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OF THE

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OF UNITED BAPTISTS,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT KEYTESVILLE, CHARITON CO., MO.,

September 12th and 13th, 1851.



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FRIDAY, September 12th, 1851.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder ROBERT H. HARRIS, from 1st General Epistle of John iii., 1, first clause—"Behold what manner of love," &c.

Letters were called for, read, and Messenger's names enrolled as follows :

CHURCHES.	DELEGATE'S NAMES.	Rec'd by Bapt'm.	Rec'd by Letter.	Dism'd by Lett'r.	Restored.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.	Contributions.	Meeting Days.
Mt. Pleasant	C. Hughes, C. Tindell,† H. T. Fort	3	3	..	..	..	4	80	2 05	1
Mt. Zion	H. Knaus,† A. Moss,† S. T. Hughes	..	..	..	..	..	..	63	1 50	4
Walnut Grove	No Letter—total from last year	..	..	..	..	..	..	257	....	4
Silver Creek	W. H. Dennis, F. Goodman, F. Gains.	4	3	1	..	1	1	41	1 00	2
Chariton	T. Fristoe,*† J. S. Hughes, J. Winn, D. Perkins	1	2	18	..	2	3	203	2 50	1
Mt. Gilead	J. Tolson, sr., J. M. Means, W. D. Ewing, J. Wright	16	2	..	..	..	4	90	1 00	1
Mt. Olive	J. W. Terrill,* J. Bagby,† W. Harvey, W. W. Brooks	..	..	..	..	..	1	103	2 50	3
Sugar Creek	No Letter—total from last year	..	..	..	..	..	..	61	....	3
Friendship	W. K. Woods,* J. O. Smith,† P. Leach, J. Swetnam	11	..	2	..	..	1	58	1 25	1
Bethlehem	S. Wilhoit, G. Carey,*† N. Long, O. G. Harrist	..	..	3	..	..	4	252	2 50	2
Huntsville	B. Anderson,* T. Eddins, J. Henderson, R. Mitchell	..	2	3	..	..	2	125	2 00	3
Fayette	R. Hughes, W. M. Jackson	26	6	14	..	1	3	193	2 00	2
Keytesville	N. Dilly,† J. S. Bell, R. Long, R. Jones,†	3	..	..	..	1	..	26	1 00	3
Ebenezer	J. Terrill,* J. Roan,* J. Burton†	..	3	..	..	..	1	45	1 00	4
Richland	Letter—no Delegate	..	1	1	..	..	..	39	....	2
New Providence	M. Batterton, L. Conner,†† A. Barnet, T. Barnes,† J. Tolson†	12	4	10	..	2	2	130	1 50	3
Shiloe	W. Thompson,† L. Newton, H. Harrison,† J. M. Carpenter	..	..	5	..	..	1	33	1 50	2
Pleasant Grove	W. W. Prophett, J. P. McAdams	3	7	..	..	..	..	40	1 00	4
Hickory Grove	G. Alexander,† J. Porter,† L. G. Bell,† S. B. Garnett	7	10	15	..	1	4	94	1 80	4
Pleasant Hill	R. H. Harris,* J. Copher,† E. V. Hawkins,† J. W. Reid†	7	2	2	..	..	..	53	1 00	4
Sweet Spring	J. Terrill, B. Terrill,* F. Terrill, F. K. Collins	20	3	5	..	1	3	95	2 00	1
Brunswick	T. S. Allen,* L. Garnett, J. H. Hise, P. B. Hise	26	25	3	..	2	..	93	1 50	4
Moniteau	M. Andrews, J. C. Brashear,† P. Dougherty†	1	..	3	..	1	..	41	1 00	3
Bee Branch	Letter received since Association adj'd.	..	..	2	..	..	..	16	50	2
Little Bethel	J. Andrews,† A. Andrews	3	1	..	1	..	..	13	50	1
Rocheport	Letter—no Delegate	..	2	..	..	..	..	22	2 00	3
New Hope	P. B. Parks, A. C. Day, L. B. Parks	7	7	..	..	..	..	21	1 00	2
Total		150	83	87	1	12	34	2282	3505	..

Ordained Preachers \*—Licentiates †—Absent Delegates ††

The Association being organized, proceeded to appoint a Moderator and Clerks. Brother R. HUGHES was chosen Moderator, JOHN SWETNAM Clerk, and WADE M. JACKSON, Assistant Clerk.

2. Read the Rules of Decorum.

3. Opened a door for the reception of newly constituted Churches. A letter from the Church at Rocheport read. The Church received. The letter from the Church at New Hope received and read. The Church received.

4. Appointed a Committee to arrange the preaching during the Association as follows, viz., brethren T. S. Allen, W. T. Beckelhammer and R. Long.

5. Appointed brethren R. H. Harris and B. Terrill a Committee to condense from the Letters.

6. Appointed brethren B. Anderson and S. Wilhoit a Committee to write the Corresponding Letter.

7. Appointed brethren J. Swetnam, Wade M. Jackson and D. Perkins a Committee to superintend the Printing and Distributing of the Minutes.

8. Called for Corresponding letters. The letter from Saline Association received by the hands of brethren G. Rhodes, A. Gwynn and E. F. Scott. From North Grand River by Elder A. F. Martin. From Middle Fork by Elder J. Oliver and brother H. Matthews. The Delegates invited to seats with us.

9. Resolved that a Committee of Three be appointed to draft rules and regulations for the government of the Executive Committee on the subject of Missionaries. The Committee to consist of brethren W. M. Jackson, R. G. Harris and T. Eddins.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

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SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder A. F. Martin.

1. Called the names of Delegates.

2. The report of the Committee of Arrangement called for, read and received. The Committee discharged.

3. Called for the report of the Committee appointed to draft rules for the government of the Executive Committee, which was read, and received. (See report marked A.)

4. The report of the Executive Committee called for, read, received, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes. (See report marked B.)

5. The rules suspended. The Association unanimously expressed her satisfaction with her missionaries.

6. Appointed an Executive Committee, as follows—brethren S. Wilhoit, A. Barnet, F. Wilhoit, of Boone county; B. Anderson, B. Terrill, J. M. Caapenter, of Randolph county; T. S. Allen, W. T. Beckelhammer, N. Dilly, of Chariton county; D. Perkins, R. Hughes, W. M. Jackson, S. T. Hughes and J. Swetnam, of Howard county.

7. Appointed a Committee to call for contributions and settle with the Treasurer, viz., brethren W. D. Ewing and S. T. Hughes. They reported the present contribution to be \$35.05.

8. The following Churches paid their pledges, made at our last meeting—Mt. Pleasant, \$10; Mt. Zion, \$5; Silver Creek, \$6; Charitan, \$10; Mt. Gilead, \$5; Mt. Olive, \$10; Friendship, \$5; Bethlehem, \$15; Huntsville,

\$10; Fayette, \$15; Keytesville, \$5; Ebenezer, \$7; Richland, \$5; New Providence, \$5; Shiloe, \$5; Pleasant Grove, \$7; Hickory Grove, \$10; Pleasant Hill, \$5; Sweet Spring \$10 50; Moniteau, \$5; Little Bethel, \$2.

9. Ordered that 1,000 Minutes be printed.

10. Call for the Corresponding Letter, which was read, received, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

11. Appointed Delegates to bear our Corresponding Letter: to Little Bonne Femme, Elder R. H. Harris and brother T. Eddins; to Bethel, Saline, Middle Fork, North Union, Blue River and North Liberty, the Clerk to mail a Minute; to Concord, Elders R. H. Harris, W. K. Wood and J. Burton; North Grand River, Elder T. S. Allen.

12. The next Association to meet with the Church at Sweet Spring Meeting House, Randolph county, Mo., commencing on Friday before the Second Saturday in September, A. D., 1852.

13. Elder T. Fristoe to preach the next Introductory Sermon, Elder G. Cary, his Alternate.

14. Called for Pledges to sustain Missionaries for the next year. The Delegates pledged their Churches as follows:—Mt. Pleasant, \$10; Mt. Zion, \$5; Walnut Grove —; Silver Creek, \$6; Chariton, \$10; Mt. Gilead, \$5; Mt. Olive, \$10; Sugar Creek, —; Friendship, \$5; Bethlehem, \$10; Huntsville, \$10; Fayette, \$10; J. S. Bell, Delegate from Keytesville, \$2 50; Ebenezer, \$7; Richland, —; New Providence, \$5; Shiloe, \$5; Pleasant Grove, \$9; Hickory Grove, \$10; Pleasant Hill, —; Sweet Spring, \$10; T. S. Allen, Delegate from Brunswick, \$5; Moniteau, \$5; Bee Branch, —; Little Bethel, \$2; Rocheport, \$5; New Hope, \$2; making a total of \$148 50.

15. Called for the report of the Condensing Committee, which was read, received, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes. (See report marked C.)

16. Agreed that the Executive Committee pay our Missionaries \$20 per month.

17. WHEREAS, The Baptist denomination of the State have located a College in the town of Liberty, where provision is made for the gratuitous tuition of pious young men preparing for the Gospel ministry; And Whereas, The hope of the Church depends upon the intelligence and purity of the rising Ministry; therefore,

*Resolved*, That this Association recommend to the Churches composing this body, and to the denomination at large, that they look out all such young gifts, and at the earliest practicable time, avail themselves of the advantages offered at William Jewell College.

18. Resolved that this Association recommend the Churches composing her body to keep the 25th day of December as a day of fasting and prayer to Almighty God, that he would revive pure and vital religion here and elsewhere, and that He send more laborers into his vineyard, for the harvest is truly great and the laborers few.

Adjourned 13th day of September, 1851.

R. HUGHES, Moderator.

J. SWETNAM, } Clerks.  
W. M. JACKSON, }

NOTE.—Since the Association adjourned, I have received a letter from brother W. S. Beckelhammer, stating that a collection was taken up on Lord's Day of \$21 00, to aid in sustaining our Missionaries.

CLERK.

## A.

## REPORT ON ORGANIZATION.

The Committee to whom was referred the organization of the Executive Committee, and rules for the regulation and government of the Committee, respectfully submit the following report —

First, We recommend that the Committee consist of fourteen members, three residing in the county of Chariton, three in the county of Randolph, five in the county of Howard, and three in the county of Boone, (three of whom shall constitute a quorum to do business;) and that said Committee organize by appointing a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer of their own body.

Second, It shall be the duty of the Committee to appoint one or more Missionaries, according to the amount of means furnished by the Churches, and that they hold quarterly meetings, and require the Missionaries to make quarterly reports; and that the quarterly meetings be held with such Churches in the bounds of the Association as may desire to hold a protracted meeting. Should one or more of the Churches desire the quarterly meeting to be held with them at the same time, a majority of the Committee present shall decide where the meeting shall be held.

Third, It shall be the duty of the Committee to require the Missionaries to preach to the most destitute settlements in the bounds of the Association, and consult with the Missionaries as to their fields of labor. The Committee shall cause their quarterly reports to be published in the Western Watchman; and give public notice of the time and place of their quarterly meetings; and that they shall report the whole of their proceedings to the next Association.

Fourth, The Committee shall have power to fill all vacancies that may occur in their own body, and to hold special meetings should they deem it necessary; all of which service shall be performed gratis.

Fifth, It shall be the duty of each member of the Committee to make diligent inquiry into the most destitute settlements, and obtain such other information as may be necessary to enable the Committee to make arrangements for the Missionaries. Said Committee shall be appointed annually by the Association.

## B.

## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of the Mount Pleasant Association respectfully submit the following report on the subject of employing Missionaries —

We employed brethren Robert H. Harris and William K. Woods for six months each, at twenty dollars per month.

Brother Harris reports 180 days labor as a Missionary; traveled 1,450 miles, preached 146 sermons, delivered 34 exhortations, witnessed 44 hopeful conversions, baptized 30, witnessed 30 baptisms, assisted in the organization of one Church, and ordination of one deacon.

Brother Woods reports 161 days labor; preached 127 sermons, delivered 26 exhortations, witnessed 43 hopeful conversions, baptized 16, assisted in the ordination of one minister and two deacons, visited the sick and instructed many mourners; traveled 2,000 miles.

By reference to the last Minutes of the Association, you will see that there is in the hands of the Treasurer, S. Wilhoit, \$91 94, to which add the amount

of pledges made by the Delegates at the last Association of \$173, which will make .....		\$264 94
Brother Harris 6 months, @ \$20.....	\$120 00	
Brother Woods 5 months and 11 days .....	107 33	
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		\$57 61



C.

REPORT OF CONDENSING COMMITTEE.

The Committee to whom was assigned the duty of condensing the contents of the Letters, beg leave to report as follows —

The facts presented in the letters are calculated to produce feelings of deep interest in the bosom of every lover of the cause of Zion's King.

1. General coldness prevails. This should induce a spirit of prayer on the part of every Christian. O Lord, revive thy work!

2. General peace prevails. This should induce a spirit of gratitude to our great Prince of Peace. Christ says—"My peace I give unto you, my peace I leave with you."

But the query may and should arise, "Do we enjoy it to that extent to which it is our duty and our privilege to enjoy it?" God says, "Oh that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments, then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the overflowing waves."

God loves the world, Christ Jesus died for the world, the Holy Spirit reproves the world. Do we pray for the world? Why, then, does the world remain unconverted?

CONDENSING COMMITTEE.



D.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

*Mount Pleasant Association of United Baptists in convention with the Church at Keytesville, Chariton county, Missouri:*

VERY DEAR BRETHREN—We desire to cherish feelings of heartfelt gratitude to our Heavenly Father, for the privilege we once more enjoy, of meeting with the members of our own body, and with some messengers from sister Associations.

We meet in peace. Brotherly love seems to abound. With some of our Churches, the footsteps of a soul-converting and soul-saving God have been hapily manifest. Some have enjoyed considerable additions. There has been a total net increase of more than 100 within our Associational limits. We have Missionaries riding and preaching. Their labors have been blessed. We hope that we are not forgotten by you. We earnestly crave an interest in your prayers, and a continuation of our former Christian and paternal intercourse. We expect, Providence permitting, to hold our next Association with the Church at Sweet Spring meeting-house, Randolph county, on Friday before the Second Saturday in September, 1852. At which time and place we hope to meet with your Delegates. Our Delegates will bear this Letter to you. May the Lord, in his mercy, continue his mercies to you and us, is our prayer, for Jesus' sake.

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