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Next Association to be held with Mt. Bethel Baptist Church,
Clask County, commencing Saturday before
the fourth Sunday in September, 1895.

ART. 10.—This Constitution may be altered or amended at regular meetings of this Association by the concurring voice of two-thirds of the members present, provided such alteration or amendment be approved by the churches composing the Association.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. When the delegates of the several churches shall assemble at the place appointed for the session of the Association, the Moderator shall open business by praise and prayer in person, or by proxy. If the former Moderator or Clerk be absent the Association shall appoint one pro tem.

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

3. When the delegates' names are enrolled and called by the Clerk, the Association shall then elect by ballot a Moderator and Clerk, the plurality of votes governing the election.

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

5. Any person wishing to make a motion or to speak on 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 by calling the person or otherwise, and no one, thus in order shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject, or for personal reflections; 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.

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

7. No member may vacate his seat without the consent of the Moderator while the body is in session.

8. When one member shall speak to or of another, he shall call him brother.

9. The Moderator shall have the names of the delegates called whenever it is necessary.

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

11. The Moderator may invite visiting ministers in good order, to seats in the council, who may speak but not vote.

12. The minutes of the Association may be read as it may think necessary.

13. The Moderator shall be judge of the order; the objector may appeal to the body, a majority of whom shall determine the point of order.

PROCEEDINGS.

The forty-sixth annual session of the Red River Baptist Association met with the South Fork Baptist Church, Clark County, at 9 A. M. on Saturday, September 22, 23 and 24, 1894.

After singing, the Moderator, E. Merrell, read Matthew 7, after which earnest prayers were offered by Bros Copeland, Collins and J. O. Browning. The Association then took a recess until 11 o'clock.

Called to order by congregational singing led by Bros. Welch and Price

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. L. H. Hitt, selecting for his text Acts 2: 38. We do not say that Bro. Hitt was at his best, but his sermon was strong and forceful, and well received by the audience, who listened attentively to the entire discourse; concluded by J. P. Copeland.

Adjourned for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 1 o'clock promptly, and after singing and reading Romans 12, and prayer by Bro. E. B. Miller, was called to order by the former Moderator, Eld. E. Merrell.

Church letters were called for and presented. J. W. Conger and J. P. Copeland were appointed by the chair to read the letters. After reading, and the names of messengers enrolled and churches listed, the roll was called and absentees marked.

The Moderator then announced the order of business to be that of organizing, by electing by ballot a Moderator and Clerk. Bro. J. T. Hall of Arkadelphia, and two other brethren were selected by the Moderator to count the votes, which resulted in the choice of J. P. Copeland for Moderator and J. P. Bourland,

Clerk. The outgoing officers thanked the Association, and said they were glad to be relieved of the responsibilities of their respective offices. The ingoing officers thanked the Association for the honors conferred, and, in the language of J. P. Copeland, "the four were made glad."

The Moderator then took the chair, and called for petitionary letters, and letters from Gurdon, Bethel, Gethsemina, Boughton, Redland and Bethel Spring were read and messengers' names enrolled, after which they were received into full fellowship, and invited to seats with us.

Moved that a committee on Divine Services be appointed; motion carried, and the Moderator appointed E. W. McBrayer, Bros. Powell and Brown, and a motion prevailed to add the messengers of South Fork Church.

The following were received as Corresponding Messengers:

Union Association, Eld. A. N. Acker; Caddo Association, Bro. Welch; Visitors, Bros. Welch and Brown, and Dr. W. A. Clark, of Little Rock.

The Committee on Divine Services reported preaching on Saturday night, as follows: At South Fork Church, Eld. J. O. Browning; at Freeman's Chapel, Eld. E. B. Miller; at Vandivier Schoolhouse, Eld. G. W. Burnes; on Sunday morning, at South Fork, Dr. W. A. Clark; at Center Ridge, Eld. J. J. Haynes; on Sunday at 3 P. M., at South Fork, Eld. J. P. Copeland; on Sunday night, at South Fork, Eld. E. B. Miller; at Center Ridge, G. W. Burns.

J. O. Browning moved to rescind the act of appointing standing committees. This provoked spirited speeches both pro and con; question called for and motion prevailed.

Granted the Moderator until 11 o'clock Sunday to announce the several committees appointed.

The messengers and visitors were assigned homes by Dr. G. B. Carter.

Motion prevailed to adjourn till 9 o'clock Monday morning. A prayer meeting to be conducted by I. F. Welch at 9

o'clock Sunday morning. Song, and prayer by Eld. G. W. Burns.

EVENING SESSION.

At the opening of the evening service the Committee on Divine Services reported that instead of Eld. E. B. Miller at this place tomorrow night, Eld. A. N. Acker, of Union Association, will preach.

A large congregation assembled at the church to hear the aged brother—who in his younger days was a frequent visitor to this place—preach. Rev. J. O. Browning read Psalms 51, and offered an earnest prayer, followed by singing, "Alas! and did my Savior bleed," after which he announced his text, Psalms 84:9. Bro. Browning, aided by the Holy Spirit, delivered an old-fashioned, scriptural sermon, and by his simple illustration showed conclusively and without successful contradiction that God's shield is a sufficient protection for every one who believes and accepts Christ. This argument was wholly confirmed by the two-edged remarks of Dr. W. A. Clark, who in conclusion, called for penitents; twenty-seven came forward for prayer. After prayer, closed with benediction by J. O. Browning.

SUNDAY.

MORNING SERVICE.

The prayer meeting at 9 o'clock, conducted by I. F. Welch, was said to be the best ever witnessed at any meeting of this grand old body. Sinners were made sad and to weep on account of their sins; Christians to rejoice and shout praises to God for his goodness and the salvation of souls. Before the close of the prayer meeting the building was filled to its utmost capacity and several hundred yet out of doors; so when the meeting closed arrangements were made at once for the 11 o'clock service to be held in the grove.

At 11 o'clock Moderator Copeland announced the following committees, the first named to act as chairman:

Pastoral Support.—J. P. Bourland, J. C. Brown, L. B. Ram-
age.

Sunday Schools.—R. K. Hall, Ezra Cates, S. B. Griffin.

Temperance.—I. F. Welch, G. W. Burnes, J. B. Rountree.

Education.—L. H. Hitt, J. W. Conger, J. O. Browning.

Womans' Work.—E. B. Miller, D. G. Wells, J. J. Haynes.

Literature—E. Merrell, J. L. Bozeman, J. M. Powell.

Nominations—W. T. Crowley, James Howell, A. J. Price.

Finance.—E. W. McBrayer, L. H. Hitt, W. H. Eley.

State and Associational Missions.—J. J. Haynes, I. F. Welch,
E. Merrell.

Documents.—J. H. Collins, H. T. Ingram, W. U. Davis.

Obituaries.—G. L. Hamlin, Z. T. Rogers, N. B. Neill.

Ministerial Education.—J. W. Conger, Dr. W. J. McAlpin and
E. Delaughten.

Ouachita College.—Standing committee, J. J. Haynes, J. W.
Conger, F. D. Baars.

The chairman of each committee was furnished with a list of the names of their respective committees, and requested to prepare their reports on Monday morning at as early an hour as practicable.

After singing "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord," and prayer by J. O. Browning, Bro. Clark announced that he would take no specific text, but would introduce Scripture as proof of every position taken, and that his discourse would be linked with the sermon preached by his elderly brother on last evening; He announced his subject, "God's Way of Justification. The fruits and evidence of salvation and a change of heart through grace and by faith alone." The sermon was grand in every particular. At the close Bro. Clark expressed a desire to take the hand of every one in the congregation who felt that they possessed the evidence of this great salvation and 414 pressed forward and took his hand. Before closing, a collection was taken for the Associational mission fund, amounting to \$21.10. Congregation dismissed by benediction.

AFTERNOON SERVICE.

After enjoying the abundant and liberal hospitalities of the good people of South Forth, the congregation reassembled in the grove at 3 o'clock to listen to Eld. J. P. Copeland, who, after singing and prayer, read for his text Phil. 1: 6. He impressed upon the minds of his audience that he was not in sympathy with any religion practiced that is not eighteen hundred and ninety three and a half years old. Subject: "Security of the Believer." The sermon was full of the Spirit, hence the speaker held his audience almost spellbound for an hour and a half. Dismissed by benediction.

EVENING SERVICE.

At 8 o'clock Bro. A. N. Acker, of Union Association, occupied the pulpit, and read the first Psalm. His sermon was well received by an attentive congregation. He was followed by Bro. H. J. P. Horne, who in conclusion called for penitents, when a number came forward for prayer. Bro. Copeland led the concluding prayer.

Having no notes of the services conducted at the several places out from South Fork, can not refer to them as I would desire.

MONDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The Association assembled promptly at 9 o'clock; called to order by the Moderator. Singing by the congregation and prayer by Bro. J. V. Browning.

E. W. McBrayer submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That in view of the fact that many of the delegates will be anxious to leave for their home during the day, and that for the speedy dispatch of business, the speeches be limited to five minutes.

The following report was received from the Committee on Pastoral Support:

First, we desire to invite your attention to the reading of the sacred Scriptures, as proof of our position, and refer to Matt. 10: 9-10; Luke 10: 7; 1 Cor. 9: 14; 11 Cor. 9: 7; 1 Tim. 5; 17-18; 11 Tim. 2: 6, and Acts 20: 35; respectively and connectively read. "Provide neither gold nor silver, nor brass in your purses, nor scrip for your journey; neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves." "For the workman is worthy of his meat." "And in the same house remain eating and drinking such things as they give." "For the laborer is worthy of his hire." "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel shall live of the gospel." Let the Elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine, for the Scripture saith, "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn—and the laborer is worthy of his reward." The husbandman that laboreth must be first partaker of the fruits. Every man as he purposeth in his heart so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity. For God loveth a cheerful giver. Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, "It is more blessed to give than receive." Now brethren, you will see that this is a topic as old as the church itself, and ever an issue, and one of great importance as affecting the temporal and spiritual welfare of the membership, and its influence and standing in the community. While it is a sacred truth that salvation is free to all, and that the ordinances of the church should be—and are administered without cost to the recipient; yet it is conceded that those who devote their time and energy to the pastoral work, or service of the church as an employment, profession or mission, are entitled to compensation commensurate with the duties assigned and the efficiency accomplished. Then, in our opinion, the first obligation of the church (as an association of believers) is to its chosen leader, teacher or pastor. Selected as he is, presumably for his ability and adaptation to the service that he is expected to perform, he is certainly entitled—not only to esteem and confidence upon the part of the membership of the church so calling him, but also to a fixed

income, payable at regular periods, and sufficient too; with prudent economy, to pay him for his time required in the performance of this divine duty as pastor; also a sufficiency to pay all proper expenses incident to his attendance upon this noble work, so commanded by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We know as in all laudable undertakings professionally—so in that of a pastor financial compensation varies from various causes, which is not necessary, nor the duty or work of this committee to define. And in our opinion the compensation should be fixed annually, also that of the periods of payments; and in writing too, that there may be no misunderstanding; prompt payment should be made by the church, finance committee or proper officer. Your committee though, are of the opinion, that the pastor should in no direct way be compelled to solicit in behalf of his own salary. It appears to us that such is the best course for both pastor and church membership, and that any other making it the duty, or necessity for the pastor to give his time and energy to this work, and to be subjected to the embarrassment and humiliation incident thereto, is most detrimental to the efficiency of any well governed church. And we advise that a church who requires such service from their pastor, in no way gives him proper respect and compensation, and they are not on the right line to develop their energies to wider fields of knowledge, service and spiritual advancement. We feel that it would be a difficult problem to line out a course of procedure that would be applicable to every church in raising money for pastoral support. A successful method in one church might be a lamentable failure in another. But Brethren, this is a great duty and devolving upon our membership. We owe it first to our Master then to our respective churches, to our pastors and to ourselves. So your committee would recommend that our churches formulate such plans, and adopt such methods, as will be best suited to their respective localities. And under the circumstances, will not irritate, but will stimulate the people to a hearty co-operation in this noble Christian duty—pastoral support.

J. P. BOURLAND, Chm'n.

Speeches indorsing the report by J. Fortson, Griffin, G. W.

Burnes, Dr. Clark, H. J. P. Horne, J. W. Conger, E. B. Miller; also Bro. Jeff Dillard, whose closing remarks were so very appropriate and so feelingly expressed that we deem them worthy of print. He said: "Oh, that we all, as Baptists, and in the fear of God, would show more zeal in holding up our preachers' hands! It would encourage them to preach the grand old Baptist doctrine with more energy." Bro. Dillard is a prominent lay member of South Fork church, and if all our churches were blessed with a host of lay members possessed of the same good spirit, our preachers would not be pushed to the wall to support their families, and our pastoral work far more prosperous. Report adopted

The following report of the Committee on Literature was read and adopted:

First of all, the literature given us by divine inspiration—the Holy Bible. We recommend it to all men as being a sure and safe guide in all things; the Southern Baptist Convention series for our Sunday schools, as safe reading in the hands of our children and friends; also the Christian Repository, by Dr. Ford; and with the greatest confidence we heartily recommend our own paper, the ARKANSAS BAPTIST, as being meritorious and should be in the family of every true Baptist in our state, because it brings to us the good news and glad tidings of our work throughout the state, as well as adjoining states, and the dealings of God with his people in foreign countries, all of which is cheering and interesting to us.

E. MERRELL, Chm'n.

Congregation dismissed one hour for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called together by singing. Prayer by Bro. I. F. Welch. Business was resumed, and the report of the Committee on Nominations read as follows:

We recommend the next meeting of this body be with Mt. Bethel church, Clark county; Rev. J. O. Browning to preach the introductory sermon, and G. W. Burnes, alternate. For the Woman's Missionary Aid Society of Red River Association, Sister L. Hitt.

W. T. CROWLEY, Chm'n.

Motion to amend by striking out Mt. Bethel and inserting First Church, Arkadelphia. Motion lost and original report adopted.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was submitted and adopted as follows:

We believe the excessive use of intoxicating spirits one of the greatest evils condemned by God in his word. Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging. We are commanded not to look upon wine, much less drink it to excess. God says, "At last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." Prov. 23: 32. The curse of the Bible rests in awful wrath upon the man who puts the cup to his neighbor's lips. The Bible teaches that no drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God. Gal. 5: 9-21. We are grateful to God for the evidences of the advancement of the temperance cause in our state. This year forty-two counties out of the seventy-five in our state having gone dry in the late election. We are pained to state that Clark county, the strongest county, occupied by our Association, voted license at the late election. We recommend local option for all it is worth. We confidently look forward to the time when all our people will rise up in their Christian manhood and put this, the greatest curse, out of our borders. We also urge, as last year, that the use of tobacco is a filthy habit and a useless waste of the Lord's money.

I. F. WELCH, Chm'n.

The report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was read and adopted as follows:

Resolved, That our Mission board be instructed to co-operate with the State Sunday School board, and while we aid in this work throughout the state, we also seek their aid in the Sunday school work, in our own Association. We resolve further that we believe the Sunday school work to be in compliance with the commands of Christ, inasmuch as it preaches the gospel to the children. We believe, therefore, that it is the duty of every church to maintain a Sunday school and religiously train up the children in the way of the truth and the life. It is with regret that we report so few Sunday schools. We find only fifteen churches reporting Sunday schools, out of forty-eight.

R. K. HALL, Chm'n.

A motion was made by J. O. Browning to amend as follows: "We advise the churches of this Association all to organize Sunday schools, and send full reports to the meeting of this body in 1895." Speeches heartily endorsing the report as amended and strongly advocating the maintenance of Sunday schools were made by Brethren Fortson, Burns, Griffin, Clark and Horne. Motion prevailed, and report with the amendment unanimously adopted.

The report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted as follows:

From the churches:—

Minute fund.....	\$ 47 65
Associational missions.....	71 55
Home missions.....	1 00
Foreign missions.....	2 65

Total\$122 85

E. W. McBRAYER, Chm'n.

The following report from the Committee on Home and Foreign Missions was read and adopted:

During the past year the work of missions under the Home board of the Southern Baptist convention has been very successful for which, we feel very grateful to God. There has been 381 missionaries at work, 4,470 were baptized by those missionaries, and 133 new churches organized. We earnestly recommend that this good work have the co-operation and support of our association. Bless God the glorious work of carrying the gospel of life to the starving millions of lost souls in heathen lands, is still receiving the sympathy, co-operation and support of our people. The Foreign Mission board of the Southern Baptist convention, have sent out twelve new missionaries, seven others under appointment, desiring to go at an early date. The lives of all our missionaries have been spared during the past year, except Sister Eliza M. Yates, of blessed memory—missionary to China, who went to her glorious reward March 24, 1894. Many new converts and a goodly number of new churches are reported. We cannot afford to neglect this most important work, for our Lord has imperatively commanded us to go into all the world and preach his gospel to every creature. Lord help us to do our whole duty

I. F. WELCH, Chm'n.

Education.—The duty of every intelligent parent is to give his children—sons and daughters alike—the most complete education of which he is capable. He owes it to his children, to his country, to his God. God may conceal what lies before us in the distant years; but the duty of the present in the education of our children is clear. Education means the training of faculties, the broadening of powers. Not only a familiarity with the best thought of the best minds of the past and present, but deeper spiritual insight and intellectual grasp. As Christians and as Baptists it is our duty to provide higher Christian education for our children. All truth is Christ's and subservient to him, and should be utilized in the progress of his kingdom. The interests of Christ and all truth are identical. Religion and learning go hand in hand. Trace the smallest ray of truth in any sphere and it leads to Christ, the uncreated sun, from whom all light proceeds. An interest in Christ necessitates an interest in education, hence higher education has always been dependent principally upon the fostering care of religion. The greatest colleges have always been Christian colleges, and under the direct supervision of the ministry. The churches of Red River Association enjoy superior advantages and have great responsibilities. We have within our midst Ouachita College, which is thoroughly equipped for the best work. Will our children have its benefits and receive its inspiration? Will we foster and cherish it and prove worthy of the trust committed to us by our sister churches? The opening the past week is very encouraging and shows that Ouachita is growing in the confidence and love of the people throughout the state. We refer with much gratitude also, to Central and Mountain Home Colleges, both of which are splendidly equipped and have excellent facilities for work. We especially urge the importance of preparation upon the part of our young ministers. The pulpit must be a source of instruction to the pew. We can well be assured of this fact, that if the Baptists desires to lead in the progress of this country, they must have not only true piety and the simple word of God, but, well disciplined intellects in the pulpit. It is not noisy declamation, nor cant, which may control the crowd for a day, but trained intellect de-

voutly loyal to Christ, which will finally lead the people and dig channels through which thought and feeling flow. Your Committee would recommend that a subscription be taken for Brethren Mathis and Price, and that we commend these young brethren to our board of Arkadelphia for sympathy and support.

L. H. HITT, Chm'n.

During the pendency of this report, several well arranged and appropriate speeches were made in support of the same. A cash contribution of \$19.70 and pledges amounting to \$72.50 were taken for ministerial education. Motion prevailed that the amounts contributed be equally divided between J. J. Mathis and Andrew Price.

The Committee on State Missions reported as follows:

State missions is second to none in all our denominational work. Notwithstanding the seventy thousand white Baptists in the great state of Arkansas, there are yet vast fields of destitution in our state. The State board has been and is still doing all they can to supply this destitution. Our board had fifteen missionaries last year, and has nineteen missionaries in the field at present. There were over 2,500 services and 502 additions to the churches as the result of this work; contributions, \$2,815.15 The State board hopes to show better results this year, with a more general interest, and hearty co-operation of all our associations and churches. Upon the recommendation of your member, the State board has entered our bounds, at a point where the Baptist interest has been neglected (we refer to Gurdon), and has done a work, we trust, under God's will, that puts our case in the near future on a sure foundation and self supporting. At the State convention last year the constitution was so changed as to allow each Association in the state to have a member on the board. Therefore, we recommend that this Association elect a member to represent our interest in the State board. We also recommend that our Association co-operate with the State convention, and thus bring us in touch with all our denominational work in the state. We find from the examination of our letters that \$85.50 has been given to the State board, and this amount from two churches—Washington and Arkadelphia.

Brothren, as Missionary Baptists, will we not preach the gospel in our own state to those who have it not? May the Lord move upon our hearts to give the bread of life to our own people.

J. J. HAYNES, Chm'n.

The report was adopted and J. J. Haynes elected a member of the State Mission board.

The following report was read by the Committee on Associational Missions, which was adopted:

We feel that, under the supervision of our board, much and lasting good has been done within our bounds for the Master's cause. Therefore, we recommend that the Association continue work. We also present a report of the work done by our Associational missionary, I. F. Welch:

Having been employed by your Executive board, I began work as an Associational missionary soon after your last session, and have continued in the work ever since. The work in most respects has been a pleasant one, and I trust the cause of our blessed Savior has to some extent, been advanced. Under the preached word many sinners have been heard to cry for mercy, and the shouts of happy, new born souls have often cheered us in the work. See Psalms 126: 6. Following is a statement of the work. Witnessed forty-three conversions. Preached 229 sermons. Baptized thirty-two persons. Ten baptized by others in meetings where I assisted. Traveled 2,961 miles. Assisted to organize four churches. Assisted to ordain two deacons. Delivered Sunday school and other addresses fifty-nine. Preached at fifty-five different places.

J. J. HAYNES, Chm'n.

Upon his own request, Bro. J. H. Holt was released as a member of the board, and Bro. W. H. Eley, of Eleyville, appointed and board continued.

The committee on Obituaries submitted the following report, which was adopted as read:

With sad hearts we record the death of our beloved brother, U. J. Price. As a Christian he exemplified the Christian virtues in his life. As an able minister of the gospel, he was faithful in

the ministration of God's word, in his field of labor. As a pastor he was beloved by his churches, and they feel, that they have lost a model pastor. And the Red River association feel that they have lost one of their bright, and useful members. He was an earnest sympathiser in our educational interests, and the country has lost one of its noble citizens. With equal sadness we report the death of our old, dearly beloved and honored brother, T. A. Heard. He was a constituent member of the First Baptist church of Arkadelphia, organized the first Sunday school in Arkadelphia. He was also a constituent member of the Red River association, served as its clerk from its organization until the infirmity of old age rendered him unable to attend its meetings, with the exception of one session. In his death we have lost one of our highly esteemed, and useful members, and the country a noble citizen.

G. L. HAMLIN, Chm'n.

The following report was read by the committee on Woman's Work:

Woman's work is always and essentially associated with man's work. She is, in the affairs of this life and in things pertaining to the world to come, a helper. She was a true helper and sympathizer with Christ and the apostles; and was often commended by the Master for faithfully doing what she could. While she is never to teach as an ordained minister; yet she may be an effectual aid to the pastor in all departments of church work: and the pastor will often find the women not only in the majority on the church roll, but also in advance of the men in good works. Woman's work is pointed out and incorporated in the constitution of the Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, and in the distribution of literature and dissemination of plans to foster the missionary spirit and advance the cause of missions. "The channels through which this work shall flow are directed by the boards through annual recommendations." The Foreign Mission board has suggested the following: (1.) Support of female missionaries. (2.) Christmas offering to Japan. (3.) Missionary day in the Sunday schools. The women of our Southern churches through organized agencies gave last year to Foreign missions,

\$23,514.99; to Home missions, \$21,613 60; in Arkansas they contributed to Foreign missions, \$387.60; to Home missions, \$513.65; to Associational missions, \$38 82; State missions, \$78.35; Church aid, \$2,592 40; Ministerial education, \$80.80; Boxes to Frontier missionaries, \$200.45; Christmas offering to Japan, \$57.65; Benevolence, \$446.22. The above amounts except those to Home and Foreign missions are taken from Mrs. E. Longley's report at Conway, November 3, 1893; twenty-seven societies reporting. Your committee would respectfully offer and ask the adoption of the following suggestions: 1. That this association appoint some sister within our bounds as Vice President of missions; said sister to be recommended by the committee on nominations. 2. That as far as practicable all the women of our churches be organized for special efforts in circulating missionary literature, gathering and contributing funds for the dissemination of gospel truth at home and abroad. 3. That our pastors give special attention to missionary work among the women of their churches.

E. B. MILLER, Chm'n.

The Committee on Divine Service report that Bro. J. H. Collins will preach at Freeman's Chapel tonight.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That this, the Red River Association, recommend Eld. J. E. Kennedy, of Houston County, Texas, to the Baptists of his adopted state. We commend him as able and most worthy in every particular as a Baptist preacher, and a worthy citizen in every respect.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be extended to the members of South Fork church and citizens of the vicinity for their generous entertainment and bounteous hospitality in caring for this Association

J. P. Bourland was elected Treasurer by acclamation:

Motion prevailed to appoint messengers and corresponding messengers. The following were appointed:

To Southern Baptist Convention—E. B. Miller and J. W. Conger.

To State Baptist Convention—H. J. P. Horne, J. P. Copeland, and J. J. Haynes; J. W. Conger, E. B. Miller and G. W. Burnes,

alternate.

To Southwestern Association—E. Merrell.

To Judson Association—J. O. Browning, E. B. Miller.

To Caddo Association—L. F. Welch, J. R. Hardy.

To Union Association—J. W. Conger, Z. T. Rogers.

To Howard County Association—J. P. Copeland, E. Merrell.

The Associational Mission board submitted the following report:

A meeting of your board assembled at Arkadelphia, October 8, 1893, composed of J. C. Wallis, L. H. Hitt, J. B. Langley and J. P. Bourland after devotional exercises, conducted by Bro. L. H. Hitt, asking God in his wisdom to unite and direct your board in the discharge of their whole duty, and the responsibilities resting upon us in behalf of our associational mission work, and after a very careful consideration of the situation and the financial condition of our country, we were united in the belief that we could to some extent meet the imperative necessities of our mission work for this, another associational year. Trusting God, that, when better days come, we shall be able to clear our decks for a new victory, and a farther advance in the, yet unoccupied destitution of our association. We are glad to say that with absolute unanimity a proposition to Bro. L. F. Welch was agreed upon, and Bro. Hitt selected to notify Bro. Welch of said proposition; which was accepted. To commence work as your missionary, and under contract with your board entering the work at once, and continuing to this meeting of our association upon a salary of \$400. From a condensed recounting of the monthly report of Bro. Welch we find that he has traveled 2,961 miles; preached 229 sermons, delivered fifty-nine religious and Sunday school lectures; occupied fifty-five different stations, and made many religious visits; assisted in ordaining two deacons; organized four churches; witnessed forty-three conversions; baptized 32, and ten baptized in other meetings wherein he assisted. This the result of the presentation of God's truth in its entirety, and without reserve or limitation. And upon this, in our opinion, hinges the success and lasting good of our work.

We have paid Bro. Welch on contract.....	\$ 74 50
Cash contributions on Sunday.....	21 00
Cash from Finance committee.....	71 55
Cash contribution on Monday.....	16 00
By Ozan church.....	55 00
By First church, Arkadelphia.....	35 00
Balance due.....	126 95

\$400 00

Now Brethren, this balance is due for labor already performed, and that well and faithfully done, and the results are good. And now let us realize in our hearts the teaching of God's word, saying, "The laborer is worthy of his hire, and they that preach the gospel shall live of the gospel." And God grant and help us to contribute in the way of cash and pledges until the whole amount is covered and satisfactorily adjusted. J. P. BOURLAND, Chm'n.

J. P. Bourland, Treasurer, submitted the following report:

Receipts.

Received from out-going Treasurer.....	\$ 9 25
Received from Sunday schools.....	21 10
Received from Finance Committee for printing minutes.....	47 65
Received from Finance Committee for Associational missions.....	71 55
Received from Finance Committee for Foreign missions.....	2 65
Received from Finance Committee for Home missions.....	1 00
Received from contribution Monday.....	16 00
Received for Ministerial Education.....	19 70
	\$188 90

Disbursements.

Paid I. F. Welch, missionary.....	\$108 65
Paid for printing minutes.....	30 00
Paid for postage and express.....	2 25
Paid Clerk's fees.....	00
Paid for Home missions.....	1 00
Paid for Foreign missions.....	2 65
Paid Ministerial Education Board.....	19 70
Balance.....	9 65
	\$188 90

Following is the report of the Ladies' Aid Society of the First Baptist Church of Arkadelphia, Ark., to the Red River Association, from September 28, 1893, to September 18, 1894:

Collections.

For Home Missions (Mdse box).....	\$ 25 00
For Associational Missions.....	5 00
For State missions.....	10 00
For Foreign missions.....	5 00
For Ministerial Education.....	10 00
For church expenses.....	90 15
Miscellaneous.....	52 60

Total.....\$197 75

Membership, 50.

MRS. MOORE, Pres.

Following is a report from the Ladies' Aid Society of Liberty Hill Baptist Church:

We have done what we could. We send for the Taylor fund \$1.10; for the Associational mission fund, \$1.25. We pray that it may help to save some lost soul. God bless the Baptist cause and its missionaries, is our prayer. Pray for us.

MRS. P. C. ROUNTREE, Sec.

The Association directed the Clerk to have 1,000 copies of the minutes printed and distributed among the churches according to the money paid, and that he be allowed \$15 for his work.

Motion to adjourn prevailed, and while singing the messengers extended the parting hand. Benediction prayer by J. W. Conger, and the body adjourned to meet with the church at Mt. Bethel, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday, at 9 A. M., in September, 1895.

J. P. COPELAND, MODERATOR.

J. P. BOURLAND Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Names.	Churches.	Postoffice.
O. W. Burnes.....	Unity.....	Arkadelphia.....
F. D. Baars.....	First, Arkadelphia.....	Arkadelphia.....
T. J. Bennett.....	First, Arkadelphia.....	Arkadelphia.....
J. O. Browning.....	Pleasant Hill.....	Dalark.....
J. V. Browning.....	Pleasant Hill.....	Hebron.....
J. H. Collins.....	Amity.....	Amity.....
J. P. Copeland.....	Liberty Hill.....	Wolf Creek.....
N. D. laughter.....	Boughton.....	Boughton.....
J. J. Duggins.....	Union.....	Alpine.....
J. M. Dean.....	Salem.....	Alpine.....
W. U. Davis.....	South Fork.....	Okolona.....
Z. A. Franklin.....	Caney Fork.....	Dobyville.....
J. B. Rountree.....	Liberty Hill.....	Bowen.....
Z. T. Rogers.....	Hollywood.....	Hollywood.....
J. A. Smith.....	First, Arkadelphia.....	Arkadelphia.....
C. E. Toby.....	Second, Arkadelphia.....	Arkadelphia.....
N. Tompkins.....	Pleasant Grove.....	Eleyville.....
I. F. Welch.....	Providence.....	Boughton.....
D. S. Williams.....	First, Arkadelphia.....	Arkadelphia.....
J. R. Gunter.....	Unity.....	Curtis.....
L. H. Hitt.....	Piney Grove.....	Prescott.....
G. L. Hamlin.....	Richwoods.....	Curtis.....
J. R. Hardy.....	Macedonia.....	Arp.....
J. J. Haynes.....	First, Arkadelphia.....	Arkadelphia.....
H. J. P. Horne.....	First, Arkadelphia.....	Arkadelphia.....
J. E. Harris.....	Roy.....
W. A. King.....	First, Arkadelphia.....	Arkadelphia.....
E. Merrell.....	Ozan.....	Bingon.....
E. B. Miller.....	First, Arkadelphia.....	Arkadelphia.....
A. Nelson.....	First, Arkadelphia.....	Arkadelphia.....
W. M. Patterson.....	Roy.....

UNORDAINED MINISTERS.

John Anderson.....	Caney Creek.....	Gurdon.....
L. Hopkins.....	Curtis.....	Smithton.....
H. T. Ingram.....	Providence.....	Boughton.....
O. S. Jones.....	Prescott.....	Prescott.....
J. W. Kelley.....	Amity.....	Amity.....
J. J. Mathis.....	Curtis.....	Curtis.....
S. M. Mathis.....	Pleasant Grove.....	Eleyville.....
J. A. McMellon.....	Amity.....	Amity.....
H. C. Shroud.....	Bethel Spring.....	Gurdon.....
J. H. Turner.....	Mt. Bethel.....	Arkadelphia.....

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERSHIP						FINANCIAL †								Value of Church Property
	Baptized	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Associational Missions	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	For Minutes	S. S. Officers and Teachers	No Pupils	
Arkadelphia	19	51	4	31	4	3	361	\$35 00	\$70 50	\$78 35	\$61 45	\$3 00	27	202	\$6,600
Arkadelphia	7	7	2	8	2	1	16	9 25		50		1 50	12	88	150
Anty	1			7	1		76					1 00			
Bethlehem	1		2	12	3	1	74					1 00			
Clear Springs	1			11			80	2 45				1 25			
Center Ridge	1			2	3		30								
Coney Creek	1	3	1	7	2		24	1 50		3 15		1 00			150
Covey Fork	12	1					28	15 00				55			
Curtis	11	13	3				42	10 00				1 50	7	29	
De Gray				5			116					1 50			
Don		2	1	5	3		30								
Evergreen		2		4	1		19	3 00				50			
Ham Spring	9	14	1	4	2	1	46	4 30				75			
Hawwood															
Hollywood		9		2	1	1	31					1 00	4	25	
Holly Grove	2	2	3	19	10	1	53					1 50			
Liberty Hill	8	8		7	2		61	10 00		5 00		1 30	3	36	
Midway	1	7		4	1	2	23					50			
Mountain Home	1			5			18	1 00				50			
Macedonia	1			8	1		32					1 0			
Mt. Olive	1	1		1	1		32	2 10		1 30	1 30	50			
Maple Springs	3	4	1	2			47	2 00				1 00		25	
M. Pleasant															
Mt. Bethel		8	1	18	3		58					75			
New Home	5	7		7	2		90	7 50				1 50			
Olson	3	8	1	11			101	1 00				1 25	5	50	
Okolona				20	2		63	2 80				1 25	6	63	
Pleasant Hill	6	6	1	13	2		57	9 75		5 75		1 50			100
Pleasant Home	1			3	1		13	50				25			
Pleasant Grove	15	1	1	4	1	1	109	4 30				2 00	6	47	800
Play Grove		2		20			50					1 00			300
Pleasant	3	7		5	2	2	61			36 00	60 75	1 60			
Providence	2	5	2	17	1	1	62	6 00		2 50		1 00			
Richwoods	4	5	1	4	3	1	69	5 00				1 00			700
Spring Hill	1						23	5 00				50	3	20	
St.alem	2	3		5	3		51					1 00			
South Fork		11	1	7	3	2	54					1 25			
Whiloh	2	5		11		1	43	4 55				1 00	4	25	
Union	1	5		1			17	5 00			50	50			
U. Itv	8			6	2		62	10 00		3 00		1 00	5	62	
Wolf Creek	6		2			1	46					1 15	4	75	100
Wheelen	15	1	1	2			31	2 00			1 00	60			
Washington		2	1				22		5 00	2 35		1 00	3	15	1,000
Zion			3				18	1 00				1 00			

NEW CHURCHES.

Boughton	12	11	1				37	3 35				1 00			
Bethel	5	2					20					75			
Bethel Spring	15	17					32					1 00			
Gurdon	5	13		4			26	1 85				1 00			
Gethsemane	4	2	1		1		16					50			
Red Land	19	3	2				31	1 00				60			

Total.....213 138 37 171 56 25 2486 \$164 90 \$75 50 \$159 70 \$125 00 \$47 55 89 752 \$9,900

PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICE.	MESSENGERS.	Sum of meeting
Arkadelphia, First.	E. B. Miller.	J. W. Bunch.	Arkadelphia	E. B. Miller, J. J. Haynes, J. W. Conger.	Every Sunday
Arkadelphia, Second.	W. A. Collins.	C. C. Tobey.	Arkadelphia	J. M. White.	
Amity.	D. G. Wells.	J. W. Key.	Amity	J. W. Key, J. H. Collins.	4th S & S before
Beeblehem.	D. G. Wells.	W. L. Bunch.	Gurdon.	Ezra Cates, W. T. Keys, W. H. Scroggins.	1st S & S before
Clear Springs.	D. G. Wells.	J. T. Vinyard.	Clear Springs	J. T. Bolt, G. W. Holder.	3rd S & S before
Center Ridge.	D. G. Wells.	J. H. Beard.	Gurdon.	D. G. Wells, L. A. Wingfield, A. A. Vandivee.	1st S & S before
Canev Creek.	D. G. Wells.	A. Kyan.	Smithton.	F. D. Brown, B. F. Kitchens, W. C. Tyson.	1st S & S before
Canev Fork.	Z. A. Frank.	J. O. Mannering.	Shawmut.	J. E. Taylor, C. D. Bradford.	1st S & S before
Curtis.	H. J. P. Horne.	J. L. Stroope.	Curtis.	P. Bourland, A. J. Strope, S. H. Bourland.	1st S & S before
De Gray.	L. H. Hitt.	J. W. Carter.	De Gray.	E. W. McBrayer.	2nd S & S before
Knott.	J. J. Dwiggins.	W. H. Dwiggins.	Alpine.	J. S. Widon, W. H. Dwiggins.	
Evergreen.	Jas Guuter.	Tom Ricketts.	Hebron.	Tom Ricketts, W. R. Henson.	1st S & S before
Gum Spring.		W. E. Payne.	Gum Springs	N. B. Neill, W. H. Duke.	
Glenwood.				Not represented.	
Hollywood.	Z. T. Rogers.	Uriah Jordan.	Hollywood.	Z. T. Rogers, R. J. Dunn, J. M. Clark.	1st S & S before
Holy Grove.	Z. T. Rogers.	R. C. Bigadlike.	Bierne.	J. M. Guibek, W. A. Stovall, Robt. Tate.	3rd S & S before
Liberty Hill.	E. J. P. Horne.	R. H. W. French.	Bowen.	J. B. Roundtree, J. P. Copeland, E. C. Bearden.	2nd S & S before
Midway.	W. U. Davis.	C. U. Thomas.	Clear Springs.	S. W. Farlin.	
Mountain Home.	J. J. Dwiggins.	J. S. Karr.	Clear Springs.	J. S. Karr.	1st S & S before
Macedonia.	W. A. Gardner.	J. R. Hardee Jr.	Arp.	J. R. Hardy.	
Maple Springs.	G. W. Burns.	J. W. Harrall.	Maple Springs	Rich Thompson, W. H. Veasey.	4th S & S before
Maple Springs.	W. M. Patterson.	W. D. Duncan.		W. M. Cooley, J. F. Saunders, G. W. McLaughlin.	S before see S
Maple Springs.				Not represented.	
Mt. Bethel.	J. M. White.	J. L. Bozeman.	Arkadelphia	Thos S. Carter, H. Edwards, J. L. Bozeman.	4th S & S before
New Home.	L. H. Hitt.	J. W. Nelson.	Prescott.	J. C. Wright, J. C. Brown, T. J. Roe.	
Ozark.	L. F. Welch.	J. K. Holt.	Bingen.	E. Merrell, S. B. Griffin, L. B. Ranage.	2nd S & S before
Okolona.	G. W. Burnett.	J. M. Thomas.	Okolona.	P. T. Shackelford, John Smart.	4th S & S before
Pleasant Hill.	G. W. Burns.	J. B. Langley.	Hebron.	J. O. Browning, J. V. Browning, W. K. Gilbreath.	2nd S & S before
Pleasant Home.	J. J. Dwiggins.	W. Price.		J. W. Price.	4th S & S before
Pleasant Grove.	L. F. Welch.	J. F. Box.	Eleyville.	E. H. Askew, J. F. Box, W. H. Eley.	1st S & S before
Piney Grove.	J. C. Kelley.	A. F. Ridgell.	Boughton.	L. H. Hitt, W. M. Formby, J. W. Mayes.	1st S & S before
Prescott.	J. M. Hart.	J. M. Melburn.	Prescott.	J. M. Powell, D. G. Dathright, O. S. Jones.	1st & 3rd S
Providence.	L. F. Welch.	S. M. Scott.	Boughton.	I. F. Welch, H. T. Ingram.	2nd S & S before
Rich Woods.	G. W. Burns.	E. E. Smith.	Gum Springs.	G. L. Hamlin, J. B. Garrett, T. A. Smith.	3rd S & S before
Spring Hill.	W. A. Gardner.	C. T. Ewin.	Lassie.	J. B. Thomas, A. J. Ashcraft, P. M. Davis.	
Salem.	J. M. Dean.	G. W. Tucker.	Amity.	Not represented.	
South Fork.	W. U. Davis.	G. B. Carter.	Dobyville.	T. J. Dillard, W. W. Davis, G. B. Carter.	2nd S & S before
Shiloh.	L. H. Hitt.	W. A. F. Well.	Bradshaw.	W. A. F. Wells, W. F. Crowley, L. D. R. S.	
Union.	J. J. Dwiggins.	J. B. Howell.	Alpine.	John Howell, N. B. Williams, J. T. Howe.	1st S & S before
Unity.	L. H. Hitt.	J. A. Burns.	Arkadelphia.	G. W. Burns, J. A. Medlock.	1st S & S before
Wolf Creek.	E. Merrell.	J. S. Thomsanson.	Wolf Creek.	A. A. Still, G. B. Reed.	
Wheeler.	H. J. P. Horne.	Willard Jenkins.	Wheeler.	E. A. Jenkins.	
Washington.	F. D. Baars.	J. W. Holt.	Washington.	J. W. Holt.	4th S & S before
Zion.	J. F. Cromwell.	G. S. Howell.	Wallaceburg.	S. T. Howell, J. F. Cromwell.	4th S & S before
NEW CHURCHES.					
Boughton.	H. J. P. Horne.	B. F. Butcher.	Boughton.	A. J. Price, E. Delanghter, J. C. Kelley.	3rd S & S before
Bethel.	W. U. Davis.	W. Z. Bunn.	Okolona.	W. H. Hall, J. A. Smart, W. K. Hall.	
Bethel Spring.	D. G. Wells.	H. C. Stroud.	Gurdon.	H. C. Stroud, U. C. Gray, Elias Bear.	2nd S & S before
Gurdon.	F. D. Baars.	S. B. Faye.	Gurdon.	A. B. Harper, J. H. Cooper, Dr. W. J. McAlpin.	2nd Sunday.
Gethsemane.	J. J. Dwiggins.	R. R. Wilder.		R. K. Wilder, D. H. Leard, Carroll Deaton.	1st S & S before
Red Land.		H. Bankley.	Wallaceburg.	A. W. Harris, L. Mayse, A. J. Gunn.	

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