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The eighteenth annual session of the Baptist General Association of West Arkansas and Indian Territory, convened with Liberty Hill Church, September 9, 1893. The introductory sermon was preached by L. F. Patterson, from Ez. 37:11.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator: On Credentials, L. F. Patterson, J. M. Green and James Hammondson; Finance, G. W. Chote, B. D. Barnes and E. M. Stalcup. On Preaching, pastor and deacons of Liberty Hill Church, with George Pettis and Wm. Tyler. Adjourned until 2:30 p. m.

The association met at 2:30 p. m. The moderator read from the prophecy of Nehemiah. The committee on Credentials reported the following names enrolled as messengers. From Short Mountain Association, Wm. Morris, J. W. Miller, L. W. Wright and E. M. Stalcup. From churches in the Indian Territory; Poteau Church, J. W. Hulsey. Sulphur Springs, D. Cromer; Prairie Grove, M. Y. Harris and P. B. Fowler; Liberty Hill, J. Upton; South Canadian, J. B. Barnes; Hoyt, W. M. Wilcox; Chote's Prairie, G. W. Chote; Mount Pleasant, H. L. Roan; Mount View, Isaac Dolph; Cameron, A. F. Roan; Friendship, R. H. Cook; Macedonia, J. W. Bolt; Fair View No. 1, E. B. Harlan; Fair View No. 2, J. M. Bozeman; Peachtree Creek, G. G. Bonds; Duncan Prairie, (Chickasaw Nation) J. M. Green; Ouachita Association, (Arkansas) E. L. Compere, E. Jones and S. P. Wilcox.

The following brethren were seated on money basis: J. W. York, Wm. Tyler, G. T. Mathews, J. S. Smith, E. Z. Barnes, L. Alexander, R. R. Pace, J. J. Hartsfield, J. M. Ledbetter, B. Tucker and M. H. Pae.

From Buckner Association, Arkansas, R. P. Claborn and L. F. Patterson.

From churches in Arkansas: Lynch Prairie, B. F. Haddock; Fellowship, G. H. Council; Pilgrim's Rest, John Byers; Pleasant Grove No. 1, W. Bean; Dayton, B. D. Barnes; New Providence, J. H. Anderson; Amity, James Edmonson; Waldron, C. Henderson; Hartford, Wm. M. Barnes; Pleasant Grove No. 2, John Hunt.

From Oklahoma District Association: O. Ethell, N. J. Davis and J. M. Worley.

From Fellowship Sunday-school: G. H. Pettis and L. D. Martindale.

Waldron Church, Arkansas, John Rolings.

The Association entered into an election of officers for the coming year and resulted as follows: E. L. Compere, Moderator; L. W. Wright, Clerk; G. H. Council, Treasurer. After the election of officers was announced, the Moderator called on Eld. J. L. Simpson, who was a visitor from Collins county Texas Association, also at the request of J. M. Green, Eld. J. H. Milburn, editor of the BAPTIST WATCHMAN, was called on. Those two gentleman made short, but excellent speeches.

The report of the Board was read and ordered spread on the minutes. The following committees were appointed by the Moderator.

- 1 On Systematic giving. *How & Why Every one*
- 2 On Foreign Missions. *On the \$5.00 asked by H. Min.*
- 3 Our ~~relation~~ *relationship* to Home Board of Southern Baptist Convention and Women's Missionary Union.
- 4 Enlisting our women in the work.
- 5 On Home Field and Foreign Journal.
- 6 On Buckner College.
- 7 ~~Pastors teaching~~ giving as an act of worship.
- 8 On Obituaries.
- 9 Past and future work of this body.

By motion and second, Sunday's collection was to be appropriated to Foreign Missions. On motion the Foreign Mission Secretary's report, was ordered spread on the minutes.

Preaching Saturday night, at Liberty Hill, by Eld. J. L.

Simpson; also at Flatrock School-house, by G. T. Mathews. The Association adjourned till Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

#### SUNDAY SERVICES.

A large congregation gathered at the church at 10 a. m. and was addressed in the interest of Sunday-schools, by D. C. Yeargin. The missionary sermon was preached at 11 a. m. by J. H. Milburn. Text, (John 4:35,36,37) After the sermon a collection was taken for Foreign Missions; cash collections \$25.00; cash collections Home Missions, \$7.50. Preaching at church at 3 p. m. by J. L. Simpson. At 8 p. m. by R. P. Claborn. At Flatrock School-house, by J. B. Barnes. At Cameron, by N. J. Davis.

#### MONDAY MORNING SERVICES.

The Association assembled at 9 a. m. After several prayers the minutes of Saturday and Sunday's work was read and adopted. The calling of the roll was deferred until the Clerk could make out the roll.

On motion the following corresponding messengers were appointed to the Baptist General Convention of Texas to-wit:

J. M. Green, J. M. Worley and E. L. Compere. To Baptist State Convention of Arkansas, C. Henderson, G. T. Mathews, L. F. Patterson and E. L. Compere.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted: Resolved, that Bro. E. L. Compere be retained as superintendent of missions, also Foreign Mission secretary, for the ensuing year, and that Board at Atlanta, Georgia be requested to furnish him support—L. F. Patterson. Adjourned at 11 o'clock by preaching by E. S. James. Text, (2 Tim. 4:1-2.) After preaching was over, by motion and second, Bro. O. Ethell was appointed assistant clerk.

The house was called to order at 2:30 p. m. and proceeded to business.

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The first impulse of every converted soul, is to carry the gospel to others, as God has begun in us this good work. We feel ourselves debtors to all, but especially to the heathen who have not the gospel.

God's servants, we must give them the gospel, for they cannot be saved without it. The Macedonia cry has come over to us from all quarters, constantly ringing in our ears. All cannot go there in person; but all can go with their means. We therefore urge our ministers to keep this important matter before their churches, and that each pastor preach to their churches in regard to their duties to the heathen and take up collections for this purpose in December and July, and that all pastors be urged to take a ten cent collection each month from each member.

J. W. HULSEY, Chairman.

#### REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

We, your Committee on systematic giving as an act of worship, would report as follows:—While we would not advise as to the amount each one should give, we would impress the teachings of the Apostle. "Let each one lay by as the Lord prospers us," showing thereby that it is the duty of each one to give something regularly. We therefore urge upon each church to call upon every member, at least quarterly, for a contribution. This is the Lord's command and obedience to him in worshipping him and no less assures his blessings to our souls than any other obedience, for he says, "the Lord loves a cheerful giver."

J. M. GREEN, Chairman.

Adjourned to meet at 8:30 Tuesday morning.

At 8:30 a. m. Tuesday, the body was called to order by the Moderator. After singing and prayer, the body proceeded to business.

#### REPORT ON LADIES AID SOCIETY.

Your committee would report as follows:—That this body request that all the pastors of the churches, organize Ladies Missionary Societies in all the churches they preach to, and when they are organized, correspond with the Ladies Central Committee, Dallas, Arkansas, so that they may have the necessary literature furnished them in their work.

R. P. CLABORN,

#### REPORT ON OUR RELATION TO HOME BOARD OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION AND WOMANS MISSIONARY-UNION.

We find that our people are blessed with a zealous ministry. These noble men have been recipients of many temporal privations, but bless his holy name, God has abundantly blessed their labors in the salvation of souls, and in giving them fortitude to undergo so many hardships. The churches have not in the main, contributed liberally. Our Home Board has done what it could. The Woman's Missionary Union has tendered a helping hand in sending means to the support of our consecrated missionaries, in their untiring efforts to raise fallen humanity. Brethren, let us not forget to be greatful to God for his mercies and for these missionary instrumentalities through which salvation

is offered to benighted beings, and let us show appreciation by upholding the hands of our missionary brethren while they preach glad tidings to all the world, and give all praise to his Holy name.

*at annual meeting*  
L. F. PATTERSON, Chairman.  
REPORT ON PAST AND FUTURE WORK OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

*to present*  
The work accomplished by this organization in the past has been very encouraging. For the year ending April 30th 1893, more than one ninth of all the baptisms reported by the Home Board of Southern Baptist Convention, were performed by the missionaries of this Association, and for the six years ending September 1892, the Association raised for Foreign Missions, about \$1400. And its missionaries preached 12,979 sermons; added to the church 4,463; organized 90 churches; 150 Sunday-schools and traveled 135,924 miles. In 1880 we sent Wesley Smith as our missionary to the Wild Indians, who were mentioned in the Board's report by Sec. A. Frank Ross, as being in our boundary. In 1881 the session was held at Prairie Grove, Indian Territory, and in the Board's report, mentioned certain collections being the first money ever collected by the Baptists in our bounds for Foreign Missions. All the Indian Territory was considered to be in the boundary of General Association then, as there was no talk of any other Baptist General Body for this field at that time.

*to present*  
Your missionaries preached the first Baptist sermon in Oklahoma City and your superintendent of missions presided over the constitution at the organization of the first Baptist Association in Oklahoma Territory. Buckner College, which has been so severely tried, was founded and fostered by this body, and is still its property, and we recommend that brethren be appointed to represent this body in looking after its interests in the College. The Association was organized as a necessity to afford means of co-operation for brethren in West Arkansas and Indian Territory, who could not possibly meet in any other general body. It was a necessity then and is now. The great Southern Baptist Convention felt the need of it in 1878 when that body placed the name of this Association in its constitution as one of the thirteen organizations that were entitled to representation in its annual sessions. There is a great work before us, and a peculiar one. There is need of an organization to develop the plain Baptists of the West and to secure help for them and to bring them into organic relation with the great Baptist brotherhood of the South. That God's hand has been on us so manifestly in the past let us take courage and press right on to the great business of christianizing all our vast field and training our people to the duty of carrying the gospel to the far beyond. Powerful efforts have been made to divide and destroy it.

in the years past, but God has continued to bless us and will to the end if we trust him and do our duty.

J. M. LEDBETTER, Chairman.

Preaching at 11 o'clock by J. H. York. Text, (1 Tim. 4:8,9.)  
Adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

At 2 p. m. the body was called to order. After singing and prayer, the body resumed business.

#### REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We recomend that this body at its next session, meet with the Duncan Prairie Church, Chickasaw Nation. That we recomend N. J. Davis to preach the Introductory sermon; E. A. Patterson alternate. J. H. Milburn to preach missionary sermon; H. H. Mouser alternate. We recomend the following brethren on the Board: G. W. Chote, Wiley Adams, B. F. Hightower, F. R. Smith and Wm. McComb.

#### REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We your committee on Obituaries would respectfully submit: Since the last meeting of your body, we find that two co-laborers have gone to their reward. Bro. A. A Spiller, an old father in Israel, has closed his labors here and crossed over the river. His seat among us is empty; His voice so often heard proclaiming the glad tidings of salvation, is now still in death and while we will see his dear face no more in this life, yet his memory will ever be present in our minds. Brother Spiller was a constituent member of the body at its organization. Bro. Leonidas Fulson, who was ordained two years ago at the meeting of this body at South Canadian, Indian Territory, has gone to his rest; though young in the ministry, was one of the most devoted natives in the Indian Territory. While leaving his home to discharge his duties that God had assigned him, preaching the gospel of the Son of God. We are glad to know that he fell into the hands of brother and sister York, who attended him up to his death and did all in their power for him. He seemed to meet death, being reconciled to God's will.

JAMES EDMONSON, Chairman.

#### REPORT ON HOME FIELD AND FOREIGN JOURNAL.

We your committee on *Home Field* and *Foreign Journal*, wish to submit the following: The *Foreign Journal* published at Richmond, Virginia, and *Home Field* at Atlanta Georgia, have and are doing a grand and noble work. We therefore recomend a larger circulation of these papers in our churches. Also in addition to *Home Field* and *Foreign Journal*, your committee is desirous of recomending to our people the *Baptist Watchman*, published at South McAlester, Indian Territory—is doing work that no other paper has ever done. Therefore



we recommend that every pastor endeavor to put this paper into every Baptist family in the bounds of this Association.

J. T. UPRON, Chairman.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS: The bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention is vast and its mission field is chiefly in the West, and the Home Board is located in the East and as it is the policy of the Northern Baptists to have several district secretaries and as a district secretary is very much needed in the Western part of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Therefore, *Resolved*: That this General Association request the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to appoint a district Secretary for the field west of the Mississippi river.

J. M. GREEN, Chairman.

#### PLEDGES FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

J. W. Hulsey.....	10.00	J. G. Tucker.....	5.00
J. H. Anderson.....	5.00	J. M. Wilcox.....	1.00
L. F. Patterson.....	30.00	W. M. Barnes.....	5.00
J. W. Miller.....	10.00	Mrs. M. E. Wright.....	1.00
E. L. Compere.....	30.00	Mrs. E. M. Stalcup.....	2.00
J. M. Green.....	15.00	Mrs. John Guest.....	1.00
J. M. Ledbetter.....	5.00	Mrs. Clemie Martin.....	1.00
Miss Alice Nunelley.....	5.00	G. W. Mouser.....	1.00
James Edmonson.....	5.00	J. B. Morris.....	1.00
W. G. Thomas.....	2.50	B. D. Barnes.....	1.00
J. B. Tucker.....	5.00	Bud Barnes.....	1.00
P. G. Box.....	.50	J. H. Stinebeaugh.....	1.00
Carter Martin.....	.50	A. M. Hulsey.....	1.00
Elisha Burlison.....	1.00	S. A. Fowler.....	1.00
R. P. Clayborn.....	5.00	C. C. Stalcup.....	1.00
Thomas Lucas.....	.25	J. J. Hartsfield.....	1.00
		Mrs. J. H. Anderson.....	.50

#### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Received minute funds.....	\$20.00
Received Foreign Mission funds.....	20.00
Received Home Mission funds.....	7.10
	B. D. BARNES, } Com.
	G. W. CHOTE, } Com.
	E. M. STALCUP. }

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received from Finance Committee:

Foreign Mission funds.....	\$21.00
Home Mission funds.....	7.10
Minute funds.....	20.40
Paid to E. L. Compere Foreign Mission fund.....	21.00
Paid to clerk, minute funds.....	20.40

G. H. COUNCIL, Treasurer.

## FOREIGN MISSION SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To cash balance last year.....		\$58.90
Received, Sept. 1892: J. J. Mershon.....	\$	50
Sam Robertson and wife.....		2.40
Abt. Fortner.....		1.20
Mrs. M. E. Atkinson.....		1.00
Ed. Moss.....		.50
Treasurer Ouachita Association.....	4.40	\$10.00
Received October: F. Lee Perkins.....		2.50
November collections by L. F. Patterson:		
Mount Mountain Association.....	\$16.45	
Quaker Association.....	2.55	
H. Cook.....	1.20	
W. H. Shelton.....	1.20	
J. W. Cross.....	.50	
J. A. Ponder.....	5.00	\$26.90
December, by J. M. Green:		
Lebanon Church.....	\$5.05	
Canadian Prairie Church.....	3.25	\$8.30
January 1893, by J. M. Green:—Oakland Church.....	2.30	
Lebanon Cedar.....	5.05	
W. B. James.....	1.20	\$8.55
February:—W. A. Ingle and family.....	1.00	
His collections.....	1.00	\$2.00
April, by N. L. Cothran:—Canaan Church.....		1.00
May:—Mrs. H. C. Ridling.....		1.00
June:—H. H. Mouser.....	\$5.00	
J. W. McDonald.....	.70	\$5.70
August:—J. W. Hulsey.....	5.00	
Wesley Smith.....	5.00	
Booklogee Church (per W. S.).....	3.00	
John Bawlings.....	5.00	
Collections at Waldron.....	3.25	\$21.25
September:—L. F. Patterson.....	30.00	
P. L. Compere.....	30.00	
Dallas Baptist S. S.....	19.00	
Mrs. A. C. Keller.....	1.00	
Mrs. E. J. Williams.....	1.00	
James Edmonson.....	5.00	
Mrs. E. J. Smith.....	1.20	
W. B. James.....	1.20	
J. M. Green.....	15.00	
J. H. Barnes.....	1.20	
Mrs. B. V. Compere.....	1.25	
H. H. Council, Treasurer General Association.....	23.95	129.80
Total.....		\$275.90
Paid to Dr. H. A. Tupper.....	160.00	
Cash balance.....	115.90	

E. L. COMPERE, Foreign Mission Secretary.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD.

Received the past year for Foreign Missions \$217. Foreign Mission Journal, \$7.25; Home Field \$5; Missionary Tent \$15.50; Chapel Building Fund from Dallas Baptist S. S. \$5; Collection by Missionaries on their support, \$1004.36; for the same from G. H. Council, Treasurer General Association, \$7.15; Mrs. E. J. Smith, 55c; F. Lee Perkins, \$2.50. Minute funds for session of 1892, \$19.50; Church building and repairs, \$1450—\$2733.45. Home Mission Board S. B. C. has paid a special salary of \$400 to Eld. E. L. Compere, and in addition has given \$1000 to aid our general work. Baptist women of the South have given in clothing, not less than \$200—\$2400. Total receipts, \$5133.45.—

Funds have been applied as designated by the givers, and still on hand for Foreign Missions, \$115.90, and for Home funds, \$7.70. The \$31.25 of the Thrasher Fund that was on hand last session, has been paid to Mrs. Thrasher. And the \$41 that was on hand last session for the purchase of a Missionary Tent, and the collections mentioned above have been turned over to Elder L. F. Patterson, to pay for the tent which he has purchased.

The following brethren have been recognized as missionaries, and have received help in money or clothing or both. Most of them however, have received very little:

L. F. Patterson, J. M. Green, J. W. Hulse, H. C. Ridling, Wesley Smith, W. A. Tingle, I. Napier, G. P. Faith, W. E. Whitford, N. L. Colman, E. A. Mayo, H. H. Mouser, J. T. Brown, A. E. Lyon, E. B. Harlan, L. P. Johnson, Jas. Edmonson, N. T. Upton, J. J. Holland, T. N. Watkins, R. P. Clayborn, W. M. Morris, S. W. Miller, T. Hale, H. W. Byers, N. L. Pound, G. T. Mathews, J. J. Tate, E. S. James, Joe Barnes, B. Barnes, L. W. Wright, J. H. Anderson, J. W. Crowder, D. Folsom, J. J. Prouse, W. D. Smith, D. Martindale, J. H. York, C. L. Alexander, J. W. Black and E. L. Compere.

Some reports have failed to come in time for this report. But of those received, the aggregate work of the missionaries has been as follows:—Sermons, 3378; Exhor. 958; Baptisms, 469; Received by letters, 452; Churches organized, 19; S. S. organized, 32; Prayer meetings organized, 18; Ladies mission societies organized 2; Preachers ordained, 7; Deacons ordained, 13; Church houses built, 3; cost of same, \$1400. Religious visits, 881; Days labored, 4160; Pages tracts distributed, 502. Amount collected by missionaries on support, \$1280.11; Prayer meetings attended, 250; Visits to the sick, 10; S. S. Lectures, 20; Funeral services, 15; Bibles and Testaments sold, 63; Collected on missionary tent, \$15.50.

We have reason to be grateful to God for the record of the General Association now and in the past. This body began the Foreign mission work in this field. It sent Wesley Smith as its Missionary to the Wild Indians in 1881. Latter on it sent J. B. York to Idaho. Your missionaries preached the first Baptist sermons ever preached in the City of Oklahoma, and your Superintendent presided over the Convention that organized the first Baptist Association in Oklahoma Territory.

In 1882, before any other Baptist General body had been spoken of for this field, the chairman of the mission board, who was a delegate from McAlester Church, in his printed report, expressed the hope that we keep Bro. Smith among "his wild brethren," and the year previous the Board's report, in speaking of Bro. Smith's field among the wild

1878 said, "it is in the bounds of our General Association." And so said same report in 1880.

Your body, without any delegation present and without seeing it, was honored by the Southern Baptist Convention as far back as 1878 by having its name placed in the Constitution of that great organization, as one of the thirteen bodies allowed to represent in that Convention. This was more than five years before any other Baptist General body existed in our boundary.

In 1881 when the great Indian missionary, our brother H. F. Buckner, was cut off by high water from attending the General Association; he wrote as follows:

"I never in my life was more anxious to go to an appointment, and never more grieved at a failure. Late Friday evening I turned with a heavy heart towards home. My deepest sympathies are with the General Association." Again he said: "The rain itself, though hard and constant, could not have stopped me. I offered 50c a day for the round trip for a pilot, so I would not have to swim my horse." Concerning Jesus and Lazarus, the Jews said: "Behold how he loved him." And your board would remind you of the great love for your Association that was cherished by those noble servants of God, H. F. Buckner, Seaborn Miller and A. A. Spiller, to the very close of their lives.

We should recognize the presence of God that has ever been manifested in the meetings and in the work of the General Association. There perhaps never has been an organization in which there has existed greater brotherly love, and union of effort. This should not be thought of as a mere accident, but as a marked evidence of God's favor with us.

And though we dare not boast, yet we may be encouraged that God has helped us to do what we have done. Our people are poor, untrained, scattered and most of them without a home and unsettled. Yet during the six years ending September 1892, your Association has raised for Foreign Missions about \$1400 and your missionaries preached 12,000 sermons; added to the churches, 4,468 members; organized 90 churches, and 130 S. S.; and traveled 135,924 miles in performance of their work. All this work in six years would not have been done by those men who have been so poorly paid, if God's blessing had not been upon them. And though it has been sorely tried, yet your Association did good work in founding and fostering Buckner College.

This record of work is made to inspire the Association to attempt greater things for God. Even our own field appears almost untouched, while the heathen world is shrouded in the night of death. Having faith in God, let us press right on to take all this field for Christ, and never forget the Master's last command—"Go teach all nations."

Your board would recommend that: 1st That special means be devised to bring about a systematic plan for raising funds from all our members; 2nd That a more determined effort be made to secure help for Foreign Missions; 3rd That special efforts be made to enlist the co-operation of the sisters in all the churches; 4th That expression of gratitude be made to the Home Board Southern Baptist Convention, and to the Woman's Missionary Union, Baltimore, and especially to Miss Annie W. Armstrong for the valuable assistance that has been given us; 5th That persistent efforts be made to circulate the *Foreign Mission Journal* and *Home Field* among our people; 6th That proper mention be made of Buckner College; 7th That all our

missionary pastors labor to instill in the minds of their members the Bible teachings on the support of the ministry, and to teach giving as an act of worship; 8th That mention be made of Elder A. A. Spaulding who fell asleep last Spring, and who was in the organization of this Association; 9th That constant prayer be made that the spirit of usefulness that has so long ruled over our brethren, may continue, and that the members of this very peculiar association may ever keep the commandment, to "love one another as I have loved you," John 15:12, and ever answer the Savior's prayer for us that we "all may be one," "that we may be made perfect in one," and that the world may know that "the Father hath sent the Son." John 17.

JAMES H. SMITH, Chairman, Board of

JOHN RAWLINGS, Secretary.

On motion adjourned to meet with Duncan Prairie Church Chicago, Kasaw Nation, on Saturday before the second Sunday in September, 1894.

E. L. COMPERE, Moderator

L. W. WRIGHT, Clerk. O. ETHEL, Assistant Clerk.

