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OF THE
SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE
BAPTIST

Missionary Convention

OF THE
STATE OF KANSAS,

HELD WITH THE
BAPTIST CHURCH AT LAWRENCE, DOUGLAS CO.,
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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called THE BAPTIST MISSIONARY CONVENTION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS.

ART. 2. The Convention shall be composed of Delegates from such regular Baptist Churches of this State as contribute annually to its treasury. Each church so contributing may send three Delegates.

ART. 3. The great object of the Convention shall be to promote the spread of the Gospel and the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom in the home field, and particularly in our own State.

ART. 4. Annual meetings of the Society shall be held on the first Wednesday in June, at such place as the Convention may, from time to time, direct.

ART. 5. The Officers of the Convention shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually, by ballot.

ART. 6. At each annual meeting, there shall be elected an Executive Board of nine persons, who shall be members, in good standing, of churches composing this body; and, to facilitate the business, a nominating committee shall be appointed, to report a list of names to the Convention.

ART. 7. The Executive Board shall meet, immediately on the adjournment of the Convention, to organize by the choice of a President and Secretary, and to dispose of any business on hand; shall hold semi-annual meetings, at such time and place as shall by them be designated, and shall make a full annual report of their doings to the Convention. At all meetings of the Board, a majority shall be a quorum to transact business. Special meetings may be called by the President and Secretary of the Board.

ART. 8. All moneys of the Convention shall be securely kept by its Treasurer, and paid out only by order of the Executive Board; and the Secretary of the Board shall transcribe into a book, provided for that purpose, the proceedings of the Board, for the future use of the Convention.

ART. 9. This Constitution may be altered or amended, at an annual meeting, by the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

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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 indorsed 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.

MINUTES.

THE KANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION assembled, pursuant to adjournment, with the Baptist Church at Lawrence, on Wednesday, June 5th, 1861, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Rev. L. A. ALDERSON preached the Introductory Sermon, from 13th chapter of John, 31st verse: "*Jesus said, Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in Him.*"

In the absence of the President, the Vice President, Rev. L. A. ALDERSON, called the Convention to order.

On motion of Rev. R. C. BRANT, a committee was ordered upon Religious Exercises.

Brethren Rev. R. C. BRANT, S. B. Prentiss and J. S. Emery were appointed such committee.

On motion of Rev. W. J. KERMOTT, it was agreed to appoint a Committee on Credentials.

The following were appointed, to wit: Brethren KERMOTT, ALWARD and ALVORD.

On motion of Rev. A. PERKINS, D. D., it was resolved that the Convention, for each forenoon session, will assemble at 9 o'clock and adjourn at 12; and that, for each afternoon session, it assemble at 2 1-2 o'clock and adjourn at 5.

Adjourned to 2 1-2 o'clock.

2 1-2 O'CLOCK.*

Convention assembled.

Prayer by F. Barker.

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

*Atchison—A. PERKINS, D. D., L. A. ALDERSON.

Mount Zion—J. C. Bunch, G. S. Saxton.

Troy—Alfred Saxie.

Burlingame—Dea. J. Drew, T. Playford.

Oskaloosa—N. ALVORD.

Green Valley—W. HOBBS.

Lawrence—S. B. PRENTISS, Geo. Ford, J. S. Emery.

Emporia—R. C. BRANT.

New Lancaster—L. C. CONREY, J. Carpenter.

Ottawa—J. T. Jones, J. Woolf.

Delaware Mission—J. G. PRATT.

Manhattan—W. J. KERMOTT.

Hartford—J. HARRIS.

Leavenworth—Dea. Benj. Luce, G. A. Moore.

Wathena—E. ALWARD.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of Officers, which resulted as follows :

President—A. Perkins, D. D., Atchison.

Vice President—E. Alward, Wathena.

Secretary—Geo. Ford, Lawrence.

Treasurer—L. A. Alderson.

On motion of Bro. Brant, Convention took a recess of ten minutes.

Convention called to order by the President.

Rules of Order were read by the Secretary.

On motion of Bro. Kermott, Brethren E. Jones, of Cherokee Mission, F. Barker, of Lawrence, and R. Simmerwell, of Auburn, were invited to seats in the Convention.

NOTE—Names of Ordained Ministers in SMALL CAPITALS; Licentiates in *italic*.

Committee on Religious Exercises appointed Bro. Kermott to preach this evening, at quarter before 8 o'clock.

On motion of Bro. Brant, Brethren Kermott, Alvord and Alderson were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for holding the next session of this Convention.

On motion of Bro. Brant, a Committee of five was appointed, to revise the Constitution of this Convention.

Brethren Brant, Alderson, Alward, Barker and Harris were made such Committee.

Brother Alderson moved that Brethren Alward and Ford be a Committee to revise the list of Ministers names and post office address, and publish the same in the minutes.

At the former Convention, a Committee on the State of Religion, consisting of one from each Association, having been appointed, according to the 6th article of the Constitution,

On motion of Bro. Brant, Brethren Kermott and Harris were placed on the Committee for Kansas River and Neosho Valley Associations.

On motion of Bro. Alward, Brethren Carpenter, Alvord and Kermott were appointed a Finance Committee.

Brother Brant, chairman of Committee on publishing a denominational paper in this State, reported that the severe drouth and other adverse circumstances had prevented them from taking effective measures towards accomplishing that object.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Brother Kermott, a Committee was appointed to obtain from the Legislature of this State, at its next session, a charter of incorporation for this Convention.

Brethren Luce, Prentiss and Drew were appointed such Committee, and instructed to report to this Convention suitable persons, whose names should be inserted in the charter as the first Board of Trustees.

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

Prayer by Bro. Alward.

In the evening, Bro. Kermott preached from the 51st Psalm, 17th verse. "*The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit. A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.*"

THURSDAY, June 6, 1861.

Convention met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Bro. Hobbs.

Bro. Luce, Treasurer, made the following report:

Cash received at Convention,	- - -	\$26.55
Paid for printing Minutes,	- - -	25.00
		1.55
Balance in Treasury,	- - -	1.55

Report accepted.

Committee on the State of Religion made the following report, which was adopted, and ordered to be published with the Minutes:

Your Committee upon the State of Religion in the State of Kansas, would present the following report:

From the first settlement of Kansas until the present time, for the most part, difficulties of a varied and extraordinary character have hindered the rapid triumphs of the Gospel among us.

The almost total failure of crops during the past year has greatly impoverished some of our churches. Some of our brethren, who were Missionaries of the A. B. H. M. Society, have closed their labors, and their fields are now destitute.

The inability of our churches to build houses of worship, as other denominations have done, by receiving funds from the East, in more prosperous times, has, also, proved a serious obstruction to our progress.

There has been, notwithstanding all this, much to cheer our

hearts. Some of our churches have enjoyed revival influences to a considerable degree, which has resulted in a material increase of numbers. There is yet much land to be possessed, and great necessity that more ministers should occupy the field, and strengthen the large number of feeble churches that are struggling for the maintenance of Christian institutions in their midst.

There are, also, multitudes of Baptists scattered throughout the State, and, in many instances, found in sufficient numbers to warrant the immediate constitution of churches.

Our hope is strong that God will ere long refresh us more than in passed time, and that our churches are destined to occupy a prominent position in the evangelization of this State.

Committee on Revision of the Constitution reported. [For Constitution see page 3.]

Adopted, and Constitution ordered to be printed, together with the statistics of the different Associations of this State.

[No statistics being furnished, they are necessarily omitted. There are in Kansas five Associations, including about fifty churches and 1200 members. It is earnestly requested of the Clerks of the Associations, during the present year, to forward, to the Secretary of the Convention, copies of their Minutes, in order that, in future, table of statistics may be compiled for the Minutes of the State Convention.]

On motion of Bro. Playford, a Committee was appointed to nominate an Executive Board, under Article 6 of the Constitution.

Brethren Kermott, Hobbs and Emery were made such Committee.

Adjourned.

Prayer by Bro. Alderson.

2 1-2 o'clock.

Convention called to order by the President.

Prayer by Bro. J. T. Jones.

Committee on nominations for an Executive Board reported

the following list of names, to wit: Brethren Perkins, Brant, Luce, Alvord, Hohbs, Kermott, Alward, Pratt and Carpenter.

Report accepted and Committee discharged.

Committee on arrangements for holding the next session of this Convention, presented the following report:

That the next annual meeting be held with the Mount Zion Church, at Italia, Breckinridge county, Neosho Valley; that Bro. C. C. Hutchinson preach the Annual Sermon, and Bro. Kermott be his Alternate.

Committee to present list of names to be inserted in first charter, reported the following, viz:

Brethren George Ford, J. S. Emery, G. T. Challis, John Drew, George A. Moore, Jesse Connell, J. T. Jones, J. B. Mandard and Thos. Playford.

Report accepted and Committee discharged.

Bro. Alderson, Treasurer, reported the amount of money collected at this Convention; also, the amount pledged.

Bro. Brant offered the following:

Resolved, That, in the trial through which our beloved country is now passing, we plainly recognize the hand of that Providence which guides nations, as well as individuals, towards the completion of its righteous purposes. That we acknowledge with humility our transgressions and shortcomings as a people, which has made the visitation necessary, and humbly implore our Heavenly Father to restore, once more, peace to our borders. That we pledge our heartfelt sympathy, with our prayers for the Chief Magistrate of our nation and his advisers, in the trying responsibilities which they have been called upon to assume. That they may have wisdom and strength to put down rebellion and restore the unity of the people of the United States, under that flag which is the representative not only of national glory, but of the farthest advance of the human race in their march towards civil and religious liberty.

Adopted.

Committee to revise list of names and post office address of Ministers in the State report as follows:

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

ALDERSON, L. A., Atchison, Atchison county.
 ALVORD, NELSON, Oskaloosa, Jefferson county.
 ALWARD, E., Wathena, Doniphan county.
 BRANT, R. C., Lawrence, Douglas county.
 BRALY, J., Atchison, Atchison.
 BARKER, FRANCIS, Lawrence, Douglas county.
 CABAL, H., Elizabethtown, Allen county.
 COWREY, L. C., Osawatomie, Lykins county.
 DOOLEY, WM., Ottumwa, Coffey county.
 FRINK, P., Sabetha, Nemaha.
 FREEMAN, _____, _____.
 HUTCHINSON, C. C., Sac and Fox Agency, Franklin co.
 HOBBS, WM., Mound City, Linn county.
 HAMMOND, C. F., Leavenworth, Leavenworth county.
 HARRIS, ISRAEL, Hartford, Madison county.
 JONES, J. T., Ottawa Creek, Franklin county.
 KERMOTT, W. J., Manhattan, Riley county.
 MILLER, J. H., Mount Pleasant, Atchison county.
 PRATT, J. G., Leavenworth, Leavenworth county.
 PERKINS, A., Atchison, Atchison county.
 STORTS, T. H., " " "
 TIBBITS, H. S., Hiawatha, Brown county.
 TAYLOR, J. B., Waterloo, Breckinridge county.
 WILLIAMS, J. R., _____, _____.
 WADDELL, D., Mount Pleasant, Atchison county.
 WISNER, M. L., Manhattan, Riley county,

Moved by Bro. Alward, that there be seven hundred copies of the Minutes published, and that the Secretary be a Committee to superintend the printing and distribution of the same.

Bro. Alfred Saxey presented the following Resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we tender our most cordial thanks to the Baptist Church and citizens of Lawrence, for the hospitable and Christian entertainment which we have enjoyed during the session of this Convention.

Minutes were read and approved.

Moved, by Bro. Alward, that we adjourn to meet with the Mount Zion Church.

Prayer by Bro. E. Jones.