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OFFICERS:

ELD. THOS. MOODY, Moderator.

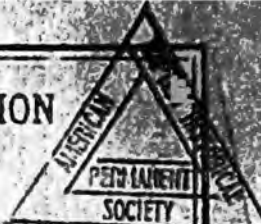
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The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. Moody, from the 9th verse of the 3d chapter of First Corinthians,

Theme: "Christian Labor."

The clerk being absent, on motion, P. H. Glover was elected clerk pro tem.

The Association was declared in order for the transaction of business. J. A. Johnson and A. F. Livingston were appointed reading clerks.

The letters from the several churches were called for and read, and the names of delegates enrolled. (See statistical table.)

On motion the regular rule was suspended and a call made for petitionary churches; whereupon letters were presented from Caney, Mt. Pisgah, Union Hill, Shady Grove and Mountain Home.

On motion the petitionary churches were received with their delegates and the bond of fellowship extended by the moderator.

The following were admitted as delegates: J. L. Phillips, Cadron Valley; B. W. Harmon, Conway, R. H. Middleton, New Bethel; J. W. Hammon, Shady Grove.

The Association then proceeded to a permanent organization, by electing Elder Thos. Moody, Moderator; A. F. Livingston, Clerk; and J. R. Jones, Treasurer.

A committee on devotional exercises was appointed, consisting of Brothers Sugg, Butler and the deacons of New Bethel church.

A committee was ordered on business, composed of Elders Johnson, Brouday and Bro. Buckner.

A motion to adjourn to 5 o'clock p. m. prevailed.

5 p. m. Association met with Moderator Moody in the chair. Prayer by Elder Sosebee.

The committee on order of business reported the following:

1. Inviting visiting brethren to seats.
2. Call for correspondence.
3. Appointment of committees on devotional exercises, on Arrangement of business, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, on Finance, on Publications, on Sabbath schools, on Temperance and on Tobacco.
4. Resolutions and queries.
5. Appointment of correspondents to the State Convention and to Sister Associations.
6. Call for report of committees.
7. Appoint time and place of holding next session of the Association.
8. Elect Missionary.
9. Elect members to preach Introductory and Missionary sermons.
10. Election of an executive board.
11. Call the roll and mark absentees daily.
12. Reading and adopting minutes.
13. General Business.
14. Adjournment.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats when Elder Cornelius, State Superintendent of Sunday Schools, and Elder W. A. Clark, Superintendent of State Missions, came forward and took seats.

Call for corresponding messengers was made when Brother Parker, of the Russellville Association, was received.

The following committees were appointed:

On Home Missions—Elders Kirkland, Harmon and Sosebee.

On Foreign Missions—Elder Mills and Brothers Ferguson and Suggs.

Ministerial Education—Elders Sosebee, Woodward and Bro. Ball.

On Temperance—Elders Harmon, Braudaway and Bro. Salter.

On Publication—Brothers Buckner, Alwine and Glover.

On Sabbath Schools—Elders Mayall, Kirkland and Bro. Wright.

On Finance—Bros. Nixon and Norwood.

On Tobacco—Elders Braudaway, Johnson and Marlar.

The committee on Devotional Exercises reported Elder Mills to preach to-night.

A motion to adjourn, to meet at 7 o'clock, prevailed.

Sermon by Elder Mills from the 10th verse of the 5th chapter of Second Corinthians. Theme—"Reconciliation."

7 p. m. Association met to resume the transaction of business.

A motion carried to appoint a committee on Resolutions.

Elder Kitchen and Bro. Livingston were appointed.

The following query was taken up:

If a legal Presbytery constitutes a church and some time after, it is found that two of the members had been baptised by an illegal administrator of baptism does this destroy the legality of the church?

Ans.—It does not.

The query in regard to the York baptism, was, on motion tabled.

The query as to how many male members are necessary to constitute a church was answered as follows:

It is the sense of this body that where two or three are gathered together in the name of Christ, there He will be in their midst.

Quarries from Shady Grove church were laid on the table.

The following delegates were appointed to attend the State Convention: Elders Kirkland, Harmon and Marlur.

Elders Kirkland and Mayall and Bro. Hayes were appointed Messengers to the Russellville Association.

Elders Moody, Brouday and Ford were appointed Messengers to the Dardanelle Association; Elder Marlur to the Caroline Association and Elders Brouday, Mayall, Marlur and Mills to Little Red River Association.

On motion, adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

SATURDAY, Oct. 7th, 1882.

8 A. M. Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder Mayall.

The rules were suspended to receive a petitionary letter from Liberty church and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates.

The committee on Home Mission reported and, on motion, the report was received and adopted. (See Appendix A)

The committee on Foreign Missions was called and made a report which was adopted. (Appendix B)

On motion, Elder Johnson and Bro. Glover were appointed to assist the clerk to prepare a roll of delegates.

On motion, Elders Mayall and Brouday were appointed to confer with the ministers to ascertain who would accept the missionary work.

Committee on devotional exercises reported preaching at 11 o'clock a. m. by Elder Sosebee, to be followed by Elder Parker, and at 6 o'clock a. m., preaching by Elder Cornelius to be followed by Elder Harmon.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 P. M. Association met pursuant to adjournment with Moderator Moody presiding. Prayer by Elder R. L. Kirkland. Minutes read and approved. On motion the rules were suspended to receive W. K. Dolbins and J. M. Ferguson delegates, from Caroline Association.

On motion, Elder R. L. Kirkland was appointed messenger to the Russellville Association.

Committee on ministerial education reported and report adopted. (Appendix C)

Committee on Temperance reported, and, on motion, the report was adopted. (Appendix D)

Committee on Publications reported and adopted on motion. (Appendix E)

The report on Sabbath Schools was received and adopted and 9 o'clock to-morrow morning set to organize a convention with Elders Cornelius, Mayall, Kirkland and Mattitt to prepare a constitution.

The Temperance committee made their report which was adopted.

A motion prevailed that Elder Clark be requested to preach the Missionary sermon to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m.

The report of committee on Tobacco was on motion tabled.

A vote on the place and time of the next meeting resulted in the selection of Cannan church five miles west of Marshall, Searcy county and the time, Thursday at 11 o'clock a. m., before the second Sunday in September, 1883.

On motion, Elder W. J. Kirkland was elected to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Elder Brouday alternate.

On motion, the members of the present executive board were re-elected to-wit: Bros. Sugg, Ball, Hamilton, Norwood and Jones.

On motion, Elder Sosebee was elected to preach the Missionary Sermon, and Elder Moody, alternate.

Adjourned for preaching by Elder Cornelius, to meet again at 8 p. m. 8 P. M. The Association resumed the transaction of business with Moderator Moody presiding.

A motion prevailed that the election of Missionary be made by a rising vote and resulted in the election of Elder Sosebee, and on motion the election was made unanimous.

A motion prevailed that a committee of one be appointed to take contributions and pledges, for Missionary, at once. Elder Harmon was appointed and reported \$14.60 cash and \$40 in pledges.

A motion prevailed that money collected and pledges be turned over to the Missionary.

The rules were suspended and the general order of business taken up. On motion the clerk was ordered to superintend the printing of the minutes and retain \$10 for his services.

Resolution of thanks to the New Bethel church for hospitalities was adopted.

Resolutions of thanks extended to officers for their efficient discharge of duty was adopted.

Roll called and absentees marked.

Minutes read and approved.

On motion, the Association adjourned by singing a hymn and giving the parting hand.

THOMAS MOODY, Moderator.

A. F. LIVINGSTON, Clerk.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

APPENDIX A.

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of Home Missions would report: We regard this the primo work of the Association and still recommend the plan adopted at our last meeting. It does not seem to us that our want of success is want of a plan, but rather for want of a vigorous prosecution of the plan already adopted. That the work may be thoroughly prosecuted during the present year we recommend that this body elect a competent minister to take the field at once, and that money and pledges be taken of this body for the support of the same.

W. J. KIRKLAND, Chairman

APPENDIX B.

We, your committee on Foreign Missions submit the following: Realizing the importance of the command to "disciple all nations," and believing the command was given to us, and that something more should be done than has been, we would recommend that churches, and patrons of churches, take advantage of the money season to raise money for this purpose, and forward the same, to the Secretary of the S. B. F. Mission Society through this Association.

W. M. MILLS, Chairman.

APPENDIX C.

Dear brethren, your committee beg leave to report, that after duly considering the relation Baptists sustain to the world, that nothing is of more importance among us than an educated ministry. This will be apparent when we look at the evils of every magnitude that are coming in upon us like a flood. We therefore recommend that prompt measures be taken by this body, to take in hand such pious youths among us as may promise usefulness to the cause of pure and unadulterated christianity, and assist them in obtaining an education sufficient to enable them to labor effectually among us, and recommend our institution of learning at Judsonia as a proper place to obtain the wanted information. All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. SOSSEX, Chairman.

APPENDIX D.

We hail with gratitude the Temperance war now passing over our state and would not be slow to commit ourselves in favor of all organizations and laws that is calculated to abate the monater evil—intemperance: And as we are commanded to abstain from the appearance of evil we are forced to the conclusion that there is but one consistent course to be pursued by the followers of the Lord Jesus, and that course is to abstain from the use of intoxicants as a beverage altogether.

B. W. HARRISON, Chairman.

APPENDIX E.

The committee on Publications recommend the "Arkansas Evangel" as deserving the patronage of every Baptist family in Arkansas. Let every effort be made to extend its circulation. We also recommend for use in our Sunday School, "Kind Words," published at Macon, Georgia, and the "Baptist Teacher" and "Young Reaper," published by the American Baptist Publication Society at Philadelphia, Pa.

J. W. BUCKNER, Chairman.

APPENDIX F.

The committee on Sunday Schools make the following recommendations: First, That a meeting for the formation of a Sunday School Convention for this Association be held at Sardis, in connection with the Ministers and Deacons' Meeting on Friday preceeding the fifth Sunday of the present month, and that a committee of three be appointed to

prepare a constitution for said Convention. Second, We recommend that the statistics of our Sunday School, expected to be furnished by us, be published in our minutes. Third, We recommend our churches and Sunday Schools to aid Rev. S. Cornelius, S. S. Missionary of The American Baptist Publication Society, by contributions in and of his work, and to supply themselves with the literature of said society.

J. MAYALL, Chairman.

APPENDIX G.

We, your committee would ask leave to make the following report:
For Printing minutes, \$49.85; for Home Mission, \$1.

W. H. C. NIXON, Chairman.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe that the scripture comprising the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.
2. We believe in the living God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin by the fall of Adam.
4. We believe that man is in a state of total depravity, by reason of which he is totally incapacitated to recover himself from the effects thereof.
5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, alone, by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.
6. We believe in the doctrine of election. That God hath from the beginning chosen us unto salvation through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth.
7. We believe in the perseverance of the saints, and that they who believe shall be finally and eternally saved.
8. We believe that baptism is the immersion of a believer in water by a regularly ordained minister of the gospel, and that it is a prerequisite to the Lord's supper, and that all who come to the Lord's table must come according to the Lord's word.
9. We believe that a gospel church is a body of true believers in Christ, who have been regularly baptised on a profession of faith in Christ, and that there are but two offices in the church, viz: Elder or pastor, and deacon.
10. We believe in the resurrection of the bodies of all men, and in a future and general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.
11. We believe it to be the duty of each church to extend and circulate the word of God, as far as its ability will enable it.

RULES of DECORUM.

1. This Association will commence with religious exercises and a sermon from a preacher that has been previously chosen, unless the Association shall otherwise direct. 2. The Moderator and clerk of the former session shall hold their offices, if present, until the letters from the churches connected with the body, shall have been read and a moderator and clerk chosen. 3. It shall be the duty of the moderator to preside over the body during its session, and to appoint committees, unless the Association shall otherwise direct, and preserve order; and he shall have a right to speak on all subjects, calling a member to the chair; he shall also be allowed to examine and correct minutes, if necessary. 4. The clerk shall keep a correct copy of the proceedings of the meeting, read letters and documents, and at the close of the meeting take charge of all papers unless otherwise directed; he may call any member to assist him. 5. A committee of Arrangements consisting of three shall be elected by ballot at the commencement of each session, whose duty it shall be to regulate the order of religious services, and by whom performed unless otherwise directed by the body. 6. Ministers in good standing in other Baptist churches or association with whom we are in fellowship, when attending our annual meeting shall be invited to a seat, and the meeting shall always be opened and closed with prayer. 7. Every member may speak twice on any subject in debate before the body, but no more than twice without leave, and when speaking shall stand, address the moderator, and use decorous, Christian language, and no member shall absent himself from the body while in session without leave. Any person violating these rules shall be reprov'd as the Association may think proper. 8. These rules may be amended by a majority of the members present at any regular meeting. 9. The churches shall contribute funds to meet the ordinary expenses of this body, such as printing the minutes, paying the traveling expenses of such members, as may be sent to other bodies. 10. A public collection may be taken up at the option of the body, at each session, and applied to such benevolent purpose as the Association may direct.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall be known as the United Association. 2. The messengers composing this Association shall be chosen annually by the churches, and shall not exceed three in number for each church, until such church numbers 100, then one for each additional 50. 3. The Association shall meet annually at such time and place as it may select. 4. The officers of this Association shall be a moderator, clerk and treasurer, who shall be chosen annually. 5. The Association shall have no power to regulate the internal affairs of any church, but may withdraw her fellowship from any church that becomes disorderly, either in doctrine or discipline. 6. This Association shall have an Executive Board, consisting of the treasurer, who shall be president, and four other members who shall be chosen annually, by ballot. 7. This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a two thirds vote of the members present, provided notice has been given at a previous meeting.

Name of Church.	Pastor.	Clerk.	Names of Delegates.	Post Office.	Received by letter	Received by letter	Heretofore	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded.	Died.	Amount for minutes	Amount for missions	Obtained ministers.	Licentiate.	Total in yellowship.	No. in Sunday School
Antioch No. 2	T Nutt	W H Sugg	W McCain, Joseph Castley, M Sugg	Clinton	13	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0
Coney	J M Davis	J G Wyatt	A J Paul, G W Farrow, J G Wyatt	Conway	13	8	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	0
Cadron Valley	J J Cantrell	J J Cantrell	J O Cantrell, P H Glover, J L Phillips	Greenbrier	1	2	1	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0
Canaan	J W S Leslie	R T Parks	J W S Leslie, Andrew Harris, R T Parks	Marshall	4	4	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0
Conway	H Thomas	A F Livingston	A F Livingston, J W Buckner, H W Harmon	Conway	4	4	12	20	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0
DeSoto	J W S Leslie	W L Goodthow		Marshall	1	1	0	0	0	0	75	0	0	0	0	0
Gravel Hill	W W Read	A A Nowlen	W O Wart, W Z Willis, W B Dutton	Center Ridge	1	1	1	1	0	0	95	0	0	0	0	0
Hopewell	Thos Moody	A C Hayes	T J Woodward, A C Hayes, J C Alawine	Atkins	12	8	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0
Lone Grove	J K Brouday	Wm Noland	T J Noland, J H Riddling, Wm Noland	Salgohachite	1	1	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	0
Liberty	J W McPike	Jool Chiver	Jool Chiver, John Dunaway, J Jeffries	Conway	10	0	0	0	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	0
Masectoula	H L Kirkland	Sam'l Glenn	James Boyd, A J Dickson, R M Scott	Greenbrier	5	4	0	0	0	0	105	0	0	0	0	0
Mt Moriah	W A Hutto	S F Leslie	A M Baker, R F Lesley, S F Lesley	Bee Branch	3	0	1	0	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	0
Mountain View	G W Ford	E A Wolverton	E A Wolverton, A E Goatcher, S J Hastings	Center Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	0	0	0	0	0
Mt Zion	Wm K Mills	A F Milam	E Nowlee, J W Gwinn, G R Brown	Enola	2	3	1	13	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0
Mt Pleasant	Thomas Moody	A H Wilson	Thos Moody, J K Brouday, J A Johnson	Flumer	10	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0
Mt Pisgah	J S Milton	F M McDaniel	P Coffman, R Wheeler, F J Terry	Faulkner Gap	4	4	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	0
Mountain Home	W K Drake	M E Hamerton	M E Hampton, S A Jordan, H J Massey	Scotland	1	1	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	0
Noods Creek	W M Mills	Wm M Mills	R H Kirby, J L Stimp, W M Mills	Greenbrier	12	13	0	0	0	0	95	0	0	0	0	0
New Hope	Wm Mills	S J Glenn	John Betote, John Fuqua, J B Loggins	Greenbrier	2	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0
New Bethel	W J Patterson	J E Mabry	E N Kitchon, W J Patterson, J L Chapel	Holland	10	2	0	0	0	0	95	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Bowery	J W McPike	S F Martin	W N Harlin, A I Marlar, J G Butler	Conway	12	0	0	4	1	1	50	0	0	0	0	0
Peden	R H Edwards	T C Newman	O E Burnett, W C Smith	Clinton	3	0	0	4	1	0	75	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Springs	G W Ford	G L Wright	G L Wright, J Stanton, D B Norwood	Springfield	3	3	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	W W Reel	W A Foster	W M Reel, T W Scroggins	Center Ridge	2	2	1	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Valley	Thos Moody	W H G Nixon	J M Saffer, W H G Nixon, J C Lee	Conway	2	10	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0
Palestine	W J Patterson	W M Rice	J B Garrett, W E Harlin, R H Middleton	Holland	3	3	0	12	3	1	10	0	0	0	0	0
Sharon	J Mayall	T M Wilson	J W Middleton, T M Wilson, G W Lane	Muddy Bayou	1	1	0	10	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	0
Smyra	J Mayall	J G Dickson	M Reel, J G Dickson, Henry Reel	Rondo	1	1	0	2	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	0
Shady Grove	W J Patterson	J L Lowe	E F Stone, J L Lowe, W M Smith	El Paso	1	12	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0
Salem	T Nutt	D D Smart	D D Smart, W J Sloan, E G Turner	Conway	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0
Sunny Side	W P Melton	W P Melton	J Mayall, W J Sloan	Lick Mountain	0	1	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0
Spring Hill	W J Kirkland	G W Ball	G W Ball, W F Milam, A Davis	Conway	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	0	0	0	0	0
Sparta	Thos Moody	J M Massengill	E C Thornton, S C Saffor, J M Massengill	Old Hickory	0	1	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	0
Sulphur Springs	W J Kirkland	G M Easterwood	W J Kirkland, G M Easterwood, J Rutledge	Conway	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	0
Union Hill	M G Brewer	M G Brewer	G W Wingham, John Stull, M G Brewer	Center Ridge	1	1	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	0
Valley Home	W A Hutto	J T Pickett	J M Wood, R F Parish, J N Parish	Bee Branch	3	3	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0

NOTE—Cedar Creek,--No letter.....\$1.00 for Minutes.