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## PROCEEDINGS.

Thursday morning, Sept. 11th, 1890. Association met at 11 o'clock. The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. J. W. S. Lesley, text, Acts xxviii, 22. After sermon, adjourned for dinner, to meet at 2 o'clock, p. m.

Called to order at 2 p. m. by the Moderator, J. K. Broadway. Service by congregational singing, and prayer by the moderator.

On call for letters twenty-one churches presented their letters, and messengers names enrolled. See table.

The body then went into permanent organization by electing B. M. Stephens, Moderator, E. A. Wolverton, Clerk and W. L. Woolverton, Treasurer.

Eld. J. A. Myers was received as corresponding messenger from Russellville Association.

Committee on arrangement read their report, which was as follows:

1st. Call the meeting to order and hear the reading of letters from the churches.

2nd. Permanent organization.

3rd. The appointment of committees to report in the following order: Ministerial Education, Publication, Prohibition, Destitution, Foreign Missions, Sabbath Schools, Woman's Work, Queries, Finance.

4th. Time and place of next meeting of the Association, and elect person to preach introductory sermon.

5th. New business.

6th. Resolutions.

7th. Reading minutes of the meeting.

8th. Adjourn.

On motion, the body to meet at 8:30 and adjourn 11 o'clock a. m., and meet at 2 and adjourn at 5 o'clock p. m. each day. On motion the hours of 11 o'clock a. m. and 7:30 p. m. were set apart for devotional service.

On motion the body proceeded to the consideration of the amendment to the constitution as offered in resolution at the meeting last year. Pending the discussion of the motion to adopt, the body adjourned for supper.

Thursday, 7:30 p. m., met for preaching by Eld. G. W. Ford, from the text, Ezekiel xxxiii, 7. After sermon, the body proceeded to the discussion of the motion to adopt the the proposed amendment to the constitution, pending discussion, the body adjourned.

### FRIDAY MORNING.

Met 8:30 a. m. for business. Prayer by Eld. M. S. Kirkland. Then resumed the discussion of the question before the body. The resolution to amend the constitution was then voted on and lost. The report on destitution was read and made the special order for to-night. Report on Woman's Work read and recommitted. Report on Ministerial Educa-

tion read, and pending discussion, adjourned for 11 o'clock preaching by Eld. J. K. Broadaway, the text, Mark xvi, 15.

Met at 2 o'clock p. m., and proceeded to the discussion of the report on Ministerial Education, which was adopted.

The report on Prohibition was read, and motion made to amend by striking out the words "In any sense," and inserting the words "As a beverage." The report was then read and adopted by the unanimous vote of the body.

Eld. J. W. S. Lessley rose to a question of privilege, stating that his character had been impeached by Blue Mountain Baptist association in resolution No. 5, as appears on the face of their minutes of Oct. 5th, 1889. On motion, a committee consisting of Elds. J. Mayall, T. Moody, J. K. Broadaway, J. W. Yancy, and David Horton was appointed to investigate said resolution and charges, and report at the next meeting of this body.

The report on Foreign Missions was read and adopted. A motion to spread on the minutes was lost, but a motion was made to reconsider, carried and pending said motion the amount of \$4.30 was raised for the purpose of having the report printed in the minutes. Adjourned at 5 p. m.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT.

At 7:30 o'clock, met for preaching by Eld. B. M. Stephens, from Luke x, 2. Prayer by Eld. J. Mayall. After preaching the Moderator called the body to order for consideration of special order of the hour, which was the report on Destitution. The report was read and adopted and Eld. H. W. Melton was elected as missionary for the ensuing year to put in his whole time. Then proceeded to take subscription for his salary as follows.

M. S. Kirkland,	\$10.00	W. L. Woolverton,	\$ 2 00
G. W. Wright,	5.00	J. K. Broadaway,	1.00
B. M. Stephens,	40.00	A. J. Moody,	1.00
S. A. Neal,	2.00	J. J. Stanton,	1.00
A. H. Brickey,	10.00	E. A. Woolverton,	3.00
H. Tindal,	10.00	S. V. Poteet,	5.00
T. Moody,	5.00	J. F. Norwood,	2.00
B. H. Bearden,	5.00	J. W. S. Lessley,	10.00
J. Mayall,	5.00	G. W. Ford,	5.00
J. C. Powell,	2.00	G. W. Reid,	2.00
J. H. Ridling,	2.50	H. W. Melton,	5.00
W. J. Sims,	2.00	S. I. Kennamer,	5.00
J. C. Jones,	1.00	Darel Norwood,	1.00
E. H. Hicks,	1.00	L. D. Stover,	1.00
J. H. Mizell,	2.00	Jesse Powell,	2.00
J. W. Todd,	10.00	J. G. Dickson,	2.00
S. A. Trout,	2.00	J. W. Yancy,	10.00
J. H. Wright,	2.00	P. H. Cole,	2.00
Sephas Tiner,	2.00	Centre Ridge church,	5.00
J. F. Sims,	8.00	Lone Oak church,	5.00

H. C. Emmerson,	2.50	Pleasant Spring c'h	17.00
Cleveland church,	23.00	G. T. Fisher,	1.00
Anticoh church,	7.00	A. L. Stewart,	2.50
W. F. Winningham,	5.00	L. H. Wallace,	2.00
Asa Robertson,	5.00	G. H. Taylor,	5.00
A. W. McCracken,	1.00	M. V. Hammons,	.50

The above subscription to be paid, one-half this winter and balance by the 1st of September 1891. The pledges amounting to \$267. It was moved to make the Association, as a body, responsible for the balance of the salary. Motion was lost.

The following brethren then pledged themselves to stand as security, that the balance, amounting to \$233, would be raised, to-wit: M. S. Kirkland, J. W. Todd, B. M. Stephens, B. H. Bearden, G. W. Wright, J. C. Powell, T. Moody, J. W. Yancy, A. H. Brickey, P. H. Cole, J. G. Dickson, J. Mayall, J. F. Norwood, Jesse Powell, W. J. Sims, J. A. Myers, H. Tindal, L. F. Daniels, J. A. Kimbrough, H. W. Melton, T. Nutt, G. W. Reid and Mrs M. A. Daniels.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow at 8:30 a. m.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPT. 13TH.

Met for business. Committee on Sabbath schools read their report, which was adopted without discussion.

Report on Publications read and adopted. Report of Missionary, for the work at Springfield, read and adopted.

On motion, went into election of time and place of holding next meeting of the Association, which resulted in the choice of Centre Ridge, on Thursday before the 2nd Sabbath in September, 1891, and Eld. B. H. Bearden to preach the introductory sermon.

It appearing that the report of M. S. Kirkland as Missionary did not show the balance due on work done at Springfield, it was moved to reconsider the report. Pending the discussion of the amendment to the report, 50cts was paid by J. G. Dickson and 50cts by Dan. Norwood. The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived the body adjourned for preaching by Eld. H. W. Melton. Text: John iii, 14. Prayer by Eld. B. M. Stephens.

Committee on Querries reported query No. 1. Is it right to have instrumental music in our churches? Answer, No.

A motion was made to amend the query by striking out the answer "no" and insert "yes." Carried. The query was then adopted by a strong vote.

On motion proceeded to elect an executive board which resulted in the choice of M. S. Kirkland, S. V. Potteet, B. M. Stephens and J. W. Todd.

By order of the body the Moderator announced prayer meeting for 9 o'clock Sunday morning and Sunday school mass meeting at 10 o'clock. The hour of 5 o'clock having arrived, the body was declared adjourned to meet at 7:30 for

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preaching by Eld. J. A. Myers. Text: Romans i, 16. After preaching the committee on Woman's Work made their report, which was adopted.

1st. **RESOLVED**, That the thanks of this body is hereby tendered Prof. Milner for the very excellent music given from "Harvest Bells," on the church organ, during the sitting of the Association.

2nd. **RESOLVED**. That the thanks of this body is tendered to the church and people at Cleveland for the hearty welcome and hospitable entertainment during this session of the Association.

Motion carried that the clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and have \$10 for his services

Zion-Hill church requested a letter of dismission from this Association which was granted. No other business appearing, adjourned to meet at Centre Ridge, Conway county, on Thursday before the second Sunday in September, 1891.

## REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee on Ministerial Education beg leave to report the following: Knowing, that in the present day of enlightenment, to keep pace with the progress that is now bearing sway in the world, it becomes us as a denomination, who hold the truth as it is in Christ Jesus, to give the same in its purity to the perishing millions of earth. We should prepare our young ministers for the great work that lies before them by giving them an education.

Therefore we recommend, first of all, a careful study of God's word as revealed to us in the Holy Scriptures. Then as far as possible, to avail themselves of every opportunity of attending school, and if possible, to take a course in some Theological school of our denomination, the better, to enable them to meet error and teach the truth.

We recommend to our young ministers Ouachita Baptist College at Arkadelphia, Ark., and would recommend that the Association assist one or more of the young ministers to attend our Baptist college, the better to prepare them for the great work that lies before them.

G. W. FORD,

J. W. S. LESLEY,

W. J. SIMS,

Committee.

## REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee would recommend first, a careful and prayerful reading of God's word as revealed in the Old and New Testament Scriptures. Second, would recommend our state paper, "The Arkansas Baptist," it is full of sound doctrine and gives all the Baptist news. It makes the brotherhood know and love each other better. We think it should be in the house of every Baptist of the Association.

We also call attention to the Foreign Mission Journal.

This is the organ of the Southern Baptist Convention and gives the Baptist news of the world. It should be read by all our brethren. As Sabbath school literature we would recommend "Kind Words" series.

T. MOODY,  
H. W. MELTON,  
D. B. NORWOOD,  
Committee.

#### REPORT ON PROHIBITION.

We, your committee, ask leave to report the following: Prohibition means total abstinence and we, as Baptist can not afford to be silent on this important question. Every Baptist should use all his influence against the manufacture and sale and use of intoxicating liquors, (as a beverage.) We further recommend that all our churches withdraw fellowship from all members who use or encourage the use of this monster evil as a beverage. Respectfully submitted:

J. K. BROADWAY,  
J. MAYALL,  
T. MOODY,  
Committee.

#### REPORT ON DESTITUTION.

We find that there is a sufficient destitution in the bounds of this Association to occupy the full time of one man. We need the service of a good active man for his whole time.

We recommend therefore, that this body raise funds to pay salary and employ an evangelist to begin work at once.

M. S. KIRKLAND,  
ALFRED BRICKEY,  
H. C. EMMERSON,  
Committee.

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Dear brethren. Your committee beg leave to report, taking it for granted that you are, as every redeemed soul ought to be, deeply interested in the work of Foreign Missions, and thinking that some information in regard to that work, as carried on by our own Southern Baptist Convention, would be of interest to you and as we present the work may God move upon our hearts and remember that he said: "Go into all the world." The Southern Baptist Convention has been doing a great part in carrying out the Lord's will. The work of the Convention lies in five great continents, Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America. Our European Mission is in Italy. This work was begun in 1871 in the city of Rome with great difficulty. Remember it was and is the strong hold of Roman Catholicism. This work is under the supervision of two American Missionaries, Rev. Geo. B. Taylor of Virginia, and Rev. J. H. Eager of Mississippi. There are some 12 or 14 Italian pastors and evangelists and some

colportuers and some 14 churches of our faith and order. This attests the success of this work. These are dotted all over Italy. Italy seems to be opening her heart to the Lord. Let me refer you to some of the persecutions in this part, but God is with us.

#### CHINA.

The work of the Convention in Asia is located in China where 3 or 4 main stations are. Tong Chow in the extreme north, Shanghai in the centre and Canton in the extreme south. The North China Mission reports two churches and two main stations with, as yet no churches and 22 out stations. There are 137 members. The churches in this mission are self-supporting. Mrs. Crawford says hundreds of women are learning the truth from her lips and the books she distributes. This is a hard field, but God seems to be moving on the hearts of very many. The Central China Mission includes the cities—Shanghai, Kwin San, Loochoo and Chinkiang. These churches with 109 members of whom 6 were baptized last year. Four ordained and unpaid native preachers held forth the word of life to their fellow countrymen, and the contribution of these churches last year was \$276.60. This Mission has been lately reinforced and now has 12 missionaries, 6 men and 6 women at work. Brethren cannot we all say, God bless them in their arduous work.

The South China Mission has at work two American male and five female missionaries. To this number has been added one man and two women. 23 natives, male and female, help in the work. 507 members are reported, 70 of whom were baptized last year.

Good schools are maintained here, partly by the mission and partly by the natives who also bear no small part of the expense of buying or building chapels and supporting their ministers. Contributions last year \$583.97; over one dollar per member. The number of baptisms is increasing this year. Rev. E. Z. S. Simmons says: "This is reaping time with us."

#### JAPAN MISSION.

The work has been confined to China, but it will be so no longer. The board with the sanction of the convention, opened a mission in Japan; probably the most promising field now open to Christ's messengers. Two young men, the Rev. J. W. McCullom of Alabama and Rev. J. A. Brunson of South Carolina, have been appointed to open this work and they, with their wives sailed last fall. Let us remember these young Japan missionaries.

#### AFRICA.

The African, or Yoruba Mission, located in western central Africa. The population speaking the Yoruba language is



between four and five million. Many of them are agriculturists and traders on the farm. They manifest much skill among them in working iron, wood and leather. Religiously they are Pagans. We have 4 churches with 138 members. There has been trouble in Lagos which has reduced that number, but the work of the Lord goes on. It was a most notorious slave market, but now there are twenty churches various sizes, seating from one hundred and fifty to one thousand. Good schools; two private schools, six high schools, one for the training of native preachers and teachers. These schools have an attendance of 2,540 pupils. This is the work and zeal of the Lagos church. Three missionaries with their wives, Brethren David Eubanks and Smith have been doing the work for several years, but they have been reinforced by the Rev. C. C. Newton, wife and daughter of North Carolina and Rev. W. T. Lumbley and wife of Mississippi are good workers in this field. The Lord is blessing the work here

#### BRAZIL MISSION.

The gospel is in Brazil, but it has not been felt in all the country. We ought to give heed to the calls that come to us from that land. The religious condition of the people demand it. The people are idolators. In God's word this is positively prohibited. "Thou shalt have no other Gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto the any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them nor serve them." The people of Brazil manufacture, sell, buy and worship their own Gods. What will become of such people who have forgotten to worship the true God.

There is a call from the brethren who are already there. Brother and sister Taylor in Bahia, brother and sister Bagby and Miss Morton in Rio, are calling and those who have believed unto salvation through their word are calling on you to send more laborers in this part of the Lord's vineyard.

Their call is God's call. God seems to impress us with a knowledge of making a special offering for this field, both in money and men.

#### MEXICO MISSION.

Our Mexican mission began in 1880. Reports, May last, 19 churches with over 600 members besides a constantly increasing number of out-stations where the gospel, more or less, is regularly preached. We have 20 American missionaries at work, besides over that number of native helpers.

In almost every letter that comes from these missions, for they extend into four states, are tidings of numbers being added to the churches. The last from brother Powell reports 22. Madero institute, our female seminary, is full to overflowing, so that applicants had to be turned away for want of room. This institute is proving a mighty power for

good as its colored christian girls go forth as lights into the Romish darkness. The recently opened male school is rapidly filling up.

Now to carry on this work of the convention, the foreign mission board will need this year, at least \$150,000. This sum has been approved by the convention. The board has no invested funds on which it can depend, to help carry on the work. Its sole dependence for the money is and must be under God on the churches of the Lord in the south. To these, through pastors, this appeal is made for help in the great work—to you brethren, it comes, and I beg that you will present the matter to the churches of which God has given you the oversight, and do all you can to bring them up to the measure of their duty in this matter. Dear brethren, is not this the Lord's work, if so, is it not our duty to remember what Paul says in first Corinthians xvi, 1-3? "Let us give as the Lord has prospered us and he will bless us."

Respectfully submitted,

ELDER J. MAYALL, ch'm.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

We are glad to report to this body, there is a growing interest in Sunday school work in this state. Sunday schools have been, for a great many years, a profitable and successful agency in propogating the truth, especially amongst the young. Their benefits however, have not been confined to boys and girls, but men and women have often found in them a very great help in studying the Bible. in fact one characteristic of a properly conducted Sunday school is that all ages and grades amongst church members and in the world can find profitable employment therein. Those who are unable to teach may learn and such as cannot give can receive.

A Sunday school should be emphatically a place in which to study the Bible and hence it is a place in which all persons may receive good. None gets too old to attend Sunday school, because none are too old to either bestow or receive a blessing.

We believe that Sunday schools are one of society's most effective safeguards and should be encouraged and assisted by all good citizens. The statistics show that there are 105,894 Sunday schools in the United States, having 1,120,438 officers and teachers and 8,598,851 scholars. There is no other country in the world that can present such proof of success in the work of promoting these admirable agencies of civilization, and we believe that a knowledge of the gospel plan of salvation is one of the means of bringing men and women to Christ and we think there is no better time to teach than in the tender years of childhood. Therefore, we would recommend that each church organize and keep up a lively Sunday school, that our children may be taught the

way of truth and life and that each church report its Sabbath school work to the next meeting of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE WRIGHT, ch'm.

#### REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Your committee beg leave to report the following: Since it is a fact that some of the most effective work is done by our sisters in Christ. We therefore recommend that every effort be used by our pastors and churches to encourage them in their well begun work and that we all co-operate with them.

Respectfully submitted,

ASA ROBERTSON, ch'm.

#### REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your committee on Finance beg leave to report the following for associational missions:

Due M. S. Kirkland \$40.00.

Balance from last year \$ 6.90

Sent up by churches 16.00

Paid by J. G. Dickson 50

Paid by D. B. Norwood 50

Unappropriated funds of last year 3.00

Paid by E. A. Woolverton 7.00

Total 33.90

For printing

Sent up by churches \$24.05

Paid by contributions 4.30

Total 28.35

Foreign missions sent up by churches \$3.30

Total amount \$68.55

W. L. WOOLVERTON, ch'm.

#### CLERK'S STATEMENT.

By Finance committee \$68.55

By Sunday's collection 5.00

To clerk's fees 10.00

To printing minutes 15.00

To Salary of M. S. Kirkland 40.00

Cash paid as Foreign mission fund 3.30

Balance in hands of clerk 5.25

E. A. WOOLVERTON, clerk.

#### MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

I was employed by your board to preach at Springfield at a salary of \$40.00, (all of which has been paid.) I traveled 160 miles, preached 15 sermons, made 24 visits during the year. The church received 7 members by letter and paid for all

purposes \$191.50. The church is now in good condition and able to have preaching twice a month.

Respectfully Submitted,

M. S. KIRKLAND.

The moderator appointed the following correspondence to sister associations: To state convention, M. S. Kirkland and E. A. Woolverton; Blue Mountain, T. Moody; Greenbriar, H. W. Melton, B. M. Stephens; Peedee, J. Mayall, H. C. Emmerson; Red River, J. K. Broadaway, J. W. Yancy; Russellville, T. Moody, M. S. Kirkland; Southern Baptist convention, B. M. Stephens.

SUNDAY.

The Sabbath school mass meeting was addressed by J. A. Kimbrough of Springfield M. and F. College. Preaching at the Baptist church by Eld. B. H. Bearden. Eld. T. Moody preached at the Adventist church.

E. A. WOOLVERTON, clerk.

