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MINUTES
OF THE
SEVENTEENTH
ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
SARDIS ASSOCIATION
OF
REGULAR BAPTISTS
HELD WITH
MT. PLEASANT CHURCH
PIKE COUNTY, KY.,
SEPTEMBER 17 & 18, 1900.
ELD. W. H. ESTEP, MODERATOR.
ELD. H. MAYNARD, CLERK.

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FRIDAY'S SESSION

The Sardis Association convened with the Mt. Pleasant Church, Friday, September 17, 1909.

The song "Brethren, we have met to worship" was sung. Prayer by Eld. J. W. Smith.

Introductory was delivered by Eld. W. B. Estep. Text, Mark 1-15: "The time is fulfilled, the Kingdom of God is at hand," etc.

The delegation then retired to the church house and after prayer by Eld. Ali Ward, letters from the different churches called for and received as shown in statistical table.

The Association then organized by electing Eld. W. B. Estep, Moderator, and J. W. Smith assistant, and Hi Maynard, Clerk, and John Keezee, assistant.

Rules of Decorum read.

Newly organized churches called for and none responded.

Brethren A. H. Varney and Joshua West were appointed to see that the Stand be occupied by Ministers.

Letters from Associations called for and received as follows:

ZION—At the hand of Eld. Ali Ward, who received the right hand of fellowship and was seated with us.

NEW SALEM—No letter but received Eld. Phiness Adkins and Joe V. Davis.

BETHLEHEM—At the hand of Joe Maynard.

NEW ZION—No letter, but received delegate Eld. Moses Williamson.

Transient Ministers called for and Elds. John Keezee, W. A. Hurley, W. J. Fields, J. W. Smith, Mont Williamson, J. Estep, A. L. Dempsey, A. S. Maynard, Moses Maynard, Wayne Cline, Joshua West and Epp Ward came forward and received the right hand of fellowship.

Committee on Ministry consisting of one delegate from each church reported for tomorrow, 1st, Phiness Adkins; 2nd, Epp Ward; 3rd, Ali Ward; 4th, J. Estep.

Moved that we correspond with Zion, New Zion, New Salem, Pineville District and Bethlehem Associations.

The following brethren appointed to write corresponding letters:

Brother A. H. Varney write a letter to Zion.

Eld. John Keezee write a letter to New Zion.

Eld. A. L. Dempsey write a letter to New Salem.

Eld. Hi Maynard write a letter to Bethlehem.

Eld. W. A. Hurley write a letter to Pineville District.

Committee appointed to arrange the business for tomorrow as follows: Eld. John Keezee, A. L. Dempsey, W. J. Fields, J. W. Smith, A. S. Maynard. Visiting brethren invited. Committee to meet at Bro. A. H. Varney's.

On motion the Association adjourn till 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Closed by prayer by Eld. Moses Williamson.

SATURDAY, September 18, 1909.

The Association met on Saturday morning pursuant to adjournment. Remarks by Eld. G. W. Maynard. Song "Brethren we have met again," was sung with melody in our hearts to the Lord. Prayer by Eld. J. W. Smith, then proceeded to business.

Rules of Decorum read.

Roll called, delegates all present except two.

Committee on arrangements made their report which was adopted and committee discharged.

Eld. A. L. Dempsey and Bro. J. M. Hensley were appointed finance committee. They reported \$19.44 from the churches. Report approved and committee discharged.

Treasurer reported \$2.30 on hand from last year. Report accepted.

Ministers appointed in Union Meetings and Associations last year made their report as follows: Elds. G. W. Maynard, Robt. Elswick, A. S. Maynard and Chas. Jude, reported satisfactorily, and the other appointees were excused by the association.

Letters to the different associations called for, read and delegates appointed to bear the same as follows:

TO NEW ZION—Elds. Chas. Jude, W. J. Fields and Bro. J. A. Cline, when convened with the Fairmount church, Wayne county, W. Va., on Friday before first Saturday in October, 1909.

TO ZION—Elds. J. W. Smith, John Keezee and Chas. Jude, when convened with the Friendship church, Johnson county, Ky., on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1910.

TO BETHLEHEM—Elds. W. B. Estep, G. W. Maynard and Bro. John Blackburn, when convened with the Brush Creek church, Wayne Co., W. Va., on Friday before first Sunday in September, 1910.

TO PINEVILLE DISTRICT—Eld. Joshua West and Bros. A. Phillips and Muss Davis, when convened with the Myrtle Valley church, Wyoming county, W. Va., on Friday before the 4th Saturday in September, 1909.

TO NEW SALEM—Elds. John Keezee, A. S. Maynard, W. H. Bolden and Bro. Joseph Ray, when convened with the Zion church, Floyd county, Ky., on Friday before the 4th Saturday in September, 1909.

Committee on Ministry reported for tomorrow—the Lord's day—1st, D. R. May to open services; 2nd, Phiness Adkins; 3rd, Ali Ward; 4th, W. J. Fields.

Ordered that the following churches have Union meetings:

ENON—First Saturday in August, 1910; Eld.

A. S. Maynard, Wm. Whitlock, John Keezee and Robert Elswick attend.

BIG BRANCH—Third Saturday in August, 1910, Eld. Josh. West, A. L. Dempsey, W. J. Fields and G. W. Maynard attend.

BETHLEHEM—Third Saturday in July, 1910, Eld. J. W. Smith, Josh. West and G. W. Maynard attend.

MT. PLEASANT—Second Saturday in July, 1910, Eld. A. S. Maynard and Hi Maynard attend.

BENT BRANCH—Third Saturday in August, 1910, Eld. J. W. Smith, Phiness Adkins and John Keezee attend.

BRUSHY FORK—First Saturday in July, 1910, Eld. Phiness Adkins and Hi Maynard attend.

MARY ELIZABETH—Fourth Saturday in July, 1910, John Keezee, W. B. Estep, J. W. Smith and W. H. Bolden attend.

SARDIS—Fourth Saturday in July, 1910, Eld. A. L. Dempsey, Hi Maynard and J. Estep attend.

ELK FORK—Third Saturday in August, 1910, Eld. W. B. Estep, W. J. Fields and Joshua West attend.

LITTLE DOVE—First Saturday in September, 1910, Eld. A. L. Dempsey, W. B. Estep and Hi Maynard attend.

REBECCA—Friday before 2nd Saturday in August, 1910, Eld. A. S. Maynard, John Keezee and Hi Maynard attend.

Ordered that Bro. Clerk superintend the print-

ing and the distribution of the Minutes and have 800 copies printed.

Moved that article (11) eleven of our constitution be amended so as to read thus: That "the churches shall send money by the delegates of each church to pay for printing of Minutes of the Association and also defray expenses of the delegates to other associations."

Ordered that our next Association be held with the Sidney church, Martin county, Ky., on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1910.

Ordered that Eld. A. S. Maynard preach the introductory sermon and Eld. A. L. Dempsey be his alternate.

We, the Sardis Association, do hereby extend our heartfelt thanks to the brethren of Mt. Pleasant church and friends, who so kindly entertained us during this session of our association.

Song "Farewell my dear brethren."

Closed by prayer by Eld. A. L. Dempsey.

By order of the Association.

ELD. W. B. ESTEP, MODERATOR.
HI MAYNARD, CLERK.

SUNDAY'S SERVICE

On Sunday morning a large and well ordered audience assembled at the stand. 1st, D. R. May introduced services with a few remarks. The song "Minister's advice to his children,"

was sung. Prayer was offered by Eld. D. R. May. 1st, Eld. Phiness Adkins preached, text, John 4-16. "Jesus said, go call thy husband and come hither."

2nd, Eld. Ali Ward preached, text, 1st Cor., 15-22. "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."

The brethren labored in harmony and love and that "Heavenly Manna" was showered all around throughout the entire association, all was love, union and fellowship. Now may God prosper us to be ever faithful to Him that called us into the marvelous light of the glorious gospel of His Son.

HI MAYNARD, CLERK.

CONSTITUTION

From a long series of experience, we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon our profession of faith in Jesus Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches, in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us, and preserve, maintain and keep the rules and orders of an association, according to the following plan or form of government:

ARTICLE 1 The association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches, and only sent to represent in the association who shall be members whom they shall think qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their

respective churches certifying their appointment shall be entitled to a seat.

ART. 2 In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, their baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead, since the last association.

ART. 3 The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on the eternal rights of any church in the union.

ART. 4 The association when convened shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.

ART. 5 The association shall have a Moderator and assistant, a Clerk and assistant, who shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

ART. 6 New churches shall be admitted into our union who shall petition by letter and delegate, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the association and manifested by the Moderator giving the hand of fellowship.

ART. 7 Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the association.

ART. 8 Every query presented by any church to the association being first debated in their own church, shall be taken up by the association.

ART. 9 Every motion made and seconded shall be taken up by the association, except it be with-

drawn by the member who made it.

ART. 10 The association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the association.

ART. 11 The churches shall send money by the delegates of each church to pay for printing the minutes of the association.

ART. 12 There shall be a record book kept wherein the proceedings of each association shall be regularly recorded by a Secretary appointed for that purpose.

ART. 13 The minutes of the association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the association rises.

ART. 14 Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they may deem it necessary.

ART. 15 All matters coming before the association shall be decided by the will of the majority.

ART. 16 The association shall have power: 1—To provide for the general union of the churches; 2—To preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches; 3—To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4—To inquire into the cause why the churches fail at any time to represent themselves in the association; 5—To appoint any member or members, by and with their consent, to transact any business which they may think necessary;

6—To withdraw from any church in this union which shall violate the rules of this association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; 7—To admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat with us in the association; 8—To adjourn to any future time and place most convenient to the church or union; 9—No minister shall be ordained unless forwarded by a church and it shall require two or more ordained ministers to compose a presbytery for that purpose.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

We, the churches of Jesus Christ, of Regular Baptists, are constituted on the following faith, viz:

ARTICLE I We believe in one only true and living God, the Creator of the Heavens and the Earth and all things that are therein contained.

ART. 2 We believe in Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, who is Head and King of His church.

ART. 3 We believe in the Holy Ghost, the Sealer and Applier of the redemption purchased by Christ.

ART. 4 We believe in the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

ART. 5 We believe in the scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the infallible word of God, take it for our only rule of faith and practice, and nothing is to be added to it or taken from it.

ART. 6 We believe in the free atonement of Jesus Christ, and that He tasted death for every man and that salvation is offered to all men and women upon the terms of the gospel.

ART. 7 We believe that repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are necessary previous to baptism and that immersion is the only right way of administering the ordinance.

ART. 8 We believe that Christ has but one true gospel church and that it will finally persevere through grace to glory.

ART. 9 We believe in the communion of the Lord's Supper, that is the taking of the bread and wine by the church of Jesus Christ in commemoration of the death and suffering of the Son of God until His second coming.

ART. 10 We believe that feet washing is an ordinance of Jesus Christ and ought to be observed and kept up by His church until His second coming.

ART. 11 We believe that Jesus Christ is the first resurrection from the dead and that He lives forever.

ART. 12 We believe in the resurrection of the just and unjust.

ART. 13 We believe in the final punishment of the wicked and in the eternal happiness of the righteous.

RULES OF DECORUM

ARTICLE I The association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

ART. 2 A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

ART. 3 Only one member shall speak at the same time who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

ART. 4 The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech, except by the Moderator, till he is done speaking and shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before or make remarks on his slips or failures and imperfections, but shall verily state the cause and matter as nearly as he can, so as to convey his light or idea.

ART. 5 No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the association.

ART. 6 No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the association without liberty obtained from it.

ART. 7 No member of the association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of same, nor whispering in time of public speech.

ART. 8 No member of the association shall address another by any other title or appellation than that of brother.

ART. 9 The Moderator shall not interrupt a member until he gives his idea upon the subject, except he break the rules of decorum.

ART. 10 The names of the members of the association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the association requires.

ART. 11 The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speech as another member, provided the chair be filled, but shall have no vote unless the association be equally divided.

ART. 12 Any member who shall willfully and knowingly break any of the rules shall be reproved by the association as it may think proper.

ART. 13 But three members shall take a seat in the association from each church.

ART. 14 No person shall speak more than five minutes at the same time without liberty obtained from the association.

ART. 15 These rules of decorum shall be read by the Clerk at the commencement of every association.

	ORDAINED MINISTERS	POST OFFICE
1	A. S. Maynard	Jarad, Ky.
2	John Keezee	Meta, "
3	Robert Elswick	Varney, "
4	Mont Williamson	" "
5	Wayne Cline	Piso, "
6	W. H. Bolden	" "
7	J. E. Taylor	Jarad, "
8	J. W. Smith	Canada, "
9	Joshua West	" "
10	W. J. Fields	McClure, "
11	Chas. Frederick	" "
12	E. F. Fields	" "
13	Henry Preece	" "
14	Jonathan Estep	Merrimac, W. Va.
15	G. W. Maynard	Burch, "
16	Henry Hensley	" "
17	A. L. Dempsey	Eugene, "
18	W. A. Hurley	Maher, "
19	H. M. Runyon	Oppy, Ky.
20	Hi Maynard	Myrtle, W. Va.
21	W. B. Estep	" "
22	Epp Ward	Inez, Ky.
23	Moses Maynard	Gulnare, "
24	J. L. Dotson	Jamboree, "
25	Wm. Whitlock	Sprigg, W. Va.
26	Isom Sloane	Delorme, "
27	Evans Sluss	Pilgrim, Ky.
28	P. H. S. Curry	Bias, W. Va.
29	Mordeca Maynard	Burch, "

Statistical Table of Churches

Churches	Messengers	Church Time	Contribution	Total	Died	Excluded	Dismissed	Recommendations	Restored	By Letter	By Baptism
Sardis	P. A. Farley, G. W. Maynard	4	\$1.75	2181	1	1	2			2	2
Brushy Fork	G. Maynard, Wayne Cline, Wm. Nickols	1	2.00	1.82	1					2	2
Big Branch	Thos. McCoy, H. McCoy, J. E. Taylor	3	1.89	1.46	1					1	4
Mt. Pleasant	J. M. Hensley, A. Smith, Joe Varney	2	2.53	2.46	2					3	3
Rebecca	Hi Maynard, W. B. Estep, Paul Runyon	2	2.00	.68						3	3
Enon	O. B. Kazez, Muss Davis	1	1.25	.21						1	2
Bethlehem	John Blackburn, Wm. Pennington	3	1.15	.29						1	1
Bent Branch	Granville Smith, Robt. Elswick, W. H. Bolden	1	1.50	.51						2	2
Little Dove	Henry Dempsey, John Hall	1	1.00	.24						3	3
Elk Fork	Comfort White, Sam Crum, Joe Curry	3	2.00	2.63						4	10
Sidney	Chas. Jude, Joe Cline, Robt. Maynard	4	1.95	1.68						2	4
Pleasant Home	No letter	3	1.00	.24						3	3
Mary Elizabeth	Jerry Smith, Wm. Brown, W. S. Smith	4	1.00	.23						5	5
Totals			\$19.44	12671	5	6	5		8	7	53