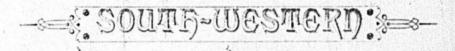


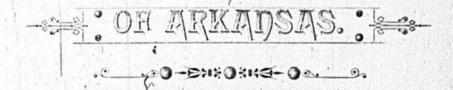
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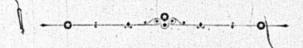
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MINUTES OF THE SOUTH-WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

The seventh annual session of the South-western Baptist Association met with Pleasant Hill Church, October the 8th 1887.

The introductory sermon was preached a !! A. M. by Eld. L. D. Tate, Text—"If ye have not the Spirit of Christ, ye are none of his." The sermon was both interesting and profitable. He was followed by J. D. Rodgers, after which dinner was announced. After the physical man was abundantly supplied from the good things provided by the excellent sisters of the Church, the congregation reassembled and was called to order by the former Mod. J. H. Black of Nashville. The former Clerk being absent the Rev. J. H. Denson was elected clerk pro tem.

Letters from the Churches were called for, the moderator appointed Bartles, Cochran and Herndon to read. Twenty seven churches responded with letters and delegates, after which a permanant organization was gone into, which resulted in the choice of Deacon J. H. Black of Nashville, Mod. and J. W. Hill of Centre Point, Clerk.

The Association then took up the regular routine of bussiness.

Petitionery letters were then called for and seven received as follows New Salem, Cana, Fairview, New Home, Chapel Hill, Brushey Creek, and Columbus, the letters proving satisfactory, the Delegates were called forward and the right hand of fellowship was extended by the moderator and they were declared members of the body.

Correspondence was next called for, and Rev. E. Merrell responded from the Red River Association

Bro. J. B. Hester was received as a delegate from Hickery Grove Church.

The moderator then appointed a committee of Finance, consisting of M. F. Dennis, N. R. Lewis and Charley Parks. A committee on Divine services was also appointed to wit: Bros. Hugh Mcquerter, Wm. Cox and C. W. Strictland. Adjourned until Monday 8.30 A. M.

Committee on Divine service announced Bros. E. Merrell and T. H. Westbrook, to preach at night. And prayer precing at 9. 30 A. M. on Sabbath conducted by the moderator.

Divine Services on Sabbath. Prayer meeting at 9.30 A. M. and Missionary sermon by M. M. Cochran followed by B. F. Bartles, at 11 A. M. after which a collection was taken for associational missions amounting to \$25,00

after dismission dinner was announced. Having done ample justice to the good things prepared, we resembled at 3 o'clock P. M. at which hour we listened attentively to a sermon preached by the Rev. B. F. Bartles. Text Acts 28–22. A collection was then lifted for State missions ammounting to \$6.35. Freaching at night by Bro Thomas Dulany. Text Christ Jessus came into the world to save sinners. This ends Sabbath services weather fair and beautiful. Congregation large and attentive. We trust much good was done.

Monday morning at 8:30 association convened pursuant to ajournment Moderator read 4th Chapter Titus. Prayer by Bro White after which the Moderator then declared the body in order and ready for business. The different committees having been appointed and announced at the Sundays service by the Moderator were now taken up in regular order.

The report on Obituaries was read by M. M. Cochran and on motion was

adopted (Appendix A.)

The report on Literature was read by Pro. Dulany, and adopted as amended by Elder Joe Denson that Kind words Literature be inserted instead of American Baptist Pub. Society Literature. Appendix B.

On motion Bro. Rivers was declared a delagate from Fellowship Church.

The report on Temperance was read and after discussion the report was recommitted and on motion M. M. Cochran was added to the committee.

Report of committee on Documents read by L. D. Tate, Pleasant Valley, County Line and Liberty churches petitioned for the next sitting of this body, and after a heated contest it was agreed that the next association be held with Liberty Church begining Saturday before the second Sunday in Oct. at 9.30 A. M. 1888. (Appendix. C.)

Report on destitution was read and recommitted.

Report on Education read by Bro. Rodgers chairman and after a lively discussion freely participated in was adopted. (Appendix D.)

On motion adjourned to 1.30 o'clack Prayer by Rev. B. F. Bartles.

Reassembled at the hour appointed. After a long Prayer was offered by Bro. Rodgers, the Moderator then announced the body ready for business.

Report on Temperance read and adopted. (Appendix E.)

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools was read. Pending its adoption earnest speaches were made by the Moderator and others, urging that more interest be taken in this important work, on motion was adoped. (Appendix F.)

The report on State missions read by B. F. Bartles chairman, and on motion was adopted. (Appendix G.)

Special prayer was then offered by Bro. Denson in the interest of State mission work,

Report on destitution was read by Bro. Strictland, on motion was recommitted.

On motion T. H. Westbrook was received as a delagate from his church.
On motion brethren Cochran and Westbrook were added to the committee on destitution.

Moved and carried that the association adjourn for ten minutes to take fresh air.

Reassembled. The report of the Committee on Finance received and adopted (Appendix G.)

Report of committee on home missions read. This being the most important feature of the work before the body earnest speaches were made by several of the brethren and Bro. Harbin made a verbal report of his work in Little River County and arged that we come to his help with both men and means, on motion report was adopted. (Appendix 1.)

On motion the following were elected as a missionary board of the South Western Baptist Association:—C. W. Strictland, Char. Joe Holman, T. M. Monterief, Peter Simpson and H. Herndon.

The association agreed to raise \$500,00 for mission work in our board, in view of which special prayer was offered by C. W. Strictland

Bro. Westorook read ms report of missionary work done by him during the past year. The report adopted [Appendix J.]

On motion it was agreed that each chairman be required to report annualy the amount collected for mission work and also the amount paid on pasters salery.

On motion Bre, Joe Denson was reelected treasurer.

Adjourned until 8,30 A. M. Tuesday.

Association met pursuant to adjournment,

.)/oderator read 27th Psalm. Prayer by Y. R. Harbin

Minutes to date read and adopted.

On motion of Bro Bartles a committee was appointed to draft an order of business for this body and also a blank letter of association and church correspondence. The following were the committee. B. F. Bartles, char M. M. Cochran, J. W. Herndon and J. H. Black.

Report of committee on ministerial education read by Bro Denson after remarks was adopted. [Appendix K.]

Whereupon a collection of \$11,00 was raised for Bro. Bennett of the Ouachita College.

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On motion of Bro. Louis, speaches were limited to five minutes.

Report on Foreign missions read and adoped. After which a collection of \$6.00 was taked up for that work. (Appendix L.)

Report of Treasurer read and, received, (Appendix M.)

It was agreed to hold the next fifth Sunday missionary meeting with Bethesda church Little River county.

Bro. Strictland was chosen to work as missionary for one month in the

destitution of Little River county.

Bro. Simpson moved that Bro. Strictland be allowed as much pay per month as Bro. Westbrook for mission work. carried.

Bro, cochtan moved that the clerk be authorized to have seven hundred copies of the minutes printed and to receive \$10.00 for his services —motion Carried.

On motion of Bro. Bartles the back page of cover of the minutes be given the Ouachita Colege for advertising purposes .- Carried.

Resolution by Bro. Rodgers that this body extend thanks to this church and community for their kind hospitality during this session.—Adopted.

On motion of Bro. Strictland the association went into an election of delazates to the State convention and the following brethren were chosen:

B. F. Bartles, J. H. Denson, C. W. Strictland, Peter Simpson and J. H. Black.

Missionary report of Bro. Strictland read and adopted. (Appendix N.)

On motion of Bro. Burtles the Treasurer was authorized to send Foreign mission funds to J. B. Searcy Little Rock, Vice President of Foreign Mission Board. And that he forward State Mission funds to M. B. Early Little Rock.

Moved and carried that the Treasurer make his report quarterly to the Mission Board.

Report of Home Mission Board read and received. (Appendix O.)
Report of committee on Destitution read and received. (Appendix T.)

On motion Bro. C. W. Srictland was elected to preach the next introductory Sermon of this body and J. D. Rodgers alternate, and L. F. Lartles was elected to preach the missionary sermon on Sunday at 11 A. M. and J. M. Denson alternate.

Hesolution by Lro. Rodgers: That the thanks of this body be tendered the Clerk and Moderator for their faithful services.—Adopted.

Moved and carried that each church be requested to appoint two mission agents. Male and Female.

On motion pledges were taken to raise the \$5.00 promised for mission work. Several responded.

The association next proceeded to appoint corresponding delagates to sister associations, "Red River:" Brethren Simpson, Bartles, Denson, Montcrief. Union, Brethren Dulany, Herndon, Webb, Rodgers.

Ouachita, Brethren Ridlin, Hester, Eudy.

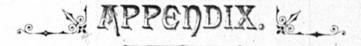
Caddo River, Brethren Tate, Canady, Shaw, Rivers.

On motion of Bro, Cochran the association was declared adjourned until Saturday before the second Sunday in Oct. 1888.

With mingled feelings of joy and sadness the "Sweet By and Bye" was sung and the right hand of fellowship was given with many tears, after which an earnest prayer was offered by \mathcal{B} ro. Dulany. The Moderator then declared the association adjourned to the time and place appointed.

Thus closed another harmonious session of this live energetic body.

J. W. Hill Clerk Centre Point, Ark. J. H. Black Moderator Nashville, Ark



A

We find that since our last meeting a number of our brethren and sisters have been called from time to eternity. We notice specially our brethren B. W. Millwee and J. W. Williams. Both promising young men and successful preachers. There was no better nor more promising young minister than Bro. Millwee yet God in his wisdom saw fit to remove him from our midst in the very commencement of his career of usefulness. Bro. Williams labored for many years among our churches almost gratuitously. We bow in submission to these dispensations of providence, feeling that He doeth all things well.

M. M. Cochran char.

B

We your committee on literature would recommend first the careful and prayerful study of the Bible. We also recommend the Arkansas Baptist and Tennessee Baptist papers as sound in the doctrines of the Bible. We would further recommend Kind Words and Kind Words Literature for our Sunday Schools. respectfully submitted Thomas Dulany char.

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We your committee on education report that we find our present free school system very imperfect. But would urge the brethren to take advantage

of it and labor for its improvement as rapidly as possible. We point with pride to our college at Arkadelphia, and feel that it is abundantly supplying a long felt want. We would urge that brethren as far as they are able would patronize this grand institution. We further recommend that we do not neglect home training as it is around the fireside that the character is moulded for future usefulness. Our great men and women point with pride to home as the first school of training. Respectfully Submitted

J. D. Rodgeres, Chairman.

G

Committee on Documents Report. We find that County Line, Pleasant Valley, and Liberty churches petition the next sitting of this body, your committee would recommend that we hold the next session with Liberty church.

Respectfully Submitted
L. D. Tate chairman.

E

We your Committee on Temperance report the cause of temperance in our respective neighborhoods rapidly on the advance and we are gratified to report the cause useful with measurable success not only in Arkansas but all over our sister States. Therefore we earnestly recommend that our brethren discourage the use of Alcoholic stimulants and that they use all legitimate means in promoting the glorious cause of temperance.

B. F. Boyd chairman

L

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools report that there is yet a sad lack of interest among our churches in regard to this important work. We are at a loss to know what course to recommend that would awaken more interest among our people in this direction. There certainly ought to be a Sabbath School in every church, in order to bring about this result we would recommend a hearty co-operation between pastor and people. We therefore recommend that each pastor sees to it that a Sunday School be organized in every church he serves. And let the matter be entirely under the control of the church.

Respectfully

M. M. Cochran chairman

G

Report on State Missions. We find State missions in a very healthy condition under the efficient management of M. D. Early State Mission Secretary. He is pushing the work almost day and night in order to secure men and means to occupy every destitute point in the State. There are 14 missionaries already at work occupying important fields from which they extend their labors and thus do a great deal of general good. These all receive their pay in full or in part from the State Board. The only difference

between State and home or associational missions is the field is larger. The demands are the same. This work is under the control of a State Mission Board with Rev. J. P. Eagle as President and John G. Holland Secretary. We recommend that this association co-operate with State Board in as much as all are engaged in the same work. And that they may know what we are doing in our masters cause.

B. F. Bartles chairman

Committee on fluance report,	
For minutes.	\$39.35
Foreign Mission	\$2,50
Home " "	\$52 25
Ladies M. S. Mineral Springs Home Mission	\$5.15
Collected Sunday,1	\$25,25
State Missions	
Total	\$129,70
į į	1. F. Dennis chairman

Report on Home Missions. We regard this as the most important work of this body. While much has been done during the past year for which we feel devoutly thankful, still much remains to be done. We would recommend first that the present plan of work be changed as follows viz. In as much as during the year six new churches have been organized and have called pastors and they not as yet self-sustaining we recommend that the Ex. board be authorized to supplement their saleries with the understanding that they become the missionaries of this association and that they supply the destitution that lies in their respective bounds as far as they are able and that they make quarterly reports of work done to the chairman of Ex. board. We suggest further that an executive board be appointed consisting of five brethren who shall have charge of the mission work in our bounds and that they shall see to the raising and disbursing of funds for the forwarding of this interst. And that three members of this board constitute a quorum.

We also recommend that the association sustain an efficient missionary for one mouth in Little River County to complete the years work in organizeing churches at such points as the cause demands and that they be sustained on the plan mentioned above.

C. W. Strictland.

J

Report of T. H. Westbrook Missionary of this Body. Begining Oct. 18th, 1886. Days of service 210. Miles traveled 2387. Sermons preached 138 exhortation 70. Baptized 11. Churches organized 4. Ministers ordained 1. Conversions number unknown. Families visited 210. Collected on field \$4.75.

K

Ministerial Education. It is all important that we have an educated ministry in order to our successfully promulgating the truth. We regard it the duty of the churches to render all assistance in their power to needy young ministers to enable them to better prepare for their work, but we are pained to know that the churches are sadly neglectful of their duty in this respect. We recommend that steps be taken at once to aid in this important work and that the churches be urged by their pastors to send up quarterly collections to our mission meetings for this purpose. We recommend that the distribution of these funds be referred to the board of ministerial education who shall have full control in the matter and that said board be required to attend the missionary meetings that they may look more closely after this interest.

Fraternally submitted.

Jas. Copeland Chairman.

L

Foreign mission report. We realize the great importance of this work and our duty to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. We fear this duty is to much neglected by our churches to entitle us to the name "Missionary Baptist." We must by our means and otherwise assist in the glorious work. We recommend that quarterly collections be taken in all our churches and sent up to our mission meetings to aid in Foreign mission and that the pastors of all our churches unge the membership to give for this purpose. We further recommend that our sisters take special steps to aid us in the work.

Respectfully J. H. Denson Chairman.

M

Treasurer's report. See report.

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Report of C: W. Strictland, acting Missionary	for this body, from June 20th.
1887.	
Days of service	50
Miles traveled	unknown
Sermons preached	unknown
Conversions	were many
Churches organized	5
General good	uncalcuable
Amount paid me by board	
	C. W. Strictland.

We your Home Mission Board report as follows. We have discharged the duties enjoined upon us to the best of our ability. We employed Rev. C. W. Strictland to enter the field as missionary the 20th, of June, for which we agreed to pay him \$25.00 per month.

The amount received by the board and paid into the Treasurer	\$385.75
Amount paid T. H. Westbrook for mission work	\$275.25
Amount collected on field by him	84.75
Amount to C. W. Strictland	.\$41,65
Paid J. H. Bennett by order of the association	\$9.00
Leaving balance in treasurer	.\$59,32
C. W. Strictland chair	man

P

Your committee on destitution report the south-west and a large portion of the central and a part of the eastern boundary of Little River County a considerable portion of south-west part of Sevier County and also north-east corner of Saline County and a portion of northern part of Howard County.

Respectfully C. W. Strictland



JOE H. DENSON, TREASURER.

IN ACCOUNT WITH

SOUTH-WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIAT'N.

HOME MISSION FUND

To balance on hand at last session per report\$87.35	
Amount received of Chapel Hill Church 2.00	
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Feb. 7th. Amount received of Bro. Skinner for	
Damascus Sunday School	
May 29. Amount received at Nashville86,00	
July 31. Amount received at Brownstown	
Oct. 11. Amount received at present session per	
Finance Committee Report82,65 CREDITS	
By amount error in charging amount received of churches	
in last report	834.10
By amount paid Bro. Bennett per order of this body at	,
last session	9.00
By aggregate amount paid Bro. Westbrooks missionary	
per order of board	275.25
By amount paid Bro Strictland per order of board	41.65
By amount carried down to Treasurers debit to balance	59.39
Total debits and credits,	419.32
To balance brought down	410.02
FOREIGN MISSION FUND	
Amount received at Oct. session 1886 per report12.80	
Amount received at present session per Finance	
Committies report	
Amount cash collected Oct. 11 1887	
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By amount sent Bro. Tupper per order of association at	
last session	12.80
By amount carried down to Treasurers debit to balance	8.50
Total debits and credits, \$21.30	\$21.30
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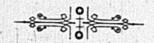
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(Submited by B., F. Bartles Chairman of committee)

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