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The Messengers representing the churches composing the White River Baptist Association, having according to previous appointment, convened with the Church at Pilgrim's Rest, Baxter County, Arkansas on Friday before the third Sabbath in September, 1883, it being the 14th day of said month, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder Henry Sasser. Text: Second Epistle of John, first chapter and tenth verse, "If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed." The sermon was well timed and full of interest to a well ordered congregation.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder H. H. Hilton, the former clerk being absent, brother J. W. Cypert was appointed clerk pro tem.

Letters from the different churches were called for and read, and the names of the delegates enrolled.

The annual election for moderator and clerk was held by ballot, which resulted in the election of Elder H. H. Hilton, as moderator and brother John W. Cypert, as clerk, and brother Thomas H. Horn as Treasurer.

Prayer by Elder W. D. Jennings.

On motion adjourned to 3 o'clock p. m.

Prayer by the Moderator.

THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

Met according to adjournment, the Moderator presiding.

Prayer by Elder Wm. Denton.

Called for petitionary letters, whereupon Elder J. H. Parmer, brothers M. A. Lawhorn, J. W. Clark and J. M. Cook presented a letter from the Baptist church, at Lead Hill, Boone county, Ark. soliciting membership. This church was received and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates. Also brothers T. M. Rea, G. H. Ballard, A. L.

Blyth and E. H. Hand, presented a letter from Pleasant Grove, Baptist church, Marion county, Ark., petitioning for membership in the Association; this church was received and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates.

Called for corresponding letters and messengers from sister associations, when Elders A. R. Stevenson and Thomas L. Thompson presented a minute from the Blue Mountain Association, and was received as corresponding messengers from that body. The Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship telling them to consider themselves at home; also Elder Robert Wiles and Rev. E. J. Friend, presented a letter from Union Association, Mo., and were received as corresponding messengers from that body.

Elder H. H. Hilton and brother Thomas H. Horn our corresponding messengers to Union Association, Mo., reported that they had visited that body and were cordially received and welcomed and treated with such brotherly kindness that they felt themselves perfectly at home. They also report having visited Crooked Creek Association as messengers from this association, and were received and kindly treated having had a general good time.

Elder Wm. M. Horn, A. J. Copeland and Bro. J. M. Horn, reported that they had visited Independence Association, and were received, welcomed and invited to seats as corresponding messengers.

Visiting Ministers were invited to seats with us, and to take a part in our deliberations.

The invitation was accepted by Elders, R. P. Davant and J. A. Butler.

The Moderator then proceeded to appoint the following committees.

ON DEVOTIONAL SERVICE—Brothers——Smothers, Tate Conley, M. A. Lawhorn and Elder W. D. Jennings.

On Finance—Brothers W. P. Cantrell, N. Barksdale, George M. Eubanks and Elder L. A. Barker.

On Resolutions—Elders Wm. Denton, C. H. Mayfield and Brother James M. Wolf.

On destitution—Elders W. D. White, Henry Sasser, and brother W.

P. Bayless.

On Baptist Literature-- Elders. J. H. Parmer, Wm, Denton, C. H. Mayfield and brother Foster Hand.

On Sabbath Schools--Elders Wm. M. Horn Wm. Denton, W. D. White brother T. M. Rea and H. C. Cook.

On Deceased Ministers--Elders W. D. Jennings, and brothers J. W. Cypert, T. H. Horn, J. R. Pennington and J. E. Ellis.

On State of Religion--Elder Henry Sasser, brothers J. M. Wolf J. W. Clark and Thomas Casey.

Adjournment until tomorrow morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder R. P. Davant.

SATURDAY MORNING.

At 9 o'clock, the Association met pursuant to adjournment, the Moderator presiding.

Prayer by Elder A. R. Stephenson.

The resolution offered by W. P. Cantrell at the association, to change the second Article of the constitution, was taken up and argued pro and con, by a number of the brethren, and upon a vote of the association the resolution was lost.

Recess until 1 o'clock.

Elder J. A. Butler preached at 11 o'clock text 5th verse of 2nd chapter. first general Epistle of Peter. Sermon was full of interest and well received.

ONE O'CLOCK P. M.

Association called to order by the Moderator.

On motion of Elder C. H. Mayfield, the regular order of business was taken up.

Constitution and Rules of Decorum of the association were read.

The appointment of Messengers to corresponding bodies is as follows:

To Blue Mountain--Elders C. H. Mayfield and L. A. Barker.

To Independence--Elders A. J. Copeland and brother T. H. Horn,

To Rocky Bayou--Elder A. J. Copeland and brothers T. H. Horn and J. M. Horn.

To Union association, Mo.—Elder L. A. Barker and brother J. Broils,
To Crooked Creek—Elders J. H. Parmer, H. H. Hilton and brother
G. M. Eubanks.

To Big Creek—Elder W. D. Jennings and brother J. M. Wolf.

Elder W. D. Jennings, reported that he had received for Pastoral services, from New Harmony Church, \$39.90.

From Friendship church, &5.00.

Total amount received, \$44 90.

The committee on deceased ministers made their report, which was received and committee discharged; the report is as follows:

Your committee on deceased ministers beg leave to report that they have made diligent inquiry and find that none of the ministers belonging to the White River Baptist Association have died during the past year. We recommend that the association return thanks to God, the preserver of all our lives, for having spared to us all our ministerial brethren.

W. D. Jennings Chairman.

The committee on Baptist Literature made their report, which was received and committee discharged.

Report was as follows:

We your committee on Baptist Literature, deem it eminently necessary that every Baptist family should search the Bible with great care and should also be supplied with sound Baptist Literature. Therefore we would recommend to them our own state paper THE EVANGEL, and the FLAG; edited D. B. Ray, St. Louis Mo.

J. H. Parmer Chairman,

Committee on Sabbath Schools made their report, which was received and adopted, and committee discharged.

Report is as follows:

We deeply regret to find, from the letters of the churches to this body and from conversation with the delegates, that the cause of Sabbath schools is still neglected in our bounds. We cannot but hope that the churches composing this body are ready to acknowledge the claims of Sabbath schools upon them. We do therefore, renew the recommendation of the last year's report on Sabbath schools; that steps be taken to organize a Sabbath-school convention and that this Association do, at this session, appoint a time and place to organize a Sabbath-school convention; and that all ministers of the Gospel and superintendents and teachers of Sabbath-schools in our bounds be requested to meet together at said time and place, as constitutional members of the conven-

tion, and that they adopt a constitution and by laws for the convention and proceed to take such steps as they may deem best for the promotion of the Sabbath school cause.

W. M. Horn Chairman.

The committee on the state of religion made their report, which was received and adopted and the committee discharged.

Report is as follows:

We your committee on state of religion are glad that we can report that it is good throughout the bounds of this association.

J. M. Wolf Chairman.

Brother Thomas H. Horn Treasurer made the following report:

Paid for printing minutes \$22.00, to Elder William Denton \$16.00, to Elder H. H. Hilton \$19.85, amount on hand for traveling expenses \$5.00, and for missionary funds \$6.00.

Elder H. H. Hilton, who had been elected by the association as traveling missionary made a verbal report of his labors: He baptized 82 applicants, constituted one church, preached to a goodly number of churches, and in some localities where the people were destitute of baptist preaching; a good deal of this time he had been unwell and not able to travel. His report was received and seemed to give satisfaction to the association.

The committee on finance made their report, which was received and committee discharged.

Report as follows:

We your committee on finance have collected from the delegates \$25.55, and amount left over last year \$2.50 making a total of \$28.05.

W. P. Cantrell, Chairman.

Resolved: that the next meeting of this association be held with the Baptist Church at Lead Hill, Boone county, Ark., on Friday at 11 o'clock, A. M. before the third Sabbath in September A. D. 1884. Elder C. H. Mayfield was appointed to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder Wm. Denton as his alternate, and Elder W. D. White to preach the missionary sermon, and Elder J. A. Butler as his alternate.

Adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder Wm. Denton.

On Saturday evening at candle lighting, Elder Thomas L. Thompson preached in the church building, text "Sirs what shall I do to be saved, and they said believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." The sermon was one of vital interest to the entire audience. On Sabbath at 10 o'clock, A. M., Elder Wiles (a corresponding messenger from Union association Mo.) preached an interesting sermon. At eleven o'clock, Elder Wm. Horn preached the missionary sermon, text, 24th chapter and 19th verse of St. Mathew, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Notwithstanding the speaker was suffering very much with neuralgia, the discourse was able, and well received by an attentive audience.

MONDAY MORNING 9 O'CLOCK.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, the Moderator presiding.

Prayer by brother Nehemiah Lamb.

The minutes of the preceeding days were read and approved.

Called and corrected roll of delegates, and absentees marked.

The committee on Destitution made their report, which was received, adopted and committee discharged.

The report is as follows:

Your committee on Destitution beg leave to submit the following: We find that notwithstanding many places have been supplied by our missionaries which a few years back were destitute of Baptist preaching, and they are now promising churches in their localities, that there are yet a great many destitute places in the bounds of this association.

We your committee would therefore recommend that this body take some steps to have these places supplied at as early a date as practicable.

W. D. White Chairman.

The committee on missionary plans, made their report which was received and adopted.

The report is as follows:

Whereas, there exists a very large amount of destitution in the bounds of this association, and many feeble churches and whole communities where there is no baptist preaching, and many souls are perishing for

broad of life within our bounds. In view of this sad state of affairs, your committee would recommend the following plan of operation.

The appointment of one member in each church, to constitute a General Home Mission Board in the bounds of this Association, whose duty it shall be to bring this subject of home mission before the respective churches, and to collect funds for the same. The said board before the adjournment of this Association, shall meet and organize by the appointment of a central board of three, to whom said several boards shall report every three months and pay to them such amounts of money as they may have collected. One of said central board to be chairman, one to be secretary and one to be treasurer. And the central board shall have power to appoint and engage the services of a missionary or missionaries, and fix the salaries, and time and fields of work within the bounds of this Association, and direct them to travel and preach in destitute places and not to supplied churches, and to order the treasurer of said board to pay their salaries.

Henry Sasser, Chairman,

In accordance with the adoption of the above report, the Moderator appointed the General Home Mission Board for this Association as follows:

From the church at Mount Pleasant, Elder W. D. White. From Pilgrim's Rest, Elder W. D. Jennings, From Hopewell, Elder L. A. Rarker. From Harmony, J. B. Taylor. From Friendship, M. T. Davidson. From Confidence, Elder Henry Sasser. From Palestine, G. M. Eubanks. From Lead Hill, Elder J. M. Parmer. From Pleasant Hill, J. R. Pennington. From Pleasant Grove, A. L. Blythe. From Jefferson Hall, J. M. Dodd. From New Harmony, W. P. Bayless. From New Hope, W. P. Cantrell. From Egypt, E. T. Conley. From Big Spring, J. A. Austain. From Mtn. Home, H. C. Cook. From New Liberty, Elder J. A. Butler. From Lee's Mountain, Elder Wm. Paxton.

The brethren appointed as general board were granted leave to retire for the purpose of organizing. In a short time they returned and reported as follows:

We the General Mission Board, beg leave to report that we have organized the Central Board, by appointing Elder W. D. White as Chairman, W. P. Cantrell secretary, and Elder W. D. Jennings Treasurer, and appoint the first meeting to be held at Cassville, Baxter Co, Ark., on Saturday before the third Sabbath in December, 1883.

W. P. Cantrell Chairman,

The committee on Resolutions made, their report as follows:

We your committee on resolutions beg leave to submit the following:

First, Resolved: That we adopt the report on Sabbath schools.

2nd, Resolved; that we adopt the report of the committee on Literature.

3rd, Resolved; that we pay our Missionary for his labors as such \$60.00

4th, Resolved; that we have our minutes printed by a Baptist printing house.

5th, Resolved, that we hold minister's and deacon's meetings at least four times this year with the different churches comprising this Association.

6th, Resolved; that we hold our next session of this Association on Friday before the first Sabbath in October, 1884 at 11 o'clock, A.M.

7th, Resolved; that a committee be appointed to ascertain the reason why the following churches are not represented in this Association, to wit: Macedonia, Baxter Co., Rehoboth, Marion Co, and New Prospect Boone Co.

Wm. Denton, Chairman

On motion the foregoing resolutions were taken by number, the first was adopted the second was adopted, the third was adopted the fourth was adopted; but, after due consideration on motion to reconsider, it was rejected and the clerk instructed to have the minutes printed where he could get the best job for the least money. The fifth resolution was adopted, the sixth rejected and the 7th adopted

In accordance with the 7th Resolution the Moderator appointed Elder W. D. White and Elder J. A. Butler as a committee to visit Rehoboth church, Marion Co., appointed Elder J. A. Copeland and Bro. E. T. Conley, as a committee to visit Macedonia church, Baxter Co., and Elders J. B. Davis and Henry Sasser to visit New Prospect Boone county.

Elder C. H. Mayfield offered a resolution, that we send delegates to the State Convention, at its next session, which was adopted, volunteers called for, to go; whereupon Elder H. H. Hilton and Wm. Denton offered their services, which were accepted by the Association.

On motion the treasurer was instructed to pay the traveling expenses of the delegates to the State Convention.

On motion it was resolved to hold first ministerial and Deacon's meet-

ing with Pleasant Hill church, on Saturday at 11 o'clock, A. M. before the first Sabbath in October 1883, and that Elder H. H. Hilton preach the introductory sermon.

On motion of Elder Wm. M. Horn, the Clerk was allowed ten dollars for superintending the printing of the minutes.

On motion it was resolved that this association highly compliment our beloved brother, H. H. Hilton as Moderator of the White River Baptist Association, for the dignity and ability with which he has presided over our deliberations for the last 8 or 9 years, and we take great pleasure in recommending him to the confidence of all the brotherhood of sister Associations.

Bro L. A. McPherson Clerk of this Association at its last session sent up his report (he being unable to attend on account of sickness) which is as follows:

Report of L. A. McPherson which is as follows:

To the White River Baptist Association. when convened with the church at Pilgrim's Rest, on Friday before the third Sabbath in September, 1883, is as follows:—Cr.

By amount paid for printing minutes,	\$12.00
By amount paid for postage on minutes.	.55
By amount paid as postage sending of minutes.	.60
By compensation allowed Clerk.	10.00

Total	\$23.15
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To amount received from Treasurer.	\$22.00
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L. A. McPherson.

On motion it was resolved that we have 600 copies of the minutes of this Association printed.

Adjourned, to meet with the Baptist church at Lead Hill, on Friday at eleven o'clock A. M., before the third Sabbath in September A. D. 1884.

H. H. Hilton Moderator.

John W. Cypert Clerk.

STATISTICAL STATEMENT

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	NAMES OF DELEGATE.	increase by baptism	by letter	by restoration	by recommendation	increase by letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total membership	Constituted	Day of meeting	For Minutes
Mt. Pleasant	W. D. White	Thos. Reed	Gassville	W D White, Wm Denton C H Mayfield J W Barnett	31	8	0		2			135	1868	3rd	\$2 50
Mtn. Home	R P Davant	J M Casey	Mtn Home	J M Wolf H G Cook	28	6	5		8	1		100	1868	4th	3 00
New Hope	Henry Sasser	J L Williams	Yellville	W P Cantrell Smith Matlock, W H Kceter.	2	0	1					32	1881	2nd	1 00
Harmony	W M Horn	R Taylor	Georges Creek	J B Taylor	0	2	0		1			35	1878	4th	1 50
Jefferson Hall	J B Davis	B P Smothers	Clear Creek	B P Smothers J M Dodd	0	0	0					46	1878	4th	1 00
New Harmony	W D Jennings	J H Pasco	"	W P B'gless, D D Ibeck	2	3	0		2	2		36	1878	4th	95
Zion Hill	J A Butler	J H Pangle	Yellville	Lewis Day	1	0	0			1		10	1878	3rd	
Lee's Mountain	J B Davis	F C Graham	Yellville	N Barksdale	0	2	0					30	1870	3rd	1 00
New Liberty	H H Hilton	R Davis	Georges Creek	J B Davis, W M Horn J Dobbis A R Hampton	1	0	0		1	3		57	1876	1st	2 00
Pleasant Hill	Henry Sasser	F Pulliam	Eros Marion Co	J E Ellis, J R Pennington Thos. B Casey	2	0	0	1		1		35	1871	1st	1 00
Egypt	A J Copeland	E T Conley	Mtn Home	E T Conley	0	0	0		2			12	1879	3rd	1 00
Confidence	Henry Sasser	Resin Scrivner	Bros	U Sasser no letter from the church								18			
Pilgrim' Rest	W D White	A B Trammell	Mtn Home	W D White, L W Barnett, S J Megee A B Trammell	6	0	1		3	2		52		2nd	1 85
Big Springs	J B Davis	Jno Thornton	Lead Hill	John Austin	6	2		3	5			41		2nd	1 60
Palestine	Wm Denton	J E Eubanks	Mtn Home	G M Eubanks J E Eubanks J W Walker J M Stephens	7	0						35	1871	2nd	2 00
Friendship	W D Jennings	M T Davidson	Mtn Home	M T Davidson Z T Due	2	5	2					31	1882	1st	40
Hopewell	H H Hilton	J M Horn	Mtn Home	H H Hilton L A Barker J W Cyfert T H Horn	81	6	4		14	9	2	110		1st	3 00
Massadonia	not represented														
Rehoboth	not represented														
New Prospect	not represented														
Pleasant Grove	CH Mayfield	E F Hand	Yellville	T M Rea A L Blythe E F Hand G H Ballard	0	2		2				27	1882	2nd	1 00
Lead Hill	J H Parmer	J M Cook	Lead Hill	J H Parmer M A Lawhon J W Clark J M Cook	2							12	1883	1st	1 00