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# PROCEEDINGS.

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THE EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION of the Concord Association met, pursuant to adjournment, on Saturday, the 21st day of September, A. D. 1878, with Macedonia Church, Sebastian County, Ark. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. J. Holland, from Luke xix, 13, theme, "The Church, and Her Responsibilities;" and was followed by Elder J. M. Ledbetter.

The following committees were then appointed:

*On Credentials*—Elders F. L. Kregel, J. J. Holland and J. M. Ledbetter.

*On Preaching*—The Pastor and Deacons of Macedonia Church, together with Brothers H. Payne and J. F. Burt.

Adjourned to meet at 2:30 o'clock.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder S. J. Fuller.

Report of Committee on Credentials received and adopted. (See Statistical Table.)

Petitionary letters were received from Union Hope, Chalybeate Springs, Double Branch, Mill Creek, and Mount Moriah Churches, and were received, and the hand of fellowship extended to their Messengers.

The Association proceeded to ballot for officers, choosing E. L. Compere, Moderator; M. L. Eggleston, Clerk, and R. H. McConnell, Treasurer.

On motion, the following committees were appointed:

*On Documents*—Elder A. J. Rippy, B. C. Owen and Lindsey Patterson.

*On Finance*—Brothers R. H. Cook, Wm. Blalock, J. T. Mayfield, James H. Smith and G. H. Council.

Adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Dismissed by Elder F. L. Kregel.

Preaching at night by Elder J. J. Tate, from Revelations xiv, 13; theme, "Enjoyment of Heaven;" followed by Brother Martin James, Choctaw.

The letters from Pleasant Grove Church were laid on the table until Monday.



## LORD'S DAY SERVICES.

Prayer meeting in the morning, conducted by Brother Wm. Crawford. Preaching by Elder W. A. Clark, from Acts I, 1; theme, "Doings and Teachings of Christ." Elder J. M. Clevenger preached the Missionary Sermon, from Luke xxiv, 6, 7; followed by Elder F. L. Kregel.

On motion it was resolved that the Lord's Day collection be equally divided between our own Home Mission Fund and the State Convention.

Preaching at night by Elder J. W. Miller, from John xix, 5; theme, "Behold the Man;" followed by Elder Lindsey Patterson.

In the interim the following committees were appointed:

*On Sabbath Schools*—Brothers J. M. Ledbetter, P. A. Bolton and J. C. McDonald.

*On Temperance*—Brothers S. J. Fuller, H. Been and A. F. Ross.

*On Domestic Missions*—Brothers J. C. McDonald, R. P. Claborn and H. Payne.

*On Ministerial Support*—Brothers J. J. Holland, D. L. Moore and Wm. Patterson.

*On Ministerial Education*—Brothers J. M. Clevenger, J. J. Tate and C. T. Cagle.

*On Deceased Ministers*—Brothers A. J. Rippy, W. V. McNeely and J. W. Miller.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 9 A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Brother J. M. Ledbetter. Minutes of Saturday read and approved.

Corresponding Messengers were present from the following bodies:

From Dardanelle Association—Brothers S. P. Green and J. W. Williams.

From Choctaw Association—Brothers A. F. Ross and Martin James.

From Clear Creek Association—Brother F. L. Kregel.

From Washita Association—Brothers J. McGlamery and N. Gist.

From the State Convention—Elder W. A. Clark.

Appointments of Corresponding Messengers were made as follows:

Dardanelle Association—S. O. Corley, J. J. Holland, S. J. Fuller, E. L. Compere, W. R. Duncan, W. H. Carey—Brother Holland to write the corresponding letter. To be held with Reveille Church, Logan County, Ark., Saturday before the third Lord's Day in September, 1879.

Washita Association (Eleven miles north of Mount Ida, with Mount Gilead Church, Montgomery County, Saturday before the third Lord's Day in September, 1879)—T. J. Condry, J. J. Oldham and J. J. Tate, the latter to write the letter.

Choctaw Association (At Hebron Church, twenty miles east of Stringtown, Friday before the third Lord's Day in September, 1879)—W. M. Moore, A. A. Spiller, D. L. Moore, Wm. Dennie, R. P. Claborn, F. L. Kregel, A. J. Rippy and J. M. Ledbetter, the latter to write the letter.

Clear Creek Association—R. P. Claborn and J. M. Clevenger, the latter to write the letter.

#### PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, The *Western Baptist*, published at Little Rock by Elders T. P. Espy and W. A. Forbes, is now owned and controlled by these brethren, and has thereby become our State paper; and having a corresponding editor in each Association, it becomes a medium of Baptist news throughout the State; therefore,

*Resolved*, That this Association heartily indorse the *Western Baptist*, and urge upon the brethren to support it by their subscriptions, correspondence and prayers.

The hour for religious services having arrived, Brother Martin James preached from Acts x, 42; theme, "Jesus, and Him Crucified."

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder W. V. McNeely.

On motion, the letters laid on the table on Saturday were taken up and considered.

On motion, the Moderator appointed the following committee to investigate the Pleasant Grove Church difficulties: J. M. Ledbetter, A. F. Ross, B. C. Owen, A. J. Rippy, Lindsey Patterson, J. M. Clevenger and J. F. Burt.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTS.

1. We find requests from the following Churches for the meeting of the next session of the Association: Cedar Grove, Booneville and Charleston Churches. We recommend Cedar Grove Church.

2. We find a protest from Mount Zion Church against the reception of the Messengers from Mount Nebo Church into this body. We recommend that, inasmuch as there is a growing tendency to bring disputes and grievances into this body, when our Constitution only claims to be an advisory council, not a judge, we recommend the Association to withhold any action until the Churches shall prayerfully labor for a reconciliation, and as such would ask the brethren to try and settle their troubles out of this body.

A. J. RIPPY, Chairman.

First item laid on the table till Monday. Second item referred to a committee of five brethren, consisting of F. L. Kregel, W. V. McNeely, J. J. Tate, R. P. Claborn and J. T. Mayfield.



## REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We, your Committee, beg leave to report that there exists great lack of ministerial education in our Association, which is severely felt, and we earnestly recommend that this body devise some plan to educate our Ministers.

## REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We beg leave to report as follows: That, notwithstanding the inestimable value and intrinsic worth of the Sabbath School as a means of teaching our children the Holy Scriptures, we find but comparatively few such organizations in a state of prosperity among our Churches; and as the success of the Sabbath School depends solely on the strict co-operation of parents, teachers and Church, we recommend for the future a more solid and united effort by all in that direction. Furthermore, we recommend that each Pastor in the respective Churches give annually at least one lecture on the importance of the Sabbath School and its influence for good.

We recommend to the Churches *Kind Words*, published at Macon, Ga., as a valuable assistant in the Sabbath School work. Address, "*Kind Words*, Macon Ga."

J. M. LEDBETTER, Chairman.

On motion, adjourned to 9 o'clock Tuesday morning. Prayer by Elder J. J. Holland. Dismissed by Elder S. J. Fuller.

Preaching at night by Elder Wm. Morris, from Genesis vi, 3: "My spirit shall not always strive with man;" followed by Elder Lindsey Patterson.

## TUESDAY MORNING, September 24.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Brother G. C. Towery. Minutes read and approved.

The second item in the Report on Documents, which was laid on the table, was taken up, and disposed of by selecting Cedar Grove Church as the place to hold the next session. Cedar Grove is twelve miles north of Waldron.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

We, your Committee, beg leave to report as follows: That we, in our judgment, consider the subject of vital importance, and one upon which, in a great measure, depends our future success, as it is God's law that they that "Preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel." We, therefore, recommend that each Church in this Association prayerfully consider this subject, and faithfully discharge their duty in the premises.

J. J. HOLLAND, Chairman.

Adopted.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

While reflecting upon the great evils in society, we conclude that none is greater than intoxication. It strips you of your property, takes from you your reputation, deprives you of your health, and even snatches from you your life, thrusting your immortal soul into torment, as no drunkard shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

It hurls its destructive blows not only against the world, but against the Church of Christ. Therefore, let us rise up against and endeavor to crush this terrible monster, that it may no longer impede the progress of Christianity and remain as a stigma on our denomination. We, therefore, recommend that Pastors and Churches use every effort to secure among the brethren a total abstinence, as a beverage, from all that intoxicates, and that each Pastor be requested to preach at least one sermon on this subject annually.

A. F. ROSS, Chairman.

Adopted.

## MOUNT ZION CHURCH PROTEST.

The Committee to which was referred the case of the protest of Mount Zion Church to the reception of Mount Nebo Church, beg leave to report that the difficulty has been satisfactorily settled on the following basis :

1. The Messengers from Mount Zion agree to withdraw their protest.
2. The Messengers from Mount Nebo agree that there was a departure from Baptist usage in not receiving the letters missive and Messengers of Mount Zion Church.
3. And both parties hereby agree to forgive and bury the past, giving to each other the hand of fellowship in pledge of the same.

F. L. KREGEL, Chairman.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Brother H. Been. By agreement, the question of forming a Ministers' and Deacons' Institute and a Deacons' Conference, was discussed, and, by resolution, Oak Grove Church was appointed as the place, and Saturday before the fifth Lord's Day in December as the time to meet for the purpose of forming such organization.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH.

We, your Committee to whom was referred the difficulty between the two parties in Pleasant Grove Church, would beg leave to report that, in our judgment, the trouble is so great that we believe it impossible for us, within the time we have to attend to it, to settle the same. We would recommend the following :

*Resolved, 1,* That the Association appoint the following brethren as a council to determine as to which is the Church, namely, M. L. Eggleston, J. C. McDonald, R. H. McConnell, I. Davis, H. Payne, R. P. Claborn, H. H. Mouser, P. P. Moore, D. L. Moore, W. Tyler, A. J. Rippy, P. Ward, Hazard Been, G. H. Council, D. S. Willis and J. M. Clevenger.

2. That this Association will regard as final the decision of said council.

3. That this Association requests the aforesaid parties to attend strictly the aforesaid meeting, with their witnesses and the record of the Churches.

4. That Cedar Grove Church be the place, and Thursday before the third Lord's Day in December the time when said meeting shall take place.

J. M. LEDBETTER, Chairman.

Received and adopted.

On motion, the Association requested the parties in Pleasant Grove Church to meet, fast and pray over their difficulties the day before the meeting of the council.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, report the following amounts received from the Churches, etc.:

For Printing Minutes.....	\$64 40
For Domestic Missions.....	5 05

\$69 45

J. H. SMITH,  
G. H. COUNCIL.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

Your Committee on deceased Ministers beg leave to report that Our Heavenly Father, in His wisdom and providence, has seen fit to call from among us our brother, ELDER M. M. SUTTON, to his reward. While we mourn the loss of Elder Sutton, we believe our loss is his gain.

A. J. RIPPY, Chairman

Adopted.



On motion, Article 9 of the Constitution was amended so as to read "Five members of the several churches."

*Executive Board*—G. H. Council, J. T. Mayfield, H. L. Been, S. T. Eskridge and H. H. Mouser.

*Committee on Nominations*—J. T. Mayfield, H. Been and J. F. Burt.

On motion, Rules of Decorum, Article 2, were amended by striking out the words "by ballot."

*Resolved*, That the Clerk have \$15, and the balance of the Associational fund be spent for printing and distributing the minutes.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

To amount of funds for Domestic Missions, 1877.....	\$19 15	
Sent up from the Churches, 1878.....	5 05	
Sabbath collection for Domestic Missions.....	20 35	
In the hands of ex-Treasurer Holland.....	74 05	
Sabbath collection for State Missionary.....	19 35	
Sent up for Minutes.....	64 40	\$202 35
By Amount paid Elder W. A. Clark.....	19 35	
Clerk's receipt.....	64 40	\$ 83 75
Total Balance.....		\$118 60

R. H. McCONNELL, Treasurer.

#### REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Elder J. M. Clevenger to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder C. T. Cagle, Alternate. Elder E. L. Compere to preach the Missionary Sermon, and Elder F. L. Kregel, Alternate. Elder J. M. Ledbetter to deliver a Temperance Lecture, and Elder J. J. Holland, Alternate.

WHEREAS, Elder Martin James, a Choctaw Baptist Preacher, has become favorably known to this body, and would be useful among his people as a Missionary; and whereas, our brother Elder C. T. Cagle has been endorsed and recommended by his Church to the Domestic and Indian Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention as a Missionary to the Choctaw Indians; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Executive Committee of our Association correspond with the Board of Domestic Missions of the General Association of Western Arkansas and the Indian Territory, and request said Board, if possible, to secure the appointment of these brethren to the Choctaw field; and that these brethren be requested to visit our Churches in the interest of Indian missions.

The following brethren were appointed Messengers to the General Association: Elder E. L. Compere, F. L. Kregel, R. H. McConnell, H. Payne and R. P. Claborn.

#### MISSION SUBSCRIPTIONS.

R. P. Claborn.....	\$ 5 00	Dr. J. H. Smith.....	5 00
F. L. Kregel, for self and churches	25 00	J. H. Baker.....	5 00
M. M. Spear.....	5 00	T. J. Condry.....	2 50
J. J. Tate.....	5 00	E. L. Compere.....	25 00
W. V. McNeely.....	10 00	E. J. Wallace.....	5 00
H. H. Mouser.....	5 00		
Dr. J. A. Keeth.....	5 00	Total.....	\$102 50

Minutes read and approved.



While giving the parting hand the brethren sang the old familiar hymn, "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound," while tears trickled down many cheeks for joy and sorrow.

E. L. COMPERE, Moderator.

M. L. EGGLESTON, Clerk.

# RULES OF DECORUM.

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1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. An Introductory and Missionary Sermon shall be preached by ministers chosen at the preceding Association—in case of absence or failure, the sermon of either to be preached by an alternate, to be chosen at the same time and in the same way. Some brother shall also be chosen to deliver a temperance address.
3. Visiting brethren in good standing may be invited to seats, but not to vote,
4. A member not satisfied with any decision of the Moderator may appeal to the Association on the same day, but at no other time.
5. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise, address the Moderator, and, on obtaining leave, shall proceed.
6. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject or use words of personal reflection, and then by the Moderator.
7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless withdrawn by him who made it. Every case taken up by the Association shall be decided or withdrawn before another is introduced.
8. When a question is taken up, after allowing time for debate, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association by yeas and nays, or otherwise.
9. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.
10. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission of the Association.
11. The appellation of Brother shall be used in the Association by members in their addresses one to another, and all titles unknown to the Scriptures, such as "Rev.," "D. D.," "Parson," and the like, shall not be employed or appear upon the Minutes.
12. The names of members shall be called as often the Association may direct.
13. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoint another to his seat during the time but shall not vote on any question unless the Association be equally divided.
14. An member violating these rules may be reproved by the Moderator, at discretion, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.
15. These rules may be amended or altered at any regular meeting of this body, by a majority vote of the members present.



# STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	PASTORS.	CLERKS	NAMES OF MEMBERS (MEMBERS)
Amity.....	Hackett City	Sebastian	J. M. Ledbetter	H. Mouser	J. M. Ledbetter, C. T. Cagle, H. H. Mouser
Bethesda.....	Booneville	Logan	W. V. McNeely	C. Bryant	R. D. Bryant, W. V. McNeely, J. V. Springer
Bethlehem.....	Jenny Lind	Sebastian	D. L. Moore	W. A. King	J. L. Harris
Booneville.....	Booneville	Logan	N. Marshall	F. M. Ervin	J. A. Keeth, N. Marshall, F. M. Ervin
Cedar Creek.....	Poteau	Scott	J. J. Oldham	H. H. Harrell	S. Harrell, W. M. Dennie
Cedar Grove.....	Tomlinson	Scott	A. A. Spiller	M. M. Smith	J. N. Pennington, M. F. Graham, J. V. Oldham
Charleston.....	Charleston	Franklin	F. L. Kregel	M. L. Eggleston	E. D. Compere, M. L. Eggleston, J. V. Oldham
Corinth.....	Booneville	Logan	N. Marshall	A. Calahan	H. Nyfong, A. Calahan
Chalybeate Springs.....	Walnut Tree	Yell	J. J. Tate	S. Jordan	B. F. Parlow
Double Branch.....	Hartford	Sebastian	M. M. Speer	J. H. McMillan	J. S. Newkirk, J. H. McMillan
Dutch Creek.....	Waldron	Scott	J. J. Tate	J. J. Tate	W. M. Tyler, W. M. Byers
Friendship.....	Dayton	Sebastian	L. F. Patterson	W. Byers	J. Stinebaugh, J. F. Cook, E. P. Davis, H. H. Mouser
Fellowship.....	Witcherville	Sebastian	E. L. Compere	G. A. Graves	J. R. Bolton, W. M. Belu
Fort Smith.....	Fort Smith	Sebastian		H. Brown	P. T. Mayfield, H. Payne
Grand Prairie.....	Charleston	Franklin	F. L. Kregel	H. Payne	J. L. Moore, S. Cope
Greenwood.....	Greenwood	Sebastian	D. L. Moore	S. Cope	D. M. Clevenger, L. Shelby
Hepzibah.....	Charleston	Franklin	W. Bridgeman	J. L. O'Neal	J. J. Fuller, G. C. Towry, J. N. Fuller
Hopewell.....	Booneville	Logan	S. J. Fuller	J. N. Fuller	M. Q. Workman
Jones' Creek.....	Brawly	Scott	M. M. Speer	G. W. Blair	M. M. Speer
James' Fork.....					L. W. Swint, N. Godfrey
Lick Creek.....	Booneville	Logan	G. C. Towry	W. S. Swint	W. M. Moore
Lone Pilgrim.....	Enterprise	Sebastian	J. J. Holland	J. J. Harisfield	J. J. Holland, P. M. Ward, E. H. McDonald
Macedonia.....	Greenwood	Sebastian	J. M. Clevenger	B. F. Garrett	J. C. Redding
Mill Creek.....	Webb City	Franklin	J. J. Tate	D. L. Brothers	P. Hale, J. Brothers, J. Hale
Mount Moriah.....	Olio	Scott	D. L. Moore	W. M. Bleek	F. F. Rodin, W. Blalock, F. M. Blalock
Mount Nebo.....	Greenwood	Sebastian	W. Greenlee	J. N. Gilliam	J. R. Brown
Mount Lebanon.....	Greenwood	Sebastian	C. T. Cagle	J. A. Bennett	W. A. Wilkerson, C. Bookout, W. G. Wilkerson
Mount Zion.....	Greenwood	Sebastian	L. F. Patterson	T. K. Wallis	J. C. McDonald, D. Willis, S. Godwin
Mount Pleasant.....	Hartford	Sebastian	F. L. Kregel	J. F. O'Neal	W. M. Crawford
Mount Hope.....	Roseville	Logan	J. J. Oldham	J. J. Pool	J. J. Oldham, J. J. Pool
New Bethel.....	Caithron	Scott	J. M. Clevenger	W. Watkins	J. F. Harkins
Oak Bend.....	Webb City	Franklin	J. M. Clevenger	U. M. Brown	J. Ray, U. M. Brown
Oak Bowser.....	Meyers' Landing	Sebastian	E. L. Compere	G. Anderson	E. H. McConnell, E. G. Carter, H. L. Brown
Oak Grove.....	Greenwood	Sebastian	J. M. Clevenger	H. H. Brown	A. J. Rippey, E. H. Brown
Oak Valley.....	Bloomer	Sebastian	J. J. Holland	S. Stalcup	J. K. Hale, J. W. Miller, D. Upchurch
Pleasant Hill.....	Hackett City	Sebastian	J. H. Baker	W. H. Cary	W. H. Cary, S. O. Corley, W. M. Upchurch
Pine Mountain.....	Charleston	Franklin	N. Marshall	J. H. Smith	T. J. Condry, J. W. Tripp, J. T. Vane
Poteau.....	Waldron	Scott	W. J. Patterson	J. H. Anderson	F. Patterson, J. Anderson
Pleasant Valley.....	Sugar Loaf	Sebastian			E. P. Claborn
Pilgrim's Rest.....					
Pleasant Grove.....					
Sharon.....	Caulksville	Logan	J. H. Baker	T. P. Tignor	J. M. Bates
Shiloh.....	Long Ridge	Logan	B. C. Owen	E. J. Mason	E. M. Holland, P. M. Ward, E. H. McDonald
Smyma.....	Greenwood	Sebastian	J. Brim	W. A. Fields	J. Brim, J. Hanna
Union Hope.....	Long Ridge	Logan	F. M. Holland	B. F. Thompson	P. Taylor
Union.....	Washburn	Sebastian	G. W. Glass	E. W. Glass	E. W. Glass
Washburn Creek.....	Barber	Scott	J. T. Fields	F. J. Blair	P. P. Moore