

MISSOURI BAPTIST LIBRARY  
MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

SALINE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

MARBLE CHURCH, SALINE CO., ARK.

FROM OCT., 3 TO 5, 1868.

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MINUTES

OF THE

Third Annual Meeting of the Cadron Baptist Association.

HELD WITH LIBERTY CHURCH, PULASKI COUNTY, IN

OCTOBER, 1868.

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MINUTES

OF THE

Arkansas Baptist State Convention,

HELD WITH

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

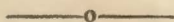
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# MINUTES.

## CADRON ASSOCIATION.



FRIDAY, Oct. 9th, 1868.

The introductory sermon was delivered in the absence of the regular appointee, Elder W. T. Box, by Elder T. R. Hall, from Eph. 5:1.

After a short intermission the delegates assembled and were called to order by the former Moderator, Elder J. R. Hall.

1st. The letters from the several Churches were called for, read, and the names of Delegates enrolled. See Table.

2d. The Association then proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the election of Elder J. R. Hall, Moderator and J. A. Johnson, Clerk.

3d. Appointed committees:

*On Arrangement.*—Jones, Parker, Wear, and Moderator and Clerk.

*On Preaching.*—R. P. Bryant, T. Bryant, Belote, Coperton and Payne.

*Sabbath Schools.*—Wear and Jones

*Domestic Missions.*—Ingram and Bryant.

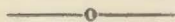
*On Temperance.*—P. Bryant and Wear.

*Ministerial Aid.*—Ingram and Johnson.

*On Finance.*—Coperton and Johnson.

The committee on Preaching reported as follows:

Elder W. M. Lea, to preach this (Friday) night. Elder N. P. Moore at 11 o'clock to-morrow, (Saturday.) Elder J. R. Hall at night, followed by Bro. Marsh. Elder Moore to preach Sabbath at 11 o'clock, a. m., followed by Elder Williams. Elder Williams, at night. J. R. Hall to follow. Elder Williams, Monday at 11 o'clock, followed by Bro. Marsh. Adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.



SATURDAY, 9 o'clock a. m.

Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder Moore.

4th. Roll called and absentees marked, thus\*

5th. Petitionary letters were called for, whereupon a letter was handed in from Bethel Church, Perry county, by her Messenger, L. Wells, which was read and Church received, the right hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator.

6th. Invited visiting brethren to seats, when Elders Moore, Williams and others accepted.

7th. Called for report of Committee of Arrangements, accepted, see appendix A.

8th. Appointed Ministers and Deacons meetings for the 1st District to be held with Liberty Church, on Friday, before the first Sabbath in August, 1869. Elder Box to preach the introductory sermon.

9th. Appointed Minister's and Deacon's meeting in 2d District to be held with Bethel Church, on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in August, 1869. Elder Bledsoe to preach the introductory sermon.

10th. At the suggestion of the Moderator, it was agreed to send Messengers to the Arkansas State Convention, which meets with the first Church, in Little Rock, November, 1868. Elders, Bearden, Box and Brown, and brethren Parker, Griffith, Wear, Bryant and Jones, were appointed.

11th. On motion it was agreed to ask for correspondence with the Saline Association, Elder Hall, and brethren Parker, Coperton and Jones, messengers, (Clerk to write.)

12th. Also, that we ask for correspondence with the Dardanelle Association. Elders Bearden and Box, and brethren Wells, Jones, Coperton and Johnson, messengers.

13th. On motion, Brethren Box and Jones write the corresponding letter, and the same be inserted in the Minutes.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock p. m.

2 o'clock, p. m.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. Marsh.

14th. Called for reports of various Committees:

On Sabbath Schools, See Appendix B.

On Domestic Missions, See Appendix C.

On Ministerial Aid, See Appendix D.

On Temperance, See Appendix E.

On Finance, See Appendix F.

Miscellaneous business—Queries:

On motion, Parker, Wear and Jones, were appointed a committee to examine the Queries from the Minister's and Deacon's meetings, held the present year, and report such as they deem proper for discussion.

1st. The following reported from the 1st District:

"Is it according to scripture, when a member is excluded from a church, to join another without first going to the church from which the party was excluded and making satisfaction?" Answer. It is not.

2nd. "If after a person has been divorced from a companion, and



marries again, afterward professes religion and presents themselves to the church for membership, can we consistently with the word of God, receive them?"

Answer. If divorced for a scriptural cause, receive the applicant.

From Second District:

1st. "Should a church recognize the administration of a minister as valid, when it is afterwards ascertained that he was not authorized by a Baptist Church so to do. Answer. It should not.

Bro. Wear offered the following Query: "Shall this Association receive the administration of C. W. York as valid?" Answer. No.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock, Monday morning.

## SABBATH EXERCISES.

The stand was occupied by Elder N. P. Moore, at 11 a. m., who delivered an interesting discourse on the peculiar tenets of Baptists. During the discourse and the remarks of Elder Williams, much good feeling was manifest, and doubtless lasting impressions were made upon the minds of many present.

MONDAY MORNING, 8 o'clock, A. M.

Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Roll called and absentees marked.

Resumed the discussion of Queries from 2d District.

2d. "Does the New Testament authorize a man to put away his wife for any cause, and marry again during his lifetime?" Answer. Only for the cause of fornication.

3d. "What is the duty of a church towards her members, when it is known that they are patronizing and countenancing an imposter?"

Answer. It is your duty to remonstrate with such members, and if they persist, they should be dealt with."

4th. "Has a man the right to put away his wife for being guilty of lewdness before marriage?" Answer. No.

## RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, Elder N. P. Moore proposes to commence the publication of the "ARKANSAS BAPTIST," about the 15th November, prox., and having confidence in the Christian integrity, and competency of Bro. Moore, and realizing the necessity and importance of a State Denominational Organ,

*Resolved*, That we hereby recommend the enterprise, and will do all in our power to extend the circulation of, and sustain said "Arkansas Baptist."

*Resolved*, That the ministers belonging to the various churches composing this body, be, and are hereby constituted standing delegates to each annual session of this Association, and it is requested that they be in attendance, whenever at all practicable.

The following were unanimously adopted:

WAEREAS, One C. W. York, professing to be a Baptist Minister, came to this county about two years ago last February, settled as pastor over churches, preached and administered the ordinances of the house of God, and

WHEREAS, Such has been his deportment for some time past, together with satisfactory evidence received from Kentucky, (his resi-

dence for some time,) and from Nashville, Tenn., from which place he purports to have immigrated to this county, that we are fully convinced, that he, (said York,) not only never was regularly and scripturally ordained a Baptist minister, but that he is a corrupt man, and now living in adultery; therefore,

*Resolved*, That this (Cadron) Association, consider said C. W. York, a vile imposter, as unworthy of a place in the ministry and the confidence of the denomination. And we do hereby solemnly adjure the brotherhood, everywhere, that they observe the injunction of Paul in such cases: "Withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh unorderly."

**DESCRIPTION.**—Said York is about six feet high, light complexion, is about 45 years of age, has a scar on his throat about where shirt buttons, has a mole on his chin, and his right thumb has been disjoined, leaving a lump on it. When praying, begins slow and increases in speech and sound until he grows boisterous. In preaching it is the same. His education is limited, can read and write, but little else.

*Be it further Resolved*, That the above be published in our Minutes, and that a copy be forwarded to the "Arkansas Baptist," for publication, and that other papers friendly to the cause be requested to copy.

J. R. HALL, *Moderator*.

J. A. JOHNSON, *Clerk*.

**WHEREAS**, After due consideration, we believe that Silvern Church is not in order, in that she retains C. W. York in her fellowship,

*Resolved*, That this Association drop all correspondence with said church, until she sets herself in order.

*Resolved*, That the Moderator appoint a committee to wait on Elder N. P. Moore, and solicit the publication in the "Arkansas Baptist" of his sermon, delivered before this body on Sabbath morning.

*Resolved*, That we recommend to the churches in our bounds, the Library of the "Southern Baptist Sabbath School Union," as a suitable one to be used in their schools, from the fact, that if our principles are worth believing, they are worth teaching to our children.

*Resolved*, That this body request the churches where our sessions shall be held hereafter, to furnish a blank book for the use of the Clerk.

*Resolved*, That the next session of this body be held with Pleasant Grove Church, Conway county, on Saturday, before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1869.

*Resolved*, That Elder Bearden preach the next introductory sermon. Elder Hall, alternate; Elder Box to preach the Missionary sermon. Elder Hall, alternate.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this body be tendered the brethren and friends of this vicinity for their hospitality during its session.

On motion, the Minutes being read and approved—all joined in singing one of the songs of Zion, led in prayer by Bro. Bryant, the parting hand was extended, and the Association stood adjourned to meet at the time and place appointed.

J. R. HALL, *Moderator*,  
Greenbrier P. O., Ark.

J. A. JOHNSON, *Clerk*,  
Springfield, Ark.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	SUPPLY.											CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	
			Meeting	Days.	Rec'd by	Experience	No. Baptized.	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded.	Restored.	Died.			Total in fellowship
Bethel.	J. Wells. Wm. G. L. Johnson*,	B. H. Beardon,	4	4	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	11	2 00	W. G. L. Johnson	Oplow,
Cadron Valley,	A. G. Ingram, J. Belote, J. W. Howard*,	J. R. Hall,	4	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	36	3 00	J. W. Blair.	Cadron.
Friendship,	J. R. Jones, A. W. Coperton, E. Tiner*.	B. H. Beardon	3	5	5	3	1	3	0	0	0	50	1 10	A. W. Coperton.	Springfield.
Macedonia,	J. R. Hall*, E. Moore*, T. M. Carington*,	J. R. Hall,	3	2	2	0	6	8	2	0	0	80	2 30	L. Glenn,	Green Brier.
Mt. Zion,	J. R. Hall, sr., T. R. Bryant, A. P. Bryant,	None,	3	3	3	6	0	2	0	0	0	43	3 75	T. R. Bryant,	Cane Creek.
Liberty,	O. Parker. R. P. Bryant. A. Payne,	W. T. Box,	1	5	5	4	1	1	0	0	0	66	4 00	R. P. Bryant,	Little Rock,
Pleasant Grove.	H. W. Wear, J. D. Townsend*, J. A. Johnson.	W. T. Box,	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	2	0	42	2 60	W. A. Nixon,	Green Brier.

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# A P P E N D I X.

(A.)

Report on Sabbath Schools.—Your committee would respectfully submit the following:

We believe that the word of God emphatically enjoins it upon all that they train up their offspring in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; and believing that Sabbath Schools are a very effectual and efficient means in such moral training, and that it is the duty of christian parents, especially to early impress upon their minds Bible truth,

*Be it Resolved.* That the Churches composing this Association be earnestly requested to organize Sabbath Schools in their respective communities, and labor to bring the strength and efficiency of the membership to bear in this great and good work. And further, that in their letter to the next meeting of this body, they report the progress and status of the Sabbath School in their respective neighborhoods.

H. B. WEAR, *Chairman.*

(B.)

Report on Domestic Missions.—Your committee in viewing the ground before us, are pained at the destitution found in the bounds of this Association. There are but four or five ministers belonging to this body, and with so few laborers, the harvest is truly great. Many neighborhoods are without a regular Minister. It is our privilege, as well as our duty to labor in the vineyard of the Master. In view of the facts and the necessity of the work, we would respectfully suggest the appointment of a missionary to labor *three, six or twelve* months, as the case may be, and that his support may be raised by contributions from the churches, in corn. provisions, clothing, money, etc. Having an agent in each church to see to the collection of said articles, and make their report accordingly.

Respectfully submitted.

A. G. INGRAM, *Chairman.*

(C.)

Report on Ministerial Aid.—Your committee ask to submit the following: "When God sees fit to call a man to the work of the ministry, his design is, that he may make his will known to a perishing world; and warn his creatures to flee from the wrath to come.

To perform this labor successfully, a minister must, necessarily consume a vast amount of time in preparing himself, if he makes an efficient minister; besides this, traveling and labor, together with traveling expenses, which losses should be supplied by the community which he serves. Paul says: "If a man preach the gospel, he should live of the gospel." This teaches plainly that a minister should be supported.

As to the manner in which his support is to be raised, Paul says, in 1st Cor. 16: 2, "Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store, as God has prospered him." This plainly teaches systematic benevolence, and your committee would urge upon you such a plan, believing it to be in accordance with the word.

Say, for instance, you purpose in your hearts to give a certain part of your stock or labor; we think in a little time you will not claim the amount thus set apart, as your own, at all, and God will prosper you in so doing, and many a minister who is now confined to the plow, would soon be supported amply, and thus enabled to give his whole time to the work.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. INGRAM, *Chairman.*

(D.)

**Report on Temperance.**—The Bible teaches that all men “should live godly,” and your committee believe that especially should all church members live thus. The intemperate use of intoxicating liquors is a growing evil, and we regret to say that the evil is encroaching upon the churches. The Bible pronounces a fearful war against all drunkards, that none shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven, and is it possible that church members, who indulge in the pernicious evil, can hope to reach heaven? in view of the fact that moderate dram-drinking leads to drunkenness.

*Be it Resolved,* That we protest against the indiscriminate use of intoxicating drinks, and we would recommend that the churches discountenance such use in their membership.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. WEAR, *Chairman.*

(E.)

**Report on Finance.**—Your committee on Finance submit the following:

Sent up by the Churches for printing Minutes,	- - - \$
Collection on Sabbath,	- - - 3 85
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Total,	- - - \$

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. JOHNSON, *Chairman.*

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## CONSTITUTION.

**ARTICLE 1.** This Association shall be called and known by the name of Cadron Baptist Association.

**ART. 2.** The members composing the annual meetings of this Association shall consist of the messengers sent by the churches.

**ART. 3.** The messengers sent by the churches to the annual meetings shall not exceed three from each church.

**ART. 4.** The Association shall meet annually, at such time and place as shall have been previously appointed.

**ART. 5.** The officers of this Association shall consist of a Modera-



tor, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually at the annual meetings.

ART. 6. The Association shall have no power or control to regulate the internal affairs or discipline of any church, but it may adopt or recommend all such measures as shall be considered best calculated to promote the harmony and prosperity of the churches and advance the Redeemer's kingdom; advise and consult upon such matters as the churches may, at any time present for their consideration and advice, and may receive churches of the same faith and order into the Association, or dismiss churches from the body; enquire into the state of religion in its bounds and suggest measures for its advancement, and be a communion band of union among the churches, but shall not exercise any legitimate power over the churches.

ART. 7. This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a vote of two-thirds, provided notice has been given at a previous meeting.

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NAMES AND ADDRESS OF MINISTERS.

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Ordained.

Wm. T. Box, Springfield,  
B. H. Beardon, "  
J. R. Hall, sr., Green Brier.

Licentiates.

G. C. Brown, Cane Creek,  
J. W. Howard, Cadron,  
C. C. Maash, Cane Creek,  
J. H. Whaley, Cadron.

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CORRESPONDING LETTER.—The Cadron Baptist Association now in session with Liberty Church, Pulaski county, Ark.

To her Sister Associations with whom we wish to correspond:

DEAR BRETHREN:—We have had an interesting meeting, but are sorry to meet none of your messengers. Our churches are all represented but two, and some of them report having had refreshing seasons from the presence of the Lord. We have received at this session one new church, and dismissed one. We have, as yet no Missionary. We were organized into a body in October, 1866. We hope you will not fail to meet with us at our next session, which will be held with Pleasant Grove Church, Conway county, commencing on Saturday, before the fourth Lord's day in September, 1869.

J. R. HALL, *Moderator.*

J. A. JOHNSON, *Clerk.*