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Fifty-Sixth Annual Session

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Elliott Church, Elliott, Ark.

OCT. 5-7, 1901.

The next Session will be held with the New London Church, Southeast of El Dorado 25 miles, beginning Saturday before the 1st Sunday in Oct., 1902.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON.

ELD. J. D. CRAWFORD. ELD. B. F. MILAM, Alternate.

OFFICERS:

H. T. HAWKINS, Moderator, Mt Holly, W F. DORRIS, Clerk, Camden. B. W. REEVES, Treasurer, El Dorado.

PROCEEDINGS.

ELLIOTT, ARK., OCT., 5, 1901.

The 56th Annual Session of the Liberty Baptist Association convened with the Elliott church at the time above stated. By request of the Alternate, Rev. O. J. Wade preached the Introductory sermon from 1 Cor. 9:12:—"But suffer all things lest we hinder the Gospel of Christ." The sermon was timely in its application, pointed in thought, impressive in its delivery, and was well received by the large congregation present.

By motion the body adjourned for dinner. Dr. R. A. Vena-

ble pronounced the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock p. m. the body reassembled. The moderator

read Matt. 5:14-16. Prayer by Dr. Venable.

W. Theo. Smith, A. F. Riley, and M. F. Gathright were appointed to read letters. Thirty-two churches represented by letter and messengers, showing an aggregate in membership of 2181; increase by Baptism, 199; by Letter 115; by Restoration and Relation 27.

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS.

Blanchard Springs-Letter.

Camden-W. Theo. Smith, J. R. Rogers, W. B. Yarbrough W. F. Dorris.

Cargile-T. A. Horne

Champagnolle—S. L. Adams. Center Point—Van Burns.

Ebenezer-J. E. Haney, M. A. Harper.

ElDorado—B. W. Reeves, R. A. Faulkner, O. J. Wade, H. W. Goodwin.

Elliott-B. F. Rogers, W. R. Venable, H. M. Warnock.

Green Grove—Letter. Hillsboro—Letter.

Hopewell, No. 1.-J. W. Hudson, S. J. McGraw.

Hopewell, No. 3.-J. P. Neely.

Holly Grove-Letter.

Junction City-J. R. Bishop, M. F. Gathright.

Liberty-D. W. Ward. Lisbon-J. G. Willet.

Lonoke-J. T. Howard, W. A. Fagg, Joe Tunnage.

Midway-S. G. Sessoms.

Mt. Hope— Letter. Mt. Moriah—Letter.

Mt. Pleasant-H. W. Jean, J. L. Gray, J. C. Wise.

New Hope-C. W. Cole, J. M. Gage.

New London-J. C. Douglass, L. B. Burnside.

Norphlet-W. W. Lawton, E. G. Murphy, T. M. Stocks.

Philadelphia-John W. White.

Pleasant Grove-A. C. Martindale, F. A. Lewis.

Salem-H. T. Hawkins, J. A. Lewis, W. T. Jameson.

Shiloh-S. Z. Henry.

Spring Hill-H. A. Mayfield, S. Fathern.

Three Creeks-C. P. McGraw, A. C. Jones, J. D. Crawford.

Union-J. L. Pumphrey, D. J. Jackson.

Zion Hill-E. Ward, W. J. Ward, W. A. Newsom.

The moderator then stated that the body was ready for reorganization into the Fifty-sixth annual session. By motion the former officers were unanimously re-elected—H. T. Hawkins Moderator, W. F. Dorris, clerk, and B. W. Reeves, Treasurer.

On motion the order of business of last session was made

the order for this.

Petitionary letters were called for: none responded.

Upon a call for correspondents T. P. Davis enrolled as

messenger from Columbia Association.

W. Theo. Smith, H. T. Hawkins, or any member of Liberty Association in attendance were appointed as messengers to Columbia Association.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us.

J. D. Crawford was appointed messenger to Liberty Association in Louisiana.

The following visitors were enrolled: -J. M. Hart, Weath-

erford, Texas; T. J. Bennett, Red River Association; Mrs. Hannah H. Gardner, Orphan's Home; J. H. Milburn, Little Rock.

B. W Reeves, treasurer, made his report:

| 1900, | Sept. B | y Ba | lance | last report | \$ 21.70 |
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| | Oct. 29, | To | Cash (| Minutes and Clerk's salary\$ 36.30 | |
| | Nov. 5, | 64 | " (| o B. F. Milam, ministers) 8.50 | |
| | " 5. | 16 | . (| o A. J. Barton, Salem church) 10.00 | |
| | Dec. 18, | - | (| o Dr. Pace, J. S. Compere) 4.55 | |
| 1901, | Oct 5, | To : | Balanc | e account 75.86 | |

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Cash on hand

By motion the churches were requested to send all monies for other than associational purposes to the proper parties in charge of such work. Send all monies for State Missions to J. H. Kitchens, Jr., Jonesboro, Ark. For Ministerial Education to Dr. J. K. Pace, Arkadelphia, Ark. For Orphan's Home to Mrs. Hannah Hyatt Gardner, Monticello, Ark. For Home Missions to Dr. F. C. McConnell, Atlanta, Ga. For Foreign Missions to Dr. R. J. Willingham, Richmond, Va.

The Moderator announced the following committees: Education-A. F. Riley, E. G. Murphy, S. L. Adams,

Home and Foreign Missions-O. J. Wade, W. B. Yarbrough, J. D. Crawford.

Orphan's Home-J. D. Crawford, J. P. Neely, J. C. Douglas. H. M. Warnock.

Obituaries-J. R. Bishop, John W. White, W. W. Lawton. Sunday Schools-A. C. Jones, T. A. Horne, S. Z. Henry. Finance—B. W. Reeves, H. W. Goodwin, W. T. Jameson. Nomirations—R. A. Faulkner, E. Ward, W. Theo. Smith. J. D. Crawford, J. A. Lewis, L. B. Burnside, Van Burns.

Temperance-C. P. McGraw, D. F. Jackson, J. T. Howard. State and Associational Missions-W. F. Dorris, J. W. Hud-

son, J. A. Lewis.

Publications-O. J. Wade, B. F. Rogers, R. A Faulkner. Divine Service-B. F. Rogers, A. C. Jones, R. A. Faulkner. The committee on Divine Service made the following report: J. D. Crawford to preach in this house to-night at 8 o'clock. R. A. Venable in the grove to-morrow at 11:00 a. m.

J. M. Hart in the grove at 3 p. m.

C. P. McGraw in this house at 8 p. m. Sunday School report to be discussed at 10 a. m. Adjourned to meet Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

Bro. Crawford preached a good, forceful sermon at 8 p. m. on the commission as given by Luke, which was an inspiration to those present.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1901.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment at 10 a.m. A. C. Jones read the report on Sunday Schools as follows: In making our report the question comes "what shall we say?" For years we have had able reports and urgent appeals to the churches with but meager results. We have had "line upon line and precept upon precept" on this great question, but alas! how few churches have heeded our appeals. Despite these urgent appeals there seems to have been a falling off instead of an advance in this work. Out of 32 churches represented 12 reported Sunday Schools. Surely our churches do not realize the importance of this great work. Brethren, will you stop and consider that in failing to have Sunday Schools you fail that far in sowing the seeds of eternal life in the minds and hearts of those whom God has given into your charge? If you do not care for the salvation of your own children, who else will assume the responsibility ! We beg you, we entreat you, to go to your churches and begin the work, and continue in your efforts until you succeed in bringing the parents and children together for a systematic and continuous study of God's word in the Sunday Schools. Respectfully submitted by the committee.

The report was discussed enthusiastically by several brethren, and many of whom had no schools, promised to go home

and organize schools in their churches. Adopted.

At 11 a. m. Dr. R. A. Venable preached a magnificent sermon on The Commission—Matt. 28: 18-20, in which he took the authority of Jesus as the basis of his command, "Go!" etc. At the close of the service the congregation contributed \$40.15 for State Missions.

At 3 p. m. Dr. J. M. Hart preached a grand sermon from John 5:39-"Search the Scriptures," etc.

At the close of the service a collection was taken for Or phan's Home as follows:

| Cash | | \$23 75 | |
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| Camden Church, M. P. Watts,\$ | 50 00 | Ebernezer, J. E. Haney, Eldorado, | 5 00 |
| Eldorado, R. A. Faulkner | 75 00 | Elliott, B. F. Rogers, | 5 00 |
| Hopewell, No.1, J.W. Hudson Cornie | 5 00 | Junction City, J. R. Bishop | 10 00 |
| Liberty, D. W. Ward | 2 50 | Lisbon, J. G. Willett | 3 00 |
| Lonoke, J. T. Howard, Smackover, | 5 00 | Midway, A. B. Sissoms, | 5 00 |
| New Hope, J. M Gage, Tubal | 2 50 | New London, L. B. Burnside | 5 00 |
| Philadelphia, John W. White | 2 50 | Salem, J. A. Lewis, Mt. Holly | 5 00 |
| Three Creeks, C. P. McGraw | 5 00 | Union, D. F. Jackson, | 5 00 |
| Center Point, Van Burns, | 2 00 | Zion Hill, E. Ward, | 5 00 |
| Total | | \$218 75 | |
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At 8 p. m., Elder C. P. McGraw preached a good and helpful sermon on the "Great Salvation"—Heb. 2:2, 3.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1901.

The Association met at 8:30 a.m.; Minutes of the preced-

ing sessions read, corrected and approved.

By motion the funds on hand in the treasury (\$75.86) were appropriated to assist Bro. M. F. Gathright, as Ministerial Student, in Ouachita College. (Bro. H. A. Mayfield authorized the clerk to pledge Spring Hill Church for \$5.00 for Ministerial Education.)

Prof. J. W. Conger was enrolled as a visitor from Ouachita

College.

J. D. Crawford read the report on Orphan's Home: At our last meeting there were THIRTY-FIVE Orphans in the Home. We now have FORTY-SEVEN. They are bright, happy children and proud of their Home.

The building is still unfinished, which is one of our needs just now, as more bed-room is wanted to accommodate the chil-

dren.

Our chapel and school-room needs furniture. Thirty-five of the children are gathered each morning in the chapel and begin their work by divine worship. Their spiritual needs are by no means neglected while the mind is being trained. This noble institution is ours. Let all the churches be liberal in their contributions to carry on the work. Respectfully submitted. Discussed by J. D. Crawford and J. R. Bishop. Unanimously adopted.

The report on Home and Foreign Missions was read by O.

J. Wade: The past century has been one of great missionary activity, and yet we have done but little more than mere pioneer work. We trust that this shall be a century of reaping, as last has been one of plowing and sowing. Enlargement should be our motto. "Let us attempt great things for God and expect great things from God." There is no limit to His power; there should be none to our consecrated effort.

"The field is the world," and our churches are seeking to evangelize both the Home and the Foreign fields. The work of the Home Board is confined to the Southern States and the Island of Cuba. Its work is of great importance and should be liberally supported. To strengthen our cause at home is to strengthen it abroad. We suggest that:

You remember your missionaries in your prayers.
 That our pastors do more missionary preaching.

3. That our churches seek to inform themselves on all lines of mission work.

4. That the Association hold at least one distinctively missionary meeting before the next sitting of this body, and that the Moderator appoint a committee of five to make all necessary arrangements.

5. That our people double their gifts to our mission work. After an earnest discussion by several brethren, the report

was adopted.

The committee referred to above are: O. J. Wade, R. A. Faulkner, A. C. Jones, B. F. Rogers, W. F. Dorris.

The report on Education was read by B. F. Rogers, in the absence of Prof. Riley: Education is the harmonious development of all the powers of the body, the mind and the soul. The most important part of education for success in this life, and happiness in the life to come is the development of the moral and religious nature. But the law confines the efforts of the State, both in public schools and in the University, to the training of the body and the mind. Hence the education of the soul must be undertaken by the christian denominations. Realizing this responsibility, the Baptists of Arkansas have established and are maintaining Onachita College, Arkadelphia, for males and females, and Central College, Conway, for females only. Onachita College, under the presidency of Prof. J. W. Corger, has become the pride of, not only the Baptists of Arkansas, but of the Baptists of our Southland.

Central College, under the management of Prof. W. W. Rivers, is one of the strongest and best equipped colleges for girls in the South. During the past summer the rooms have been refurnished and a system of steam heat put in the building. We urge each Baptist to use his influence for these noble institututions of learning. Speak, work and pray for their success and send your boys and girls to be trained under the christian influences of our colleges.

After a good discussion by O. J. Wade and J. W. Conger,

the report was adopted.

The committee on Nominations made the following report, which was adopted: The next session of this Association to be held with the New London Church, Saturday before the First Sunday in October, at 11 a. m., 1902.

Introductory sermon—J. D. Crawford; B. F. Milam, alternate; O. J. Wade, Messenger to the Southern Baptist Conven-

tion in May, 1902, and W. Theo. Smith, alternate.

Messengers to the State Convention, which meets at Paragould, November, 1901: R. A. Faulkner, M. P. Watts, J. D. Crawford, H. T. Hawkins, W. S. Young. Executive Board of this Association—R. A. Faulkner, W. F. Dorris, H. T. Hawkins, R. M. Dunn, B. F. Milam, J. P. Neely, A. B. Sessoms. Mem-

ber of the State Board-W. Theo. Smith.

Report on Temperance was ready by C. P. McGraw: To be temperate in all things is certainly enjoined by the word of God—"Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess but be filled with the spirit." It is the honest conviction of your committee that the churches should discipline members who are given to the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. We are commanded to "withdraw from every brother who walketh disorderly." Drunkenness is disorderly, therefore we should withdraw from them. We lament the fact that a few of our members vote to license the open saloon to deal out the ruinous drinks to our young men. Such men should be dealt with by the churches as offenders.

We earnestly recommend that every lover of our blessed Savior put forth every effort to drive this ruinous curse from our

midst. Unanimously adopted.

Report on State and Associational Missions was read by W. F. Dorris: There has been no Associational Mission work done within our bounds during the last year, that work being done in part by our pastors. We recommend that our pastors, so

far as possible, supply the destitution within our bounds by

holding meetings at those places when it is convenient.

Our State Mission work has made good progress despite the fact that some have hindered us by unjust and unkind criticisms, both of the plue and our secretary.

Good reports come from all parts of the field. The present indications are that the baptisms by our missionaries and mis-

sionary pastors will exceed 1000.

The Board has kept two evangelists in the field during the year, and their work has been greatly blessed of the Lord. It has assisted the churches to sustain pastors, and also associations

in their work in many parts of the State.

Churches have been established at Newport and Pocahontas, hitherto unoccupied by Baptists. Mena and Booneville have become self-sustaining and will become great factors in our State work. Surely God has set His seal of approval upon the work of our State Board. We therefore recommend:

1. That all our churches send liberal contributions regular-

ly to our State work.

2. That we pledge our hearty co-operation with the State Board so long as it continues to operate the present plan of enlargement of State Mission work.

After a spirited discussion the report was unanimously

adopted.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body met at 2:15 and disposed of the above report.

The committee on Finance made the following report:

| Received | from the churches for minutes | 8 46 | 45 |
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| ** | State Missions | 66 | 73 |
| 44 | Foreign Missions | 12 | 00 |
| 44 | Home Missions | 1 | 35 |
| 166 | Ministerial Education | 1 | 00 |
| | Total | 8127 | 53 |

B. W. REEVES, Chairman.

Report on Publications was read by O. J. Wade: Reading is a means of culture and information. It is power as well as knowledge. It is specially important that we be thoroughly versed in all things that tend to increase our efficiency in the Master's work. Every Baptist should be posted in all things pertaining to our denomination. We urge first the careful read-

ng and study of the Word of God, which is "able to make us vise unto salvation," and thoroughly "to furnish us for every ood work." We also recommend the Sunday School literature ublished by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. We also urge our brethren to subscribe for the Foreign Mission Journal and the Home Field. Adopted.

The report on Obituaries was read by W. Theo. Smith: It is with sorrowful hearts that we report the death of Brethren E. D. Rogers, of Camden Church, and W. A. Betts, of Union Church. Bro. Rogers was 84 years of age and had been a deacon afty years, and an active member of the church 53 years. In his last illness his faith in his Savior was strong and his hope of

a blissful immortality was bright.

Bro. Betts was 80 years of age, and had been a deacon of Union Church thirty-five years. Truly, he has served his and brethren faithfully, and has gone now to reap his ard.

Both of these aged servants of Christ have left a noble brd behind them, and we hope all our brethren will endeavor follow in their footsteps as they followed Christ. Adopted.

J. R. BISHOP, Chairman.

By motion notice is given that the following amendment to constitution of our body will be offered at the next sitting of

s body:

"That the Constitution be so amended as to constitute a nmittee on credentials whose duty it shall be to read the letters in the churches and enroll the messengers from the church report same to the Moderator, who shall declare, upon receivaid report, the body ready for organization.

RESOLUTIONS.

RESOLVED, That this Association extend thanks to the the Church and community for the generous hospitality shown essengers and visitors in their bounteous entertainment.

W. THEO. SMITH, L. B. BURNSIDE.

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of this body be authorized to see the printing and distributing of the Minutes, and that be lowed \$15.00 for his services.

dopted.) W. Theo. Smith.

By motion a cut of Ouachita College is to be printed on the back of the Minutes.

Adjourned to meet with the New London Church, Saturday

before the First Sunday in October, 1902.

The brethren sang "God be with you," etc, and extended to each other the parting hand, breathing a prayer that God will continue His gracious benedictions on us through another year of toil in His service. Thus ended a glorious meeting of Liberty Association. Benediction by W. F. Dorris.

H. T. HAWKINS, Moderator.

W. F. DORRIS, Clerk.

LIST OF ORDAINDED MINISTERS.

Bishop, J. R., Junction City, Ark. Crawford, J. D., Three Creeks, Ark. Crawford, J. P., El Dorado, Ark. Dorris, W. F., Camden, Ark. Gathright, M. F., Arkadelphia, Ark. Hereferd, W. N., Camden, Ark. Hudson, J. W., Cornie, Ark. Kinard, C. P., Tubal, Ark. McCain, J. G., Champagnolle, Ark. McGraw, C. P., Three Creeks, Ark. Milam, B. F., Junction City, Ark. Newsom, J. W., El Dorado, Ark. Sawyer, D. K., Caledonia, Ark. Wade, O. J., El Dorado, Ark. Young, W. S., New London, Ark.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

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

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