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to submit the following: Wh reas we recognize the wisdom of Solomon in saying, "Train up a child in the way it shall go, and when it is old it will not depart from it," and accepting the old axiom that "education forms the common mind; just as the twig is bent is the tree inclined," hence the question of training the youth in the way it should go; and as God hath given us the Scripture as the rule and guide of our faith and practice, and as we hold the bible to be the Book of Books, then we consider that the founda-

tion stone of a higher education is the knowledge of God, and there is no better way of attaining such knowledge than by keeping the cuildren in Sunday school, inasmuch as all other denominations claiming to be Caristians are gathering the cuildren together in Sunday schools for the purpose of teaching and impressing the principles of the religion of Christ. Then we feel, as Baptists, that ve should keep abreast of the times. Then let every pastor and church go to work to that end, by organizing and supporting a Sunday school in every church and community having children under their care.

H. T. Britt, Chm'n.

J. W. Hudson, J. P. Crawford.

Report adopted as read.

Foreign Missions.—We regret that we have nothing of an encouraging nature to report. Some churches have not contributed as much this year as they did last year, and others have failed to report anything for this work. We attribute this lack of interest in our foreign work to three things: Firsy, lack of system; second, lack of information concerning the condition of the fields; third, need of foreign work. We would recommend that our churches go to work in a systematic way. We believe this to be the only way to thoroughly develop interest in this work. We further recommend that our churches be well supplied with our own mission literature.

J. N. Hartley, Chm'n.

A. A. Ward, W. R Venable.

Pending motion to adopt, talks were made by Elds. J. N. Hartley and J. M. Hart.

The Association suspended business until 1 P. M., for preaching service. It was announced that preaching would begin at once in the house by Eld. R. B. Devine, and in the arbor by Eld. H. T. Britt. The congregation at once divided, and it was the Clerk's pleasure to listen to a very effective and well-timed sermon by Eld. Britt, from Mark 4: 3-9. After service, the tables were soon heavily laden for a bountiful repast, which was partaken of and enjoyed by at least one thousand people.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 o'clock Moderator Hawkins announced the Association ready for business. Called for messengers, and Eld. T. J. Brazier and — Bryant were recognized and welcomed as messengers from the Columbia Association.

The following report was read:

Education. - We, your Committee on Education, report as folfows: While we recognize the fact that comparatively uneducated ministers have done great work for the Master, and many are now doing the same, yet we believe the same men could have done much more had they been properly educated. Therefore, we advise all young ministers to prepare themselves before they enter fully upon their life work. We advise that they s'udy thoroughly the fundamental branches, for if this is neglected and the higher branches completed, it will prove a great drawback through life. We advise al young men to take a collegiate course, if possible. If this is impossible, they should apply themselves to close study at home. As we have young ministers in our midst who desire an education, we recommend that we undertake the support of one, at least, in some good school or college. If we mean to do anything in ministerial education, now is the time to prove it by works as well as by words. We would further urge the importance of educating our young men and women. There is needed a great change in this. The men who move the world are educated. We would urge the importance of patronizing our denominational schools. The influences for de veloping a good, Christian character are much better than in undenominational schools We have several colleges in our denomination which are doing good work. Ouachita, for the education of both sexes. has several hundred students, and is doing very efficient. work. Mountain Home, for both sexes, has recently been chartered, and is doing very good work. Central College, for young ladies, is doing excellent work. Besides these, there are several other colleges and many good schools under the control of Baptists. These institutions are ours, and we should be proud of them. We should patronize them and not have our young people drawn from the state, as they are when educated in other states.

J. M. SHEPPARD, Chm'n.

W. F MIEARS, Chm'n.

M. Burnsides, J D. Crawford.

W. W. Cullins, J. P. Hanry.

On motion to adopt the report, an earnest appeal was made by J. M. Sheppard for immediate action in the support of ministerial education. Eld. J. M. Hart discussed the subject with zeal, setting forth the advantages of an educated ministry, and speeches were made by Elds. Devine and Britt. Report was adopted.

It was moved that this Association raise \$100 to assist Eld. W. J. Newsome in attending school; and a motion prevailed that the pastors of all the churches in this Association be requested to act as agents in soliciting contributions for the education of Eld. Newsome, and Eld. J. M. Hart was elected chairman to receive and disburse the funds of the Board of Ministerial Education.

The Committee on Publication made the following report: Publication. - In looking over the field of denominational liter eture, we are made to rejoice in the completeness of the many enterprises of the Baptist denomination. Tais good work is not confined to any particular locality, but finds its way into every nook and corner of our vast domain. Our Sunday school literature is such as to commend itself to the favor of all workers in the cause of Christ. The literature from the American Baptist Publication gociety, and the Sunday school literature from the Southern Board, fostered by our own Southern Baptist Convention, we can safely recommend for use in our Sunday schools; and while we have many grand denominational organs, representing every interest_local, state and national, we feel that we have one at home that should especially commend itself to the favor of every Bap ist in the state The Arkansas Baptist is truly our denominational organ, representing every enterprise belonging to the denmoination, and, as such, is a means of communication among the brethren, and a teacher and educator worthy of the good will and support of every Baptist, and should be a welcome visitor to every family.

Pending adoption, the report was discussed by W. F. Miears and J. M. Hart

On motion, the speakers on all questions were limited to three minutes.

Temperance _Your Committee on Temperance feel unable, in the short time alliwed, to make a report satisfactory to this body or to themselves. But we deem it unnecessary to enumerate the many evils that are ploduced by the monster; yes, me may say demon, alcohol For if not a demon itself, it is one of the devil's most deadly weapons with which he destroys the human race. The word of God is the sword of the Spirit; and we consider alcohol he sword of the devil, and with it he does his most deadly work: destroys unnumbered thousands, not only temporally but spiritually. A part of our Savior's mission to earth was to destroy the work of the devil, and he bids his children to follow in his footsteps. Hence every Christian is under the most sacred obligations to raise his voice and exert his influence for the suppression of i ts sale and its use as a beverage. Christians are commanded to shun even the appearance of evil. Yea, "taste not, handle not the unclean thing." The moral and reflecting portion of the unconverted are raising their voices against it, and now is a most favoable time for Christians to take the lead and use their utmost endeavors to drive this feadly enemy of the human race from our land. One enemy in camp can do more mjury than a host outside. Therefore, we would recommend the churches of this Association to be very strict in their discipline, for the remedy of this great evil must commence in the churches. Unless Christians show by their acts as well as words that they are opposed to the sale and use of this deadly evil no a beverage, they will succeed but poorly in inducing the world to bandon its use. L:t Curistians remember that drunkenness is. a assed with the most about abie sins. Let them take a bold stand for their Savior and his cause. Frown down the use of this deadly evil, and by the blessing of God banish this monster, not only from our midst | ut from our land; and then will the churches prosper, for God will bless them. D. W. WARD, Chm'n.

Eld W J Newsome, D Scott.

Discussed by Elds. Devine, Britt and Hartley, and Bros. Cobb and Hawkins. Adopted.

Nominations.—We, your Committee on Nominations, would recommend that the next meeting of this body be held with the Baptist Church of El Dorado, Union County, Ark, commencing Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1895, at 11 A. M; Eld H T. Britt to preach the introductory sermon; and Eld. W. J. Newsome, alternate.

W. O. LCCKETT, Chm'n.

W. M Ethridge, E Ward.

Adopted.

Finance — We, your Committee on Finance, report the amount of money on hand to be as follows:

For minutes and Associational purposes	.838	70	
For State Missions	. 3	60	
For Foreign Missions			
For Home Missions		\$49 (ar
			00

C. D. FREDERICK, Clim'n.

W T. Jamerson, A R. Britt.

The special Committee on Queries made the following report:

As to the first question, "Is it Scriptural for one local church to receive into its fellowship a person who stands excluded from another," we will say that we do not believe that it is the duty of this body to interpret Scripture for a local church, and that the solution of this matter depends entirely upon the nature of the offense for which they are excluded. Then it is asked, "Is it Baptist usage?" This, too, depends upon the nature of the offense for which they are excluded, and the spirit with which the church deals with the offending parties. We would suggest that all churches act as they believe God dictates, without fear or favor to any assembly, local body or individual.

J. N. Hartley, Chm'n.

B. F. Rodgers, A. R. Cobb, C. D. Frederick, W. F. Miears, J. M Sheppard, D. W. Ward.

The report was discussed by Elds. H. T. Britt and R. B. Devine. Adopted.

The Executive Board reported as follows:

We beg leave to report that for the want of funds, no mission ary has been employed during the last year within our bounds. Nearly all the funds from the charches has gone directly to the secretary of the State Board and Board of Foreign Missions. We have not the means at hand of telling the exact amount that has been given during the past year, but feel sure that the amounts, with few exceptions, have not been as liberal as they should have been. The amount on hand at last session was sent immediately as directed. We have the following amounts on hand: Salem church, for Foreign missions, \$3 50; State missions, \$3; Home missions, 50c; total, \$7 Public collection on Sunday at Association, for State missions, \$5.45. From Finance Committee, for Foreign missions, \$1.25; State missions, \$3.60; Home missions, \$6.10; total, \$10.95. Making in all \$23.40.

J. M. Hart, Chm'n,

The Committee on Redistricting Association submitted the following report:

We deem it necessary, for the best interests of the Association, to divide the Association into two districts, to wit: First District—Camden, Salem, Etliott, Hopewell No. 3, Lisbon, New Hope, Mount Hope, Three Creeks, Hopewell No. 1, Shiloh, Holly Grove, Midway, Ebenezer. Second District—Hillsboro, Center Point, Union, Liberty, Champagnolle, Mount Moriah, New London, El Dorado, Spring Hill, Philadelphia, Zion Hill, Blanchard Springs, Cane Creek.

D W. WARD, Chm'n.

C. W. Attaway.

On motion of Eld. J. D. Crawford the Association returned thanks to the church and community at Midway for the kind hospitality shown us during our stay with them.

On motion the Clerk was allowed \$15 for his service.

The following resolutions were presented by Bro. J. M. Sheppard, and adopted:

Resolved That this Association recommend that the Sunday School board and the State Mission board be consolidated, and that there be one Secretary.

Resolved, That this be put under the care of Eld. Medaris.

Resolved, That it be made the duty of each member of the board to help collect State Mission funds.

Moved that the Executive Board solicit the co-operation of the State Board in securing a missionary for this Association.

By motion, the members of the present Executive Board were continued.

By motion, the Association adjourned to meet with El Dorado Baptist Church, on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1895.

Prayer by Eld. T. J. Brazier. The congregation joined in singing "Sweet by and by." Benediction by Eld. H. T. Britt.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

At 11 A. M. Eld. J. N. Hartley preached at the harbor, as the house was too small to seat half the crowd. At the close of the sermon a collection for State missions, amounting to \$5.45. Eld. Thos. E. Bolding preached at 2 P. M.

Thus closed the forty-ninth session of the Liberty Baptist Association.

H. T. HAWKINS, MODERATOR.

T. I. JONES, Clerk.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

	MEMBERSHIP.			FI	HTE	ers							
CHURCHES.		Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dis by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	For Minutes	For Missions	Pastor's Salary	Sunday School	Sunday School Teachers	Sundays of meeting.
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Totals	127	81	20	58	30	16	1480	\$39 5	\$238 65		292	41	

^{*}Interesting Sunday school.

[†]Sunday school mo t of the year.

PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICE.
Camden. +	J. W. Hart. R. B. Devine R. B. Devine D. N. Mul en	R Lide	Camden
Elhott	I W Hart	R F Rodvers	E liott
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d bon	J. P. Crawford	T D Hobinson	Lichon
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Three Creeks	J. P. Crawford. J. D Crawf r1	H. Theppard.	Chara Crooks
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enter Point.	W. R. N. Dollar	W J Harrison	Hillsboro.
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iberty	. W J. Newsome	F. C. Mill	tiilolo.
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Phi adelphia.	B. F. Green	I. B. White	Dilolo.
Blanchard Springs.	. J. B. V. Waldrop	H. T. Collins	Blanchard Sprin
Spring Hill	. J. B. V. Waldrop	S. J. Wayfield	Caled nia.
Zion Hill	. J. G. McCain	. W. J. Ward	Woolly.
El Dorado	B. F. Green	J. M. Sheppard	El D rado.
Ca e Creek	B. F. Green	J. H. Green	Hil sbolo.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. M. HART	El Dorado.
J N. HARTLEY	El Dorado.
W. F. OWEN.	El Dorado.
J. G. McCAIN	Champagnolle
THOS. E. BOLDING	Dilolo.
BEN F. GREEN	
W. J. NEWSOME.	
T D OD ATTRODD	Mhomas Oungles
H. T. BRIFT.	Cornie.
JOHN W. HUDSON	Shuler.
W. T. ROBESRON.	Shuler.
J. P. CRAWFORD.	Lisbon.
D. N. MULLEN	Lonann.
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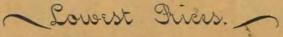
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