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ASH GROVE, MONROE Co., ARK., SATURDAY, SEPT. 30, 1876, 11 A. M.

Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Introductory Sermon preached by Eld. A. M. Russell. Subect: Preservation of Christian Liberty. Text: Gal. 5:1.

After an intermission of fifteen minutes the Association was called to order by the Moderator, II. P. Slaughter, who introduced services by singing and prayer.

On motion, the former Clerk being absent, Elder A. M.

Russell was appointed Clerk, pro tem.

Letters from the churches were called for and responded. (See Statistics.) The letters were read by Elders Graham and Pasley.

An election for officers resulted in the re-election of II. I'.

Slaughter for Moderator, and A. M. Russell, Clerk.

Organization being completed, petitionary letters were

called for.

Mt. Gilead Church sent a letter asking a council to meet and dissolve said church. A motion prevailed that "The As-

sociation has no jurisdiction in the case."

On motion, a committee of three was appointed to visit Mt. Gilead Church, fifth Lord's day in Oct., and advise with them. Committee to consist of Elders W. II. Pasley, W. M. Raper and E. Holland.

Visiting brethren were now invited to seats in the body.

A Committee on Religious Service, consisting of brethren
John Taylor, R. J. Bickerstaff, J. F. Jarrell and the officers

and pastor of the church, was next appointed.

A partial report from said Committee directed that Eld. B. F. Thomas preach at night, and Elder W. II. Pasley to-morrow at 11 A. M.

On motion, the time of meeting for the Sunday School Convention was changed to 9 A. M. to morrow, and V. B. Izard appointed to deliver an address.

On motion, the appointing of corresponding messenge was declared next in order.

On motion, a correspondence was opened with United sociation, and Elder B. F. Thomas appointed messenger.

Elders B. E. Thomas and A. M. Russell were appointed

messengers to Caroline Association.

A. M. Russell and J. W. Graham to Grand Prairie 1 ciation.

Bro. R. P. Duvant was appointed as correspondent to Zion Association.

On motion, Association adjourned till 9 A. N. Monda morning.

SUNDAY, OCT. 1, 1876

The Sabbath School Convention met at the appointed by Bro. V. B. Izard, Elders B. F. Thomas, J. W. Grahan, 1 F. Bartles, and Bro. John Taylor addressed the meeting the interest of Sabbath Schools.

The Sabbath School Convention was then declared adjum to meet Saturday night before the first Sabbath of October

1877.

During the adjournment of the Association there w preaching on Saturday night by Elder B. F. Thomas. Ter. John 12:32. By Elder W. H. Pasley, Sunday 11 A. M. Ter. John 5:8. At 2 P. M. by Elder J. H. Bates. Heb. 23 I night by Elder A. M. Russell. Mark 16:16.

MONDAY, OCT. 2, 911

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Called to me by the Moderator.

After singing and prayer, the roll of delegates was all

and minutes read.

Reports from committees called for.

Committee on Education reported as follows:

We, your Committee representing the Board, of Trustees of For City Baptist College, would submit the following: Since our last me we have erected a building, which, when complete, will cost about & Have collected in money, work and material about \$4,500. We now about \$2,800. Six or eight hundred dollars would complete and fur the house for occupancy. We now have a school in the building about forty students. Mrs. Pattie L. Collins, a lady fully competent charge of the school. We have also secured the services of Rev. Jose Shackleford of Tuscumbia, Ala., an able educator, to take charge of sechool 1st January, 1877. We desire the co-operation of the Assection in the school work. in the school work. Let all moneys that can be raised be forwarded A. L. Grady, Forrest City, Secretary of Board of Trustees. We have

angement for boarding pupils in the best families in town at from 50 to \$15 per month; washing and lights included. We have worked hfully and earnestly, and now ask your aid to make the school a nd success. - Respectfully. V. B. IZARD, Prest., JOHN TAYLOR,

H. P. SLAUGHTER.

On motion, report received and adopted.

Speeches upon the subject of education followed, after ich a subscription was taken for Forrest City Baptist Colre, which resulted in the sum of \$216.

On motion, Association adjourned till after preaching. der B. F. Thomas preached. Text: I Cor. 11:23.

2 P. M.—Association called to order by the Moderator.

pened by singing and prayer.

A resolution now prevailed as follows:

Resolved, That the following Board be appointed as Trustees for Forrest ty Baptist College: V. B. Izard, A. L. Grady, John Taylor, W. H. Chaniel, W. H. Pasley, John M. Beck, E. L. Black, H. P. Slaughter, C. Davis, John Spencer and Elder Joseph Shackleford. condly, that A. M. Russell be appointed general agent to collect funds Forrest City Baptist College, and that he be allowed 20 per cent. of all llections made for his services for said work.

V. B. IZARD. [Signed]

On motion, the chair was authorized to appoint one memer in each church to collect funds for the College Names follows.: New Hope, No. 3, T. D. Cooper; Helena, J. Q. aylor; Spring Creek, H. P. Slaughter; Oak Grove, W. Il. asley; Blackfoot, A. G. Jarman; Salem, William Thompon; Cypress Valley, John Langston; Shiloh, W. D. Breakeld; Bethel, J. H. Bates: Lynn Grove, D. B. Wilder: hiladelphia, J. D. Rowland; Ash Grove, J. T. Caplener; Parendon, B. F. Bartles; Bethlehem, John King; Brinkley, r. Bates; Forrest Chapel, John Taylor: Forrest City, Mrs. faggie Pearson; Hopewell, Holwell; Bible Union, William Miott; Marianna, Monroe Anderson; Pleasant Grove, R. E. Iorris; Manasses, J. C. Cook; Alligator Bayon, Bro. Day: ion, B. F. Thomas; New Hope, T. D. Wells. On motion, the Committee on Sabbath Schools reported as

ollows:

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools are of opinion that something ught to be done to interest all classes, but especially parents, on this sulet. All parents who can read, or whose children can read, ought to have heir children in Sabbath School. Those who are out of reach of any egular school, and who cannot get up one in their neighborhood, ought blave a Sabbath School exercise at home. If parents can read let them equire their children to repeat a few verses of the Bible every Sabbath Let them furnish them with some good Sabbath School books; such as bace Warren, Hero of Truth, City Out of Sight, Children Called to Jews; which can be bought of Bro. Mayfield; and "Kind Words" or some bler good Sabbath School books; such as bace Warren, Hero of Truth, City Out of Sight, Children Called to Jews; which can be bought of Bro. Mayfield; and "Kind Words" or some bler good Sabbath School books; such as the same because of waterfully. ther good Sabbath School paper. Let this course be pursued, watered by heir tears and their prayers, and we will insure God's blessing upon all

such families. If parents cannot read and their children can, let the course be pursued. Wherever a few children can be gathered together, church, school house or dwelling, let them keep up a Sabbath School best (they can. If they cannot get any one to open by prayer, let be open by singing, and reading the Scriptures, or by reading alone, and blessing of God will assuredly rest upon their labors. If there is a lar organized church, then let all the members, parents, young peochildren, and all in the community, so far as they may be induced to so, come up to the house of God every Sabbath. Let those who are officers form themselves into classes if they only read a chapter to them spend a portion of time in singing, and, when practicable, have ten minutes' leglure on some important subject. Show us a community in which such an arrangement is carried out, and I will show you are munity in which there will soon be a zevival of pure religion.

Parents, will you not thus gather up your children and bring them as Jesus, that you may have the great privilege of rejoicing over their expersion through your instrumentality, and of living with theminal service of the Loyl, and of meeting them in Heaven to rejoice together forever and ever? Here is a grand field for our church members. We will volunteer in this glorious work, and agree to go from neighborst

to neighborhood and help to carry on so important a work.

Resolved, that we believe that if our churches would heartly size in a work of this sort, worshiping God publicly every Sabbath, it was result in the members being vastly more efficient, and we would gift of a great deal of the coldness, ignorance, and lethargy, now so preside and that there would be added to the churches duily "the saved."

B. F. THOMAS

On motion the report was, after some discussion, unanmously adopted.

On motion the appointment for some one to write on Suday Schools was left to the Sunday School Convention.

On motion the Committee on Domestic Missions reports as follows:

Owing to the removal of some of our ministers the destitution is increasing, and many are suffering for the bread of life. We would urge to churches to come up to the help of the Lord with their means so that the field may be occupied. Signed:

JOHN TAYLOR WM. M. RAPER

The following resolution was then offered and adopted:

Resolved, That we request the Executive Board to require the Missionaries of this body to circulate all the Baptist literature they can, and thus aid in their support.

Signed: / B. F. THOMAS

On motion Committee on Finance made following report:
We, your Committee on Finance, would report as follows:—Receive
for Home Missions \$59 10; Minutes \$33 36; Total \$88 60.
Signed:
T. W. WHITTAKER.

HUGH McCRARY, JOHN P. FARRER, S

On motion the Clerk was allowed \$10 00 for his service. On motion the Chairman of the Executive Committee, W. H. Pasley, was made Treasurer of the Association:

On motion a Committee of three was appointed to re-disrict the Association. The Committee, John Taylor, R. J. Bickerstaff and Wm. Thompson, reported following changes: The Second District to be known as No. 1; Third District as No. 2; and the Fourth District as No. 3. Report received and Committee lightaged.

On motion the following report from the deacons of the hurches (in pursuance of a motion last year asking the deacons to take pledges for Home Missions), was offered and dopted:

0ak Grove \$20 00; Salem \$27 20, (paid); Spring Creek \$20 00; Ash Grove \$5 00; Salem, for next year, \$25 00; Forrest City \$10 00; Pleasant Grove \$10 00; J. W. Graham \$5 00.

The following resolution was then adopted:

Resolved, That the Mt. Vernon-Association hereby tender our sincere hanks to the members of the Ash-Grove church and community, for field kind hospitality extended to us during the sitting of this body.

Signed:

R. J. BICKERSTAFF.

The following resolution to change time of meeting was then filed for the next session of the Association.

Resolved, That we change our time of meeting one month earlier and

that we meet on Thursday instead of Saturday.

Signed: T. W. WHITTAKER.

On motion the letter from Marianna church was submitted to the Executive Board.

On motion Elder W. H. Pasley was appointed to preach the latroductory Sermon, and A. M. Russell Alternate.

On motion Executive Board was continued, except as followers: J. P. Farrer, Sr., was substituted for H. R. Farrer deceased.

On motion the Executive Board was given time to submit their report through the Clerk. Report as follows:

We have employed Elder A. M. Russell to travel as Missionary, and he reports having travelled 400 miles and preached 26 times. Has visited 50 families and preached at 11 places. He reports the field large and destitution great. We have expended \$64.00, including \$14.00 raised by the Missionary.

W. H. PASLEY, Ch'm Ex. Board.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to use all of the money on hand for printing minutes, and distribute same to churches in proportion to money contributed; also to send two minutes to churches making no contributions.

On motion, Association adjourned.

Preaching at night by Elder W. H. Pasley. Text, Jude 3. After preaching the Association resumed business.

Standing Committee on Missions—W. H. Pasley, J. P. Farrer, J. E. Cook, Elder B. F. Thomas, John Taylor and V. B. (Izard.

On motion the districts were requested to hold District meetings of ministers and deacons. In conclusion, the Moderator addressed the body in a very touching manner; suggestive of present condition and future duties. Thus was closed one of the most harmonious and delightful meeting ever held by this body. While a parting hymn was being sung the right hand of brotherly love was given, at the close of which, prayer was led by Bro. Edins; at the conclusion of which the Association adjourned to meet with Forrest Chapel church on Saturday before the first Lord's day October 1877.

A. M. Russell, Clerk. II. P. SLAUGHTER, Mod.

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