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## Proceedings.

### HOPE WELL, September 21, 1895.

The Gainesville Missionary Baptist Association convened with Hopewell church, pursuant to adjournment, at 11 o'clock a. m., and on motion by the body, the introductory sermon was preached by Eld. W. A. Clark, editor of the Arkansas Baptist, published at Little Rock, Ark. His text was James 5: 20: "Let him know that he which converteth the sinner from the rror of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins."

The body was then called to order by the Clerk, the former Moderator being absent.

On motion, Eld. G. Lively was chosen Moderator.

A motion was then carried to adjourn until 2 o'clock p. m., for refreshments, which were furnished in abundance on the ground.

Prayer by Eld. J. T. Tyler. Benediction by Eld. W. A. Clark.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock the Association was called together and business resumed.

The roll of churches was called and twenty-three responded by letter and delegation. (See Tabular Statement).

Then on motion the body went into election by ballot for permanent officers of the association, which resulted in the election of Eld. J. D. J. Faulker for Moderator, Henry Holcomb for Clerk and T. L. B. Thorn for Treasurer.

The Moderator, on taking the chair, invited the body 'o join in prayer, led by Eld. E. D. Cooper.

Petitionary letters were then called for and two responded,

one from Shepherd Valley and one from Palestine churches, by letter and delegation and on motion received and messengers invited to seats with the body.

Letters of correspondence called for. Elds. J. N. Robertson and W. J. Bearden enrolled as corresponding messengers from Mt. Zion association.

On motion, the Moderator appointed the usual committees, viz.:

Divine Service.—The pastor and messengers of Hopewell church.

Arrangements.—M. V. Reece, J. A. Thomas and G. W. Collier Ministerial Education.—H. Holcomb, W. J. Nichols and W. J. Johnson.

Home Missions -T. L. B. Thorn, H. B. Wright and J. J. Burton.

Foreign Missions.—N. F. Carpenter and W. H. Kilbreth.
State and Asociational Missions.—J. F. Hammert, T. R. Boon and J. B. Waldon.

Sunday Schools.—J. H. Sammons, J. W. Langley and C. J. Seals.

Finance.-J. F. Rogers, E. D. Cooper and J J. Burton.

Obstuaries \_E. D Cooper, G. Lively and W. J Johnson.

Temperance -J. T. Rogers, W. W. Yopp and E. D Cooper.

Publication .- H B. Wright, A. T. Wright and O. E. Ward.

Queries and Resolutions.—T. L. B. Taorn, W. J. Nicholas and N. F. Carpenter.

The committee on Divine services reported as follows: Elds. J. S. Haden and W. H. Merideth preach tonight. Sunday school meeting Sunday morning at 9 'clock, conducted by Eld. G. Lively, and a Missionary sermon at 14 o'clock by Eld. J D J Faulkner.

On motion, adjourned until Monday morning at 8:30. Prayer by Eld. C. A. Merideth.

#### SUNDAY SERVICES.

On Sunday morning at 9 o'clock a very large attendance

M. Sunday school service, conducted by Eld. G. Lively; and at H. H. J. D. J. Faulkner preached an interesting sermon to a very large and attentive congregation, after which a collection 100 was taken up for State and Associational missions.

#### MONDAY MORNING.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. J. N. Settlemoir. The roll was called and the messen-answered to their names.

The minutes of Saturday's proceedings were read and approved.

The committee on arrangements reported as follows, which read, adopted and committee discharged: We, your committee, recommend the order of business to govern this session of the body as follows:

1. Call t e Roll and read the Minutes

2 Call for Petitionary Letters.

- 8. Call for Letters of Correspondence.
- 4 Inviting visiting brethren to seats in the body.
- 5. Report of Committee on Ministerial Education.
- Report of Committee on Home Missions.Report of Committee on Foreign Missions.
- 8. Report of Committee on State an Associational Missions.
- 9 Report of Committee on Sunday schools.
- 10. Report of Committee on Finance.
- 11. Report of Committee on Obituaries.
- 12. Report of Committee on Temperance,
- 18. Rep rt of Committee on Publication.
- 14 Report of Executive Board,
- 15 Report of Missionary.
- 16. Report of Treasurer.
- 17. Miscellaneous Business.
- 18. Call Queries and Resolutions.

### G. W. Collier, Chairman

The report of Committee on Ministerial Education was premeted, read and adopted, as follows:

We believe it is the duty of every man that feels the impress-

it is necessary for such a one to acquire at least a common English education. The necessity of ministerial education is apparent to all, for they must be able to rightly divide the word of truth and meet e ror. And as we have several worthy young men belonging to this association that say they are thus impressed and working to accomplish these ends we would recommend that the body appoint an agent in each church to solicit and collect funds and send the same to to the general agent, that these funds may be applied to aid them in this undertaking, and if possible send them to Moun tain Home or Ouachita College.

H. Holcomb, Chm'n.

On motion, the Moderator appointed the following named members as agents of the respective churches to solicit and collect funds for ministerial education and forward same to brother J. F. Hammett, at Gainesville, Ark., who was appointed by the association as general agent to receive and pay over said funds to whom the association is assisting or may assist in school: Rock Hill, J. M. Rogers; Epsaby, L. H. Roberts; Fair View, J T. Edwards; Hopewell, J. A. Thomas; Friendship, H. W. Weatherly; New Light, N. F. Carpenter; New Hope, Z. T. Underwood; Providence, E. S. Haneline; Pleasant Grove, John Fletcher; Salem, Wm. Garrett; Rector, J. H. Earl; Union Grove, T. J. Faulkner; Marmaduke, G. W. Kerby; Mount Tabor, W. R. Underwood; Brown's Chapel, J. T. Mc-Daniel; Gainesville, T. L. B. Thorn; Post Oak, W. L. B. Hammel; Blooming Grove, Geo. Beckley; Main Shore, Bro. Stephenson; Center Hill, T. Grooms; Piggott, T. J. Crews; Wanderers Home, J. N. Settlemoir; Knoble, J. H. Perry; Bethlehem, John Hinkle; Blue Cane, C. L. Reaves; Shepherd Valley, J. H. Ward; Palestine, J. P. Smart.

On motion, adjourned until to morrow morning at 8:30 Benediction by Eld. W. J. Bearden.

The report of the General Agent on Ministerial Education presented, read and adopted, as follows:

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L. McHANEY, Ag't.

The Committee on Home Missions reported as follows, which was read and adopted:

The Home Mission field is indeed an extensive one including at the does thirteen states, one territory, District of Columbia, Canada, Cuba and Mexico. We have Missionaries in all these fields, who are doing good work, but we need more men and more means anapply the great destitution which still exists. Therefore, let us the importance of this part of our work. In order that this analyses the responsibility that rests upon us to preach the Gosmito every creature, we would request that all pastors bring this analyses before their respective churches, and take collections quality and forward same to the Secretary of Home Board.

T. L B THORN, Chm'n.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock for preaching by Eld. N. F. Carpenter.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Bro. T. L. B. Thorn. At 2 p. m., the Association was called to order, and resumed business.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported as follows, which was read and adopted:

Having in view the commission as given by the Lord himself, to go into all the world and preach his Sospel to every creature. It therefore behooves us as his followers, to use every effort in our power to assist in this great work. The question arises in our minds how can we help. We cannot all go to foreign fields, but we can send Godly men with our means, and we can only do this by liberal contributions. We have already in foreign fields in Brazil, Taylor; in C ma, Simmons and Graves; in Africa, Smith; in Rome, Bro. Eager, and others in other fields These Godly men cannot work there unless we help them, and we recommend that our pastors present the matter to their churches and take up collections in November for this purpose. W. H Kilbreth, Chm'n,

The Committee on State and Associational Missions reported ed as follows, which was read and adopted:

As to State Mission work for the past year, we have done nothing that we know, and we recommend that the pastors of the several churches take a collection at their earliest convenience for this purpose and forward same to te Secretary of State Board. Associational work was as follows: Services by Eld G. Lively at Blue Cane church: Received from Executive Board, \$9.15; collected on field, \$32. Conversions, 19; baptisms, 16. Eld W. J. Bearden at Main Shore: Sermons preached 34; visits, 44; conversions, 19; baptisms, 22; received from board, \$7.95, and on the field, \$13 10. We also rec mmend that the Association appoint an Executive Board, and that we localize our work so as to strengthen the weak places in our bounds.

The Committee on Sunday schools reported as follows which was adopted:

We are proud to know that so many of the churches are now taking an interest in the establishing and maintaining of Sundal schools, but are sorry to know there are some yet that have no Sunday schools. We would strongly recommend that all of the church es in the association have and maintain a Sunday school, that we may train up our children in the way they should go, and believing that a live energetic Sunday school exhibits the life of the church

the recommend Bible reading and the publications of the Sunday school Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. And we further recommend especially that the parents attend and take part in Sunday school, and the children will follow and God will bless J. H. Sammons, Chm'n.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows, which was found correct and adopted:

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The Committee on Obituaries reported as follows:

We, your committee, find that death has been among us since our last Association and taken twenty-five of our brothers and sisters of the churches named: Hopewell church, 7; Friendship hurch, 2, New Light, church, 1; Union Grove church, 1; Mount Tahor church, 2; Blooming Grove church, 1; Knooel church, 1; Wanderers' Home church, 2; Pleasant Grove church, 1; Providence burch, 1; New Hope church, 1; Marmaduke church, 2; Blue Cane burch, 3.

G. Lively, Chm'n.

The Committee on Temperance reported as follows, which was read and discussed by several of the brethren, and adopted:

We believe intemperance is the greatest evil of our land, delinging the peace and happiness of many homes, and hindering the progress of the Gospel, and we are glad that some progress is being made in delivering our land from this great curse. Let us pray the lord to help us and vote as we pray, that the happy time may soon more when our country shall be free from intemperance. We recommend that the pastors of churches preach at least one sermon during the year on the evils of intemperance We further recommend that the churches use strict discipline with their members in the use of intoxicating drink.

E. D. Cooper, Chm'n.

The Committee on Publication reported as follows, which was read and adopted:

The Bible, of course, should ever be the book of our study, and the rule of our faith and practice. We believe, however, that every Baptist ought to read the Arkansas Baptist, our own paper. We recommend especially that the parents take and keep for their children, the Arkansas Baptist and the literature published by our Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn.

H. B WRIGHT, Chm'n.

The report of the Executive Board, as follows:

We met at our last Association and laid out our work, and made our request of the members of Gainesville Association, but the request not being complied with, we have almost failed in our work this year. We have paid on our old debts the following amounts: Paid to Eld. J. M. Lawrence, \$10.80; to Eld. J. M. Huddleston, \$5; to Eld. E. J. Teague, \$6.85; leaving balance due J. M. Lawrence, \$7.45, and E. J. Teague, \$5.65, total yet due \$13, 10. We have paid Eld. G. Lively for Mission work at Blue Cancherch, \$12.50, and Eld. W. J. Bearden for Mission work at Mail Shore church, \$12.50.

J H SAMMONS,

J A. FOSTER,

E P. HOLT,

J. J. BURTON,

Executive Board.

#### TUESDAY MORNING.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer la Eld. W. J. Bearden.

The report of the Treasurer was presented, read and adopt-

Receipts:	
Total amount received	
58 55  Balance on hand	

On motion, the body went into an election for the place of holding the next session of the Association, which resulted in the election of Rock Hill church, Greene County, Arkansas,

Eld. G. Lively was elected to preach the introductory ser-

On motion, the Association invites Eld. W. P. Throgmorton to debate with a representative man of the so-called Hard Holl Baptist church, on the following question, to-wit: The ternal salvation of an alien sinner is unconditional Hard Shells within, Gainesville Association deny, and the Bro. Clerk ortend to write to Bro. Throgmorton.

On motion, the Moderator appointed S. H. Weatherly, J. Burnons, E. P. Holt, J. A. Foster and J. J. Burton, as Executive Board.

On motion, the following brethren were appointed as delenates to the State Convention: Elds. J. D. J. Faulkner, G. Livoly, E. D. Cooper and J. S. Haden, and Bro. H B. Wright; and Eld. J. D J Faulkner as a member of the State Board.

On motion, the body returned thanks to Sister E.J Teague her liberal offering and donation to the funds for Missions Ministerial Education.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to-pay the amount printing minutes to the Clerk; that he superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes, and advised to have the

work done by the Arkansas Baptist Company, and he be allowed \$10 for his services.

On motion, that we correspond with Black River, Current River and Mt Zion Associations, and Eld G Lively to Black River, J S Haden to Current River, and E D. Cooper to Mt Zion, were appointed as corresponding messengers

Whereas, we have been so royally entertained by Hopewell church, and good people of the vicinity, during the sitting of this body, therefore

Resolved, that the thanks of the body be extended to them, and our prayers be given for their material and spiritual prosperity.

Thus closed the twenty-sixth annual session of the Gaines-ville Missionary Baptist Association, and on motion the body adjourned, to meet with Rock Hill church, three miles west of Paragould, Greene County, Arkansas, on Saturday, before the before the fourth Sunday in September, A. D. 1896, at 11 a. m., and during song service the parting hand was extended by the brethren Benediction by Eld. J. S. Haden

ELD. J. D. J. FAULKNER, Moderator. HENRY HOLCOMB, Clerk

## Statistical Table.

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## Articles of Faith.

- 1. We believe that the Holy Bible, written by men divinely inspired, and full of unmixed truth, is a perfect rule of faith and practice.
  - 2 We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost
- 3. We believe that man, once holy, fell by voluntary trans-
  - 4 We believe that sinners are saved by grace alone
- 5 We believe that men are justified by faith in the Lord Je
- 6 We believe that salvation is free to all who will accept the (loggel,
- 7. We believe that except a man be renewed by the Holy Hourt he is not qualified or prepared for the Kingdom of Christ on earth, or to enjoy his glory hereafter.
- 8 We believe that repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are the duties of every one who hears the Gospel.
- 9. We believe that election is the eternal purpose of God, by
- 10 We believe that sanctification, begun in regeneration, and ev r progressive is the process by which we are made to partials of God's holiness.
- 11. We believe in the preservation of the saints; that they seek by the power of God through faith unto salvation.
- 12. We believe that God's law is the only, the eternal and muchaugable rule of his church and moral government.
- 13. We believe that a church of Christ is a congregation of built d believers, united in the faith and fellowship of the Gosman observing the ordinances and obeying the laws of Christ, and that its officers are pastors and de cons.
- 14. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water by a properly qualified administrator into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
- 15. We believe that only such as have been properly baptized and received into the fellowship of a regularly organized Baptist amount should partake of the Lord's Supper.
  - 16. We believe that 'the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath

should be devoutly observed and sacredly devoted to religious

- 17 We believe that civil government is of divine appointment, and that the governors of states and nations should be obe ed, when the laws they seek to enforce are not in conflict with the Gospel.
  - 18. We believe in the future resurrection of the dead.
- 19. We believe in the final judgment, and that, in that day, the righteous and the wicked will be separated forever.
- 20. We believe that the righteous will be made happy forever in heaven, and the wicked miserable forever in hell.

# Church Covenant.

Thanking God for the light we have received, and for the revelation of Jesus which we now enjoy, and hoping that God, for Christ's sake, has pardoned our sins, and having been baptized on a professon of our faith in Christ Jesus into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, we do, this day, before God and the world, with deep joy and great solemnity, enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We therefore covenant and agree that by the aid of the Holy Spirit, we will walk together in love and Christian fellowship. We promise to labor for the advancement and final triumph of the church; to sustain her worship by attending the hou e of God and supporting the ministry; to guard her ordinances, enforce her discipline and defend her doctrine.

We also pledge ourselves to walk circums, ectly in the world, to be honest, just and faithful in our business relations, and as God may give us help, we promise to live righteous and hely lives.

We further promise to watch over each other in brotherly lovel to visit the sick; to pray for each other and the world; to aid the poor and needy, and to perform such other kind offices as may be well pleasing in the sight of God.

#### PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

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#### ORDAINED MINISTERS.

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