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The Fourth Annual Session of the United Association was held with the Oak Bowery Church, embracing the second Sabbath in September, 1878.

Saturday morning at the hour of 11 o'clock the brethren were called together by singing, after which the Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. W. T. Box.

After a short recess, the Association was called together by the former Moderator, when the body engaged in prayer, led by O. M. Lucas.

The following business was then transacted, to-wit:

First—Called for letters from the different Churches and enrolled the names of Messengers. (See Statistical Table.)

On motion, dispensed with the regular order of business and extended an invitation to new Churches to unite with the Association.

To the invitation one Church responded, viz: Cherry

Hill, Perry County, Ark. The body being satisfied as to her soundness in the faith, the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to her Messengers.

The Association now proceeded to a permanent organization by re-electing Eld. W. T. Box, Moderator, and O. M. Lucas, Clerk.

The following Committees were appointed by the Moderator:

On Devotional Exercises, the Deacons of Oak Bowery Church and H. Birch, J. L. Gann and G. R. Humphries.

On Arrangements—G. W. Ford, T. Nutt, C. H. Herring and J. Mayall.

On motion, adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by Eld. J. Mayall.

SABBATH—11 O'CLOCK.

Preaching by Eld. W. A. Clark, S. M., after which a collection was taken up for Home Missions amounting to \$14.50.

At 4 o'clock P. M., preaching by Dr. T. B. Espy, Editor Western Baptist.

Preaching at night by Bro. J. Y. Campbell.

All the preaching of this day was such as the Lord is ever pleased to bless with his gracious presence.

MONDAY MORNING—9 O'CLOCK.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Dr. Espy.

First—Called the roll and marked absentees.

Second—Invited visiting Brethren to seats with us.

when Brethren W. A. Clark, S. M., and Dr. T. B. Espy, Editor Western Baptist, came forward.

Third—Called for the Report of the Committee on Arrangements. The Committee recommended the order of business for last year, which was adopted.

Reports of Committees being the regular order of business, the Moderator called for the Report of the Committee on Home Missions, which was read and adopted, as follows :

Believing, as we do, that God has appointed the preaching of the Gospel as one of the means by which the world is to be brought to the knowledge of the truth, as it is in Christ Jesus, and fully endorsing the Missionary doctrine of sending men forth to declare the great truths of the Gospel, we would earnestly call the attention of this body to the immediate necessity of sending one or more Missionaries to the field to labor in the destitute portions. Brethren, the destitution is great! Let us place the pure Gospel before our people. To do this requires money. The Missionary must be sustained. Brethren, we appeal to you; we urge upon you, that in your wisdom you devise some plan by which this work may be sustained. We pray the Members of this body remember your covenants; honor your calling by discharging this duty. We pray the Master's blessing upon you and upon this work. Respectfully submitted,

J. Y. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

Pending the discussion of the above report a resolution was adopted requesting one Brother from each Church to subscribe his name and obligate himself to present the claims of Missions to his Church and ascertain what his Church will do and forward to Bro. J. R. Jones, Chairman Executive Board, a statement of the amount by the first day of January, 1879.

In accordance with said resolution, the following Brethren submitted their names :

Cudron Valley—T. J. Mathews.

Mount Moriah—N. Geer.

- Mount Zion*—J. Y. Campbell.
- Mount Pleasant*—G. W. Ford.
- Palestine*—J. L. Gann.
- Springfield*—O. M. Lucas.
- Oak Bowery*—J. W. Graham.
- Pleasant Hill*—W. J. Simms.
- Conway*—J. W. Buckner.
- Antioch No. 2*—B. D. Lankister.
- Bayou*—T. Nutt.
- Hopewell*—A. C. Hays.
- Sardis*—J. M. W. Massingale.
- Pleasant Valley*—N. Hiette.
- Lone Grove*—J. Mayall.
- Harmony*—C. H. Herring.
- Antioch*—E. H. Rankin.
- Needo Creek*—R. R. Kirby.
- Mountain View*—W. L. Wolverton.
- Valley Home*—S. A. Neal.
- Siloam*—J. Hubbard.
- Cherry Hill*—C. P. Kershaw.

Also a resolution prevailed looking to co-operation with the S. B. of M., as follows :

Resolved, That this Association heartily endorses the efforts of the State Convention in Missionary work, and that by our prayers and contributions we will co-operate in their work ; and, be it further resolved, that we cordially recommend Bro. W. A. Clark, the faithful and efficient Missionary of the Board, to the favorable regards of this entire body.

The Report on Ministerial Education was next called for and read and adopted, as follows :

Your Committee on Ministerial Education submit the following: Inasmuch as we hold that the Baptist Church of Christ is the only true Church ; and, whereas, the Church of Christ is one of the mediums by and through which the *Truth* is to be promulgated ; and, whereas, the Ministry, as the servants of the Church, constitute the prime agency through which *she* more effectually accomplishes her great mission ; and, whereas, the Church is

accountable to God for the doctrines that are propagated through her Ministry. Therefore, we would earnestly recommend that all the Brethren composing this Association give the subject of Ministerial Education a prayerful investigation. We feel assured that, if they will do this, they will enter heartily, not only with their *voices*, but with their *purses*, in rearing up institutions where our young Ministers may enjoy the opportunity of preparing themselves to meet and successfully combat the many dangerous errors and doctrines, not only of faith, but of practice so prevalent in our land. In addition to all this, they will then be able to expound the word of God to the edifying the body of Christ.

Respectfully submitted, G. W. FORD, Chairman.

Called for the Report on Foreign Missions, which was read and adopted, as follows: Your Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report the Command, "Go Ye Therefore and Teach all Nations." This marching order, given by our great Commander on Olives glory crowned summit above, eighteen hundred years ago, is still ringing in the heart and pressing upon the conscience of every true soldier of the Cross. The cry, "Come Over and Help Us," that comes welling up from the perishing millions of God's creatures; and the command of our Lord, go teach them, ought to be enough to give every redeemed soul a mighty impulse to send or carry the "Glad Tidings of Great Joy" to all people, and the finger of God, in His Providence, appears to be pointing us especially to the three great fields far across the sea. *First*—China. This field demands our attention. Can we not help China some? Italy—Pope-ridden and Papal-cursed Italy, now under the guiding hand of Providence, has the pure Gospel preached to her people. This work demands our sympathy and aid. Poor Africa! She too demands some attention from us, who are the favored of God. Yes, Africa, with her millions, is crying, "Come Over and Help Us." In consideration of these facts your Committee would recommend that all our people give this subject their prayerful attention. Respectfully submitted,

J. MAYALL, Chairman.

Pending the discussion of the above report a collection was taken up for the Rome Chapel, amounting to \$5.20.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Finance would report that they have received for Printing Minutes, \$33.05; for Home Missions, \$14.50; for Foreign Missions, \$5.20. Total, \$52.75.

We recommend that the Secretary superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes, and receive \$10.00 for his services. Respectfully submitted,

T. NUTT, Chairman.

The Report on Publications was read and adopted, as follows:

Your Committee on Publications would recommend first that the word of God be studied by our people more than we have been wont to do in the past.

We recommend further, that in addition to the study of the Bible, our people take and read such religious literature as shall be best adapted to aid them in its study.

As such literature we recommend first of all the *Western Baptist*, edited by our worthy Brother, Dr. T. B. Espy, and would urge upon our Brethren to support this enterprise by subscribing for and reading our State Paper.

We further recommend *Kind Words* as our Sunday-School Paper.

We would also recommend *The Baptist and Ford's Christian Repository* as worthy exponents of Baptist faith. Respectfully submitted,

O. M. LUCAS, Chairman.

On motion, the Association went into an election of some one to represent her on the Editorial Staff of the *Western Baptist*, resulting in the choice of W. T. Box.

The Report of Missionary was read, a synopsis of which is herewith presented.

On account of ill health of his family, our Missionary was unable to begin work until the first of February. He established appointments at three or four destitute points,

but after a time he was forced to relinquish all but one. At this point he continued labor until a short time before the meeting of the Association.

The result of his labors at this point—the organization of a Baptist Church—which, but for his prostration by sickness, would have applied for admission to the Association.

Received from all sources \$11.50 and \$1.50 at the Association, making a total amount of \$13.00.

At this point the Association went into the choice of Missionary for the next Associational Year, resulting in the election of Eld. G. W. Ford.

The Association next proceeded to the election of an Executive Board, resulting as follows: J. R. Jones, Chairman; G. P. Minor, W. H. C. Nixon, Robert Hill and O. M. Lucas.

On motion, District Meetings continued every Fifth Sabbath.

On motion, it was unanimously agreed to hold the next meeting of this body with the Bayou Church, Pope County, Ark., Saturday, before the Second Sabbath in September, 1879.

The Association now went into the choice of Ministers to preach the Introductory and Missionary Sermons at our next meeting, resulting as follows: Introductory Sermon, O. M. Lucas; C. H. Herring, Alternate. Missionary Sermon, G. W. Ford; J. Y. Campbell, Alternate.

The following resolutions prevailed:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to our Moderator and Secretary for the efficient manner with which they have discharged the duties of their respective offices.

Resolved, That this body do now tender its very grateful thanks to the Church and community for the very kind and hospitable manner with which they have entertained it during its sittings.

All the business having been attended to, the Brethren united in one of the songs of Zion, during which they

gave each other the parting hand. The Association then united in prayer, led by Dr. Espy.

Thus closed the Fourth Annual Session of the United Association, peace and harmony prevailing.

W. T. Box, Moderator.

O. M. Lucas, Secretary.

NOTE.—There was reported \$4.50 for Missions in the letters. The Secretary received \$1.00 for Bro. Broadway and cannot say where the remainder is. CLERK.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

| NAME OF CHURCH | PASTOR | CLERK. | NAMES OF MESSENGERS. | Received by E.A. and Baptized. | Received by Letter | Received by Re-formation. | Dis-missed by Letter | Dis-missed by Ex-clusion | Dis-missed by Death | Amount sent for Minutes | Amount sent Missions. | Number of confirmed Ministers | Deacons | Total Number in Fellowship. |
|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|---|--------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| New Bethel, .. | O M Lucas | J J Stanton | | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | | | | | 24 |
| Endron Valley. | J Y Campbell. | J J Cantrell | T J Mathews and A Gordon | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | 1 | 22 |
| Mt. Moriah, | W A Hutto | J J Martin | S Gerr, W S Leslie and T J Day | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | | 20 |
| Mt Zion | J Y Campbell | R B Huffington | J Y Campbell and R B Huffington | 0 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 24 |
| * Macedonia | | S Glenn | | | | | | | | | | | | 17 |
| Mt. Pleasant | O M Lucas | A Caperton | G W Ford and W T Box | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 24 |
| * New Prospect | | R H Gunter | | | | | | | | | | | | 24 |
| Palestine | A M Branon. | W S Thompson | J Jennings, W S Thompson and J L Giam | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | | | | | 05 |
| Springfield. | O M Lucas | J M Aeterson | O M Lucas and G R Humphries | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | | 24 |
| * Friendship | B H Bearden | W J Smith | | 0 | | | | | | | | | | 21 |
| Oak Bowery. | A M Branon | B F Griffith | J W Graham, B F Griffith and R C Davidson | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | 11 |
| Pleasant Hill | J Mayall | W W Reed | W W Reed and J W Shims | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | | 24 |
| Conway | T H Espy | W E Randle | W E Randle and J W Buckner | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | | 19 |
| Antioch No. 2 | W T Box | J H Sugg | B D Lambister | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | 24 |
| Bayou | T Nutt | S P Adams | T Nutt, R Birch and J M Cox. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | | 21 |
| Hopewell | T Moody | A C Hays | A C Hays and J C Mawhin | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | | | 24 |
| Sardis | W T Box | J M W Massingill. | J M W Massingill and W J Williams. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | | 18 |
| Pleasant Valley | G W Ford | N J Adams | N B Harde and W W Butt- | 0 | 3 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | | 24 |
| Lone Grove | J Mayall | W P Melton. | J Mayall. | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | | 14 |
| * Pleasant Spring. | T Moody | | | | | | | | | | | | | 24 |
| Harmony | C H Herring | E C Wilburn | C H Herring | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | | 24 |
| Antioch No. 1. | H R Cheek | T J Cook | J Johnson | 0 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 15 |
| Nesbo Creek | C H Herring | James Glenn | R R Kirby | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 23 |
| Spring Hill | C H Herring | W H Ludsey | T J Harvey | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | | 26 |
| Mountain View | J E Drake. | E A Woolverton. | J S Seal and W L Woolverton | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | | 22 |
| * Pleasant Grove | | R S Hill | | | | | | | | | | | | 27 |
| * Union Hill | | T P Metilone | | | | | | | | | | | | 10 |
| Valley Home | C H Herring. | T T Pike | H F Parish and S A Seal | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | | 22 |
| * New Hope | | A B Henry | | | | | | | | | | | | 14 |
| Sloam | C H Herring | S A Burroughs | J Hubbard | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 25 |
| * Opens Spring. | | W F Cates. | | | | | | | | | | | | 14 |
| Cherry Hill | H R Cheek | C P Kerstow | C P Kerstow | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | 14 |

Churches Marked with a * not Represented.