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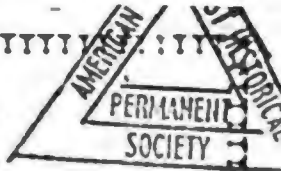
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PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The United Association met with Pleasant Valley Church, at Damascus, Arkansas, September 5, 1901, at 11 o'clock a. m. Present Eld. J. A. Myers, Moderator, and Ben Stacks, Clerk.

Eld. J. K. Braudaway, who had been selected at the last meeting to preach the introductory sermon, being absent, Eld. J. H. Milburn of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, was chosen in his stead, and preached upon "The Security of the Believer." On motion, the body adjourned to meet at 2:30 o'clock p. m.

THURSDAY.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Body met pursuant to adjournment, with Moderator Myers in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by the moderator.

Called for letters from churches. T. M. Patterson and A. M. Griggs were appointed Reading Clerks. Letters were presented and read from the following churches: Union Hill, Pleasant Valley, Mt. Olive, Cedar Creek, Pleasant Hill, Valley Home,

APPENDIX.

Reports of Committees.

A—MISSIONS.

As Baptists, we believe that we are the custodians of the gospel of Christ. Hence it devolves upon us as such to give to the world the pure and unadulterated truth of God. For this cause God sent forth the first Baptists, and commanded them: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." We as their descendants are under the same charge to disciple the nations and baptize believers.

J. K. Braudaway, Ch'm'n.

B—SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We are glad to note, from the reports of the churches, that the Sabbath School work has prospered since our last meeting, and we recommend that each church organize and maintain a Sabbath School.

W. F. Winningham, Ch'm'n.

C—PUBLICATIONS.

We recommend: 1. The careful reading of God's Word, 2. The Arkansas Baptist, because it is our state paper and is sound in doctrine, 3. For S. S. Literature that of the American Baptist Publication Society, as it is more nearly sound in all of its teachings.

A. H. Wilson, Ch'm'n.

D—EDUCATION.

We feel the great need of an educated

ministry in our association and state. We are having to meet issues that we can't meet without an educated ministry, not educated in literature alone, but educated in the pure word of God. We would recommend that this association use every means to encourage and help in the education of our ministry, and we would further recommend that we encourage the education of the entire membership in our missionary work. We would recommend Ouachita, Central and Mountain Home Baptist Colleges as schools under good and able management and offering good advantages in education, and we ask parents and young men and women anticipating sending or going to school to investigate the inducements offered by these different institutions before going elsewhere.

J. Mayal, Chairman.

E—FINANCE.

Receipts:

For Printing Minutes.....	\$21.24.
For Foreign Missions.....	1.05.
For Associational Missions.	1.50.

All of which has been paid to the Treasurer.
A. M. Griggs, Cashier.

F—TEMPERANCE.

1. To use intoxicating liquors as a beverage in any form is detrimental to the church and the cause of Christ and to the world, and tends to the destruction of the souls of men.
2. We therefore ask our Bap-

tist denomination to earnestly solicit all men, especially that claim Christ, to give us their help at the polls in putting down the demon that is leading so many to destruction and ruin. 3. We further recommend all temperance men, in their homes, in the churches, and in their communities, to use their influence to lead the intemperate from the error of his way by Godly conversation and orderly walk.

J. M. McGee, Ch'm'n.

G—RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, There seems to be complaint coming from the brotherhood all over the state as to the present management of our state work, and

Whereas, We believe this state of affairs is likely to cripple our state mission work, and

Whereas, We believe more good can be accomplished through an organized plan than through any other way, and we further believe that it would be to the best interest of the work to abolish the office of corresponding secretary and elect a state evangelist whose duty it shall be, under the direction of the state board, to visit the destitute portions of the state and hold meetings and organize churches, where there are none, and to visit the associations and to instruct the brotherhood in the mission work,

Therefore be it Resolved, That we in-

struct our messengers to the State Convention to use their influence and vote to change the present personnel of our state board and to change the present policy of electing a corresponding secretary to that of state evangelist.

Resolved farther, That we favor an organized system of work when properly administered.

E. A. Wolverton, Ch'm'n.

II. DECEASED MINISTERS.

Bro. Thomas Moody, an efficient and consistent minister, departed this life February 10, 1901. He was a member of the State Legislature at the time of his death. He was one of the pioneer preachers of this association, and during his long ministerial career, there was never a stain on his moral life, but he was spoken of by all who knew him as an exemplary Christian.

Also our beloved brother, M. Stracener, departed this life on July 22, 1901. Bro. Stracener's life as a minister was about twenty-five years. He was loved and esteemed by all who knew him.

In the death of these brethren this association has lost two good laborers, and the communities in which they lived have each lost a good citizen. But we bow in submission to the will of God, realizing that our loss is their gain.

W. W. Reed, Ch'm'n.

I—DESTITUTION.

We find that there is some destitution within the bounds of this association. Lone Grove, Springfield and Solgohachie churches need aid. Clinton is under Methodist influence, but all that is in the way of a live church at Clinton is the want of a house of worship. We recommend that steps be taken to occupy these points.

S. B. Barnett, Ch'm'n.

Articles of Faith.

1. We believe that the scriptures comprising the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.
2. We believe in the living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin by the fall of Adam.
4. We believe that man is in a state of total depravity, by reason of which he is totally incapacitated to recover himself from the effects thereof.
5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, alone, by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.
6. We believe in the doctrine of election, that God hath from the beginning chosen us unto salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.
7. We believe in the perseverance of the saints, and that they who believe shall be finally and eternally saved.
8. We believe that Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water by a regular ordained minister of the gospel, and that it is a prerequisite to the Lord's Supper, and that all who come to the Lord's table must come according to the Lord's word.
9. We believe that a gospel church is a body of true believers in Christ, who have been regularly baptized on a profession of faith in Christ, and that there are but two offices in the church, viz: Elder, or pastor, and deacon.
10. We believe in the resurrection of the bodies of all men, and in a future and general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.
11. We believe it to be the duty of each church to extend and circulate the word of God, as far as its ability will enable it.



Rules of Decorum.

1. The Association will commence with religious exercises and a sermon from a preacher that has been previously chosen, unless the Association shall otherwise direct.
2. The moderator and clerk of the former session shall hold their offices, if present, until the letters from the churches connected with the body, shall have been read and a clerk chosen.
3. It shall be the duty of the moderator to preside over the body during its session, and to appoint committees, unless the Association shall otherwise direct, and preserve order; and he shall have a right to speak on all subjects, calling a member to the chair; he shall be allowed to examine and correct minutes, if necessary.
4. The clerk shall keep a correct copy of the proceedings of the

proceedings of the meetings, read letters and documents, and at the close of the meeting take charge of all papers unless otherwise directed; he may call any member to assist him.

5. A committee of arrangement, consisting of three, shall be elected by ballot at the commencement of each session, whose duty it shall be to regulate the order of religious services, and by whom performed, unless otherwise directed by the body.

6. Ministers in good standing in other Baptist churches or associations with whom we are in fellowship, when attending our annual meeting, shall be invited to a seat, and the meeting shall always be opened and closed with prayer.

7. Every member may speak twice on any subject in debate before the body, but no more than twice without leave. Any person violating shall be reproved as the association may see proper.

8. These rules may be amended by a majority of the members present at any regular meeting.

9. The churches shall contribute funds to meet the ordinary expenses of this body, such as printing minutes, paying the travelling expenses of such members as may be sent to other bodies.

10. A public collection may be taken up at the option of the body, at each session, and applied to such benevolent purpose as the association may direct.

Pastors, Clerks and Messengers.

Churches	Pastors	Clerks	Postoffices	Messengers
Antioch	G. O. Perkins	A. S. Jones	Scotland, Ark.	A. S. Jones, W. H. Sugg
Cana Valley	A. H. Wilson	F. M. Thomas	Plumerville	F. M. Thomas, John Salter
Cedar Creek	T. C. Ford	H. R. Stacks	Springfield	J. P. Coie, H. R. Stacks, Norman Hill.
Cleveland	J. F. Ford	Alex. Johnson	Cleveland	J. G. Dickson, Alex. Johnson, R. L. Moore.
Harmony	T. C. Ford	D. A. McKnight	Bee Branch	D. A. McKnight.
Lone Grove		J. H. Riddling	St. Vincent	J. H. Riddling.
Lone Oak	J. F. Sims	E. E. Rainwater	Morrilton	S. V. Poteet, J. A. Myers.
Mt. Moriah	J. M. McGee	J. J. Martin	Bee Branch	J. H. Riddling.
Mt. Olive	J. W. Yancy	Samuel Dunlap	Claude	A. M. Griggs, Matthew Hilland.
Mt. Pleasant	J. F. Sims	L. A. Manes	Plumerville	E. A. Johnson, J. A. Manes, J. C. Henry.
Mountain View	J. W. Yancy	L. N. Wolverton	Wolverton	E. A. Wolverton, C. Cordell.
Morrilton	H. N. Brooks	A. J. Stephens	Morrilton	Represented by Letter only.
New Hope	J. W. Yancy	H. P. Huddleston	Clinton	A. J. Patterson.
Pleasant Hill	J. F. Ford	W. C. Scroggin	Center Ridge	J. K. Brandaway, W. W. Reed, W. C. Scroggin.
Pleasant Springs	W. B. Driskill	E. L. Thier	Springfield	E. L. Thier, C. S. Melton, J. Huff.
Pleasant Valley	J. F. Sims	T. M. Patterson	Damascus	T. M. Patterson, G. W. Mettee, W. C. Blythe.
Plumerville	A. H. Wilson		Plumerville	A. H. Wilson.
Sardis	W. T. Roy	A. V. Garrison	Old Hickory	L. R. Williams, A. V. Garrison, J. H. Alewine.
Solgochachie		J. H. Clay	Solgochachie	W. J. Holder.
Springfield			Springfield	J. F. Norwood.
Union Hill	T. C. Ford	George Wright	Lornosa	J. Mayal, M. G. Brewer, George Wright.
Uselia	R. C. Bonds	J. D. Driskill	Quilman	W. A. Sims, E. W. Ward, J. D. Driskill.
Valley Home	T. C. Ford	W. M. Boone	Morganton	J. T. Pike, W. M. Boone.

Sardis, Lone Oak, Solgohachie, Usebia, and Cleveland.

On motion the Association then went into permanent organization by electing the following officers: Moderator, Eld. J. A. Myers, Morrilton; Clerk, S. B. Barnett, Clinton; Treasurer, J. C. L. Presson, Formosa.

Eld. J. H. Milburn was enrolled as a visiting brother from Immanuel Church, Little Rock, and granted all the privileges pertaining thereto.

T. M. Patterson, G. W. McGee and J. C. L. Presson were appointed as a devotional committee.

On motion it was ordered that the hours of 11 a. m. and at night of each day be devoted to preaching services.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following corresponding messengers were selected:

To Green Brier Association—J. F. Sims.

To Pee Dee Association—S. B. Barnett, J. M. McGee, A. M. Griggs.

To Trace Ridge Association—S. B. Barnett.

To Russellville Association—J. A. Myers, J. H. Alewine.

To Dardanelle Association—J. A. Myers.

To State Convention—J. A. Mayal, J. F. Sims.

On motion a resolution from Cleveland Church against the election by the State Convention of a general missionary secretary was read and passed till tomorrow. Bro. Millern was permitted to read a copy of a resolution on the same subject, to be presented to Independence Association.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees:

Deceased Ministers:

W. W. Reed S. V. Potteet

Destitution:

S. B. Barnett A. H. Wilson

Education:

J. Mayal W. J. Holder

Finance:

A. M. Griggs George Wright

Missions:

J. K. Braudaway W. B. Driskill

E. C. L. Presson J. G. Dickson

Sabbath Schools:

W. F. Winningham Ben Stacks

Temperance:

J. M. McGee J. P. Cole

C. N. Melton

Publication:

A. H. Wilson R. L. Moore

George Wright

On motion the Association adjourned till 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Preaching at night by Eld. A. H. Wilson. Text: Acts XIV: 17.

FRIDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

Association met pursuant to adjournment, with Moderator Myers in the chair. Moderator read 1st Psalm. Prayer by Eld. J. Mayal.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

On a call for letters from churches, the following were presented and read: Mountain View, Morriton, Mt. Pleasant, Camp Valley, Pleasant Springs.

Called for correspondence and the following names were enrolled: B. M. Stephens, Green Brier Association; W. T. Fox, Russellville Association; J. Mayal, Foreign Mission Board.

On a call for visiting brethren, John G. B. Sims, representative of Central Baptist College, was enrolled.

Motion and second to adopt the sentiment of the resolution from Cleveland Church as read yesterday.

On motion the resolution was tabled indefinitely and a committee on Resolutions appointed consisting of the following: E. A. Wolverton, J. C. Gristwood, and J. G. Dickson.

Eld. J. A. Myers was elected delegate

to the Southern Baptist Convention, but at his earnest request, the vote was reconsidered and W. A. Clark, D. D. was elected.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

Committee on Missions read their report. The report was ably discussed by Bro. John G. B. Sims, favoring the present plans of State Missions, and by Bro. Milburn and Bro. Box, opposing present plans.

Association adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m.

Preaching at 11 o'clock a. m. by Eld. J. K. Braudaway. Text: Is. LXII: 2.

FRIDAY.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After Divine service, the association was called to order by the Moderator.

On a call for letters from churches, the following were presented and read: Harmony, Antioch, New Hope.

Eld. W. S. Fortner was enrolled as corresponding messenger from Pee Dee Association.

The subject of missions was resumed and discussed at length, Bro. Mayal leading out on Foreign Missions.

Adjourned until 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Preaching at night by Eld. W. T. Box. Text: Is. XL: 58.

SATURDAY.
MORNING SESSION.

Association met pursuant to adjournment, with Moderator Myers in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by the Moderator.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The vote was taken on the adoption of the report of the Committee on Missions, and the report was unanimously adopted and is as follows: See Appendix "A."

The Committee on Sabbath Schools made their report, which was discussed and adopted, and is as follows: See Appendix "B."

The Committee on Publications made their report, which was discussed, amended and adopted, and, as amended, is as follows: See Appendix "C."

The Committee on Resolutions made their report. Motion to adopt the resolution. On motion the consideration of the resolution was deferred for the present.

The Committee on Education made their report, which was discussed by Bro. John G. B. Sims and others. At this point Bro. Mayal came forward and offered to the association the name of Bro. J. R. Barnett of Union Hill Church as a proper subject for Ministerial education. A collection was taken up amounting to \$8.00 in cash and \$27.00 in pledges to assist Bro. Barnett to attend

Ouachita College. The report was then adopted, and is as follows: See Appendix "D."

The resolution offered by the Resolution Committee was then taken up and discussed by Brethren Wolverton, Wilson, and Mayall.

Association adjourned until 2:30 o'clock p. m.

Preaching at 11 o'clock by Eld. J. H. Milburn. Subject: Communion.

SATURDAY.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met pursuant to adjournment, with Moderator Myers in the chair.

On motion the resolution on plans for state missions, discussed during the forenoon, was recommitted, owing to a disapproval, by the body, of the last clause which read: "We will support the organized work."

Bro. J. F. Norwood from Springfield Church was admitted to a seat without a letter, he furnishing church statistics.

The Committee on Finance made their report which was adopted, and is as follows: See Appendix "E."

The Committee on Temperance made their report, which was discussed and adopted, and is as follows: See Appendix "F."

The Committee on Resolutions presented their amended report which was adopted, and is as follows: See Appendix "G."

The Committee on Deceased Ministers made their report. Several beautiful eulogies were delivered upon the life and character of Eld. Thomas Moody, referred to in the report. The report was adopted, and is as follows: See Appendix "H."

The Committee on Destitution made their report, which was discussed at some length.

On motion the association adjourned until after preaching at night.

Preaching at night by Eld. J. A. Myers. Text: Tit. II: 11.

The service was concluded in an able manner by Bro. B. M. Stephens.

SATURDAY. NIGHT SESSION.

After Divine service Moderator Myers called the association to order.

Bro. Mayal offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted: "RESOLVED, That the thanks of this body be tendered to this church and its friends for the hospitable manner in which they have taken care of this association while in their midst."

The report of the Committee on Destitution was taken up, amended, and adopted, and is as follows: See Appendix "I."

On motion it was ordered that the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be

printed in the minutes of this Association.

The following churches were nominated as places for holding the next meeting of this body: Sardis, Cleveland, and Pleasant Springs. Cleveland was selected on the second ballot.

Eld. J. M. McGee was elected to preach the introductory sermon at the next meeting.

On motion the old Associational Board was re-elected.

On motion it was ordered that four hundred copies of the minutes of this Association be printed and that the clerk have the entire amount of funds raised for that purpose to cover cost of printing and to pay him for his services.

On motion the association adjourned to meet with Cleveland Church, Cleveland, Arkansas, on Thursday before the second Sunday in September, 1902.

A song was sung and the brethren took the parting hand.

J. A. MYERS, Moderator.

S. B. BARNETT, Clerk.