

MINUTES.

The Twentieth Session of the Southwestern Baptist Association was held with Ashdown Church, Little River County, Arkansas, beginning October 13th, 1900.

At 9 o'clock the body was called to order by the Moderator, G. A. Vaughan. After devotional services by the moderator. Brothers Collum and J. A. McDonald were appointed to read the letters presented by messengers from the various churches. The letters being read and the delegates enrolled, the body, on motion, adjourned until 1:30 p. m., to hear the introductory sermon by Elder B. F. Cannon: from Ephesians iv; 3.

The body re-assembled at 1:45 p. m. After singing and prayer, Brother C. M. Powell suggested that we hear from visiting brethren, Elders M. M. Cochran, of Texas, and C. B. Williams, of Texarkana, responded with encouraging remarks.

On motion, the body proceeded to permanent organization by the election of G. A. Vaughan, Moderator, and J. T. Cowling, Clerk. It being decided that Brother Vaughan not being a delegate, was ineligible to serve as Moderator, Brother Thos. DuLaney, was elected. Brothers C. M. Powell, I. W. Cooper, and J. T. Cowling were elected a Commmittee on Divine Service. Petitionary letters being called for, Horatio, Mt. Prospect and Boggy Springs responded with letters and delegates which were received, and the right hand of fellowship extended the delegates.

Ou motion, Brother D. A. Russell was added as a delegate from his Church, Rehobeth, and that G. A. Vaughan be added to Lockesburg Church, and that D. W. Hill be added to the delegates from Pleasant Hill Church, and G. W. Cowling to the delegates from Brownstown.

The Moderator appointed the following committee on Finance: Robert F. Herndon, J. A. McDonald and Ben Purtell.

On motion, and second, the following brethren were elected delegates to the State Convention: W. I. Feazell, C. M. Powell, G. A. Vaughan, J. T. Cowling, I. O. Runyan.

Elder W. I. Feazell was elected messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention.

On motion and second, the Moderator was authorized to nomnate an Executive Board for the next year.

Brother Ben Stuckey was excused from further attendance on account of sickness. Brother John Bournes was for a like cause excused.

The following committees were announced by the Moderator:

- On Missions—W. I. Feazell, G. A. Vaughan, and J. T-Cowling.
- 2. Ministerial Support—C. M. Powell, D. C. Ladd, W. A. Elser.
- On Documents—C. W. Wright, Y. R. Harbin and T. B. Holman.
- Sabbath Observance—J. A. McDonald, C. H. Arnold, W. J. Wise.
 - Obituaries—W. H. Burt, I. W. Cooper, and D. A. Russell.
- Literature—W. I. Feazell, C. M. Powell and C. N. Robertson.
- 7. Temperance J. C. Tolbert, G. S. Provence, and J. P. Pitcock.
 - 8. Program-B. F. Cannon, W. I. Feazell, B. Aubrey.

 Ministerial Education—C. M. Powell, G. W. Cowling and R. F. Herndon.

The Association adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock, Monday morning.

Preaching Saturday night by Brother M. M. Cochran, and at Pine Prairie by Brother J. C. Tolbert; Sunday at 11 o'clock, at Baptist Church by Brother C. B. Williams, and at Methodist Church by Brother W. I. Feazell, after which collections for associational missions amounting to \$19.50.

Brother W. T. Compere preached at night; at the close of bis sermon Brother Powell asked for a collection to replace the Bible and other religious books which Brother Thos. DuLaney recently lost in the fire which consumed his house and contents. The call was responded to with \$10.45.

Brother J. C. Tolbert preached again at Pine Prairie, Sunday night.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION.

The body re-assembled at 8 o'clock. Devotional services were held by the Moderator.

Brother W. M. Hubbard was excused on account of sickness.

The Moderator announced the following nominations for the Executive Board: W. I. Feazell, chairman, C. A. Collum, J. T. Cowling, T. B. Holman, and G. A. Vaughan.

Corresponding and visiting brethren were invited to seats with us. Brother W. T. Compere, of Texas, responded.

The nominations made by the Moderator for the Executive Board were adopted.

The report of the Committee on Documents recommending that the next quarterly mission meeting be held with Cana Church, Little River County, at 9 o'clock, on December 29th, 1900, and that the next Association be held with Pleasant Hill Church No. 1, Sevier County, was adopted.

Brother B. F. Cannon offered a resolution looking to dividing the Association into districts which was tabled. Brother J. T. Cowling was elected member of the State Board to represent this Association next year,

Brother G. A. Vaughan was elected Treasurer for the Association.

A collection of \$3.41 was taken for Ouachita Baptist College.

On motion, Brother Y. R. Harbin was excused on account of sickness in his family.

MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at one o'clock, after prayer by Brother Powell and Brother Hill.

The various committees submitted their reports which were discussed and adopted. [See Appendix.]

On motion and second, the discussions were limited to five minutes.

The Treasurer submitted his report which was adopted. [See Appendix.]

The following resolution of thanks was introduced by Brother W, I, Feazell and unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED: that the thanks of this Association are hereby given to this church and community for their kind and generous hospitality in the entertainment of this body. [W. I. Feazell.]

On motion and second, the clerk was authorized to have printed 600 copies of the minutes, and he was allowed for his services the sum of \$10.00.

A resolution was passed authorizing any member of this Association visiting a sister association to represent this body as a corresponding messenger.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with Pleasant Hill Church on Saturday before the Second Sunday in October, 1901.

Session closed by singing "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again," and a general hand shaking.

THOS. DULANEY, Moderator.

J. T. COWLING, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

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the following:

FINANCE—We, your committee on finance, beg leave to submit

To amount sent up by churches: For Associational Missions \$55.93 " Foreign " " 12.90 " Home 1.50 " State " Orphans' Home 4.36 " Minutes 32.75 To amount collected during Association: For Associational Missions \$19.60 " Foreign . " 2.50 2.50 " State " Orphans' Home 10.84 " Ministerial Education 3.41

" Books for Brother Thos, DnLaney...... 10,45

Orphans' Home 2.50

To amount sent by DeQueen Church for

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R. F. HERNDON, Chairman.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

STATE MISSIONS.

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| Dec. 1899. | To amt. rec'd 1st Quarterly Meeting, 23.25 | |
| Jan. 8, 1900. | To amt. ree'd from Mt. Carmel Church, 1.00 | |
| May 1, 1900. | To amt. rec'd 2nd Quarterly Meeting, 15.71 | |
| July 31, " | To amt. rec'd 3d Quarterly Meeting, 27.73 | |
| Oct. " | To amt. rec'd from Com. on Finance, 75.53 | |
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| Oct. 1899. | By amt. pd. J. T. Cowling for serv. as Cl'k | \$10.00 |
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| Dec. 30, " | By amt, pd. W. H. Burt, | |
| Dec. 30, " | By amt. pd. J. W. Hnbbard, | |
| Jan, 1, 1900 | By amt. pd. B. F. Cannon, | |
| Jan. 13, " | By amt, pd. Clerk, p't'g and mailing min | |
| May 15, " | By amt. pd. J. W. Hubbard, | |
| May 22, " | By amt. pd. B. F. Cannon, | 9.00 |
| May 1, " | By amt. pd. W. H. Burt, | 5.00 |
| May 1, " | By amt. pd. C. H. Arnold, | 10,00 |
| July 31, " | By amt. pd. B. F. Cannon, | |
| ** 31, ** | By amt. pd. W. H. Burt, | |
| " 31, ". | By amt. pd. D. W. Elkins, | |
| " 31," | By amt. pd. J. W. Hubbard, | |
| Oct. 15, " | By amt. pd. B. F. Cannon, | |
| 15, " | By amt. pd. C. H. Arnold, | |
| 15, 14 | By amt. pd. Geo. Farris, | |
| 10, | By amt. pd. W. H. Burt, | |
| " 15, " | By amt. pd. Y. R. Harbin, | 9.00 |

| Oct. | . 15, | 1900 | By amt, pd, J. W. Hubbard | \$5.00 |
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REPORT ON MISSIONS.—We, your committee on missions, submit the following: As the Baptist churches of Christ we believe in the commission which He gave to preach the gospel to all the world. but we fail to operate the plan which the Master gave us. In Acts. the first chapter, Jesus said ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, (there is Associational Missions) and in ALL Judea (State Missions) and in Samaria, (Home Missions) and unto the uttermost parts of the earth, (Here is your Foreign Missions.) It is our duty to be missionary in the full sense of the

term, but according to the Savior's plan we should BEGIN AT HOME. We therefore call attention to the great destitution in the this Association. Within our bounds there are 30,070 people. Of these there are in round numbers only 1400 white Baptists, or less than five per cent of our population We therefore recommend that the churches raise and pay to the State Board the \$50.00 pledged them one year ago by our Board member, G. S. Provence. And that our Executive Board seek co-operation with the State Board in sustaining a missionary for all his time in this Association, We also urge that our pastors and churches co-operate with this Board by adopting a systematic plan of monthly contributions to this work that our Board may pay monthly her obligations to our Missionary. The time has come for a forward movement and by united effort and hearty co-operation, the coming year can be made the most successful in the history of this body. W. I. FEAZELL.

G. A. VAUGHN, J. T. COWLING.

[D]

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.—Your committee beg leave to report:

- 1. That the creation and continuation of this committee is a criticism upon God's word; for the reason that God says: "The laborer is worthy of his hire;" Muzzle not the ox that treadeth out the corn;" "No man goeth a warfaring at his own charge;" "He that ministers in spiritual things ought to receive carnal things."
- 2. That the pastor's salary should be stipulated, and paid to him in the sanctuary, from time to time as he renders services to the church.
- 3. That any pastor who serves without conpensation commensurate with the strength of his church is guilty of encouraging covetousness, and ought to make acknowledgment and ask forgiveness as did the apostle Paul before the church at Corinth.
- 4. That all our pastors preach to their respective churches one or more sermons during the year on this subject.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. POWELL, Chairman. D. C. LADD, W. A. ELSER, [E]

DOCUMENTS.—We, your committee on documents, beg leave to report the following: We recommend that the next District Mission be held with Cana church, Little River county, at 9 o'clock, 29th December, 1900, and that our Annual Association be held with Pleasant Hill church No. 1, Sevier county, Ark., to convene at 9 o'clock on Saturday before the 2d Sabbath in Oct, 1901.

C. W. WRIGHT, Chairman.

[F]

Sabbath Observance.—We, your committee, beg leave to report that the only way to properly observe the Sabbath day is to spend it to our spiritual advancement and to the honor and glory of God—the advancement of the cause and kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ. That we should refrain from all secular affairs, not allowing our oxen to get in the ditch by driving him very near it on the preceding day. That we should attend, as far as possible, all our religious meetings on the Sabbath day.

J. A. McDONALD, C. H. ARNOLD, W. I. WISE,

Committee.

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OBITUARIES.—Your committee on obituaries beg leave to make the following imperfect report: We find that during the past year, because precious in His sight are the souls of his saints, the Lord has saw fit to call to realms of bliss from DeQueen church, Sister Louisa P. Volentine; from Gethsemane, Bro. W. W. Vest and Sisters Lena Phillips and Annie Wilkinson; from Ashdown, Sister Nannie Collins; from Rehoboth, Sister I. N. Fulton; from Winthrop, Sister Georgia A. Powell, wife of Eld. C. M. Powell; from Wilton, Eld. W. L. White, Sister Delaney Parker and Sister Elizabeth Jones, and perhaps others of whom your committee has not been informed.

W. H. BURT, Chairman.

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LITERATURE.-We, your committee on literature, submit the

following: As Baptists we have ever accepted the Bible as our articles of faith, discipline and guide into all truth. We urge our people to STUDY the bible and be able to use it as the sword of the spirit. We also recommend the Arkansas Baptist as our denominational organ and a sound exponent of our faith, and urge the brethren to give it their hearty support. We also recommend the Foreign Mission Journal, of Richmond, Va., price 25c., and Home Field, Atlanta, Ga., price 10c. We further recommend for use in our Sunday Schools the literature of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

W. I. FEAZELL,
C. M. POWELL,
C. N. ROBERTSON,
Committee.

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TEMPERANCE.—We, your committee on temperance, beg leave to report that we recommend to the brotherhood that according to the scriptures that we be very watchful and guarded in our daily walks of life, and that we not only use our influence to prevent the use of intoxicants of any kind as a beverage, but that we be temperate in all things—in our conversation with one another, in our daily avocation, and in fact we should be temperate in every thing with which we have anything to do. Respectfully submitted.

J. C. TOLBERT, Chairman. G. S. PROVENCE, J. P. PITCOCK,

Committee.

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PROGRAM.—Your committee on program beg leave to report: Meet at 10 o'clock a. m. Saturday before the fifth Sunday in December. Sermon for criticism, W. H. Burt; alternate, G. C. Faris. Questions, "What is the Bible doctrine of the financial support of the ministry?" by G. S. Provence and J. T. Cowling. 2d. "What does it take to constitute a christian?" by G. A. Vaughan and J. H. Barkman. 3d. "How often should a church meet for worship?" by G. W. Collins and J. A. McDonald. "As-

sociation," introductory sermon, Y. R. Harbin; alternate, J. W. Hubbard. Respectfully submitted.

B. F. CANNON. W. I. FEAZELL, Committee,

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MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.—We, your committee, beg leave to report:

ist. That the need of an educated ministry is being felt more and more, as we note the progress in the business and social world about us. It is more apparent now than ever before in the history of Arkansas Baptists that an educated ministry is absolutely essential in the successful prosecution of all our denominational efforts to spread and plant the gospel in all the world.

2d. That it is our indispensable duty to commend, encourage and support the efforts manifested upon the part of those who are called of God unto His ministry to obtain a liberal education.

3d. That this body elect a Board of Ministerial Education, composed of three members, whose duty it shall be to keep before our churches this subject, and take collections from time to time for the support of young preachers in school.

4th. That we commend President J. W. Conger and the Board of Trustees of Ouachita College for giving free tuition, and otherwise aiding our young preachers who are there in school, and that pending the adoption of this report a collection be taken from this body for the support of the ministerial students now in that college.

5th. That in grateful recognition of the gratuitous service rendered by the managers of Ouachita College in the education of our young preachers, we tender them the free use of the back cover of the printed minutes of this Association upon which to advertise the work of the college. Respectfully submitted.

C. M. POWELL, Chairman, G. W. COWLING, R. F. HERNDON.

Committee.

CONSTITUTION.

I. The union of Churches shall be known and designated by the name of Southwestern Baptist Association of Arkansas.

II. This Association shall be composed of delegates from Churches in the Union. Each Church shall be entitled to three delegates, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by their churches before taking their seats.

III. The delegates, when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body by the appointment of a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual Association and continue in office until their successors are chosen.

- IV. The Association shall not interfere with the rights of the Churches of which it is composed; it shall regard them as independent bodies in matters of internal government, and shall only act as an advisory council, holding itself a medium through which the Churches may, by concert of action, devise the best means for advancing the cause of our Redeemer. It, nevertheless, claims authority over its own members-the delegates from the Churches-and in justice and propriety, must have power to withdraw and disown all Churches which depart from the spirit of this compact, by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice. It should, therefore, regard all the Churches united under this Constitution with a vigilant eve for good. Its principal business shall be to promote the declarative glory of God, by extending the kingdom of grace on earth through the medium of the gospel, and the means in accordance with the gospel; to cultivate union and fellowship with all the Churches of Christ, especially with those united under this Constitution.
- V. Newly constituted Churches, or Churches dismissed from other Associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this Association on their sending up three delegates to the annual meeting of this Association, with a petition for admission, and by said delegates agreeing to the abstract principles herewith published.

VI. The Churches of this union shall transmit to every an-

nual session of the Association a written communication specifying the names of their delegates, their members in fellowship, number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, restored, and deceased since their last session, and such other information as the Churches may deem important, which shall be read and minuted.

VII. This Association shall have a fund, to be supplied by the voluntary contribution of the Churches, and paid over by the Finance Committee to the Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold his office during the pleasure of the Association, and present annually for insertion in the Minutes a clear and succinct statement of all receipts and expenditures.

VIII. The Association shall furnish the Churches with the Minutes of every session.

IX. The Association shall take cognizance of no query sent up from the Churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and failed.

X. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Association to keep a regular file of the printed Minutes of each session, and deliver the same to his successor in office.

XI. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of the body by the concurring voice of two-thirds of the members present. Provided, such alteration or amendment be approved by the Churches composing this Association.

RULES OF DECORUM.

I. When the delegates of the several Churches shall assemble at the place appointed for holding the Association, the Moderator shall open the business by prayer and praise, in person or by proxy. If the former Moderator or Clerk be absent, the body shall appoint a Moderator pro tem.

II. Immediately after the opening of the session the Church letters shall be read by persons whom the Moderator may appoint, and the names of the delegates enrolled by the Clerk.

III. When the delegates' names are enrolled and called by the Clerk, the Association shall elect, by ballot, a Moderator and Clerk; the majority of votes governing the election.

IV. All motions and amendments to motions must be seconded before they are entertained by the Moderator. When motions or amendments to motions are made, the last one shall be first in order; and so on, in reverse order to the original motion; but the mover may at any time withdraw his motion.

V. Any person wishing to make a motion or to speak of any matter before the Association shall rise to his feet and respectfully address the Moderator, and if he be in order, the Moderator shall signify the same by calling his name; and no one thus in order shall be interrupted while thus speaking, unless he depart from the subject, or for personal infliction; nor shall any member speak more than twice on the same subject without leave from the Association, or to explain some of his former remarks.

VI. Whenever sufficient time has been given for the discussion of any subject before the Association, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association, and declare the result, a majority governing in all cases except those provided for.

VII. No member shall vacate his seat while the body is in session without leave of the Moderator.

VIII. When one member shall speak to, or of another, he shall call him "Brother."

IX. The Moderator may have the names of the delegates called whenever it may be necessary.

X. The Moderator may speak on matters of debate as other members, by calling some one to fill his seat while speaking; but not until all others who desire to speak have spoken.

XI. The Moderator may invite visiting members in good standing to seats in council, who may speak, but not vote.

XII. The Minutes of the Association may be read whenever it is deemed necessary.

XIII. The Moderator shall be the judge of order. An objector to the Moderator's ruling may appeal to the body, a majority of whom shall determine the point of order.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

ART. 1. We believe in the one true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

ART. 2. We believe that the Holy Bible, including the Old and New Testaments, is the Word of God, and furnishes the only

rule of faith and practice.

- ART. 3. We believe in the doctrine of Election, "according to the fore-knowledge of God, the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ."
- ART. 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin by the fall of Adam.
- ART. 5. We believe in man's incapacity, by his own free will and ability, to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.
- ART. 6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ, only.
- ART. 7. We believe that the Saints shall be preserved in grace and never finally fall away.
- ART. 8. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of Baptism, and that immersion is the Apostolic Mode.
- ART. 9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and in the general judgment, and that the felicity of the righteous and punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.
- ART, 10. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel except one who is regularly Baptized, called, and comes under the hands of a Presbytery.
- ART. 11. We believe that none but regularly Baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's table.
- ART. 12. We believe that the Lord's Day should be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

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| C. M. Powell, Winthrop, | | Y. R. Harbin, Cerro Gordo, | |
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