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# Minutes of the First Annual Session of the Black River Association

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HELD WITH HOXIE BAPTIST CHURCH  
SEPTEMBER 3rd TO 5th, 1915

## OFFICERS

G. R. TYLER, Moderator

E. H. THARP, Clerk and Treas.

The next session will be held with the Walnut Ridge Baptist Church  
Tuesday Afternoon, 4 p. m., Preceding 1st Sunday in Sept. 1916

## ASSOCIATIONAL SERMON

To be Preached at 8 p. m., by G. R. Tyler, J. P. Dunn, Alternate

## DOCTRINAL SERMON

To be Preached by G. B. Borah, C. G. Elliott, Alternate



# MINUTES

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## MORNING SESSION

The Black River Association met in its first annual session with the Hoxie Baptist Church on the morning of Sept. 3rd. 1915. Through the courtesy of the Methodist brethren the sessions were held in their house of worship, it being larger than the Baptist Church. The Moderator of the former session being absent, the body was called to order by the Clerk at 10:30 a. m. After prayer by Bro. Tyler, pastor of the Tuckerman Church, he was chosen temporary Moderator. Upon motion the Associational Sermon was set for 8 p. m.

Imboden and Walnut Ridge being the only churches represented at this time, permanent organization was deferred until later, and Bro. W. W. Gardener, who was with us, representing the Orphan's Home at Monticello, was requested to preach for us, or give some account of the Home as he preferred. He gave us a very graphic story of the organization of the home, and its struggles from the beginning until the present time, showing the great need of stronger support from the denomination.

Adjourned until 2 p. m. Benediction by Bro. Borah.

## FIRST DAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The body met promptly at 2 o'clock, and after devotional exercises took up the enrollment of delegates. There being only three churches represented, the Moderator asked for petitionary letters. Delegates from Bethel, Pocahontas, and Portia presented letters, were received and given the right hand of fellowship. Others came in later so that the final enrollment was as follows:

Alicia—Not represented.

Bethel—C. L. Thorn, A. B. Bratcher, C. B. Pope.

Black Rock—J. H. Townsend.

Hoxie—J. P. Dunn, W. G. Davidson, W. T. Jackson.

Imboden—R. V. Goss, G. B. Borah, Mrs. J. A. Hill.

Pocahontas—L. C. Haynes, O. E. Wyatt.

Portia—J. M. Applegate, E. B. Ivie.

Swifton—R. P. Sharp, Misses Oda Moon, Leona Lynch.

Tuckerman—G. R. Tyler, Mrs. Tyler.

Walnut Ridge—C. G. Elliott, E. H. Tharp, W. A. Henry, H. T. Kirkpatrick.

Permanent organization was effected by electing G. R. Tyler moderator and E. H. Tharp clerk and treasurer by acclamation. After prayer led by Bro. Lincoln, the following committees were appointed, to wit:

Finance—R. V. Goss, L. C. Haynes.

Order of Business—R. P. Sharp, W. A. Henry, J. P. Dunn.

Christian Education—J. H. Johnson, W. G. Davidson.

Temperance—C. B. Pope, J. M. Applegate, G. B. Borah.

Orphan's Home—L. C. Haynes, C. L. Thorn, H. W. Townsend.

Sunday Schools—R. P. Sharp, O. E. Wyatt, H. T. Kirkpatrick.

Missions—J. H. Townsend, C. G. Elliott, J. P. Dunn.

Publications—W. A. Henry, G. B. Borah, J. M. Applegate.

Obituaries—J. H. Johnson, R. P. Sharp, A. J. Bratcher.

Visiting brethren were enrolled as follows:

W. W. Gardener, representing the Orphan's Home; W. R. Kemp, First Baptist Church, Little Rock; E. T. Lincoln, Maynard; J. H. Johnson, Truman; A. M. Grant, Pine Bluff.

The report on Temperance was read by the clerk for the committee, discussed by brethren Applegate, Elliott, Tyler, Gardner, and Dunn and adopted.

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

As an evil in our land and a curse to men, strong drink needs no introduction. Alcoholic drink is the bane of the human race. We only have to remind our selves of the past to be convinced that it is the damning and withering curse of the greater portion of mankind than any other evil, and has been since the day that Noah planted the vineyard at the foot of Mount Ararat, got drunk and showed his nakedness not only to his own sons but to all subsequent generations. You may search all history and you will not find one blessing to its credit. But you will find that it has caused greater calamities throughout the ages than all the plagues, famines, pestilences and wars. It is the advance agent of the devil to recruit colonies, to populate the desolate regions of hell. Without alcohol in some form or other the tartarean shores with their infernal horrors would not be so densely populated with imigrants from the globe. Mankind has been warned against its use by both the precepts of the good and wise, and the awful tragic examples of the bad in every civilized country.

Maledictions of its victims are incessantly being hurled



against it, but the unthinking men fail to see that there is nothing but moral and physical ruin in its use. The blood it has caused to flow would make a crimson Niagara, and the tears that it has wrung from the eyes of its victims and those depending on them since the beginning of its use among men would float all the navies of the world. Those who through its agency have organized, prayed, withered, faded and miserably perished would populate another planet as large as this. The money it has caused to be expended for criminal prosecution, divorces, paupers houses, insane asylums, penitentiaries, jails, work houses, reform schools, and gallows, if properly applied would long since have carried the gospel to every unsaved man and would have made a veritable paradise here in this world.

We recommend that the pastors of the churches deliver temperance lectures to their congregations and urge their membership to vote for strict temperance men for public offices.

We further recommend that the churches see that their members be strictly disciplined for intemperance.

J. M. APPLGATE,  
G. B. BORAH.

Adjourned until 7:30 p. m.

#### FIRST DAY, MORNING SESSION

Assembled at 7:30 to hear the Associational Sermon, which was preached by Brother Elliott from John 9:4. Subject: "Christian Work." After the close of the sermon the letters from Black Rock and Hoxie were received and the delegates were enrolled. Bro. Elliott served notice that on the next day he would offer an amendment to the constitution. (Art. 2.)

Adjourned.

#### SECOND DAY, MORNING SESSION

The association was called to order at 9 o'clock. After devotional exercises, the minutes of the preceding day were read and approved. President J. W. Conger of Central College, Conway, was recognized and invited to take part with us.

The committee on Publications submitted the report which was discussed by Brethren Conger, Appleton, Jackson, Borah and Elliott, and adopted.

#### REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

We your committee on Religious Literature, report as follows:

When we take under consideration Religious Literature it opens an avenue to a vast field of thought. This is a

matter of greater concern to us than most of us have ever dreamed of.

We believe that one of the greatest problems for the church to solve is the problem of Religious Literature. What we mean by Religious Literature is reading matter that will properly effect the reader for good. That is, reading matter of a wholesome, moral and elevating nature. No mind can be properly trained, no character moulded for usefulness without literature to read that impresses the mind with greater things. One has said: "You sow a thought, you reap an act. You sow an act, you reap a habit. Sow a habit, you reap a character. Sow a character, you reap a destiny."

When we see trashy literature in almost every home, such as cheap, yellow-back novels, and story papers, etc., and the Bible read so little, we are not astonished at the indifference and inconsistency of church members and the wickedness of the world.

Another alarming thing is that so many buy books from strange agents without knowing what they are buying. Such as Adventists, Mormons, Russelites, and others, palm off on the uninformed by their sleek, slimy-tongued salesmen. So many church members will buy books from those heresy venders when their pastor could not get them to purchase books published by their own denominational publishing house, and at the same time do not even read their denominational paper.

We have to say with regret that bad literature is supplanting the word of God. We especially warn you against the blasphemy of Russellism. Russell is one of the greatest advertisers and schemers known to history. Such literature as Russellism, Adventism, Mormonism and modern Sanctificationism is being sown broadcast in our land. It must be supplanted with good literature.

We recommend first of all the reading of the Holy Scriptures. Daniel Webster once said: "Man without the Bible would be in a sandy desert, surrounded on all sides by a dark and impenetrable horizon."

We further recommend:

1. That parents and teachers carefully supervise the reading of their children and pupils, not only forbidding the use of bad books, but putting into their hands good ones.

2. That our churches and Sunday Schools use literature published by Baptist publishing houses.

3. That every family take one or more of the Mission journals, in order to keep informed on the great world movement in the Lord's kingdom.



4. That every family subscribe for the Baptist Advance that we may keep informed by the work in our own midst.

5. That ministers keep these things in mind and hold themselves in readiness to order books, journals and papers for those desiring them, and make large use of the free mission literature to be had of our Mission Secretaries.

Respectfully submitted:

J. M. APPELEGATE,  
G. B. BORAH,  
W. A. HENRY,  
Committee.

Brother Tharp being called away, Brother Elliott was requested to act in his place. The report on Christian Education was read by the clerk for the committee, and after a few remarks by Bro. Johnson, chairman of the committee, Bro. Gonger was asked to take the floor, and by special motion was granted all the time he desired. After his masterful address the report was adopted.

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Your Committee desire to report as follows:

Education is a Bible doctrine--Our Lord was the world's greatest teacher. Explicit commands are given to "go teach" as well as "to preach." Discipline and instruction must follow and go with the work of preaching, if we expect to grow and demonstrate the power of the Gospel of love and truth. The very word truth and wisdom imply the work of teaching. Ignorance is sin. Our Lord was crucified through ignorance. All through the Old Testament there is a lament that the people would not hear and follow wisdom. Paul was the best educated man of his day and through him, as the great missionary of the early days of the churches, the world received the cleanest and strongest exposition of our Lord's teaching.

Baptists have always believed in education, but, because of persecution, they were not able to organize schools for many centuries. In these latter days they have come into religious and political freedom and hence there is a binding obligation upon us to educate our children and to sustain and build permanently our institutions of learning.

Ouachita College at Arkadelphia and Central College for women at Conway and Maynard Academy at Maynard should have our patronage, prayers and earnest help.

God is wonderfully blessing all of these and the coming year will evidently mark advancement in the outpouring of spiritual power.

The Baptist of the United States are leading the world in educational work and Black River Association desires to



contribute its sympathetic help in this great work of educating our men for the ministry and the pew, and our women for service in the church, the home and the state.

RESPECTFULLY,

J. H. JOHNSON,  
W. G. DAVIDSON.

Adjourned until 2:30 p. m.

#### SECOND DAY, AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association met promptly at 2:30, and the Moderator conducted the devotional exercises. Bro. Elliott read the report on missions, which was laid on the table without discussion. The treasurer submitted his report which was adopted and ordered printed in the minutes.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Walnut Ridge, Ark., Sept. 4, 1915.

To Black River Association, Greeting: I herewith submit the following report of finances received and disbursed:

The following amounts were received:

Imboden Church	\$ 3 50
Black Rock "	2 50
Hoxie "	2 50
Swifton "	2 00
Walnut Ridge "	3 50
Tuckertman "	1 00

Total . \$15 00

The following amounts were paid:

Express on minute covers from Phil'a	63
" " " to Little Rock	36
Printing Minutes	10 00
Postage	1 00

Total . 11 99

#### BALANCE

3 00

Bro. Sharp read the report on Sunday Schools, which was also laid on the table without discussion.

#### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, beg to make the following report:

We find within the bounds of Black River Association eight regularly organized Sunday schools among the churches composing the Association, with an enrollment of 750. Reports show that all of these Sunday schools are doing splendid work, and are the mainstay of the churches of the Association.

We therefore recommend that every member of this Association give the Sunday school work their unqualified support. Also a careful selection and training of the teachers. We further recommend that both officers and teachers should be elected by the church, recognizing the Sunday school as the recruiting office of the church.

We also recommend that the Sunday schools in this

Association give one Sunday's collection in each month to the Orphan's Home at Monticello.

We recommend that our churches do not officiate with the international Sunday school movement.

We believe that the pastor should attend Sunday school service.

H. T. KIRKPATRICK,

R. P. SHARP.

OSCAR E. WYATT.

Bro. Wyatt submitted the report on Woman's Work, which was spoken to by Bro. Elliott and adopted.

We, your Committee on Woman's work beg to report Missionary Unions, or Ladie's Aid Societies in most all the churches in the Black River Association. These good women, who were first at the tomb of our Savior, are first in many phases of Kingdom building. They give to Missions, to Orphans' Home, to Church extensions and by the work of their hands and hearts are "first aids" to the pastor and the church.

We earnestly recommend a Ladies' Aid or Union or Bible Study Class in each Church of the Association.

Oscar E. Wyatt,

R. V. Goss,

R. P. Sharp,

Committee.

Bro. Jackson read and discussed the report on Obituaries, after which it was adopted.

#### OBITUARIES

We, your Committee on Obituaries report as follows: The Grim Monster Death has visited our midst, and robbed us of loved fellowship and work of the members as follows:

Tuckerman—Mrs. Ella Bradley.

Walnut Ridge—Thos. Collins.

Pocahontas—J. N. Carroll, Mrs. Kate Edrington.

We are thus reminded of the fact that we must shortly cease from our labor and go to our reward. Therefore we would urge upon our entire membership to quit us like men that we shall lay down the weapons of this warfare that indeed we may have good works to follow.

Resolved that we meekly bow to those bereavements and strive to emulate the good examples of those who have thus gone on before us to the better land.

W. T. Jackson,

G. B. Borah,

Committee.

The report on Orphan's Home was read by the clerk



and laid on the table to be taken up as the first order of business at the evening session.

#### ORPHAN'S HOME REPORT

Since the organization of the Orphan's Home we have had enrolled 625 children. There are now 197 in the Home. About 300 have gone out into the world prepared to make good citizens of our country. All but one leaving our Home went from us with their church letters. All in the Home that are old enough are members of the church. A shadow is now over the Home. We have 30 cases of pelagra in the Home, and lost two of that number by death, but all those now affected are improving, and we hope will soon be well. Bro. Williams and wife, Mrs. Jordon and Miss Myrtle Daniels, are busy all the time and have a great responsibility upon them. They are doing a great work for the Baptist of the State in caring for this most noble of all works. The welfare of these children's souls and bodies is in their hands. They need the prayers and hearty support of all this great State.

Brethren, the Home's needs are great, and they are looking to you for those things necessary for their comfort. We hope to meet those children beyond this world of sorrow in the Paradise of God. May God bless all the readers of the Gem, and the Churches, Sunday Schools and all the good people of Arkansas, who have so nobly stood by this great work for the past 21 years.

W. W. Gordon,  
S. C. Haynes,  
Chas. L. Thorn,  
Committee.

At 4:15 the delegates present went in a body to the lot on which the Baptist propose to build their new house of worship, and, after prayer by Bro. Elliott, Bro. Conger made an appropriate address and broke the ground for the central pillar; other brethren joined in heartily, and the occasion was one of real rejoicing, and gave hopeful promise for the future work at this point. Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Conger, to meet at 7:30.

#### SECOND DAY, EVENING SESSION.

The Association assembled at the hour appointed and Bro. Elliott conducted the devotional exercises. The Moderator having gone home Bro. Borah was chosen to preside throughout the remainder of the session. The Committee on nomination submitted the following report which was adopted

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee begs leave to submit the following:

We nominate for the Executive Committee, J. A. Hill, H. T. Kirkpatrick, J. W. Presley, J. H. Townsend, R. P. Sharp. To preach the Associational sermon, G. R. Tyler; Alternate, J. P. Dunn. To preach the doctrinal sermon, G. B. Borah; Alternate, C. G. Elliott. Delegate to the Baptist Convention, C. G. Elliott; Alternate, G. R. Tyler. Next place of meeting—Walnut Ridge. Time to be fixed by the Executive Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

L. C. Haynes,  
R. V. Goss,  
J. P. Dunn.

The report of the Orphan's Home was taken up and read again by the clerk. Bro. Gardner gave us another thrilling account of the workings of the home and its history, and a collection was taken for it amounting to \$8.17. After further discussion by Brother Jackson and Johnson the report was adopted. According to previous notice, given by Bro. Elliott, a substitute for Art. 3 of the constitution was offered and adopted as it appears in this issue of the minutes. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote. Resolved, that we, especially as a Church and as an Association, extend our thanks to the Methodist Brethren for the use of their house of worship during the sessions of the Association. Resolved, that we tender our thanks to the members of the Hoxie Baptist Church and their friends for the magnificent manner in which we have been entertained during the sessions of this body.

After announcements to the effect that Bro. Gardner would preach at Hoxie, and Bro. Borah at Walnut Ridge Sunday morning, this body adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

### THIRD DAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The body was called to order promptly at 2:30 by the Moderator. After devotional exercises, the report on Sunday Schools was called for and read again. After discussion by the following Brethren the report was adopted: Wyatt, Dunn, Jackson, Henry, Elliott, and Kirkpatrick. The report on Missions was read by Bro. Elliott and discussed by Brothers Elliott and Jackson, amended and adopted.

### REPORT ON MISSIONS

One of the cardinal principles of Baptists is that of Missions, in accordance with the commands of Jesus Christ, given just before he was received up in the clouds. We hold that one who has been saved by grace is under obligation to do all he can to spread abroad the good news of salvation. As a demonstration we are trying in the State,



in the Southern States and in foreign lands to teach the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. The State work is the foundation upon which the Mission stands. The individual Churches are pillars in this foundation. And just as every foundation is strong as its pillars are strong, so the work of evangelizing the world develops according to the strength manifested by the Churches. The work done by the Churches of our State, co-operating with the State Convention embraces the services of two strong men in the Evangelistic field so that our weakest Churches may be enabled to have the very best help in their meetings. Also helping to maintain pastors on important fields, and in every way possible seeks to advance the cause of Christ. The result of the labor of the 47 men employed last year is partially seen in the baptizing of 1270, and raising \$12 262. 75 for State Missions. To go to the Convention out of debt Nov. next, we must raise over \$30.000 for State Missions. To do this every one must give what he can. Next to our State work, comes our Home Mission work. This embraces work among the foreigners, Indians and Negroes. Work in the cities and in the mountain regions, in Cuba and in the Canal zone, and assisting the State work wherever it is practicable. Last year, the Home Board came to the rescue of our College, giving us \$10.000 towards the \$60.000 needed to pay off the indebtedness. In addition to this it returned to our State over \$1600 more than it received from the State, to help our needy fields. This generous assistance should call forth generous returns from our Churches, so that other places, in just as great need, may be assisted, and put on a firm foundation.

But the Commission given us by our Lord does not stop with our own country. It extends to "the uttermost parts of the earth." Where we have thousands in our land there are millions in other lands who know not God. It was through the special work done by the Missionaries that the gospel ever got out of Jerusalem and the surrounding territory. It was only through foreign Missionary work that our forefathers heard the gospel and therefore, but for the foreign Mission work all of us must have been eternally lost. Shall not we, who have been saved by this means, do our best to see that others who are lost in the darkness of sin have the gospel preached to them? Those who cannot go can help support those who can go, and thus have a part in the work committed to us by our Lord,

Respectfully Submitted,

C. G. Elliott,  
J. P. Dunn.

The clerk was instructed to have as many copies of the minutes printed as were needed and allowed \$10.00 for his services.

There being no further business the Association adjourned sine die.

E. H. Tharp, Clerk.

## FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairing	Incidentals	Visiting Ministers	S. S. Expenses	Association Purposes	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Other Objects	Orphanage	Colleges and Schools	Ministerial Education	TOTAL
Alicia (not represen'd)	52 95				4 50	50	93							58 88
Bethel	255 00	90 00	82 00		35 00									462 50
Hoxie	210 02	321 00	2 50	1 20	58 47	1 00	20 00				16 01			630 18
Imboden	100 00		33 25	130 20		3 50	114 00	30 00	27 85		9 00			447 80
Pocahontas	63 50	2 00	109 16	67 67	14 44		46 00				19 75	2 00	11 50	336 02
Portia	100 00			27 00		1 00	24 05				24 00			175 05
Swifton	160 00		10 00		26 50			5 00	5 00					206 50
Tuckerman	500 00		65 00		24 23	1 50					7 60			598 33
Walnut Ridge	691 80	274 94	79 17	135 30	66 53	5 00	24 35	40 20	40 00	106 67	108 79	96 00	97 00	176575
Total	213325	667 94	581 08	342 07	229 67	12 50	229 33	75 70	72 85	106 67	185 15	98 00	108 50	484271

Note (A) The contributions from Sunday School, W. M. U. and B. Y. P. U., are included in the above report.

Note (B) Only Walnut Ridge church reports a W. M. U. and B.Y.P.U.

Note (C) Pocahontas had a Pastor about one month.



# Statistical Table

CHURCH	PASTOR	P. O.	CLERK	P. O.
Alicia	Not Represent'd			
Bethel	G. B. Borah	Imboden	Miss Esther Thorn	Hoxie, R. F. D.
Black Rock			Miss E. Matthews	Black Rock
Imboden			J. W. Ragan	Imboden
Hoxie			J. P. Dunn	Hoxie
Portia	E. P. Minton	Jonesboro	E. B. Ivie	Portia
Pocahontas	C. G. Elliott	Walnut Ridge	Frank Massey	Pocahontas
Swifton			C. A. Dukes	Swifton
Tuckerman	G. R. Tyler	Swifton	Tad Bradley	Tuckerman
Walnut Ridge	Walnut Ridge	Walnut Ridge	H. T. Kirkpatrick	Walnut Ridge

## Membership

CHURCH	INCREASE			DECREASE			TOTAL	Value Ch'ch Property	Pastor's Home
	Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Death	Expulsion	Letter			
Alicia									
Bethel	5	14					19		
Black Rock				2		12	94	1 500	800
Imboden	6	1				3	108	1 500	
Hoxie	1	4				4	51	600	
Pocahontas		10		2		3	102	3 000	
Portia	1	3			7		41		
Swifton	1			2	5	1	43	800	
Tuckerman	4	6	1	1	1	3	131	2 000	
Walnut Ridge	21	5	1	1		6	161	16000	

## Sunday School Statistics

CHURCHES	Superin'd't.	Secretary	Address	T'chrs.	Pupils	B'tized
Alicia						
Bethel						
Black Rock	I. A. B. Minner	C. Matthews	Black Rock	5	50	
Imboden	J. J. Estes	D. Herring	Imboden		90	
Hoxie	W. G. Davison	C. Edwards	Hoxie	6	130	
Portia	E. B. Ivie	Verta Borah	Portia		54	
Pocahontas	O. E. Wyatt	Zula Presley	Pocahontas	6	137	
Swifton	R. P. Sharp	A. Johnson	Swifton	6	36	1
Tuckerman	H. S. Hill	Bertha Smith	Tuckerman			
Walnut Ridge	G. E. Henry	C. H. Elliott	Walnut Ridge	9	154	20

# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

## Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary to Associations

The women of the churches of the Black River Association met in session Sept. 4th, 1915, and organized themselves into a permanent organization to be known as the "Women's Missionary Union," Auxiliary to the Black River Association, having as its object the creating of a greater interest in the study of the Word of God, and urging a more systematic study of the same, and stimulating as far as it is possible, the efforts of the Association in the spreading of the Gospel of the Son of God.

The constitution as outlined by the Executive Committee of the State W. M. U., was adopted which is as follows:

### PREAMBLE

We, the women of the Missionary Baptist churches of Black River Association, desirous of stimulating a missionary spirit and cultivating the grace of giving among the women and young people of all the churches within the bounds of this Association, do organize and adopt the following:

### CONSTITUTION

Article I. Name.—This organization shall be known as the Woman's Missionary Union of the Black River Association, and shall be composed of Woman's Missionary and Aid Societies, Young Woman's Auxiliaries, and Young People's Bands co-operating with the State Woman's Missionary Union

Art. II. Object.—The object of this Union shall be: To distribute missionary information and to secure, if possible, the organization of Woman's Missionary and Aid Societies, and Young People's Bands in every church: to inspire a deeper interest in the study of God's word in its bearing upon world wide missions, by the organization of definite Bible and Mission Study Classes; and to encourage the adoption of the tithing plan of securing offerings of money and services after the pattern laid down in the New Testament.

Art. III. Officers.—The officers shall be a President, Vice President, Associational Superintendent, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot. However, any officer may be elected by nomination from the floor upon a two-thirds majority of the delegates present.

The offices of President and Superintendent may be



combined when possible. Those of Secretary and Treasurer may also be combined.

Art. IV. Religious Exercises.—Every session of the Union shall open and close with religious exercises.

Art. V. Dues.—Each Society enrolled in the Union shall contribute \$1 00 toward an expense fund, one half of which to be used toward paying the extra expense of having our minutes printed with those of the Association, and the other half toward the expense of the Associational Superintendent.

Art. VI. Representation.—This body shall be composed of regularly accredited messengers elected by the Woman's Missionary and Aid Societies, Young Woman's Auxiliaries, and Young People's Band, as follows: Woman's Missionary and Aid Societies, 5; Young Woman's Auxiliaries, 3; one of whom shall be the leader; Sunbeam Band and Royal Ambassador, one adult representative each.

Art. VII. Executive Committee.—The Executive Committee shall be composed of the officers of the Union, together with the Associational Superintendent and other assistants to be appointed by her. Five members shall constitute a quorum. The Executive Committee shall meet once every quarter.

Art. VIII. Amendments.—This Constitution may be amended or altered by a two-thirds majority vote at any annual meeting.

#### DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. President.—The President shall preside at annual and all Executive Committee meetings; shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for.

Sec. 2. Vice President.—The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in her absence, and shall aid so far as possible in the development of the Union's work.

Sec. 3. Superintendent.—The Superintendent shall have a general supervision of all the work of the Union. She shall keep in touch with societies by visiting, correspondence, and by sending literature, shall endeavor, with the aid of her associates, to organize a Woman's Missionary Society, Young Woman's Auxiliary, Girl's Auxiliary, Order of Royal Ambassadors or Sunbeam Band in every church of the Association. She shall submit an annual report to the Associational Union, shall send a quarterly report to State Corresponding Secretary, shall present a report at annual meeting of State Executive Board, and shall prepare a comprehensive report of the year's work for the annual meeting of the Black River Association, and for the annual Woman's Missionary Union. She shall attend, if possible,



the conference of Superintendents held in connection with the annual Woman's Missionary Union.

Sec. 4. Secretary.--The Secretary shall keep a record of annual and Executive Committee meetings; shall notify committees of their appointments. She shall send a copy of minutes of annual meetings to the Clerk of Black River Association.

Sec. 5. Treasurer.--The Treasurer shall keep all receipts and an accurate account of all money passing through her hands; shall tabulate, giving only sum totals, the financial reports of Societies; shall send all contributions, except for expenses, to the State W. M. U. Treasurer, and shall make an annual report to Associational Union.

Sec. 6. Temporary Committees.--At the first meeting the President shall appoint the following committees: Nominating, Time and Place, and Resolutions.

Sec. 7. Standing Committees.--The following standing committees shall be appointed by the President, at her convenience, to report to the next annual meeting:

1. Committee on Program

2. Committee on Woman's Work, the chairman of which shall be the Associational Superintendent, who shall render a report before the Association.

3. Committee on Literature.

4. Committee on Obituaries.

Sec. 8. Delegates to Woman's Missionary Union.--The Superintendent shall represent the Union at the annual Woman's Missionary Union.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

President, Mrs. R. L. Muse, Walnut Ridge.

Vice President, Mrs. J. A. Hill, Imboden.

Secretary, Mrs. Dollie Fisk, Hoxie.

Treasurer, Mrs. Ada Moore, Swifton.

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## STANDING COMMITTEES

### COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM

Mrs. C. G. Elliott, Walnut Ridge.

Mrs. Wisdom, Hoxie.

Mrs. Goss, Swifton.

### COMMITTEE ON WOMAN'S WORK

Mrs. R. L. Muse, Walnut Ridge.

Mrs. P. E. Edwards, Hoxie.

Mrs. Eastly, Swifton.

## COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE

Mrs. D. D. Wiley, Pocahontas.  
Miss Ida James, Imboden.  
Mrs. C. G. Elliott, Walnut Ridge.

## COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

Mrs. W. A. Smith, Walnut Ridge.  
Mrs. Lewis, Pocahontas.  
Mrs. I. A. B. Minner, Black Rock.

The business being concluded, Dr. J. W. Conger, President of Central College, gave a most interesting and helpful address on Woman's Advancement and Opportunities, after which the following program was rendered:

1. Hymn.
2. Devotional, Mrs. P. E. Edwards.
3. The Relation of the W. M. T. to the Church  
Mrs. G. W. L. Brown.
4. Hymn.
5. Value of Young People's Organizations to Church  
Mrs. C. G. Elliott
6. How can we Interest the Ladies of our Church in  
Missions? Mrs. W. A. Smith.

The Union then adjourned to meet at next Regular Annual Association.



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