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OF THE
TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Greenbrier Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

NEW LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH.

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Next session to be held with Cadron Ridge Baptist Church, four and a half miles north of Conway, Ark., commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1896,

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches of our union, together with the ministers, who, on producing their credentials, shall be entitled to seats.

ART. II. This Association shall be known as the Greenbrier Baptist Association.

ART. III. Each church composing this Association shall be entitled to three delegates until the church numbers one hundred, and then one for every additional fifty.

ART. IV. The object of this Association will be to devise measures to promote the Redeemer's kingdom on earth; and meet at such times and places as she may appoint.

ART. V. This Association shall be considered an advisory council, and shall have no power to legislate for the churches, or lord it over God's heritage.

ART. VI. Other churches may be admitted into this body when they signify a wish to do so by letter and delegates, provided they be deemed orthodox, which shall be determined by their abstracts of faith and church government.

ART. VII. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by ballot at each session, and hold their offices until their successors are properly qualified; the Treasurer shall also be a member of the Executive Board.

ART. VIII. The Clerk shall keep a regular file of minutes of the Association and turn the same over to his successor in office.

ART. IX. It shall be the duty of each church composing this body to send up such contributions in money to each annual meeting as shall be necessary to defray the expenses of this Association, and each church shall be furnished with minutes in proportion to the amount thus furnished.

ART. X. It shall be the duty of each church to send up to each annual meeting of this body a letter containing a brief history of her progress since the last session, with the following particulars, to wit: Her prosperity or adversity, the names of her delegates, pastors, deacons, ordained or licensed ministers, the number of baptized, received by letter, voucher, restored, dismissed by letter, excluded, died, total in fellowship, time of regular conference meetings, postoffices, etc. [See page 14.]

ART. XI. Any church may send up any query asking advice of the Association.

ART. XII. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a full and fair record of the proceedings of this Association, and to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes; for his services he shall receive such remuneration as the Association may from time to time think proper.

ART. XIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and account for all monies paid to him for the use of the Association, according to its order.

ART. XIV. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any session of this Association, when two-thirds of the members present shall deem it necessary.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

ARTICLE I. We believe that there is only one true and living God, revealed to us under the personal and relative designation of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

ART. II. We believe that the scriptures comprising the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only correct rule of faith and practice.

ART. III. We believe in the doctrine of election, as founded in the foreknowledge of God, through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and belief of the truth.

ART. IV. We believe that man was created upright, but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy state, and consequently became dead in trespasses and in sin.

ART. V. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, through faith in his name.

ART. VI. We believe in the final perseverance of the saints in grace.

ART. VII. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and general judgment, and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

ART. VIII. We believe that a Christian church is a congregation of baptized believers who meet stately and have connection together to maintain the ordinances, discharge the duties and enjoy the privileges set forth in the New Testament as pertaining to the church of Christ.

ART. IX. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the gospel unless he has been regularly baptized, called and comes under the imposition of the hands of a proper presbytery.

ART. X. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are both positive institutions and the only ordinances of the church of Christ, and that believers are the only proper subjects, and that immersion alone is baptism.

ART. XI. We believe that regularly baptized believers only have a right to commune at the Lord's table.

ART. XII. We believe that the Lord's day should be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion.

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RULES OF DECORUM.

1. This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. The officers of this Association shall be chosen by a majority of the members present by ballot.
3. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to see that order is kept according to the Rules of Decorum.
4. Any member being dissatisfied with the decision of the Moderator may appeal to the Association, provided it be done on the same day.
5. One member only shall speak at a time; he shall address the Moderator, and on obtaining the floor shall proceed without interruption, unless he depart from the subject or use personal reflections.
6. No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject without obtaining leave of the Association.
7. No practice shall be allowed that is calculated to interrupt a member while speaking.
8. Every motion made and seconded, after time given for debate, shall be put to the Association unless previously withdrawn, and the Moderator shall announce the decision of the Association, unless a division is called for.
9. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present.
10. No appellation but that of "brother" shall be used by members in addressing each other during the session of this Association.
11. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled; and also vote in case of tie, to give the casting vote.
12. The names of the members may be called as often as the Association may deem necessary, and no member shall withdraw himself from the Association without leave of the Moderator.
13. These rules shall be read at the opening of each session, and oftener if necessary.
14. These rules may be amended at any session of this body by a majority of the members present.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Read Letters from the Churches.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Reception of New Churches.
4. Invite of our faith to sets.
5. Call for Correspondents.
6. Appointment of Committees.
7. Reports of Committees.
8. General business.
9. Appointment of Correspondents.
10. Time and place of next meeting.
11. Appointment of ministers to preach the Introductory and Missionary sermons.
12. Adjournment.

Proceedings.

HAMLET, ARK., October 24, 1895.

The Greenbrier Baptist Association met this day in its Twelfth Annual Session and at 11 o'clock a. m. was called to order by Bro. Jno. G. B. Sims, former Moderator. The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. J. A. Batson from 2 Tim. 4:2, after which the body was led in prayer by Eld. R. C. Medoris.

The Association then adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m. Benediction by Eld. W. M. Mills.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock p. m. the Association reassembled. Prayer was offered by Eld. V. Turner. The letters from the Churches were then read by Eld. W. B. Peeples, and the names of Messengers enrolled as follows:

Bethlehem—W. H. Lindsey, W. H. Julian.
Bristol—B. H. Gunter, R. N. Rea.
Bethany—G. S. Bell, J. M. Richett.
Conway—J. G. B. Sims, J. L. Randell.
Cadron Ridge—G. B. Ivans, E. Kuykendall.
Harmony—A. W. Gray, G. W. Goodrich.
Liberty—J. M. Leo, G. L. Phillips, A. Hay.
Macedonia—T. I. Matthews.
Marcus Hill—H. Sanders.
Mt. Zion—E. J. Heffington, J. T. Harper.
Mt. Pleasant—W. A. Roberts.
New Liberty—G. M. Walthall, John Honea.
New Bethel—J. A. Mabry.
Needs Creek—J. M. Loveless.
Oak Bowery—G. W. Thrasher, C. B. Martin.
Pleasant Valley—W. J. Sloan, J. M. Salter.

Palestine—J. R. H. Goggins.

Preston—C. H. Cheek.

Spring Hill—W. P. Sims.

Smyrna—H. E. H. Faulks.

Sulphur Springs—W. T. Keller.

Star Gap—John Belloat.

Shady Grove—Letter, but no delegate.

Vilonia—T. W. Waller, B. F. Sheard.

The names of the following ministers were enrolled: R. C. Medaris, W. B. Peeples, W. M. Mills, P. H. Glover, V. Turner, D. R. Robinson, G. W. Ford, J. A. Batson, C. H. Cheek and C. B. Parsons.

The Association then went into permanent organization by electing Bro. John G. B. Sims Moderator, Eld. P. H. Glover Clerk and Bro. J. M. Salter Treasurer.

The Moderator then invited visiting ministers to seats in the body, when Eld. King, of Indian Territory, and Eld. C. E. Smith, returned missionary to Africa, responded and took seats with the body.

Called for Corresponding Messengers, when Eld. M. T. Webb, of Caroline Association, was seated with the body.

The Moderator then appointed a Devotional Committee, consisting of Eld. C. B. Parsons and the Messengers of New Liberty Church.

Called for Petitionary Letters, when letters from Pleasant Grove and Mayflower were read, and, on motion, the Churches were received and the names of Messengers enrolled as follows, the Moderator giving the hand of fellowship to the Messengers:

Pleasant Grove—A. C. Hovis.

Mayflower—T. S. Sloan.

The Moderator now read the rules of decorum.

Eld. R. C. Medaris offered the following amendment to the 10th article of the Constitution, which was adopted by a unanimous vote of the body:

“The Churches shall report in their Annual Letters their increase during the year by baptism, by letter, vouchers, restored; their decrease by letter, excluded, died; total membership; their contributions for pastor’s salary, other home ex-

penses; Associational Missions, State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, number of Sunday school pupils, number of officers and teachers, name and post-office of the superintendent, amount contributed by the Sunday school; the names of their delegates, pastors, deacons, ministers (ordained and licensed); the value of Church property; time of regular Conference meeting; all of which to appear in the statistical table of our Minutes."

The Moderator now took time to prepare a list of the several committees, during which time the body was well interested by Elds. King and Smith, with interesting talks on mission work.

The Moderator announced the appointment of committees as follows:

Finance—W. H. Lindsey, Silas Sloan, T. W. Waller.

Associational Missions—G. W. Ford, C. H. Cheek, V. Turner.

State Missions—R. C. Medaris, J. A. Mabry, Hiram Sanders.

Home Missions—D. R. Robinson, J. L. Randell, A. C. Hovis.

Foreign Missions—W. B. Peeples, W. J. Sloan, C. B. Parsons.

General Education—J. A. Batson, W. M. Mills, W. P. Sims.

Publications—Vines Turner, J. M. Salter, E. J. Heffington.

Sunday Schools—C. H. Cheek, E. Kuykendall, A. Hay.

Temperance—C. B. Parsons, Jno. Honea, A. W. Gray.

Queries—G. W. Ford, Jno. Beloit, B. F. Sheard.

Nominations—D. R. Robinson, R. C. Medaris, G. W. Ford.

Obituaries—G. B. Evans, G. W. Walthall, John Beloit.

The following resolution was offered by Eld. C. B. Parsons:

"Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to get up the missing Minutes of this Association."

On motion, the same was adopted, and the Moderator appointed as such committee, Eld. C. B. Parsons, Eld. P. H. Glover and Bro. W. H. Lindsey.

On motion, adjournment till 8:30 tomorrow morning. Benediction by Eld. W. B. Peeples.

Preaching at night by Eld. W. M. Mills.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

At 8:30 o'clock Friday morning the Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. A. C. Hovis.

Then Eld. R. C. Medaris offered the following resolutions, which were adopted by a unanimous vote of the body:

"1. Resolved, That we recommend to the members of all our Churches that they lay by in store, weekly, as God prospers them, for the support of Foreign, Home, State and Associational Missions.

"2. That our Churches take a weekly, monthly or at least quarterly, collection for these missions, jointly, and that each donor be permitted to designate his or her gifts, but that all undesignated funds shall be divided equally among these objects. We also recommend that envelopes be used in taking these collections.

"3. That our pastors avail themselves of all means to inform themselves on these subjects, and then teach the Churches of which they are pastors to contribute liberally to the objects.

"4. That each Church have a Mission Committee to canvass the entire membership and secure from every member a pledge to pay a certain sum weekly, monthly or quarterly to these objects; to distribute literature and to look after delinquents at least once a quarter.

"5. That all funds contributed for these objects be sent to the Treasurer of the Association and sent by him to the proper persons.

"6. That our Sunday schools contribute monthly or quarterly to this work.

"7. That the Association now elect a Mission Secretary for the entire Association, whose duty it will be to have prepared and keep in stock envelopes, subscription cards and Treasurer's book, and furnish the same to Churches and Sunday schools wishing them; to get the above plan adopted by all our Churches; to distribute literature among our pastors and Mission Committees, to stir up by personal appeals and by correspondence the Churches in this work, and that he be paid only his necessary expenses."

The Moderator called for the reports of committees, when the report of the Committee on Associational Missions was read by Eld. G. W. Ford, chairman; also, the Missionary's report was read, to be considered in connection with the report named above. Pending a discussion of these reports, a motion prevailed to postpone further consideration of the same till 2 o'clock p. m.

The body now took recess for preaching, and at 11 o'clock a very interesting sermon was preached by Eld. M. T. Webb, from John 3:5, after which the body adjourned till 1:30 p. m. Benediction by Eld. G. W. Ford.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 p. m. the Association met, pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. T. L. Ingram.

The report of the Committee on Publications was read and adopted as follows:

"We, your Committee on Publications, submit the following as our report: We regard the Bible as the head spring or fountain from which all wholesome literature flows. As Baptists we demand a 'thus saith the Lord' for what we do. Next to the Bible we would insist that our brethren take and read our own State paper, The Baptist, published at Little Rock, Ark., and, also, Ford's Christian Repository, published at St. Louis, Mo., and the Mission Journal of the Southern Baptist Convention. We would further recommend that our Sunday schools use our own literature, published at Nashville, Tenn.

"VINES TURNER, Chairman."

The hour of 2 o'clock having arrived, a motion prevailed to postpone further consideration of the report on Associational Missions, and that the report lay on the table subject to call.

The report of the Committee on State Missions was read, and, pending a discussion of the same, a collection was taken for State Missions, amounting to \$13.40, the same to be added in the statistical table to the credit of each Church contributing.

The Committee on Devotional Services made the following report:

"Preaching tonight by Eld. C. E. Smith."

On motion, the report on State Missions was adopted as follows:

"The preaching of the Gospel in our State by the ministers employed by our State Mission Board is denominated State Missions. This work is supported yearly by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located at Atlanta, Ga., by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located at Nashville, Tenn., and by the voluntary contributions of our Churches, Sunday schools and Missionary Societies in the State. This work, as to management, is committed to an Executive Board, appointed yearly by our Association and by the State Convention. The work of the Board is to preach the Gospel, organize Churches and Sunday schools, raise money to build houses of worship and to distribute by sale and gift religious literature in cities, towns and the country where this is not being done by the Baptists. The work of the board this year has been successful along all these lines. There have been eighteen or twenty missionaries working under the direction of this Board, and these faithful men of God have preached hundreds of sermons and delivered many addresses, visited a great many families, witnessed the conversion of hundreds of people, baptized many scores of happy, believing souls, received several hundred into the Churches, organized a great many Sunday schools, raised money to build twelve or fifteen houses of worship, and sold and gave away a great number of Bibles, Testaments and other religious literature. The Board must occupy many new points next year, and they will need at least \$3,500 from our Churches to support this work. The Churches of this Association must help, and your committee recommends that a collection be taken in all our Churches weekly, monthly or quarterly for this work as well as for other Mission work, and that all our Sunday schools make monthly or quarterly contributions to this goodwork.

"R. C. MEDARIS, Chairman."

Report of the Committee of Foreign Missions was read, and pending the discussion of the report, a collection for Foreign

Missions was taken, amounting to \$11.35, and, on motion, the report was adopted as follows:

"We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, beg leave to submit the following: Christianity is distinctively a missionary religion. It was founded by a foreign missionary, even Christ Himself. It has been propagated by foreign missionaries. Its end is the giving of the Gospel by means of missionaries to all who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. The Bible is its great book on missions. Its prophecies foretell the preaching of the Gospel to all the nations. Its commands are that we carry the 'good news of salvation to every creature. Its promises of Christ's presence and help are conditioned on our obedience to the commands. To be unmissionary in spirit is to be unlike Christ, unlike the apostles and out of harmony with the genius of Christianity, whose supporter we claim to be. For this is the great work which Christ has given us to do, namely, to preach the Gospel to every creature for a witness. This is His command, 'Go ye therefore and teach all nations.' It is the sense of this body that no Church should bear the name of Missionary Baptist if it gives nothing to missions and is not really missionary in spirit. God has entrusted us with the Gospel. He has given us the means to send it to others. He has opened the doors of the nations that they are willing to receive it. He has greatly blessed every effort we have so far put forth. He has put it into the hearts of others to go. Shall we send them? We recommend that each family in the Association take and read the Mission Journal of the Southern Baptist Convention. We also recommend that the pastors inform themselves on all the phases of our missionary work—the lives of the missionaries, the number of men in the field, the needs of the field, the difficulties encountered and the successes achieved, and that they inform the people, preaching on missions at least once a quarter. We further recommend that regular and frequent collections be taken for the work.

"W. B. PEEPLES."

A Petitionary Letter from Cash Spring Church was read, and, on motion, the Church was received and the Messenger's

name enrolled, the Moderator giving the Messenger the hand of fellowship.

The Committee on Nominations read its report, and, on motion, the same having been considered item by item, was adopted as follows:

"Your Committee on Nominations make the following report: To preach the introductory sermon, W. B. Peeples; to preach the Missionary sermon, R. C. Medaris; Missionary Secretary, W. B. Peeples; Executive Board, J. A. Batson, J. M. Salter, T. I. Matthews, J. L. Randell, C. H. Cheek; delegates to State Convention, G. W. Ford, Vines Turner, C. B. Parsons, J. G. B. Sims, G. M. Walthall; delegates to Southern Baptist Convention, Vines Turner; alternate, W. B. Peeples; member of State Board of R. C. Medaris.

"D. R. ROBINSON, Chairman."

The Committee on Sunday Schools read its report. On motion, further consideration of the same was postponed till 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

On motion, adjourned till 8:30 tomorrow morning. Prayer by Eld. C. H. Cheek.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

At 8:30 a. m. the Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Clerk. Minutes of yesterday, read, amended and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was read by Eld. C. B. Parsons, and, after being discussed by Eld. G. W. Ford and V. Turner, further consideration of the same was postponed.

Our efficient Moderator, J. G. B. Sims, being unwell, was excused for the balance of the session, and Eld. G. W. Ford called to the chair.

The hour of 9 o'clock having arrived, the body resumed consideration of the report on Sunday Schools, and, on motion, the same was adopted as follows:

"We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to make the following report: Recognizing the fact that our Churches

do not take sufficient interest in this line, we, therefore, recommend that the pastors urge upon them the necessity of this grand work in enlisting and training the young in the way they should go, and that we discourage union Sunday Schools and have only teachers who are of our faith and order, and that our people contribute more largely of their means to the support of this cause. We also recommend the use of our own Southern Baptist literature

C. H. CHEEK, Chairman.

Resumed consideration of the report on Temperance. After some amendments, the same was adopted as follows:

"We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit the following:

"1. Resolved, That we will give our influence in our private circles and in our Churches against the use of all alcoholic beverages.

"2. We believe it is the duty of all Christians to heartily co-operate with the civil authorities in enforcing the laws against this evil. We hold that the Bible teaches that God's children should not indulge in the use or sale of intoxicating drinks, nor should they sign petitions for the sale of the same.

"3. That it is the duty of all ministers of Christ not only to abstain from the use of this evil, but to lift up their voices against it, in the pulpit and elsewhere; and that we urge our Churches throughout the Association to continue no one in fellowship who publicly advocates the licensing of drinking saloons or who invests money in the saloon business.

"C. B. PARSONS, Chairman."

Report on General Education read and adopted as follows:

"We, your Committee on General Education, submit the following report: That whereas the command is to bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; also, to search the Scriptures, and, also, the Saviour said: 'Ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures;' and inasmuch as this cannot be done efficiently without being able to read the Bible intelligently; therefore, we believe that it is the duty of both parents and young people, and especially Christians, to obtain, if possible, a good education.

J. A. BATSON, Chairman."

On motion, the body took recess for preaching. At 11

o'clock the Missionary Sermon was preached by Eld. G. W. Ford, from Rom. 10, first clause, of 15th verse, after which a collection was taken for Associational Missions, amounting to \$10.50.

On motion, the body adjourned till 1:30 p. m. Prayer by Eld. Vines Turner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 p. m. the Association reassembled and was led in prayer by Eld. Holland.

A letter from Macedonia Church was read and the name of Bro. T. I. Matthews enrolled as Messenger.

The report on Associational Missions was called up and the report of the Executive Board was read by Bro. W. H. Lindsey, to be considered in connection with the reports on Associational Missions and the missionary's report, and, on motion, they were adopted as follows:

"We, your Committee on Associational Missions, beg leave to submit the following report: That it is the duty of the Church of Christ to carry out the great commission, 'to preach the Gospel to every creature,' none will deny. And, as the Master gave the example how it was to be done, by sending out missionaries to the number of eighty-two even in the small compass of the land of Judea, we could recommend no better plan than that laid down by the great head of the Church. Therefore we would recommend that every Church within our bounds raise a sum of money to the extent that the Lord has prospered them for the support of the various mission fields, but especially for our Associational work. As we are fully persuaded that there is yet great destitution in our bounds, we would also recommend the election of a missionary for the ensuing year, for such time as, in your judgment, would be best to the interest of the cause. And we would further recommend that, in order that the work be successfully carried out, an Executive Board of five be appointed to superintend the mission work; and that the Moderator appoint one member from the Messengers of each Church to call the attention of their respective Churches

to the all-important duty of raising funds for the missionary work; and said appointed brothers be requested to report to the Chairman of the Board not later than the 15th of December, next, the amount pledged by his Church for said fields, giving a concise statement as to each field of labor.

"G. W. FORD, Chairman."

Missionary's Report.

At the suggestion of the Board which met in November, I visited during the winter months, up to March 31, 9 Churches, preached 14 sermons, traveled 167 miles. In April I began the work at the two points designated by the Board, viz., Mayflower and Barny. I have not missed an appointment at either place, having preached 23 sermons at Mayflower and 26 at Barny. I am glad to say the work at both points has, under the circumstances, been blessed. I, together with Elds. Dale, of Little Rock, Cheek and Hale, acting as council, organized a Church at Mayflower on the second Saturday in June with five members. I have Baptized four into its membership and one candidate awaiting baptism; received by letter, 5; total membership, 14. While the work has not been all we could desire, yet we feel thankful to God that it has not been a failure. We are under many obligations to Eld. Dale, of Little Rock, for valuable assistance at this point; also, to Eld. H. Sanders for assistance at Barny. At this point I baptized one into the fellowship of Star Gap Church. In addition to the above work I have visited since April 1, 9 Churches, preached 17 sermons, traveled 246 miles. Total work done: Preached 80 sermons, traveled 853 miles, visited and preached to 17 Churches, baptized 5, received on missionary work \$104.45. G. W. FORD, Missionary.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Executive Board of the Greenbrier Association reports that they met soon after their appointment and organized by electing G. W. Bruce Chairman and W. H. Lindsey Secretary. The Board then made a contract with Eld. G. W. Ford to serve for all his time as missionary at a salary of \$220 per year, serv-

ices to begin March 1, 1895. About that time another meeting was held and a new arrangement made whereby only half time was to be employed, and the Board agreed to try to raise \$150 for Bro. Ford from that time on until the meeting of this body.

W. H. LINDSEY, Secretary.

The report on Home Missions was read, and, pending consideration of the same, a collection was taken for Home Missions, amounting to \$1.50, and, on motion, the report was adopted as follows:

"We, your Committee on Home Missions, beg leave to submit the following report: We feel that there is a great need of home mission work. (1) There is among us a class of citizens who need instruction in the principles of the pure Gospel of Christ, viz., our colored people, and we should do all we can to give them the same. (2) We have the Indian Territory, which is depending on us for the Gospel of Christ. (3) We have Cuba, whose people are deluded by Roman Priests. And, as Christ first preached to His own nation, we would urge you brethren to pray for these people and give of your means to send them the Gospel. We would recommend that every Church and every member contribute to the support of Home Missions.

"D. R. ROBINSON, Chairman."

The Treasurer then made his report as follows:

Receipts:		
To balance from last Association.....	\$44	67
" amount for G. W. Ford.....	47	05
" " " Vines Turner.....	6	85
" " " State Missions.....	5	30
" " " collected this meeting.....	55	55
Total receipts.....	\$150	42
Disbursements:		
By amount paid C. W. Walker.....	\$14	30
" " " T. S. Potts.....	5	00
" " " A. G. McManaway.....	5	32
" " " for Minutes last year.....	25	25
" " " R. C. Medaris this meeting.....	29	25
" " " G. W. Ford, Missionary.....	47	05
" " " Vines Turner.....	6	85
	133	02
Balance on hand.....	\$26	10

"Since writing my report I have received in addition:

For Associational Missions.....	\$15	55
" Minutes.....		70

"Respectfully submitted: I. M. SALTER, Treasurer.

On motion, the same was adopted.

The report on Finance was read and adopted as follows:

"Your Committee on Finance would report as follows: We

and

For Printing Minutes.....	\$25 80
" Foreign Missions.....	15 30
" State ".....	13 90
" Home ".....	1 20
" Associational Missions.....	41 20
Total.....	\$97 45

"Respectfully submitted, W. H. LINDSEY, Chairman."

The report on Obituaries was read and adopted as follows:

"We find from the reports of the Churches of the Association that death has visited the following named Churches: Bristol, 1; Mt. Pisgah, 2; Vilonia, 1; Mt. Zion, 2; Conway, 2; Spring Hill, 2; Shady Grove, 1; Liberty, 1; Sulphur Springs, 2; Star Gap, 1; New Liberty, 1; Bethlehem, 1; Oak Bowery, 2; Cadron Ridge, 1; Needs Creek, 1; Marcus Hill, 1; Preston, 1; total, 23. Brethren, we should bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well, and we should extend our heartfelt sympathies to the friends of the deceased, and should we be called from the walks of men before another Associational year closes, may we all be prepared to meet where separation will be no more.

G. B. EVANS, Chairman."

Then the following resolutions were adopted:

"Resolved, That we now elect a Missionary and that we entrust the Elective Board to make the best arrangement with said missionary as to time and salary, to labor at Mayflower, Vilonia and such other weak Churches as wish and need his services."

Upon the adoption of the above resolution the body went into an election of said Missionary, resulting in the choice of Eld. C. B. Parsons.

"Resolved, That the Association allow Bro. P. H. Glover, our Clerk, the sum of \$8 for his services out of the Minute fund, and that he be authorized to have the Minutes printed where he can have it done for the least amount possible.

"J. T. HARPER."

"Resolved, That this body advise the Churches composing this Association to exact letters of recommendation when they can be had.

VINES TURNER."

"Resolved, That we give the Arkansas Baptist the preference of printing our Minutes. J. A. BATSON."

After which the body appointed Corresponding Messengers to sister Associations as follows: Little Red River, V. Turner, C. H. Cheek; United, W. J. Sloan, J. R. Batson; Caroline, G. W. Ford, V. Turner, C. B. Parsons.

On motion, agreed to meet with Cadron Ridge Church, four and a half miles north of Conway, on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1896.

No further business appearing, on motion, the Association adjourned, after singing and taking the parting hand. Benediction by Vines Turner.

Thus closed one of the most profitable sessions of the Greenbrier Association.

JNO. G. B. SIMS, Moderator.

P. H. GLOVER, Clerk.

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TENTH ARTICLE OF CONSTITUTION AS AMENDED.

It shall be the duty of each Church to send up to each annual meeting of this body a letter containing a brief history of her progress since the last session, with the following particulars, to-wit: Her prosperity or adversity; the names of delegates, pastor, deacons, ordained or licensed ministers; her increase by baptism; by letter; by voucher; restored; her decrease by letter; by exclusion; died; total membership; her contribution for pastor's salary; other home expenses; Associational Missions; State Missions; Home Missions; Foreign Missions; ministerial education; number of Sunday school pupils; number of officers and teachers; name and postoffice of the superintendent; amount contributed by the Sunday schools; value of Church property; time of regular Conference meeting.

PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	MESSENGERS.	POSTOFFICES.
Bethlehem.....	J. F. Word...	W. H. Lindsey..	W. H. Lindsey, W. H. Julian.....	Wooster.
Bristol.....	S. P. Davis..	B. F. Winton....	B. H. Gunter, R. N. Rea.....	Bristol.
Bethany.....	B. N. Brown..	J. E. Davidson..	G. S. Bell, J. M. Rickett.....	Mt. Vernon.
Conway.....	W. B. Peoples..	J. G. B. Sims....	J. G. B. Sims, J. L. Randall.....	Conway.
Cadron Ridge.....	J. O. Cantrell..	E. Kuykendall..	G. B. Evans, E. Kuykendall.....	Conway.
Cash Spring.....	P. H. Glover..	J. A. Oliver.....	J. A. Oliver, J. Q. Duncan, M. A. Brown..	Greenbrier.
Cadron Valley.....			Not represented.....	
Harmony.....	P. H. Glover..	A. W. Gray.....	A. W. Gray, G. W. Goodrich.....	Guy.
Macedonia.....	S. P. Davis..	L. M. Carrington..	T. I. Matthew.....	Greenbrier.
Marcus Hill.....	J. O. Cantrell..	J. A. Ingram.....	Hiram Sanders.....	Enola.
Mt. Zion.....	S. P. Davis..	J. D. Starr.....	E. J. Hefington, J. T. Harper.....	Enola.
Mt. Pleasant.....	J. P. Linder..	W. E. Roberts..	W. A. Roberts.....	Vilonia.
Mayflower.....	G. W. Ford..	R. Harrison.....	T. S. Sloan.....	Mayflower.
Mt. Pisgah.....	D. F. Hally..	A. W. Morgan..	Not represented.....	Cato.
Liberty.....	W. B. Holland..	R. E. Breadlove..	J. M. Lea, G. L. Phillips, A. Hay.....	Conway.
New Liberty.....	C. B. Parsons..	W. A. Brawner..	G. M. Walthall, John Honea.....	Hamlet.
New Bethel.....	J. O. Cantrell..	C. M. Acklin....	J. A. Mabry.....	Holland.
Needs Creek.....	S. P. Davis..	W. M. Mills.....	J. M. Loveless.....	Greenbrier.
Oak Bowery.....	W. B. Holland..	J. B. Scaggs....	G. W. Thrasher, C. B. Martin.....	Saltillo.
Pleasant Valley.....	J. A. Batson..	L. S. Ball.....	W. J. Sloan, J. M. Salter.....	Wooster.
Providence.....	Frank Sims..	J. W. DeJournett..	Not represented.....	
Palestine.....	B. N. Brown..	W. W. Lovell....	I. R. H. Gorgins.....	Holland.
Pleasant Grove.....	W. L. Dale..	S. J. Lea.....	A. C. Hoyis.....	Conway.
Preston.....	C. H. Cheek..	Alvis Hilly.....	C. H. Cheek.....	Preston.
Spring Hill.....	J. A. Batson..	G. W. Ball.....	W. P. Sims.....	Linder.
Smyrna.....	W. Nations..	H. J. Kemper....	H. C. H. Fawls.....	Hammons ville
Sulphur Spring.....	C. B. Parsons..	F. J. Halum.....	W. T. Keller.....	Conway.
Star Gap.....	H. P. Glover..	W. M. Ray.....	John Beloit.....	Barnev.
Shady Grove.....	P. H. Glover..	R. B. Sims.....	Not represented.....	Greenbrier.
Vilonia.....	V. Turner.....	B. F. Sheard....	T. W. Waller, B. F. Sheard.....	Vilonia.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

R. C. Madaris.....	Conway
W. B. Peoples.....	Conway
G. W. Ford.....	Wooster
J. A. Batson.....	Wooster
W. M. Mills.....	Greenbrier
P. H. Glover.....	Greenbrier
J. O. Cantrell.....	Greenbrier
Vines Turner.....	Greenbrier
C. B. Parsons.....	Linder
C. H. Cheek.....	Conway
B. N. Brown.....	Mt. Vernon
J. W. McPik.....	Cato
D. R. Robinson.....	Cato
H. P. Glover.....	Guy
R. M. Scott.....	Guy
D. H. Haley.....	Cato

LICENTIATES.

T. L. Ingram.....	Hamlet
E. Loveless.....	Greenbrier
J. P. Boyd.....	Greenbrier
T. M. Mathews.....	Enola
Hiram Sanders.....	Enola

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERSHIP.							FINANCIAL.											Value of Church Prop'ty.	
	Rec. by Baptism.	Rec. by Letter.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Present Membership.	Elders.	Licentiates.	S. S. Officers and Teachers.	S. S. Scholars.	Church Expenses.	S. S. Expense.	Minutes Fund.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.		Total Contributions.
Bethlehem.....	14	2		15	1	1	89			8	46	\$75 00	\$3 60	\$1 25	\$17 85	\$7 15	\$0 70	\$0 80	\$106 35	\$725
Bristol.....	4			9	3	1	50	1						1 25	90				2 15	500
Bethany.....	16	3	5				38							1 10	5 15	50			6 75	
Conway.....	17			24	23	1	102			10	100	334 98	30 00	4 00	11 50	14 00	11 25	15 50	418 23	3000
Cash Spring.....	12	7	1		1		34							1 50					1 50	
Cadron Valley.....																				
Cadron Ridge.....	14				1	1	41	2				30 00		1 00	90	50	50	50	33 40	
Harmony.....			1	2			26							75		25			1 00	
Liberty.....	5	3		3	1	1	79							1 00	2 00	1 00			4 00	
Macedonia.....	3	3	1	4	7	1	97	2	2					70	3 85				4 55	
Mayflower.....	5	3					13							75	5 75				6 50	
Mt. Pisgah.....	10	9	2	1	2	2	81	3						1 15					1 15	
Marcus Hill.....	11		2		1		49							70	3 25	25			4 20	
Mt. Zion.....	7	2		3		2	128							1 25	5 45				6 70	
Mt. Pleasant.....				2	2		18							75		25			1 00	
Needs Creek.....	15	2	1	8		1	75		1					1 00		1 00			2 00	
New Liberty.....	2	2		2	4	1	92							1 00	4 20	1 70			6 90	
New Bethel.....	16	2					35					35 00		1 00	2 65	25			38 90	
Oak Bowery.....	36	1	7	4	11	2	89							1 55		1 00		35	2 90	
Pleasant Valley.....	2	2	1	5	3		81							1 20	9 00	3 10			13 30	800
Palestine.....		2	1	6	1	1	55							1 00	85	25			2 10	
Providence.....														1 80					1 80	
Preston.....	12	1	1	2	2	1	23	1						25	25			2 40	2 90	
Spring Hill.....	2	2	1	1		2	47							50	9 00	25			9 75	
Pleasant Grove.....	4	4					28							1 00		50			1 50	
Smyrna.....	1		1	3	3		33							1 00	3 70	25			4 95	
Sulphur Spring.....	1	1	1	9	4	2	34							1 90		25			1 25	
Star Gap.....	4	2		7		1	40							70	1 25	50			2 45	
Shady Grove.....	3	2		5	1	1	35							1 05					1 05	
Vilonia.....						1	19					8 50		25		50			9 25	150
Totals.....	216	62	26	115	71	23	1531	9	3	18	146	\$483 48	\$33 60	\$28 45	\$87 50	\$33 45	\$12 45	\$19 55	\$698 48	\$4,700