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The next Session will be held with Spring Hill Baptist Church
No. 1, Drew County, Ark., commencing on Saturday
before the third Sunday in September, 1894.

To the Churches Composing the Friendship Association:

Please in the future send up fuller statistics, especially Sunday Schools and Finance, as it is impossible for me to compile our Sunday School statistics from these meagre reports; likewise, there are quite a number of churches that pay their pastors nothing. Please remember these defects in the future, brethren.

CLERK.

PROCEEDINGS.

THE FRIENDSHIP REGULAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION convened with Pleasant Ridge Church, Cleveland County, Ark., September 16, 17 and 18, 1893. The Moderator not being present, the body was called to order by the Clerk, who called Bro. J. H. W. Overton to the Chair; and then proceeded to the organization of the body by reading the first division of Psalms and prayer by Bro. I. R. Vick, after which the Letters were read from the various Churches by Bros. D. W. Campbell and U. W. Poss, and Messengers names enrolled; but we did not complete the list of Churches.

At 11 A.M., the appointed hour for the Introductory Service, Bro. W. H. Cash, the appointee, preached a very acceptable sermon. Text, Eph. 6: 10. After which, we adjourned for refreshments, bountifully supplied upon the ground.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

At 1:30 P. M., was called to order by the Moderator, Eld. O. M. Lucas, who perfected the organization, by having the remaining Church Letters read and Messengers names enrolled.

BETHEL No. 1.—B. F. Moody, F. J. Green.

BETHEL No. 2.—A. B. Tucker, R. M. Ferguson.

BETHLEHEM —J. W. Fish, Z. T. Stone, J. A. Owen.

CEDAR BRANCH.—Not represented.

CENTERVILLE —Not represented.

ENON —A. C. Berry.

FRIENDSHIP No. 1. —W. T. Reed, N. Harris, W. J. Copè, J. T. Brown.

FRIENDSHIP No. 2. - J. R. Wright, J. W. Wallingsford.

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- HOLLY SPRINGS—I. R. Vick, D. W. Campbell, D. W. Chance.
HICKORY GROVE.—F. H. Baldwin, J. S. Fish, G. W. Coward.
LONE GROVE —L. D. Owen, C. W. Case.
MT. MORIAH.—S. E. Leek.
MT. ZION —J. E. England, W. W. Terry.
MACEDONIA —J. T. Gathright, J. H. Overton.
NEW HOPE —J. W. Cash, J. C. Saddler.
NEW HOME.—S. A. Ward, W. M. Willis, W. M. Rogers.
NEW PROSPECT.—Not represented.
OAK GROVE.—Z. L. Crawford, J. E. Case, L. J. Reed.
PLEASANT SPRINGS.—J. W. McPherson, H. F. Chevalier, T. R. Smith.
PLEASANT HILL —B. W. Robertson.
PLEASANT RIDGE —W. M. Coats, R. M. Wardlaw, S. J. Dorman.
PINE BLUFF.—W. K. Penrod, J. T. Marsh, H. C. Fox, A. O. Edwards, W. H. Fox.
RISON —J. S. McMurtrey, L. B. Williams, J. T. Williams.
STAR CITY.—O. M. Lucas.
SPRING HILL No. 1.—J. E. Padden.
SPRING HILL No. 2 —H. B. Taylor, J. B. D. Williams.
SMYRNA —Lonnie Reed
ZION —W. H. Cash, J. H. W. Overton, J. W. Reynolds.
TYRO —C. H. Kimbro.
PLEASANT HOME —W. L. Aplin.

After which, we proceeded to permanent organization, which resulted as follows: Eld. W. K. Penrod was elected Moderator, and J. W. McPherson Clerk and Treasurer.

PETITIONARY LETTERS.

A call was made for Petitionary Letters, whereupon, Bro. C. H. Kimbro presented a Letter from Tyro Church, located in Tyro, Lincoln county, Ark., which was organized October 12, 1892, praying admission into this body. Said prayer was granted, and the Moderator, for and in behalf of this Association, extended her the right hand of fellowship

Also, Pleasant Home Church, located in Jefferson county, Ark., organized in October, 1892. A Letter presented by her Messenger,

W. L. Alpin, praying for admission into this body, which prayer was granted and the Moderator, for and in behalf of this Association, extended her the right hand of fellowship.

CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS.

A call was made for Corresponding Messengers from sister Associations which received responses as follows: Bartholomew Association, Bros. W. C. Harley and J. M. King. Pine Bluff Association, Bros. E. F. Alpin, E. D. Taylor, U. W. Poss and L. S. Reed.

RETURN CORRESPONDENTS.

Call for return Correspondents which received responses as follows: Bartholomew Association, Bros. I. R. Vick, J. W. Fish, H. F. Chevalier, J. W. McPherson and D. W. Campbell; Judson Association, Bros. T. J. Varnell and W. H. Cash; Pine Bluff Association, Bros. T. J. Varnell, W. H. Cash and W. K. Penrod.

ORDER OF MEETING.

Resolved, that the meeting of this body shall be as follows: Meet at 8:30 A. M.—Thirty minutes for Devotional Exercise; adjourned at 12 Meet at 2 P. M.; adjourn at will.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The following brethren were appointed a Committee on Order of Business: A. O. Edwards, I. R. Vick, W. H. Cash. And the following a Committee on Divine Service: J. H. W. Overton, J. W. Glover, W. M. Coats, G. W. England.

A motion was adopted to elect Delegates to the State Convention, with the following result: Elds. W. H. Cash, I. R. Vick, T. J. Varnell, and Bros. D. W. Campbell and John Saddler.

Adjourned until 7:30 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

At 7:30 P. M. Eld. W. C. Harley filled the stand and preached very acceptably from 1 Peter 2: 7. After which the following committees were announced:

Foreign Missions —W. H. Cash, Z. L. Crofford, T. R. Smith.

Home Missions.—I. R. Vick, S. E. Leek, J. E. England.

State Missions—J. H. Overton, B. W. Robertson, H. B. Taylor.

Associational Missions.—J. S. McMurtrey, J. W. Cash, A. B. Tucker.

Sunday Schools.—A. O. Edwards, J. E. Padden, W. M. Willis.

Education.—O. M. Lucas, J. W. Fish, A. C. Berry.

Finance.—I. B. Williams, J. E. Ferguson, R. M. Wardlaw.

Nomination.—S. A. Ward, W. J. Cope, Lonnie Reed.

Obituaries.—J. R. Gathright, B. F. Moody, J. W. Saddler.

Publications.—J. H. W. Overton, W. T. Reed, J. W. Wallingsford.

Temperance.—D. W. Campbell, J. S. Fish, L. D. Owen.

Adjourned until 8:30 Monday morning.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

At 10 A. M. Eld. O. M. Lucas fed the saints upon precious manna. Text, Heb. 12: 2. At 11 A. M., Eld. W. K. Penrod, the appointee to preach the Missionary Sermon, did ample justice to the cause. Text, Matt. 28: 19, 20. Adjourned, refreshments furnished on the ground.

At 2:30 P. M. was called together by singing. Eld. D. E. Gambrell preached an excellent sermon; text, Ex. 14: 15. At 3:30 P. M., Eld. A. C. Miller did likewise. Text, Cor. 5: 11.

At 7:30 P. M. Eld. I. R. Vick discussed aoly on Rev. 20: 12

MONDAY MORNING.

At 8:30 A. M. the body was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. J. H. Overton by read Psalms 27, and prayer. The Minutes of Saturday and Sunday were read and corrected.

The Committee on Publications read its report, which was discussed and adopted. (See *Report A*)

On motion by J. H. W. Overton, all speeches were limited to ten minutes.

The Committee on Home Missions read its report, which was discussed and adopted. (See *Report B*)

The Committee on Foreign Missions read its report, which was discussed; and while pending, a collection was taken up for the same, amounting to \$30 45. The report was then adopted. (See *Report C*);

The Committee on Sunday Schools read its report. Discussed and referred back to the Committee, who amended it by incorporating State report and then it was adopted. (See *Report D.*)

The Committee on State Missions read its report. Discussed and amended by recommending Bro. A. O. Edwards to the State Convention as a member of the State Board; and provided further, that if, in the providence of God, Bro. A. O. Edwards should be prevented from attending the State Convention at Conway, November, 1893, place Eld. W. K. Penrod on the Board. The report was then adopted. (See *Report E*.)

The Committee on Associational Missions read its report. During discussion adjourned for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 P. M. the body was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Bro. A. C. Miller. Singing and prayer by Bro. D. W. Campbell.

The discussion was resumed on Associational Missions, and while pending a collection was taken in pledges, amounting to \$375.50, after which the report was adopted. (See *Report F.*)

The Committee on Education read its report. Discussed and adopted. (See *Report G*.)

The Committee on Finance read its report, which was adopted. (See *Report H.*)

The Committee on Temperance read its report. Discussed and adopted. (See *Report I*.)

The report of the Executive Committee was read by its chairman, which was adopted. (See *Report J*.)

A motion was made proper to elect a Messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention, with the following result: Eld. W. K. Penrod elected Messenger.

The Committee on Obituaries read its report, which was adopted. (See *Report K*.)

The Committee on Nominations made its report, which was adopted. (See *Report L*.)

The Committee on Order of Business made its report. Read and adopted. (See *Report M*.)

The following named churches, Macedonia, Friendship No. 2,

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Spring Hill No. 2, Mt. Zion and Zion came forward by Messengers and Letters, praying dismission from this (Friendship) Association, which prayer was granted and the Clerk instructed to prepare Letters of Dismission and forward the same.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered the members of Pleasant Ridge Church, and their friends of this vicinity, for the very hospitable manner in which they have entertained and cared for us and that we will long remember our pleasant stay with them.

Resolved, That the Clerk have 500 minutes printed, and distribute them according to the money sent up by the churches, and that he have \$15 for his services.

A motion to adjourn was made and carried; to meet with Spring Hill Church No. 1, Drew County, Ark., at 10 o'clock A. M., on Saturday before the third Sunday in September, A. D. 1894.

Prayer by Eld. T. J. Varnell. We united in singing and extended the parting hand.

Thus closed the Twenty first Anniversary of Friendship Association.

W. K. PENROD, MODERATOR.

J. W. McPPERSON, Clerk.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

REPORT "A"—COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee on Publications submit the following report:

1. The Bible above all, and first of all, for our faith and practice and life; it will make us wise unto salvation.

2. The *Arkansas Baptist*; take it, for it will feed you on good, sound food, and tell us once a week what we are doing.

3 For our Sunday Schools, we know nothing better than our Southern Baptist Convention series.

4 We feel that every Baptist who can take more than one paper should take the *American Baptist*, published by D. B. Ray, St. Louis, for this paper will open the eyes of many, as to one great trouble that is coming upon us, viz., Roman Catholicism. Submitted.

J. H. W. OVERTON, Chm'n.

REPORT "B"—COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions report. That we find the work in Cuba is a success. Our Missionaries are doing a grand work with great success. They are not persecuted as heretofore by the Roman Catholics. The Lord is undoubtedly blessing our Brother Diaz in his work, for which we are thankful. We find that there is much destitution in the Indian Territory; in many places a Baptist sermon has never been heard, but the work is progressing slowly. The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Let our prayers be to our heavenly Father for more laborers; and our laborers can not do the work of the Master without means of support. It is our duty to give our money and use every effort in our power to spread the Gospel. This department of our denominational work is under the control of the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Its operations are in the Southern States,

Territories and Cuba. Our State has been missionary ground for more than twenty years. In Arkansas its work is being done through our State Board; in view of this fact, it is the opinion of your Committee that its work and contributions should be through our State Convention. Respectfully submitted.

I R VICK, Chm'n.

REPORT "C"—COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, find that there are vast fields in foreign lands ready to be reaped, and the laborers are few. In some of the foreign lands the heathens are begging us to come over and help them. In South America we have our own Bro. Taylor, of Arkansas and a few others breaking the bread of life to that people and crying for more help. China, with its teeming millions, has opened its doors and is calling loudly for help, with a just a few to labor in that field. Yes, Africa with its millions of heathen, with our dear Bro. Smith and wife, Lumbley and wife, with a few others, are crying for more help. Italy, Japan, India, and many of the islands of the sea are calling for help, and we have the men and means to help, to cultivate these fields, but the question with us is, will we help. We beg that each church of this association will take a good collection for Foreign Missions, and see to it that every member of each church pays something. Gods says to us to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, and unless we help to do it God will hold us responsible. Brethren, will you redeem the time and obey the commission of the Lord, by occupying the whole field. God help us to do so. Submitted.

W H. CASH, Chm'n.

T. R. Smith, Z L. Crofford.

REPORT "D"—COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, would respectfully report that we find that in the twenty-seven churches represented in our association there are only twenty Sabbath Schools, about fourteen of which are kept up twelve months in the year. We also find that our Sunday School statistics, in many respects, are very incom-

plete, for the twenty Schools represented report only 833 scholars and 106 officers and teachers; total, 939. We are satisfied that we have about double the number attending our schools. We would recommend that our churches make complete Sunday School reports in the future. We note with some degree of regret the Committee on Divine Service has departed from our usual custom of giving to the Sunday Schools represented the regular hour for Sunday School Mass Meeting, thereby depriving the association of the benefit of the same. We would also recommend that we return to our former custom. During the discussion the report was amended so as to incorporate the plan for co-operative associational work of the State Board. Respectfully submitted.

A. O. EDWARDS, Chm'n.

REPORT "E" — COMMITTEE ON STATE MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on State Missions, would report as follows: The destitution in our State is alarming. From all over our State swell up the Macedonian cry. The field is indeed white for the harvest. It is with feelings of regret, mingled with sadness, that we are forced to report that we have no State Missionary in the field. It is plainly our duty to occupy till our Lord returns. Will we be faithful to the trust reposed in us, or will we desert the ranks. Our blessed Master's voice comes to us in tones of tenderness and love, saying, go preach my everlasting Gospel. Brethren, will we go? The evangelization of our State is largely dependent upon our State Convention, which should have our hearty support, sympathy and prayers. We need a State Missionary in the field to work in destitute communities, and it is the duty of this Association to help send him. It is evidently our duty to send the Gospel to heathen lands, but if we would first eradicate the beam from our own eyes, then we could see more clearly how to remove the mote from our brother's eye. We do, therefore, earnestly recommend that this body extend a helping hand to our State Convention in every effort it may put forth tending to the dissemination of Gospel truths; and also that we pray earnestly and often to the Lord of the harvest to send more reapers into the field. During the discussion, the fol-

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lowing amendment was adopted with the report: Bro. A. O. Edwards was recommended to the State Convention as a member of the State Board, and provided further, if, in the providence of God, Bro. A. O. Edwards should be prevented from attending the State Convention at Conway, November, 1893, Eld. W. K. Penrod be placed on the Board. Respectfully submitted.

JOHN OVERMAN, Chm'n.

REPORT "F"—COMMITTEE ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Associational Missions, would report as follows: There has been a Missionary employed from March 15, 1893, up to September 15, 1893; and that the Lord has blessed his labor by the conversion of many souls, that much good is being done by this work. We, therefore, think that the Association should appropriate funds to retain a Missionary in the field; as what has been done in the six months past, would be lost in a great measure if the work is discontinued at this time. To keep up this fund, we suggest that each Church in this Association, contribute as much as she is able for that work. We find, from the Missionary report, that there is a large territory unoccupied, and it is impossible for one man to cover the ground; but we feel that the Association is not able to keep more than one Missionary in the field. We therefore, suggest that the Association employ one man in this work for his entire time, for the ensuing year.

J. S. McMURTREY, Chm'n.

During discussion of the above, a collection was taken in pledges for Associational Missions, as follows:

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| Bethel No. 1 by T. J. Varnell..... | \$10 00 | Brought forward..... | \$124 50 |
| Bethel No. 2, by R. M. Ferguson..... | 5 00 | Pine Bluff by A. O. Edwards..... | \$50 00 |
| Bethlehem, by Z. T. Stone..... | 10 00 | Pine Bluff Ladies' Aid Society..... | 10 00 |
| Enon, by J. E. Ferguson..... | 15 00 | Pine Bluff Sunday School..... | 5 00 |
| Friendship No. 1, by W. T. Reed..... | 5 00 | | 65 00 |
| Friendship No. 2, by John Wright..... | 7 00 | Rison, by I. B. Williams..... | 5 00 |
| Holly Springs, by D. W. Campbell..... | 10 00 | Spring Hill No. 1, by J. E. Padden..... | 15 00 |
| Hickory Grove, by J. S. Fish..... | 10 00 | Smyrna, by Lonnie Reed..... | 5 00 |
| Mt. Moriah, by S. E. Leek..... | 10 00 | Tyro, by C. H. Kimbro..... | 5 00 |
| Mt. Zion, by J. E. England..... | 5 00 | Star City, by O. M. Lucas..... | 10 00 |
| Macedonia, by J. T. Gathright..... | 2 50 | Spring Hill No. 2, by H. B. Taylor..... | 2 50 |
| New Home, by W. M. Willis..... | 5 00 | Zion, by W. H. Cash..... | 7 50 |
| New Hope, by J. C. Addler..... | 5 00 | Pleasant Home, by W. L. Aplin..... | 5 00 |
| Lone Grove, by L. D. Owen..... | 5 00 | INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES. | |
| Pleasant Springs, by H. F. Chevalier..... | 10 00 | Brother T. J. Varnell..... | 5 00 |
| Pleasant Ridge, by W. M. Coats..... | 10 00 | Oak Grove by Z. T. Crofford..... | 5 00 |
| Carried forward..... | \$124 50 | Carried forward..... | \$250 50 |

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| Brought forward..... | \$259 50 | Brought forward..... | \$325 00 |
| Brothe Z. L. Crofford..... | 5 00 | Sister E. A. Orton..... | 5 00 |
| " L. J. Reed..... | 2 00 | " F. A. Mathews..... | 2 00 |
| " W. K. Penrod..... | 26 00 | " M. A. England..... | 5 00 |
| " A. C. Miller..... | 5 00 | " L. J. Orton..... | 2 00 |
| " H. F. Chevalier..... | 2 00 | " Ruth Hanley..... | 2 50 |
| " J. E. Padden..... | 2 00 | " Fannie McVay..... | 2 00 |
| " A. O. Edwards..... | 5 00 | " J. S. Fish..... | 5 00 |
| " J. S. Fish..... | 5 00 | " W. H. Cash..... | 5 00 |
| " J. S. McMurtrey..... | 5 00 | " R. Crofford..... | 5 00 |
| Sister J. Miller..... | 5 00 | " S. E. Campbell..... | 5 00 |
| " S. J. Adkinson..... | 5 00 | " B. W. ash..... | 2 50 |
| " S. C. Cope..... | 2 00 | " M. J. Wilson..... | 2 00 |
| " M. E. Miller..... | 2 50 | " R. C. Dorman..... | 2 50 |
| " Mattie Padden..... | 1 00 | " C. C. Ross..... | 3 00 |
| Carried forward..... | \$325 00 | Total..... | \$380 50 |

REPORT "G"—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Education, report the following: That very satisfactory progress is being made in our beloved State educationally; more and more, are our people coming to recognize the need of educating their boys and girls. The public schools, as a factor in this direction, are doing much to facilitate the educational spirit. Better school houses, better school books and better teachers, is the demand of today; besides this, the high schools and colleges, are not strange sounds to the ears of our people. It is no longer necessary for our people to send their children beyond our borders, but right here at our doors, we have schools affording every advantage that the most exacting can reasonably demand. Ouachita College, the child of our prayers and the pride of our hearts, has its doors not only open, but thrown wide open; and with affectionate entreaty, invites the aspiring youth to come and quench his thirst for knowledge. Central Female College, located at Conway, for our girls, is now fully equipped for the work; and her doors are thrown open, to all those who prefer this character of school. She is a fair daughter of our State Convention, and should receive the hearty support of our people. Mountain Home College, nestled in the mountains of North Arkansas, now comes bidding for the patronage of our people. These three colleges speak well for our advancement, educationally, and your committee would urge it as a duty that we owe to ourselves, that when we begin to cast about as to where we shall educate our children, we give our own schools the preference. Your Committee can not close without urging upon this Association, the duty and necessity of looking after the

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education of worthy young men in her bounds who feel called of God to preach the Gospel. Give them encouragement; help them to start by helping to pay their way in school for a year or two.

O. M. LUCAS, Chm'n.

REPORT "H"—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report as follows:

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| Pastors' Salaries..... | \$1989 65 | Brought forward..... | \$2587 46 |
| Home Sunday School Expenses | 200 86 | State Sunday School Work... | 13 05 |
| Foreign Missions..... | 54 00 | Building Church Houses..... | 1878 10 |
| Home Missions..... | 5 10 | Centennial Missions..... | 48 00 |
| State Missions..... | 5 50 | Charity..... | 107 95 |
| Associational Missions..... | 173 35 | Printing Minutes..... | 40 25 |
| Ministerial Education..... | 159 00 | All other purposes..... | 581 32 |
| Carried forward. | \$2587 46 | Total..... | \$5256 13 |

I. B. WILLIAMS, Chm'n.

REPORT "I"—COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following report: From the evil influence caused by the use of intoxicating liquors, we know it is detrimental to humanity, and is one of the greatest evils in the world; and we further know that habitual dram drinking, which is practiced by many of our brethren, is wrong and an injury to the cause of Christ. Intemperance robs the pocketbook, destroys sensibility, causes confusion and contention in the family circle and the church, and more, the Bible teaches us that no drunkard shall enter the kingdom of heaven. We therefore recommend that the Messengers of our Association, and members of the church of Christ, work and pray that our churches and country may be freed from the presence of this great curse. Respectfully submitted.

D. W. CAMPBELL, Chm'n.

REPORT "J"—EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We, your Executive Board, through your instruction, have had a general Missionary in the field since March 15, 1893. Bro. T. J. Varnell was selected to fill this position, attached you will find his report. We think he has done earnest and faithful work and the Lord has blessed him in his labors. We tried to have a Missionary

for the work sooner, but found it a difficult matter, as all with whom we corresponded had charge of churches and could not get off. May the Lord bless you in your deliberations.

W. K. PENROD, President.

H. C. Fox, Secretary.

Report of general Missionary (condensed) for his six months labor while employed by the Executive Board of Friendship Association, for the second quarter, ending September 15, 1893: Missionary's appointments on the work.—Hudson School House, Jefferson county; Kendall's Mill, Cleveland county; Tyrone, Jefferson county; Spring Hill School House, Jefferson county; Hooker School House, Jefferson county; Griffith Springs, Lincoln county; Grady, Lincoln county; Bayou church, Lincoln county; Gray's School House, Lincoln county; Mt. Moriah, Desha county; Winchester, Desha county; Tiller Station, Drew county. Number of miles traveled, 1,500; number of protracted meetings held, 6; sermons preached, 68; conversions, 24; baptisms, 6; received by letter, 1; restored, 2; Sabbath Schools organized, 2; prayer meetings organized, 2; prayer meetings attended, 26; Sunday School talks made, 13.

T. J. VARNELL, Missionary.

REPORT "K"—COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

We, your Committee on Obituaries, would report as follows: We do thank God for his protecting care over us during the past year, in sparing the lives of his children; yet, he has seen fit in his wonderful providence to call from the walks of men about 2 per cent of our membership, to try the realities of eternity. While we regret our loss, we hope it is their eternal gain. God has blessed us in sparing the lives of all his ministering servants, for which we are truly grateful. Brethren, praise him for his goodness to us, and go forward.

Respectfully submitted.

J. T. GATHRIGHT, Chm'n.

REPORT "L"—COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, would report as follows: We have nominated as our Executive Board, Bros. W. K. Penrod,

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H. C. Fox, A. O. Edwards, D. W. Campbell and J. S. Fish. Secretary of Ministerial Education, J. H. Overton; and that the next session of this body be held with Spring Hill No. 1 Church, Drew County, Ark.; and as our annual preachers, Bro. B. F. Barnes to preach the Introductory Sermon; as his alternate, E. Y. A. Rogers; to preach our Missionary Sermon, W. K. Penrod; as his alternate, J. H. W. Overton. Respectfully submitted.

S. A. WARD, Chm'n.

REPORT "M"—COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS.

We, your Committee to whom the order of business to be observed by the Friendship Association, beg to report the following order of business: 1 Call to order by the retiring Moderator or Clerk. 2 Reading Letters and Introductory Sermon. 3. Permanent organization 4. Call for Petitionary Letters. 5 Call for Corresponding Messengers 6, Call for Return Messengers. 7. Elect Delegates to the State Convention. 8. Elect Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention. 9. Report of Committees; (1) Associational Missions, (2) State Missions, (3) Home Missions, (4) Foreign Missions, (5) Sunday Schools, (6) Education, (7) Publication, (8) Finance, (9) Obituaries, (10) Nominations, (11) Temperance, (12) Executive Board, Respectfully submitted.

A. O. EDWARDS, Chm'n.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

H. C. Fox, Treasurer of the Executive Board of Friendship Association, submits the following report:

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| To balance on hand from last report..... | \$36 50 |
| Amount sent up from last Association..... | 40 00 |
| Pleasant Ridge Church..... | 9 00 |
| Star City Church..... | 5 75 |
| Oak Grove Church..... | 10 00 |
| Pleasant Springs Church..... | 19 30 |
| Holly Springs Church..... | 5 00 |
| Rison Church..... | 5 00 |
| Bethel No. 1..... | 10 00 |
| Macedonia Church..... | 1 00 |
| Bethlehem Church..... | 11 00 |
| Enon Church..... | 10 00 |
| Friendship No. 1..... | 5 00 |
| Carried forward..... | \$167 55 |

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|--------------------------------|----------|
| Brought forward..... | \$167 55 |
| Mt. Zion Church..... | 2 50 |
| Lone Grove Church..... | 2 50 |
| Hickory Grove Church..... | 4 10 |
| New Hope Church..... | 5 00 |
| Pleasant Hill Church..... | 2 50 |
| Zion Church..... | 5 00 |
| Pine Bluff Church..... | \$33 75 |
| Pine Bluff Sunday School..... | 5 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 38 75 |
| New Home Church..... | 3 60 |
| Spring Hill No. 2..... | 2 50 |
| Loose collection (Sunday)..... | 10 25 |

Total..... \$244 25

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| Nov. 3.—By cash paid Bro. I. R. Vick, fourth quarter... | \$12 50 |
| Nov. 17.—By cash paid by H. B. Taylor, fourth quarter... | 12 50 |
| May 2.—T. J. Varnell, missionary work..... | 25 00 |
| May 10.—O. M. Lucas to Southern Baptist Convention... | 12 50 |
| June 21.—For stamps and postal cards..... | 50 |
| June 21.—T. J. Varnell for missionary work..... | 125 00 |
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| | \$188 00 |

Balance on hand..... \$56 25

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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| Sept. 18.—J. W. McPherson to Friendship Association, | Dr. |
| To cash sent in by churches..... | \$74 10 |
| Oct. 1.—Credit by disbursement. | |
| Cash for printing minutes..... | \$22 00 |
| Cash for Foreign Missions..... | 12 75 |
| Cash for Associational Missions..... | 10 50 |
| Cash for Home Missions..... | 5 10 |
| Cash for State Missions..... | 5 50 |
| Cash for Clerk fee..... | 15 00 |
| Cash for stationery..... | 1 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$71 85 |
| Balance for paying expressage and postage on Minutes..... | \$2 85 |

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS, POSTOFFICES, AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

16 FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—1893.

| CHURCHES. | PASTORS. | CLERKS. | CLKS' POSTOFFICES. | MEMBERSHIP. | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| | | | | Baptized | Received by Letter. | Restored. | Deceased. | Dismissed by Letter. | Excluded. | Total Membership. |
| Bethel No. 1 | E. F. Applin. | W. L. Moody | Rison. | 8 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 68 |
| Bethel No. 2 | J. H. W. Overton. | J. E. Vanlauchingham. | Palmyra. | 8 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 52 |
| Bethlehem | J. H. W. Overton. | A. Owen | Palmyra. | 10 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 184 |
| *Cedar Branch | | | | | | | | | | 54 |
| *Centerville | | | | | | | | | | 40 |
| Euon | W. H. Cash | S. A. Berry | Annover | | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 79 |
| Friendship No. 1 | H. B. Taylor | G. W. Reed | Calmer | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 19 | 1 | 71 |
| Friendship No. 2 | H. B. Taylor | J. W. Wallingsford | Crowder | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | 3 | 41 |
| Holly Springs | I. R. Vick | D. W. Campbell | Garnett | 5 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | 72 |
| Hickory Grove | J. H. W. Overton. | J. Jenkins | Rest. | 1 | | 2 | | 2 | | 80 |
| Long Grove | J. W. Fish | L. D. Owen | Glendale | 16 | 4 | | | 3 | 1 | 39 |
| Mt. Moriah | | W. J. Cook | Winchester | 6 | 1 | 2 | | | 2 | 40 |
| Mt. Zion | H. B. Taylor | P. Taylor | Kedron | 1 | 2 | | 1 | 4 | 1 | 49 |
| Macedonia | J. T. Gathright | T. N. May | Ripley | 5 | 4 | | | 2 | | 80 |
| New Hope | J. T. Gathright | J. C. Sadler | Toledo | 1 | | | | | 1 | 47 |
| New Home | B. F. Barnes | W. M. Willis | Glendale | 1 | | 4 | | 2 | 4 | 34 |
| *New Prospect | | | | | | | | | | 13 |
| Oak Grove | E. F. Applin. | L. J. Reed | Calmer | 5 | 16 | | | 3 | | 38 |
| Pleasant Spring | E. Y. A. Rager | J. W. McPherson | Coleman | 4 | 7 | | | 6 | 1 | 92 |
| Pleasant Hill | I. R. Vick | B. W. Robertson | Garnett | 2 | | 1 | | 3 | | 31 |
| Pleasant Ridge | J. H. W. Overton. | H. R. Ross | Randall | | 3 | 1 | 1 | 4 | | 65 |
| Pine Bluff | W. K. Penrod | H. C. Fox | Pine Bluff | 16 | 37 | | 1 | 10 | 1 | 255 |
| Rison | D. E. Ambrell | W. S. Hauditch | Rison | 3 | 12 | | | 6 | | 51 |
| Star City | O. M. Lucas | J. G. Adkinson | Star City | | 1 | | 1 | 3 | 4 | 71 |
| Spring Hill No. 1 | W. H. Cash | A. C. Miller | Plainsville | | | | 1 | | 2 | 52 |
| Spring Hill No. 2 | J. T. Gathright | A. Watts | Brooks | 13 | 10 | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 59 |
| Smyrna | I. R. Vick | J. Johnson | Aver | | | | | | | 16 |
| Tyro | O. M. Lucas | J. Kimbro | Tyro | | 2 | | | | | 12 |
| Pleasant Home | E. D. Taylor | A. B. Craig | Double Wells | 2 | 2 | 2 | | | | 21 |
| Zion | J. W. Fish | W. P. Mitchell | Toledo | | 2 | | | 5 | 1 | 34 |
| Totals | | | | 106 | 113 | 24 | 15 | 84 | 39 | 1750 |

*Not represented.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

CHURCHES.

| CHURCHES. | Pastor's Salary. | Current Expenses. | Foreign Missions. | Home Missions. | State Missions. | Associat'l Missions. | Minister'l Educat'n. | Building Church Houses. | Charity. | Other Expenses. | Printing Minutes | Total. |
|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|--------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Bethel No. 1. | | | \$1 00 | | | \$10 00 | | | | | \$1 50 | \$12 50 |
| Bethel No. 2. | \$40 00 | | | | | | | | | | 1 50 | 41 50 |
| Bethlehem | | | 1 25 | \$1 25 | | 11 00 | | | | \$21 60 | 2 50 | 37 60 |
| *Cedar Branch. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| *Cenerville. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Enon | 100 00 | \$3 00 | | | | 10 00 | | | | | 2 50 | 115 50 |
| Friendship No. 1. | | | | | | 5 00 | | | | | 1 50 | 6 50 |
| Friendship No. 2. | 8 00 | | | | | | | | | | 1 50 | 9 50 |
| Holly Springs. | 85 00 | 4 00 | | | | 5 00 | | | \$1 95 | | 1 50 | 47 45 |
| Hickory Grove | 100 00 | 5 00 | | | | 5 00 | | \$1,000 00 | | | 2 00 | 1 112 00 |
| Lone Grove | | | | | | 2 50 | | | | 8 00 | 75 | 11 25 |
| Mt. Moriah. | 11 00 | | | | | 11 50 | | | | | 1 50 | 24 00 |
| Mt. Zion. | | | | | | 2 50 | | | | | 1 50 | 4 00 |
| Macedonia. | | | | 25 | | 1 00 | | | | | 1 00 | 2 25 |
| New Hope. | | | | | | 4 10 | | | | | 75 | 4 85 |
| New Home. | 40 15 | | | | | 3 60 | | | | | 1 00 | 44 75 |
| *New Prospect. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oak Grove. | 42 50 | | | | | 10 00 | | | | 15 60 | 1 50 | 69 60 |
| Pleasant Springs. | 100 00 | 9 00 | | | | 18 90 | | | | 38 50 | 2 50 | 163 90 |
| Pleasant Hill. | | | | | | 2 50 | | | | | 1 00 | 3 50 |
| Pleasant Ridge. | | | 8 00 | 2 10 | | 9 00 | | | | 18 12 | 1 75 | 33 97 |
| Pine Bluff. | 1,200 00 | 164 86 | 41 00 | | | 38 75 | \$159 00 | 860 15 | 106 00 | 435 55 | 2 50 | 3 007 81 |
| Rison. | 150 00 | 15 00 | 5 00 | | \$5 00 | 5 00 | | 17 95 | | 110 00 | 1 50 | 291 50 |
| Star City. | | | | | | | | | | | 1 50 | 19 45 |
| Spring Hill No. 1. | 100 00 | | 1 00 | 1 00 | | 7 50 | | | | | 1 50 | 110 00 |
| Spring Hill No. 2. | | | 25 | | | 2 50 | | | | | 1 50 | 4 25 |
| Smyrna. | 13 00 | | 50 | 50 | 50 | 1 50 | | | | | 50 | 16 50 |
| Zion. | | | | | | 5 00 | | | | | 1 50 | 6 50 |
| Tyro. | 50 00 | | | | | 1 50 | | | | | 1 00 | 52 50 |
| Pleasant Home. | | | 1 00 | | | | | | | | 1 00 | 2 00 |
| Total. | \$1,989 65 | \$200 86 | \$54 00 | \$5 10 | \$5 50 | \$173 35 | \$159 00 | \$1,878 10 | \$107 95 | \$642 00 | \$40 25 | \$5,256 13 |

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