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OF THE

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

SOUTHWESTERN

Baptist Association of Arkansas,

HELD WITH

THE BETHEL CHURCH AT PEYTONVILLE.

LITTLE RIVER COUNTY, ARKANSAS.

Oct. 12, 13 and 14, '95.

OFFICERS:

Eid. M. M. COCHRAN, Moderator, Brownstown.

Eid. C. M. POWELL, Clerk, Wilton.

T. B. HOLMAN, Treasurer, Holcomb

Minutes ...

The Southwestern Baptist Association met in its Fifteenth Annual Session, with Bethel Church, Peytonville, Little River County, Ark., on Saturday, October 12th, 1895.

The body was called to order by C. M. Powell, (former Clerk) at 10 o'clock, a. m. Elder Thomas Dulany was chosen Temporary Moderator, and opened the services by reading the 140th Psalm. The audience sang "Crown Him Lord of All," and the Moderator led the prayer. The Moderator then called for letters from churches; and appointed Bros. M. M. Cochran and C. Wardlaw to read same. After letters were read and names of churches and delegates enrolled, the body, on motion, adjourned till 1:30 p. m. to hear the annual sermon, which was delivered by Eld, J. W. Hubbard, from Rom. 1:16.

After refreshments the body reassembled as per adjournment. The Moderator renewed call for letters, which were read by the appointees.

On motion, the body then proceeded to permanent organization. Bros. C. W. Strickland and T. B. Holman, Tellers, reported the election of Elder M. M. Cochran, Moderator, and C. M. Powell, Clerk.

Bro. Cochran in chair, announced the association ready for business.

- 1. Call was made for petitionary letters, and Piney Grove and New Home responded by letters and delegates, and on motion were received into the association, and right hand of fellowship extended to delegates by Moderator. Winthrop also responded by letter, and was received, and Moderator instructed to give the right hand of fellowship at next association.
- 2. Bro. Lee Johnson was made a delegate from Damascus church.
 - 3. The Moderator called for corresponding and visiting breth-

ren. Elders C. W. Strickland, W. L. White and wife and Bro. Griffin from Howard County Association responded and were invited to seats.

- 4. Bro Dulaney moved that the Moderator appoint the usual committees, which was amended by striking out the Committees on Destitution and Home Missions, and adopted as amended. The work of those two committees last above mentioned, was, by further motion, assigned to the Home Mission Board.
 - 5. The following are the committees:

On DIVINE SERVICES-Pastor and Delegates of this church.

ON FINANCE-Lee Johnson, H. Herndon, W M. Kolb.

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS-C. M. Powell, J. N. Johnson, C. T. Rogers.

ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT—H. Herndon, T. B. Holman, D. B. Channeey.

ON STATE MISSIONS - C. Wardlaw, J. H. Barkman, D. C. Ladd.

ON DOCUMENTS . Y. R. Harbin, Wm. Treadway, R. A. Phillips.

On Sabbath Observance—C. T. Rogers T. B. Holman, D. S. Cooper.

ON FAMILY DEVOTION-Y. R. Harbin, C. A. Tyndall, Wm. Pickett.

On Ministerial Education C. Wardlaw, C. M. Powell, Lee Johnson.

ON OBITUARIES-J. W. Hubbard, W. M. Kolb, C. McWhorter, ON SABBATH SCHOOLS-C. Wardlaw, J. H. Barkman, D. Toug.

6. Bro. Cochran in chair. By motion Bro. Herndon was elected delegate to the State Convention, Bro. Lee Johnson, alternate, whose railroad fare to be paid out of Home Mission fund. The following were also elected to State Convention at their own expense, viz: Bros. M. M. Cochran, C. M. Powell, J. W. Hubbard, Y. R. Harbin. Bro. M. M. Cochran, with Y. R. Harbin was elected as delegate to Southern Baptist Convention. The following were also

To Howard County-Bros. J. W. Hubbard, M. M. Cochran, C. M. Powell, H. Herndon.

elected to associations:

To Texarkana—Bros. C. M. Powell, D. B. Channey, Ed. Dear. To Onachita—Bros. D. C. Ladd, P. J. Russell, W. M. Kolb.

7. By motion the following were chosen to preach at next association, viz: Introductory sermon, C. M. Powell, W. L. White,

alternate, on Saturday at 11 o'clock a. m; missionary sermon, J. H. Denson, Thomas Dulaney, alternate, Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m.

- 8. By motion, T. B. Holman was elected Treasurer.
- 9. By motion, C. M. Powell was elected member of State Mission Board.
- 10. Committee on Divine Service Report—Bro. W. L. White preached at church Saturday night; Bro. H. Hernden conducted prayer meeting Sanday morning at 9.30; Bro. C. W. Strickland to preach at 2:30 and 7:30 Sunday and Sanday night; Bro. M. M. Cochran preached Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. on the theme "Gospel" and taken a collection for associational missions amounting to \$7.00.

MONDAY MORNING.

- 11. Body reassembled at 8:30 as per adjournment, with devotional services.
 - 12 Minutes read, corrected and approved.
- 13. Elected Bro, D. S. Cooper as delegate from Cana Church, also Bro, G. W. Cowling delegate from Brownstown Church.
- 14. Bro. C A. Tyndall was excused from further atttendance at the association on account of sickness in his family.
- 15. Bro. C. Wardlaw submitted report on ministerial education and on motion was amended and adopted. (See appendix A.)
- 16. Bro, J. W. Hubbard was placed on Committee on Obituaries, in place of Bro. Thomas Dulaney, who left for home on account of sickness.
- 17. Bro. Y. R. Harbin submitted report on family devotion, which was adopted on motion. (See appendix B.)
- 18 Bro S. A. Wilson submitted report on prayer meeting, which, on motion, was adopted. (See appendix C.)
- 19. Bro. C. Wardlaw submitted report on Sabbath Schools, which on motion, was adopted. (See appendix D.)
- 20. Bro. J. H. Barkman submitted report on literature, and, on motion to adopt, the body without further action, adjourned for dinner.

The body reassembled at 1:30 p. m. as per adjournment, with prayer by Bro, Harbin.

- 21. The report on literature was taken up and adopted, (See appendix E.)
 - 22. Bro. Y. R. Harbin submitted report on documents, and on

motion was adopted. (See appendix F.)

- 23. Bro. H. Herndon submitted report on ministerial support, which, after an animated discussion, was adopted. (See appendix G.)
- 24. Bro. S. A. Wilson submitted report on temperance, which, on motion was adopted. (See appendix H.)
- 25. Bro. Lee Johnson submitted report on finance, and, on motion, was adopted. (See appendix I.)
- 26. Bro. J. W. Hubbard submitted report on obituaries, which was adopted. (See appendix J.)
- 27. Bro. C. T. Rogers submitted report on Sabbath observance, which on motion, was adopted. (See appendix K.)
- 28 Bro. C. Wardlaw submitted the report on state missions, which was adopted. (See appendix L.)
- 29. Bro. C. M. Powell submitted report of home mission board, which on motion, was adopted. (See appendix M.)
- 30. Bro. M. M. Cochran submitted report of board of ministerial education, which on motion was adopted. (See appendix N.)
- 31. On motion, Bro. A. T. Collins was dopted as the student of this association in Ouachita College for the cusuing year, and the following in cash and pledges were secured for his support as such student:

Cash—J. H. Christian, \$1.50; J. W. Hubbard, \$1.00; U. Mosely, \$1.00; C. Wardlaw, 50c; Sister M. Jackson, 50c; T. J. Russell, 25c; T. S. Wise, 25c.

PLEDGES - C. W. Strickland, \$5.00; M. M. Cochran, \$5.00; H. Herndon, \$2.50; Ed Dear, \$1.50; T. B. Holman, \$1.00; W. M. Kolo, \$1.00; G. W. Cowling, \$1.00; T. W. Collins, \$10; T. S. Wise. \$1.00; Sister Wilkerson, \$1.00; Sister Cochran, \$2.50; Wilton Church, per J. H. Barkman, \$2.50; Cana Church, per S. A. Wilson, \$2.50; Bethesda Church, per C. T. Rogers, \$2.50; Lee Johnson \$1.00; New Prospect Church, per Sister Cochran, \$2.50; Locksburg Church, per C. W. Strickland, \$5.00; Brownstown Church, per H. Herndon, \$5.00; Bethel Church, per U. Mosely, \$5.00.

- 32. By motion the association retained the former .Home Mission Board, viz: C. M. Powell, Wilton, Chairman; J. H. Barkman. Wilton, D. S. Cooper, Cerro Gordo; Eloridge Smith, Locksburg; J. H. Christian, Holcomb.
- 33. The following submitted by C. Wardlaw, was, on motion, adopted:

"Resolved, That this association, through its ministers and delegates, do make an earnest effort to raise, at least, 25 cents per member for the cause of missions, during the next associational year."

34. The following was submitted by Lee Johnson and on motion was adopted:

"RESOLVED, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to this church and vicinity, for the generous hospitality shown us during our stay with them. and we do sincerely pray God's blessing upon them."

- 35. The committee on foreign missions reported for adoption the report adopted last session on this subject. (See appendix O.)
- 36. On motion the clerk was allowed \$10 for his services, and the delegates and ministers are requested to raise this fund among the churches.
- 37. On motion the treasurer was ordered to appropriate \$5 out of the home mission fund to the foreign mission work.
- 38. On motion the chairman of board of ministerial education was instructed to collect funds to sustain Bro. A. F. Collins in school.
- 39. On motion the body then adjourned to meet with Mt. Pleasant church on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in Oct. 1896, at 9 o'clock a. m.

The audience rose and sang, "Some Sweet Day" and was led in prayer by Bro. C. W. Strickland:

"One more a sociational year has come and gone, and its labors are ready for the judgment. Let us increase our energies, and try to do more in his vineyard the incoming year.

C. M. POWELL,

M. M. COOHRAN,

Clerk.

Moderator.

APPENDIX,

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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MINISTERIAL EDUCATION-Your committee would report: We

are unqualifiedly in favor of an educated ministry. We are also in favor of this association assisting in the education of young ministers, who are trying to secure an education, but who are unable to remain in school without aid. We also recommend to the favorable consideration of young men seeking an education for the ministry, the Baptist Theological Seminary, of Louisville, Ky. It is by far the ablest institution of learning in the denomination, and its terms are as reasonable as others of less merit. We also recommend to our young preachers the favorable terms and advantages offered by our C. WARDLAW, Chairman, own Ouachita College.

FAMILY DEVOTION-Your committee would report: We believe that the neglect of family service is one of the great causes of so many lifeless Christians, and believing that it is a duty unmistakably taught by the Master we would recommend the erection of a family altar in the home of every member of this Association, where we may invite the Savior to actend us daily with His blessing, and prepare us for the duties we owe him and our fellow man.

Y. R. HARBIN, Chairman.

PRAYER MEETINGS-Knowing God's house is the house of prayer, and that Jesus has said, "All things are possible witto him that believeth," we would recommend that the delegates present go home and make a strong effort to organize a prayer meeting; so that every church would report a live prayer meeting at our next S. A. Wilson, Chairman 2006.

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SABBATH Schools-Early impressions are the most lasting; and t e habits of the youth usually follow him through life. In training the young and impressing God's word upon their minds, the Sabbath school is next in importance to the home. We, therefore, earnestly urge the pastors of the respective churches to insist upon the organization of Sabbath schools where there are none, and urge the members to work more earnestly in them. We have near thirty churches in this association, and only six schools are reported, with a membership of 256. Our churches ought to report a Sabbath school for every church with a membership of not less than 5,000. However,

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all are not reported.

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We would recommend that the clerk of this body prepare an associational letter and send to each church clerk with minutes of this meeting, to be used by church clerk in reporting their statistics.

C. WARDLAW, Chairman.

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LITERATURE—We recommend (1) the, careful reading of the Bible, accepting it as the man of counsel, in faith and practice, and as the principle means of an increase in grace and knowledge. (2), We earnestly urge every member of this association to pay for and read the Arkansas Baptist, that they may be informed in regard to all our enterprises, and know what the denomniation is undertaking, for God, We regard it as being sound in doctrine, and thoroughly abreast with the times. (3), we also recommend the Foreign Mission Journal, and (4) for Sunday schools we recommend Southern Baptist Convention Series.

J. H. BARKMAN, Chairman.

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DOCUMENTS - Your committee would recommend that the next session of this body be held with Mt. Pleasant Church, situated 8 miles west of Locksburg, in Sevier county.

Y. R. HARBIN, Chairman,

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MINISTERIAL SUPPORT—We find that many of our churches and pastors are not pursuing a safe and scriptural course respecting the support of the gospel.

Therefore, we recommend (1) that our churches enlist all their members in this important teacher of the work, by requiring each one to purpose some amount, (according as they are able) when the call is made for the support of the pastor, that the church may be able to offer a stipulated amount before he accepts. (2), we would recommend that our ministers refuse to serve any church that will not utilize her ability to pay, and so purpose such support "an the Lord hath prospered."

H. Herndon, Chairman.

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TEMPERANCE - We recognize the fact that intemperance is one of the greatest evils in the sight of God. It destroys the peace

of the home, the happiness of the wife, the hopes of the child, the manhood of the father, and at last fills a drunkard's grave,

Therefore, We recommend that every child of God, look with perfect shame and disgust upon this evil. S. A. WILSON, Ch'm.

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FINANCE—Your committee reports the following amounts collected at this session:

For Associational Missions	\$33.40.
For State Missions	6.05.
For Foreign Missions	46.
For minutes.	17.41.

LEE JOHNSON, Chairman.

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OBITUARIES—God has been very kind to us in sparing so many during the past year. But few have died; among the number we mention our aged and beloved brother, J. D. Adcock, of this church who passed from earth to his reward some months past.

J. W. HUBBARD, Chairman.

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SABBATH OBSERVANCE—The scriptures teach to "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." Your committee would therefore reported to our church to use such means as will impress upon their members the importance of keeping this commandment, by leaving off all matters of worldly nature, and doing the things that pertain to God, and the upbuilding of His cause.

C. T. ROGERS, Chairman.

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STATE MISSIONS—Your committee desires to call attention to the present urgent need of state aid in this part of the state. New towns are being built, and churches should be organized and maintained at each town along the line. Never has the need of this section been greater, and we are unable to fill this destitutition successfully without aid from the state board. We already have several churches along this line of road that are unable to support a pastor.

Therefore we urge the state board to help the work in this association as liberally as possible, and we urge our churches to contribute liberally to the work of state missions. We further recommend that our associational board co-operate with the state board with a view of carrying out the recommendations of this report.

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C. WARDLAW, Chairman.

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Home Missions—Your board has expended the sum of \$197.65, on the field during the year, appropriated at the following points, to-wit: To Davis school house, Bro. J. W. Hubbard, missionary, \$25. A church has been organized, 4 have been baptized, total membership 11.

To Winthrop, Bro. M. M. Cochran, missionary, \$37.50. A church has been organized with a total membership of 12.

To Ashdown church, Bro. C. M. Powell, missionary. \$27.50. Four have been added to the church, I by baptism; membership 13.

To State Line and Chapel Hill churches, and Teal's School House, Bro J. H. Denson, \$62.50. There have been received during the year 27 members.

We have gathered through the missionaries on the field \$45.15, which amount is included in the whole amount expended.

We believe God is in the work, and that the field is being opened for us to possess. We have fulfilled all contracts, the missionaries are all paid, and a balance to the credit of the board of \$9.15.

As to the plan, we believe, after a thorough test, that no better plan can be adopted than the one pursued the past year.

DESTITUTION - There are several points of organized destitution that should be aided, and other points, unorganized, are being developed along the line of the railroad as it progresses through the association, where we should plant the gospel as rapidly as possible.

C. M. POWELL, Ch'm.

J. H. BARKMAN, Cl'k.

D. S. COOPER,

J. H. CHRISTIAN.

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MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—As chairman of your board of ministerial education, I present to you the name of Bro. A. T. Collins, of Brownstown church, as a young minister of promise, who is now at

Ouachita College, and is making a commendable effort to educate himself for the work. He is poor and unable to continue in school without help. I would recommend (1) that this association adopt him as their student; (2) that we raise \$100 to aid him the present session; (3) that pending the adoption of this report a collection in cash and pledges, by individuals and churches be taken.

M. M. COCHRAN, Chairman.

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Foreign Missions—The commission given by the Savior to his disciples says, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations," was binding, not only on those to whom it was given, but it comes with all its power and force upon all who are made children of God by grace. It is the indispensable duty of all Christians to either go or send in this work. We learn from the scripture that "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe," and He has not revealed any plan by which men can be saved, except by the intelligent hearing of the gospel and hearty obedience to his commands as revealed in His word. The world's great need, coupled with the King's command to preach the gospel, combine to make it our indispensable duty to do all we can to carry the gospel to the regions beyond.

According to the lowest estimate the population in foreign fields is about 1,181,000,000, of whom 856,000,000 are heathen, 175, 000,000 Mohammedans, 150,000,000 are claimed for Catholics, leaving a very small proportion to represent Christianity. These facts should move God's people to use strong efforts to spread the gospel throughout the world. We recommend that our ministers endeavor to inform themselves as to the great need of the gospel in foreign field and arouse our people by preaching often on the subject, and developing our people in the great work of spreading the gospel, which is committed to their charge.

W. A. Ingle, Ch'n.

ORDAINED MINISTERS - Joe, H. Denson, Locksburg; M. M. Cochran, Brownstown; Thomas Dulany, Brownstown; J. W. Hubbard, Brownstown; J. A. Westbrooks, Atwood; H. L. McCarroll, Lebanon; B. T. Canon, Silver Hill; Y. R. Harbin, Winthrop; W. A. Ingle, Winthrop; C. H. Arnold, Rocky Comfort; C. M. Powell, Wilton; W. S. Dozier, Wilton, W. L. White, Wilton.

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TREASURER'S REPORT—					
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Dec. 1894, to amount received at Bethel church	18	16			
March, 1895, to amount received at Union church	25	55			
June, 1895, to amount received at Bethesda church	36	45			
Oct 1895, to amount received at present session	33	45			
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