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The body being assembled and the appointed ministers, W. W. Carson and H. L. Wasson were present to preach the introductory sermon. The eighteenth Psalm was read by W. W. Carson and after singing, prayer was offered by Elder J. A. Shackelford. The sermon was preached from the 35th and 36th verses of the 4th chapter of St. John. Closing prayer by Elder J. J. Hughes. The body then adjourned until 2 P. M. At 2 P. M. the body came together by singing, after a beautiful repast. The body being called to order, the former moderator (Elder H. L. Wasson,) read the 95th Psalm. The body then sung the hymn, "A Charge to Keep I Have," etc.

The moderator then offered prayer after which he declared the body ready for business.



1st. Called for the letters from the various churches. The response was as follows: (A. F. Wilson, J. N. Wasson and Wm. Willis were appointed to read the letters). Received letters from the following named churches:

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| 1. Salem.          | 13. Spring Grove,    |
| 2. Mt. Ida.        | 14. Bethlemem.       |
| 3. Mt. Zion (N.)   | 15. Zion Hill.       |
| 4. Bethel.         | 16. New Home.        |
| 5. Forest Hill.    | 17. Union.           |
| 6. Black Springs.  | 18. Mt. Zion S.      |
| 7. Valley Grove.   | 19. Mt. Pisgah.      |
| 8. Liberty.        | 20. Mt. Mariah.      |
| 9. Caney Valley.   | 21. Mt. Pleasant.    |
| 10. Macedonia.     | 22. Providence.      |
| 11. Antioch.       | 23. Pleasant Valley. |
| 12. Mountain Home. |                      |

2nd. Called for petitionary letters. None.

3rd. The body elected officer as follows: A. R. Chitwood, John Welch and A. F. Wilson held the ballot respectively for moderator, clerk and treasurer. Result: J. J. Hughes was elected moderator, E. Wright clerk and John Welch, treasurer.

4th. S. T. Moran, J. B. Echols, A. R. Chitwood and W. H. Guthery were appointed a preaching committee.

5th. Invited visiting members to seats with us.

6th. Called for correspondence. Response Elder J. E. Harris and Elder J. R. Hardy from Red River Association. Also letters from Ouachita Association, Big Fork Association with A. J. Strickling and A. A. Bates as delegates, Buckville Association with C. C. Fuqua a delegate.

7th. The appointment of committees. The body enacted that the moderator and clerk have time until next morning to appoint the committees which will be named with the reports of the same. The appointments will be known in the report of the preaching committee. Adjourned until 8 o'clock A. M. next Monday. Closing prayer by Elder John Smith.

Monday at 8 A. M. the moderator read the 7th chapter of Matthew, and hymn, "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand," etc. we sung. Prayer was offered by Elder J. R. Hardy.

1st. By action the body limited the time of speeches generally to five minutes.

2nd. The call was called and absentees marked.

3rd. Called for the reports of committees. Received and adopted, as follows, the report of the Sunday School Convention, A. D. 1893:

The Caddo River Baptist Sunday School Convention met with Bethel church in Pike county, Ark., on Friday, at 11 o'clock A. M., before the second Sunday in August. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. J. Hughes. Text, 2nd Tim., 4th chap. 2nd verse. Then the committee adjourned until 3 P. M.

### THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The convention was opened by President W. F. Willis reading the 2nd chapter of 2nd Timothy, and he offered prayer.

1st. Read the constitution of the convention.

2nd. Called for the letters from churches and schools.

Elder J. M. Smith and W. W. McLain were appointed to read the letters. The letters were read and the messengers' names enrolled.

On motion elected officers by acclamation as follows:

W. F. Willis, president; Elder J. M. Smith, vice president; W. W. Smith, secretary and W. W. McLain, Treasurer.

Brethren George Welch, W. W. McLain and A. J. Black were appointed a preaching committee.

Elder J. J. Hughes, Brother George Welch and Sisters S. A. McLain, M. E. Smith and E. T. Smith were appointed a musical class.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M., Saturday morning.

### SATURDAY, 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

The convention was opened by the president reading the 3rd chapter of Hebrews and prayer by W. W. Smith.



1st. Appointed a committee to arrange a programme for the next session as follows: George Welch, W. W. McLain and Elder J. M. Smith.

2nd. Called roll and marked absentees.

3rd. Called for the reports of superintendants of schools. Reports very favorable.

4th. Called for essays, when Sister Mattie E. Smith presented an essay on "Sabbath Schools."

On motion the convention adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Elder J. J. Hughes preached from the 6th verse, 2nd chapter of Hebrews.

THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The president read the 3rd chapter of John and offered prayer and resumed business.

The next essay was read by Sister Docia Hollingshead on "Woman's Work in the Church." Also one by W. W. Smith on the "Origin of Sunday Schools." And one by Elder A. Nelson on "Christian Piety." And one by Elder J. M. Smith on the "Relationship Between Church and Sunday Schools." One by G. T. Howell and T. A. Hollingshead, on "Prayer." We next had an address by our worthy president on the "Importance of the Early Cultivation of the Mind." And one by Elders J. P. Welch, J. J. Hughes and Brother G. T. Howell, severally.

On motion this body agreed to hold its next session with Antioch church near Caddo Gap, in Montgomery county, on Friday, at 11 o'clock A. M., before the second Sunday in August A. D., 1894.

The committee on programme for the next session reported as follows:

Introductory sermon by Elder H. T. Howell with Elder J. A. Shackelford, alternate. Essay by R. C. Fields on "Duty of Parents in Sunday Schools." Essay by Elder W. W. Carson, subject: "What Influence has Sunday Schools on the Rising

Generation." Essay by Sister S. A. McLain, subject of her choice. Essay by Sister Docia Hollingshead, subject of her choice. One by Sister Allie Fields, subject of her choice. One by Sister M. E. Hardy, on "Prayer." One by C. G. Ham, subject of his choice.

On motion adjourned until 9 A. M., Sunday morning.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

Preaching by Elders A. Nelson and J. M. Smith. Text, 13th verse and 5th chapter of John.

SUNDAY, 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Convention was opened by the vice president, Elder J. M. Smith, who read the 6th chapter of Ephesians, and offered prayer.

We had a Sunday School lesson continued by the president. Miscellaneous business.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to Bethel church and vicinity for their kindness in entertaining this body.

There was a collection taken up to help pay for minutes. Amount, \$2.05.

On motion the convention adjourned to meet with Antioch church on Friday at 11 o'clock, before the second Sunday in August, A. D. 1894.

W. F. WILLIS, President.  
W. W. SMITH, Secretary.



STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	POST OFFICE.
Antioch.....	N. O. Ham, John Welch.....	Caddo Gap.
Caney Valley.....	W. W. McLaine, S. A. McLaine.....	Amity.
Valley Grove.....	Mary Hughes, A. J. Black.....	Rock Creek.

SCHOOLS	SUPERINTENDANTS	MESSENGERS.	P. O.	NO.
Amity.....	G. T. Howell.....	J. A. Deaton, L. Osborne, V. Tulmer.....	Amity.....	68
Antioch.....	C. G. Ham.....	George Welch, A. J. Welch.....	Caddo Gap.....	61
Bethel.....	W. F. Willis.....	Eliza Kelsey.....	Rock Creek.....	37
Caney Valley.....	W. W. Smith.....	M. E. Smith, W. D. Thornton.....	Rock Creek.....	46
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There were several warm speeches in favor of Sunday Schools.

2nd. Churches duties to pastors.—It is the duty of the church to look after the financial interest of its pastor and visit him. If the pastor leaves his home to attend to the spiritual interest of the church, it should look after his temporal interest. Brethren let us help to blow the trumpet in behalf of Zion.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. CUNNINGHAM.

T. A. VOLentine.

R. V. HELTON.

3rd. On documents.—We find represented four corresponding associations, viz.: Ouachita, Red River, Buckville and Big Fork. We find four letters petitioning the next session of this body to be held with them, viz.: New Home, Macedonia, Black Springs and Salem.

A. NELSON.

L. MELSON.

W. J. CHITWOOD.

4th. Obituary.—While many of us have been spared, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call from among us, the following named members:

Mt. Pleasant church.—Brother Ruff departed this life August 19th, A. D. 1893. He was a deacon, aged 74 years.

Mt. Zion church, Hot Spring county.—One died.

Liberty church, Montgomery county.—The much beloved Elder J. H. West, departed this life November 20th, A. D. 1892, aged 70 years.

Black Springs church.—One, Sister Mary Floyd.

Caney Valley church.—Died one, R. A. Herring, aged 53 years. Also Sister Alice Crockett, died March 14th.

Antioch church.—Died two.

Dear brethren: While it has pleased the alwise God to call from among us the above named brethren and sisters, let us thank and praise him for his goodness and mercies to us, and resolved; that this body offer their condolence to the bereaved relatives and friends.

Macedonia church, Montgomery county.—Brother G. W. D. Johnson, born May 19th, A. D. 1835, and died March 10th. A. D. 1893.

W. F. WILLIS.

J. C. THOMAS.

A. F. WILSON.

5th. On temperance.—We find that the influence of temperance is growing stronger, and that many are leaving off the use of intoxicating lipuor.

J. E. COCKRELL.

J. P. CATES.

LEE BERRY.

6th. Duties of Pastors to churches.—The pastors should attend regularly all the churches under their care, preach the word in its purity, contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints, visit the membership one and all, and use his best energies to obtain a full attendance at each stated meeting encourage Prayer Meetings and Sunday Schools in every church, and impress upon the members all of their christian duties as a church.

N. L. HUGGINS.

S. Z. MORAN.

W. F. RUCKER.

7th. The state of religion.—We rejoice to learn that in various parts of the association, there have been many precious revivals; and the cause of our Redeemer's Kingdom greatly



built up, and people of God edified. While in other parts the cause seems to languish for this we do not rejoice. Brethren, let us all arise in the power of Israel's God and spirit of our Savior and pray God to remove every thing that would hinder our advancement in the holy life.

J. R. MOTLEY.

G. W. WELCH.

E. BURNS.

8th. On destitution.—We regret to report that we have west from Bethlehem church, a large destitution of thirty or forty miles in length, and twelve or fifteen miles in width. There is only one church and no ordained ministers in this destitution. We also find north from Mt. Ida to Ouachita river, thirty miles in length and fifteen miles in width, no church or preaching. We pray God to so move upon the hearts of this association, to adopt a resolution to supply those destitutions, so that the cause of Christ may be spread abroad in the land of this association.

M. A. ROBBINS.

W. P. TAYLOR.

#### 9th. Treasurer's report of the Missionary Board:

Amount on hand last association .....	\$5 55
Amount received since last association from churches and pledges—	
From Caney Valley .....	\$ 5 00
From Valley Grove .....	6 00
From Bethel .....	3 00
The old amount .....	5 55
Total, - - - - -	\$19 50

On missions (adopted and amended.) We, your committee on missions, would respectfully report: We find that there is still a great need of a missionary being in the field in our bounds. We recommend that every minister, for the love he has for his Master, do all that he can in the field as a missionary, also that if the board can, that they send a man into the field.

Amendment.—The body enacted that the board be continued: also that they put a missionary in the field as soon as the means will justify them in doing so. Also W. J. Chitwood and W. P. Taylor were appointed members of the Missionary Board.

D. T. DRIGGERS.

A. DIFFEY.

Adjourned until 1 o'clock A. M.

ONE O'CLOCK A. M.

The body came together by singing.

1st. Adopted the report of the Preaching Committee, viz.: At Caney Valley, Saturday night, A. A. Bates and T. J. Cunningham. Text, Proverbs, 8th chapter, 1st verse.

At Clem schoolhouse, T. A. Volentine and J. R. Motley. Text, St. John, 19th chapter, 5th verse.

J. E. Harris at J. R. Motley's. Text, 1st John, 3rd chapter, 1st verse.

S. B. Redwine and J. A. Howell at Brother Bagwell's. Text, John, 11th chapter, 28th verse.

SUNDAY MORNING.

At 9 o'clock A. M.—S. B. Redwine and D. T. Driggers. Text, Ephesians, 4th chapter, 1st verse.

At 11 o'clock A. M.—J. J. Holland and H. T. Howell. Text, Matthew, 27th chapter, 23rd verse.

At 3 o'clock P. M.—A. Nelson and E. Wright. Text, 1st Corinthians, 6th chapter, 19th and 20th verses.

At night.—J. J. Hughes and H. L. Wasson. Text, Matthew, 18th chapter, 18th verse.

At Clem schoolhouse.—W. P. Taylor and T. J. Cunningham. Text, "I am not alone."

At E. M. Smallen's, Wm. Webb and A. A. Bates. Text, St. John, 3rd chapter, 14th verse.

A. R. CHITWOOD.

S. Z. MORAN.

J. B. ECHOLS.

W. H. GUTHERY.



On finance.—We find on hand for printing minutes and associational purposes—

From churches.....\$28 30  
From Sunday School convention ..... 2 05

Total, - - - - - \$30 35

A. D. STOVALL.

J. M. SMITH.

G. B. ECHOLS.

3rd. By action this body agreed to hold its next session with New Home church near Bear, Garland county, Ark. The introductory to be preached at 11 o'clock on Saturday, embracing the second Sunday in September, A. D. 1894.

Resolution 1. Be it resolved that this body empower the Missionary Board to receive the funds when collected from the churches and employ a missionary where and when they think best, and to map out his work as they think best; and that the churches be requested to send severally a messenger to correspond with said board and give an account of their liberality in money or produce.

Resolution 2. Resolved that the thanks of this body be tendered to the brethren and sisters and friends who have manifested their kind hospitality to this body during this session; also we desire to tender our thanks to our moderator and clerk for their faithful labors.

H. L. W.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received from the former treasurer.....\$12 35  
Sent up by the churches for minutes and associational purposes ..... 28 30  
From Sunday School convention..... 2 05

Total, - - - - - \$42 70

Respectfully submitted, JOHN WELCH, Treasurer.

The Missionary Board appointed to meet at Liberty church on Saturday, embracing the fourth Sunday in next November. I propose 10 o'clock A. M.

CLERK.

Elder J. J. Hughes with E. Wright, alternate, were appointed to preach the next introductory sermon. A. F. Wilson, Elder H. T. Howell and W. F. Willis were appointed delegates to Red River association. Wm. Guthery, M. A. Robbins and A. D. Stovall to Ouachita. Elders J. J. Hughes and A. Nelson to Big Fork. A. R. Chitwood, Wm. Chitwood and T. A. Volentine to Buckville association, and J. E. Cockrel to Saline association.

The body authorized the clerk to have 500 copies of these minutes printed to distribute to the various churches as per contribution, but to send some to all; also to a delegate of each corresponding association.

Adjourned to meet with new Home church, near Bear in Garland county, Ark., at 11 o'clock A. M., Saturday before the second Sunday in September, A. D. 1894.

Closing prayer by the moderator.

Then voices joined in singing,  
While parting hands were given:  
While tears disclosed the weeping,  
And hearts were fixed on heaven.

Love was portrayed on features,  
Nor all confined to preachers;  
Sisters there, with smiles of joy,  
Brethren too, with looks not coy.

Fear was gone; love was perfect;  
The heart obeyed each precept:  
And longed for light and knowledge,  
The blessed way to presage.

Oh! may we all nearer be  
To that happy home on high:  
The parting hand we'll not see,  
And suffer no more the sigh.

ELDER J. J. HUGHES, Moderator.  
E. WRIGHT, Clerk.



ORDAINED MINISTERS	POST OFFICE	LICENSED MINISTERS	POST OFFICE
T A Volentine....	Bear	W A J Gillham....	Bear
W T Seymore....	Bear	J E Cockrell....	Bear
J W Rouse....	Bear	S W Caldwell....	Tackett
G C Smith....	Wilson	E Burns....	Hickory Station
D T Driggers....	Tackett	Wm J Chitwood....	Chander
J J Hughes....	Rock Creek	W S Modlin....	Chander
A Nelson....	Hickory Station	J R Motley....	Kirby
J A Shackelford....	Tackett	L T Bagwell....	Kirby
H T Howell....	Amity	W B Williams....	Point Cedar
J M Smith....	Rock Creek	T J Cunningham....	Bear
H L Wasson....	Black Springs	Wm Webb....	Bear
W W Carson....	Caddo Gap	.....	.....
W P Taylor....	Kirby	.....	.....
S B Redwine....	Bear	.....	.....
R W Pate....	Plata	.....	.....

DEACONS	POST OFFICE	DEACONS	POST OFFICE
M L Dunson....	Lodi	John Welch....	Caddo Gap
J W Justice....	Oden	G W Welch....	Caddo Gap
J B Echols....	Wilson	R C Fields....	Caddo Gap
W D Ward....	Wilson	J R Motley....	Kirby
A F Wilson....	Wilson	J W Colwell....	Kirby
E Baggett....	Wilson	L T Bagwell....	Kirby
W J Cowart....	Wilson	J M Brantley....	Point Cedar
A M Collier....	Ophir	W F Rucker....	Ussery
R M Ruce....	Ophir	Robt Carpenter....	Ussery
W T H Thornton	Rock Creek	R Tallant....	Welch
L W Herring....	Rock Creek	Larking Melson....	Myers
S Z Moran....	Rock Creek	A R Chitwood....	Bear
W W McLain....	Rock Creek	W F Willis....	Rock Creek
J W Kirby....	Black Springs	J G Hankins....	Rock Creek

NOTICE. — The lists of names were made out from the reports of the churches.

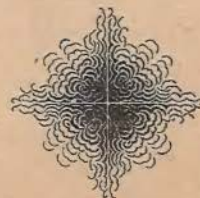
## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

### FIRST DAY.

1. Introductory sermon.
2. Call for letters from churches.
3. Call for petitionary letters.
4. Election of officers.
5. Inviting visiting members to seats.
6. Call for correspondence.
7. Appointments of committees.
8. Call for a report of the committee on preaching.

### SECOND DAY.

1. Call for the reading of the minutes.
2. Call for the roll and mark absentees.
3. Call for reports of committees.
4. Call for resolutions.
5. Appointments for next session.
6. Call for treasurer's report.





# STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES'S NAMES	MESSENGERS	PASTORS	CLERKS	POSTOFFICE	Contributions	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismiss'd by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total in Fe lo/ship	Sundays of Meet'g
New Home	F A Valentine, J E Cochereil	T A Valentine	W L Cockrell	Bear	\$1 0	8	5	3	2	3		34	3
Salem	J B Echols, W Matthews, A F Wilson	W W Carson	A F Wilson	W lson	2 0	3			1	5		53	1
Macedo i	Cre s, C B Carlisle	J J Holland	G W Mattox	Oden	1 00				2		1	32	2
Mt. Peasant	R L Phillips, B F Pinson Joseph Gammell	W P aylor	J W Gamme l	Lodi	60	1	2	1	1	1	12	23	3
Mountain Home	D T Driggers, J T Millsap, J C T omas	R Pate	J C Thomas	Tackett	2 00	1	4		6			41	3
Liberty	A Diffe	D T Dri gers	A J Newcomb	Ophir	50	1	2	1		1	2	28	4
Valley Grove	J J Hughes, A Nelson, W S Bullard	A Nelson	A J Black	Rock Creek	2 80	3			6			16	4
Forest Hill	E Burns, J E Fain	J A Shackelford	C F Oneal	Hickory Statio	75	1			2			23	1
Zion Hill	J A Shackelford, W C Chitwood	J A Shackelford	M M Pri 'gen	andler	1 40	12	6		1	1		38	4
Can y Valley	J M Smith, S Z Moran H T Howell	H T Howell	W W Smith	Amity	2 0	3	4		1			151	
Black Springs	H L Wasson, W H Guthery	H L Wasson	A Herring	Bla k Springs	15	4	4		7			130	2
Antioch	John Welch, G W Welch	W W Carson	R C Fields	Caddo Gap	1 85	4	3		6	3	2	71	2
Bethlehem	L T Bagwell, W P Taylor, J R Motley	W W Carson	L T B gwell	Kirby	2 00	5	8		6			32	4
Mt. Ida	J N Wasson	H T Howell next	J S Nelson	Mt. Ida	75	2	3		5			14	4
Mt. Zion, S	J P Cates, R V Relton	J J Holland	J M Brantley	Point O dar					1		1	21	
Mt. Moriah	W F Rucker	J M Dear	J F Rucker	Ussery	1 65	2	2					37	2
Mt. Pisgah	E Wright N L Huggins	E Wright	N L Huggins	Welch	1 10	2	1					3	
Spring Grove	Larking M lson	R W Pate	Larking Melson	Myers	50				1				
Pr vidence	A D Stovall	H L Wasson	J M Barker	Black Spri gs	1 00	2							
Union	T J Cunningham, A R Chitwood, Lee Berry	Jas Dean next	A R Chitwood	Bear	1 00	8	3	7	2				
Pleasant Valley	M A Robbins, G M McInn	H L Wasson	W T West	Manfr d	1 00	1	2	1					
Bethel	W F Willis J G Hankins	J A Sha kelford	W F Willis	Rock Creek	1 00				5	2			
Mt. Zion, N		J J Hughes	W T Pet itt	Pl ti	50	8	1						
		D T or ggers											

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