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The Forty-second Session of the Liberty Baptist Association convened with Salem Church on September 10, 1887.

Introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. R. Hughes from Exodus, 14:15. Subject: "Go Forward."

At the close of the service, there was an intermission of two hours.

EVENING SERVICE.

At 2 o'clock p. m., the house was called to order by former Moderator, H. T. Hawkins.

T. W. Williams was elected Clerk *pro tem*.

Letters from the Churches were read, and names of Messengers recorded as given in statistical table.

Proceeded to permanent organization of the house by electing H. T. Hawkins, Moderator, and T. W. Williams, Clerk.

A call was next made for petitionary letters. None.

By motion, the order of business of the last session was adopted.

Visiting brethren of the same faith were invited to seats with us.

A call for correspondence was then made. The following brethren responded:

Concord—Jasper Holloway.

Columbia—Elders D. E. Gambrell and W. H. Armstrong, Dr. F. E. Morgan, J. R. Jones and E. L. Hollingsworth.

Arkansas State Convention—Elder J. B. Searcy, D. D.

Ouachita Colored Association—Elder P. Jameson, W. Crisp and Geo. Fairchild.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE.

Columbia—Elders H. T. Britt, J. U. H. Wharton, W. J. Robertson, J. H. Lagrone and H. T. Hawkins.

Concord—T. H. McFadin, G. M. Morgan and R. A. J. Moore.

Bartholomew—D. W. Ward, James Giles, R. A. J. Moore and T. W. Williams.

Ouachita (col.)—Elder J. H. Lagrone, H. T. Hawkins, W. T. Jameson and A. E. Davis.

Delegates to Arkansas State Convention—Elders J. U. H. Wharton and J. R. Hughes; Brethren H. G. P. Williams, A. C. Jones, R. A. Faulkner, G. W. Murphy, W. C. Langford, J. M. Sheppard, J. B. Moore and Dr. J. T. Hawkins.

By regular order the following committees were appointed:

Devotional Exercises—R. A. Faulkner, J. H. McKenney and T. H. McFadin, with Pastor and Deacons of Salem Church.

Sabbath-Schools—G. M. Morgan, E. Ward and A. E. Haury.

State Missions—Elder J. R. Hughes, John Rogers and J. R. Robertson.

Foreign Missions—Elder H. T. Britt, Walter Jackson and D. W. Ward.

Ministerial Education—Elder J. H. Lagrone, J. H. McKenney and E. H. Jones.

Ouachita College—Elder J. R. Hughes, R. A. Faulkner and A. C. Jones.

Publications—Elders J. U. H. Wharton, Q. A. Byram and H. F. Daniel.

Finance—R. A. J. Moore, John Nolan and W. D. Adams.

Statistics—Elder J. R. Hughes, T. H. Land and Wiley Ellen.

Nominations—R. A. Faulkner, T. H. McFadin and C. W. Loventhal.

By motion, adjourned to meet Monday at 9 o'clock a. m.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

Sunday-school mass meeting at 10 o'clock a. m.

Very interesting addresses were made by A. C. Jones, Dr. F. E. Morgan and Elder J. U. H. Wharton.

Preaching at 11 o'clock a. m., by Elder J. B. Searcy, D.D., from Isa., 42:4.

At the close of the service, a collection was taken for Foreign Missions, amounting to \$55.55.

Preaching at 2 p. m., by Elder D. E. Gambrell, from Matt., 27:22.

At night by Elder J. U. H. Wharton, from 1 Thes., 5:6.

On Monday at 9 a. m., the body was called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Elder J. R. Bishop.

By order of business, reports of committees were called for.

Sabbath-Schools—Report was discussed by Elders D. E. Gambrell and H. C. Pugh, Dr. F. E. Morgan and H. T. Hawkins. [Appendix A.]

State Missions—Discussed by Elders J. B. Searcy, D. D., and J. R. Hughes. [Appendix B.]

Foreign Missions—Able discussions by Elder J. B. Searcy, D. D., after which pledges were taken for Foreign Missions, amounting to \$125. [Appendix C.]

Ministerial Education—Speeches by Elders J. B. Searcy, D. D., and D. E. Gambrell, after which a collection of \$10 was made. [Appendix D.]

Ouachita College—The interests of the College were ably presented by Elders J. B. Searcy, D. D., J. R. Hughes, H. T. Britt and H. C. Pugh. A collection of \$11 cash; pledges, \$110. [Appendix E.]

Publications—On motion to adopt, the claims of the *Arkansas Baptist* were specially presented. [Appendix F.]

Finance—Committee made report. Adopted. [Appendix G.]

Statistics—Read, and after discussion, adopted. [Appendix H.]

Executive Board—Made report. Adopted. [Appendix I.]

Nominations—Reported that the next session meet with Eldorado Church, on Saturday before the second Sunday in September, 1888. Elder G. Norsworthy to preach the introductory sermon. Elder J. U. H. Wharton, alternate. [Appendix J.]

On motion, the present Executive Board was continued.

On motion, the Clerk was allowed \$15 for his services, and \$17 for having minutes printed, and instructed to have printing done by *Arkansas Baptist*.

On motion, amount now in hands of Executive Board be expended in pay of missionary within the bounds of Liberty Association.

On motion, Executive Board was requested to appoint time and place for holding a Sunday-school Convention.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to this community for their hospitality during the present session of this body.

On motion, adjourned to meet with Eldorado Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in September, 1888.

A very precious meeting was closed by singing the "Sweet-By-and-Bye," and prayer by Elder J. R. Hughes.

H. T. HAWKINS, *Moderator*.

T. W. WILLIAMS, *Clerk*.

APPENDIX A.—REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We find two Churches only that report Sunday-schools. We find further several Churches report having expended money for literature and the amount so expended, but they say nothing about having Sunday-schools. We regret to see the indifference to the Sunday-school work, and recommend that this body fix a day and place for holding a Sunday-school Convention to inaugurate a system for the Sunday-school work.

G. M. MORGAN, *Chairman*.

APPENDIX B.—REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

This work is constantly assuming greater proportions and taking hold of the hearts of our people more firmly. The co-operative plan with the State Mission Board, seems to give general satisfaction. A number of important centers of influence in the State are now being assisted by the State Board, and several rural districts have been furnished with active missionaries, among whom we mention the name of our Bro. H. C. Pugh, who has rendered efficient service in our own Association. It is the opinion of your committee that we should continue the present plan and seek to induce each Church in

our bounds to contribute to this work. The calls' upon the State Mission Board are constantly increasing with the growth of our rapidly developing State. In order to meet these calls, frequent and systematic contributions should be encouraged among all our Churches.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. HUGHES, *Chairman.*

APPENDIX C.—REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We are happy to know that our people are becoming interested in this important work. God is graciously disposing the hearts of his people to respond to the Macedonian cry of the heathen. We have missionaries in China, Italy, Africa, Mexico, Brazil and Cuba, all supported by the Southern Baptist Convention. Arkansas is represented in Abrokuta, Africa, by S. E. Smith and wife. Our State is asked for \$1500 this year for their support. This Association will be asked for about \$100, which your committee think we can and ought to raise for this noble work. We hope all our people will heartily respond to the call.

Respectfully submitted,

H. T. BRITT, *Chairman.*

APPENDIX D.—REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

While much has been done by Liberty Association in the interest of Ministerial Education, there still remains much more to be done in this direction. It is useless to urge upon this intelligent body the great necessity of an educated ministry. We fully realize the grand importance of this necessity. The gospel is the power of God in the salvation of fallen man. God furnished means of attainment; in that he has given us minds susceptible of indefinite improvement; and an ability to do, implies a duty to perform. What grander mission can we conceive of than that confided to the minister of the gospel of

Christ? What zeal, what culture, is required to meet and contend successfully with the strongholds of infidelity? While we are unable to have a school of high order within the bounds of this Association, we should support our College at Arkadelphia, that our young brethren preparing for the ministry may receive training that will prepare them fully for the service of the Master; therefore, we recommend that the Churches adopt a system of collections whereby a quarterly contribution will be made for the education of our young men in the ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. LAGRONE, *Chairman.*

APPENDIX E.—REPORT ON OUACHITA COLLEGE.

We are happy to say that this institution is meeting with great success; that our most sanguine expectations have been more than realized up to the present. Prof. Conger, with his able faculty, is rapidly making the College an honor to our denomination and a blessing to our children. The work, however, is still in its infancy. The present buildings are inadequate to the wants of an institution of the character we propose to establish. In order to supply the present demands of the College, the Board of Trustees have appointed Dr. J. B. Searcy as Financial Secretary. We recommend that this Association fully endorse the college as our *own* institution, and give it support and patronage to the full extent of our ability.

J. R. HUGHES, *Chairman.*

APPENDIX F.—REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

Appreciating the power of the press for good or evil, we would respectfully recommend that we place only good literature in the hands of our children, and that we earnestly try to do the same toward our people. But few can estimate the evil influences of reading immoral and fictitious literature. We should therefore encourage the reading of the *Bible* more,

and make greater efforts to draw the people into our Sunday-schools. While we recommend all good books, we especially recommend the circulation of Armitage's History of the Baptist, and Theodosia Earnest. For a newspaper, we very earnestly recommend the *Arkansas Baptist*. We would also encourage the circulation of good, religious tracts. In conclusion, we would recommend the publications of the American Baptist Publishing Society, and especially their Sunday-school literature. Also, we recommend the Sunday-school literature issued by the Domestic Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

Respectfully submitted,

J. U. H. WHARTON, *Chairman*.

APPENDIX G.—REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Received and paid to Executive Board—

For Minutes.....	\$45 40
For State Missions.....	24 45
For Foreign Missions.....	4 00
Total.....	<u>\$73 85</u>

R. A. J. MOORE, *Chairman*.

APPENDIX H.—STATISTICAL REPORT.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	NAMES OF PASTORS.	NAMES OF CLERKS.	POSTOFFICE OF CLERKS.	MESSENGERS.	Baptised.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Ordained Ministers.	Licentiates.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Expenses.	S. S. Literature.	For Ministers.	Pastors' Salary.	Total Contributions.	Value of Church Property.	
FIRST DISTRICT.																									
Camden		S. B. Lide	Camden, Ark.	J. R. Rogers		1		5	2		11	26	37								\$2 00		\$ 2 00	\$2000 00	
Pleasant Grove	1st	J. H. Bishop	Lisbon, Ark.	J. H. Smith, S. J. Nolly		2	1			1	16	16	32								75	20 00	20 75	100 00	
Hopewell No. 9	2nd	J. Y. Stephens	Smack Over, Ark.	C. D. Frederick		4	5			1	15	33	48	1							1 50	60 00	61 50	100 00	
Shiloh	1st	J. T. Britt	Shuler, Ark.	C. W. Hudson				3			4	9	13								75	5 00	5 75		
Cherokee	2nd	W. J. Robinson	ElDorado, Ark.	M. B. Dumas, T. M. Stocks		2			1		15	18	33								1 00	60 00	61 00		
Midway	3rd	J. H. Lagrone	Mt. Holly, Ark.	W. Denson		1	5	1	3				27	1		\$ 1 00					1 00	50 00	52 00	250 00	
SECOND DISTRICT.																									
Salem	2nd	T. J. Brasler	Mt. Holly, Ark.	A. E. Davis, H. T. Hawkins, W. T. Jameson		6	1						46			9 95		\$ 8 00	\$100 00	\$ 6 00	2 50	85 00	211 45	500 00	
ElDorado	1st & 2nd	J. R. Hughes	ElDorado, Ark.	J. R. Hughes, R. A. Faulkner		4		6			26	46	72	1		85 00	\$15 00	12 00	395 00	21 00	5 00	400 00	933 00	800 00	
Hopewell No. 1	4th	J. R. Hughes	Three Creeks, Ark.	R. A. J. Moore		7	1			3	46	48	94	1		32 00		14 25	7 50		2 00	150 00	205 75	750 00	
New Hope	2nd	J. R. Bishop	Three Creeks, Ark.	L. W. Ellen, A. E. Haury		20	9	3	6				88	1	1	9 50					2 10		11 60	300 00	
Holly Grove	1st	T. J. Brasler	Summerfield, La.	E. H. Jones, D. R. Anglin			4		3	1	14	19	33								2 00	25 00	27 00	250 00	
Zion Hill	4th	H. T. Britt	Wooley, Ark.	E. Ward, H. F. Daniels		6	1	1	1		24	35	59	1	1						2 00	1 75	40 00	43 75	150 00
Spring Hill, Ark.	2nd	J. U. H. Wharton	Caledonia, Ark.	J. U. H. Wharton, G. M. Morgan		11	2	3	3	4			80	2		31 55	4 00				5 00	2 00	150 00	192 55	500 00
Blanchard Springs	2nd	J. U. H. Wharton	Blanchard Springs, Ark.	T. H. Land, Q. A. Bryan, Walter Jackson		32	2		5		30	29	59			14 65		5 50	70 00	10 00	2 00	100 00	202 15	400 00	
THIRD DISTRICT.																									
Union, Ark.	2nd	J. G. McCain	Champagnolle, Ark.	J. H. McKinney		2	3		1	1	22	43	65			15 00					2 50	50 00	67 50	150 00	
Cane Creek	1st	William Hunt	Hillsboro, Ark.	J. E. Green				1	10		6	19	25			1 25					1 00		2 25	100 00	
Spring Hill, La.	4th	J. U. H. Wharton	Oakland, La.	T. H. McFadin		21	3	3	1		38	62	100	2		18 00		5 00	200 00	15 00	2 00	175 00	415 00	1000 00	
New London	4th	H. C. Pugh	New London, Ark.	J. D. Harrison		5		1		2			48	1		26 00					2 05		28 05	400 00	
Hillsboro	2nd	J. R. Hughes	Hillsboro, Ark.	T. W. Williams		18	6	1		1	30	41	71	1		21 75		2 75	97 00		2 50	150 00	274 10	1000 00	
Union, La.	2nd	W. H. Gathright	Oakland, La.	J. R. Carroll		1			21	3	30	40	70								2 00	50 00	52 00	250 00	
Okalona	3rd	W. H. Gathright	Oakland, La.	F. Bryant, W. T. Smith		19		2					69		1						1 50	50 00	51 50	150 00	
Champagnolle	1st	J. U. H. Wharton	Champagnolle, Ark.	W. P. Adams, J. T. Giles, D. W. Ward		4		1		1	18	23	41			18 65					2 00	120 00	140 65	700 00	
Mt. Olive, La.	1st	L. B. Abbett	Cherry Ridge, La.	J. W. Nolan		10	4		3	1			39	1							1 00	60 00	61 00	50 00	
Liberty	1st	J. G. McCain	Hillsboro, Ark.	C. W. Loventhal		4	8			1	8	24	32			3 75					2 50	40 00	46 25	250 00	
Total					177	57	18	68	10	19	353	531	1271	13	3	\$288 05	\$19 00	\$47 50	\$869 50	\$59 00	\$45 40	\$1840 00	\$3168 55	\$8350 00	
Center Point and Green Grove	not represented.																								

APPENDIX I.—REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

1886.

Received of Finance Committee.....	\$38	10
Paid M. D. Early, State Missions.....	\$26	60
Paid B. C. Green for Books.....	5	30
Paid J. B. Searcy	6	20
	<u>\$38</u>	<u>10</u>

1887.

Received from Churches for Foreign Missions	\$	35	00
Received cash for Foreign Missions		39	60
Received from Churches for State Missions		220	90
Received from Finance Committee.....		73	85

Total received.....\$369 35

Paid M. D. Early, State Missions	\$	97	90
Paid H. C. Pugh, Missionary Services		150	00
Paid J. B. Searcy, Foreign Missions		78	60
Paid Clerk for services and Minutes.....		32	00
Amount on hand (Executive Board).....		10	85

Total expended and on hand\$369 35

J. R. HUGHES, *Chairman.*

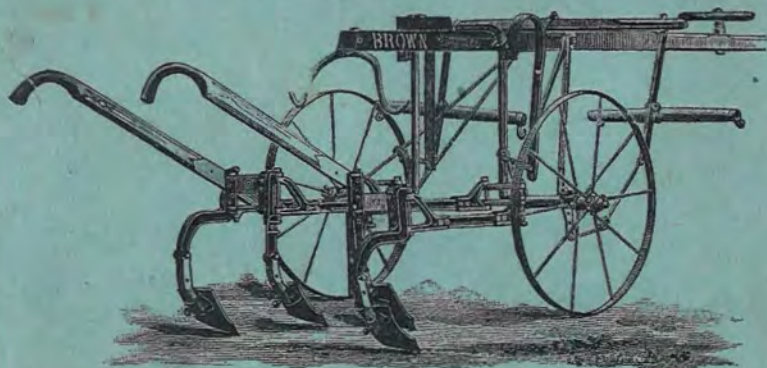
APPENDIX J.—REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We recommend that the Association hold her next session with the Church at El Dorado, on Saturday before the second Sunday in September, 1888, Elder G. Norsworthy to preach the introductory sermon, Elder J. U. H. Wharton alternate.

R. A. FAULKNER, *Chairman.*

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