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#### PROCEEDINGS.

The Friendship Regular Baptist Association convened with Star City Church, Lincoln County, Ark., September 17, 1887, and was called to order by Eld. A. J. Fawcett, who read the welfth chapter of Romans, and prayer by Eld. W. A. Forbes.

The former Clerk being absent, Bro. J. W. McPherson was chosen Clerk, pro tem.

The hour of the introductory services having arrived, and the appointee, Eld. M. A. Gunter, being present, filled the stand and preached an excellent sermon from 1st Timothy, iv, 8. After which a recess was taken until 2 p. m.

At the appointed time the body was called together by enging. Prayer by Eld. J. H. W. Overton.

The roll of churches was then called, their letters read by Brethren W. T. Smith and W. A. Forbes, and the Delegates' ames enrolled.

On motion, proceeded to ballot for officers for the present sistent, which resulted in the choice of A. J. Fawcett, Modrator, and J. W. McPherson, Clerk and Treasurer.

An invitation was extended to Corresponding Messengers, and Bro. A. J. Oslin responded from Bartholomew Association, and was enrolled.

Brethren W. A. Forbes, Editor of the Arkansas Baptist, om Caroline Association, and J. G. McCain, from Liberty association, were welcomed as visiting brethren, and were en-

The Association returned Corresponding Messengers, as

Pine Bluff Association—Brethren James Kennedy, D. E. Jeans, H. B. Taylor, B. F. Moody and T. J. Varnell.

Bartholomew Association—Elders L. Quinn, M. A. Gunter, I. R. Vick, E. Y. A. Rogers, and Brethren D. W. Campbell, J. W. McPherson and J. M. Atkinson.

Judson Association-Bro. L. J. Griffin.

To State Convention—Elds. M. A. Gunter, T. J. Varnell, A. J. Fawcett and Bro. B. F. Moody.

On motion, proceeded to appoint the various committees: Divine Service—Eld. L. Quinn and Brethren J. L. Hunter and E. V. Hellums.

Finance—Brethren E. S. Mawpin, D. W. Wordlaw and N. B. Tucker.

Foreign Missions-Eld. M. A. Gunter and Brethren H. F. Chevalier and L. J. Griffin.

Sunday Schools-Eld. T. J. Varnell and Brethren R. M. Ferguson and C. F. Jenkins.

Associational and State Missions—Brethren D. W. Campbell, W. B. Nelms and J. W. Fish.

Publications—Eld. J. H. W. Overton and Brethren J. L. Baggett and J. W. Saddler.

Education-Elds. L. Quinn, W. F. Smith and Bro. O. P. Conner.

Obituary—Eld. I. R. Vick and Brethren C. F. Jenkins and James S. Johnson.

Nominations—Eld. E. Y. A. Rogers and Brethren E. Curry and D. E. Jeans.

Documents-Brethren E. V. Hellums, D. W. Johnson and R. M. Ferguson.

#### SATURDAY, 7:30 P. M.

Preaching at the church by Eld. W. A. Forbes. Text— John viii, 32, 33. And at the same hour at the court house, by Eld. E. Y. A Rogers. Text—Psalms li, 12.

#### SUNDAY, 9:30 A. M.

Sunday School met in mass-meeting, and addresses were made by Elds. W. A. Forbes and W. H. Cash.

#### SUNDAY, II A. M.

The missionary sermon was preached by Eld. A. J. Fawcett at the church. Text—1st Corinthians, iii, 6. And at the same hour, by Eld. J. G. McCain at the court house. Text—1st Timothy, ii, 5.

After preaching collections were taken up at both places for home missions, which resulted in contributions to the amount of \$57.30.

#### SUNDAY, 3 P. M.

The congregation assembled in a Missionary mass meeting. Addresses were delivered by Elds. W. A. Forbes and A. J. Fawcett.

#### SUNDAY, 7:30 P. M.

Preaching at the church by Eld. W. A. Forbes. Text—Romans iv, 25. And at the same hour, by Eld. W. H. Cash, at the court-house. Text—Mark ix, 24.

#### MONDAY, 8 A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

The Moderator, A. J. Fawcett, opened the exercises by reading Matt. v, 1-16.

Prayer by I. R. Vick.

The minutes of Saturday and Sunday were read and adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Missions made their report, and after some discussion it was adopted.

There was also a collection taken up after the discussion, which resulted in a contribution of \$17.50 for Foreign Missions. [See Report A.]

The Secretary of Sunday-schools made his report. It was read, discussed, amended and adopted, but afterwards reconsidered and combined with report on Sunday-schools.

The Committee on Sunday-schools made their report, which was adopted. [See Report B.]

The Committee on Education made their report, which was adopted. [See Report C.]

Adjourned for refreshments.

Called to order at I p. m.

The Committee on Obituaries made their report, which was adopted. [See Report D.]

The Executive Board made their report, which was adopted.
[See Report E.]

The Committee on Finance made their report, which was adopted. [See Report F.]

The Committee on Nominations made their report, which was adopted. [See Report G.]

The Committee on Publications made their report, which was adopted. [See Report H.]

The Committee on Ministerial Education made their report, which was adopted. [See Report I.]

The Committee on Documents made their report, which was adopted. [See Report J.]

A number of resolutions were adopted, which see in their regular order.

On motion, proceeded to ballot for brethren to preach the annual sermons at the next session of this body, which resulted in the choice of Elds. A. J. Fawcett to preach the Introductory and J. H. W. Overton the Missionary sermon.

On motion, adjourned to meet with Friendship No. 1, Cleveland County, Ark., on Saturday before the third Sabbath in September, 1888, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

A hymn was sung and the parting hand extended amid tears of joy and love.

Prayer by Eld. W. A. Forbes.

Thus closed the fifteenth annual session of the Friendship Association.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of Star City church and neighborhood for the very hospitable manner in which they have entertained us during this session.

Resolved, That we have 500 copies of the Minutes printed and distributed among the churches according to the amount

sent up for that purpose, and that the Clerk have \$15 for his services.

A. J. FAWCETT,

J. W. McPherson,

Clerk.

Moderator,

#### REPORT A.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report that Arkansas has only one Missionary in foreign fields—Bro. C. E. Smith—who is preaching in Africa, and that the State of Arkansas only contributes about \$1500 for this work.

Brethren, Missions is a part of our work; therefore, let us he more faithful in the future. We would recommend that each pastor take up a collection for Foreign Missions during the next Associational year. We cannot do our duty outside of supporting the gospel in heathen lands. "Teach all nations," said the Savior to his church; so then it is the duty of the church to preach; she can do this through her means. Brethren, let us do more for Missions. May God help us to give liberally and largely to the support of the gospel in the land of heathen darkness! "Come over and help us!" they cry. Will you help, brethren? We who have the gospel should be willing, and esteem it a great privilege, to send it where it is not. Arkansas is a great State, and a great people; then let us show our greatness by our liberality to Missions.

M. A. GUNTER, Chairman.

#### REPORT B.

Your Committee on Sunday-schools find that there are more Sunday schools reported this year than last. We feel that the churches are taking more interest in this important work than heretofore. We feel happy to say to this Association that our brethren seem to have a great interest in the salvation of the young, and have proven their faith by their works. Brethren, we must preach to the young if we make the gospel a success, and there is no way to reach a great many of them except through the Sunday-school. Every denomination in the world says, "give us your children and we will soon possess the land." Brethren, we would like to capture the world for Christ, and to do this, we must first gain the children, and to gain the children, we must have Sunday-schools.

T. J. VARNELL, Chairman.

Secretary of Sunday-schools' report as adopted and consolidated with above report of Sunday-school Committee:

"I find a lack of faith on the part of the churches of this Association, and more especially among the pastors, judging from experience, that if the pastors would do their duty, there would not be a church without its Sunday-school. We find that out of twenty-four churches there are only thirteen schools reported, with 539 pupils. We have a Sunday-school Convention that is doing a great deal in awakening an interest in this work."

T. J. VARNELL, Chairman.

#### REPORT C.

Your Committee on Education would report that we consider the education of our sons and daughters paramount to everything else. To the extent we fail to educate, to that extent we put our children in bondage, and make them "hewers of wood and drawers of water." We know that it is not possible for all to give their children a collegiate education, but all can send to our common schools, and by taking advantage of that, with what other help we may give them, and with a proper training that is to make them understand the importance of an education.

In the next place, we should look well to the morals of our schools. There are so many of the teachers of the presont day that are but little more than school keepers, and have moral stamina whatever. Many of them are dissipated and unreliable in other ways. This class of teachers, because they can be procured for a small salary, are taking the place of professional teachers. Oh! my brethren, let us, by the trace of God, raise a higher standard, and to all who can send to college, we say, by all means, other things being equal, send them to our own college at Arkadelphia. We take pleasure in saying that it is equal, if not superior, to any school of its age. The fact is, it is unprecedented in the history of schools.

Finally, brethren, do not forget the religious training of your children. Jesus, the great teacher, is pleading for our children. Who will not, and who cannot, send them to the whool of Christ, the great teacher? Jesus said: "Go teach all nations;" so, brethren, we are simply teachers under the treat Principal of our moral and spiritual school. We ask the parents who read this, to lay the matter to their hearts—more especially the mothers, and hear what Jesus, the noble toucher, says, and consider yourself His assistant, and teach the children He has given you to love Him and to love His Messed Word. Teach them to make the Bible the "man of their counsel," for we cannot afford to educate the head and neglect the soul.

Brethren, by all means, educate. Do all in your power to procure a competent teacher, and one who is a Christian; for no one can fill the place of a teacher properly who is not one. It will not do to send to a dissipated man, a profane man or an infidel, for fear the children partake of his evil habits; and if the teacher be not a drunkard, a profane man, but a moral man, the children are apt to partake of his morality and test their souls upon it instead of Christ. So we say, have thools and competent teachers and send to them, if you do have to make a great sacrifice; and by all means, teach them the principles of Christ.

#### REPORT D.

The Committee on Obituaries would report that God in His wisdom has seen proper to remove from us our beloved brother, John Owens, a Deacon, aged about 70 years. For over forty years Bro. Owens had been in the organization of the Church of Christ, and remained a member of the same until his death. We never heard or knew aught against his Christian character. From the fruits he bore, we have strong hope that our loss has been his eternal gain. "The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

We feel thankful to God in sparing the lives of our ministering brethren since our last Association. We, your committee, would urge the necessity of our brethren to ask our Blessed Father to send us more laborers into His vineyard. Let us work while it is day with us, for the night of death will soon come, when we cannot work.

Respectfully submitted,

I. R. VICK, Chairman.

#### REPORT E.

To Friendship Baptist Association, Convened at Star City, September 18, 1887—Greeting:

DEAR BRETHREN—It becomes the duty of your Executive Board to make a report of the work done this associational year. The Board pursued the same line of policy upon which we acted last year—that of supplementing the salary of local Pastors in the centers of population and influence. The wisdom of this plan is attested by the example of the larger and more experienced missionary bodies, as well as by the success which has attended its practical operation.

Your Board regrets that a greater number of places could not be assisted—that the work could not be more generally extended into the desolate places within your bounds. We have attempted to judiciously spend your money, and to cause every dollar to do the greatest possible amount of good. Therefore, we continued to cultivate the fields where we had already attempted to sow, hoping, by this means, ere long to map a harvest of permanent good.

The churches at Star City, Rison, Kingsland and Mount Moriah have all been assisted by your Board.

At Star City we supplemented the salary of the Pastor, Fild. Lofton Quinn, for one-half of his time. Bro. Quinn also preached once a month at a point on Bayou Bartholomew. From the quarterly reports the Board is satisfied that thorough and permanent work has been done at these points.

At Rison Bro. T. J. Varnell was employed for one-fourth of his time. The church at this growing town is numerically weak, and not blessed with a superabundance of the world's coods; yet it is their purpose, at an early day, to build a suitable house of worship. A lot in an eligible and desirable place has been secured, and a subscription raised, which justifies the hope that, at no distant day, the house will be built. With judicious management in the future, your Board entertains the belief that the cause will be firmly planted at Rison.

At Kingsland Eld. J. B. Lumbly was retained as Pastor for one-half of his time. The work at this place has been encouraging from the first. As mentioned in our last report, the brethren and friends have built a neat and comfortable house of worship here. Bro. Lumbly's reports all indicate an upward tendency of the church and Sabbath School. The fruits show that the Board has made no mistake at Kingsland.

At Mount Moriah Eld. I. R. Vick was employed for onefourth of his time. Some difficulties attended the work here, twing to the distance from the Pastor's residence, the bad roads and the overflows; yet some advance has been in the work here, and your Board regards this, in some respects, a hopeful field, and one worthy of your sympathy and support. It is better to retain this church as a nucleus, to which to build in the future, than to suffer it to die and allow others to build upon its ruins.

CONDENSED REPORTS OF THE MISSIONARIES.
Eld. L. Quinn, at Star City, reports as follows:
Sermons preached65
Prayer meetings attended46
Pastoral visits made90
Received by baptism12
Received by letter
Restored
Eld. T. J. Varnell, at Rison, reports:
Sermons preached44
Prayer meetings attended
Pastoral visits made35
Received by baptism10
Received by letter 3
Eld. J. B. Lumbly, at Kingsland, reports:
Sermons preached45
Prayer meetings attended
Pastoral visits made75
Received by baptism 2
Received by letter 4
Eld. I. R. Vick, at Mount Moriah, reports:
Sermons preached
Prayer meetings attendedII
Pastoral visits made25
Received by baptism
Received by letter
Restored
CONDENSED REPORTS OF ALL THE MISSIONARIES.
Sermons preached167
Prayer meetings attended
Pastoral visits made205
Received by baptism

Received by letter	7	
Restoration	2	
*	A. J. FAWCETT, President;	
	J. L. HUNTER,	
	J. H. GRUMBLES,	
	H. C. Fox, Secretary.	

#### REPORT F.

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Your Committeee on Finance reports as follows:
Cash reported by Delegates for Minutes\$34 50
pecial collection for Minutes 5 50-\$ 40 00
Cash for Home Missions by Delegates 45 00
Cash collected at Association
Cash for Foreign Missions by Delegates 14 30
Cash collected at Association
Making a*total
E. S. MAWPIN, Chairman.

#### REPORT G.

Your Committee on Nominations beg leave to report that we have nominated as our

Executive Bound—Eld. A. J. Fawcett, H. C. Fox, J. L. Hunter, J. H. Grumbles and Jas. Fish.

On Sunday-schools-Eld. W. H. Cash.

On Ministerial Education-Eld. T. J. Varnell.

On Book Depository—Eld. M. A. Gunter; and that he sell the books and turn the proceeds over to the Executive Board for Missions.

That the next session of this body be held with Friendship Church No. 1.

E. Y. A. Rogers, Chairman.

#### REPORT H.

Your Committee on Publications would most earnestly recommend:

First—The Bible, to all men, to read earnestly, thoughtfully and prayerfully, as God's gift to man for his good here, and for his eternal good when he is called to leave the walks of men.

Second—We recommend the Arkansas Baptist as a sound Baptist paper, and an able defender of the truths of the Bible, and that it should be in every family, both Baptist and anti-Baptist.

Third—For Sunday-school literature, we recommend Kind Words, published at Atlanta, Ga., as worthy the patronage of all Baptists.

J. H. W. OVERTON, Chairman.

#### REPORT I.

Your Committee on Ministerial Education report that we have paid \$17 during the year to help a brother in Jackson, Tennessee. We have no regular student at school, neither has there been any provision made for the support of one. I still hold the two dollars that was turned over to me last year.

Brethren, it appears to me that we ought to have at least one student in our State College, as it proposes to give the tuition, and board can be procured for \$10 per month. Now, brethren, we should try to educate the ministry.

, T. J. VARNELL, Chairman.

#### REPORT J.

Your Committee on Documents report as follows:—We find the number of churches represented to be 24; ordained ministers, 11; unordained ministers, 10; received by baptism, 124; by letter, 63; by relation, 9; by restoration, 9; dismissed

by letter, 55; excluded, 30; died, 27; members in fellowship—males, 490; females, 786; total, 1276.

E. V. HELLUMS, Chairman.

#### REPORT K.

Your Committee on Associational and State Missions remort that we approve of the plan adopted by your board for
the past two years—that of concentrating the means in their
mads at the center points with the view of supporting
these points until they become self-sustaining. We recommond that your board have the right to use the means in their
hands to the best of their judgment for the furtherance of the
Master's cause. We find that the greater part of the \$300
medged at our last Association has been paid, which amount
the been used as follows:

Io J. B. Lumbly, at Kingsland	00
To T. J. Varnell, at Rison 75	00
To L. Quinn, at Star City 75	00
To I. R. Vick, Mount Moriah 50	00

The said brethren have been acting as Missionary pastors of said churches, and hope that much good has been done through their labors.

The State Board has done a good work in many of the enters of population throughout the State, yet neither yours for the State Board has been able to meet the demands for lip for a more efficient and systematic plan of Missionary work.

We recommend that every church in this Association pay twenty-five cents per member, and that an active agent in such church be appointed by this body to collect said amount and pay the same to the treasurer of your board.

We recommend financial co-operation of your board with the State Board, as heretofore.

#### REPORT L.

Your Committee on Divine Services would report that Eld. J. H. W. Overton preach at the church, and E. Y. A. Rogers at the court-house Saturday, at 7:30 p. m.

Sunday, 9:30 A. M.—Sunday School mass-meeting. Addresses by Elds. W. A. Forbes and W. H. Cash.

AT II A. M.—Preaching at the church by Eld. A. J. Faw-cett, and at the court house by Eld. McCain.

At 3 P. M.—Msssionary mass-meeting. Addresses by Elds. W. A. Forbes and A. J. Fawcett.

AT 7:30 P. M.—Eld. W. A. Forbes preached at the church, and W. H. Cash at the court house.

L. QUINN, Chairman.

#### ORDAINED MINISTERS.

	Postoffice.
L. Quinn	Star City, Ark.
	Star City, Ark.
	Pine Bluff, Ark.
	Bodman, Ark.
	Palmyra, Ark.
	Rison, Ark.
	Annover, Ark.
	Toledo, Ark.
Grand Co.	Toledo, Ark.
	UNORDAINED MINISTERS.
J. L. Baggett	Rison, Ark.
William Coats	Randall, Ark.
M. E. Evans	Tyro, Ark.
D. G. Lee	
	Randall, Ark.

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J. T. Gathright	
TREASURER'S REPORT.	
J. W. McPherson, to the Friendship Association-	-
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To cash for Minutes	
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" " Foreign "	. 32 05
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J. W. McPherson, Tra	asurer.
TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.	
H. C. Fox, Treasurer, in account with Friendship	Associa-
tion:	
1886.	
Meptember 18—By balance in hand	\$ 44 85
1887.	W -11 -2
Reptember 17—By amount received	151 55
	\$196 40
ptember 17—Total amount paid out\$188 80	
To balance on hand in Treasury 7 60	*
\$196 40	*
Balance on hand in Treasury	\$ 760

#### PLEDGES FOR HOME MISSIONS.

Delegates of the various churches pledge for Home Missions the respective amounts opposite their respective churches, and, it is understood, it is to be paid with the 25 cents per capita fund, which was recommended by the Home Mission Committee to be collected in all the churches, and this body appointed a collector in each church to collect and pay into the Treasurery of the Executive Board the same.

#### CHURCHES AND THE AMOUNTS PLEDGED.

C. C. C. I WEE C.		
Star City Church—W. T. Smith\$		
Pine Bluff Church—John T. Marsh	40	00
Hickory Grove Church—E. A. Fish	20	00
Bethel Church, No. I-R. E. Harrison	10	00
Bethel Church, No. 2-N. B. Tucker	-	-
Bethlehem Church—Wm. Sackett	25	00
Centerville Church—G. W. Johnson	5	00
Cedar Branch Church—J. D. Kelley	10	00
Enon Church—R. M. Doster	15	00
Friendship Church, No. 1—Sister M. R. Crawford	25	00
Friendship Church, No. 2—James Kenerdy	5	25
Helly Spring Church -D. W. Campbell	20	
Kingsland Church—W. E. Smith	14	00
Mount Moriah Church-W. B. Nelms	12	
New Hope Church-John Saddler		-
Pleasant Springs Church—H. F. Chevalier	15	00
Pleasant Ridge Church—S. R. Mathews	II	
	II	
Macedonia Church—T. N. May		-
Rison Church—I. B. Williams	10	
Lone Grove Church—L. D. Owen	2	17/5
Spring Hill Church, No. 1—Sister Ella Handly	10	140
Spring Hill Church, No. 2-T. R. Hollaway		00
Zion Church—T. B. Cash	II	1000
Sabbath School—Bethel, No. 1		00
Kingsland		00
Star City		OCI
Pine Bluff	-	00
Hickory Grove	-	00
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Total amount pledged	240	10
Total amount picuged	540	20

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