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Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, October 23rd ,1912.

The annual meeting of this Association convened at 11 a. m., at which hour we had preaching by Elder R. C. Rogers, taking as his text Isiah 40-9. No young preacher was ever listened to more earnestly than was Bro. Rogers, who preached an inspiring sermon which was helpful to us all.

The body was then called to order by the Moderator, Bro. J. D. J. Faulkner, when adjournment was then had till 1:00 p. m., being

dismissed by Bro. Teague.

Evening Session.

Body called to order and led in prayer by Bro. Cooper, after which the Moderator called for the letters from the churches which were presented by the delegates and read by Bros. Dudley and

The following churches responded:

NEW LIGHT-J. L. Pinkston, M. C. Davis.

WANDERER'S HOME-Ed Helton, Carl Brady.

SPRING GROVE—E. D. Cooper, V. A. Phillips, Gertie Cooper. EPSABY—N. E. Williams, J. W. Roberts.

BETHLEHEM-J. T. Greene. Eugene Thomas, W. Burns.

FRIENDSHIP-S. H. Weatherly, Ed Walker, C. E. Burns.

FAIRVIEW-Wm. Russell, Artemus Fitzgerald.

BEECH GROVE-Frank McGee, P. H. Earp. NEW HAVEN-Elvis Benner, Winnie Lloyd.

BROWN'S CHAPEL-C. F. Williams, Sherman McDaniel, J. F.

Sain.

MARMADUKE-A. J. Early, J. R. Hall, J. H. Boone.

BETHEL-Sister French.

GREENWAY-W. R. Bell, Nora Burns, Sadie Thomas.

MAIN SHORE—Sisters Howard, G. W. Howard, O. N. Hammett.

BIG CREEK-Frank Bishop, G. E. Bishop.

PROVIDENCE-H. B. Wright, Florence Wright, D. W. Brewer. NUTTS' CHAPEL-Loisa Beard, T. G. Atchison, J. M. Smithwick.

ROCK HILL-Ed Rogers, Ben Cooper.

NEW HOPE-W. J. Johnson, J. M. Brown, W. S. Forest.

PIGGOTT-R. H. Dudley, E. C. Butler, Myrtle Morrow, Amanda Payne.

GAINESVILLE-W. C. Peters, F. M. Dunn, W. J. Hathcock, Mrs. Peters.

NEW HOME-J. A. Stairs, W. W. Carry.

PLEASANT HILL-O. H. Payne, J. E. Thompson, C. B. Gibson.

HOPEWELL—J. M. Womble, Bro. Segraves, J. H. Johnson. BLOOMING GROVE—B. T. Gatewood, W. M. Greene.

ST. FRANCIS-Beulah Laffler, Forest Evans.

SALEM-Walter Holifield.

BLACK RIVER—L. F. Maynard, Mrs. Esera, Mrs. S. Bost. PLEASANT GROVE—Josia Edwards, Joe A. Thompson, Mrs. Joe A. Thompson.

POST OAK-A. J. Holcomb, D. F. Batton, M. Garrett.

MT. TABOR-E. Hollis.

UNION GROVE—F. N. Barr, L. L. Faulkner. NEW LIBERTY—R. B. Malin, Mosely Brewer.

2nd PARAGOULD-G. O. Light, W. H. Merideth, Mrs. Merideth, G. A. Crocker.

PILOT GROVE—A. G. Cagle, W. R. Underwood, Lester Underwood.

RECTOR-Mrs. A. J. Sides, Mrs. J. B. Winchester.

WALNUT RIDGE-W. D. Provence.

On motion the body now proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year. On motion Bro. J. D. J. Faulkn.: was re-elected Moderator by acclamation, C. D. Morrice was re-elected clerk by acclamation, and V. A. Phillips was re-elected Treasurer by acclamation.

Petitionary letters were then called for and the following responded:

Second Baptist Church, Paragould—G. O. Light, W. H. Merideth, G. O. Crocker.

Pilot Grove—A. G. Cagle, W. R. Underwood, Lester Underwood. Visiting brethren and corresponding messengers were now invited to seats and the following enrolled:

Rev. Jno. T. Christian, Secretary State Mission.

Rev. E. J. A. McKinney, Baptist Advance.

Rev. J. S. Rogers, Ouachita College Rev. W. W. Gardner, Orphan's Home.

Rev. J. M. Huddleston, Mt. Zion Association.

Rev. W. C. Wood, Mt. Zion Association. T. B. Kitchens, Mt. Zion Association.

Rev. W. F. Dorris, Secretary Orphan's Home.

Mrs. T. B. Kitchens, Mt. Zion Association.

Albert Bayne, Mt. Zion Association.

On motion the usual committees were appointed by the Moderator as follows:

Divine Service—Deacons of Friendship Church.

Arrangements—Jno. Roberts, Joe A. Thompson, A. G. Cagle. Prayer Meeting—L. J. Pinkston, J. A. Stairs, Wm. Russell, J.

A. Thompson.
Sunday School—E. C. Butler, W. S. Forest, M. C. Davis, Ed

Helton, Ed Walker.

Temperance—Ed Cooper, Art. Fitzgerald, C. F. Williams, Sherman McDaniel, J. H. Boone.

Ministers and P. O.—W. J. Johnson, J. R. Elkins, L. L. Faulkner. Infirm Ministers—A. G. Cagle, W. R. Underwood, R. B. Malin, Sid English, Forrest Evans.

Orphans' Home-W. W. Gardner, Mrs. A. J. Sides, Mrs. J. B.

Winchester, T. G. Atchinson, J. M. Smithwick.

Obituaries—G. E. Bishop, D. W. Brewer, W. R. Bell, Sisters Campbell and Spillman.

Finance-G. O. Light, Ed Rogers.

State Missions—J. T. Christian, O. N. Hammett, H. B. Wright, Ben Cooper, F. M. Dunn.

Associational Missions-R. H. Dudley, W. C. Peters, Bro. Segraves, F. M. Brown, W. J. Hathcock, T. R. Allen.

Home Missions-W. H. Merideth, T. F. Maynard, R. M. Parsons,

E. Hollis, T. N. Barr, G. R. Tyler.

Foreign Missions-J. R. Hall, B. T. Gatewood, J. H. Johnson, Adolph Hooks, G. H. Faulkner.

Publications-E. J. A. McKinney, Bro. McGee, C. B. Gibson, R. C.

Rogers, Joseph Jeffres, J. F. Sain.

Ministerial Education-J. S. Rogers, W. A. Jones, F. H. Earn, J. M. Womble.

Memorial Hospital-Bros. Maynard, Dudley and J. S. Rogers.

Divine Service.

Committee on Divine Service reported as follows:

1. Wednesday night-E. J. A. McKinney.

Thursday, 11 a. m.-J. T. Christian on State Missions.

3. Thursday, 7 p. m.-W. F. Dorris.

On motion body now adjourned till 9 a. m. Thursday. Dismiss-

ed by G. A. Crocker.

At 7:30 Bro. E. J. A. McKinney preached an excellent sermon from the words found in Rev. 3-1, 8, 15 and 16. A large and attentive audience listened with rapt attention and were certainly conscious of the fact that it was good to be at the house of the Lord.

Thursday Morning.

The morning service was opened by singing conducted by Bro. Tyler, after which we were led in prayer by Rev. T. R. Allen.

On motion the Committee on Ministerial Education were instructed to include in its report "Christian Education."

Arrangements.

Committee on Arrangements report as follows:

We, your Committee on Arrangements, present the following report and recommend that this body adopt the order of business as presented:

- 1. Roll call and reading of minutes.
- 2. Presenting of petitionary letters.
- 3. Invitation to visiting brethren.
- 4. Report of Executive Board.
- 5. Report of Missionary.6. Report of Committee on Prayer Meeting.
- 7. Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.
- 8. Report of Committee on Temperance.
- 9. Report of Committee on Ministers and Post Offices.
- 10. Report of Committee on Infirm Ministers.
- 11. Report of Committee on Orphans' Home.
- 12. Report of Committee on Associational Missions.
- 13. Report of Committee on State Missions.14. Report of Committee on Home Missions.
- 15. Report of Committee on Foreign Missions.
- 16. Report of Committee on Ministerial Education.
- 17. Report of Committee on Publications.18. Report of Committee on Obituaries.
- 19. Report of Committee on Finance.
- 10. Report of Treasurer.
- 21. Miscellaneous business.
- 22. Queries and resolutions.

Ministerial and Christian Education.

The Committee on Ministerial and Christian Education placed their report, which follows, before the Association, and after Rev. J. S. Rogers showed, in his usual enthusiastic way, the absolute necessity of an educated ministry, the report was adopted as read.

Without Christian education all of our Baptist work would suf-We look to our Baptist schools for trained workers in pulpit and pew as well as on mission fields. God complains that His people are destroyed for lack of knowledge (Hosea 4:6) and declares that ignorance alienates from God (Eph. 4:18).

Arkansas Baptists have two great Christian Colleges-Ouachita. for boys and girls, at Arkadelphia, R. G. Bowers, President; Central, for girls, at Conway, J. W. Conger, President. Last year Ouachita had 352 students and Central 193. These schools have rendered a service to the Baptist cause in Arkansas the value of which can never be estimated. The atmosphere of the schools is religious and reverent, and many students who have gone to them strangers to God have gone forth from them consecrated to God.

The property of these schools is valued at \$300,000. During the past four years debts amounting to about \$125,000 have been paid. Ouachita has \$20,000 of interest bearing endowment and a campaign is now on to increase this to \$250,000. An effort is also being made to raise \$12,000 to pay deficit from last year for running expenses and necessary improvements, and it is hoped that every church that has not already done so will take collection for this and send to Rev. J. S. Rogers, Endowment Sec., Arkadelphia. These schools give much more than tuition fees will pay for. Last year they gave something like \$6,000 to the Baptists of the State in free tuition to the children of preachers and to preacher students and their wives.

The education of preachers is one great object in Christian edu-The denomination that fails to provide for the education of its preachers will suffer as a denomination. Last year there were 51 young preachers in Quachita College. The Baptists of the State gave something over \$4,800 for their support. They receive free tuition and some help on other expenses when it is necessary. \$75 will keep a preacher in Quachita a year. The Bible Department is arranged with special reference to the preachers, but the classes are open to all, and Old Testament is required of all who graduate. The New Testament class numbered 72 last year.

Christian education is just as important as any other general interest of the kingdom and must be put on the same basis.

therefore recommend:

1. That each pastor in the Association preach at least once a year on Christian Education and our duty to support Baptist schools.

That regular collections be taken in every church every year for Christian education and for ministerial education.

That we patronize these schools for the education of our young people.

4. That earnest, unceasing prayer be made for this work.

All money for Christian education, enquiries about the work, or requests for literature should be sent to J. S. Rogers, Arkadelphia. Money for ministerial education and information about young preachers who ought to go to college should be sent to J. S. Compere, Arkadelphia. Information about the colleges can be had by addressing either president.

J. S. ROGERS, W. A. JONES, J. M. WOMBLE, P. H. EARP,

Committee.

State Missions.

The Committee on State Missions being now ready to report, the following was considered by the body and upon motion was adopted as read, following which Bro. J. T. Christian spoke on State Missions, at the close of which a cash collection was taken for State Missions amounting to \$25.00:

The work was begun by our wise fathers sixty-four years ago. In wisdom and love they planned to take Arkansas for Christ.

It has been the most successful of all of our Mission work. Thousands have been converted, hundreds of churches have been organized, and while we have no building fund many suitable church houses have been secured. Many of the strong churches of Arkansas were once mission stations of the State Board. When God invests his blessings, men should invest themselves and their money.

Last year we supported 115 workers. These reported: Days of labor, 17,770; sermons and addresses, 14,865; religious visits, 2,929; conversions, 3,660; baptisms, 2,281; additions by letter and restoration, 1,617; total additions, 3,898; churches organized, 20; meeting houses built and repaired, 36; and Sunday Schools organized, 103.

State Missions is the putting of the whole gospel into touch with the whole life of the State. One hunded and ten thousand Baptists, members of over 1,500 churches, are responsible for the conversion of three-fourths of the lost souls in our State. This is a great task. Our Board has projected the work on a basis of \$37,000 for State Missions. Pastors and churches should see that this amount comes promptly. Immediate action on the part of your church is imperative.

ELD. J. T. CHRISTIAN,
O. N. HAMMETT,
H. B. WRIGHT,
BEN COOPER,
F. M. DUNN,

Committee.

Thursday Afternoon.

Association resumed its labors at 1:30, led in singing by Bro. Tyler, after which Bro. Ben Cooper led us in prayer.

Prayer Meeting.

The Committee on Prayer Meeting then presented their report, as follows, after being discussed fully by Bros. Tyler, Dorris and Gaskill, it was adopted as read:

We, your Committee on Prayer Meeting, desire to report: It is one great duty of a church to maintain a prayer meeting. Without a prayer meeting a church is without spiritual strength. We

Missionary.

Report of the Missionary was then read and upon motion was adopted as given:

Time in field 3 1-2 months	tional Missions-
Number meetings held1	Rock Hill\$20.00
Assisted2	Liberty 1.00
Number conversons 6	Spring Grove 1.70
Baptisms 4	Delaplaine 2.45
Visits90	Nimmons50
Sermons preached80	Bar Camp 2.65
Miles traveled840	Children and the first to
Churches organized	Total\$28.30
Amt. raised in sub. and ma-	Amt. collected from Board
terial for church bldg\$5.00	by J. F. Sain\$75.00
Amt. collected on field and	Total paid to date103.30
on pledges for Associa-	Now due 71.70

Sunday Schools.

The report on Sunday Schools was then presented and after being discussed by Bros. Butler, Tyler, Christian, Hall, Dudley, Hammett, Maynard, Phillips, McKinney, Evans and J. S. Rogers, was adopted as read, and upon motion, the Moderator appointed a committee to arrange a Sunday School Convention to be held when they thought best.

We, the Committee on Sunday Schools, report as follows:

We believe education is of vast importance, and as our Sunday Schools are usually made up of young people, we should carefully urge the study of God's Word. Several of our churches in Gainesville Association have no Sunday School; therefore, the young people in these immediate communities have not an opportunity of knowing the Word of God, nor the doctrine of our Baptist churches as we believe them.

Therefore, we urge every church in this Association to organize a Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted.

E. C. BUTLER, W. S. FORREST, ED HELTON, ED WALKER.

Committee.

On motion the body now adjourned to 7:30 p. m. Benediction by Bro. T. R. Allen.

Thursday Night.

Orphans' Home.

Bro. W. F. Dorris preached, to a large congregation, an inspiring sermon from the words found in Psalms 2-7, 8; acts 13-30, 33; Rev. 7-9, 19; Matt. 20-18, 20. At the close a collection was taken for the Orphans' Home, after which the report, which follows, was read and adopted:

Your committee would make the following report:

The Orphanage at Monticello was founded in 1894 by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention at Lonoke. We began with two children in September, 1896; we have now 155 inmates. There have

been 500 enrolled since the beginning. They came to us from all parts of the state. There have been 25 in all from Gainesville Association. We are glad to report that all the children in the Home that are old enough are members of the church at Monticello, and only one has gone out from us without his church letter. Brethren, our Home is full to its utmost capacity. WE MUST HAVE MORE ROOM. There has been some sickness in the Home, the result of our crowded condition. The main thing before us is enlargement. We must have a dormitory for the boys, and this must be done as soon as possible, for applications are coming in every week. What must we do? Shall we say no to those applying? God forbid. We are glad to say this work is getting more and more upon the hearts of our people, and we look forward to the time when this Home shall be as it ought to be—the pride and joy of our people.

We recommend:

1. That our Ladies' Aid Societies continue their good work in clothing the children.

2. That every Sunday School in our bounds give one Sunday's

collection each month for the support of the Home.

3. That every church as such make a liberal offering each year for the support of the Home and the erection of such buildings as we so much need.

4. And that we now take up a collection to relieve the present

urgent needs for funds to meet our obligations past due.

Respectfully submitted,
W. W. GARDNER,
T. G. ATCHISON,
MRS. J. B. WINCHESTER,
MRS. A. J. SIDES,

Committee.

The following is list of pledges in addition to cash, which amounted to \$54.98:

ORPHANS! HOME PLEDGES FOR 1913

OILI HAND. III	OMIL	THEOGES FOR 1919.	
Blooming Grove\$	10.00	New Liberty	5.00
	15.00	Nutt's Chapel	5.00
Brown's Chapel S. S	20.00	Post Oak	2.50
Big Creek, Collection.		Providence	2.50
Epsaby	5.00	Piggott	30.00
Friendship	10.00	Rector Church	5.00
Gainesville, Collection.		Rector S. S	5.00
Greenway	5.00	Rector Ladies' Aid	5.00
	10.00	Rock Hill Church	20.00
	60.00	Rock Hill S. S	20.00
Marmaduke Ladies' Aid	5.00	Rock Hill Ladies' Aid	5.00
New Light	2.00	Spring Grove, Collection.	
	10.00	St. Francis S. S	20.00
Main Shore	5.00	St. Francis Church	5.00
Wanderer's Home, Coll.		Salem	5.00
	65.00	Union Grove	10.00
B. R. Seegraves	5.00	W. R. Underwood	5.00
J. A. Adams	2.50	J. W. Womble	1.00
G. R. Tyler	5.00	J. H. Boone (pd)	2.50
Hopewell S. S	2.50	Mrs. J. J. Burton (pd)	1.00
J. H. Johnson	2.50	Mrs. McGowin	1.00
W. R. Be''	1.00	Mrs. Nora Burton	1.00

T. C. Witt	1.00	Mrs. J. T. Rogers (pd)	1.00
Lester Unde.rwood	2.50	Sarah Bess (pd)	1.00
Mrs. Myrtle Morrow (pd)	1.00	E. J. Teague	1.00
Mrs. Mandy Payne	1.00	Gainesville Ladies	5.00
Mrs. Tigue	1.00	Miss Addie Spillman	1.00

Body then adjourned till 9 a.m. Friday. Benediction by W. F. Dorris.

Friday Morning.

Body convened for business. Singing led by Bro. Tyler, after which we were led in prayer by Bro. W. H. Merideth.

Temperance.

The Committee on Temperance now presented their report which, after being discussed by Bros. Butler, Tyler, Joe A. Thompson, E. J. A. McKinney and Hammett, was adopted as read:

"Woe to him that causeth another to stumble."

"Woe to him that putteth the cup to his neighbor's lips," is the declaration of God's Word. Realizing the great evil of intemperance over our land, we can hardly be too strict in regard to our dealing with members of the church who favor whiskey license and talk against state-wide prohibition. We believe that all Christian people should align themselves against the liquor traffic in every form. Notice when an issue is before the people concerning statewide prohibition how the saloon men work for local option. Which crowd did you vote with, brother? Who of you are afraid to vote for state-wide for fear your taxes would be higher or that you could not get whiskey for medical use, or that if you voted out whiskey it would be sold by bootleggers? See how the saloon people contradict themselves in their argument against state-wide prohibition. We all should know that where there are saloons taxes are higher from every standpoint. Money, life, morals, peace and safety are all taxed where the saloon exists.

We, your committee, would recommend that preachers and churches fight a good warfare against the use of intoxicants as a beverage and that the churches withdraw fellowship from all who use and talk in favor of whiskey and license.

E. D. COOPER, ARTEMUS FITZGERALD, J. H. BOONE, SHERMAN McDANIEL, C. F. WILLIAMS.

Committee.

Ministers and Post Offices.

The Committee on Ministers and Post Offices, now presented their report which was adopted as read:

Allen, T. RParagould	Kirkland, R. LParagould
Butler, E. CPiggott	Merideth, W. HParagould
Cooper, E. DParagould	Nowell, J. TMarmaduke
Crocker, G. AParagould Estes, R. CLafe	Pinkston, J. LBoydsville
Faulkner, G. HWalcott	Rogers, R. CParagould Stairs, J. AMarmaduke
Faulkner, J. DGainesville	Tyler, G. RRector

Farmer, W. D	Rector	Teague, E.
Gaskill, C. C		Underwood,
Gossett, Wm		Walker, W.
Gower, W. C		
Green, P. P		Webb, L. M
Hall, J. R		Settlemoir,
Joiner, I. K		Alexander,
Kerr, Ira	Pollard	Cooper, B.

> L. L. FAULKNER, A. J. EARLY, J. R. ELKIN, W. J. JOHNSON,

> > Committee.

Infirm Ministers.

The Committee on Infirm Ministers made their report as follows, which was read and upon motion duly adopted:

We, your committee, are glad to report that our Association has among our aged ministers none but those who are graciously blest with means of support.

God has not only blessed their labors spiritually, but has also

blessed them financially.

Your committee would respectfully recommend this Association keep a standing committee for the purpose of locating all such worthy brethren who may need assistance and in the event that they find any that are infirm and in need of help that they proceed to raise funds from the churches for their support and place the same in the hands of the Executive Board.

FORREST EVANS, W. R. UNDERWOOD, R. B. MALIN,

Committee.

Associational Missions.

The Committee on Associational Missions being in waiting their report was read and after discussion by Bros. Butler, Phillips and E. D. Cooper, it was adopted as read.

After which a collection was taken for Association Missions, which resulted as follows: Cash \$21.81, and pledges as follows:

Blooming Grove, Coll. quarterly.	New Haven, quarterly Coll.
Black River, Coll. quarterly.	New Home, quarterly Coll.
Brown's Chapel\$15.00	Piggott 25.00
Bethel, Coll. quarterly.	Post Oak,
Big Creek 5.00	Providence 10.00
Epsaby 5.00	Rector 15.00
Fairview 5.00	Rock Hill
Friendship 50.00	St. Francis 15.00
Gainesville (Peters) 15.00	Salem 5.00
Greenway 5.00	Union Grove 10.00
Hopewell	J. B. Bateman, Unity 5.00
Mt. Tabor, Collection. Marmaduke 15.00	Walnut Ridge, Wanderer's Home 5.00
	Main Shore 5.00
Nutt's Chapel, quarterly Coll.	main bildie 3.00

New Light	10.00	Second Ch., Paragould 15.00
New Hope	20.00	Pilot Grove, Gone.
New Liberty	10:00	E. C. Butler 5.00

This report will be short. First we desire to call attention to

the depleted condition of the treasury.

By reference to the letters from the churches, the reports of the Missionary and the Board it will be seen but very little has been done in this department of the work. This serious neglect and lack of interest means material loss to the cause.

We feel the Board ought to be furnished sufficient means with

which to employ an able man.

We urge the co-operation of all pastors and churches with the

Board and Missionary, when employed, in doing the work.

The Missionary should concentrate his work on destitute places and pastoriess churches. And if called upon to preach at a church having a pastor a substantial collection should be taken for the Board.

Your committee recommends that the Board employ a Missionary for full time on a salary commensurate with the duties required

of him.

We are at the very door of opportunity, and may accomplish large results the ensuing year, if immediate action, which is very necessary, is taken by the churches, and funds furnished to justify the Board in planning the work.

Respectfully submitted,

R. P. SEEGRAVES, T. F. ALLEN, R. H. DUDLEY, W. C. PETERS, J. M. BROWN,

Committee.

On motion the following report was ordered entered in the minutes:

Dear Brethren: Since our Association adjourned at Blooming Grove Missionary Baptist Church, I have voluntarily done some work at destitute places, and beg leave to report as follows:

No.	of	sermons preached45	Amt. paid for traveling
No.	of	visits114	
No.	of	miles traveled655	expenses \$22.30
No.	of	days away from home 50	Amt. rec'd in contributions 14.93

Held one revival meeting last nine days at Stonewall, Ark., assisted by Bro. Crow, who preacher four sermons, and held one meeting at Union Hill School House for Lafe church, five days; assisted in organizing one Sunday School at Stonewall; witnessed five conversions in the meeting at Stonewall.

Respectfully submitted for your consideration,

E. J. TEAGUE.

The Association now adjourned till 7 p. m. Benediction by Bro. Gaskill.

Friday Afternoon.

The Association met again at 1:00 o'clock, singing led by G. R. Tyler, and prayer by E. J. A. McKinney.

Home Missions.

The Committee on Home Missions now presented their report, which, after being read, was adopted with this amendment: That recommendation No. 4 be stricken out:

By referring to the reports on Home Mission work we find New Mexico added territory, making our territory now to consist of all the states of the Southern Baptist Convention, Cuba and the Canal Zone, especial features of the work being activities among the mountain people, negroes, Indians and foreign born. The great Southwest just opening up to prodigious financial proportions makes this field extremely stragetic work, and the further fact that Old World politics and religions tend to fuse church and state it is likely necessary that we be fully awake to taking this territory for Jesus. The very fact of this work being home work should appeal with great force to our minds and hearts. The enormous ignorance and superstition among many peoples of this section, viz: Indians, negroes, Italians, Spaniards, Greeks, Mexicans and other foreigners and our own people of the mountains compels our most earnest attention. Cruasas has received:

\$10,000 General Fund. \$3,000 Church Building. \$600 Maintain Schools.

We believe that in this movement there are prospective blessings for Southern Baptists and their usefulness that are almost beyond our conception. It looks to "teaching them to observe all things" as well as to saving the lost and baptizing the converted. It will provide for helping to train the churches more fully in all the ways of the Lord as well as enlisting them in larger giving.

Our Board is leading Southern Baptists in a worthy way in the great and fundamental work of saving the South. Your committee warmly commends it and its work to the prayers and enthusiastic and liberal support of the churches in our Association. We recommend:

- 1. That clubs of subscribers be raised in every church for The Home Field, the splendid monthly of the Board. Price 25c, single copies, or 25c in clubs of five or more.
- 2. That pastors and workers secure and read the Board's instructive new book, "The Home Mission Task." Price 50c in cloth, 10c extra for postage; 35c in paper, 7c extra for postage.
- 3. That large use be made of the varied and helpful tracts of the Board, which are mailed free on application.
- 4. That this Association provide for apportioning among its churches the amount we are asked to raise for Home Missions this year.
- 5. That all of our pastors be requested to preach upon this great cause at least once during the year. The Board will gladly furnish material for special study of pastors on request.

The address of the Home Mission Board is 1002 Third National Bank Bldg., Atlanta, Ga. Requests for the magazine, tracts, the book and other printed matter, should be addressed to J. F. Love, 718 Slaughter Building, Dallas, Tex.

Foreign Missions.

The Committee on Foreign Missions brought in their report,

which was discussed by Bros. Butler, J. D. J. Faulkner and E. J.

A. McKinney, and upon motion was adopted as presented:

"Foreign Missions" is one name for "going into all the world to preach the gospel to every creature." It means preaching the gospel futher on than Associational Missions, for that is limited to preaching within the bounds of this Association; it goes further on than State Missions, because State Missions stop with State lines; it goes further than Home Missions, for Home Missions stops at certain territorial limitations. Foreign Missions means all work for soul winning beyond the territorial limits of all these othersall the other fields overlap; but Foreign Missions has the broad world beyond us all to itself and its work stops not short of "the uttermost part of the earth." The Scriptures do not say "uttermost parts,, but "uttermost part." This means that our mission is to the lost part of the outer parts of all the world. Southern Baptists are growing in gifts to this work and our sons and daughters are hearing God's call to this work. Last year Southern Baptists gave \$580,408.17 to Foreign Missions, against \$510,008.57 for the year before, and there were 4,300 baptisms for the year. Of the money raised Arkansas gave over \$10,500. Next year we are asked for \$11,500. Let us hear the Lord's call to this work and give of our means and give ourselves to it.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. HALL, B. F. GATEWOOD, J. H. JOHNSON, G. H. FAULKNER,

Committee.

Publications.

Committee on Publications reported as follows, which was dis-

cussed by Bro. E. J. A. McKinney, then adopted as read:

This is reading age, but not an age altogether of the reading of the right things. The conditions as they exist should call Baptists to enlarged use of the printed page. Russellism, Christian Scien e (so-called) and other errorists of the most dangerous kind are alert and designing in their methods to get their books and tracts into the homes of the people. The light, trashy literature of this age also has a tendency to destroy the love for good, solid reading. For these reasons we urge—

1. Renewed stress on Bible study, not only in the Sunday Schools, but in the homes, and in special Bible study classes. Tell your children Bible stories that they may learn the Book and love

it.

2. The wise distribution of Baptist books and tracts telling of our work and illustrating our doctrines. Many free tracts on these lines can be had for the asking by writing to Dr. J. T. Christian, 410 Hollenberg Building, Little Rock. Good books can be had from a number of Baptist book houses, among them the Book Department of the State Convention at Little Rock, A. P. Scofield, Manager.

3. The reading of Baptist papers. In this age, no Baptist, however orthodox he may be, can be all he should be to the cause he loves unless he keeps in touch with Kingdom movements. It has been good for Baptists in all ages of the world to know of what their brethren have been doing. In Acts 15:3, it is said: "They passed through Phenice and Samaria declaring the conversion of

the Gentiles," and the result of such news is found in the same verse, "And they caused great joy unto all the brethren." It is interesting to note the effects of information about progress in the New Testament churches. The Baptist newspaper is our cheapest and best way to such information. We would urge, therefore, that every Baptist home in Arkansas should have one or more Baptist newspapers and should especially have one in the home published in the State for the reason that only such a paper can be depended on to keep us informed about Baptist work in our own State. We, therefore, urge the taking and reading of the Baptist Advance, Little Rock, Ark., price \$1.50 per year. This paper stands for doctrine, soundness and Baptist progress in all Biblical ways.

4. We would also commend heartily to our people the Foreign Mission Journal, Richmond, Virginia, price 35c per year; the Home Field, Atlanta, Ga., price 35c, and the Orphans' Gem, Monticello, Ark., price 25c. These tell of the interests they represent and are

published monthly.

R. C. ROGERS, Chairman.

Obituaries.

Committee on obituaries report as follows, which report was adopted as read:

We, the Committee on Obituaries, make the following report:

We find that since our last Association, the Almgihty Father has seen fit in His Infinite Wisdom, to call from their labors the following brethren and sisters:

1 New Hope—Bros. W. S. Latta, Leander Payne, and Sisters

Martha J. Forest and Nancy Montgomery.

2. Pleasant Grove-R. F. Ward.

3. Mount Tabor-Sister Mattie Underwood.

4. Blooming Grove—Sisters L. C. Crews and Alice Nawny.

5. Epsaby—Sister E. A. Roberts.

Brown's Chapel—Bro. Foster Tally.
 Friendship—Sister Jane Sexton.

8. Post Oak-Roy Batton.

9. Big Creek—Sister Onie Bell, Sister Jennie Perdew.

10. Hopewell—Sister Haney.

11. Beech Grove—Bro. Isaac Lape.

12. Rector—Mary Virgin.

13. Bethel-Sister M. J. McCain.

- 14. Marmaduke—W. M. Surrell, Cora Owens, Pink Parker, Lillie Litner and Jennie Houston.
- 15. Piggott—Bro. J. H. Bogle, Sisters Pheba Herron and Dora Glasscock.
 - 16. Nutt's Chapel—Sister Lizzie Stout.

17. New Light-Sister Emma Ballard.

18. Union Grove—Sister Fanny Young and Sister S. A. Lake.

19. New Home—Sister Margaret S. Brewer and Onie Kuykendall.

D. W. BREWER, MRS. H. C. SPILLMAN, MRS. J. B. CAMPBELL, W. R. BELL,

Committee.

Memorial Hospital.

The Committee on Memorial Hospital report as follows; this

was adopted as read:

This institution is located at Memphis, Tennessee, and is owned and supported by the Baptists of Mississippi, Tennessee and Arkansas. It was opened for patients in July of this year. It has a number of rooms for the care of patients too poor to pay their own expenses. We recommend that our people assist further in the equipping of this building and in the erection of the other two wings yet to be built. Also when in need of hospitals for the sick we would recommend the use of this one which belongs to the Baptist people. It is equal to the best in the land and hence worthy of patronage from that standpoint also.

E. J. A. McKINNEY,

G. R. TYLER,

E. D. COOPER.

Committee.

Finance.

The Committee on Finance present their report as follows, which was adopted as read:

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Big Creek				\$ 5.75		\$ 1.25		\$ 32.61
New Light								1.50
Post Oak	1.85					1.50	2.00	5.35
Blooming Grove	10.00					2.00	9.45	21.45
Pleasant Hill	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00		.50	2.00	6.50
Salem						1.50	5.00	13.50
Bethlehem						1.00		6.00
Brown's Chapel								9.50
New Home						1.00		
Rector			3.20					
Gainesville	5.26	2.6	2.1				14.08	
Greenway Providence	10.00	* * * * *	3.31			1.00	2.00	6.31
Providence	10.00	0.05	• • • • •					8.90
Hopewell Pleasant Grove .	5.00	9.00	50	50		1.00		
Friendship						2.50		2.50
New Hope	10.00					3.00	10.00	23.00
St. Francis						1.50	10.00	4.70
Pilot Grove						1.00		1.00
New Liberty		5.00				.75	4.00	9.75
New Liberty Marmaduke	25.00	2.10			8.00	2.70	2.55	41.35
Fairview	2.85	2.05	1.00	1.00		1.50		8.40
Nutt's Chapel						.50	5.00	5.50
Main Shore Black River	5.00	1.00	1.65	1.50	1.00			18.65
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						1.00		9.00
Wand'er's Home								11.00
New Haven	10.00							.50
· Union Grove	10.20	.50	.25		10000			12.45
Rock Hill								2.00
Paragould Walnut Ridge								1.50
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Epsaby Spring Grove	6.80	1.00	2.00	1.00		1.00		15.26
Beech Grove	10.00	1.00	2.00	1.00		1.00		
Piggott						3.00		28.00
Mt. Tabor					1	The second second		7.00
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G. O. LIGHT, ED ROGERS,

Committee.

Treasurer.

Brought forward:		
To. amt. for Infirm Ministers\$	2.50	
To amt. for Associational Missions	34.96	
To amt. for Associational Sunday collection	42.28	
To amt, for Associational Monday collection	12.10	
By cash to J. F. Sain		\$89.34
To amt. for Foreign Missions	41.90	
By eash to Jno. T. Christian		41.90
to amt, for Home Missions	26.3;	
By cash to Jno. T. Christian		26.36
To amt. for State Missions	47.10	
By cash to Jno. T. Christian		47.10
To amt, for Ministerial Education	8.00	
To amt, for Ministerial Monday collection	45.85	
By cash to J. S. Rogers	Y	53.85
To amt. for printing minutes	49.90	
By cash to C. D. Morrice		49.90
To amt. for Orphans' Home	147.48	
By cash to J. W. Williams		147.48
To amt. of overplus from Finance Committee	.20	
By balance in Treasury		2.70
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Moved and seconded that we now select meeting place for next year; carried.

Rock Hill, Gainesville, Marmaduke and Union Grove asked for

the Association and upon motion Marmaduke was selected.

On motion, the Moderator appointed the Executive Board for the ensuing year as follows:

J. F. Sain, Paragould.

J. B. Walden, Gainesville.

J. M Brown, Piggott.

Royal Crews, Rector.

G. O. Light, Paragould.

It was through the desire of the retiring members that they be not re-appointed.

On motion Treasurer paid Clerk \$50.70 for printing minutes, reserving \$15 for his services.

On motion Bro. Tyler was chosen to preach the introductory sermon in 1913; Bro. T. R. Allen, alternate.

On motion the Association agreed to meet on Wednesday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1913, at 10 a.m.

On motion the following corresponding messengers were elected:

E. C. Butler, Southern Baptist Convention.

E. J. Teague, G. R. Tyler, Mt. Zion Association

On motion G. O. Light was elected member of the State Board. On motion the following resolution was unanimously adopted. Resolved, That we, the members of this body, tender our thanks to the hospitable people of New Friendship church and community, for their love, respect and benevolent care of us in providing us such good homes. We pray God's blessings on them and hope to share of their kindness again.

G. R. TYLER.

On motion body now adjourned to meet at Marmaduke 1913. While singing "How Firm a Foundation," the parting hand was given.

Benediction by Bro. W. L. Walker.

Thus passed into history one of the best sessions of the Association. Brethren who were not present get from the minutes merely the skeleton and lose the inspiration that naturally comes from contact with the messengers and hearing the discussions of the various reports, and last but not least, we fail to hear the great Gospel sermons by our ablest ministers. Let us resolve now to make the attendance next year the greatest in the history of our work.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	POST OFFICE	CLERKS	POST OFFICE
Bethel			E. M. Smart	Leonard
Beech Grove	A. A. Ryan	Walcott	W. L. Owens	Beech Grove
Blooming Grove	E. D. Cioper	Paragould	C. R. Crews	Rector
Bethlehem	G. R. Tyler	Rector	J. A. Smith	Marmaduke (2)
Black River	R .C. Rogers	Paragould	J. L. Maynard	Brookings
Brown's Chape	R .C. Rogers	Paragould	J. F. Sain	Paragould
Epsaby	G. H. Faulkner	Walcott	N. R. Cole	Gainesville (1)
Fairview	E. D. Cooper		A. T. Fitzgerald	
Friendship	I. D. J. Faulkner		D. McHaney	
Gainesville	bro. Clark	Jonesboro		
Brown's Chapel	G. R. Tyler	Rector	Leuta Jackson	Greenway
Hopewell	E. D. Cooper	Paragould	W. F. Robertson	Marmaduke
Big Creek	J. R. Hall	Marmaduke	C. H. Bishop	Lafe
	A. G. Cagle		H. A. Seal	
	E. C. Butler		A. M. Hall	
Main Shore	W. H. Merideth	Paragould	O. N. Hammett	Paragould (4)
New Light	J. R. Hall	Marmaduke		Boydsville
New Haven	G. A. Crocker	Paragould	Emery Colbert	Bethel
	J. A. Stairs		Jim Robinson	Marmaduke
Nutt's Chapel	J. A. Stairs	Marmaduke	Ricke Atchison	Halliday
New Liberty	J. D. J. Faulkner	Paragould	J. S. Noel	Marmaduke (1)
New Hope	T. R. Allen	Paragould	H. Holcomb	Piggott (2)
Paragould (2nd)	G. A. Crocker	Paragould	T. H. Church	
Piggott	E. C. Butler		R. H. Dudley	
Pleasant Grove	W. H. Merideth	Paragould	Josia Edwards	Walcott
Wanderer's Home .	A. G. Cagle	Piggott	Thomas Pollock	Piggott
Pilot Grove	Fineas Alexander	Pollard	Laura Parker	Piggott
Pleasant Hill	W. H. Merideth	Paragould	O. H. Payne	Paragould (3)
Providence	J. D. J. Faulkner	Paragould	E. C. Nowell	Marmaduke
Post Oak	R. C. Rogers	Paragould	C. M. Garrett	Marmaduke
Rock Hill	T. R. Allen	Paragould		
Rector	T. F. Lowery	Senath	J. B. Winchester	Rector
Spring Grove	J. W. Seay	Walcott	J. M. Rogers	Paragould
St. Francis	G. R. Tyler	Rector	Forest Evans	St. Francis
Walnut Ridge	G. A. Crocker	Paragould		
	R. C. Rogers	Paragould	L. L. Cate	Boydsville
	E. D. Cooper	Paragould	L. L. Faulkner	Walcott
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Statistical Table of Gainesville Association

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