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Proceedings

—OF THE—

Twenty-third Annual Session

—OF THE—

Trace Ridge Association
Of Missionary Baptists

—HELD WITH—

PLEASANT VALLEY CHURCH
Seurey County, Ark., Sept. 21 to 23, 1912

Officers:

ELD. J. R. PENNINGTON, Moderator
ELD. M. B. McENTIRE, Clerk
BRO. W. J. CAID, Treasurer

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PROCEEDINGS TRACE RIDGE ASSOCIATION

The messengers of the churches composing the Trace Ridge Association of Missionary Baptists met with Pleasant Valley Church, Searcy County, Arkansas, September 21, 1912. The Moderator not being present, the body was called to order by the Clerk. Eld. J. Kimbell was appointed Moderator pro tem. Was led in prayer by Eld. T. C. Ford.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. C. T. Cotton, from Judges 7:21.

Letters were called for and read by Brethren A. M. Kimbrell and L. S. Cotton from the following churches:

PLEASANT VALLEY—James K. Oneal, J. W. Kimbrell, J. D. Duncan.

LIBERTY—W. F. Hefner, W. P. Thornton, W. A. Dale.

SNOWBALL—T. E. Jones, P. C. Turney.

MOUNT NEBO—M. C. Ragland.

PLEASANT EXCHANGE—J. P. Ford, W. A. Sanders, J. L. Luna.

MOUNT PLEASANT—C. T. Cotton.

BURR OAK—J. R. Pennington.

PILGRIM'S REST—W. J. Caid, S. Maynard, W. M. Gifford.

ZIONS LIGHT—H. A. McEntire.

Called for Petitionary Letters. Received Fairview with Eld. John Kimbell messenger, and Shady Grove, with W. A. McEntire messenger.

Other statistical letters were handed in later as follows:

SALEM—A. Roten, W. B. Davenport.

PLEASANT HILL NO. 1—J. F. Walker.

PLEASANT GROVE—W. G. Oneal, J. M. Wilbanks.

Went into permanent organization by electing Eld. J. R. Pennington Moderator; Eld. M. B. McEntire Clerk; Bro. W. J. Caid, Treasurer.

The body was then led in prayer for the guidance of the Spirit by Eld. H. A. McEntire.

A Devotional Committee was appointed as follows: W. J. Caid, I. E. Jones, J. K. Oneal, J. D. Duncan and A. F. McClung.

On motion took recess to 2 o'clock p. m. Prayer by J. R. Pennington.

EVENING SESSION.

Met again at 2 o'clock p. m. Prayer by Bro. T. E. Jones.

Invitation given for visiting brethren. Eld. J. H. Wade of Leslie; Eld. Tom C. Ford, Bee Branch, were received and seated in our body and rendered us much service.

Appointment of Committees.

DESTITUTION—T. E. Jones, P. C. Turney.
ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS—John Kimbell, M. B. McEntire, J. D. Duncan.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—A. Roten, C. P. Cotton, W. F. Hefner.

ORPHANS' HOME—H. A. McEntire, M. C. Ragland, M. B. Thomas.

PASTORAL SUPPORT—C. T. Cotton, W. A. McEntire, W. A. Sanders.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—J. H. Wade, J. P. Ford, W. B. Davenport.

PUBLICATION—Thos. C. Ford, J. K. Oneal, W. M. Gifford.

OBITUARIES—C. S. Maynard, F. Cotton, J. L. Luna.

PROHIBITION—J. Kimbell, W. J. Caid, W. A. Dale.

FINANCE—L. S. Cotton, A. M. Kimbrell, J. W. Kimbrell.

RESOLUTIONS—W. J. Caid, C. T. Cotton, W. A. Sanders.

Called for correspondence. None present.

Arranged correspondence as follows:

UNITED ASSOCIATION—M. B. McEntire, W. J. Caid.

BLUE MOUNTAIN—John Kimbell to correspond by letter.

CROOKED CREEK—John Kimbell.

On motion the Sunday school report was set for Sunday morning at 9 o'clock

On motion adjourned to Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by J. K. Oneal.

SUNDAY MORNING 9 O'CLOCK.

Song, "How Firm a Foundation." Prayer by J. R. Pennington.

The report on Sunday Schools was read and spoken to by H. A. McEntire, A. Roten, W. A. McEntire, T. C.

Ford, W. J. Caid, M. B. McEntire, J. Kimbell, J. P. Ford, after which it was unanimously adopted. Took recess for preaching.

The stand was filled at 11 o'clock by Eld. J. H. Wade — subject, The Commission. A public collection was taken for the completion of Pleasant Valley church house, amounting to \$8.15.

Took recess to 3 o'clock p. m. Prayer by H. A. McEntire.

SUNDAY EVENING.

Met at 3 p. m. Prayer by T. C. Duncan.

The report on Prohibition was read and spoken to by H. A. McEntire, John Kimbell, T. C. Ford, M. B. McEntire, A. Roten, S. Yonce, J. R. Pennington and probably others. We failed to get their names. The report was unanimously adopted.

On motion adjourned to Monday morning, 8 o'clock. Prayer by John Kimbell.

MONDAY MORNING.

Met at 8 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by the Moderator.

Read and corrected minutes of Saturday's and Sunday's meetings.

Called for report of Committee on Associational Missions. Report read. Spoken to by John Kimbell, M. B. McEntire, T. C. Ford, S. Yonce, W. J. Caid. The report is as follows:

Dear Brethren:

There being so much destitution in our bounds, and having no system whereby we can supply same, we urge this body to appoint a committee to elect a missionary out of those set apart by their churches, and that this body pay such missionary through her treasurer or direct as you may choose, and that the missionary take collections on the field to be applied on his salary, and we further advise a committee, one from each church, to take collections in their churches and send to W. J. Caid, our Treasurer, to pay our missionary, and that we pay our missionary \$2.00 per day for actual service.

JOHN KIMBELL, Chairman.

The Committee is as follows: W. J. Caid, J. K. O'Neil, A. Roten, M. C. Ragland, T. E. Jones, John Kim-

bell, J. M. Wilbanks, W. F. Hefner, W. A. Sanders, J. F. Walker, J. H. Whisenant, J. W. Ferguson, W. S. Moore, W. A. McEntire.

This committee met Monday evening and elected Eld. J. R. Pennington missionary, and he accepted the work, and the following amounts were pledged for his support: W. J. Cald, \$10, for Pilgrim's Rest Church; T. E. Jones, \$10, for Snow Ball Church; John Kimbell, \$10, for Fairview Church; J. K. Oneal, \$10, for Pleasant Valley Church; M. B. McEntire, \$5, for Liberty Church; W. B. Davenport, \$5, for Salem Church; W. G. Oneal, \$2.50, for Pleasant Grove Church. Total, \$52.50.

Took recess for preaching.

MONDAY EVENING, 3 O'CLOCK.

Met at 3 o'clock. Prayer by J. P. Ford.

The report on Associational Missions was adopted.

Called for the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions. Read and adopted as follows:

Our Savior just before he left the world sent men and said to them, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," and as this is the Lord's command, we urge this association to observe and carry into effect this work as it is the duty of the churches to do so.

J. H. WADE, Chairman.

The report on Destitution was read and adopted as follows:

We find a large amount of destitution in our bounds as follows: Dongola, Denmark, Richland and other places, and we urge this Association to take steps to supply same with Baptist preaching.

S. YONCE, Chairman.

The report on Orphans' Home was read and adopted as follows:

We recommend our Home at Texarkana, Ark., and urge our pastors to present the needs of the Home to their churches and that each church and Sunday school take monthly or quarterly collections and send to our Treasurer, J. W. Sims, Marvel, Ark.

H. A. McENTIRE, Chairman.

The report on Ministerial Education was read and adopted as follows:

We believe that the ministry should be educated and thoroughly conversant with God's word, and that

they should acquaint themselves with the different points of doctrine that will distinguish them from all other denominations, and if led by the Spirit go to some good Baptist school, and if need be helped by the churches that he may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

S. YONCE, Chairman.

The report on Pastoral Support was read and adopted as follows:

We find in the bounds of this Association that the churches have failed to support their pastors, and we advise the churches to be more liberal in this work, as the Lord has ordained that they that preach the gospel shall live of the gospel.

C. T. COTTON, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Finance was read and adopted as follows:

received from the churches for Minutes	\$14 05
Public collection for Minutes.....	95

Total for Minutes.....	\$15 00
For Orphans Home.....	\$ 5 85

A. M. KIMBRELL, Chairman.

The report of Committee on Obituaries was read and adopted as follows:

We find that God in his wisdom and mercy has called from us the past year the following brethren and sisters: Pleasant Hill—E. M. Bell; Pilgrim's Rest—Alfred Box; Liberty—Abbie Hensley; Snow Ball—Sister Longrier; Elberta—Mary L. Wilson; Pleasant Valley—Eldoria McClung; Mount Nebo—Viola Brown; Zion's Light—J. H. Myatt; (and others whose names are not given).

C. S. MAYNORD, Chairman

On motion the Finance Committee was ordered to turn the money over to Treasurer, taking his receipt for same.

The report on Prohibition was adopted yesterday (Sunday) as follows:

We see, dear brethren, the ever growing evils of strong drink. We believe it to be the greatest curse of our nation. We therefore urge every one of our members to do all they can, by praying, talking, voting for State-wide Prohibition, and we urge our churches to rise up in a great crusade against the making, selling or using in any way strong drink. We urge each local church to send a petition to Congress, requesting that

they amend the Interstate Commerce law so that it cannot be shipped into our great State. And as Noah prepared the ark by faith, let us start this crusade by faith, and we believe God will give us victory.

JOHN KIMBELL, Chairman.

The report on Sunday School adopted yesterday morning (Sunday) is as follows:

While the Sunday School has done a great work under God in teaching the Bible and preparing the hearts of the young for the reception of the Gospel, yet there remains much to be done. We would advise that every church maintain an evergreen Sunday School and make a united effort to enlist all our people in this grand work.

A. ROTEN, Chairman.

The report of Committee on Publication was read and adopted as follows:

To all desiring a godly literature we recommend first the Holy Bible, together with such papers as The Arkansas Baptist, the Baptist Flag and the literature of the Landmark Sunday School Concern of Little Rock, Ark.

WILLIE GIFFORD, Chairman.

Motion made and carried unanimously that the next session be held with Zion's Light Church, Searcy County, Ark., commencing Saturday (10 o'clock a. m.) before the fourth Sunday in September, 1913. Eld. M. B. McEntire was elected to preach the introductory sermon on Saturday at 10 a. m. Eld. J. R. Pennington, alternate.

RESOLUTION NO. 1.—Resolved, That the Treasurer turn over the Minute fund to the Clerk and that he print and mail as many minutes to churches as money will pay for, after deducting \$5.00 for his services.

T. E. JONES, Chairman.

On motion the money in our Treasurer's hands for the Orphans Home was sent to J. W. Sams, Marvell, Ark., Treasurer of the Home.

The Devotional Committee did not hand us any report, but will give it as best we can from memory.—(Clerk.)

Saturday at 10 o'clock, C. T. Cotton.

Saturday at 11 o'clock, Thos. C. Ford.

Sunday at 11 o'clock, Dr. John H. Wade.

Sunday night, John Kimbell.

Monday at 11 o'clock, S. Yonce.

Monday night, Thos. C. Ford.

RESOLUTION NO. 2.—Resolved, That we tender our thanks to Pleasant Valley Church and community for their kindness shown us during the session of this body.

M. B. McENTIRE, Chairman.

On motion, adjourned to meet at time and place above mentioned. Prayer by M. C. Ragland. Thus closed one of most interesting sessions our Association has ever held.

ELD. J. R. PENNINGTON, Moderator.

ELD. M. B. McENTIRE, Clerk.

STATISTICS.

BURR OAK—Pastor, J. R. Pennington; Clerk, J. H. Whisenant, Snow Ball, Ark. Received by letter, 4; total members, 27; for minutes, \$1.00.

FAIRVIEW—Pastor, John Kimbell; Clerk, W. J. Garrison, Marshall, Ark. Total members, 14.

MOUNT PLEASANT—Pastor, C. T. Cotton; Clerk, M. B. Thomas, Leslie, Ark. Died, 1; total members, 33; for minutes, 85 cents.

SNOW BALL—Pastor, D. B. Ford; Clerk, P. C. Turney, Snow Ball, Ark. Paid to Pastor, \$16.00, for minutes, \$1.45. Total members, 98. For Orphans' Home, \$1.25.

LIBERTY—Pastor, S. E. Patton; Clerk, C. B. Hefner; P. O., Murillo, Ark. Dismissed by letter, 2; dropped from roll, 8; died, 1; total, 47. For Minutes, \$1.00. Paid to pastor, \$19.05.

MOUNT NEBO—Pastor, A. L. Treadwell; Clerk, Thos. Etherly. Died, 1; excluded, 2; dismissed by letter, 7; total members, 27. For minutes, \$1.00; P. O., Marshall, Ark.

PLEASANT GROVE—Pastor, M. B. McEntire; Clerk, J. M. Wilbanks; P. O., Una, Ark. For minutes \$1.00. Received by baptism, 4; excluded, 5; total members, 33. Paid to pastor, \$1.85.

PLEASANT EXCHANGE—Pastor, M. B. McEntire; Clerk, W. A. Sanders; P. O. Watts, Ark. Received by letter, 2; total members, 17. Paid to pastor, \$3.10.

SALEM—Pastor, S. E. Patton; Clerk, A. Roten; P. O., Retreat, Ark. Received by baptism, 1; by letter, 3; dismissed by letter, 8; excluded, 1; total, 96. Paid to pastor, \$43.50; for minutes, \$1.00. Number in

Sunday School, 75.

PILGRIM'S REST—Pastor, Thos. Wilson; Clerk, W. L. Raines; P. O., Leslie, Ark. Received by baptism, 1; by letter, 1; died, 1; total 39. Paid to pastor, \$10.00; for minutes, \$1.00.

PLEASANT HILL—Pastor, M. B. McEntire; Clerk, C. M. Church; P. O., Nogo, Ark. Received by baptism, 14; received by letter, 4; died, 1; total members, 62; paid to pastor, \$19.50; minute fund, 75 cts.

PLEASANT VALLEY—Pastor, M. B. McEntire; Clerk, A. M. Kimbrell; P. O., Watts, Ark. Received by baptism, 1; by letter, 1; died, 1; total members, 31. Minute fund, \$1.50; paid to pastor, \$9.75.

SHADY GROVE—Pastor, H. A. McEntire; Clerk, W. A. McEntire; P. O., St. Joe, Ark. Total members, 36. Minute fund, 50 cents.

ZION'S LIGHT—Pastor, H. A. McEntire; Clerk, W. S. Moore; P. O., Gilbert, Ark. Received by baptism, 12. For minutes, \$1.50.