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## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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1. Call for Credentials.
2. Elect a Moderator and Clerk.
3. Call for Petitionary Letters.
4. Invite visiting Brethren to seats.
5. Appoint Committees.
6. Receive Correspondence.
7. Return Correspondence.
8. Call for Reports of Committees.
9. Elect a Treasurer.
10. Call for reports from District Meetings.
11. Appoint a Minister to preach the annual sermon.
12. Appoint a person to superintend the printing of the Minutes.
13. Miscellaneous business.

## PROCEEDINGS.

The thirteenth annual session of the Union Baptist Association convened at Bodcaw church, on Saturday, before the first Sabbath in October, A. D., 1884.

The annual sermon was delivered by Elder T. J. Butcher. Text, Eph. 2nd., 8th and 9th verses.

A recess was then given for refreshments served upon the grounds, after which the messengers present, assembled in the church house, and after singing a hymn and uniting in prayer, led by Elder J. N. Acker, were called to order by Elder J. T. Downs, the former Moderator.

The letters from the churches were called for, presented and read by Brethren O. S. Jones, J. J. Haynes and J. F. Wallis, and the Messengers names enrolled. Proceeded to elect a Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the choice of Elder J. T. Downs, Moderator, and J. J. Byers, Clerk. On motion adopted, the business order printed in the minutes for the present session, invited visiting Brethren present to seats.

A letter was received from Providence church, Hempstead county, asking admittance into the body, and being found Orthodox in faith—on motion, the request was granted, and the right hand extended by the Moderator to her Messengers and they invited to seats.

Appointed the following committees, viz :

On Divine service, W. A. McKee, R. W. Landes, D. M. Young, with the Messengers of Bodcaw church.

Sabbath school—W. E. Atkinson, O. G. Laseter, and M. M. Baxter.

Documents—Elder J. J. Haynes, R. H. Mitchell, and E. T. McDaniel.

Education—J. F. Wallis, Elder T. J. Bennett, and B. J. Drake.

Finance—J. W. Doty, A. J. Snivant, and H. W. Moses.

Destitution—Elders J. N. Acker, W. B. Barham, and J. W. Hudson.

Temperance—O. S. Jones, J. J. Byers, and A. Patterson.

Foreign Missions—Elders T. B. Burk, and A. B. Luck.

Pastoral support—W. E. Atkinson, T. J. Haynes, and J. W. Doty.

Literature—W. R. Story, T. J. Haynes, and J. M. Talley.

Obituaries—No report made.

Called for correspondence.

Elder Bennett was present from Red River Association.

Returned correspondence to Red River—Elders J. W. Harris, W. R. Barham, and Brother J. W. Doty.

Columbia—J. R. Sullivan.

South Western—J. J. Byers.

Judson—J. R. Holimon

On motion—Elected J. J. Byers, Treasurer, *pro tem*.

The committee on Divine services, reported that Elder J. T. Downs would occupy the stand Saturday night, and Elder J. W. Harris on Sabbath, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

On motion—Adjourned to meet Monday, at eight o'clock, a. m. Benediction by J. J. Byers.

Sabbath—At the hour announced, Brother Harris preached to a large and attentive congregation. The text was: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark, 16th chapter, 16th verse. The discourse was truly interesting and appropriate to the occasion, and many hearts were impressed with the fact, that the mission of the church is to preach the gospel to a world that liveth in darkness. At the close of the sermon a collection was taken for foreign missions amounting to \$36.90.

J. J. Byers preached at 8 o'clock, p. m., and Elder J. N. Aczer, Sabbath night.

Monday morning—The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Brother Baxter. The roll was called and the names of absentees erased. Called for the reports of committees. The report on Sabbath school was read, and after a lengthy discussion, adopted. [See app. A.]

The report on temperance was read and adopted. [See app. B.]

The committee on education read their report, which after a spirited discussion, was referred back to them.

The committee on documents was read and adopted. [See app. C.]

The committee on pastoral support, read their report, which, on motion, was adopted. [See app. D.]

The report on destitution, was read and adopted. [See app. E.]

The committee on literature, read their reports, which received a motion with a second, for its adoption, when there was a motion with a second, to amend by striking out of said report, the words "Arkansas Evangel," when there was another motion with a second, to amend the amendment by striking out the words "Tennessee Baptist." After some remarks a substitute was offered in place of the amendment; which substitute was that the words, "scriptures or Bible" be inserted in the stead of the words, "Arkansas, Evangel" and "Tennessee Baptist," which was adopted. [See app. F.]

On motion—Brother J. F. Wallis was granted leave of absence. A recess was given for refreshments, to meet again at 2 o'clock, p. m.

At the time specified, the body resumed business.

On motion—The order of business was suspended for the purpose of electing a Treasurer.

On motion—Brother O. S. Jones, was elected Treasurer by acclamation.

The report on finance was read and adopted. [See app. G.]

The committee on foreign missions made their report, which was adopted.

[See app. H.]

Report was read and adopted.

The report of the Missionary board was read, and on motion was adopted. [See app J]

The report the education, as amended by the committee, was read and adopted. [See app H]

Report of the Missionary read and adopted. [See app L]

Called for reports from district meetings.

The first district will hold its next meeting with Mt. Zion church, commencing on Friday, before the 1st Sabbath in Aug., 1885, Elder T. J. Butcher, to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder A. M. Tension, his alternate. Elder O. S. Jones to give a lecture at 10 o'clock, a. m., Saturday. Subject, "Preservation of the Saints," followed by a lecture by Elder T. B. Burk. Subject, "Faith."

The Second district meets at Falco, on Friday, before the third Sunday in August, next.

The next meeting of the Union Association, will be holden with College Hill church, Columbia county, commencing on Saturday, before the first Sabbath in October, A. D, 1885. Elder J. J. Haynes to preach the annual sermon, and Brother A. Patterson his alternate.

It was agreed that the clerk shall superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes, and that he be paid twenty dollars for his services.

On motion—Brethren J. W. Harris, W. E. Atkinson, J. M. Garner, E. T. McDaniel and A. T. Bailey were appointed a Missionary board for the ensuing associational year.

On motion—The clerk was instructed to turn over to the Treasurer of the mission board any funds remaining in his hands after having paid for printing and distributing the minutes.

Elders J. M. Harris, J. J. Haynes, O. S. Jones and W. E. Atkinson, were appointed to attend the next session of the Baptist State Convention. After reading and adopting the minutes, on motion, the Association adjourned. Prayer by Brother Bennett.

ELDER J. J. BYERS, Clerk.  
ELDER J. T. DOWNS, Moderator.

**APPENDIX.**  
**APPENDIX A.**

We, your committee on Sunday schools, respectfully submit the following report and recommendations, viz:

From the letters we learn there are Sunday schools in our Association under the superintendence of churches. We believe that there is some advancement in the Sunday school work, but that it is not commensurate the demands of the times or with our opportunities. The churches lose the Sunday school convention. They do not send messengers. It is not accomplishing the good it is capable of—if a

was felt in it. Then there is a manifest want of proper sense of individual responsibility, especially with parents and church members. Is it not a pity that Sunday school convention is not attended? It should not

hands. It should be made vigorous and useful, or it should be exterminated. If Brethren intend to destroy it, they should do so at once. Lukewarmness and indifference, is the worst and most malignant enmity. We submit this query, is the convention useful or harmful?

C. G. LASETER,  
M. M. BAXTER,  
W. E. ATKINSON.

APPENDIX B.

Your committee on temperance, beg leave to report in furnishing for your consideration, a report upon a question of such drastic importance, a question so far reaching in its influence and so wide spreading in its effects upon our fellow-mortals, that we are at a loss to know how to present it in such a narrow compass as must necessarily be allotted to us as a committee, so as to get it before you in a way to show you even a glimpse of its horrid deformity, and its damning blight upon the human family. Intemperance is the monster evil of this age. It enters the homes of all classes, dragging in its blackened trail thousands of victims down to poverty, crime and death. The people of our free country during the last year paid to rum sellers \$900,000,000, being more than the whole amount paid for bread, meat and iron, three of the leading commodities of consumption. Will any man that claims Jesus as his Saviour, say that the whisky traffic is not a great evil? If we admit that it is an evil, then what is our duty as christian men? Is it not our bounden duty to see to it, that the membership of our churches do not aid and abet Satan in the use of this mighty engine of destruction in drawing our children into the darkness of iniquity and thus saying that the followers of Christ say by their actions that it is no evil. Brethren arouse yourselves, admonish each other, admonish your neighbors, and let the flood lights of God's truth be turned upon this terrible evil, that the world may see that there is still a light in the world to reflect the divine beauty of our Lord and make manifest this overshadowing, soul destroying evil. Go to your respective homes and churches filled with a desire to do something to alleviate the suffering caused by intemperance, and with a determination to do all in your power to stay the tide and to eradicate the evil from the world.

O. S. JONES, Chairman,

APPENDIX C.

We, your committee on Documents, beg leave to report as follows: On an examination of the letters in our hands, we find a number of the churches have been greatly revived, while others are in a cold state, we also find some of the letters unusually long, and would recommend that the clerks of the churches conform to the form given in some of our minutes. We also find that the churches sent \$96.20 for home missions, and \$46.25 for foreign missions, all of which is respectfully submitted.

J. J. HAYNES,  
R. H. MITCHELL,  
E. T. McDA...

#### APPENDIX D.

We, your committee on Pastoral support, beg leave to report as follows: That the churches in our Association do not appreciate the real office of the Pastor in the church work. They do not fully understand in all its scope the full meaning of the Scriptural Pastor. We do not believe there is a church in our Association that has the office of Pastor on the proper relations with the church. Nor do they provide for their support in the way indicated in the Scripture. We recommend that a Deacon's and Pastor's meeting be held with the Sunday School Convention. That Friday of each Convention be set apart to the discussion of the subject of these two offices and their relation to church work.

W. E. ATKINSON, Chairman.

#### APPENDIX E.

We, your committee on Destitution, beg leave to make the following report: After a careful examination we find on the southwest part of our Association a destitution of at least thirty miles from Columbus down Red river opposite Louisville, where there is no Baptist preaching, and on the southeast of Prescott twelve miles in extent in the vicinity of Bethel church that has no Pastor and is unable to get one. Submitted.

J. N. ACKER, Chairman.

#### APPENDIX F.

We, your committee on Literature, submit: That we deem it of the utmost importance in the selecting of books and periodicals. That we should use great care in order to the obtaining of a sound religious literature. In view of this fact we, your committee, would heartily recommend the Bible or Scriptures of truth, and for Sunday School literature, Kind Word's lesson papers and International lesson helps. Respectfully submitted.

J. M. TALLEY,  
T. J. HAYNES,

#### APPENDIX G.

We, your committee on Finance, report as follows, viz: That the amount sent by the churches for minutes is \$56.60.

J. W. DORY, Chairman.

#### APPENDIX H.

The committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report: That the object of our Association should be to assist in the grand and important missionary work, in sending the Gospel to the nations that have it not, for the reason that without the Gospel they will continue in the darkness of sin in which sad state there is no possibility of salvation. We feel it to be our duty to assist in carrying out the grand commission of the Master, to preach the Gospel, that all who hear and believe shall be saved. We are aware that the mission work is progressing in China, Italy, Africa,



also in many other portions of the world. Missionaries, from our own land, are laboring in foreign fields, having sacrificed home and friends. Is it not our duty to aid these devoted servants to the Master's cause with the means that God has given us.

We, your committee, would recommend that all the churches take collections for this work and forward the same to H. A. Tupper, Richmond, Virginia. We also suggest that a collection be taken up during this Association for this work.

T. B. BURK, Chairman.  
A. B. LUCK.

APPENDIX I.

O. S. Jones in account with the Union Association :

To amount received, finance committee	\$68 60.
To foreign missions received	63 15.

Total 8119 75

Credit by amount clerk	\$55 10
Remaining in my hands	64 65

O. S. JONES, Treasurer.

J. E. Ask-w, former treasurer of Union Association in account with the same :

To amount received last year for foreign missions,	\$45 75
Credit by amount sent H. A. Tupper, shown by voucher	\$45 75

APPENDIX J.

Report of the Executive Board of Union Association—Your board organized December 30, 1883, by electing Elder J. J. Byers, President, and Elder J. J. Haynes, Secretary and Treasurer. Upon motion, Bro. O. S. Jones was appointed to correspond with certain brethren and present the mission claims for the Association. On motion adjourned to meet on the fifth Sabbath in March, 1884.

J. J. HAYNES.

March 30, 1884—The board failed to meet. J. J. HAYNES, Secretary.

May 17, 1884—The board met, and after deliberation employed Bro. J. N. Acker for three and a half months at \$40.00 per month, to commence labor the 15th of June. Whom we trust has labored efficiently until the present. We have received from the churches \$145.75 and have paid our missionary \$140 00, leaving a balance in the treasurers hands amounting to \$5.75. Respectfully submitted.

J. J. HAYNES, Secretary and Treasurer.

APPREEDIX K.

We, your committee on Education, beg leave to report as follows: One great need of our denomination is advantages to our young of an education.. We have with especial pleasure that a committee was appointed at our last convention to inaugurate a movement for the building of

College in this State. We recommend the measure to the favorable consideration of our brethren. If we can get concert of action among our people the task will be easy. We want to see it agitated. Convention of the utility and possibility of the movement will be followed by decisive action. Brethren encourage this effort. We recommend the school under Baptist supervision at Searcy, Ark., to the patronage of our denomination. We recommend to the liberality of the Baptist brotherhood all young men trying to fit themselves for the ministry.

B. W. MILWEE, Chairman.

APPENDIX L.

The Missionary reported—Miles traveled, 564; sermons, 96; exhortations, 19; family visits, 20; prayer meetings, 82; baptisms, 6; churches organized, 1; collected on the field, \$18 25

J. N. ACKER.

J. J. Byers, clerk, in account with Union Association:

To amount received of Treasurer, Minute fund,	-	\$55 10	
"    remaining in his hands last year,	-	7 90	
Total,	-		\$63 00
Credit by amount for his services,	-		\$20 00
"    "    for printing and mailing Minutes,	-		82 00
Remaining in his hands,	-		11 00

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That this body tender to the brethren and citizens in the vicinity of Bodaw church, its thanks for the hospitality manifested by them towards the messengers and visitors during the session of the Association.

NAMES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS, AND POST OFFICES.

J. T. Downs, Falcun, Nevada county, Arkansas.  
J. W. Landes, Falcon, Nevada county, Arkansas.  
J. W. Harris, Hope, Hempstead county, Arkansas.  
J. N. Acker, Hope, Hempstead county, Arkansas.  
J. H. Stewart, Hope, Hempstead county, Arkansas.  
W. N. Hereford, Hope, Hempstead county, Arkansas.  
I. R. B. Davis, Hope, Hempstead county, Arkansas.  
J. J. Haynes, Hope, Hempstead county, Arkansas.  
J. J. Byers, Hope, Hempstead county, Arkansas.  
J. B. Perminter, Prescott, Nevada county, Arkansas.  
T. J. Butcher, Prescott, Nevada county, Arkansas.  
W. R. Barham, Prescott, Nevada county, Arkansas.  
L. H. Hitt, Prescott, Nevada county, Arkansas.  
T. Prince, Prescott, Nevada county, Arkansas.  
T. J. Bennett, Bourland's Store, Nevada county, Arkansas.  
A. Patterson, Ohidester, Ouachita county, Arkansas.  
A. M. Tennison, Ohidester, Ouachita county, Arkansas.  
T. M. Burk, Woodlawn, Ouachita county, Arkansas.  
J. T. Mann, DeAnn, Hempstead county, Arkansas.

LICENTIATES.

O. S. Jones, Prescott, Nevada county, Arkansas.  
W. M. White, Prescott, Nevada county, Arkansas.  
B. W. Bourland, Bourland's Store, Nevada county, Arkansas.  
W. H. Harris, Prescott, Nevada county, Arkansas.  
G. W. Baxley, Woodlawn, Ouachita county, Arkansas.  
W. J. Sexton, Woodlawn, Ouachita county, Arkansas.  
C. J. Wallace, Hope Hempstead county, Arkansas.  
A. G. Meador, Bluff City, Nevada county, Arkansas.

# STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE CHURCHES

Churches.

Pastors.

Clerks.

Messengers.

Churches.	Pastors.	Clerks.	Messengers.
College Hill	S C Edwards	H S Stuck	J E McAlister, J B Sullivan,
Macedonia	J T Downs	B P Paynes	J T Downs, J J Haynes, B J D
Harmony	J J Haynes	W A McKee	E Kersey, W A McKee,
Provident	J T Downs	J A Phillips	J A Phillips, H W Moses,
Hope	J W Harris	J S Wood	J W Datz, J N Acker,
Shiloh	J W Landes	D M Sanders	A O Tucker, D M Sanders.
Falcon	J W Landes	J S Pitt	W R Story, R W Landes, J S P
Salem	T J Butcher	G Oliver	T J Butcher.
Mc'rose	J J Byers	E V Bowden	
Mt. Olive	T J Bennett	A J Luck	A B Luck, J Keeling.
Antioch	J J Haynes	F Wilson	M M Baxter, N M Martin,
Shover Springs	J J Byers	J Haynes	J J Byers, T J Haynes, J M O
Shady Grove	W R Barham	Cox	W R Barham, J J Mayes,
Bethsaida	L H Hitt	H Kirby	A Patterson, R H Kirby,
Bodcaw	J T Downs	W H Tally	W H Jackson, W H Tally,
Union	R H White	H Mitchel	R H Mitchell, T H Boswell, J
Round Oak	D N Mullins	W R Johnson	T B Burk, J F Smart,
Mt. Pisgah	J J Haynes	T Orain	T J Bennett, J W Hudson, D
Pleasant Cove	W R Barham	W J F Carter	A G Meades, A E Adams, J
Zion Hill	J H Stewart	H D Armstrong	J H Stewart, W J Gentry, M E
Pilgrim's Rest	T J Butcher	W O P Brown	A J Sullivan, W C Vineyard,
Prescott	J B Permyter		O S Jones, J F Wallis, W E A
Union Grove	T J Butcher	E B Almond	T Prince, T A Prince,
Mt. Zion	T J Butcher	E T McDaniel	E T McDaniel, J W Fairchild,
New Salem	A M Tennison	W J Walthall	J Nichols,
White Oak Grove	J T Mann	J J Osteen	J T Mann,
Lebanon	T B Burk	J O Young	D M Young,
Yellow Oak		P G Clayton	
Provident No. 2	J N Acker	J E Acker	J B Acker, G L Webb,
Corinth		J W Daily	
Bellevue		J R Holomon	J R Holomon,
Bethel			
Bois d'Ar			