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OFFICERS:

JAMES E. ASKEW, · MODERATOR. R. H. MITCHELL, · · · · CLERK.
College Hill, Ark. Rosston, Ark.

The next session to be held with Shiloh Church, Columbia County, Ark., near Buckner station, on Saturday, before the 1st Sunday in October, 1860.

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PROCEEDINGS.

Ouachita County, Are., }
October 5, 1889.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Union Association met with Round Oak Church, Ouschita County, Arkansas, October 5, A. D., 1889.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. O. C. Kidd. Text: Romans viii, 1. Theme: "The Security of the Children of God." The sermon was short, concise, earnest, and full of rich Gospel thought. After preaching, the congregation was dismissed till 2 o'clock, at which time the Association met for permanent organization. The Moderator read the 1st Psalm. Prayer was offered by Eld. J. N. Acker. The body was then called to order by the former Moderator, James E. Askew.

The letters from the various churches were then called for and read by Brethren W. A. McKee and O. G. Quinn, who were appointed reading clerks. After the letters were read, the body proceeded to elect officers, which resulted in the re-election of James E. Askew, Moderator, and R. H. Mitchell, Clerk.

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

Called for petitionary letters. A letter from Pleasant Hill Church was presented, asking admittance into the body, and, being found orthodox, was received into the body, and the right hand of fellowship extended by

the Moderator. A letter from Bodcaw Church No. 2 was presented, asking admittance into the body, and, being found orthodox, was received into the Associational compact, and the right hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator.

Invited visiting brethren to seats. Eld. W. A Clark responded.

Appointed the following committees, viz:

On Divine Service: W. S. McDaniel, J. J. Mays, with the messengers from this church.

On Foreign Missions: O. C. Kidd, J. B. Searcy, J. N. Acker.

On Destitution: J. J. Mays, S. J. Glass, A. W. Tiffin.

On Literature: H. J. Haynes, G. W. Gatlin, J. B. Scarcy.

On Pastoral Support: J. N. Acker, O. C. Kidd, John Purifoy.

On Finance: John Nicholis, O. G. Quinn, F. B. Garner.

On Sabhath Schools: A. W. Tiffin, Peter Fuller, Geo. Oliver.

On Documents: S. F. Snell, E. S. Carter, J. N. Sherfield.

On Education: J. B. Searcy, O. C. Kidd, W. S. McDaniel.

On Temperance: O. G. Quinn, G. L. Webb, Larkin Breed.

Called for Correspondence. Bro. Wm. Boyd responded from Columbia Association.

Returned Correspondence. To Red River Association: Eld. J. B. Searcy, G. W. Gatlin, Eld. J. N. Acker, W. E. Moore, J. N. Sherfield. To Columbia Association: James E. Askew, R. H. Mitchell, J. J. Mays, Robert Tidwell, W. R. Johnson.

On motion, Eld. J. B. Searcy was requested to take up a collection for Foreign Missions after the 11 o'clock services on Sabbath.

On motion, took up a collection for building a church house at Pleasant Hill.

The Committee on Divine Service report that Eld. J. N. Acker preaches to-night at this church, and Eld. W. J. Walthall at Liberty church. Prayer, meeting at 9:30 a. m., to-morrow, conducted by S. J. Glass. Eld. J. B. Searcy preaches at 11 o'clock a. m., and Eld. W. A. Clark at 2 p. m.

On motion, adjourned till 8:30 o'clock on Monday morning.

SABBATH.

At 9:80 o'clock the brethren met at the church and engaged in a prayer meeting, conducted by Bro. S. J. Glass, which was edifying to all.

At 11 o'clock Eld. J. B. Searcy preached to a large and attentive audience. Text: 1st Corinthians III, 9. Theme: "The Mission of God's People in the World." Bro. Searcy handled this subject well, showing plainly from the Scriptures that we are to send the Gospel to foreign nations, and that we are called upon to contribute freely and willingly to the spread of the Gospel. At the close of the sermon, a public collection was taken up, and the amount of \$18.10 received.

At 2 o'clock Eld. W. A. Clark (editor of the Arkansas Baptist) preached from John v, 24. Theme: "Once Saved Always Saved." Bro. Clark's sermon was well arranged, delivered in much earnestness and feeling, and was heard by many with gladness of heart.

At night J. B. Searcy preached from Galatians iii, 26. Theme: "How We Are to Become the Children of God." The sermon was concise and pungent, and was delivered in his own characteristic style, and will not be forgotton soon by any who heard it.

Bro. Clark closed with some feeling remarks.

MONDAY MORNING.

The business of the Association was introduced by Moderator. Read the 103d Psalm. Prayer by Eld. J. B. Searcy.

Roll called and the names of absentees crased.

Call for reports of committees.

On motion, suspended the regular order of business and took up miscellaneous business.

Appointed the following-named brethren as delegates to the State Convention: Elds. J. B. Searcy and O. C. Kidd, J. N. Acker, R. H. Mitchell, J. J. Mays, G. W. Gatlin, H. J. Haynes. Appointed Eld. J. B. Searcy a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and Eld. A. W. Tiffin alternate.

Resumed the regular order of business.

On motion, R. H. Mitchel was elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. The Committee on Literature made their report, and after some good speeches by Eld. W. A. Clark and others, was adopted.

REPORT ON LITERATURE.

We, your Committee on Literature, beg leave to report: That first of all we recommend a careful investigation of God's Word; second, Arkansas

Baptist; third, the literature of the American Baptist Publication Society and such other books as may be had in the Arkansas Baptist Book house.

H. J. HAYNES, Chairman.

The Committee on Pastoral Support made their report, and, on motion, was adopted.

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

We, your Committee on Pastoral Support, beg leave to report: We think our churches have become too negligent on this subject. We would therefore recommend that the deacons be more urgent in calling on the members of their church to arouse them to their duty in supporting their pastor. Also that each pastor be requested to preach one sermon on the subject of Pastoral Support during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. ACKER,

J. G. PURIFOY.

The Committee on Ouachita College made their report, and after some good talks from Eld. J. B. Searcy and others, was adopted.

REPORT ON QUACHITA COLLEGE.

Your Committee on Ouachita College would report that this grand school has opened its fourth session under more favorable prospects than ever before. The elegant new building is now finished and occupied by Prof. Conger, and a large number of pupils have already been enrolled, with the word "still they come." We look to enroll over 800 pupils this session. There are fifteen active teachers now in the school, and it is, as it richly deserves to be, by far the most popular school in the State. But there is still a heavy debt on the building, which we as Baptists cannot afford to neglect. We urge that each Baptist in this Association pay something on this debt this fall.

Submbitted,

J. B. SEARCY, Chairman.

The Committee on Education made their report, and, after some good speeches, was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education would report that never in the history of our denomination was there so much attention given to this work, and never were the results so satisfactory. Baptists have often been taunted with the epithet, "Ignorance;" but it is a fact that to-day, not only our ministry, but our membership would not suffer in comparison with others, from the standpoint of intelligence. But as we claim to be the champions of the truth, we ought to take the lead in education. We believe that all that is necessary for plous people to appreciate our principles, is to have an intelligent knowledge of them. The more cultivated our ministry and membership, the more effectively they can advance our cause. We have at Arkadelphia by far the best school in the State, and we urge our people to send their sons and daughters there to be educated. We also encourage home schools.

J. B. SEARCY, Chairman.

The Committee on Documents made their report, and, on motion, was adopted.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

We, your committee on Documents, beg leave to submit the following report: Having carefully examined the letters from the various churches, we find that since the last session of this body 194 have been baptized, 163 received by letter and otherwise, and that 46 have been excluded, 109 dismissed by letter, and 11 have died; total membership 1801, which is an increase of 306 over that of last year. We find that the following churches report Sabbath schools: Bodcaw, Pleasant Grove No. 2, Providence No. 2, and Hope; aggregate enrollment 226. Six churches not represented, viz: Shady Grove No. 1, Union Grove, Providence No. 1, Melrose, and Mt. Nebo. Your committee are of the opinion that the consideration of the query sent from Shady Grove No. 2 is forbidden by the 4th Article of our Constitution, and we recommend, therefore, that we so answer that church. Respectfully submitted,

S. F. SHELL, E. S. CARTER,

J. N. SHERFIELD.

The Committee on Temperance made their report, and, after some good speeches from Bros. G. L. Webb and E. N. Daniel, was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance submit the following as a partial

report, feeling our utter inability (In the short time allotted us) to make a report, such as would do justice to this subject, or satisfy the members of this body: We believe temperance to be a total abstinence from the use of everything that tends to evil, and a moderate use of that which is good. Believing this to be the correct definition of the term, we do carnestly recommend its acceptance, particularly in the use of ardent spirits as a beverage. The Scriptures teach us to be temperate in all things, and to make known our moderation to all men. And as we consider strong drink to be the greatest curse known, we wish in this brief report to mention a few of the many evils entailed upon the human family by its use. causes the debasement of the mind, destroys health by engendering disease, is productive of the most abject poverty and shame; it fastens evil habits, and is the parent of ignorance, crime and disgrace; it makes brutal the husband and father, and miserable the wife and children. In the language of another: "It increases vice, pollutes society, corrupts morals, shortens life, and blots out the hope of Heaven." Yes, this monster destroys both body and soul, and as there is no tenable, middle way ground, Baptists should be found battling on the side of right-for God and for temperance. Therefore, in conclusion, we would admonish all the members of this Association to use every legitimate means to suppress its use, and would recommend that the churches of this Association be very strict in disciplining those who may taste, touch, or handle, the unclean thing.

Respectfully submitted,

O. G. Quinn, Chairman.

The Committee on Finance made their report, and, on motion, was adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following report: We find the following amounts sent up from the churches for the purposes

mentioned:

| For Minute | · | 949 | 06 | |
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| For Foreig | n Missions | 17 | 35 | |
| Total | 6 | 866 | 40 | |

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN NICHOLLS, Chairman.

The Committee on Foreign Missions made their report, and, on motion, was adopted.

REPORT ON FORKIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions would report that God by His providence "his set an open door before us and no one can shut it." The work of our missionaries have been very successful during the past year. Our missionary force been greatly increased of late, and the demand on us for funds with which to support these missionaries is very urgent. All who will are urged to send a contribution at once, while there is money In the country. We recommend a continuance of the plan adopted last Association, of having some brother in each church to canvass each member and try to get ten cents a piece for this work. Some can and ought to give five dollars each and others smaller amounts, but all ought to give something. Send the contribution to Eld: J. B. Searcy, Hope, Submitted, Ark.

O. C. Kidd, Chairman.

Names of those appointed to collect missionary funds in each church:

Antloch, J. B. Wilson.

Belleview, J. Purifoy.

Bethany, F. B. Garner.

Bethadia, E. S. Carter.

Bluff Springs, J. E. Dillard.

Bodcaw No. 1, N. A. Garner.

Bodcaw No. 2, W. G. Urrey.

Bois 'dArc, Henry Hanchey.

College Hill, J. R. Sullivant.

Corinth, B. F. May.

Falcon, J. S. Pelt.

Harmony, W. A. McKee.

Hope, Miss Susle Yates.

Macedonia, B. J. Drake.

Meirose, Zack Levins.

Missionary Grove, N. J. Sherfield.

Mt. Nebo, John Martin.

Mt. Oilve, P. J. Tidwell.

Mt. Piagah, E. N. Daniel.

Mt. Zion, B. H. Hannah.

New Salem, J. M. McGraw.

Pleasant Hill, W. O. Godley.

Pleasant Grove, No. 1, A. E. Adams.

Pleasant Gr. No. 2, G. N. Strange.

Providence No. 1, Henry Moses.

Providence No. 2, S. E. Acker.

Round Oak, W. R. Johnson.

Salem, Geo. Oliver.

Shady Grove No. 1, J. T. Pierce.

Shady Grove No. 2, J. J. Mays.

Shiloh, W. G. Davis.

Shover Springs, W. R. Story.

Union, S. T. Bailey.

Union Grove, A. J. Urrey.

White Oak Grove, J. J. Osteen.

The Committee on Destitution made their report, and, on motion, was adopted.

We, your Committee on Destitution, beg leave to report as follows: We find that we have considerable destitution in the bounds of this Association. This we think can be reached through the ministry, by the churches loosing the hands of the pastors and let them consecrate themselves to this work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. Mars, Chairman.

The committeee on Sabbath Schools made their report, and, on motion, was adopted.

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, would report as follows: We find the Sabbath School work in a lamentable condition; but few of the churches report Sabbath schools. Brethren, we are taught in the Scriptures to bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. This should begin at home; and then take them into the Sabbath school and prove to them that it is a good thing, and thus enlist them in the study of God's Word, which "is the power of God unto Salvation to every one that believeth." All of which is

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. TIPPIN, Chairman.

Call for reports of district meetings.

The first district meeting will hold its next meeting with

The 2nd district meeting of the Union Association will hold its next session with Union Grove Church on Friday, before the fifth Sabhath in August, 1890.

BUSINESS PROGRAM:

The introductory sermon to be preached by Eid. M. D. Armstrong; W. R. Story his alternate.

Essays:—On Temperance: R. H. Mitcheli. On the Duty of the Pastor to the church: W. H. Harris. On the Duty of Churches to their Pastor: A. F. Riley.

LECTURE-By Eld. J. N. Acker, on The Effect of Prayer.

C. T. WILSON, Clerk.

J. N. ACKER, Moderator.

The next session of the Union Association will be held with Shiloh Church, Columbia county, Ark., three miles northwest of Buckner station, commencing on Saturday before the first Sahbath in October, 1890. Eld. J. W. Erwin to preach the introductory sermon, and Eld. A. W. Tiffin his alternate. Eld. J. B. Searcy was appointed to preach a Missionary sermon on Sabbath at 11 o'clock; Eld. O. C. Kidd. alternate.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association be tendered to the brethren and citizens of Round Oak Church and vicinity for their generous hospitality during this Associaton.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to our Moderator for the efficient and impartial manner in which he has presided over this Association.

Resolved, That the Clerk be instructed to have one thousand copies of the minutes of this Association printed and distributed among the churches in accordance with the funds sent up by each church; and that he be allowed fifteen dollars for his services.

On motion, Eld. J. B. Searcy was appointed as a correspondent to the Southwestern Association, and Eld. W. J. Waithall and Bro. E. S. Carter as correspondents to the Judson Association.

On motion, adjourned to time and place specified. A parting hymn was sung, and the parting hand extended as we took leave of each other to return to our respective homes. Thus closed a pleasant and harmonious session of the Union Association.

Prayer by Eid. J. B. Searcy.

JAMES E. ASKEW, Moderator.

R. H. MITCHELL, Clerk.

REPORT OF CLERK AND TREASURER.

CLERK'S REPORT.

R. H. Mitchell, in account with Union Association:

To amount received from Finance Committee _______ \$49 05
By amount for his services _______ \$13 00
By am't for printing and distributing minutes ______ \$49 05

Total ______ \$49 05

TREASURER'S REPORT.

R. H. MITCHELL, Tressurer.

* NAMES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

- O. C. Kidd, Hope, Hempstead County, Arkansas.
 - W. R. Barham, Prescott, Nevada County, Arkansas.
 - A. Patterson, Chidester, Ouachita County, Arkansas.
- A. M. Tennison, Chidester, Ouschita County, Arkansas.
- J. W. Erwin, Laneburg, Nevada County, Arkansas.
- W. J. Walthall, Bluff City, Nevada County, Arkansas.
- M. D. Armstrong, Hope, Hempetead County, Arkansas.
- T. A. Middlebrook, Rosston, Nevada County, Arkansas.
- J. B. Searcy, Hope, Hempstead County, Arkansas.
- John Landes, Falcon, Nevada County, Arkansas.
- T. Howell, Prescott, Nevada County, Arkansas.
- R. H. White, Bodcaw, Nevada County, Arkansas.
 - E. W. Tong, Prescott, Nevada County, Arkansas.
 - A. W. Tiffin, Stephens, Ouachita County, Arkansas.

LICENTIATES.

- G. W. Baxley, Woodlawn, Ouachita County, Arkansas.
- W. J. Sexton, Woodlawn, Ouschita County, Arkansas.
- A. J. Meador, Bluff City, Nevada County, Arkansas.
- J. Purifoy, Chidester, Ouschita County, Arkansas.
- W. R. Story, Hope, Hempstead County, Arkansas.
- J. N. Sherfield, Prescott, Nevada County, Arkansas.
- James Wingfield, Prescott, Nevada County, Arkansas.
- C. T. Wilson, Hope, Hempstead County, Arkansas.
- C. J. Wallace, Hope, Hempstead County, Arkansas.
- E. Delaughter, Chidester, Ouachita County, Arkansas.
- S. J. Hesterly, Prescott, Nevada County, Arkansas.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- .1. Call for credentials.
- Election of Moderator and Clerk. 2.
- 3. Call for petitionary letters.
- 4. Invite visiting members to seats.
- 5. Appointment of committees.
- 6. Receive correspondence.
- 7. Return correspondence.
- 8. Call for report of committees.
- 9. Election of Treasurer.
- 10. Call for reports of district meetings.
- Appointment of a minister to preach the annual acraion. - 11.
 - Appointment of a person to superintend the printing of minutes. 12.
 - 13. Miscellaneous business.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1. We believe in the existence of one only living God, and that He has made Himself known to His people under the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence and divine in perfection.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New New Testament are

the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe that God hath chosen us in Christ Jesus, before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love, having predestined us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ.

4. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin.

5. We believe in man's inability to recover himself from his fallen state.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

8. We believe that true believers will be kept by the favor of God. and that they will never finally fall away.

9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are New Testament ordinances; that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances; that immersion only is Baptism, and that it is pre requisite to the privilege of the Lord's Supper.

10. We believe in the Ressurrection and the General Judgment.

11. We believe the punishment of the wicked and the joy of the righteous will be everlasting.

12. We believe that no person has the right to administer the ordinances except such as are called of God, as was Aaron, and come under the imposition of hands by a Presbytery, and in fellowship with the church of which he is a member.

.CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This union of churches shall be known and distinguished by the name and title of the Union Association of regular United Haptists.

- ART. 2. This Association shall be composed of messengers sent up by the churches belonging to the same, and each church be allowed three (3) representatives, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by their respective churches before they are allowed their seats.
- ART. 3. The messengers, when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body by the appointment of a Moderator and a Clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot, at each annual session, and shall continue in office until their successors are chosen.
- ART. 4: This union of churches shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which it is composed, but it shall regard them as independent bodies in all matters of internal government, and shall act as an advisory council, assuming no authority, except what is expressly delegated to it by the churches, or evidently implied by the very nature of the compact; nevertheless, this Association claims authority over its own members, the messengers from the churches, and the right to withdraw from any church when found heterodox in faith, or disorderly in practice.
- ART. 5: Any church of the same faith and order may be admitted into this Union by petitionary letter and messengers to the annual meeting, by said messengers agreeing with the Abstract of Principles as set forth by this body.
- ART. 6. The churches in this Union shall transmit to every annual session of the Association a written communication, specifying the names of their messengers, their number in fellowship, number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, ex-communicated, restored, or deceased, since the last session, and any other information that the churches may deem important.
- ART. 7. This Association shall, at each session, appoint a Treasurer, whose duty it shall be to hold all funds sent up by the churches, or otherwise collected, also to disburse them as ordered by the Association, and shall present annually for insertion in the Minutes a clear and succinct statement of all the receipts and expenditures.
- ART 8. This Association shall furnish the churches with the Minutes of each session.
- ART. 9. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Association to keep a regular file of the printed Minutes of each session of this day, and deliver the same to his successor in office.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. When the Messengers of the several churches shall assemble at the

place appointed for the session of the Association, the Moderator shall open the business by praise and prayer, in person or by proxy. If the Moderator or Clerk be absent, the Association shall appoint one pro tem.

- 2. Immediately after the opening of the session the church letters shall be read by persons whom the Moderator shall appoint, and the names of the Messengers enrolled by the Clerk.
- 3. When the Messengers' names are enrolled and called by the Clerk, the Association shall then elect by ballot a Moderator and Clerk, a majority of votes governing the election.
- 4. All motions and amendments to motions must be seconded before they are entertained by the Moderator. When motions for amendments to motions are made the last one made shall be first in order, and so on in inverse order to the original motion, but the mover may, at any time, withdraw his motion.
- 5. Any person wishing to make a motion, or to speak on any matter before the Association, shall rise to his feet and respectfully address the Moderator. If he be in order, the Moderator shall signify the same by calling the name of the person so rising, or otherwise, and no one, thus in in order, shall be interrupted while in speaking unless he depart from the subject, or use personal reflection, nor shall any member speak more than twice on the same subject without leave from the Moderator, except to explain some of his preceding remarks.
- 6. Whenever sufficient time has been allowed for the discussion of any subject before the Association, the Moderator shall take the vote of the Association, and declare the result, the majority governing in all cases.
- 7. No member shall vacate his seat without the consent of the Moderator, while the body is sitting.
- 8. When one member shall speak to or of another he shall call him "brother."
- 9. The Moderator shall have the names of the Messengers called whenever it may be necessary.
- 10. The Moderator may speak on matters of debate as other members by calling one to fill his seat while speaking, but not until others have spoken, who may desire to speak.
- 11. The Moderator may invite visiting ministers, in good order, to seats in council, who may speak but not vote.
- 12. The Moderator shall be the judge of order, subject to an appeal to the Association.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE CHURCHES OF THE UNION ASSOCIATION.

| Contributions Forga Mission Sunday School. Days of Meet'g. |
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| Contributions for Minutes. |
| Membership. |
| Ived. |
| Denlined. |
| Restored. |
| Reed by Lett's. |
| Baptisms. |
| POSTOFFICE. |
| M REMOVER NO SERVE. |
| CERRES. |
| PASTORS. |
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*Reported from last year.