

MINUTES

OF THE

NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

CONCORD

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

—OF—

WESTERN : ARKANSAS, :

HELD WITH

HOPEWELL CHURCH,

LOGAN CO., ARK.,

OCTOBER 19, 20, 21, & 22, 1889.

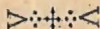
OFFICERS.

E. F. PATTERSON, Moderator; H. N. SMITH, Clerk;
B. D. BARNES, Treasurer.

Next Session to be held at a time and place designated by a joint committee appointed by the two wings of this Association, of which time and place each church will receive due notice.

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MINUTES.



The nineteenth annual session of the Concord Association of Western Arkansas convened with Hopewell Church on Saturday, Oct. 19, 1889.

The Moderator, J. N. Pennington, present and presiding. After singing and prayer, J. J. Holland preached the Introductory sermon from 1st Cor., 3:11-15. He was followed by J. W. Miller. Adjourned for refreshments.

Re-assembled at 2 o'clock P. M. The Moderator read the 116th Psalm. W. B. Herndon offered prayer. J. J. Holland, James Edmondson, and W. B. Herndon were appointed to read the letters from the churches.

The following churches presented petitionary letters and were received into this body:—Huntington, Center Ridge, New Home, and Pleasant Grove No. 3. Rock Creek church, though its letter did not arrive, was represented by B. F. Haddock.

PREACHING COMMITTEE:—The Deacons of Hopewell church, B. D. Barnes, M. Q. Workman and J. W. Condry. On motion J. N. Pennington was made chairman of this committee.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were:

L. F. PATTERSON, Moderator;

H. N. SMITH, Clerk;

B. D. BARNES, Treasurer.

On motion the regular order of business was sus-

pended and a letter from the chairman of a committee appointed by the other branch of this Association, with resolutions from that body, tending to the re-union of the two branches, were read and a committee of five was appointed, by motion of W. L. Compere, to confer with a like committee from that body, and to report back to this body during this session.

On motion of J. J. Holland the above was amended as follows: That our committee be not interdicted, but that they be authorized to discuss any facts which brought about the disunion. The committee consisted of the following brethren: L. F. Patterson, J. N. Pennington, R. P. Claborn, W. B. Herndon and J. S. Mitchell.

The preaching committee made the following report: Preaching to-night at Hopewell by J. H. Blaylock, followed by J. T. Matthews; at Carolan's by I. N. Briggs, followed by R. M. Evans. It was agreed that the Moderator appoint the same committees recommended last session, and also a committee on Ministerial support.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM

SHORT MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION, C. L. Alexander.

OUACHITA ASSOCIATION, E. L. Compere, I. N. Briggs.

DARDANELLE, " J. H. Blaylock.

SEATED AS VISITORS, J. T. Matthews, A. H. Autry, H. N. Bean.

Adjourned. Prayer by Jas. Edmondson. Benediction by C. L. Alexander.

At night J. H. Blaylock preached at Hopewell on the subject of Ordination, followed by J. T. Matthews.

SUNDAY, OCT. 20, 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer meeting by J. W. Miller. 11 o'clock services opened with reading, singing and prayer. L. F. Patterson preached the Missionary sermon from Luke 24:47.

The Preaching committee made the following report: Preaching at 3 o'clock P. M. by A. H. Autry, followed by P. C. Mays.

To-night at the Carolan School house, by J. H. York, followed by B. F. Haddock. At Hopewell, by R. P. Claborne, followed by W. D. Looper. At Union grove, by J. T. Matthews, followed by P. C. Mays and A. H. Antry. At the Goff School house, by A. G. Patterson and L. T. Hale. Tomorrow at 11 o'clock, by J. H. Blaylock, on the subject of Communion.

MONDAY, OCT. 21, 8:30 . M.

Association called to order by the Moderator. When he had read the morning lesson, M. Q. Workman offered prayer. Brethren S. Goforth and R. C. Cook were seated as visitors. The minutes of Saturday were read, corrected and approved.

It was agreed that we correspond with Ouachita, and Short Mountain Associations. The following correspondents were appointed:

To OUACHITA ASSOCIATION, J. J. Holland, R. P. Claborne, W. D. Looper, G. W. Evans and L. F. Patterson.

To SHORT MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION, J. N. Pennington, J. J. Holland, R. P. Claborne, G. W. Evans, L. T. Hale, B. F. Haddock, H. J. Roberts and E. Ross.

The following resolution was then adopted:

That any member of this Association who may be present at any Association with which we are in correspondence, be seated as a messenger from this Association.

To the General Association the following delegates were appointed:

J. J. Holland, J. S. Mitchell, R. P. Claborne, G. W. Evans, J. H. York, B. F. Haddock and A. A. Spiller.

On motion the following brethren were appointed as a committee on queries: R. P. Claborne, J. J. Holland and A. A. Spiller.

The committee on Temperance reported; which report was received and adopted. See Appendix [A.]

The committee on Religious Literature made their report, which was rec'd. Adjourned for 11 o'clock services, pending the adoption of the above report. J. H. Blaylock preached an able sermon on Communion.

AFTERNOON SESSION: The Moderator called the Association to order at 2 o'clock.

After a brief discussion the report on Religious Literature was adopted. See appendix B.

P. C. Mays and H. L. McLendon were seated as visitors.

The committee appointed to confer with a like committee from the other wing of this Association and to report back to this body, made the following report:

Your committee found that the committee to confer with us in regard to a re-union of our Associations was forbidden to consider any of the differences between us; hence the following expression is the best basis of settlement that could be agreed upon by the two committees.

Respectfully,

L. F. PATTERSON, R. P. CLABORNE,
W. B. HERNDON, J. N. PENNINGTON, } Committee.
J. S. MITCHELL,

BASIS OF SETTLEMENT.

We, the committee of Concord Association, hereby tender the hand of christian fellowship to the Concord Association of Western Arkansas, and say if we have at any time or in any way wronged your Association we hereby tender our acknowledgment, and now offer to unite upon the basis that all former differences be forgiven and never to be resurrected, referred to or discussed.

C. B. NEAL, L. H. McLENDON, P. C. MAYS, } Committee.
A. H. ADTRY, C. C. STALCUP.

Whereas the committee from the Concord Association comes to us with the foregoing proposition, therefore:

We, the committee appointed by the Concord Association of Western Arkansas, hereby accept the hand of christian fellowship above tendered, and say if at any time or in any way we have wronged your Association, we hereby tender our acknowledgment and now offer to unite upon the basis that all former differences be forgiven and never to be resurrected, referred to or discussed.

L. F. PATTERSON, R. P. CLABORNE, W. B. HERNDON, } Committee.
J. N. PENNINGTON, J. S. MITCHELL.

The report was received and after much discussion was unanimously adopted, and the re-union of the two Associations was agreed upon according to the

above propositions. Adjourned. We then sang a song, gave each other the hand of brotherly love, church and christian fellowship. The best of feeling prevailed, and all present were made to rejoice and give thanks to God. E. L. Compere offered prayer and A. H. Autry pronounced the benediction.

TUESDAY, 8 o'clock. A. M.

After reading, singing and prayer the minutes were read, corrected and adopted. On motion L. F. Patterson was appointed delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, with W. L. Compere as alternate.

The committee on Ministerial Support made its report, which was received and adopted. See [C.]

The report of committee on Queries was received and adopted. See [D.]

The committee on Sabbath Schools made its report, which was received and adopted. See [E.]

For report of Finance committee see [F.]

For report of Executive committee, see [G.]

For report of committee on Foreign Missions see [H.] Pending the adoption of this report we adjourned for 11 o'clock services, and E. L. Compere preached on the subject of Foreign Missions. Following this, the following pledges were given to E. L. Compere for Foreign Missions:

W. L. Compere pledged \$10 for Huntington church. Mrs. M. A. Danison and Mrs. J. T. Fuller, .50c each. J. J. Holland, R. P. Osborne and J. C. Brownfield, \$5 each.

A friend, not a professor, pledges "5 per cent of what I make of my own labor in the year 1890."

The following persons agree to pay 10c per month during the next year for Foreign Missions: W. J. Browning, J. N. Fuller, M. L. Fuller, James Edmondson, L. C. Pennington, L. C. Miller, L. J. Hamby and Miss Mattie Kieth.

The cash collection by E. L. Compere amounted to \$5.

L. F. Patterson, J. N. Pennington, R. P. Claberne and J. J. Holland agreed to preach on this subject to each of their churches and to take a collection for same. J. C. Brownfield agreed to present the matter to his church.

AFTERNOON SESSION. The Moderator called the Association to order at 2 o'clock. N. A. Carpenter offered prayer.

For report on Nominations see [I.]

Report on Home Missions was received; and as an amendment to the report it was agreed that a financial agent be appointed by the Ex-Board, to visit the churches at their regular meetings and to raise money for the support of a Home Missionary. Jas. Edmondson was recommended for said appointment. E. J. Compere pledged \$50, for the Board of the General Association, for the support of the Home missionary: J. F. Patterson \$10 for Dayton church, J. S. Mitchell \$10 for Waldron church and J. J. Holland \$5 for Home Mission. This report was adopted. See [J.]

W. B. Herndon was recommended to the Ex-Committee as Home missionary.

The Treasurer made his report which was received. See [K.] The Treasurer was ordered to pay the minute money over to the Clerk. It was agreed that the Clerk be allowed \$10 for his services, the remainder of the minute fund to be paid for the printing and distribution of minutes. The Clerk was ordered to give the printing to Jennie & James Compere.

On motion Art. 11 of the constitution was suspended and we adjourned, subject to the call of the committee appointed to confer with a committee of the other branch of the Association, whose duty it is jointly to arrange a program and appoint a time and place for the next annual meeting of the Association.

A song was sung and the parting hand was given, at

for which C. L. Alexander offered prayer and E. L. Champere pronounced the benediction.

L. F. PATTERSON, Moderator.

H. N. SMITH, Clerk.

○APPENDIX.○

[A.] TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on Temperance respectfully submit the following: The use of ardent spirits, we consider the barrier of national prosperity, the destroyer of human happiness and an adversary of good morals. It is the greatest of all evils with which we have to contend. It keeps justice from being done to those who are guilty and deserve punishment, and does injustice to the innocent. It often disturbs our religious assemblies, and we believe it to be a great source of crime and death. Therefore, we recommend to the churches that they abstain from this evil and deal strictly with members who use it to excess.

R. P. CLABORNE, Chairman.

[B.] RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Your committee on Religious Literature begs leave to report that in our judgement the subject is one of great importance. The question "what must I do to be saved?" is one worthy of the earnest and prayerful consideration of all, and there is no other book that will answer this question but the Bible. We, therefore earnestly insist that the command of the Savior to "search the Scriptures" be obeyed by all. We also recommend the American Baptist, the Arkansas Baptist, the Foreign Mission Journal, and especially Our Home Field. We also recommend the reading of sound Baptist literature as is published by the National Baptist Publishing Co., St. Louis, Mo.

Respectfully,

J. J. HOLLAND, J. S. MITCHELL, } Committee.
C. S. SHINN; }

[C.] MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

In Old Testament times God chose one tribe of the children of Israel to give their undivided attention to the religious interests of the people. The priests and Levites were not allowed to engage in secular work. They were supported by the tithes and offerings of the people. In the New Testament dispensation, God calls preachers to give their undivided attention to preaching the gospel and looking after the spiritual interests of the church. In Acts 6:4 we learn that it was the purpose of the first gospel preachers to give themselves "continually to prayer and the ministry of the word." As to their support, we find in I. Cor. 9:13-14 that God intends that preachers shall be supported by the people, as the Jewish priests were

supported by Jewish tithes and offerings.—“Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.” It is wrong for churches to allow their pastors to engage in secular work in order to obtain a support. We would earnestly urge upon our churches that they take steps towards carrying out God’s plan for the support of their pastors, that the hands of the preachers be untied so that they may give themselves “continually to prayer, and the ministration of the word.”

To this end we recommend that our pastors preach to their churches on the duty of supporting the ministry.

J. N. PENNINGTON, W. L. COMPER,
W. D. LOOPER.

[D.] QUERIES.

Your committee to whom was referred the query from Pleasant Grove No. 1, “Can we recognize Hardshell Baptism?” would say there is a denomination in the country, known as “General or Pounds Baptists” whose work we can recognize. But all those Hardshells who have become heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice by going into Unconditional Election or Nonresurrectionism are in disorder, therefore, we cannot recognize their work.

J. J. HOLLAND, R. P. CLABORN,
A. A. SPILLER.

[E.] SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report that we believe that the Baptist idea of what ought to be taught in S. Schools, is greatly neglected in Union S. S’s and Conventions in our country. We believe that Baptist sentiments can be taught best in Baptist S. S’s. We therefore recommend that each church belonging to this Association organize a Baptist S. S. and use Baptist literature only, in connection with the Bible in those schools. We further recommend that those Baptist S. S’s organize a Baptist S. S. Convention.

H. N. SMITH, JAMES EDMONSON,
B. D. BARNES.

[F.] FINANCE.

We, your committee on Finance, report that we received for
Home Missions.....\$18.00
Printing Minutes,..... 82.00

G. H. COUNCIL, H. J. ALLEN,
J. D. AULTMAN.

[G.] EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We met at Dayton on Monday night after the 4th Sunday in October, 1888, and confirmed the appointment of W. B. Herndon as missionary.

We also contracted with him at \$1.30 per day for the days which he actually labored. He has labored as follows: Miles traveled, 2080; Sermons preached, 160; Days labored, 201; Families visited, 254; Witnessed con-

sons, 44; Baptized, 11; Witnessed Baptisms, 15; Assisted in ordination
 Deacons, 3; Organized Sunday Schools, 3; Received by letter, 25; Received
 from churches on salary—cash—as follows: Amity, 10.00; Shiloh,
 Sharon, 10.05; Waldron, 10.00; Poteau, 6.00; Cedar Grove, 10.00;
 Creek, 2.55; Palestine, 1.75; White Oak, 1.35; From field of W. L.
 Moore, 10.55; J. S. Mitchell, 2.55; V. M. Thrasher, .35; From out-iders
 Neighborhood Jones' Creek, 20.00; General Association, 50.00; Sabbath
 School, 18.00; Shiloh church—quilt—5.45; Total, \$163.10.

(Above report was not signed.—Printers.)

[H.] FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The burning question of this age is that of spreading the good news of
 salvation through Christ into heathen lands. After sleeping for centuries
 the people are becoming aroused to realize that God intends that they
 should spread the gospel to earth's remotest bounds. Baptists above all oth-
 ers are responsible for the spreading abroad of the knowledge of the truth.
 Baptists alone hold the truth in its purity, while others mix men's
 sayings with God's teachings. God is blessing the work of Baptists in
 heathen lands more than that of other christians. In 1886 the Methodists,
 Presbyterians and Congregationalists combined made no more converts in
 heathen lands than did the American Baptist Missionary Union; while they
 expended more than five times as much money as did the Union. Baptists
 should feel themselves specially commissioned to preach the gospel to every
 creature. All cannot go to heathen lands, but all can help to carry out the
 great commission by helping to send those who can go. A few members
 of our churches are helping. What we need is that all our members
 should help. The work of stimulating the members of our churches to do
 their duty in this matter must devolve upon the preachers, as they are the
 natural leaders of the people. We recommend the following resolutions:
 RESOLVED 1st. That it shall be the policy of this body to seek to induce
 every member in every church within our bounds to contribute something
 to help along this work.

RESOLVED 2d. That this body recommends that the pastors of our churches
 should labor to enlist all their members in this great work. This may be done
 by teaching the people what the Bible says about giving the gospel to
 the world. (2) By circulating Missionary Literature, thus informing the
 people of the needs of the fields. (3) By laboring faithfully and patiently
 to develop their members in systematic giving according to the Bible plan
 laid down in I: Cor. 16:2, "Upon the first day of the week let every
 one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be
 no gatherings when I come."

RESOLVED 3d. That we endorse the ten-cent monthly plan and request
 our delegates to try to secure its introduction into all our churches.

RESOLVED 4th. That we earnestly request the churches to send up an annual
 contribution to this body for Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted.

W. L. COMPERE, Chairman

[I.] NOMINATIONS.

Your committee on Nominations begs leave to report as follows:

Whereas terms of union have been agreed upon by the two bodies claiming to be the Concord Association, therefore

RESOLVED, That we recommend that the committee appointed by one body to confer with a like committee from the other body, be continued, and fully empowered to act for this body, arranging time, place and program for next meeting; also that this committee be requested to notify the churches as soon as convenient of their arrangement for time, place and program. Further, we nominate as our Executive committee the brethren who have been on this committee during this year.

J. W. CONDEY, M. A. WILLIAMS

H. J. ROBERTS

[J.] HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee on Home Missions find that in our bounds exists a vast amount of destitution; there being vast fields in which there is neither Baptist church nor minister to be found. There being other fields in our bounds where churches have been organized by our former missionaries that are to-day without preaching and the members are going off into other denominations just because they cannot get pastors: we therefore recommend, 1st. That our efforts be continued in trying to support this vast destitution, by appointing a missionary to labor in this destitution. 2d, That the basis adopted by this body at its last session be continued, and that it be vigorously pressed upon each church to raise at least \$1.0 for this purpose. 3d, That the messengers here present be appointed to raise the ten dollars in their respective churches and report promptly to our Executive Board. Respectfully submitted.

W. B. HEERD

[K.] TREASURER'S REPORT.

Rec'd from Finance committee,	for printing minutes.....	\$32.20
" " " "	for Home Missions.....	18.
	Total.....	\$50.20

B. D. BARNES, Treasurer

CHURCHES

& MESSENGERS*

Amity:

J. W. Miller, H. J. Roberts.

Cedar Grove:

W. D. Looper, F. J. Blair, H. N. Smit

Center Point:

J. L. Bryant, N. A. Carpenter.

Dayton:

L. F. Patterson, B. D. Barnes.

Fellowship:

G. H. Council, A. A. Spiller.

(*Names of Messengers are inserted here to avoid crowding statistical tables)

Hopewell:	J. J. Fuller, W. J. Browning, W. E. Hunter, J. N. Pennington.
Boho:	J. J. Holland.
James' Fork:	R. M. Evans, E. Ross, G. W. Evans.
Destine:	H. J. Allen. W. A. Vineyard.
Pasant Grove No. 1:	C. Barnes.
Pasant Grove No. 2:	J. C. Brownfield.
Pasant Grove No. 3:	C. S. Shinn, M. A. Williams.
Grim's Rest:	R. P. Claborne, G. C. Anthony.
New Home:	G. W. Pearce.
Glendale:	J. I. Stanley, D. G. Dildy, Wm. May.
Elloh:	S. C. Benning, A. J. Pennington, P. M. Ward
White Oak:	Alex. Patterson, W. I. Goff, J. L. Bryant.
Jones' Creek:	M. Q. Workman.
Aldron:	W. B. Herndon.
Dean:	J. W. Condry.
Mt. Olive:	J. D. Condry, J. E. Chriss.
Baron:	W. S. Hale, J. D. Aultman, M. D. Hendrix.
Huntington:	W. L. Compere, J. H. York.
Rock Creek:	B. F. Haddock.
Lockett City:	James Edmondson.

To the Clerks of the churches:—

I would suggest the following form for your statistical table in your letters to the Association:

Rec'd by letter	No.
Rec'd by baptism	"
Restored	"
Dismissed by letter	"
Excluded	"
Died	"
Total	"
Ordained Ministers	"
Licentiates	"
Contributions for minutes	Am't
" " Home Missions	"
" " Foreign "	"
Am't paid pastor	"
Am't paid on building or repair- ing church-house	"

Respectfully,
H. N. SMITH, Clerk.

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