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# PROCEEDINGS.

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The General Association of Southeast Arkansas met with the Baptist Church at Warren, Bradley County, Arkansas, at 3 o'clock p. m., June 16th, 1882.

Rev. A. J. Fawcett was present and presiding. The Secretary, C. D. Wood, Esq., being absent, on motion, J. B. Searcy was chosen Secretary pro. tem. After reading the Scriptures and singing, the President called on Elder W. T. Clements, who led in prayer.

Letters from a number of Churches and Associations were read, and delegates names enrolled. (See statistics.)

Balloting for officers resulted in the choice of Elder W. E. Paxton, President; Elder E. H. Lindsey, Vice-President for Judson Association; Elder R. A. Lee, Vice-President for Bartholomew Association; and Bro. J. S. Fish, Vice-President for Friendship Association. Elder J. B. Searcy was elected Secretary and Treasurer.

The following Committees were appointed:

*On Preaching*—S. Gardner, S. T. W. Meek, J. A. Thornton.

*On Education*—A. J. Fawcett, L. O. Miers, J. R. Searcy.

*On Home Missions*—R. A. Lee, W. I. Carter, Joseph Robertson.

*On Publications*—E. H. Lindsey, R. Clayton, W. H. Barringer.

*On Sabbath Schools*—J. B. Searcy, R. L. Hearston, W. T. Clements.

*On Nominations*—P. P. Garrison, T. I. Pirtle, N. C. Denson.

*On Ways and Means*—T. I. Pirtle, S. Gardner, B. T. Bledsoe.

On motion, adjourned till Saturday, at 8 o'clock a. m. Prayer by Elder A. J. Faweett.

SATURDAY, 8 O'CLOCK A. M.

Spent some time in devotional exercises. The Association was then called to order by the President. The Minutes of the previous day were read and adopted.

The Treasurer read his report, which was adopted. See (A.)

A motion prevailed to take a recess at 11 o'clock a. m., to hear the introductory sermon by Elder R. A. Lee.

The Secretary of the Executive Board read his report, which was approved. See (B.)

The Committee on Home Missions read their report, pending the discussion of which took a recess to hear the introductory sermon, which was preached by Elder R. A. Lee, from Heb. vi, 1. The point in the sermon was in the direction of Christian activity, "go on," and was well stated. At the close of the sermon the Association adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Met for business. Prayer by Dr. Corneleus. The discussion on the Home Mission report was resumed, after which the report was adopted. See (C.)

Dr. B. R. Womack, editor of the *Arkansas Evangel*, arrived and was cordially welcomed to the privileges of the Association, and by vote of the body he was invited to address the Association in the interest of the *Evangel*, which he did in a very forcible speech of ten or fifteen minutes. He thinks the paper is on the high road to success, and he earnestly asks the prayers and patronage of the brethren throughout the State.

The Committee on Publications read their report, which was adopted. See (D.)

The Committee on Nominations read their report, which was adopted. See (E.)

The Committee on Ways and Means read their report, which was discussed, pending which a collection, amounting in cash to \$8.00 and in pledges to \$156.00, was taken for the support of Elder R. A. Lee, as General Missionary for the incoming Associational year. The report was adopted. See (F.)

The Committee on Finance read their report which was adopted. See (G.)

The Committee on Sabbath Schools read their report, which was discussed by Dr. Corneleus and others, after which it was adopted. See (H.)

The Committee on Education read their report, which was discussed and adopted. See (I.)

The following resolutions were adopted:

*Resolved*, 1st. That the thanks of this Association be tendered our Methodist brethren for the use of their house of worship.

*Resolved*, 2nd. That the thanks of this Association be extended to the brethren and citizens of the town of Warren and vicinity for their hospitable entertainment of the members of this body.

*Resolved*, 3rd. That the Secretary be instructed to have all the Minutes printed that the money in the Treasury will pay for, after reserving \$5.00 to pay for expenses on the same.

On motion, adjourned to meet with the Baptist Church in Monticello, Drew County, Ark., on Friday, 3 o'clock p. m., before the 4th Sunday in June, 1883.

A song was sung and the brethren took the parting hand, after which they were led in prayer by Elder T. I. Pirtle.

Thus closed the Seventh Annual Session of the General Association of Southeast Arkansas.

Though the Session was not very largely attended, the business was attended to with great harmony, and all seemed greatly encouraged for the future.

W. E. PAXTON, *President*

J. B. SEARCY, *Secretary*.

## SABBATH.

At 9 o'clock a. m., a large congregation met at the Baptist Church, where Dr. Corneleus organized a Sunday School Convention for Bartholomew Association.

At 11 o'clock Dr. Womack preached a very profound sermon at the Baptist Church.

A collection for Home Missions was taken, amounting to \$3.00 in cash.

Elder A. J. Fawcett preached at the same hour at the Methodist Church. A collection of \$2.20 was taken in cash for Home Missions.

At 3 o'clock p. m., the Sunday School children and workers were invited to meet at the Baptist Church, where they were addressed by Elder A. J. Fawcett and Dr. Corneleus.

At night Dr. Corneleus preached at the Baptist Church to a large congregation. He received in cash for his mission \$7.70, besides pledges. The day was delightfully spent, and we trust the name of the Lord was glorified.

(B.)

*TREASURER'S REPORT.*

1881-82.	DEBIT.	
To cash for Minutes.....		\$21 10
" " " Associational purposes.....		2 50
" " " From old Treasurer.....		14 40
" " " For Missions.....		37 50
Total.....		<u>\$75 50</u>
1881-82.	CREDIT.	
By cash paid for Minutes.....		\$21 20
" " " Treasurer of Board.....		37 50
" " " Eld. R. A. Lee as Miss'y.....		14 40
Total.....		<u>\$73 00—\$73 00</u>
Balance in Treasury.....		\$ 2 50
Respectfully submitted.	J. RITCHEY, Treasurer.	

(B.)

*REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.*

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Your Executive Board beg leave to submit the following report :

The new Board elected at last meeting of the Association was never organized on account of a great number of them suddenly leaving for their homes ; and therefore the old officers held over until this date.

The sum of \$64.80 was received from the former Treasurer on account of Missions, which, together with \$10.20 in the Treasury, was appropriated towards the payment of Elder Hogan Allen's salary as Missionary. The farther sum of \$132.20 was collected by your Board on account of subscriptions to Missions taken within our bounds by Elder J. D. Jameson, State Agent, half of which came into the hands of our Board, as per agreement with Bro. Jameson. Of this amount \$54.50, together with \$20.50 collected by Bro. Allen, was appropriated to final settlement with Bro. Allen, June 14, 1881, at which time he tendered his resignation, which was accepted. [The above report shows the transactions of the Board with her Missionaries up to the time Elder R. A. Lee was employed. A report of his appointment and of his labor, together with a report of the school ; the resignation of Elder Paxton as President ; the employment of Prof. Milton Hank in his stead ; a detailed report of the indebtedness of the Institute, etc., was made, but owing to the fact that the Secretary was greatly hurried in making it up, the report was quite fragmentary ; hence I returned it to him to recast, but from some cause it has never been returned. The report showed efficient work upon the part of the school and Missionary.—*Secretary of Association.*]

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(C.)

*HOME MISSIONS.*

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*To the General Association of Southeast Arkansas :*

Your Committee on Home Missions would submit the following report :

We regard the "subject of Home Missions" as second in its importance to none that can claim our support and attention. We sometimes mistake the matter when we say that "Missions is a part of the Gospel." Missions is the Gospel itself. Jesus Christ said, "preach the Gospel to every living creature" with all the divine authority that he ever said anything directed to us as "his witnesses." There is no work more scriptural and more important to this body than its Mission work is.

In our bounds we have ten or eleven counties. Only seven of these have been partially occupied during the present Associational year, thus leaving five or six counties that have not been reached at all. In these bounds there is considerable destitution. The communities where there are no churches and no preachers are sufficiently extensive to employ the time and efforts of at least three active, consecrated men. Our work is, in fact, a complicated one, it being necessary for our Missionary to labor with the Churches that have pastors, in order to raise his support, and do anything for our school, which is a part of his regular work. Your Committee would, therefore, suggest, 1st. That this body endeavor, as far as possible, to secure the actual co-operation of the three District Associations connected with us in our Home Mission work; 2nd. That such steps be taken during our present session as will secure the support of one General Missionary to act in the same capacity that your Missionary for the present year has done; and, 3rd. That this body, at its earliest possible convenience, employ suitable men to occupy the places of actual destitution.

In concluding their report, your Committee hopes that in your wisdom and piety you will use every possible effort to awaken a deeper and more abiding interest in the exalted work of



Home Missions. We realize that our greatest difficulty in regard to Missions is our want of interest in it.

Respectfully submitted.

R. A. LEE, *Chairman.*

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### PUBLICATIONS.

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Your Committee on Publications in this report express their convictions relative to the mission and importance of publications as educators. Their mission is to do good, and nothing else can supply their place. To read, study and improve our minds is the duty of every rational being, and since that which we read and study principally directs our minds and shapes our lives, it is the greatest moment to us that we are careful in our selection of the publications offered for sale or otherwise. We should be careful to select those that not only teach truth, but those which teach the whole truth. The Holy Scriptures are regarded by all professing Christianity as containing the truth of God, both as to our duty toward Him and toward our fellows. Our whole duty is therein set forth with that clearness and simplicity that none need err. We therefore recommend that our brethren, sisters and children read it with that interest and confidence that shall honor its author.

While we thus commend the Bible, and the Bible only as the standard, we would not fail to speak favorably of our beloved *Evangel*, edited by Womack & Searcy. The *Evangel* is sound in doctrine, a faithful exponent of Bible doctrine, and strictly Christian in spirit; and now since the *Evangel* is interested and working in our interest, and laboring to build up our Zion, and bringing us nearer and nearer together in the great work assigned the Church; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the *Evangel* be regarded and adopted as the one paper, above all others, as being the most conducive to our strength, peace and prosperity.

There are many publications in our connection that are, in all respects, worthy of our patronage, and would be glad if we were able to aid in the support of all; but until we can do so, let us rally to the support of the *Evangel*, as by it we stand and build up our Zion in the State.

E. H. LINDSEY, *Chairman*.

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(E.)

**NOMINATIONS.**

Your Committee on Nominations would recommend that the next session of this Association be holden with the Baptist Church at Monticello, Drew County, Ark., beginning at 3 o'clock p. m., on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in June, 1883; that the introductory sermon be preached by Elder J. B. Searcy, with Elder E. H. Lindsey alternate; that the Missionary sermon be preached by Elder W. E. Paxton, with Elder R. A. Lee alternate. We recommend the following Board of Trustees:

Sol. Gardner, W. E. Paxton, W. F. Mack, J. Ritchey, C. C. Gannaway, A. C. Jones, J. B. Searcy, E. H. Lindsey, M. Y. Moran, B. C. Hyatt, A. J. Fawcett, S. T. W. Meek.

Respectfully submitted.

T. I. PIRTLE, *Chairman*.

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(F.)

**WAYS AND MEANS.**

Your Committee on Ways and Means would recommend the re-election of Elder R. A. Lee as General Missionary and Financial Agent, at such a salary as may be agreed upon by the Executive Board.

We further recommend that a collection in cash and pledges be now taken up, to be used in payment of the salary of Bro. Lee, should he serve us next year.

We further recommend that our Financial Agent be instructed to ask of each Baptist within our bounds a special con-

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tribution of one dollar, to pay off indebtedness, repair and improve school property.

T. I. PIRTLE, *Chairman.*

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(G.)

*FINANCE.*

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Your Committee on Finance would make the following report :

We find in the hands of the former Treasurer \$2.50 ; sent for Home Missions, \$3.55 ; sent for Foreign Missions, \$2.00 ; amount sent for printing Minutes, \$17.85.

Respectfully submitted.

S. T. W. MEEK, *Chairman.*

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(H.)

*SUNDAY SCHOOLS.*

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Your Committee on Sunday Schools would report that experience has shown that where Baptist Churches can be sustained Baptist Sunday Schools can also be sustained, provided, only, that consecrated Christian workers can be found resolved to sustain them.

It is a lamentable fact that less than one-fourth of the Baptist Churches in Arkansas sustain Sunday Schools. In not a few neighborhoods our people are letting other denominations excel them in the work of training the young.

We exhort the Churches of this body, by their regard for those great principles held so tenaciously by us, and by their love for Christ and the souls of their children, to take a foremost place in Sunday School work.

Let us not be content with less than a Sunday School for every Church, and that Sunday School to continue the year round.

We recommend to all our Sunday Schools Dr. S. Corneleus, Sunday School Missionary for the State. As he receives half his pay from the A. B. Publication Society, he sells the books of that Society, which we heartily commend.

Submitted.

J. B. SEARCY, *Chairman.*

(I.)  
EDUCATION.

READ BEFORE GENERAL ASSOCIATION S. E. ARKANSAS, IN  
 WARREN, JUNE, 1882.

*Brother President:*

We, your Committee, beg leave to report the following:

We notice in the 3rd article of the constitution of this Association that one object for which the body was organized was "promote education." The subject, therefore, demands our earnest consideration.

Our people need to be impressed that education is a life-long progress, rather than a thing which may be completed by mechanically going through a college curriculum.

Education, properly speaking, is the continued process of leading out the powers of the mind and soul in the direction of eternal truth. And one who thinks that this may be accomplished within a few months or years has fallen very far short of the truth of the matter. In promoting education, therefore, by building, endowing and patronizing schools, we assist the young in acquiring the habit of study, in creating within them a thirst for knowledge, in giving to them the masterly power of drawing clear distinctions between things that differ, and of carefully balancing considerations so as to arrive at safe and sure conclusions. In a word, to promote education is to assist others in acquiring knowledge and knowing things. It is a grand work

We must either give our children that class-room drill which will serve as a foundation upon which to build their future usefulness and independence, or we must leave them all their lives hampered by ignorance and domineered over by their superiors. If we would be true to the best interests of our children, true to the ages which are to come after us, and true to the trust which God has committed to us, we must educate the youth of the land. We would, therefore, urge that as citizens and as factors in the great net-work of human society, that it is

our duty to encourage every legitimate enterprise that looks to the education of the masses.

With special emphasis we would insist that, as a General Association, it is our duty, by our influence, patronage and endowment, to encourage our own school, the Centennial Institute, the child of this body. Since it is our child it naturally looks to us for support. Can we do the heartless thing of turning a deaf ear while it cries for help? We are very much pained to know that it becomes necessary, on account of overwork, to give up Elder W. E. Paxton, the able principal of this institution, who, with his efficient assistants, has labored so earnestly and sacrificed so nobly, through the recent financial crisis, to sustain the school. We are much rejoiced to know that their places have been filled by those whose past career as teachers warrant us in the belief of the future success of the Centennial Institute. Let us labor to that end. ?

All of which we submit.

A. J. FAWCETT,  
*Chairman of Committee.*

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES AND ASSOCIATIONS	DELEGATES.	CLERK OF CHURCHES.	P. O. ADDRESS	MINUTES.	MEMBERS.	MEMBERS - M.
Spring Hill.....	J. R. Halcomb, W. T. Clements.....	J. R. Halcomb.....	Gravel Ridge.....	\$ 1 00		
Hamburg.....	A. J. Fawcett, S. T. W. Meek.....	A. W. Files.....	Hamburg.....	2 00		
Warren.....	W. E. Paxton, S. Gardner.....	J. H. Reynolds.....	Warren.....	2 00	2 00	2 55
Monticello.....	R. Clayton.....	J. F. Bussey.....	Monticello.....	2 00		
Enon.....	J. B. Searcy, J. R. Searcy.....	J. E. Ferguson.....	Annover.....	1 00		1 00
Union Hill.....	J. J. Richardson, J. P. Johnson.....	J. J. Richardson.....	Simpson.....	. 50		
Oak Ridge.....	B. C. Hyatt, J. W. Measels.....	J. W. Measels.....	Montingo.....	1 00		
New Prospect.....	L. T. Temple, R. L. Hearston.....	J. C. Bratton.....	Warren.....	. 85		
Concord.....	W. H. Barringer, F. Hickman.....	W. H. Barringer.....	Moro Ray.....	. 85		
Bethesda.....	E. H. Lindsey, H. T. Bledsoe.....	Joe Robertson.....	Chambersville.....	1 25		
Antioch.....	T. I. Pirtle, A. Thornton.....	J. A. Thornton.....	Gravel Ridge.....	1 00		1 00
New Edinburg.....	W. I. Carter, T. A. Moseley.....	W. I. Carter.....	New Edinburg.....	1 00	2 00	
Holly Springs.....	H. P. Tober, W. J. Kinard.....	B. F. Tober.....	Simpson.....	1 00	1 00	2 25
Ebenezer.....	F. Vessy, P. P. Garrison.....	Alvin Oneal.....	Warren.....	1 00		
Hickory Grove.....	C. F. Jenkins, S. J. Fish.....	S. J. Fish.....	Star City.....	2 00	2 00	
Woodlawn.....	A. L. Odlin.....	W. A. White.....	Monticello.....	. 75		11 60
Judson Ass'n.....	E. H. Lindsey, L. O. Miers, W. I. Carter.....	E. H. Lindsey.....	Millville.....			
Bartholomew.....	H. A. Lee, A. J. Fawcett.....	H. A. Lee.....	Warren.....			
Friendship.....	J. B. Searcy, M. Y. Moran, J. S. Fish.....	J. B. Searcy.....	Annover.....			

Visiting Brethren : N. C. Denson, W. F. Mack, B. P. Trammell, T. S. Meek, E. Breithaupt, O. B. Hale, Albert Vearoy, W. N. Atkins, A. C. Jones, J. J. Daniel, J. Ritchey, A. C. Jones