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Proceedings...

SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBIA COUNTY,

Friday, Sept. 21, 1900.

Owing to the continual down-pour of rain in the forenoon, the Association did not meet at the appointed time. At 3 p. m. Moderator H. T. Hawkins called the Association to order. After a short service of song he read Ps. 133, Elder J. U. H. Wharton led in prayer. The moderator then announced the body ready for business. In the absence of the Clerk, W. F. Dorris was chosen clerk pro tem. W. Theo. Smith and J. U. H. Wharton were appointed to read letters.

Twenty-six churches were represented by letter and messengers. Their reports show an increase: Baptism, 133; letter, 110; restoration, 18.

List of churches and messengers:

Blanchard Springs.

Camden—W. Theo. Smith and W. F. Dorris.

Cargile—J. S. Compere.

Center Point—Letter.

Champagnolle—C. F. Harrison.

Ebenezer—J. A. J. Harrell, H. H. Leverett.

El Dorado—R. A. Faulkner and J. U. H. Wharton.

Elliott—B. F. Rogers.

Green Grove—

Hillsboro—M. F. Gathwright.

Hopewell No. 1—E. L. McGraw and W. E. Mason.

Hopewell No. 3—J. P. Neeley.

Holly Grove—Wm. Reynolds and J. B. Williams.

Junetion City—B. J. Milam, W. A. Moore and A. R. Britt.

Liberty—Letter.

Lisbon—B. Harrell.

Lonoke—J. T. Scott, Sr., and J. D. Holloway.

Louan—

Midway—A. B. Sessoms and G. W. McCuller.

Mt. Hope—

Mt. Moriah—D. K. Sawyers.

Mt. Pleasant—H. W. Jean.

New Hope—J. W. Welch.

New London—

Norphlet—T. M. Stocks and E. G. Murphy.

Philadelphia—H. B. White and John W. White.

Pleasant Grove—A. C. Martindale.

Smackover—

Salem—W. T. Jameson, J. A. Lewis and H. T. Hawkins.

Shiloh—B. A. Alderson.

Spring Hill—

Three Creeks—J. D. Crawford and R. M. Dunn.

Union—D. F. Jackson.

Zion Hill—Letter.

The moderator then announced that the next order of business was to effect a permanent organization. H. T. Hawkins was re-elected moderator, and W. F. Dorris was chosen clerk. Petitionary letters were called for and none received. Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us.

The moderator announced the following committees:

Home and Foreign Missions—W. F. Dorris, J. A. J. Harrell and H. H. Leverett.

State and Associational Missions—J. U. H. Wharton, E. L. McGraw and H. B. White.

Publications—B. F. Rogers, J. W. Welch and C. F. Harrison.

Sunday Schools—B. F. Milam, W. E. Mason and D. F. Jackson.

Education—W. Theo. Smith, R. A. Faulkner and R. M. Dunn.

Temperance—A. R. Britt, W. A. Moore and W. T. Jameson.

Orphans Home—J. D. Crawford, E. G. Murphy and T. M. Stocks.

Devotional Exercises—R. A. Faulkner, John W. White, E. L. McGraw, and pastor and deacons of Salem church.

Finance—W. A. Moore, D. K. Sawyers and M. F. Gathright.

Nominations—A. B. Sessoms, J. P. Neeley, B. F. Rogers, R. M. Dunn and W. Theo. Smith.

Obituaries—J. U. H. Wharton, B. F. Milam and J. D. Crawford.

There being no further business the Association adjourned till Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock. Benediction by the clerk.

SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Pursuant to adjournment the Association assembled by singing, "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord." Scripture lesson was read by the moderator—Rom. 10:1-13. Bro. J. D. Crawford led in prayer. Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

Upon the call for corresponding messengers from sister associations. Elder W. G. Simmons, Everett, La., Association, and Elders W. H. Armstrong and R. B. DeVine, Columbia Association, responded and were welcomed to seats with us.

The Association then appointed as corresponding messengers the following brethren:

To Everett Association—B. F. Milam, Lee Stocks and M. F. Gathright.

To Columbia Association—H. T. Hawkins, T. M. Stocks and W. Theo. Smith.

The moderator called for report of committees.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The report on Home and Foreign Missions was read by W. F. Dorris: In the great commission there is no geographical boundary lines, except "the uttermost part of the earth." We have made the division so as to define the particular field we occupy. Home Mission work comprehends the work of the churches, through the Home Board, over all the territory of the Southern States, Indian Territory and Cnba. This Board is aiding all the State Boards in their particular fields of labor. Last year the Home Board gave Arkansas \$1,250 to aid our State Board in state mission work. We recommend liberal contributions from our churches to the Home Board, to aid in the great work she is trying to do.

The Foreign Mission Board goes into the "regions beyond," and is doing, through our missionaries, a work whose splendid success indicates God's approval. While much has been done on foreign fields, there are still millions groping their way in heathen darkness. Thousands go down annually to Christless graves. God commands us to disciple them, and their lost condition cries to us for the bread of life. Can we pass it by unheeded? Will we turn a deaf ear to their cries? We recommend that all our churches contribute regularly and liberally to this object.

Respectfully submitted by the committee.

Unanimously adopted.

EDUCATION.

The report on Education was read by W. Theo. Smith:

We note with great pleasure that Baptists are growing in their appreciation of higher Christian education. Our people are becoming aroused to the growing demand for the education of the masses. As true education is the hand-maid of christianity, the Baptist brotherhood are attempting to the best of their ability to supply the growing demands made upon them. Every Baptist points with gratitude to Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Central College, Conway, and Mountain Home College, Mt. Home. Ouachita college is co-educational, and under the efficient management of President J. W. Conger, is making herself felt as a mighty power for God and the world. We recommended a liberal patronage to this college. Central Coltege is strictly a female school, and is rapidly taking its place among the best institutions of the land in training young ladies for their life

work. President J. G. Lile is immersed in this work. We recommend those who do not favor co-education to send their girls to Central.

Mountain Home College is co-educational and is doing a great work for God and the world. Prof. J. T. Howell is the efficient president. We recommend this college to the brotherhood.

We recommend, also, that our churches contribute to the aid of our young ministers.

Report adopted.

At this juncture the hour for the annual sermon arrived. The congregation sang, "How Firm a Foundation." Bro. B. F. Milam, the appointee, led in prayer. Song—"Am I a Soldier of the Cross?" He announced as his text Phil. 1:6, "The complete salvation of God's child, and the absolute salvation of His church," was the moving power of the sermon whose force and logic made a deep impression upon the audience. Bro. J. U. H. Wharton led in prayer at the close of the sermon. After the benediction by R. B. DeVine, the Association took a recess for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 p. m. the Association re-assembled by singing. Prayer by Elder W. H. Armstrong. By motion, the regular order of business was suspended and a collection for ministerial education taken, which was divided as follows:

J. S. Compere, Onachita College, cash	\$ 4.55
D. K. Sawyers, M. F. Gathright, and H. W. Jean,	
Junction City High School, cash	5.55
Pledge by Junction City Church	10.00
Total	\$20.10

ORPHAN'S HOME.

Report on Orphan's Home was read by J. D. Crawford:

Our Orphan's Home, located at Monticello, was founded by Miss Haunah Hyatt. In 1896 there were three children cared for in the Home, now we have thirty-five. Recently there have been some improvements made which afford more room and better comfort for the children. Liberty Association was the first to respond when help was called for; other Associations, churches and other individuals followed with liberal contributions until now we have a beautiful home for the orphans of our State. Your committee would emphasize the fact that there is no more worthy enterprise undertaken by the denomination in the State. Every orphan gathered in this Home has careful training in education, and is blessed with the privileges of the Sunday School. They are surrounded with a wholesome, moral and religious influence so that in this work we obey the divine

commission to teach the Word. Let us respond liberally with our means to the appeals of the Board for this worthy institution.

Upon adoption of the report the Association set apart tomorrow (Sunday) as the most opportune time for a public collection. (Sunday cash collected \$27.00, pledges \$69.00).

STATE AND ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

The report on State and Associational Missions was read by J. U. H. Wharton:

Your committee regrets to report that the work of our State Board on this line has not been as prosperous as we could wish. Our corresponding secretary of State Missions has been hindered by serious sickness in his family. Then many of our brethren throughout the State have criticised the methods of the Board, in an unfavorable way, so as to reflect upon them the charge of unfaithfulness. Our secretary has been the subject of serious and adverse criticisms. These things have been hurtful to the work, especially the contributions. But, notwithstanding these unkind criticisms much effective work has been done. Many souls have been saved through the labors of our missionaries. Your committee would urge that, if we cannot furnish a better plan than the one which the State Board has inaugurated, we CEASE our unkind criticisms of the Board and WORK for the accomplishment of the end it seeks to attain. Let us work like men who believe "the King's business requireth haste." We urge our pastors to preach frequently on the great subject of Missions, earnestly endeavoring to perfect a system of regular contributions to the Mission work. We further recommend that our executive committee, acting in concert with the State Board, endeavor to employ an efficient missionary to work within the bounds of our Association during the next year. Unanimously adopted.

PUBLICATIONS.

The report on Publications was read by B. F. Rogers:

Your committee, recognizing the supreme importance of a knowledge of God's word, would recommend painstaking study of the Bible. It points out the only way to live; it shows us how to die. Being our rule of faith and practice, it becomes the standard by which all literature is to be tested. We also recommend, as our denominational paper, the Arkansas Baptist, published at Little Rock, Ark. Let every Baptist within our bounds rally to its support so that our editor will be able to make it a strong paper. We recommend the Baptist Gleaner, published at Paragould, Ark., as a good paper, sound in the faith, and one that stands loyally by the work of the State Convention.

We further recommend the use, in our Sunday Schools, of the Southern Baptist Convention series of Sunday School helps. Your committee were pleased to hear in the report from the

churches that every school within our bounds is using the above literature. We again request that our people take the Home Field and the Foreign Mission Journal, which will give them all the information needed in the Home and Foreign Mission work. Adopted.

TEMPERANCE.

The report on Temperance was read by A. R. Britt:

The above subject is one of the scriptural graces to adorn christian character, and bring gladness to human hearts in the moral and religious world. Also, since its opposite, intemperance, is a vice ruining churches, robbing homes of happiness, and disturbing the peace of nations, it is the sense of this Association to appeal to all her churches to exercise a rigid discipline governing such, and that our Association will not tolerate the voting for license, that we preach against it and work against it in all the ways sought out by law and justice. Adopted unanimously.

NOMINATIONS.

We recommend that the next session of this Association be held with the Elliott church, Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1901, at 11 a. m. That Bro. J. U. H. Wharton preach the Introductory sermon, and Bro. J. D. Crawford alternate; Bro. B. F. Milam to preach the Missionary sermon Sunday, at 11 a. m., and W. F. Dorris alternate; that W. Theo. Smith be elected Messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention which meets in New Orleans in May, 1901, and B. F. Milam alternate; that B. F. Rogers, H. T. Hawkins, J. D. Crawford, W. F. Dorris and J. S. Compere be elected Messengers to the State Convention, which meets at Hope, Ark., in November, 1900. As Executive Committee of this Association: R. A. Faulkner, W. F. Dorris, H. T. Hawkins, R. M. Dunn, B. F. Milam; J. P. Neely and A. B. Sessions. That W. Theo. Smith be chosen as a member of the State Executive Board of Missions. Unanimously adopted,

OBITUARIES.

The report on Obituaries was read by J. U. H. Wharton:

We report with much sorrow the death of our venerable brother, Eld. H. T. Britt, who passed away October 14, 1899. Bro. Britt was a native of Georgia. He had served as a minister of Jesus Christ nearly forty years within the bounds of this Association. He had reached the advanced age of 78 years at the time of his departure. He was a man of good natural ability, was sound in the faith, and was always ready to defend his principles of doctrine. In token of our high esteem of Bro. Britt, we recommend that the churches of this Association proceed as speedily as possible to the securing of funds to erect a suitable monument to his memory. We recommend as a committee to superintend this work, Brethren R. A. Faulkner, J.

K. Sheppard and Eld. J. W. Hudson. We recommend further, that each church take a collection for said monument by Jan. 1, 1901, and forward same to R. A. Faulkner, Eldorado, Ark.

We also chronicle the death of Deacon J. H. McKinnie, of Eldorado church. He was a faithful deacon, an exemplary member, and a christian gentleman. While we mourn the death of these faithful brethren, (as well as others who are not official members), yet we thank God for their noble lives. We also are grateful to Almighty God that no more of our brethren have been removed from their fields of labor. Adopted.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Received during this Associational year:

State and Associational Missions	- - - - -	\$184.64
Home Missions	- - - - -	91.98
Foreign Missions	- - - - -	60.40
Sunday School Work	- - - - -	85.00
Orphan's Home	- - - - -	208.25
Ministerial Education	- - - - -	98.15
Minutes	- - - - -	35.80
Total	- - - - -	\$754.22

W. A. MOORE, Chairman

TREASURER'S REPORT.

By cash on hand	- - - - -	\$13.20
By cash on hand, Ministerial Education	- - - - -	8.50
Total amount on hand	- - - - -	\$21.70

B. W. REEVES, Treasurer.

B. W. Reeves was re-elected Treasurer of the Association for the ensuing year.

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, The dear people of Salem church and community have entertained the messengers of this Association with such beautiful hospitality, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we express our gratitude for such kindness. Adopted.

B. F. MILAM,
W. F. DORRIS.

RESOLVED, That the clerk superintend the printing and distributing of the Minutes, and that he be allowed \$15.00 for his services as clerk. Adopted

B. F. MILAM,
W. THEO. SMITH.

The committee on Devotional Exercises announced that W. F. Dorris would preach at 11 a. m., on Sunday, and J. U. H. Wharton at 2 p. m.

The Association then adjourned till 10 a. m., Sunday.
Benediction by J. S. Compere.

SUNDAY, 10 A. M.

After a short song service the moderator read the 1st Psalm. W. H. Armstrong led in prayer. The Sunday School report was read by B. F. Milam, and its merits were enthusiastically discussed by himself, R. A. Faulkner, W. H. Armstrong and J. S. Compere.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee would suggest that

FIRST, A live Sunday School in each church promotes a love for God's work and a better understanding of its meaning. Hence to perfect the commission to "teach all nations" can most successfully be done in Sunday Schools, where the children can seize the truth and hold it.

SECOND, We recommend strictly Baptist Sunday Schools and Baptist literature.

THIRD, We urge that each Sunday School shall have Christian teachers and officers, thoroughly Baptistic, then the truth unmixed shall be taught.

FOURTH, It is our conviction that our pastors should preach two or three sermons on this important work, and thereby make a strong effort to create a good Sunday School in each church.

FIFTH, We would ask our schools to cultivate the spirit of giving to the Lord's cause. Unanimously adopted.

The hours appointed for services were occupied by W. F. Dorris, in the house; by J. S. Compere, in the grove, at 11 a. m.; and by J. U. H. Wharton, in the house, at 2 p. m.

Thus ended a profitable and harmonious session of Liberty Baptist Association.

H. T. HAWKINS, Moderator.

W. F. DORRIS, Clerk.



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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Bishop, J. R., Junction City, Ark.
Crawford, J. D., Three Creeks, Ark.
Dorris, W. F., Camden, Ark.
Gathright, M. F., Hillsboro, Ark.
Hereford, W. N., Camden, Ark.
Hudson, J. W., Cornie, Ark.
Kinard, C. P., Tubal, Ark.
McCain, J. G., Champagnolle, Ark.
McGraw, C. P., Cornie, Ark.
Milam, B. F., Junction, Ark.
Newsom, J. W., El Dorado, Ark.
Wharton, J. U. H., El Dorado, Ark.
Sawyers, D. K., Caledonia, Ark.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

R. A. Faulkner, El Dorado, Ark.
W. F. Dorris, Camden, Ark.
H. T. Hawkins, Mt. Holly, Ark.
B. F. Milam, Junction, Ark.
J. P. Neely, Smackover, Ark.
A. B. Sessoms, Shuler, Ark.



Pastors, Clerks and their Postoffices.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.
Blanchard Springs	Not represented			
Camden	W. F. Dorris	Camden	W. H. Harris	Blanchard Sp'ngs
Cargile	J. U. H. Wharton	ElDorado	S. B. Lide	Camden
Center Point	M. F. Gathright	Hillsboro	W. I. Belt	Cargile
Champagnolle	J. G. McCain	Champagnolle	W. J. Harrison	Hillsboro
Ebenezer	W. G. Simmons	Hillboro	G. E. Seode	Champagnolle
Elliott	R. B. DeVine	Buena Vista	J. A. J. Harrell	ElDorado
ElDorado	J. U. H. Wharton	ElDorado	B. F. Rogers	Elliott
Green Grove	M. F. Gathright	Hillsboro	Jno. A. Reeves	ElDorado
Hillsboro	B. F. Milam	Junction City	W. A. Bozeman	Oakland, La.
Hopewell No. 1	J. W. Hudson	Cornie	R. D. Newton	Hillsboro
Hopewell No. 3			J. K. Sheppard	Three Creeks
Holly Grove	C. P. Kinard	Tubal	J. P. Neeley	Smackover
Junction City	B. F. Milam	Junction City	W. L. Reynolds	Junction City
Liberty			Jno. S. Green	Junction City
Lisbon	C. P. Kinard	Tubal	R. C. Summers	Hillsboro
Lonoke	C P. Kinard	Tubal	J. P. Robinson	Lisbon
Louan	Not represented		J. D. Holloway	Smackover
Midway	W. J. Newsom	ElDorado	J H Scarborough	Shuler
Mt. Hope	Not represented		L. H. Hill	Wesson
Mt. Moriah	D. H. Webb	Lilie La	J. P. Gardner	Blanchard Sp'ngs
Mt. Pleasant	J. D. Crawford	Three Oaks	L. B. West	Gordon, La.
New Hope	C. P. Kiuard	Tubal	J. G. Adams	Tubal
New London	Not represented			
Norphlet			E. G. Murphy	Norphlet
Philadelphia			H. B. White	Wilmington
Pleasant Grove	M. F. Gathright	Hillsboro	A. C. Martindale	Hilisboro
Salem	R. B. DeVine	Buena Vista	H. T. Hawkins	Mt. Holly
Shiloh	David Webb	Lilie, La	S. W. Young	Cornie
Smackover			J. T. Irwin	Smackover
Spring Hill	Not represented			
Three Creeks	J. D. Crawford	Three Caks	T. H. Jones	Three Creeks
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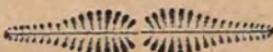
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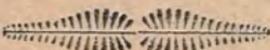
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