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MINUTES

OF THE

FTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

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Baptist Association.

Held with Oppelo Baptist Church Oct. 11-14, 1902.

Next Session will be held with Pleasant Grove Church on Friday before
the Second Sunday in October, 1903.

LD. D. B. FORD, MODERATOR.....APLIN, ARK.

LD. G. W. WILCOX, CLERK.....OPPELO, ARK.

The Fourche Valley Association met pursuant to adjournment with the above named church. The Moderator read the 91st Psalm. Prayer by Bro. Mayall, after which appointed Bros. J. W. Harris and W. H. Perry as reading clerks, who read the letters from the following churches and enrolled the names of the messengers as follows.

Oppelo, Eld. G. W. Wilcox, W. W. Duncan and W. H. Perry.
Mountain Grove, Eld. J. M. Neal.

Harmony, J. A. Sossorman and J. H. Brazil.

Pilgrims Rest, James Thompson, Eld. M. G. McMillan and Thomas Lynch.

Casa, L. P. Redditt and G. L. Rorax.

Pleasant Grove, Eld. D. B. Ford.

Houston, J. W. Harris, Walter Harris and W. S. Paschal.

Cherry Hill, W. M. Porter.

Esau, T. J. Nixon and Willis Gunter.

Hickory Grove, A. H. Brickey and Will Upton.

Ada, Antioch, Liberty, Perryville, New Home, Union and Dixie not represented.

Called for corresponding messengers from other bodies and received Elders Box, Mayall and Myers from the United Association.

On motion adjourned.

SATURDAY MORNING—9 O'CLOCK.

The Association came together, singing and prayer by Bro. Wilcox.

Effected a permanent organization by electing Elder D. B. Ford, moderator, and Elder G. W. Wilcox clerk.

Appointed the following committees.

State Home and Foreign Missions, A. H. Brickey, J. M. Neal, S. P. Redditt, W. W. Duncan, J. A. Sossorman and T. J. Nixon.

Associational Missions, A. H. Brickey, J. H. Brazil, J. A. Sossorman and J. W. Harris.

Temperance, J. W. Harris and G. W. Wilcox.

Documents, W. S. Paschal.

Sabbath Schools, W. S. Paschal, L. P. Redditt and G. W. Wilcox.

Obituaries, J. W. Martin and M. G. McMillan.

Finance, W. S. Paschal and W. H. Perry.

Devotion, Pastor and Deacons of the Oppelo church.

On motion adjourned.

SATURDAY EVENING—2 O'CLOCK.

The Association convened, prayer by Bro. Box.

On motion of Bro. Sossorman the following resolution was introduced.

RESOLVED. That it is the sense of this Association that we do our own mission and colportage work, and be it further

RESOLVED. That the colportage work be assigned to the Missionary of the Fourche Valley Association, and be it further

RESOLVED. That we recommend to the churches composing the Fourch Valley Association co-operation with the General Association of the State of Arkansas.

We also recommend the adoption of the Arkansas Baptist as our state paper.

The resolution was ably discussed by the body, and on motion was unanimously adopted. J. A. SOSSORMAN, Ch'm.

The Association then took up the question of associational missionary, and proceeded to ballot for one, which resulted in the choice of Eld. G. W. Wilcox for full time, and appointed the following brethren to compose the executive board: A. H. Brickey, W. H. Perry, J. W. Harris, W. W. Duncan and S. Welch. Bro. Clark was granted time to present the claims of the Arkansas Baptist.

On motion adjourned.

SATURDAY NIGHT—7:30 O'CLOCK.

The Association assembled to hear the introductory sermon preached by Dr. W. A. Clark, editor of the Arkansas Baptist, which he did from Matt. 28:19-20 verses.

SUNDAY MORNING—11 O'CLOCK.

A very large concourse of people assembled at the church to hear the missionary sermon which was preached by Elder E. L. West from Luke 10:42, after which a collection of \$11.00 was taken for associational missions.

SUNDAY NIGHT

The Association met to hear the sermon preached by Bro. Wilson of Plumerville, after which Bro. Paschal took a collection for the Orphans Home located at Monticello, Ark. and received \$6.00 which was forwarded to them by Bro. Paschal.

MONDAY MORNING—8 O'CLOCK.

The Association convened and was led in prayer by Bro. Neal. Agreed to take up correspondence with the United Association

which convenes with the Hattieville church on Friday before the second Sunday in September and appointed Eld. G. W. Wilcox, W. H. Perry and W. W. Duncan as fraternal messengers to that body.

To Dardanelle Association E. L. West, M. G. McMillan, W. H. Perry and Bro. Reddett.

To Salim Association J. M. Neal, W. H. Brazil and J. W. Hathorn.

To Greenbriar Association W. S. Paschal, H. W. Harris and J. W. Smith.

On motion agreed to send correspondents to the Pee Dee Association which convenes with the Meadow Creek church, which convenes on Thursday before the first Sunday in Sept. 1903, and appointed Elders G. W. Wilcox, D. B. Ford, W. H. Perry and E. L. West as messengers to that body.

Received and read the report on resolutions. See Appendix B.

Read the constitution of the Arkansas General Association, pending its adoption the Association adjourned.

MONDAY EVENING—2 O'CLOCK.

Resumed the discussion of the pending resolution participated in by Wilcox, Box and Pruitt and on motion was unanimously adopted.

APPENDIX C.

Received and read report on Temperance and after a lively debate by the body was adopted. See Appendix D.

Received and read report on Associational Missions, and on motion adopted Appendix E. On motion adjourned.

TUESDAY MORNING—8 O'CLOCK.

Association assembled, and prayer was offered by the Moderator.

Received and read report on State Home and Foreign Missions. Discussed at some length by Pruitt, Brickey, Sossorman and McMillan and on motion adopted Appendix F.

Received and adopted report on obituaries, Appendix G.

Read and adopted report on finance, Appendix H.

Read and adopted report on documents, Appendix I.

On motion ordered the clerk to have three hundred copies of the minutes published and to have the remainder of the minute

fund for his service.

On motion the clerk was authorized to have the temperance report published in the Arkansas Baptist.

By Bro. Sossorman. Resolved that the thanks of this body be and are hereby tendered the citizens of this community for their kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this body during the present session.

By Pro. Wilcox. Resolved that the thanks of this body are tendered the corresponding messengers for their dignified bearing, able sermons, and judicious counsel during our session, and respectfully invite them to come again. On motion adjourned.

TUESDAY EVENING—2 O'CLOCK.

The Association reassembled and was led in prayer by Bro. Farmer.

Agreed to hold the next session of this body with the Pleasant Grove church, Oct. 1903.

On motion agreed to make no appointments for public hours of preaching for next year, but leave the matter with the pastor and deacons of Pleasant Grove church. After singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" the body adjourned its most profitable and harmonious session.

D. B. Ford, moderator, G. W. Wilcox, clerk.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSION—APPENEIX F.

We your committee on State Home and Foreign Mission submit the following report. We recommend that all money collected for State Missions, Orphans Homes and Foreign Missions be sent direct to the treasurer of the General Association with recommendation as to what it is to be applied. Respectfully submitted,

A. H. BRICKEY, Ch'm.

SABBATH SCHOOL—APPENDIX C.

We the Sabbath School committee submit the following. Having learned from the messengers of the condition of their respective churches as to their Sabbath school work. We are glad to see the great improvement in the work. We find this year that there are 9 Sabbath schools against 5 last year. In some of the churches we find the Sabbath schools in poor working order, and in so many others there are no schools at all. While we are very glad of the past improvement, yet it would be much better if we could have a good working Sabbath school with each church.

Let us be more awake to the vast importance of this line of work, for what is better, nobler or more exalting than this work of bringing up the children in the way they should go. Not only do we thus for the children, but for the parents also, knowing that children follow in the steps of the parents, we should do more work with the parents, taking an active part in the Sabbath school ourselves. In the coming year let us one and all work with the earnest expectation and thoughtful prayer to God, and we will see a still greater improvement in the incoming year.

W. S. PASCHAL, Ch'm.

TEMPERANCE—APPENDIX D.

Your committee on temperance submit the following report.

An immense amount of work has been done during the past year by the forces of temperance, and a great deal has been done by friends of the liquor traffic. The forces on both sides are fast ranging themselves for the final struggle, the time is coming we believe when the temperance army will sweep the field, when the liquor traffic will be driven from the face of this broad fair land of ours. Before that result is reached there will be probably many assaults and counter assaults, many advances and retreats, but finally in the near future the temperance banner will float in glorious triumph over our country. We repeat that we do not regard the final issue of the struggle as at all doubtful. But the question which now confronts us, and which wants to see no cowardice or carelessness in our answer is this. What part must we take in the struggle, what is the proper line of action for us. Your committee beg permission in answer to this question to say, that they believe this association as a body of christian men who are citizens of the state of Arkansas ought to commit themselves to labor with the anti saloon league and constitutional prohibition as a final aim, for we recognize intemperance as the curse of our age, and we believe the time has come when as individual churches and members we ought to do more than pass resolutions.. The members who profess christianity have it in their power, if not to suppress it entirely to so lessen this traffic that thousands can be saved annually from destruction.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. HARRIS, Ch'm.

DOCUMENTS—APPENDIX G.

We your committee on documents submit the following report.

We find the following churches ask for the next setting of this Association. Mountain Grove, Pleasant Grove and Pilgrim Rest and we recommend that the next session of this body be held with the Pleasant Grove.

Submitted,

W. S. PASCHAL, Ch'm.

FINANCE—APPENDIX H.

We your committee on finance make the following report.

For Associational Mission	\$ 17 70
Collected by Missionary	50 44
Home Missions	100 00
General Association	600 00
Minute Fund	14 75

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. PASCHAL, Ch'm.

OBITUARIES—APPENDIX I.

We your committee on obituaries submit the following.

We find from the letters from the different churches that God has sent out to some of our churches the messengers of rest, and called from her some of her members from labor to rest and reward. Some of our helpers in His work here on earth to their work of love and praise with Him in glory.

J. W. MARTIN, Ch'm.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION—APPENDIX J.

We your committee on associational missions submit the following report.

We recommend that this body elect a missionary to travel and preach in the bounds of this Association, and that he be supplied with the colportage work as recommended in the resolution as adopted, and the said missionary work under the direction of the Executive Board.

Respectfully submitted.

A. H. BRICKEY, Ch'm.

MISSIONARY—APPENDIX K.

I as your missionary submit the following.

Miles traveled, 380; sermons preached, 61; talks, 15; social visits, 10; recieved into the churches by baptism. 5; recieved by letter, 19; recieved from the Board \$67.57.

B. D. FORD, Miss.

MISSIONARY REPORT CONTINUED.

To the Executive committee, as your missionary I beg leave to submit the following report.

I traveled and preached in connection with your missionary to the following amount. Miles traveled, 113; sermons preached, 21; conversions witnessed, 9; baptisms, 5; collected on the field, \$10. All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. W. WILCOX, Miss.

MINISTERS NAMES AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

D. B. Ford	Aplin, Perry Co.
G. W. Wilcox	Oppelo, Conway Co.
M. G. McMillan	Cardens Bottom, Yell Co.
J. M. Neal	Perryville, Perry Co.
J. H. Hammonds	Ada, Conway Co.
W. H. Huff	Ada, Conway Co.
E. L. West	Ada, Conway Co.
A. H. Brickey	Houston, Perry Co.
J. W. Guinn	Houston, Perry Co.
E. H. Owen	Dixie, Perry, Co.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Devotional exercise.
2. Call for, and reading letters enrolling names.
3. Election of officers.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Inviting visiting ministers to seats.
6. Appoint committee on divine service.
7. Elect Missionary board.
8. Appointment of committees.
9. Granting letters of dismission.
10. Correspondence.
11. Report of committees.
12. Miscellaneous business.
13. Time and place of next meeting.

Statistical Table.

Mission	Minutes	Total	Died	Excluded	Dismissed by letter	Restored	Received by letter	Baptised	Postoffice	Pastor	Clerk	Churches
Oppelo	10 75	53 2	1	1			5 5	5	Oppelo	Pruitt	Perry	Oppelo
Pilgrims Rest	40	30 1 20	4	5			9 2	2	Pontoon	Huff	Massey	Pilgrims Rest
Houston	9 10	70 2	4	8			6		Houston	Pruitt	Jones	Houston
Esau		30 2	2	2			2 2	2	Esau	Pruitt	Crist	Esau
Hickory Grove		60					2		Houston	Brickey	Bland	Hickory Grove
Pleasant Grove	13 20	24 1 25					1 16		Aplin	Ford	Paul	Pleasant Grove
Harmony	3	64 2	1				2		Maumelle	Bowen	Luois	Harmony
Casa		32 1 75	1			7	2 6			Redditt	Jessup	Casa
Mountain Grove	50	35 1 00	3				5 5		Perryville	Neal	Hawkins	Mountain Grove
Cherry Hill	1 95	16 1 00	2	1	2		2		Perryville	Neal	Porter	Cherry Hill

The following churches have flourishing Sabbath schools:
Cherry Hill, Mountain Grove, Houston and Oppelo.