

• MINUTES •

OF THE

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Red River

Baptist • Association,

HELD WITH

Providence Baptist Church,

Nevada County, Ark, October 9, 10 and 11, 1894

LARKIN H. HITT Moderator, Prescott.

J. P. BOURLAND. Clerk, Curtis.

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.

PROVIDENCE, Oct. 9th, 1896.

The Forty-Eighth Annual session of the Red River Baptist Association met with Providence church, Nevada county, Arkansas, at 10 o'clock, a. m. October 9th, 10th and 11th, 1896.

Congregational singing, led by A. J. Price. Opening prayer, led by J. O. Browning, second by E. Merrell. In the absence of A. W. King, and his alternate, J. C. Kelley, a motion prevailed that J. J. Haynes preach the introductory sermon. He was invited to occupy the stand, and requested the congregation to join in singing, "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound." Reading the 1st chapter Hebrews, and prayer by Bro. J. J. Haynes, he announced his text, 8 verses of the chapter read, delivering a short but very instructive discourse. After singing by the congregation, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," and receiving the benediction by Bro. T. J. Bennett, the Association took recess to 1:30 o'clock for refreshments, which were served in abundance upon the church grounds.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 o'clock, promptly, the body was called together by singing, led by Bro. Price, and after reading a portion of the scriptures and prayer, Moderator J. P. Copeland called the Association to order, and requested the messengers to come forward at once and deposit their church letters. Bros. Conger and Hitt were appointed reading committee. The messengers names were enrolled, and at the close of the reading of the letters, the roll was called by the clerk, and absentees noted.

The Moderator then announced the first business claiming the attention of the body to be that of permanent organization, by electing a moderator and clerk, and appointed O. S. Jones and J. W. Conger to record and canvass the votes, which resulted in the choice of Larkin H. Hitt, Moderator, and J. P. Bourland reelected clerk. After the usual complimentary remarks, the newly elected entered at once upon the duties of their respective offices.

A motion prevailed to appoint a committee on Divine service. Moderator appointed W. T. Crowley, J. C. Brown, with the Messengers of Providence church.

Motion by J. P. Copeland prevailed that the Moderator appoint a special committee whose purpose it shall be to draft a memorial upon the life and work of the late Elder George W. Wells. J. P. Copeland, J. A. Ross, J. O. Browning and D. G. Wells were appointed said committee.

Committee on Divine services reported as follows:

At Providence church, Friday evening, D. G. Wells; at Providence, Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, J. H. Collins; Saturday night at Prescott, E. B. Miller; Saturday night at Boughton, James Howell; Sunday morning, 9 o'clock prayer meeting, T. J. Bennett; Sunday morning, 11 o'clock, Providence, E. B. Miller, and J. P. Copeland same hour at school house; at Boughton, Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, E. B. Miller; at Providence, Sunday evening at 3 o'clock, J. J. Mathis.

Report adopted. W. T. Crowley, chairman.

Messengers assigned homes by J. F. Welch.

Motion to adjourn to 9 o'clock Saturday morning, carried. Benediction prayer by O. S. Jones.

EVENING SERVICES.

At 8 o'clock the congregation reassembled. D. G. Wells reading, as an introductory to the services, 10 chapter of Paul's letter to the Corinthians.

After prayer and singing, announced his text, 13th and 14th verses of the chapter just read; delivering to his hearers a good lesson, full of thought and sound doctrine. Services concluded by G. W. Burns.

SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Opened by singing praises to God, Scriptural reading and prayer by J. H. Collins.

Association called to order by Moderator Larkin H. Hitt, who announced the appointment of the several committees as follows:

Pastoral Support—G. W. Burns, J. C. Brown and J. B. Langley.

Sunday-Schools—R. C. Kelley, T. F. Terrell and J. H. Hall.

Temperance—I. F. Welch, J. C. Kelley, J. S. Smart.

Education—J. P. Copeland, J. W. Conger, J. B. Rountree.

Woman's Work—E. B. Miller, D. G. Wells, O. S. Jones.

Home and Foreign Missions—G. W. Burns, E. Merrell, J. S. Hamilton.

Literature—O. S. Jones, J. V. Browning, W. U. Davis.

Nominations—J. B. Rountree, A. J. Medlock, F. D. Brown.

Finance—J. A. Ross, E. Delaughter, J. P. Copeland, Jr.

State and Associational Missions—J. B. Langley, J. H. Collins, W. J. Rowe.

Documents—E. Merrell, R. K. Hall, W. A. Dunlap.

Ouachita College—J. W. Conger, J. A. Ross, O. S. Jones

Ministerial Education—E. B. Miller, J. O. Browning, E. Merrell.

Motion prevailed to consolidate reports on General Christian and Ministerial Education.

Motion by J. O. Browning, and adopted by the Association, that the Moderator appoint a committee of five for the special duty of formulating a report on Whitsittism.

E. B. Miller, J. W. Conger, J. P. Copeland, I. F. Welch and Gooden Deaton were appointed said committee.

On motion and second, Ozan Church was granted a letter of dismission to join Howard County Association.

Motion prevail that the several committees have permission to retire for the purpose of making up their reports.

The Moderator announced recess for preaching, and, in accordance with previous appointment, J. H. Collins occupied the stand, delivering a lesson to his audience worthy the consideration of all Christians; and more especially the divinely-called and ordained men, whose duty it is to stand and speak in the name of Christ. The lesson was concluded and confirmed by H. J. P. Horne. Prayer by J. O. Browning.

Association was called to order by the Moderator, and J. K. Hardy, of Howard County Association, and John Honea, of Union, received as Corresponding Messengers and invited to seats with us.

Special committee on the life and work of Eld. Geo. W. Wells read their report as follows:

Bro. G. W. Wells was born in Clark county, Ark., February 22, 1824. Born of the Spirit in 1853 and united with Bethlehem Baptist church the same year,

and in October of that year was ordained to the ministry. He was one of the pioneers of Southwest Arkansas. His zeal and arder for the cause of Christ prompted him to make greater sacrifices and endure more hardships for the salvation of souls than almost any other Baptist preacher that God has given us. We can well say that his success as a minister of God in winning souls to Christ was unsurpassed among us. Multiplied hundreds through his earnest and pathetic appeals have been brought to accept Christ. Weak and faltering Christians through his preaching have been strengthened and developed so as to make them efficient workers in the church. The doctrines of the Lord Jesus Christ in all their fullness have been proclaimed, upheld and defended as could be done by no other than a truly devoted and consecrated servant of the Master. In his daily life he was kind, thoughtful and generous; ever ready to lend a helping hand to the needy and distressed. By his godly instructions, orphans have been encouraged to lead lives of usefulness in this world. In fact, his life was spent in winning souls to Christ and alleviating suffering humanity. We deeply regret and mourn his death, but bow in humble submission to the providence of an all-wise God, who doeth all things well. To his bereaved family we tender our heart-felt sympathy, and beg them to strive to emulate his pious and godly life. We recommend that the foregoing be incorporated in our minutes and the clerk be instructed to furnish the family a copy.

J. P. COPELAND,
J. O. BROWNING,
D. G. WELLS,
J. A. ROSS.

Committee.

After the many sympathetic remarks and appropriate eulogies by brethren O. S. Jones, E. Merrell, D. G. Wells, W. A. Fortson, J. O. Browning, J. J. Haynes and John B. Rountree, report was heartily and unanimously adopted

On motion, adjourned to 1 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1 o'clock sharp the body reconvened. Singing by the congregation. H. J. P. Horne read the 103 Psalm. Prayer by I. F. Welch. Order announced by the Moderator and business resumed.

The special committee on the so-called Whitsittism presented and read their report.

Motion and seconded to adopt was entertained, after which an exceeding lively discussion, both pro and con, ensued, quieted by the prevailing and timely motion to recommit the report.

Petitionary letters presented by the messengers from Mount Carmel church read and messengers names regularly enrolled, and the Moderator upon the part and in behalf of the association extended to the messengers the right hand of fellowship, and

announcing to them that their church is now one of the Red River Association and gave them a cordial invitation to seats with us.

The Committee on Ouachita College reported with much gratitude to God as follows:

That the past year of Ouachita College has been one of great prosperity. Two hundred and ninety pupils were enrolled; 200 of these were non residents, representing about fifty counties in Arkansas and seven states. The session was one of unusual harmony and earnest work. Nineteen were in the graduating class. Additional furniture and apparatus were added. The financial condition of the college remains about the same as last year. We refer to the report of the trustees to the convention for this information. Notwithstanding the prevalent drouth and depressed financial condition of the country, the college has opened with great enthusiasm, enlarged enrollment, 220 being now in attendance. Ouachita is our college and should be the object of our solicitude, patronage and prayers. The Lord has shown his approval. Our people throughout the state have given us sympathy. Great responsibilities rest upon the Red River Association, as the college is peculiarly its child.

J. A. ROSS,
J. W. CONGER, } Committee.
O. S. JONES.

Motion to adopt and spoken to by J. W. Conger, E. B. Miller and O. S. Jones, after which the report was adopted.

In behalf of the Committee on Literature, O. S. Jones read their report:

In these days of slack, twisted and pernicious reading matter, that floods our country, it behooves all Christian people, and especially Baptist, to guard their houses and their Sunday-schools with zealous and vigilant care. The Bible being the fountain of all thought, and the hope of the world, we feel that it alone is perfect and absolute safety. We therefore recommend its sacred pages as the literature that will lead us to better lives, better living, and more holy conceptions of our duties as Christian citizens, parents and children. We also recommend the Arkansas Baptist as a safe, sound and instructive publication. But we regret to note the fact that one of our churches sends up a report to this body that they are using Cook's literature in their Sunday-schools. (Amendment accepted.) That we recommend the Southern Baptist Convention series for the use of our Sunday-schools.

O. S. JONES, Chairman.

Motion to adopt.

Addresses in support of same by E. B. Miller and O. S. Jones. The report was adopted.

The committee on Temperance submitted the following report:

We are glad to report that the cause of temperance is gradually and surely gaining ground in our beloved state and country. County after county, and city after city have declared on the side of the cause. We believe that intem-

perance is man's mightiest foe. Public sentiment has been most wonderfully changed on this subject in the past quarter of a century. We shall be greatly pleased if the Baptists of this mighty country should be found leading the front rank in this great, grand and glorious reformation.

We, therefore, recommend that the churches of our Association deal with their members for selling, or public drinking, or becoming in any degree intoxicated, or for voting at any time for license as for other offences. Brethren, the Bible commends Christ's followers to be temperate in all things. So let us ever be ready to set the example in conversation and all our daily habits of life.

I. F. WELCH, Chairman.

Motion to adopt.

J. P. Copeland moved to amend report to read: That the ministers preach and educate against their members voting for license, instead of dealing with them as for other offenses.

O. S. Jones moved to amend the amendment to read: And to educate our members that the evil is as great to vote for a dissipated man for public office as it is to vote for the sale of whisky.

J. P. Copeland accepted the amendment to the amendment.

Appropriate addresses by Brethren J. V. Browning, Powers, Haynes and Copeland.

The report was unanimously adopted.

Committee on Nominations submitted its report.

We recommend that the next session of this body be held with the church at Maple Spring, Pike County, and that Eld. W. U. Davis be selected to preach introductory sermon, with Eld. H. J. P. Horne his alternate.

J. B. ROUNTREE, Chairman.

Motion to adopt.

Motion to amend by striking out Maple Spring and insert De Gray, and motion to amend the amendment by striking out Maple Spring and De Gray and inserting Prescott. This called out several speeches by the members in behalf of their respective places. After which a rising vote was taken.

Result—Prescott, 9; De Gray, 23; Maple Spring, 46.

The report was unanimously adopted.

Report on General and Ministerial Education read by Chairman E. B. Miller.

It is most gratifying to your committee to be in possession of facts concerning general Christian education that should thrill the hearts of lovers of truth. Truth is mighty, and will prevail only when trained and faithful workers endow it with personal zeal. It is a fact that Baptists lead all denominations in the amount of money invested in institutions of learning. We thank God for the interest our mothers and fathers are taking in the education of their children.

Ministerial training is receiving special attention throughout our bounds.

There were twenty-four ministerial students in Ouachita College last year, and up to this date, Oct. 9, sixteen have matriculated this session. Men studying for the ministry are admitted to the college course of study at Ouachita free of charge for tuition. The Board of Ministerial Education renders aid as to paying the board and lodging of worthy young ministers. We recommend a collection and pledges for this purpose at this meeting. Respectfully submitted and motion to adopt.

E. B. MILLER, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Documents read their report.

We find from an examination of the documents of this Association that many of the church letters are hard to be understood. Some of them being badly written, and that, too, with lead pencils, and most of them failing to give full statistical reports of all of their church, Sunday-school and mission work. Therefore, to avoid the inconvenience such letters give the clerk of this body, we recommend and most earnestly request that each church of this Association in future use for associational letters the blanks furnished by the Arkansas Publishing House, of Little Rock. We also find that some of our churches are using unsound literature in their Sunday-schools, such as Cook's, of Chicago. This literature is sure to poison the minds of our children, and cause them to discredit the truths of the Gospel as proclaimed by our ministry. Therefore, we most earnestly recommend that the literature of the Southern Baptist Convention series be adopted strictly in all of our Sunday-schools, that in teaching our children in the Sunday-schools we may obey the Scriptural injunction, "To speak the same things."

E. MERRELL, Chairman.

Move to adopt.

Report spoken to by H. J. P. Horne, as appertaining to the Sunday-school literature and work, whereupon the same was adopted.

Your committee on finance reports cash receipts from the the several churches and for the purposes herein mentioned as follows:

Arkadelphia, minutes, \$3. Amity, minutes, \$1. Bethlehem, minutes, \$1. Boughton, minutes, \$1. Cedar Springs, minutes, \$1.50. Caney Fork, Foreign mission, \$7.40, minutes, 50c. Caney Creek, Foreign mission, \$1, minutes, 50c. Curtis, Association missions, \$10, minutes, \$1.50. De Gray, minutes, \$1. Gum Springs, minutes, \$1. Bethel, minutes, 65c. Bethel Spring, Association missions, \$1.55, Association missions, \$2.50, Foreign missions, \$2, minutes, \$1. Gurdon, Association missions, \$1.75, Foreign missions, \$2, minutes \$1. Gethsemane, minutes, 65c. Hollywood, Association missions, \$1.35, minutes, \$1. Liberty Hill, Association missions, \$3.10, Home missions, 90c, J. J. Taylor fund, \$7.60, minutes, \$1. Macedonia, Association missions, \$2.50. Mount Zion, minutes, \$1. Mount Olive, State missions, 50c, minutes 40c. Maple Spring, Association missions, \$2.20, minutes, \$1.20. Mount Bethel, minutes, \$1. New Home, Association missions, 40c, minutes, \$1.60. Ozan, Association missions, \$2.50, minutes, \$1. Okolona, minutes, 90c. Pleasant Hill, Association missions \$13.75, minutes, \$1. Pleasant Home, minutes, \$1. Piney Grove, Association missions, \$9.15, minutes, \$1.35. Prescott, minutes, \$1.70. Providence, Association missions, \$4, minutes, \$1. Richwoods, minutes, \$1.25. Red Land, minutes, 60c.

Spring Hill, minutes, 75c. Salem, minutes, 50c. South Fork, J. J. Taylor fund, \$5, minutes, 90c. Shiloh, minutes, 80c. Union, minutes, 50c. Unity, Association missions, \$2, minutes, \$1. Wolf Creek, minutes, \$1.25. Whelen, Association missions, 55c, minutes, 50c. Durrett, minutes, \$1. Mount Carmel, minutes, 50c. Holly Grove, Association missions, \$3.50, minutes, \$1.50.

Recapitulation: Association missions, \$53.80; State missions, 50c; Foreign missions, \$12.40; Home missions, 90c; J. J. Taylor fund, \$12.60; Minutes fund, \$41.50.

J. A. Ross, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on State and Associational Missions read their report. J. B. Langley, Chairman, moved the adoption of the report and spoke at length in its favor, giving facts and plausible reasons for recommending the abolition of the Associational Executive Board. On account of this feature in the report, its adoption met with great opposition. Pending this report, a motion prevailed to adjourn till seven o'clock this p. m. Prayer by Bro. E. Merrell.

NIGHT SESSION.

Association reassembled at 7 p. m., and after singing, "Come Thou Fount," and prayer by Bro. T. J. Bennett, resumed business.

The report on State and Associational Missions was recalled, and after many strong speeches in opposition to abolishing the Executive Board and urging our churches to renewed energy in the support of our mission work, a motion prevailed to recommit the report, and that J. A. Ross and I. F. Welch be added to the committee.

Your special committee appointed to report on Whitsittism, submit for your consideration as follows:

For more than 1800 years Baptists have had the Holy Scriptures and the best authenticated church history to prove beyond the question of a doubt that the Baptist church originated with Jesus Christ and his apostles with the doctrines and ordinances that have been preached and practiced by us in every age.

Resolved, therefore, That we, the Red River Baptist Association, repudiate and denounce the false assertions of Dr. W. H. Whitsitt, as published in pedobaptist periodicals, that until 1641 immersion was unknown among Baptists and not essential to church organization.

Resolved, further, That we regard his training and instruction to young ministers as being exceedingly dangerous; believing as we do that a bitter fountain can not send forth sweet water.

We therefore recommend that we withdraw our patronage from the seminary over which he presides during his presidency.

J. P. COPELAND, } Committee.
J. A. ROSS. }

The above by motion submitted. Subject thoroughly discussed by Elds. G. W. Burns, D. G. Wells, J. O. Browning, J. B. Rountree, T. J. Bennett, J. J. Haynes, I. F. Welch, W. U. Davis and the Moderator, Larkin H. Hitt. Question called for and the report was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Motion prevailed that the Clerk be requested to furnish the Arkansas Baptist and the Western Recorder copy of the above report for publication.

Committee on Obituaries submitted their report, which was adopted, as follows:

We find no record of deaths reported by our churches through the medium of their letters. Only number of deaths without giving names. Total number of deaths reported is thirty. But we know of the death of one of our oldest and most worthy ministers in the person of Eld. D. S. Williams, who was called from this life on September 22, 1896, in his 90th year, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. C. Vick, Olmstead, Ky. Bro. Williams was born in Cumberland county, N. C., May 28, 1807. He was educated at Princeton College, New Jersey, for the Presbyterian ministry. Soon after returning from school he began the study of the question of baptism, and becoming convinced of the Baptist position being the New Testament teachings, he joined the Baptist church and was an active minister of the gospel for fifty-four years. He was one of the original trustees of Wake Forest College, and for a number of years, Eld. D. S. Williams was vice-president of the North Carolina Baptist Convention. Having moved to Clark county, Ark., he at once took up the work of preaching, a work that he learned to love above all other callings. He served faithfully many churches in the bounds of our association, and especially for a number of years the church at Arkadelphia. He was sound in the faith, devout in spirit, and abounding in good works. He was a great advocate of general and ministerial education; his works follow him. The remains of the faithful and aged brother were returned to Arkadelphia, and buried in Rose Hill cemetery.

We also chronicle among the illustrious dead, the name of Tillman Howell, who, since our last annual meeting, has been called by the Father: "Well done good and faithful servant, come home." Brother Howell was baptized on profession of faith into the fellowship of the Baptist church when quite a young man, and in early life was ordained by his church to the full work of the ministry. Though not an educated man, he possessed a strong intellect, and was a faithful and sound minister of Jesus Christ, a tender husband and father and a kind and obliging neighbor. He leaves a large family of relatives and a host of brethren and friends who with sorrow regret their loss. But they weep not as those who have no hope. Well they know their loved one is but reaping his reward. Brother Tillman Howell was near ninety years old at his death, having devoted near sixty years of his life to the ministry, and no doubt at the

last sounding of the trumpet call, many will arise to call him blessed, as the human agent in leading them to Christ, at a very great financial sacrifice to himself. We have no history and dates appertaining to the family record, hence cannot give particulars. B.

GARNER—W. J. This sister was born June, 1872. Departed this life January 26, 1896. She professed religion and joined the Missionary Baptist church in the year 1888. She lived an exemplary and consistent life until death's summons called her from this timely world to her home in the "sweet by and by." In her departure the lovely union is broken, and she leaves the husband, one little babe, other relatives and a host of friends to mourn our loss. But we feel assured of the fact that our sad loss is her glorious gain. We tender our heartfelt sympathies to the bereft husband, and may the promise of Him who doeth all things well, prove his comforter in these lonely hours. So we sorrow not as those who have no hope. If we will only hold out faithful we will meet our departed ones in the home above, where no more farewell tears will be shed.

WILLIAM M. PATTERSON, Pastor.

We report further that Deacon H. H. Merideth, of Ozan church, has been called from time to eternity. Died December 15th, 1895, in the 70th year of his age. Had lived a Baptist for fifty years, a zealous, consecrated servant of the master, a sheaf fully ripe for the harvest, and Master's garner. May we follow him as he followed Christ.

D. G. WELLS, Chairman.

Committee on Sunday-schools presented and read their report, which was adopted, as follows:

After hearing the letters from the various churches read, we find our cause deficient in the Sunday-school work, and believing this to be one of our worthy and best means of propagating the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we therefore recommend that the duty devolves upon our pastors to indoctrinate the members of their churches along this line. We also recommend and advise our churches to use strictly Baptist literature in their respective Sunday-schools, and also that the teachers of our Sunday-schools should be members of the Baptist church.

R. C. KELLEY, Chairman.

The following report from committee on Pastoral support was read by chairman G. W. Burns and adopted:

Pastors to churches is one of Christ's ascension gifts. We ought to appreciate all of his gifts. Do we this one? If so, as God has provided for the support by ordaining that they that preach the gospel should live of the gospel, therefore we advise all of our churches to heartily support their pastors, that they may give themselves wholly to the work to which God has called them. Let us do this, even at a sacrifice, and God will bless us. Let us try Him.

G. W. BURNS, Chairman.

Foreign Missions. Report read, discussed and adopted, as follows:

The greatest object before the Christian world today is the evangelization of the nations. The pastor and church that neglect this duty are existing in

the most flagrant disobedience. The chief command of Christ before he closed His work in the flesh was that special and great charge to make and baptize disciples. No pastor and church may expect God's blessings on any part of their work while they continue to disregard the special work Christ committed to them. The pastor and church who fail in mission work are dead while they live. Such church is only a Sunday club, and not a church of the living God, which is the pillar and ground work of the truth, and such pastor is a travesty on a gospel preacher. Either do what Christ says, or say you are not loyal to Christ. We have foreign missionaries in China, Africa, Italy, Brazil, Mexico and Japan. Our net contributions to Foreign missions last year were \$102,056.15. Of this amount Arkansas Baptists gave \$1,248.34, and \$84.45 were reported from the Red River Association.

There are fifty-one churches in our Association; of these, seven contributed to foreign missions—forty-four, if we are to judge from the reports, gave nothing. The sisterhood of our churches are taking some interest in the work. Southern Baptist women gave \$22,799.55 to this cause last year. The women in Arkansas gave \$181.60. Your committee beg that the following points be heeded by all concerned:

1st. That our pastors study the great work of Foreign Missions, and impart information, exhorting their churches to the performance of their duty to God and the lost. 2nd. That the opportunity to give may be offered at every regular meeting of the church. 3rd. That we all study the Bible and missionary literature, praying for God's blessings upon Foreign Missions.

G. W. BURNS, Chairman.

Report on Home Missions read and adopted, as follows:

This work is equal in importance with other mission work, and the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is the organized medium through which we may do mission work for the Master in the States, Territories and Cuba. And as our State and even Red River Association have been the beneficiaries of the aid of said Board, and as the Board is greatly in need of means to prosecute their work and meet obligations, we therefore recommend that an immediate collection here and in all our churches at an early date be taken, and the proceeds be forwarded to A. G. McManaway, agent for Home Missions, post-office Arkadelphia, Ark.

G. W. BURNS, Chairman.

Report of Associational Executive Board submitted, as follows:

DEAR BRETHREN: Through the protecting care of a kind and indulgent Providence, we are permitted to again meet you in an associated capacity, and for your careful and wise consideration submit to you our sixth annual report. At our Board meeting during last spring the careful consideration and propriety of trying to employ a suitable minister to take the field was thoroughly discussed, and also after referring to the report of our Committee on Associational Missions, as adopted at our last annual session, recommending that your Board do not employ a missionary until the entire debt for past services, as per contracts, have been fully adjusted, we declined trying for a new contract, as our obligations were yet unpaid. We were hopeful in the beginning of this associational year, that the obligations of your board for services past due would be settled at once. Because

a few of our churches so soon responded and cheerfully assisted to the amount of their part, and had all of our churches done so, the debt would have been paid, and your board free to contract for the services of a worthy minister to take the field in behalf of our Master's work. We regret the loss of time, and no work this year, very much. But delighted tonight and thankful to the many churches and messengers of this association for their liberal contributions, sufficient to pay our entire debt, as will be shown upon exhibit of our financial report as follows:

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS	
On hand last report.....	\$53 65	Paid	
Pleasant Grove church.....	3 00	J. P. Copeland.....	\$25 00
Red Land church.....	2 00	J. J. Haynes.....	25 00
Arkadelphia church.....	50 00	C. Merrell.....	25 00
Evergreen church.....	65	J. F. Welch.....	69 30
S. S. Langley, Jr.....	1 00	S. L. Hollaway.....	25 00
Mrs. Langley.....	10	H. J. P. Horne.....	32 67
Durrett church.....	2 00	Wm Davis.....	25 00
Wolf Creek church.....	3 70	On hand.....	6 53
Richwoods church.....	3 60		
Ozan church.....	2 35		\$233 50
Pleasant Grove church.....	3 30		
Providence church.....	3 35		
Maple Springs mission meeting..	1 35		
Bethel Spring church.....	2 25		
E. A. Davidson.....	10		
Pleasant Hill church.....	1 25		
Larkin H. Hitt.....	3 60		
Liberty Hill mission meeting....	2 25		
Gum Spring mission meeting....	8 30		
Curtis church.....	3 80		
J. P. Bourland, treasurer.....	81 90		
	<u>\$233 50</u>		

J. P. BOURLAND, Chairman.

Report adopted.

STATE AND ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Your committee, to whom the recommitted report on State and Associational Missions was referred, report that the Executive Board is in debt about \$19.60 for mission work, done by Bros. H. J. P. Horne, I. F. Welch and W. U. Davis. This after a net calculation of all contributions for our associational fund, received by Finance Committee and now in the hands of the treasurer. At our last session a resolution was passed, requesting the members and pastors of churches to make collections for the payment of this debt, but we regret to say, this resolution was not complied with by many of our churches, and the Board has thus been unable to execute the work assigned it. Your committee recommend that a collection be taken tomorrow and that pledges by the messengers be taken to meet this debt at the earliest possible moment; and until this is done, that no missionary be put in the field. When the debt is fully liquidated, we recommend that the Board be directed to proceed with the work assigned them, fully assured that this association will support and sustain them in their efforts for the spread of the Gospel.

Recognizing the importance of the work done by our State Board, we recommend that our Board co-operate with this Board in their work.

J. B. LANGLEY, Chm'n.

Motion to adopt.

With the most profound gratitude to the great benefactor of all good, the Clerk records the fact that pending the adoption of this report that the Messengers in a very short while contributed cash enough to pay the remainder of the debt.

The report was heartily and unanimously adopted.

Motion prevailed that the members of the present Executive Board be continued and that J. J. Haynes be continued on State Board, the association to defray actual expenses.

Prevailing motion to appoint Messengers as follows:

Southern Baptist Convention—J. W. Conger; E. B. Miller, Alternate.

Arkansas Baptist State Convention—I. F. Welch, J. P. Bourland, J. J. Haynes, J. P. Copeland and J. S. Hamilton.

Associations—Caddo River, J. H. Collins, I. F. Welch and T. A. Hollingshead. Southwestern, J. B. Rountree and J. P. Copeland. Union, Larkin H. Hitt, J. W. Conger, J. J. Haynes and E. Delaughter. Howard county, J. P. Copeland and J. B. Rountree.

Motion prevailed to change the time of meeting from Friday before the second Sunday in October to Saturday at 11 o'clock a. m., before the second Sunday in October.

Resolution of thanks read by D. G. Wells and adopted:

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt thanks to this church and neighbors of the vicinity, and also to the brethren at Boughton for the very hospitable manner in which they have entertained this body.

J. P. Bourland reelected Treasurer by acclamation.

Motion prevailed that the Clerk contract for the printing of 100 copies of our minutes and distribute among the churches in accordance with money contributed, and that he be allowed fifteen dollars for his services.

At 10:45 o'clock Saturday night, by motion, the association adjourned to 10 o'clock Sunday morning. Prayer by Bro. E. Merrell.

Sunday morning: After a very instructive and well attended prayer meeting, conducted by Bro. T. J. Bennett, the association was called to order at 10 o'clock by the moderator, for the transacting of the unfinished business pending from last night's session.

J. P. Bourland in behalf of the executive board asked further

time to investigate the matter of E. Merrell's communication to the Red River Association of 1895. Time granted, provided the board call a special meeting and attend to this business, and formulate their report in time for the same to be embodied in our minutes.

The hour for preaching being announced, association adjourned to 3 o'clock p. m., and in accordance with previous appointment E. B. Miller occupied the stand. Opening services, Song, "Nearer My God to Thee." Scriptural reading and prayer by J. J. Hayes, after which the congregation sang, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Bro. E. B. Miller then announced his text, Romans 12-2: "Be not conformed to this world. Be transformed." The house was crowded to its full capacity, yet the very best of attention was given to the entire discourse. At the close of the services, Bro. Miller requested that brethren Powers, Hall and Delaughter, wait upon the congregation for contributions to the associational mission fund. Total contributions on Sunday \$18.50, ten dollars of this for orphan's home at Monticello.

J. P. Copeland preached at school house at same hour. Congregation large and good attention given to an instructive and able discourse. At the close of these services, refreshments in abundance were served upon the church grounds.

AFTERNOON SERVICES.

At Providence church 2 o'clock preaching by J. J. Mathis. Selecting for his text first verse of the 90th Div. of Psalms. At the close of this service the association was called to order.

J. P. Bourland submits treasurer's report as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts on hand last report	\$ 3 65
Finance Committee.....	121 70
Associational contributions	38 10
Total.....	\$ 163 45

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Associational Executive Board.....	\$ 81 90
Orphan's Home.....	10 00
Foreign Missions.....	12 40
Home Missions.....	90
State Missions.....	50
J. J. Taylor fund.....	12 60
Printing Minutes.....	24 00
Stationary.....	55
Postage, etc.,.....	4 50
Clerks fees.....	15 00
Balance on hand.....	1 10
	\$ 163 45

By unanimous consent a motion to adjourn prevailed, to meet with the church at Maple Spring, Pike County, on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m. The messengers and visitors joined in singing praises to God and extending to each other the parting hand. Benediction, prayer, and we began to separate. But wherever we go, let us endeavor to carry with us a sense of God's presence, his holiness and his love; it will preserve us from many snares.

LARKIN H. HITT, Moderator.

J. P. BOURLAND, Clerk.

E. B. Miller preached at Boughton on Sunday night.

MINUTES OF THE ORDAINED MINISTERS.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.	POSTOFFICES.
Baars, F. D.	Arkadelphia.	Arkadelphia.
Bennett, T. J.	Arkadelphia.	Arkadelphia.
Browning, J. O.	Mount Bethel.	Arkadelphia.
Browning, J. V.	Pleasant Hill.	Hebron.
Burns, G. W.	Unity.	Arkadelphia.
Copeland, J. P.	Wolf Creek.	Stell Town.
Collins, J. H.	Gum Spring.	Gum Spring.
Delaughter, E.	Boughton.	Boughton.
Davis, W. U.	Bethel.	Okolona.
Dean, J. M.	Salem.	Amity.
Dwiggins, J. J.	Union.	Alpine.
Franklin, G. W.		Hollywood.
Hamilton, J. S.	Hollywood.	Hollywood.
Hamlin, G. L.	Curtis.	Curtis.
Harris, J. E.	Maple Spring.	
Haynes, J. J.	Arkadelphia.	Arkadelphia.
Hitt, Larkin H.	Piney Grove.	Prescott.
Horne, H. J. P.	Arkadelphia.	Arkadelphia.
Howell, J. T.	Arkadelphia.	Arkadelphia.
King, A. W.	Arkadelphia.	Arkadelphia.
Kelley, J. C.	Piney Grove.	Boughton.
Kelley, J. M.	Amity.	Amity.
Mathis, J. J.	Curtis.	Antoine.
Merrell, E.	Ozan.	Bingen.
Miller, E. B.	Arkadelphia.	Arkadelphia.
McManaway, A. G.	Arkadelphia.	Arkadelphia.
McMillan, J. A.	Amity.	Amity.
McGraw, D. E.	Macedonia.	
Patterson, W. M.	Maple Spring.	Lissie Pike county.
Rountree, J. B.	Liberty Hill.	Bowen.
Sim, S. S.	Okolona.	Okolona.
Smith, J. A.	Arkadelphia.	Arkadelphia.
Taylor, —	Spring Hill.	Lissie.
Toby, C. E.	Mount Bethel.	Arkadelphia.
Thompkins, N.	Pleasant Grove.	Eleyville.
Welch, I. F.	Providence.	Boughton.
Wells, D. G.	South Fork.	Gurdon.
White, J. M.	Mount Bethel.	Arkadelphia.

UNORDAINED.

Anderson, John.	Caney Creek.	Gurdon.
Ham, R. J.	Union.	Alpine.
Hopkins, L.	Curtis.	Curtis.
Ingram, H. T.	Providence.	Boughton.
Jones, O. S.	Prescott.	Prescott.
Lawley, A. E.	Richwoods.	Arkadelphia.
Mathis, S. M.	Pleasant Grove.	Eleyville.
Shaddock, Samuel.	South Fork.	Dobyville.
Stephens, W. M.	Gethsemane.	Lead.
Thomas, J. B.	Macedonia.	
Thomas, J. M.	Okolona.	Okolona.
Turner, J. H.	Mount Bethel.	Arkadelphia.
Williams, W. B.	Union.	Alpine.
Teague, F. E.	Hollywood.	Hollywood.

We, your Executive Board of Red River Association, to whom the claim of Eld. E. Merrell was referred, have carefully examined the records touching the matter, and have left upon our minds the abiding conviction that our beloved brother has been paid in full. This October 16, 1896.

JAMES P. BOURLAND,
LARKIN H. HITT,
JOHN B. LANGLEY.

LADIE'S SOCIETY OF THE ARKADELPHIA CHURCH.

The Ladies' Society of the Arkadelphia Baptist church, with a membership of sixty-three (63), meets once a week at the church. The officers are, President, First and Second Vice-presidents, Secretary and Treasurer. The last meeting in each month is devoted to regular missionary work, at which time a leader and helpers, appointed previously by the presiding officer, discuss the mission work as outlined by the Foreign Mission Journal. These meetings have proved profitable and interesting. Every meeting of the society is opened by reading some portion of God's word and prayer; at roll call the members respond with verse of scripture. Each week there is a report of the sick and strangers in town, and committees, either volunteers or selected by the President, are sent to visit and administer to the needs of these. The cordiality and warm Christian interest, so essential among the members of a church, have grown and strengthened by this method. For three years past the society, besides the regular missionary collections, has sent each year a missionary box. This year the church building is being enlarged, and to that fund the society has subscribed \$500, of which \$300 has already been paid. Below are given some figures as to the work during the year ending September, 1896:

Numbers of members on roll.....	63
New members during the year.....	14
Lost by death.....	2
Moved away.....	2

Amount given to charity.....	\$ 12 50
Amount given to ministerial education.....	5 00
Amount for church debt.....	25 00
Amount for church extension.....	300 00
Missionary box, valued at.....	130 00
Gift of baptismal robe to pastor.....	7 50
Entertaining church members socially.....	15 75
Incidental expenses.....	4 25

Sum total of money.....\$500 00

Mrs. C. E. Neely, President. Mrs. A. G. McManaway, 1st Vice-president.
 Mrs. Carter, 2nd Vice-president. J. T. Hall, Secretary, pro tem.
 J. H. Crawford, Treasurer.

Sunday-School Statistics.

SCHOOLS.	Officers and Teachers.	No. of Classes.	No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Literature Used.	Cost of Literature	SUPERINTENDENTS and Their Postoffices.
Amity.....	9	....	63	41	S. B. C. S.	\$8 75	J. M. Kelley, Amity.
Arkadelphia.....	26	....	250	175	"	132 00	J. C. Wallis, Arkadelphia.
Bethlehem.....	4	3	30	20	A. B. P. S.	3 20	E. Cates, Gurdon.
Boughton.....	5	4	40	30	S. B. C. S.	5 00	W. D. Sutton, Boughton.
Bethel.....	4	4	37	18	"	2 75	J. H. Smart, Okolona.
Bethel Spring.....	7	4	21	9	"	3 85	H. C. Stroud, Gurdon.
Clear Springs.....	8	5	65	50	Cook's.	2 00	J. T. Bolz, Clear Spring.
Caney Fork.....	6	4	50	50	S. B. C. S.	4 00	R. F. Kelley, Stellville.
Curtis.....	4	2	27	....	"	3 45	G. L. Hamlin, Curtis.
Gum Spring.....	5	4	26	18	"	5 00	N. B. Neill, Gum Spring.
Gurdon.....	5	3	23	20	"	6 40	J. S. Anderson, Gurdon.
Liberty Hill.....	3	2	50	40	American.....	....	....
Mount Zion.....	4	3	47	25	"	3 40	J. M. White, Arkadelphia.
Ozan.....	....	....	....	....	"	....	J. H. Holt, Bingen.
Okolona.....	7	3	27	18	S. B. C. S.	2 75	J. K. Ayler, Okolona.
Pleasant Hill.....	6	4	42	20	"	5 70	Jeff Norton, Hebron.
Piney Grove.....	6	3	30	25	"	75	Evan Hawkins, Prescott.
Prescott.....	6	6	65	59	.....	....	J. M. Powell, Prescott.
Providence.....	7	4	51	32	S. B. C. S.	5 40	G. W. Gatlin, Boughton.
Richwoods.....	4	3	27	15	"	2 75	.....
Unity.....	5	4	55	25	Int'r'n'l.	8 00	H. Edwards, Arkadelphia.
Total.....	131	65	1026	681	.....	\$205 05	.....

REMARKS.—Forty-two churches represented in the Association, by messengers and letters, and only twenty-one send Sunday School statistics. Let us have full report next session.

Messengers, Pastors, Clerks and Their Postoffices.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICES.	DAYS OF MEETING.	MESSENGERS.
Adelphia	E. B. Miller	R. G. Edwards	Arkadelphia	Every Sunday	E. B. Miller, J. W. Conger, R. D. Hall.
Amity	W. W. Carson	J. W. Key	Amity	4th S. a Sat. before	T. A. Hollingshead, W. E. Howell, R. L. Conline
Bethlehem	A. W. King	T. G. Davis	Gurdon	1a 2 S. a Sat. before	T. G. Davis, A. T. Keys, Jesse Horne.
Boughton	H. J. P. Horne	T. F. Lam	Boughton	3d S. a Sat. before	E. Delaughter, J. H. Britt, T. J. Lam.
Bethel	D. G. Wells	J. E. Smart	Okolona	3d S. a Sat. before	W. U. Davis, J. H. Hall, T. E. Dunn
Bethel Spring	D. G. Wells	J. E. Vaden	Gurdon	1st S. a Sat. before	H. C. Stroud, W. T. Formbrough, J. B. Vaden
Clear Spring	J. S. Hamilton	J. T. Bolt	Clear Spring	2d S. a Sat. before	J. T. Bolt, H. Bridges, Cliff. Barton.
Caney Fork	J. P. Copeland	J. T. Manwarring	Shawmut	3d S. a Sat. before	L. M. Byers, J. W. Kelley, R. F. Kelley.
Caney Creek	D. G. Wells	F. D. Brown	Gurdon	4th S. a Sat. before	F. D. Brown, W. C. Tyson, S. L. Ingle.
Curtis	H. J. P. Horne	F. L. Stroppe	Curtis	1st S. a Sat. before	J. P. Bourland, T. B. Freeman, J. T. Mathis.
Durrett	J. J. Mathis	W. H. Wingfield	Antoine	1st S. a Sat. before	J. P. Copeland, Jr.
DeGray	L. H. Hitt	W. D. Cook	Gum Springs	2d S. a Sat. before	T. F. Terrell, W. A. Dunlap.
Cum Springs	J. H. Collins	J. M. Neel	Gum Springs	4th S. a Sat. before	J. H. Collins, Green Moran, N. B. Neel.
Glenwood	Have none	J. B. Gresham	Gurdon	Not represented.	
Gurdon	J. J. Dwiggins	J. S. Speakman	Gurdon	2d S. a Sat. before	J. H. Cooper, M. A. Davidson, W. J. McAlpin
Gethsemane	J. S. Hamilton	A. L. Teague	Holly wood	1st S. a Sat. before	J. T. Speakman, J. W. Sparks, B. F. Cason.
Hollywood	J. T. Howell	W. L. Brown	Hollywood	3d S. a Sat. before	J. S. Hamilton, W. J. R. w. Eugene Teague.
Holly Grove	J. B. Thomas	Robert French	Heirne	1st S. a Sat. before	W. S. Stovall, J. B. Kizer, A. J. Stovall.
Liberty Hill				Not represented.	J. B. Rountree, S. S. Langley, H. Johnson.
Mountain Home				Not represented.	
Macedonia				Not represented.	
Mount Hope	J. M. Collins	J. W. Ha rod	Hollywood	3d S. a Sat. before	A. J. Thompson, Seth Thompson, J. W. Harrod
Maple Springs	J. O. Browning	W. M. Cooley	Hollywood	2d S. a Sat. before	J. T. Sanders, A. P. Sweat, W. Duncan.
Mount Bethel	L. H. Hitt	J. L. Bozeman	Arkadelphia	4th S. a Sat. before	J. O. Browning, T. S. Carter, J. L. Bozeman.
Mt. Zion	I. F. Welch	G. G. Presson	Arkadelphia	1st S. a Sat. before	J. C. Wright, Jas. Cupp.
New Home	I. F. Welch	J. W. Nelson	Prescott	1st S. a Sat. before	J. C. Brown, E. P. Hale, G. A. Dye.
Ozan	A. W. King	A. H. Cagle	Bigen	E. Merrell, J. H. Holt, T. M. Holt.	
Okolona	G. W. Burns	J. M. Thomas	Okolona	4th S. a Sat. before	R. W. Golden, J. A. Aler, S. S. Sims.
Pleasant Hill	J. F. Mathis	J. B. Langley	Ebron	2d S. a Sat. before	J. V. Browning, J. B. Langley, Jeff. Norton.
Pleasant Grove	J. F. Welch	P. L. Duvall	Antoine	4th S. a Sat. before	O. G. Cagle, P. L. Duvall.
Piney Grove	J. C. Kelley	J. F. Box	Eleyville	3d S. a Sat. before	H. Thomas, E. H. Askew, J. D. Eley.
Prescott	A. G. McManaway	B. F. Tidwell	Boughton	2d a 4th S.	L. H. Hitt, J. C. Kelley, J. J. Mayes.
Providence	I. F. Welch	J. M. Milburn	Prescott	2d a 4th S.	O. S. Jones, A. W. Moncrief, J. F. Powell.
Richwoods	G. W. Burns	S. M. Scott	Boughton	3d S. a Sat. before	I. F. Welch, S. M. Scott, H. T. Ingram.
Red Land	No pastor.	E. S. Smith	Gum Springs	3d S. a Sat. before	A. E. Lawley, T. A. Smith, E. S. Smith.
Spring Hill	— Taylor	E. E. Maves	Dison	Not represented.	E. E. Mays, A. B. Harris, A. M. Buckley.
Salem	J. J. Dwiggins	C. T. Erwin	Lssie	1st S. a Sat. before	J. H. Tunderburg, G. W. Hayes, C. T. Erwin.
South Fork	D. G. Wells	E. N. Howell	Gurdon	1st S. a Sat. before	E. N. Howell, G. W. Tucker, A. E. Wilson.
Shiloh	L. H. Hitt	G. B. Carter	Gurdon	2d S. a Sat. before	D. G. Wells, Jesse Carter, J. F. McMellon.
Union	J. J. Dwiggins	W. A. F. Wells	B. adshaw	3d S. a Sat. before	W. T. Crowley, L. O. Ross, J. A. Ross.
Unity	W. A. Forbes	F. M. Thomason	Apine	3d S. a Sat. before	L. C. Howell, F. M. Thomason, J. J. Dwiggins.
Wolf Creek	J. P. Copeland	J. A. Medlock	Arkadelphia	1st a 3d S.	G. W. Burns, W. T. Browning, J. A. Medlock.
Whelen	H. J. P. Horne	J. T. Pollard	oil Creek	2d S. a Sat. before	J. P. Copeland, Sr., M. A. Conatser, Jas. Thomas.
Washington		E. S. Sullivan	Whelen Spring	Not represented.	E. A. Jenkins, E. S. Sullivan, J. A. Steffen.
Zion				Not represented.	
Mt. Carmel	J. C. Kelley	R. S. Nelson	B. irne	Not represented.	J. M. Garnor, E. Smith, H. A. Nelson.

REMARKS.—Aeon, Evergreen and Midway churches dissolved and Ozan dismissed by letter, to join Howard County Association.

Constitution.

ARTICLE 1. This Union shall be known and distinguished by the name and title of the Red River Association.

ART. 2. This Association shall be composed of delegates from the churches in the Union. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by their several churches before they take their seats.

ART. 3. The delegates, when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body, by the appointment of a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual Association, and continue in office until their successors are chosen.

ART. 4. This Association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which it is composed. It shall regard them as independent in matters of internal government, and shall act as advisory counsel, assuming no authority, except what is expressly delegated to it by the churches, or evidently implied by the nature of the compact. It, nevertheless, claims authority over its members, the delegates from churches, and in justice and propriety must have power to withdraw from, and disown, all churches which depart from the spirit of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice. It should, therefore, regard all churches united under this constitution with a vigilant eye for good. Its principal business shall be to promote the declarative glory of God, by extending the Kingdom of Grace on earth through the medium of preaching the Gospel, and the means in accordance with the Gospel to cultivate union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ, especially those united in this constitution.

ART. 5. Newly constituted churches dismissed from other associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this union by sending three delegates, their number in fellowship, number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, restored and deceased since last session, and all other information which the churches may deem important, which shall be read and minuted.

ART. 6. This Association shall have a fund, to be supplied by voluntary contributions of the churches. All the money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over through the Committee on Finance to the Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold his office during the pleasure of the Association. He shall retain and manage the funds agreeably to the order of the Association, and present annually for inspection in the minutes, a clear and succinct statement of all receipts and expenditures.

ART. 7. This Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

ART. 8. The Association shall take cognizance of no query sent up from the churches, unless they have endeavored to solve the same and have failed; nor of any difficulty between the churches unless they have pursued the direction in the xviii. chapter of Matthew, and have not been able to settle them; then the Association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at its discretion.

ART. 9. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Association to keep a regular file of the printed minutes of each session of this body, and deliver over the same to his successor in office.

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.

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