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Kansas Baptist (Convention):
annual Proceedings

HELD WITH THE

BAPTIST CHURCH AT ATCHISON,

ATCHISON COUNTY, KANSAS,

June 6th, 7th and 8th, 1860. *Am*

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Constitution of the Kansas Baptist Convention.

- ARTICLE I.**—This Convention shall be denominated the Kansas Baptist Convention.
- ARTICLE II.**—The object of this Convention shall be to concentrate our influence; to cultivate christian acquaintance; to bring our ministers into closer sympathy; to communicate intelligence respecting the state of religion; to gather statistics of the denomination; and to promote the spirit of piety and brotherly love throughout all our churches.
- ARTICLE III.**—The Convention shall be composed of two delegates from each Baptist Church in Kansas, one of whom shall be the pastor, where there is a pastor.
- ARTICLE IV.**—The Officers of this Convention shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually by ballot.
- ARTICLE V.**—The Treasurer shall receive all moneys of the Convention, and pay them over by order of the Convention, or of the President and Secretary.
- ARTICLE VI.**—The Convention shall appoint one or more persons from each Association to prepare a carefully written report of the state of religion within the limits of the Association, giving statistics, pastoral changes, and any information of present or prospective importance to the denomination.
- ARTICLE VII.**—This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a concurrence of three-fourths of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of the Convention, at every sitting, shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. The President and Secretary of the preceding year shall occupy their places until a new organization is effected.
3. In case of failure to elect any officer on the first ballot, the voting on the succeeding ballots shall be restricted to the two names having the highest number of votes on the first.
4. The Secretary shall be permitted to nominate his Assistant Secretary.
5. Speakers shall arise and address the Chair and strictly confine themselves to the point in discussion, avoiding personal reflections.
6. No person shall, without permission, speak more than twice on the same subject.
7. No person shall absent himself from the business of the Convention without obtaining leave of absence from the President.
8. The President may speak on any subject either by permission, or provided the Chair be filled by the Vice President, or some member of the Convention; but he shall have no vote unless the Convention be equally divided.
9. These Rules shall be read annually before the Convention, previous to entering upon business.
10. The Minutes of the body shall be read at the opening of each session before proceeding to business, and if no objection is made, shall be considered endorsed by the Convention; and those of the whole session shall be leisurely read as the last act of the Convention, before the concluding prayer.
11. These Rules of Order may be amended or suspended at any regular meeting by a majority of the members present.

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MINUTES.

ATCHISON, June 6th, 1860.

Pursuant to a call of the different Associations for a General Convention of the Baptists of Kansas, delegates from most of the Churches throughout the Territory, assembled in the Baptist Church of Atchison, at 10 o'clock, A. M., June 6th, 1860.

After a season of prayer, a sermon introductory to the meeting was preached by Bro. J. M. CHALLISS, of New Jersey, from Matt. 21 : 28: "*Son, go work to-day in my vineyard.*"

The Convention was called to order by Bro. R. C. BRANT, and upon his motion Bro. L. A. ALDERSON was chosen temporary Chairman, and Bro. W. O. THOMAS, Secretary. Prayer was then offered by Bro. W. J. KERMOTT.

On motion, a committee of one from each Association was appointed on Credentials :

East Kansas.....	E. ALLWARD.
Kansas River.....	W. J. KERMOTT.
Neosho Valley.....	J. C. BUNCH.
Nemaha.....	T. R. NEWTON.
Mound.....	Jos. Carpenter.

A committee of one from each Association was appointed on Permanent Organization, consisting of brothers

I. S. KALLOCH,
R. C. BRANT,
WM. DOOLEY,
T. R. NEWTON,
J. Carpenter.

Prayer by Bro. J. M. LACKEY.
Adjourned to 2½ o'clock, P. M.

2½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, and prayer offered by Bro. C. C. HUTCHINSON.

NOTE.—The names of Ordained Ministers are given in small capitals, and those of Licentiates in italics.

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The Committee on Credentials reported the following brethren, as Delegates from the Churches opposite which their names are placed :

Lawrence—W. O. Thomas.
Leavenworth City—I. S. Kalloch, Deacon Benj. Luce.
Topeka—C. C. Hutchinson.
Atchison—L. A. Alderson, Dr. W. L. Challiss.
Gardner—J. M. Lackey, O. Hukill.
Wathena—E. Allward, H. Frick.
Iowa Point—Jas. Powell, C. A. Bateman.
Manhattan,
St. George, } W. J. Kermott.
Wabaunsee, }
Hebron, Wm. F. Ashby, S. D. McMurtry.
Independence Creek—J. Brady, J. K. Alderson.
Emporia—R. C. Brant, J. P. Lawton.
Oskaloosa—H. S. Tibbits, Jas. Downing.
Mount Pleasant—T. H. Storts, J. H. Miller.
Mount Zion—Wm. Dooley, J. C. Bunch.
Central City—J. Roberts.
Camp Creek—Jos. Martin, J. H. Wigglesworth.
New Lancaster—Jas. Carpenter.
Ottawa—J. T. Jones.
Hibbard—Wm. Applegate.
Round Prairie—Jesse Connell, G. Henderson.
Troy—J. M. Frant.
Nemaha Valley Association—T. R. Newton.
 Adopted.

Brother KALLOCH, from the Committee on Permanent Organization, reported a Constitution and Rules of Order which were adopted unanimously. See 3d page.

An election was then held for the officers provided for in the Constitution, with the following result :

President,.....I. S. KALLOCH, of Leavenworth.
Vice-President,.....L. A. ALDERSON, of Atchison.
Secretary,.....E. ALLWARD, of Wathena.
Treasurer,.....Dea. B. Luce, of Leavenworth.

On motion of Bro. S. A. ALDERSON, the following brethren were invited to participate in the business of the Convention :

J. M. CHALLIS, of New Jersey ; NELSON ALVORD, of Kansas ; Wm. HOBBS, do. ; John HASKINS, do. ; R. M. FISH, do. Also, Bro. J. M. Rice, Missionary of Am. S. S. Union ; and Bro. R. Simmerwell, Colporteur of Am. Bap. Pub. Society.

On Preacher and Place of Meeting next Year.—W. O. THOMAS, C. A. Bateman, J. C. Bunch, J. Carpenter, J. Roberts.

The Committee on Religious Exercises, reported Bro. W. O. THOMAS to preach to-morrow evening.

On motion, it was agreed to set apart a portion of to-morrow afternoon, commencing at 3 o'clock, to hear reports from Brethren of the state of religion in the different sections of the Territory, each speaker to be limited to ten minutes.

Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning for a season of prayer, before entering upon business.

Prayer by the President.

In the evening, Bro. I. S. KALLOCH preached from Rom. 1: 20—
 "They are without excuse."

THURSDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

After an hour devoted to prayer and religious conference, the Convention proceeded to business.

The Committee on Order of Business reported a plan of business for regulating the action of the Convention, which was adopted.

The Committee on Preacher and Place of Meeting reported, recommending Lawrence as the place of holding the next meeting ; L. A. ALDERSON to preach the introductory sermon, and C. C. HUTCHINSON alternate. Adopted.

The Committees of the Kansas River and East Kansas Associations, appointed to name Trustees and secure a Charter for a State University, reported as follows :

The Committees appointed by the Kansas River and East Kansas Associations report jointly that they have obtained a Charter under the name and title of "Roger Williams University," whose corporate body consists of leading Baptists in Kansas, with power to locate in one year from date of Charter ; that said Board will hold its first meeting to-day in Atchison, and will doubtless confer with the Convention in regard to location and other matters.

R. C. BRANT, Ch'n of Com. of K. R. Ass'n
 E. ALLWARD, " " " E. K. "

On motion, the Convention took a recess to give opportunity for the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Roger Williams University. After said meeting, the Convention was called to order by the President, and continued its business.

A Committee on Finance was appointed, to wit : C. A. Bateman, H. Frick, O. Hukill.

Bro. L. A. ALDERSON presented the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That each Church in our Territory be requested to procure a history of its origin and progress, and have the same recorded in a good and substantial church book.

The same brother presented the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to take into consideration the location of a University under the patronage of the Baptist denomination in Kansas, and report to the Convention.

The following brethren were appointed said Committee : L. A. ALDERSON, J. M. LACKEY, C. C. HUTCHINSON, T. H. STORTS, T. R. NEWTON.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

Prayer by the President.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Convention met.

Prayer by Bro. C. C. HUTCHINSON.

On motion it was agreed to defer hearing reports on the state of religion for half an hour.

On motion, it was,

Resolved, That the Convention publish the minutes of its proceedings and that the President and Secretary be a committee to superintend the printing and distribution of the same.

The Committee on the Location of a University under the patronage of the Baptist denomination, reported as follows :

Your Committee would recommend that this Convention appoint a committee of three, who shall advertise for proposals from towns or individuals in the Territory relative to the location of a University, and who shall report the result of their information, together with any recommendations they may think proper, to the Board of the Roger Williams University before the next meeting of this Convention.

Report was adopted, and Brothers R. C. BRANT, C. C. HUTCHINSON, and W. J. KERMOTT were appointed the committee provided for in the report.

Bro. W. J. KERMOTT presented the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of establishing a State Paper for our denomination.

The Committee appointed were, W. J. KERMOTT, L. A. ALDERSON, R. C. BRANT, Benj. Luce, Jesse Connell.

The time having come for hearing accounts of the spiritual condition

of the Territory, very interesting statements were made by many brethren, showing encouraging success to the past labors of God's servants, and great promise in the future of the speedy and permanent triumph of gospel truth throughout this Territory.

On motion of W. J. KERMOTT, it was,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to present a report respecting the state of religion in the churches.

Brethren C. C. HUTCHINSON, L. A. ALDERSON and J. H. MILLER were appointed said Committee.

On motion, a committee was appointed to prepare a list of the names of ministers of this Territory with the address of each, for publication in the minutes.

Brethren E. ALLWARD, R. C. BRANT, and WM. DOOLEY were appointed such committee.

The Committee on Finance reported \$37.25 received in money and pledges.

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

Prayer by the President.

In the evening, Brother W. O. THOMAS preached from Acts 16: 36—
"He is Lord of all."

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Convention was called to order, and opened with prayer by the President.

A committee on the state of religion, provided for by the 6th Article of the Constitution, to report at the next meeting of the Convention, was appointed as follows :

W. O. THOMAS, Kansas River Assoc. ; E. ALLWARD, East Kansas do. ; R. C. BRANT, Neosho Valley do. ; P. FRINK, Nemaha Valley do. ; WM. HOBBS, Mound do.

The Committee on State Paper reported as follows :

Resolved, That we deem the publication of a State Paper of great importance to our denomination, as well as to the great religious interests of Kansas ; and that we appoint Brethren I. S. KALLOCH, R. C. BRANT and Benj. Luce, a Committee of Inquiry with reference to the practicability of the enterprise ; and if they see fit to commence the issue of such a paper, we pledge ourselves to aid in its circulation and support to the extent of our ability. The Committee also recommend that this paper be published at Leavenworth City.

W. J. KERMOTT, Chairman.

Report was adopted.

The Committee on the State of Religion in the Churches reported as follows :

Your Committee upon the State of Religion in the Territory would submit the following report :

Kansas has never been blessed with an extensive outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The difficulties which for a long time raged in our midst, to the exclusion of all other topics of thought, were immediately succeeded by a mania for speculation, and men became so intent upon corner lots and quarter sections, as nearly to forget that there is an Eternity and a God.

Within the past year the aspect of affairs has changed. Peace has reigned within our borders, and men have found that "All is not gold that glitters," and that wealth comes to a people not by speculation but by productive industry. Visions of sudden fortunes having vanished, men have set themselves to honest labor, and the social and religious interests of the country have received increased attention.

The past winter marks an era in the religious history of Kansas. Previously, persons here and there had been wrought upon by the Grace of God, but it was more usual to see a professing Christian wandering from the narrow path, than to hear men pray the prayer of the Publican. During the winter months, news came from all parts of the Territory, that sinners were seeking Christ. This has not been confined to any particular district or denomination. All of Christ's people have, to a greater or less extent, been recipients of the blessing.

Our own denomination has largely shared in this ingathering. Nearly every church reports conversions, in some instances numbering twenty or more, while the general spiritual condition of members has greatly improved.

The statistics at hand are very meagre, but our aggregate membership has more than doubled during the past year, while the number of churches has increased to forty or more. We have great reason to thank God for this prosperity.

Yet there is much land to be possessed. As will be seen from list of ministers, the churches already organized are but meagerly supplied with pastors, while there are hundreds of Baptists yet to be gathered into churches, and very large settlements, embracing in some instances whole counties, where there is little preaching of any kind, and where a Baptist sermon never was heard. From every quarter we hear the cry, "Come over and help us."

On motion of Bro. C. C. HUTCHINSON, it was,

Resolved, That the more general distribution of religious and denominational literature is a most desirable object, and to this end we cordially recommend Bro. R. Simmerwell, Colporteur of the Am. Bap. Publication Society, as a faithful brother, and bespeak for him the patronage of our denomination.

The Committee on the Names of Ministers reported a list which was adopted and ordered to be printed.

Bro. W. J. KERMOTT presented the following, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That we tender to the Baptist Church of Atchison and to the citizens generally, our thanks for the very hospitable and friendly entertainment which we have enjoyed from them during our session.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned to meet with the Baptist Church in Lawrence on the first Wednesday in June, 1861, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by the President.

I. S. KALLOCH, PRESIDENT.

E. ALLWARD, *Secretary*.

NOTE.—The Meetings were well attended, and very harmonious. All were encouraged by the wonderful progress our sentiments are making, and the hopeful future which seems opening before us. The universal sentiment was, that the Baptist Convention of Kansas could not have been more pleasantly or auspiciously inaugurated.

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NAMES OF BAPTIST MINISTERS IN KANSAS,
AND
THEIR POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.

ALDERSON L. A.,	Atchison,	Atchison Co.
ALVORD NELSON,
ALLWARD E.,	Wathena,	Doniphan Co.
BRANT R. C.,	Lawrence,	Douglas do.
BRALY J.,	Atchison,	Atchison do.
CABLE H.,	Elizabethtown,	Allen do.
DOOLEY WM.,	Ottumwa,	Coffey do.
FISH R. M.,	Auburn,	Shawnee do.
FRINK P.,	Sabetha,	Nemaha do.
HUTCHINSON C. C.,	Topeka,	Shawnee do.
Haskins John,	Atchison,	Atchison do.
HOBBS WM.,	Mound City,	Linn do.
HAMMOND C. F.,	Leavenworth City,	Leavenworth do.
HARRIS ISRAEL,	Ottumwa,	Coffey do.
JACKSON JOHN,	Topeka,	Shawnee do.
Jones J. G.,	Ottawa Creek,	Franklin do.
KALLOCH I. S.,	Leavenworth City,	Leavenworth do.
KERMOTT W. J.,	Manhattan,	Riley do.
LACKEY J. M.,	Olathe,	Johnson,
Lawton J. P.,	Emporia,	Breckenridge do.
MILLER J. H.,	Mount Pleasant,	Atchison do.
MOORE J. E.,	Auburn,	Shawnee do.
NEWTON T. R.,	Central City,	Nemaha do.
NEWTON T.,	Central City,	Nemaha do.
PRATT J. G.,	Quindaro,	Leavenworth do.
STORTS T. H.,	Atchison,	Atchison do.
THOMAS W. O.,	Lawrence,	Douglas do.
TIBBETTS H. S.,	Oskaloosa,	Jefferson do.
WISNER M.,	Manhattan,	Riley do.

MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF TRUSTEES
OF THE
ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY.

A majority of the persons named as Trustees in the Act to incorporate ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY, met at Atchison, K. T., Thursday, June 7th, 1860.

There were present as follows: Jesse Connell, R. C. Brant, Benj. Luce, E. Allward, L. A. Alderson, W. O. Thomas, C. C. Hutchinson, Wm. J. Kermott.

Rev. R. C. Brant was elected President *pro tem.*; Rev. C. C. Hutchinson was elected Secretary *pro tem.*

The Charter was read and accepted by unanimous vote.

The following persons were then elected to fill vacancies: Rev. I. S. Kalloch, T. H. Storts, John S. Jones.

Adjourned to call of President on the next day.

ATCHISON, K. T., June 8, 1860.

Trustees of ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY assembled according to previous adjournment.

Same persons being present, excepting Jesse Connell, as on previous day, with the addition of newly-elected Trustees.

The following permanent officers were then chosen: Rev. R. C. Brant, President; Rev. Wm. J. Kermott, Vice President; Rev. C. C. Hutchinson, Secretary; Jesse Connell, Esq., Treasurer.

Voted, That the division into classes, as required by charter, be determined by lot.

The classification was as follows: To serve as Trustees for the term of one year—Benj. Luce, John Drew, W. O. Thomas. For two years—S. B. Prentiss, L. A. Alderson, Wm. H. Russell. For three years—Augustus Isbell, T. H. Storts, J. T. Jones. For four years—Jesse Connell, J. Stone, C. C. Hutchinson. For five years—J. S. Emery, J. B. Maynard, Wm. J. Kermott. For six years—R. C. Brant, E. Allward, I. S. Kalloch.

Voted, That the Committee nominated by the Baptist Convention be a Committee appointed by the Trustees to advertise for bids for location of the University.

Adjourned to the call of the President and Secretary.

R. C. BRANT, PRESIDENT.

C. C. HUTCHINSON, Secretary.

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