MINUTES OF THE

35th Annual Session

OF THE

Greenbrier Baptist Association

Held with the PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST GHURGH, November 22-23, 1918

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Next session will be held in Conway at the First
Baptist Church, commencing THURSDAY
BEFORE THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN
OCTOBER, 1919, at 10 a. m.

The Proceedings

The Greenbrier Baptist Association met in regular session with Pleasant Grove Church Nov. 22, 1918, at 10:45 a, m. After a song Rev. D. B. Moore, General Missionary of the State Mission Board, led in prayer. All the officers being absent, Prof. A. J. Meadors and M. C. Hamil were elected Moderator and Clerk pro tem respectively.

Letters and messengers present were as follows:

Naylor.-Letter.

Cadron Ridge.—Amos Stone.

Pleasant Grove.—Alternates: Ezra Webb, Misses Czerda and Lizzie Turner. Later W. R. Watkins, Jason Wilson and J. L. Holt came as the regular messengers.

Oak Bowery.—Pastor J. E. Claunch. Later, Dr. T. B. Snoddy and G. E. Owen.

Conway.—L. M. Sipes, A. J. Meadors, W. G. Mathis, W. C. Hamil. Later, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Conger, Dr. J. J. Stephens, Mrs. O. O. Florence, and Mrs. W. G. Mathis.

Palestine.-W. W. Lovil.

Suphur Springs, No. 1.-T. W. Day. Later, G. W. Brewster.

Wooster.—Frank Patton, Alf Pearson, Earl Bass.

As permanent officers A. J. Meadors was elected Moderator, W. C. Hamil Clerk, and G. E. Owen Treasurer.

At the eleven o'clock hour the introductory sermon was preached by Bro. Claunch from Mal. 5:10—"Prove me now."

Rev. W. E. Roberts brought the letter from Center Point. Vilonia's letter came by mail next day.

Rev. E. F. Simmions of New Liberty came but the letter was sent later.

J. E. Langley was seated with the letter from Friendship, and B. F. Bass from Happy Hollow.

After the Moderator announced the usual committees the body adjourned for dinner,

AFTERNOON.

Moderator called order at 2:15. Song; prayer by W. E. Roberts, Report on Sunday Schools was adopted after speeches by SuptG. C. Turner of Pleasant Grove, Missionary W. G. Mathis, W. C. Hamil, and D. B. Moore. Among other interesting things mentioned was the movement on foot at Pleasant Grove to build several Sunday School rooms started by a \$100 gift from Deacon R. L. Turner and family.

Dr. Conger spoke on Christian schools and was granted the priv-

ilege of handing his report to the clerk later.

Report on religious literature was discussed by D. B. Moore and W. G. Mathis and adopted as was also the report on State Missions after discussion by L. M. Sipes, D. B. Moore, A. J. Meadors, W. G. Mathis.

Adjourned. Prayer by W. C. Hamil.

EVENING.

Order was called at 7 by a song and Bro. Moore led in prayer.

Moderator was directed to appoint a committee to revise the constitution and Articles of Faith and report next year. Later he announced the committee to be W. C. Hamil, L. M. Sipes, and W. G. Mathis.

On motion a committee was appointed to re revise the list of ministers co-operating with this body.

It was made the duty of the Executive Board to make a digest of the report if found too voluminous to print with the funds available.

Ropert on Foreign Missions was adopted. At this juncture we paused to hear a good sermon from Dr. Otto Whitington on a phase of mission applicable to the present State Mission Campaign.

We adjourned after Dr. Stephens led in prayer for the two Turner boys, no win their country's service, whom the brotherhood feels the Lord is calling into the ministry.

SATURDAY.

Convened at 9:30. Song; reading and prayer by E. F. Simmons. Report on temperance was read by Ezra Webb, discussed by W. G. Mathis and A. J. Meadors, and adopted.

a speech by Br.; Whitington.

Home Misison report was read by Bro. Mathis and adopted after During discussion of report on nominations, on motion of Pastor Sipes, Vilonia was stricken out as place of next meeting and Conway inserted.

Report on Association Missions was read by W. G. Mathis. Pending its adoption, and as a part of it, the report on Woman's Work was read by Mrs. Conger, discussed by herself, Mrs. Florence, Bro. Meadors, and Mrs. Mathis; and Bro. Mathis read and discussed his

report as Missionary. Among other recommendations one was made that a woman worker be employed next summer.

Rev. Otto Mathis of Forest City, representing the State Mission

Board was introduced.

At the eleven o'clock hour Missionary W. G. Mathis preached the Missionary sermon from Lu. 24:4-6.

AFTERNOON.

Reconvened at 2 p. m. by singing. Prayer by W. C. Hamil. Report on Association Missions was further discussed by brethern Mathis and Meadors and adopted with the understanding that the various recommendations be referred to the Executive Board.

Miss Czerda Turner read the report on Young People's Work

which was adopted after discussion.

Reports of committees on Obituaries and Resolutions were adopted as was also the one om Misisterial Education after speeches by brethern Mathis and Whitington.

On motion of Bro. Mathis all business unfinished at adjournment

was left to the Executive Board.

Bro. Mathis was requested to write up this meeting for the Advance and the local papers.

Report of Finance committee was read by G. E. Owen and ad-

opted.

Treasurer's report was read by Treasurer Owen and referred to the auditing committee, G. C. Turner and R. F. Adams, and the Executive Board.

Thus ended a very successful meeting of our Association considering the very severe weather.

Adjourned to meeet with Conway Church at 10 a.m. Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1919.

OBITUARIES.

Eleven of our members have gone to their eternal home since our last meeting.

J. E. LANGLEY, L. T. PATTON,

Committee.

TEMPERANCE.

We thank God for the progress of prohibition. Arkansas is bone dry and the Nation is rapidly going dry. Congress has passed a law making the Nation dry after July 1st, 1919. Enough States have ratified the amendment to the Constitution to insure its final adoption, forever prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicants in the Nation.

While we rejoice in this great victory we deplore the fact that

the war has been made the occasion for a wider spread use of cigarettes. This evil must be met heroically by the churches if it is ever stamped out. EZRA WEBB.

Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Realizing the value of a good Sunday School to the life of a church and that the ideals and morals of a community are largely formed by an active Sunday School, we recommend that every church maintain a Sunday School throughout the entire year and endeavor to enlist all its membership as well as the rest of the community. We further recommend that each church send messengers to the meetings of the Sunday School convention of this association and see that it is adequately maintained.

G. C. TURNER, Committee.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This is to recommend that our Association keep on record as supporting heartily the work being done by our Baptist forces in foreign lands-evangelistic educational, emdical, charitable. Information concerning this work can be had from the Baptist Advance, Little Rock,; Home and Foreign Fields, Nashville, Tenn.; free tracts issued by Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., and various books and pamphlets that can be had cheap from the Baptist Book House, Little Rock.

> W. C. HAMIL, Committee.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. A. Batson, Wooster.

A. C. Bolding, Conway, R. 5.

J. E. Claunch, Conway, R. 5.

Jack Guatney, Conway, R. 2.

Charley Parks, England, R. 4.

E. F. Simmons, Vilonia, R. 4.

S. M. Sloan, Mayflower.

H. L. Sellers, Conway.

A. F. Bush, Vilonia.

W. C. Freeman, Newport.

W. C. Hamil, Conway.

M. M. Kelly, Conway, R. 1. W. E. Roberts, Vilonia.

L. M. Sipes, Conway.

J. J. Stephens, Conway.

Silas U. Butts, Conway.

LICENTIATES.

Robert Cowan, Vilonia. Elmer Griever, Conway, R. 4. J. M. C. Vaughter, Conway. Frank Patton, Wooster.

> E. F. SIMMONS, J. J. STEPHENS.

Committee.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The day and age is upon us when special preparedness is necessary in every calling, and it is highly important in the calling of those who are to go out to deal with lost souls and Kingdom work. We have several young men in our Association who have recently entered upon the great work of the ministry who need a helping hand that they may prepare for the work. Therefore, we recommend that the Missionary, take up the matter of collecting funds for those already in school and those who may enter later.

FRANK PATTON,

Committee.

NOMINATIONS.

Place of next meeting, Conway Church.

To preach Introductory Sermon, W. C. Hamil.

To preach the Missionary Sermon, the Missionary.

Executive Committee:

R. F. Adams, Melton Landers, G. C. Turner, B. H. Traylor, L. T. Patton, J. J. Stephens, L. M. Sipes, (in addition to the officers of the Association).

Time of meeting next year, Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October.

W. E. ROBERTS,
W. W. LOVIL,
Committee.

HOME MISSIONS.

Jesus said "Go into all the world and preach the gospel," "beginning at Jerusalem," hence the great importance of Home Missions. While we are in favor of Foreign Missions we are also in favor of beginning at home. Our Home Mission Board at Atlanta, Ga., is doing a great work for our home land, especially in the army camps. We have contributed to the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., etc., which was our duty. Now let us show our loyalty to our Lord by giving liberally to Home Missions, holding up the hands of our faithful Home Board; for if we thoroughly evangelize our home land we will be better equipped to carry the gospel to all the world. Only by organizing our home forces can we hope to reach a wicked and sin cursed world.

The following figures, taken from the Home Mission Board's report last year, give some idea of the work that is being done through this Board: Number of workers, 1,498; churches and stations supplied, 5,106; mountain schools, 36; pupils in these schools, 5,190, of whom 110 were preachers; built or improved 505 meeting houses; Sunday Schools organized, 634; churches organized, 213; baptisms, 30,982; total number of additions, 51,949. For this work the Baptists of the South gave directly \$589,987.

J. E. CLAUNCH, Committee.

ORPHANS HOME.

We recommend a hearty support of the home both by our means and prayers, and that all our churches take good collections to support this work.

> E. F. SIMMONS, Committee.

YOUNG PEOPLES' WORK.

We your committee on Young People's Work submit the following report:

We think the need for training of young christians for church work is great and further that the Young People's Societies take the place of other gatherings which may be fore the detriment of the young christians, and that the cause of the weakness, especially in the country churches, is from the lack of trained workers.

Therefore we recommend that each church organize a Young People's Society whose special end will be for the training of the young christian in church work, and that each pastor in the Association be urged to make an address to the young people of each church of which he is pastor, encouraging them to organize a Young People's Society. And we further recommend the use of the Baptist Young People's Union literature and methods for use in these societies as being the best obtainable.

CZERDA TURNER, LIZZIE TURNER,

Committee.

REMARKS IN LETTERS.

CONWAY: There have been a few deaths but do not know exactly how many. Our enrollment is 554. At least 100 of these should call for letters as they are away.

FRIENDSHIP: We are weak and going to try to build a church. We want the help and prayers of all the Christian people.

HAPPY HOLLOW: We ask that one-half the money contributed by our church for Orphans Home be sent to Texarkana Orphans Home.

NAYLOR: Owing to our depleted condition we have no pastor for next year and ask that the Missionary preach for us as often as practicable.

SULPHUR SPRINGS NO. 1: Our financial table is incomplete owing to lack of records. We have contributed to most of the causes.

PLEASANT GROVE: We wish to make special mention of the Fitting contribution of the intermediate class for the first quarter to H. & F. Missions \$4.15. Second quarter to Christian Education \$8.57; Third quarter to State Missions \$1|15.

Also the Senior class, which was just organized the beginning of the third quarter, contributed \$3.75 toward cost of a sweater for Lewis Irby, who is in the army, and for State Missions, \$5.00.

NEW LIBERTY: The Emanuel Baptist Church disbanded and lettered her membership to us. We have obtained by deed the site and house of worship formerly held by the Cumberland Presbyterians at Beryl, where we now meet.

OUR FINANCE.

We yourc ommittee on Finance, make the followin	g repor	t:
Associatiational Missions\$	456.84	
		460.84
Minutes	11.25	
State Missions	20.00	
Foreign Missions	.25	
Orphans Home	9234	
Total		P40 994

Respectfully, W. G. MATHIS,

G. E. OWEN,

Committee.

STATE MISSIONS

"Go ye into all the world" is the scope of Missions as commanded by Jesus in the great Commission for greater convenience and efficiency the Master also suggested a division of field when He said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judaea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." (acts 1:8,) Judaea may well stand for State Missions. Judaea the special home of the Jewish among whom christianity began. Judaea was the key field with which to eventually unlock the door to the whole world. The same is true of State Missions today. State Missions is scriptual and primary. Arkansas did well for State Missions last year, raising more than \$40,000 together with the great evangelistic work done over

the state and among the soldiers. This year is a great challenge to Arkansas Baptists. Conditions at present demand greater effort together with greater expense than ever before. Hence we are asked to raise \$50,000 for State Missions this year.

This is as little as we could think of doing. Therefore we, your committee, heartily recommend that special efforts be made throughout our Association by the churches, pastors and our missionary to raise our share of the \$50,000, and thus gratify our Lord in our offerings.

L. M. SIPES, Committee.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Baptist school is the training camp of the denomination. Here we prepare officers to marshall the forces of the great army of our people. From these schools come our trained workers in pulpit, in pew, in the laymen's movement, in all of our missionary enterprises, in the Sunday School, in the Woman's Circles, in the young people's organizations. We would have to close our foreign mission and home mission work as well as our Sunday School propaganda, if we did not have the Baptist colleges to train our workers; hence, the Christian college makes an appeal for support and contributions, along with the appeal of our Missionary and Sunday School Boards.

One of our chief weaknesses is, at present, the lack of emphisis upon ministerial prepartion. Ouachita College was founded primarily for this purpose. We should have at least a hundred young ministers in this institution and our churches should rally to their support in liberal contributions.

The past year has been on of prosperity for both of our colleges. Ouachita, co-educational, at Arkadelphia, under the Presidency of Chas. E. Dicken, has had a good enrollment and should have our sympathetic co-operation and prayerful support. Central College, for young women, in the very heart of our own Association, has had a great year. Every room in the hiulding has been full. Not a case of serious discipline occurred. The present year has opened with the largest attendance in its history. The college has an unusually strong faculty and this year could have added a hundred more students, if building facilities had been adequate. It is a special obligation upon the part of Greenbrier Association to foster this institution within their own hounds.

J. W. CONGER, T. W. DAY, Committee.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We cannot over estimate the value of Associational Missions. Where Associational Missions fail, all other interests of our denomination fail in a large way. Our most important work next to the local church is that of Associational Missions. The first vision of well-rounded denominational life is that of Associational Missions. There cannot be a well-developed demnominational spirit which ignores Associational Missions. It is the ground, the foundation, of all denominational life and spirit. Can we afford to neglect it? We MUST support it.

We recommend that the Association through its Executive Board prosecute with new vigor the work of Associational Missions, and that every preacher and church of the Association get a new vision of Associational Missions, and pray for a new spirit of co-operation in this work.

W. G. MATHIS, T. W. DAY.

Committee.

MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

Members of the Greenbrier Baptist Association. Dear Brethren:—

I began my work as Missionary of your Association the first part of March. There have been many adversities, and much to oppose our work, but we must set overselves to the task with a resolution sufficient to overcome all odds.

Following is a summary of work done by me for the time employed as Missionary:

Miles traveled 2086
Sermons preached 111
Other addresses 24

Total sermons and addresses 135
Conversions 21
Additions:
By letter 10
By baptism by me 7
By baptism by others from my meetings 5

Total accessions ________22

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Home and Foreign Missions, collected by me,	\$ 22.32
Collections began by me, and completed by committee,	50.00
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Total to Home and Foreign Missions	\$72.32
State Missions	\$ 10.00
Amount collected by me for Association Missions	232.01
Amount Collected for Baptist Advance	9.00
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Total collected for all purposes\$323.33

The above amounts do not include several collections begun by me which will come in the reports of the Association by the Churches.

The Missionary secured the gift of a house of worship for the New Liberty and Emanuel Baptist Churches, the two combining into one for greater service.

Also I have secured a gift fromt he Home Board of \$400 for the Baptist Church at Mayflower.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Sunday Schools organized

COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

I have succeeded, by the splendid co-operation of a number of brethren, in organizing our Sunday Schools into a Convention known as the Greenbrier Baptist Sunday School Convention. It is to meet every year in July. Its officers are: W. G. Mathis, President, L. A. Jefferies, Vice-Pres., Miss_Bina Ford, Sec'y. The County is divided into two districts: Eastern and Western. The Eastern District's president is Rev. A. F. Bush, Sec'y., Elchard Moore. The western district: Rev. W. C. Hamil, Pres., G. C. Turner, Sec'y.

INSTITUTES.

The Missionary assisted Bro. Hamil in an institute at Pickle's Gap, which seemed in every way a success. Also, a successful Evangelistic conference was held in Conway for an impetous to our Evangelistics campaign for the summer.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

- 1. I would recommend that an evangelistic conference be held again next spring or summer just preceding the summer's Evangelistic campaign, and the Executive committee and Missionary arrange program, time and place for same.
- 2. I would further recommend that a vigorous Sunday School, B. Y. P. U., and Woman's Missionary Union campaign be put on in

the Association for the purpose of putting one of the above named organizations into each church that is now without them, and that our state workers be called out to assist on such a campaign.

3. I would recommend that right soon aggressive measures be taken to raise the funds for the prosecution of the work next year. That the Executive Committee, Pastors and Missionary be called together at the instance of the Committee to plan such measures.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. MATHIS, Missionary.

Number of Womans Societies 7

Letters written	**************	25
Visits made to churches in the interest of	Woman's Work	7
Missionary societies organized		2
Sunbeam Bands organized	*************	2
Prospects for organization of societies in th	e near future,	3
Money contributed through the Woman		
Conway	Pickles Gap	Vilonia
Associated Missiones\$ 11.00	\$ 5.00	*********
State Missions 100.00	8.50	**********
Home Missions 50.00	*********	2.50
Foreign Missions 50.00	*******	2.50
Education65.00	********	1.50
Expense Fund, Training School 40.00	*******	
Scholarship Fund, Training School 5.00	*********	*********
Margaret Fund 1.00	*********	********
Judson Centinial 50.00	*******	*********
Orphans Home 16.25	***************************************	4.00
Benevolence	60.00	*********
Church Building & Furnishing 1050.00	1.00	175.00
Old Ministers Relief 7.50		*******
Sunbeam Literature 2.00	5000	***********
Church Expense Fund	4.00	3.70
Evangeliste Work	3.50	**********
Pastor's Salary	***************************************	5.00
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Total\$1,455.50		\$194.20
Grand Total of Contributions of all 3 Soc	cities reporting	\$1731.70

Superintendent.

MRS. J. W. CONGER,

AUDITING.

We the auditing committee beg to state that we have examined the books of the treasurer and find all moneys properly accounted for. Respectfull submitted,

> R. F. ADAMS, G. C. TURNER,

TREASURER'S REPORTS.

Balance from last year	\$ 41.73
Receipts	1402.30
Total	\$1444.03
Disbursements	\$1444.15
	Respectfully,
	G. E. OWEN,
	Treasurer.

OUR DEAD.

Cadron Ridge: Jesse Keller.

Center Point: J. T. Ward.

Oak Bowery: S. H. Green, Dan Shirley, Herbert Stewart.

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Holland: Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, H. M. McGaha.

Vilonia: Mrs. Eliza Wharton.

Sulphur Springs. No. 1 .: Mrs. L. L. Taylor.

Mt. Vernon: Mrs. Susan Dean, A. Adkisson.

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Church	Members last year	Present Membership	Baptised Received by Letter	Restored	Died	Minutes	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home and Foreign Missions	Orphans	Visiting Ministers	Ministerial Education	Christian Education	S. S. Expenses	Old Ministers	Building and Repairs	Baptist Advance Subscriptions	Poor	Pastor's Auto	Incidentials	Other Objects	Pastor's Salary.	Total Contributions	Value of Property
Cadron Ridge	77	85	6 4	1	1		\$25.95				\$25.00					\$			\$	\$	\$	\$ 150.00	THE RESERVE OF THE PARTY OF THE	\$ 500.00
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Happy Hollow	49	51	2				14.00			4.05	5.35													14,00
Mt. Vernon	114	114	2		2		100.00	50.00	50.00		152.00			15.00				********				50.00		
Naylor	28	23		5		1.00	22.50	15.00	16.00	6.25		1.50	1.50		2.50			********)	50.00	123.45	
Oak Bowery	234	285	49 4	1			165.36	44.25	47.00	78.00		1		******		00.00		********	******	10 4		350.00		1200.00
Palestine	157	152	1 2			2.00	56.84		12.96									*********			119.50			2000.00
Pleasant Grove	99	103	20		1	3.00		72,50	40.00	1	9.12													11000.00
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Church	Pastor	Post Office	Clerk					
Conway Friendship Happy Hollow * Naylor Oak Bowery Palestine Pleasant Grove Sulphur Springs No. 1. Vilonia Wooster *Mt. Vernon	W. C. Hamil	Conway, R. 1. Vilonia Conway Conway, R. 5. Conway, R. 1 Conway R. 1 Rosebud Conway R	E. Kuykendall Mrs. M. B. Smith W. O. Durham J. C. Langley B. F. Bass Mrs. M. E. Brown W. T. Graham W. E. Hinkle Jabus Richardson G. B. Brewster U. E. Moore L. E. Bass S. H. Keathley J. H. Hall	Greenbrier, R. 3. Conway Conway, R. 5. Vilonia, R. 4 Vilonia, R. 2. Holland Conway Conway Vilonia Wooster Enola Conway R. 1	O. Florence, A. L. M. Sipes, W. B F. Bass J. Letter Dr. L. B. Snodd W. W. Lovil W. R. Watkins, G. B. Brewster, W. E. Roberts.	J. Meadors, J. J. Ste. G. Mathis, W. C. Ha C. Langley. dy, G. E. Owen Jason Wilson, J. L. T. W. Day.	Holt.	
Sunday School	Superintendent	Post Office	Secretaries	W.	M. U. President	W. M. U. Sec.	B. Y. P. U Pres.	P. Y. P. U. Sec.
* Friendship Oak Bowery Palestine Pleasant Grove Sulphur Springs No. 1. Vilonia * Conway Mt. Vernon	J. Frank Jones	Conway Conway R. 1. Conway R. Holland Conway Vilonia Conway Mt. Vernor Conway R. 1.	Miss Dora Keller Miss Annie Langley G. M. Landers Miss Irma Bryant Ezra Webb Mrs. Rena Jamison Miss Ollie Moore Miss Bernice Jones Miss Lillie Wilson Miss Flora Cavin	75 5 S. B. C. Mrs.	s. Rena Jamison s. A. J. Moore s. W. S. Hanner	Mrs. C. N. Crow Miss Era Bush Mrs. Sharrock Mrs. J H. Hall Mayflower	Ezra Webb E. E. Griever Lewis Dunaway	Miss Nannie Irby Miss Cora Blackwell