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### PROCEEDINGS.

THE UNITED BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, met at 11 o'clock a. m.; the Moderator and Clerk being present.

The appointee to preach the introductory sermon being absent, Elder Thos. Moody was requested to occupy the stand. Text, Gal. 2:20.

The house was called to order soon after preaching, and visiting brethren of sister Associations were invited to seats.

Letters from the churches were called for. Brethren Thos. Moody and A. R. Robinson were appointed to read, and messenger's names were enrolled. [See Table.]

The regular order of business was suspended and petitionary letters were called for, when Cleveland church was received.

Permanent organization of the body being next in order, Eldrs. J. K. Brandaway and J. A. Johnson were elected moderator and clerk in the order of their names, and E. A. Woolverton, treasurer.

Adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock p. m. Prayer by Bro. Gillam.

6 o'clock p. m.—Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. Jones.

Called for correspondence. Elders Thos. Moody, J. A. Meyers and W. Gillam were present from the Russellville Association and Elder B. Edwards from the Pee Dee, and took seats with the body.

The Moderator then proceeded to appoint the following committees:

FOREIGN MISSIONS:—B. H. Bearden, W. J. Simms, J. G. Dickerson.

HOME MISSIONS:—J. Mayall, J. M. W. Massengill, G. L. Wright.

SABBATH SCHOOLS:—J. A. Johnson, J. T. Baker and J. J. George.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION:—S. V. Poter, Jas. Reed, H. H. Russell.

PUBLICATIONS:—E. A. Woolverton, J. H. Lockhart and F. Earnest.

TEMPERANCE:—W. H. Brewer, G. W. Quattlebaum, J. C. Powell.

FINANCE:—Wm. McCaslin, B. F. Jones and B. F. Barnes.

Appointed correspondents to the following bodies:

To the Greenbrier Association, J. K. Braudaway and J. Mayall.

Red River, H. H. Russell and J. T. Baker.

Russellville, B. H. Bearden and E. A. Woolverton.

Saline, J. A. Johnson, B. F. Melton and P. Melton.

State Convention, J. K. Braudaway.

Adjourned till 8 o'clock to-morrow morning, prayer led by Bro. Russell.

The stand was occupied at candle-lighting by Bro. Braudaway, followed by Bro. Gillam. Text, Titus, 2:1.

#### SATURDAY.

Met at 8:30 o'clock, a. m.—Prayer led by Bro. Meyers.

On motion a committee was appointed to examine and report upon queries. Brethren Moody, Parks, Compton and Meyers, committee.

Called for report of committee on Home Missions. Report read and discussed at some length and adopted. [See Appendix "A."]

Adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m., prayer led by Bro. Moody.

Preaching at 11 o'clock a. m., by Bro. Meyers, followed by Brother Bearden. Text, Rom., 1:16.

2 o'clock p. m.—Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Brother Bearden.

The moderator being absent, Elder B. H. Bearden was elected moderator pro tem.

On motion a committee was appointed to suggest plans by which the mission work may be carried on in our bounds. Woolverton, Leslie and Wright, committee.

Called for report of committee on Foreign Missions. Pending the discussion of the report, Bro. Moody took up a collection for Foreign Missions, amounting to \$4.40. Report adopted. [See Appendix "B."]

Report on Sabbath Schools adopted without being discussed. [See Appendix "C."]

Report on Ministerial Education read, discussed and adopted. [See Appendix "D."]

Report on Publications was read, amended and adopted. [See Appendix "E."]

Heard the report of special committee on plans for mission work in our bounds, which was adopted, and committee discharged. [See Appendix "H."]

Adopted the report on Finance. [See Appendix "G."]

On motion the amount—\$2—sent up by the churches for Foreign Missions, together with the amount collected to-day—\$4.40—be paid over to Bro. Mayall, to help pay pledges made by him at the last State Convention.

The committee on queries reported:

Query No. 1.—Has a church the right to extend an arm to any point for the purpose of receiving members and to transact other business for the church?

Answer--It is the sense of this body that a church may meet at any point she may select, for the transaction of any business.

Pee Dee church, at her request, was granted a letter of dismission.

A motion prevailed to adjourn till 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The stand was occupied at night by Bro. Gillam, followed by Bro. Leslie. Text, Luke, 16:3.

#### SPECIAL SESSION.

The body was called to order after services closed, for the purpose of hearing the report of the Executive Board. Bro. E. A. Woolverton read the report, which, after being discussed, was adopted and board released. [See Appendix "I."]

#### SABBATH EXERCISES.

The large audience was ably and profitably entertained at 9 a. m. by Brethren Meyers and Gillam; at 11 a. m. the Mission sermon was preached by Bro. Mayall. Text, John, 5:7.

A collection was taken up, raising the fund for Foreign Mission to \$7.45, and State Missions, \$1.40.

Bro. Moody preached at candle-lighting, followed by Bro. Russell. Theme, Jesus only.

#### MONDAY,

Met at 8:30 a. m. Prayer by Bro. Mayall.

Elected an Executive Board, composed of Brethren Simms, Wright, Mayall and Sugg.

Agreed to hold the next session of this Association with the Mount Moriah church, beginning on Saturday before the second Sabbath in September, 1886.

Elected Elder H. H. Bearden to preach the commencement sermon, Elder H. H. Russell, alternate; Elder J. K. Braudaway to preach the mission sermon, Elder W. A. Hutto, alternate.

Bro. E. A. Woolverton offered the following, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the churches be requested to take up collections for Associational Missions and report the amounts raised to the chairman of the Executive Board, by the fifth Sabbath in November.

A series of resolutions were sent to this body for examination, by District Meeting, No. 1, with the request that they be adopted and spread on the minutes. They were, in substance, as follows:

That every church member be requested to lay by of their income, as the Lord prospers them, for the support of the ministry, and that the same be paid to the church clerk monthly, to be kept in the treasury until disbursed by the church, and a report of the same made to the Association annually.

Another resolution was sent by the same body, advising the churches to continue to practice inter-communion, according to the old form. These resolutions were discussed and adopted, and ordered inserted in the minutes.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes, and that he retain eight (\$8.00) dollars for his services. Adopted.

E. A. WOOLVERTON.

On motion adjourned to meet again immediately after preaching. Prayer by W. W. Reed.

The stand was occupied at 11 a. m. by Elder B. H. Bearden.

The Association was called to order after services closed, when the following resolution was offered and adopted:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to the members of Mountain View church, and the citizens of this vicinity, for the kindness shown us during the present session.

J. A. JOHNSON.

The report on Temperance was read and adopted. [See Ap'x. "F."] Called the roll and marked absentees. The minutes were read and adopted.

On motion, adjourned. A hymn was sung and the parting had given. Prayer led by W. W. Reed.

J. A. JOHNSON, Clerk.

B. H. BEARDEN, Moderator.

## APPENDIX.

*Report*

### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

*Issue*

A—Your committee beg leave to report that in no ~~State~~ in the South is missionary work more needed, or praiseworthy a more ample harvest than in Arkansas. The Baptists of this state have done well for the last two years, but the forty or fifty thousand Baptists are able to do more if we would have a systematic plan by which to work, and remember our interists as Baptists. Our State Board needs help, and we should contribute of our means for the carrying on of this work. We would ask that this body look into the mission work of this Association. Brethren, remember that God holds us responsible for the cultivation of this field. Let us look at the destitution in our bounds and try to arrange some plan to do more than to just talk about it. May God implant in us a greater determination to do more for His cause at home. Brethren, let us all arise to the help of the Lord and he will bless us. Let us devise some plan by which to work now.

J. MAYALL, Chairman.

### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

B—Your committee report the following: There are millions of souls in foreign lands without the gospel of the Son of God, who, for lack of knowledge concerning the will of God to man, bow to images of wood and stone. There are millions of others cursed with the errors of Romanism. Believing that these people, if saved at all, must be saved through the preaching of the gospel of Christ; and believing that much good has been, and may yet be accomplished by foreign mission work; Therefore, we recommend that all possible aid be extended to the support of foreign mission effort. This subject, brethren, demands our most thoughtful consideration. Think of the multiplied numbers of human beings annually launched into eternity without even having heard a gospel sermon. We would recommend that the churches take up a collection at least once a quarter, and send the amount to the foreign mission Secretary of the State Convention. Submitted.

B. H. BEARDEN, Chairman.

### REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

C—The history of the past furnishes abundant proof that young people who are brought up in the Sabbath Schools are converted, as a

rule, earlier than those who are not. They also make more efficient church members, better Sunday School officers and teachers, and better citizens. As parents are responsible for the way they bring up their children, we fail to see how they can manifest so much indifference on this subject. It is too much the custom with Baptist parents to spend their Sabbaths visiting their friends or going to the meetings of some one, or more of the so-called churches of the day; and, worst of all, taking their children with them, where they have opportunities of hearing the word of God misrepresented, and thus while young, the seeds of error are being sown in their minds, which will, in time, yield a bountiful harvest. Many other children are allowed to spend their time in roaming from place to place in the neighborhood, and, in this way, come in contact with wicked associates and learn more bad habits in one day than can be talked out of them, perhaps in a whole year. It cheers us to look forward to the time when Baptist parents will not look upon it as a sacrifice of their privileges, nor a burden to them to take their children to the Sabbath School. There are so many errors being taught, that, unless the minds of the young are well stored with the "inestimable pearls of sacred truth," that we need not be surprised if some are overcome by them. We recommend, therefore, that this body pay more attention to this subject, and collect and publish annually, complete statistics of all the schools on her bounds.

J. A. JOHNSON, Chairman.

#### REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

D—We regard the subject as being of the greatest importance. To preach, means to teach, and in order to teach, one must understand what he is teaching. Our teachers in Zion, then, should be thoroughly equipped. They must be able to meet Infidelity in all its forms, to contend against error, let it come from whence it may. In order to do this successfully, it is highly important that they be educated. Your committee would, therefore, recommend that this Association take such steps as shall render substantial aid to such pious young men as give evidence of a call to the ministry. Submitted.

S. V. POTTER, Chairman.

#### REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

E—Your committee submit the following: That God's word is the light of the christian's path, and we believe the reading of the Bible will make more sound Baptists than all the Sectarian books together. We recommend, therefore, that Baptists read studiously and often, God's HOLY WORD; and we further recommend our state paper, "The Arkansas Evangel," to be taken and read by every Baptist family in the bounds of this Association. Respectfully submitted.

E. A. WOOLVERTON, Chairman.

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

F—We feel thankful for the achievements that have been made in the way of temperance among the Baptists of Arkansas. Not only should we abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, but strive to remove its influence from among our children and the youths of our land. Seeing the influence of intoxication, we feel impressed with its evils, and recommend to our members and ministers that they do every thing in their power to drive intemperance from among us.

W. H. BREWER, Chairman.



## REPORT ON FINANCE.

G—Your committee submit the following report: Received for printing minutes, \$18; received for foreign missions, \$2; received for home missions, \$2. Total, \$22.00. Respectfully submitted.

WM. McCASLIN, Chairman.

## REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

H—Your committee to whom was referred the subject of devising plans by which to carry on the missionary work in the bounds of our Association, submit our report as follows: That the Association be divided into three missionary districts, Searey county being the first, Van Buran the second and Conway the third; and we further recommend that there be a preaching station at or near Leslie's store in the first district, one in the Gulf country in the second and one at Minyard's mill in the third; that these stations be supplied with preaching at least once a month, and that an attempt be made to organize churches at said stations as soon as practicable. Submitted.

E. A. WOOLVERTON, Chairman.

## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

I—At our last session there was a joint Stock Company formed for the purpose of paying a missionary for the present year. The Board, on the promise of said company, employed Rev. E. Sosebee to travel as missionary in this Association for the year, at a salary of \$250. The Board collected and paid Rev. Sosebee \$12.40. On the 26th day of January last, Bro. Sosebee resigned, stating that he would not accept any more than what he had already received for services done. Since that time we have had no missionary in the field. Submitted.

G. L. WRIGHT, Chairman.

## LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

B. H. Bearden, Solgohachie; J. K. Brandaway, Cleveland; G. W. Ford, Plummerville; W. A. Hutto, Bee Branch; J. A. Johnson, Houston; J. W. S. Leslie, Marshall; J. Mayall, Lick Mountain; T. Natt, Cleveland; James Reed, W. W. Reed, Center Ridge; H. H. Russell, M. Stracener, Bee Branch; B. M. Stephens, Springfield.

## LICENTIATES.

B. F. Barner, Scotland.

T. C. Ford, Clinton.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAME OF CHURCH.	Pastor.	Messengers.	Clerk.	Postoffice.	Restored	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Excluded	Dismissed by Letter	Total Membership	Am't. for Minutes
Antioch	J K Braudaway	3 B F Barnes, B F Jones, Wm McCaslin	Sugg	Scotland		5	2	1	1	366	\$1.15
Canaan	J W Leslie	3 J W S Leslie, R T Parks, J H Horton, Wright	Ledbetter	Marshall		1	1	3	1	49	1.50
Cedar Creek	B M Stephens	J H Lockhart, J C Powell, John Simms	Simms	Springfield		5	3			46	1.20
Cleveland		J K Braudaway, J G Dickson, Wm Chronisler	Dickson	Cleveland							1.50
De Soto	W S Leslie	1 W S Moore	Moore	Marshall		3	2	1		24	1.00
Friendship		B H Bearden, S V Poteet		Solgochachio	1	16	2	2		138	1.50
Lone Grove	W J Gillam	2 J H Ridling	Ridling		3	6	2	2		28	.85
Mt Moriah	H H Russell	1 H H Russell, G W Quattlebaum, L F Daniel	Leslie	Bee Branch		3	9		2	970	1.50
Mt Pleasant		3 S A Trout, J A Johnson	Trout	Plummerville			2			18	
Mt View		W H Brewer, J R Dockins, E A Woolverton	Brewer	Center Ridge		2				31	1.50
Pee Dee	Denney	D E Burnett	Dowdy	Clinton		2	6	2		25	
Pleasant Hill	W W Reed	W W Reed, James Reed	Melton	Lick Mountain			4			22	1.00
Pleasant Sp.		G L Wright, J Howitt, J J George	Wright	Springfield			3		1	44	1.00
Sardis	J K Braudaway	3 J W M Massengill, P Earnest	Massingill	Hattiesville		19	3	1	1	1157	1.60
Smyrna				Rondo						32	
Sunny Side	J Mayall	4 J Mayall, W J Simms, B F Melton	Simms	Lick Mountain		2	3			17	.75
Union Hill	H H Russell	4 J J Martin	Presson			17	6		1	242	.75
Valley Home				Center Ridge						21	
Witt Springs	H N Rackley	1 W A Compton, L E Cherry		Witt Springs		3	2	3	1	240	1.20

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Amount received for Home Missions, De Soto \$2.00; for Foreign Missions, Canaan \$1.00, Pleasant Springs \$1.00, \$2.00.