

1886

PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

CONCORD ASSO'ATION

—OF—

WESTERN ARKANSAS

—CONVENED WITH—

**PLEASANT HILL CHURCH,
SEBASTIAN COUNTY, ARKANSAS.
COMMENCING OCTOBER 16, 1887.**

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OFFICERS.

R P CLABORN, Moderator

W B HERNDON, Clerk.

H H MOUSER, Treasurer.

NEXT SESSION will be held with the White Oak church, Logan County, commencing Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1886.

WITCHERVILLE, ARK.

**BUCKNER PRINTING OFFICE,
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MINUTES.

PLEASANT HILL CHURCH, SEBASTIAN CO., ARK.,
Saturday, October 16th, 1886.

The messengers composing the 16th annual session of the CONCORD ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN ARK. assembled at 11 o'clock.

Bro. A. A. Spiller who was appointed to preach the introductory sermon, being absent, it was preached by Bro Pennington followed by Wm. Bridgeman.

Adjourned for dinner.

After dinner the association was called to order by its former Moderator, R. P. Claborn, W B Herndon was elected clerk pro tem.

Brethren J J Holland, B D Barns and James Edmondson, were appointed to read the letters from the churches.

R P Claborn was re-elected Moderator, W B Herndon Clerk and H H Monser Treasurer.

Echo Church was received on a petitionary letter and the hand of fellowship was given her messengers. Correspondence received from Short Mountain Association and the hand of fellowship given to her messengers.

Ordered that the regular appointment of committees be carried out.

On motion Dr. R. S. James was seated as a visitor

Ordered that the Sabbath collection be divided between the former missionaries of this association.

Adjourned until eight o'clock Monday morning.

Preaching at night at the church by W. D. Looper followed by W. B. Herndon, at Hackett City by L. F. Patterson followed by J. H. York.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

Prayer meeting at 9 o'clock conducted by R. H. Cook.

At 11 o'clock the missionary sermon was preached by L. F. Patterson followed by Wm. Bridgeman, after which a collection was taken up amounting to \$17.95 in cash and \$2.00 in pledges for Home Missions and \$4.75 for Foreign Missions.

The Moderator appointed committees on the following subjects.—Finance, Documents, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Sabbath Schools, Education, Temperance, Nominations, Religious Literature.

Adjourned for dinner;

At 3 o'clock Dr. R. S. James delivered a Sabbath School lecture. Preaching at early candle light at the church by R. P. Claborn followed by W. D. Looper, at Hackett City by R. S. James followed by J. H. York, Mt. Zion by J. J. Holland, at Bro. Plunkett's by R. H. Cook.

Monday morning the body came together with singing and prayer.

The roll was called and corrected which is as follows:—

New Bethel, J J Pool; Fellowship, G H Council, G T Ferrel, J J Holland, W B Herndon; Cedar Grove, W D Looper, J J Forman, C S Harberson; Amity, J M Ledbetter, J W Miller, H H Mouser; Pleasant Grove, T J Condra, T B Plumber; Union, S D Dilly, W J Rains, W D Gibson; Shervon, A J Watson, A T Hale; Shiloh, J N Pennington, James Waun; Salem, Wm Bridgeman, Wm Grimwalt, Miles Flinn; White Oak, w I Goff, G w Newman; Mill Creek, J M Mooneyham; Hopewell, J T Mitchell, John Bailey; Center, R H Cook, J M Bozeman, J H York; Palestine, B H Florance, J w Gross, I E Cook; Dayton, L F Patterson, Jas Edmonson, B D Barnes; James's Fork, H S Chastine, Lee Backborn; Pilgrims Rest, R P Claborn, G w McBride Poteau, J M Singletary, T A Ponder, P E Windham, J A Denton, J w Condra; Pleasant Hill, J w Plunkett, J O Upchurch; Pleasant Valley, J H Anderson, J H and J L Cox; Echo, R M Been; Hackett City, J E McBride; Short Mountain Association, w M Holland, J A Bennett; Visiting Brethren R S James, B C Cowling, Hickman and John William.

Minutes read and approved.

Committee on nominations reported as follows.

J H York to preach the introductory sermon at next session, G C Anthony alternate, R P Claborn to preach the missionary sermon, W B Herndon alternate, C Bevel to deliver a Sabbath School lecture at 3 o'clock Sabbath; L T Hale alternate, L F Patterson on Temperance Sunday night, J G Tripp alternate.

Executive Committee.—James Edmonson, J M Bozeman, A H Farmer, Wm Tyler, E Ross. Officers

of the association being ex-officio members.

T. J. Condra, Chairman.

Report on Religious literature.—We recommend first the careful study of the Bible, which is able to make us wise unto salvation. We also recommend the Publications of the Baptist Publishing Co. and American Baptist Flag for family reading, also Foreign Mission Journal, and Kind Words, for the Sunday School, and for general information in regard to the different denominations. "Rise and Progress of the Religious Denominations of the United States" this book can be purchased of the Baptist Book House, of Memphis, Tenn.

J. J. Holland Chairman.

Report on Documents—

We your committee on documents find that Cedar Grove White Oak and Hopewell Churches have each asked for the next session of the association. We recommend White Oak church.

J. N. Pennington, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Education—

The Master said, "Search the scriptures, but this cannot be done without education to read and indeed some must have education enough to translate from the original language into our own, for we never could have known the will of God concerning us, and as the Bible is the will of Christ, and our code of laws, we have great reason to thank God for the increasing facilities to educate our children so that they may understand the scriptures. This may be done at Buckner College, Dr. R. S. James President, which has been established within our bounds, and that mainly by the Baptist of this association. We should rejoice in our

success in bringing this institution to its present standing, and unite heartily in its future support

True, some of the apostles were uneducated, while others were, therefore we should make every possible effort towards this great blessing, and that we patronise Buckner College, knowing the Christian influence that is thrown around the students, while at that school by its devoted Faculty.

Furthermore as the Short Mountain association has sent W. M. Holland and R. S. James to solicit aid to help them in the educating of a young native Choctaw preacher that he may tell his people the gospel in its purity simplicity that they too may share with us in the glories of the eternal world of bliss, happiness, and feeling that that association is a part of us, for some of them have been churches of this body, therefore we urge that this body take steps to assist them in their glorious undertaking.

J. W. Plunkett, chairman.

Resolved that the churches of this association be requested to take up a collection for the aid of Bro. John William, a Choctaw student at Buckner College at their monthly meetings in December and January and remit the same to President Richard S. James to be reported by him to the Treasurer of the Short Mountain Association.

Committee on Home Missions reported as follows:

Whereas the General Association has appointed Brethren Patterson and York as missionaries, therefore we recommend that this association help sustain them instead of putting another missionary in the field.

J. H. York, Chairman.

This report was amended by appointing Bro. W. Evans as missionary for the next association year.

Report of committee on Foreign Missions:—

Our master said, "Preach the Gospel to every creature." This the church must do, for none other will. Neither bad men nor good angels are commissioned to do this work. The Heathen cannot be saved without the gospel, there is salvation in no other name but Jesus. If the heathen can be saved without the gospel so can we and all preaching had as well cease. But as we are to be "witnesses for Jesus to the utmost parts of the earth," let us pray for, let us labor for, let us contribute of our means for the spread of the gospel and if the Lord requires let us not withhold our children to carry the gospel to the heathen, let us remember the Golden Rule "do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

H. H. Mouser, Chairman.

Report on Sabbath Schools:—

We your committee find that a very few churches have Sabbath Schools, we therefore recommend that the pastors take steps to organize schools in each of their churches.

L. T. Hale, Chairman.

Report of committee on Temperance:—

We consider the use of ardent spirits a great barrier to national prosperity, the destroyer of human happiness, and an adversary of good morals. We believe it to be a great evil. Therefore we recommend to the churches to deal strictly with members who use it to an excess.

James Edmonson, Chairman.

Query from the Pleasant Hill Church. If man and wife separate and he marries again, is she free from him by the laws of Christ.

Answer. She is.

Treasurers Report:—

Received for printing minutes,	\$29.25.
“ “ Home Missions,	19 20.
“ “ Foreign “	5.75.

Total, \$54.20.

Paid clerk for printing minutes,	\$19.25.
“ “ his services,	10.00.
“ } to the former Missionaries,	
} York and Claborn,	19.20.
“ { to E. L. Compere, corresponding	
} Secretary of the General Associ-	
} ation for Foreign Missions,	19.20.

Total, \$54.20.

H. H. Mouser, Treasurer.

Adjourned for Preaching at eleven o'clock by Wm Bridgeman. After dinner the body came together with singing and was led in prayer by H. H. Mouser.

MESSENGERS APPOINTED.

To the Gen. Asso.' which is to meet with the Short Mountain church. Cowlington, P. O. Ind. Ter commencing Saturday before the second Sunday in September 1887; J N Pennington, J W Miller, L T Hale. E Windham and R H Cook.

To the Ouchita Asso., which is to meet with the Buffalo Church, Polk, Co. commencing Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September 1887; J J Holand, James Edmenson, H H Mouser and J W Con-

dra.

To the Short Mountain Association which is to meet with the Rock Branch church. Ind. Ter. commencing Sat. before the first Sunday in October; H H Mouser, J W Miller, J W Cross, P E Windham and H H Florance.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with the White Oak church Logan County. Ark., on the Saturday before the third Sunday in Oct. 1887.

R. P. CLABORN, Moderator;

W. B. HERNDON, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	COUNTIES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dis by Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.	Contributions for Minutes.	Meeting Days.	O'v. Ministr.	Lic-ntes.
Amity.....	J M Ledbetter.	W J Baker.....	Hackett City	Sebastian.....	8	5	1	11	10	1	90	1.50	2	4	...
Cedar Grove.....	R P Claborn.	G P Walkins.....	Tomlinson.....	Scott.....	8	2	3	1	5	3	108	2.10	1	1	2
Center.....	J W Miller.....	J W Boozman.....	Chocovill.....	Sebastian.....	2	4		7			48	.50	3	1	1
Dayton.....	L F Patterson.....	W B Bill.....	Dayton.....	".....	9	6		3	3		169	2.50	4	1	2
Earle Paairie.....	J M Lindsey.....	E S Adams.....	Belva.....	Scott.....		5					10		1	1	...
Fellowship.....	L F Patterson.....	W B Hester.....	Watch rville.....	Sebastian.....	1	4		13	4	5	135	2.00	1	2	2
Hopewell.....	J N Pennington.....	M L Mullins.....	Booneville.....	Logan.....	8	8		1	2		50	1.60	4		...
James Fork.....	G C Anthony.....	W R Vaughn.....	Loria.....	Sebastian.....	11	4	3	6	6		67	.25	1	1	...
Echo.....	J J Holland.....	W H Davis.....	Elo.....	Scott.....		6					6	.50	3		...
Jones Creek.....	G W Evans.....	J F Bently.....	Lawley.....	".....							91		2		...
Mill Creek.....	G C Anthony.....	M Mooneyham.....	Buck le.....	".....	1	3			2	1	26	1.00	4		2
Mt. Gilead.....	G W Evans.....	C W Nix.....	".....	".....											...
New Bethel.....	A L Lyon.....	G W Ian.....	Canthan.....	Scott.....											...
Palestine.....	J W Miller.....	W A Vinyard.....	Witcherville.....	Sebastian.....	4	12			2		44	1.30	3		...
Pleasant Valley.....	J H York.....	J L Cox.....	Sugar Loaf.....	".....	11	11				3	62	1.65	4		...
Pleasant Hill.....	W M Morris.....	W Plunkett.....	Hackett City.....	".....		4		17	5	2	42	1.25	4		...
Poteau.....	L F Patterson.....	G " Smith.....	Wald on.....	Scott.....	17	8		4	1	1	175	2.85	3		2
Pilgrims Rest.....	R P Claborn.....	G o McBide.....	Chocoville.....	Sebastian.....	4	2		3	2	1	59	.75	4	2	...
Pleasant Grove.....	R P Claborn.....	T J Coudry.....	Waldron.....	Scott.....	2	4					40	.40	2		2
Rock Springs.....	J N Pennington.....	M D Vance.....	Sugar Grove.....	Logan.....											...
Ross Creek.....	J G Trupp.....	J D Thomas.....	Waldron.....	Scott.....			1								...
Salera.....	Wn Bridgeman.....	L D Hendrix.....	Charleston.....	Franklin.....		5				1	11	2.00	2		...
Shiloh.....	J N Pennington.....	S C Brining.....	Belva.....	Scott.....	4	7		11	3		79	1.60	3	3	1
Sharon.....	" N Pennington.....	L M Loving.....	Charleston.....	Logan.....	4	2		7	3	2	49	2.15	3	1	1
Union.....	" J Holland.....	W J Raih.....	Barber.....	Scott.....	2	1		5		1	30	1.25	4		...
Union Hope.....	" M Lindsey.....	W A Bonay.....	Long Ridge.....	Logan.....											...
Waldron.....	L F Patterson.....	J D Benson.....	Waldron.....	Scott.....		8	2	3			48	1.00	2		...
White Oak.....	J N Pennington.....	J H Coudry.....	Booneville.....	Logan.....	1					1	82	1.10	2		2

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