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Howard County Baptist Association

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PROCEEDINGS OF HOWARD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1894

The Howard County Association, according to previous appointment convened with Oestre Fotel church at 10 o'clock, Saturday, Oct. 27th, 1894. After reading from the second epistle of Timothy several chapters and prayer by the moderator, the association then devoted nearly for business. Brothers Geo. J. McNew, H. H. Lewis and J. T. Holt were appointed reading clerks. The following brethren were enrolled as messengers from the various churches:

Onondaga—J. W. Fishelson, Geo. J. McNew, Wm. Wm. Brown.
Finger—J. H. Rock, J. T. M. Holt, J. W. Feltner.
Hess—J. T. Lewis, R. R. Lewis, J. H. Bostock.
Potsdam—George—J. H. Harper, H. Morris, J. D. Dow.
Corry—J. M. James, J. R. Clark, W. H. James.
New Mt. Carmel—R. H. Cannon, A. J. Brown, John Baily.
Oestre Fotel—Geo. A. Cannon, T. A. Shannon, H. C. Ferguson.
Rally Church—Arthur Allen, Peter, Peter, Baily, Baily.
Pleasant View—A. J. Russell, S. H. Pender, J. H. Corwin.

By motion the association adjourned till 1:30 o'clock. The hour having arrived for preaching, Bro. T. L. Epton, the applicant, proceeded to preach the sociological sermon from text provided by John. 4: 6.

The body was called to order at 1:30 o'clock by singing and prayer by Bro. W. H. Vessell. The clerks proceeded with the reading of the church letters.

Miss Creek—R. C. Leslie, Willie Davis, R. D. Kneel.
Meadow Shanty—Charles Bond, W. J. McLaughlin, I. C. Oestre.
New Home—J. H. Payne, J. W. Payne, J. D. Ayers.
New West—Grever McFarland, Andrew Corwin, Ben Corwin.
Rosedale—V. Vaughan, Chandler, John Craddock, J. L. Chandler.
Auburn—W. L. Compton, Ed. Thompson, J. M. Herdshaw.
Auburn—C. A. Westfall, Rufus Part, J. H. Mayo.
Cedar Hill—J. C. Blackburn, W. T. Barris, W. S. Baggett.
County Lane—R. H. Ray, J. A. Copeland, J. H. Smith.
Kneels Springs—C. I. Davis, J. W. Cook, E. Hodges.
Ardy—J. W. Fargues, W. J. Norworth, J. T. Corwin.
Harmony—J. H. Jones, H. D. Jones, T. H. Canada.
Mt. Zion—Charles Milton, Noble Herper.
Oaks No. 1—F. A. Brown, John Holt, H. A. King.
Liberty—A. P. Hill, W. G. Spoo, Lee Blackwood.
Oak Hill—W. J. Morgan, W. R. Crisp.
Pleasant View—John Bester, J. W. Hampton, Bury James.
Pleasant View—Virge Anderson, C. W. Gamwall, Claud Ferguson.

After the roll call of messengers the association then proceeded to elect a moderator, clerk and treasurer for the ensuing year. J. T. M. Holt was re-elected moderator, and Joe A. Cannon was re-elected clerk and treasurer.

Petitionary letters were read from Bethany church. By motion this church was received in this body. The following messengers were enrolled: John Bester, John W. Hampton, Bury James.

Petitionary letter was read from Pleasant View church. This church was received by motion and the following messengers enrolled: Virge Anderson, C. W. Gamwall, Claud Ferguson.

The conference attended the last of February to the conference from both and returned from there to school of the association.

Bro. D. W. Hill was received as corresponding member from the South conference Kentucky.

The conference appointed the following committee on gifts: Bro. B. Baker, J. H. Jones and pastor and managers of the church.

The following brethren were appointed as the finance committee: J. L. Smith, C. I. Davis, D. W. Brown.

By action the conference appointed corresponding managers to the following conferences:

- East River—A. H. Child, G. J. Rogers
- Northwestern—J. V. Park, A. J. Rogers
- West Virginia—D. W. Campbell, L. H. Brown, C. A. Westcott
- Ohio—L. H. Beckwith, J. V. H. Hill

It was that the committee notify the above appointments. Motion carried.

It was that the committee select place of next meeting. Motion carried and

motion that the body select place for the next Sabbath meeting in December.

Motion that the association be divided into two sessions quarterly.

Motion that the question of dividing and selecting dividing time be left to the members of the conference by the moderator. Motion carried, and the following brethren were appointed: W. L. Owsen, C. A. Westcott, D. W. Owsen, L. H. Brown and J. T. Hill.

The committee on gifts service made the following report:

Proceeding together by Bro. M. W. DeLoach, Sunday School term, meeting at 10 o'clock and by Bro. Perry Hill, preaching Sunday at 11 o'clock by J. H. Brown.

Motion that the association adjourn till Monday morning, October 29, at 8 o'clock. Motion carried.

Bro. W. M. Hicks, of Dallas, Texas, preached Saturday night. His theme was "The Time and Place of the Setting Up of the Church."

SUNDAY SESSION, OCTOBER 29, 1904.

Sunday School came meeting, led by Bro. Perry Hill, at 10 o'clock. Brethren Perry Hill, Geo. J. McNew, J. T. M. Holt and D. W. Corrish made strong talks, in which they urged every church to have a Sunday School, and he were and see the very best Bible literature, and above all have good Baptist experts. The following committees were appointed by the moderator:

- Senders Schools—J. H. Holt, J. H. Hill, James Hamblin
 - Prayer Meeting—J. W. Hampton, J. D. Ayers, P. A. Holt
 - Family Devotion—J. M. Copeland, J. D. Ayers, G. W. Ganssatt
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 - Deacons—T. H. Westcott, Chairman
 - Ministerial Support—N. E. Lewis, M. C. Pope
 - Circle of Interprayer—M. W. DeLoach, John McWhorter, Vaughan Chandler
 - Orphans Home—D. W. Corrish, J. H. Austin, J. L. Barrett
- The hour having arrived for preaching, Bro. J. H. Millburn proceeded to preach the 11 o'clock sermon from text found in Ephesians, 3:4: "Whereby When Ye Read Ye May Understand My Knowledge in the Mystery of Christ."
- Preaching at 8 o'clock by Bro. W. M. Hicks; theme, "Thirty Objections of Campbellites Against a Pre pentecost Church. Eighty eight scriptures."
- Preaching Sunday night by Bro. W. M. Hicks; theme, "Time and Place of Paul's Conversion."

MONDAY MORNING SESSION, OCTOBER 30, 1904.

The body was called to order at 8:30 o'clock. After singing "Bow Firm a

the fact of our 25. we would recommend the Session of Howard County Association to make an effort to increase their contributions for this work during the coming year on the Lord's Word and our best efforts with prosperity
L. M. KEESING, Chairman.

Motion to a legal was made. After speeches by Brothers L. M. Keesing, D. W. Copeland and W. M. Hicks, the report was adopted as read.

Motion that a collection be taken for foreign missions. Motion carried, and a collection was taken. Amount, \$28.22.

Motion that one-half of amount collected be sent to the Convention and one-half to the General Association. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn till 1 o'clock. Motion carried.

Bro. W. M. Hicks preached at 11 o'clock from this theme: What Think Ye of Christ?

MONDAY AFTERNOON

The members assembled at 1:30 o'clock. After singing and prayer by Bro. Tom Corbell, the body was declared ready for business by the moderator.

Motion that the body select place for next 25th Sunday meeting. Motion carried and Open No. 2 was selected.

Committee on obituaries made the following report:

Since our last meeting it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call from this land here to that rest above our beloved brothers J. S. Sherman and R. D. Green, and others are reported to the churches. In the death of these beloved brethren and sisters, we recognize the hand of God, and bend low to His will.
T. H. WASHINGTON, Chairman.

Motion to adopt was made. After tributes to the memory of our departed brethren and sisters by D. W. Corbish, M. W. DeLoach, J. T. Holt, J. T. Corbell and L. M. Keesing, the report was adopted as read.

The committee on ministerial support submit the following report:

Believing that they that preach the gospel should be prepared to rightly divide the truth, giving each his portion in due season, and when his hands are loosed from secular work, he cannot make the preparation to feed the flock as he should, therefore, we urge the Baptist membership to wake up to a sense of their duty in the support of the ministry that error may be destroyed and truth established. We further recommend that our pastors fail not to discuss the whole council, impressing the brethren of their duty to give of their means to the support of the gospel, as the laborer is worth of his hire.
N. R. LEWIS, M. C. POPE, Com.

Motion to adopt was made. After speeches by Brothers N. R. Lewis, M. W. DeLoach and L. M. Keesing, the report was adopted as read.

The committee on evils of intemperance submit the following report:

Temperance is the safeguard and a mighty bulwark around the rising generation. Intemperance is the gateway to ruin, and many thereby that go in thereat. The use of alcoholic liquors is the bar to financial, political, social and religious prosperity everywhere. Science and religion alike are plain and positive in their condemnation of the use of liquors as a beverage. Science condemns it because of its deleterious effect on the body and mind, God and religion because it destroys reason, pollutes the mind, corrupts the morals and destroys the souls of men. Eighty per cent of all crimes are traceable to intemperance. It is ruinous to the peace, prosperity and happiness of homes; it fills with grief and misery the hearts and lives of wives, mothers, sisters and daughters, and destroys the health and ruins the morals of men and demoralizes them for position in life. We recommend and urge that all Christians, and especially our Baptists, stand together at the polls against license, and in the home, in the Sunday school, and the ministers from the pulpit to teach the people the evils of it and warn them to shun it.
M. W. DELOACH, Chairman.

Motion to adopt was made. After speeches by Brothers M. W. DeLoach and B. W. Copeland, the report was adopted as read.

The associational board submit the following report:

According to instructions of the last association, we have supplemented the salary of the following churches: Athens, \$14; Eden, \$13; New Home, \$20; Centre Point, \$25; Fellowship, \$15; Mt. Zion, \$15; Clear Springs, \$13; Cedar Hill, \$13; Harmony, \$13. We have also held meetings at the following places: Harmony, Rosedale and Eden, by L. M. Byers and J. M. Copeland, for which we have paid \$25.00. We paid also since the association Clear Springs \$15 and Mt. Zion \$15 on last year's work. Our expenses this year have been: For supplementing salaries, \$100; for mission work, \$25.00; T. J. Bennett, for books, \$17.64; Joe A. Cannon, for minutes \$1.00; postage, \$2 total \$230.22. Collections from all sources, with balance from last year, \$261.06. Balance in treasury, \$27.80. We thank the churches for their liberal contributions and co-operation with the board.
D. W. CORNISH, Chairman.
L. M. BYERS, Treasurer.

Motion to adopt was made. The report was adopted as read.

The committee on Finance make the following report:

We find the following amounts sent us by the churches: For contributions \$10.00 for members \$10.00 Sunday collections \$2.00 Hooper's collection for January \$10.00 \$22.00 total \$32.00
J. L. EPTON & W. HAYDEN & I. DAVIS, Committee

Motion to adopt was made. The report was adopted as read.

The committee on Orphan Home submit the following report:

We feel truly grateful to Mrs. Hannah Wright Gardner for her noble undertaking of visiting the orphan children of our state in that they will become more united than ever before in this country by themselves and to their God, and in furtherance of this great work we earnestly recommend the directors of this association to take up regular collections for the orphan as it will be most judicious and send out money direct to the Orphan Home and that a collection be taken here and the amount forwarded.
D. W. CORNELL, Chairman

Motion to adopt was made. Motion that report be considered by a resolution. Motion carried, and a collection was taken. Amount collected \$10. The report was adopted with the amendment.

Motion that this association employ Bro. A. H. Astry to hold a Typographical Institute in this association. Motion lost.

The committee on resolutions submit the following report:

Owing to the fact that most of the business pertaining to this conference has been disposed of, therefore we first recommended that Bro. T. M. Whelan preside the introductory service at our next 10th Sunday meeting second, that Bro. L. M. Byers preside the special prayer service third, that J. M. Byers, J. L. Ferguson, D. W. Copeland, A. J. Bolton, R. Hoop, W. L. Compton and N. B. Lewis act as assistants fourth.
Respectfully submitted, J. L. EPTON, J. T. CORNELL, THOMAS A. SWANSON, Com.

Program of 9th Sunday meeting:

1. Study the Scriptures Teach That God Calls Men Directly to Preach the Gospel—E. E. Cramer
2. Study the Scriptures Teach That It Requires Ministers to Observe a Literary Education Before Beginning His Work?—D. W. Cornell
3. The Importance of a Sunday School—J. M. Keeling
4. The Evils of Union Meetings and Pulpit Appropriations—W. R. Hoop, J. T. Holt

Motion to adopt was made. The report was adopted as read.

The committee on family devotion submit the following report:

We offer first, that family devotion be incumbent upon every man who has a family. God has commanded that every man should war. The wise man has said: Train up a child in the way it should go. We also recommend that parents teach the Bible to their children.
J. M. COPELAND, Chairman

Motion to adopt was made. The report was adopted as read.

The committee on destitution submit the following report:

We find that most of our association has been supplied with preaching this year by supplementing the pastoral work and holding meetings by the brethren. We recommend that the work be pushed till all the association be supplied with Baptist preaching, continuing the call of supplementing the salary of weak churches as done the past year. R. H. RAY, Chairman.

Motion to adopt was made. After speeches by Brethren J. M. Copeland, J. T. Holt and L. M. Keeling, the report was adopted as read.

The committee on literature submit the following report:

First, we recommend the Bible as the book of all books to be read and studied carefully. Second, we recommend the American Baptist Flag and Arkansas Baptist as means of communication.
J. H. AUSTIN, Chairman

Motion to adopt was made. The report was adopted as read.

Resolution offered by J. T. Holt:

Resolved, That this association extend our thanks to this church (and especially the ladies) for their kind hospitality and entertainment.

By motion and second, the resolution was adopted as read.

By motion and second, the clerk of this association was ordered to write Bro. M. W. DeLoach a letter of recommendation.

Motion by Bro. Byers, that the clerk have 700 minutes published, and if not enough money to print them to draw on the treasury for enough to print same. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn to meet with Holly Creek church on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1907, at 10 o'clock. Motion carried.

After singing and prayer by Bro. T. L. Epton, this association adjourned to meet with Holly Creek church on Saturday at 10 o'clock before the 4th Sunday in October.

J. T. M. HOLT, Moderator.

J. A. CANNON, Clerk.

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 Centre Point—L. M. Keeling, Centre Point.
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 Mine Creek—M. W. DeLoach, Nashville.
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Antioch	L. M. Byers	4					157							20 40	1000 00	2 90	4 50								7 85	
Athens	W. M. Patterson	5					45	25 00						1 85	600 00	1 00										
Bethany	John McWhorter						20									1 00										
Centre Point	L. M. Keeling	7					45	125 00						8 00	5 00	1000 00	1 50	5 50							80 00	
Oak Hill	C. A. Woodfall					1	20	20 00						1 90	120 00	50										
Clear Springs	L. M. Byers																									
County Line	L. M. Byers	10					4164	128 00						10 30	2 15	500 00	1 50	5 00			1 00				10 00	
Columbus	M. W. Dolanck	10					104	215 00	25 00	15 50				2 40	25 05	2000 00	2 00	20 00	20 00		25 00	50 00			28 00	
Eden	J. M. Copeland	2					24	60 00						2 30		400 00	80								10 00	
Harmony	J. M. Copeland	2					29	60 00						1 50		500 00	1 25	5 00								
Holly Creek	L. M. Keeling	11					56	80 00						1 03	1 70	800 00	1 70						800 00			
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Maple Springs	F. A. Holt	5					28							2 30			1 00									
*Miles Creek	M. W. Dolanck	2					177	625 00	50 50	15 50				12 75	20 90	1200 00	2 00	58 20	20 00						40 00	
Mineral Springs	W. R. Story	2					60	125 00						9 00	4 25	700 00	1 00	12 00			10 00				100 00	
Mt. Zion	Jan. McWhorter						7																			
New Mt. Carmel	L. M. Keeling	6					24	17 00				65					70	8 50								
New Hope	T. L. Epton	4					47				1 10						75									
Oak No. 1	W. M. Bridges	4					60	110 00		5 00						1 50	10 00				5 00					
Oak No. 2	L. M. Byers	11					20	70 00						12 60		1 50	5 00									
Pleasant Grove	D. W. Corstak	1					1	95		1 00				4 15		2 17										
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Pleasant View	T. L. Epton						20							2 30		1 80										
Reynolds	Jan. McWhorter	2					21	20 00						4 25		100 00	1 00	2 40								
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