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# MINUTES.

The Messengers composing the "Dardanelle Baptist Association," met with the Baptist church at Mount Pleasant, Logan county, Arkansas, Sept. 15th, 1883, 10 o'clock, a. m. The clerk read the 26th Psalm. Devotional exercises were continued by singing and prayer. Recess 15 minutes.

11 o'clock a. m. Elder John Young preached the Introductory sermon from Gal. 5th 1st. After which J. A. Myers followed, making some appropriate remarks. Benediction by S. I. Lee.

2 o'clock p. m. The Association was called to order by the former Moderator who read the 27th Psalm. Hymn, "Am I a soldier of the cross?" Prayer by Elder Hogan. Appointed J. W. Pendergrass and J. H. Stevens to read the letters and enroll the names of the messengers. Received petitionary letters from Pleasant Valley and Clear Creek churches asd seated their messengers. Appointed R. Hood and C. C. Hogan tellers, who reported Elders J. A. Myers duly elected Moderator, and J. R. G. W. N. Adams Clerk and Treasurer. Appointed the Pastor, Deacons and Clerk of Mt. Pleasant church, a committee on Divine Services Adjourned until 8 1-2 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by J. H. Mirze. 7 o'clock p. m. No services on account of rain after adjournment.

In the interim appointed the following committees:

Deceased ministers—Sloan, Hood and Raper.

Domestic missions—Hogan, Lee and Lovelace.

Sabbath-schools—Hill, Logan and Owen.

Temperance—Huckaby, Young and Bunch.

Documents—Earles, Barry and E E. Sloan.

Finance—Mirze, J. A. Gray and Brooks.

Nominations—J. G. Pendergrass, Horton and Sloan.

Publications—J. W. Pendergrass, Stafford and Adams.

SABBATH, 9 o'clock a. m. Religious services were conducted by Elder L. G. Earles. 11 o'clock a. m. The missionary sermon was preached by Elder J. A. Myers, from 2d Tim. 1st 4th, followed by Elder S. I. Lee. Took up a collection of $14.05 in cash and $85.00 in pledges.

2 o'clock p. m, Sermon by Elder C. C. Hogan from John 8th 10th, followed by Elder D. Hopper.

Monday 17th, 8 1-2 oclock a. m. Religious exercises were led by brother Hunnicutt.

# MINUTES.

9 o'clock a. m. The Moderator called the Association to order, and read the 8th chapter of Romans. Hymn, "Am I a soldier of the cross?" Prayer by the Moderator. Called the roll. Read and approved the minutes. Invited visiting brethren to seats. J. F. Roan from Osceola, Arkansas, accepted and took a seat. Called for correspondence. Received Elder J. Hudspeth from the Russellville Association.

Appointed correspondents—To Russellville Association, Adams, and Young, on the 4th Sabbath in Oct. next.

To the United Association, Adams and Young 2nd Sabbath in Sept. 1884. To Clear Creek Association, Owen. Gray and Blair 1st Sabbath in Sept. 1884. J. W. Shepherd to write to Saline Association. To Arkansas Baptist State Convention—Adams, Myers, Lee, Stafford and Hogan, Thursday before the 1st Sabbath in Nov. next.

### CALLED FOR REPORTS.

J. H. Raper read the report on deceased ministers, which was adopted as follows:

### REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

We with sorrowful hearts are called to report the death of H. A. Johnson, who was in the prime of his life. While we would weep over his loss, let us be admonished to be ready when the messenger shall summons us from labor to refreshment.

W. N. Sloan, Chairman.

S. I. Lee read the report on domestic missions, which was adopted as follows:

### REPORT ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Your committee believes that there is a destitution within our limits, not of *ministers*, but of *Christian intelligence*; and we attribute this to lack of early training, good literature, and sound doctrinal preaching. We therefore recommend: That you *carefully* and *prayerfully* consider the importance of employing a Missionary, who is sound in doctrine, able in discussion, loving and faithful in presentation, and not forgetful of the interests of our children.

S. I. Lee, Chairman.

C. P. Hill read the report on Sabbath-schools, on motion the report was recommitted and E. H. Gray and I. A. Huckaby added to the committee.

I. A. Huckaby read the report on Temperance, which was adopted as follows:

# MINUTES.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

With joy we recognize the fact, that drunkenness is on the decrease in our country, and we would urge our brethren to lend their influence to drive the demon Alcohol entirely from our midst.

I. A. HUCKABY, Chairman.

J. W. Berry read the report on Documents which was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

We find that New Bethel church requests the next session of this Association.

L. G. EARLES, Chairman.

J. H. Mirze read the report on Finance which was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON FINANCE.

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| Amount for minutes, | $51.75 |
| State missions, | 5.00 |
| Home missions, | 3.30 |
| Collection on Sabbath, | 14.05 |
| Amount from last year, | 85.30 |
| Amount raised in the Association, | 4.50 |
| Total, | $163.90 |

E. H. Gray read the report on Sabbath Schools which was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We find that the 42 churches in this Association only have 9 Sabbath Schools with 323 scholars. By properly supplying the mental, moral and religious wants of the youth, our world grows better, generation after generation, and upon us, to a great extent, depends the happiness of the rising generation. Brethren, let us awake out of this lethargy and work for the Master in this fruitful field.

C. P. HILL, Chairman.

J. R. G. W. N. Adams read the report on Publications and after discussion, was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

1. We would urge our members to patronize the "Evangel" as our State organ, through which they can become acquainted with the Baptists of our State and be enabled to work more harmoniously together. 2. We would recommend "The Tennessee Baptist" as an able defender of *primitive* Baptist principles, a stern advocate for Scriptural doctrines and ordinances, and an

able exponent of Bible truths. Also we would recommend "The Examiner and Chronicle," published in New York. We also would recommend "Kind Words" as an excellent paper for Sabbath Schools. We would urge all our members to buy and read such works as teach our distinctive principles. But most of all we would request all our members to *read, study* and PRACTICE the doctrines taught in the New Testament.

J. W. PENDERGRASS, Chairman.

Adjourned for preaching. 11 o'clock.

Elder J. Hudspeth preached an able sermon from Rom. 10th, 4th.

2 o'clock P. M. J. G. Pendergrass read the report on Nominations which was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Elder J. W. Pendergrass to preach the Introductory Sermon and J. R. G. W. N. Adams alternate: Elder J. Y. Campbell to preach the Missionary Sermon and Elder C. C. Hogan alternate.

J. G. PENDERGRASS, Chairman.

Agreed to hold the next session of this Association with the church at New Bethel, six miles southeast of Danville, Yell county, Ark., commencing on Saturday before the 3d Sabbath in September, 1884, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Agreed to have 800 copies of these minutes printed, and allow the clerk $20.00 for his services.

Ordered, That the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be printed in connection with these minutes.

On motion, agreed to put a missionary into the field to travel and preach in the bounds of this Association; and, on motion, agreed to elect said missionary by ballot. Appointed I. A. Huckaby and E. H. Gray tellers, who reported Elder J. A. Myers duly elected said missionary.

On motion, agreed to pay said missionary $50.00 per month for the time engaged, and the clerk authorized to settle with the missionary and pay him for the services rendered

On motion, S. I. Lee. M. P. Blair and J. M. Gray were appointed a Board to lay out the work for the missionary.

On motion, the missionary is authorized to take collections as he travels. Adjourned until after services at night, prayer by J. G. Pendergrass.

NIGHT SESSION.—Met pursuant to adjournment

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the moderator and clerk for efficient services, and to the church and community for hospitalities.

# MINUTES.

Resolved, That we recommend Buckner College, situated at Salem City, Sebastian county, to Baptists, and the people generally, as an institution where they may have their sons and daughters thoroughly trained and educated for the practical duties of life; and where they will be surrounded by good, moral influences.

Minutes read and approved.

Adjourned to time and place before named. Hymn, "When I can read my title clear"; prayer by M. P. Blair.

J. A. MYERS, Moderator.

J. H. G. W. N. ADAMS, Clerk.

The following amounts were pledged for the support of the Missionary:

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| B. Hilday, for Philadelphia Church, | $5 00 |
| Clay Spring Church | 5 00 |
| Bowerman | 1 00 |
| W. Weems | 5 00 |
| Cummings | 2 00 |
| J. Stewart | 5 00 |
| Hasty | 4 00 |
| W. Fowler | 2 00 |
| Murdock | 1 00 |
| Williams | 2 00 |
| Hogel | 1 00 |
| Edmonds | 1 00 |
| Smith | 1 00 |
| Light, Sr., | 1 00 |
| Hall | 2 00 |
| Total | $38 00 |

# RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. The officers of this Association shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.
3. The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order, and shall have the right to call to order at any time.
4. A member not satisfied with his decision may appeal to the Association on the same day, but at no other time.
5. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator; on obtaining leave, shall proceed.
6. The Moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person, or otherwise.
7. No person shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject or uses words of personal reflection, and then by the Moderator. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless withdrawn by him that made it.
8. Every case taken up by the Association shall be decided or withdrawn before another is introduced.
9. When a question is taken up, after allowing time for debate, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association by yeas and nays, or otherwise.
10. A member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.
11. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission of the Association, nor more than once until every member wishing to speak shall have spoken; nor shall any proposition be made to close the subject until the debate has been carried through.
12. The appellation of Brother shall be used in the Association by members in their addresses one to another.
13. The names of the members shall be called as often as the Association may direct.
14. No member shall be tolerated in any practice which tends to interrupt public speaking.
15. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoint another to his seat during the time, but shall not vote on any question unless the Association be equally divided.
16. Any member violating these rules may be reproved by the Moderator, at discretion, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.
17. These rules may be amended at a regular meeting of this body by the concurring voice of two-thirds of the members present, provided the proposed change has been submitted to the body the day previous.

# ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one only true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are a revelation from God, and that the New Testament is our only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of election as founded in the foreknowledge of God, through sanctification of the spirit unto obedience, and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.
4. We believe in original sin by the fall of Adam.
5. We believe in man's incapacity, by his own free will and ability, to rescue himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.
6. We believe that the saints are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.
7. We believe that the saints will be preserved in grace, and never fall finally away.
8. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ; that believers are the only proper subjects of Baptism; and that immersion is the apostolic mode.
9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment; and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.
10. We believe no minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel but one who has been regularly immersed, and that is called and comes under the imposition of the hands of a scriptural Presbytery.
11. We believe that none but regularly immersed believers have a right to come to the Lord's Supper.
12. We believe that the Lord's Day should be kept as a day of rest and devotional exercise.

# AL TABLE.

| Names of Messengers. | Baptized | Rec by let'r | Dismissed by Letter | Restored | Excluded | Dead | Total | For Minutes | For Misions | Preaching | No. Scholars in S. S. |
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| ray, C C Hogan, J W Lackey | 5 | 0 | 0 | | | 1 | 45 | 1 50 | | 3 | |
| isholm | 0 | 0 | 2 | | 3 | | 15 | | | 1 | |
| W N Adams | 0 | 3 | 2 | | | | 20 | 1 90 | | 2 | |
| oan, J C Vinsett, W K Ellis | 0 | 1 | 1 | | 4 | | 18 | 1 00 | | 2 | |
| ay, J A Gray, M P Blair, L M Sively | 16 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 72 | 2 00 | 5 00 | 2 | |
| , F A Bunch, L G Henry | 0 | 2 | 2 | | 6 | | 46 | 1 50 | | 1 | |
| tson, J W Oglesby, H M Henderson | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | 2 | 32 | 1 50 | 2 80 | 1 | |
| rn, F J Norman. J A Johnson | 2 | 0 | 4 | | 1 | 2 | 28 | 1 50 | | 3 | |
| r from last year | | | | | | | 16 | | | | |
| resentation for 3 years | | | | | | | | | | | |
| s, J G Horton, J Hasty | 2 | 2 | | | | | 8 | 1 00 | | 1 | |
| r from 1882 | | | | | | | 15 | | | | |
| ins, J J Rogers | 8 | 1 | 0 | | | | 42 | 65 | | 3 | 36 |
| e, D T Nolin | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | | | 25 | 1 25 | | 2 | |
| by | 3 | 2 | 0 | | | 2 | 13 | 1 00 | | | |
| per | 4 | 4 | 2 | | | | 46 | 75 | | | |
| ight, H C Richey, R T Marr | 0 | 0 | 2 | | 2 | 1 | 83 | 1 50 | | 2 | |
| Light, T O Light | 2 | 3 | 7 | 1 | | 1 | 60 | 2 00 | | 1 | |
| oks, W S Blanton, G W Weems | 7 | 2 | 13 | 1 | | 2 | 66 | 2 20 | | 1 | |
| an, J W Gantt | 3 | 1 | 2 | | 1 | 1 | 31 | 1 15 | | 4 | |
| nnicutt, J W Shepherd | 0 | 2 | 0 | | | | 14 | 1 00 | | 1 | |
| l | 0 | 3 | 4 | | 2 | 1 | 24 | 1 00 | 50 | 3 | |
| ze, J E Garner | 6 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 2 | | 38 | 2 00 | | 2 | |
| rs, J G Penoergrass, I A Huckaby, J H Stevens | 1 | 3 | 22 | 0 | | 5 | 104 | 3 00 | | 1 | |
| olley, F M Cain | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | | | 27 | 1 00 | | 3 | |
| r from last year | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 40 | 1 50 | | | |
| rles, M L Stewart, L W Norman | 16 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 89 | 2 25 | | 4 | 87 |
| fford, R H Whitford | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | | 3 | 29 | 1 50 | | 2 | |
| tzgerald, D S N Baxter | 14 | 10 | 13 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 58 | 1 60 | | 3 | |
| 'day; W M Rogers | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | | | 30 | 1 50 | | 4 | |
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| n, Leroy McBride | 12 | 13 | 9 | 2 | | 2 | 27 | 1 00 | | 2 | |
| elady | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 15 | 1 00 | | 1 | |
| ng, W L Murdock, J H Howard | 0 | 6 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 96 | 3 00 | | 4 | |
| A Loyd, E McCarrell | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | 16 | 1 00 | | 3 | |
| rom 1882 | | | | | | | 21 | | | 2 | |
| D Hopper | 2 | 16 | 8 | 0 | | | 60 | 2 50 | | 3 | |
| Buffington | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | | 18 | 1 50 | | 4 | |
| W Sanders, W G Frost | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | | | 38 | 1 50 | | 2 | |
| Coos | 3 | 9 | 7 | 0 | 3 | | 94 | 3 00 | | 3 | |
| | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | | 59 | 2 00 | | 3 | |
| grass | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 57 | 1 80 | | 3 | |
| Total | 125 | 92 | 129 | 8 | 35 | 33 | 1600 | $51 75 | 8 30 | | |