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At 10 a.m. the Association was called to order by Brother J. H. Smart. After singing "Come Thou Fount" and reading 1 Thes. IV, and prayer, Brother Forbes was appointed Clerk, Brother Ross being absent. Letters were called for and read by Brethren Mathis, Horton and Williams.

The following churches reported:

Wallisburg-Messengers W. H. Stingly, W. H. Harris. New Home-Messengers J. C. Brown, J. Ward. Red Land—Messenger L. M. Loomis.

Prescott—Messengers J. C. Young, W. R. Steed.

Okolona—Messengers J. H. Hall, A. J. Nelson, Jr., C. C. Dickerson.

Sycamore Grove—Messengers W. L. Brown, W. R. Williams. Boughton—Messengers E. DeLaughter, M. M. Fomby, F. Hawkins. Gurdon—Messengers Wm. Tyson, Dr. Kirby, Dr. Smith. Shiloh—Messengers J. A. Ross, W. A. F. Wells. Cany Fork—Messengers W. M. Stevens, J. W. Kelly. Clear Springs—Messengers J. T. Bolt, J. W. Macklehan. South Fork—Messengers J. T. Gathright, T. R. Gathright. Providence—Messengers W. E. Stockton, C. Porter. Pleasant Hill-Messengers Jno. B. Langly, E. W. Langly. Gethsemane—No messenger. Richwoods-Messengers J. M. Neal, P. M. Smith. Arkadelphia-Messenger S. L. Holloway. Bethel-Messengers W. U. Davis, R. K. Hall. Lakeview—Messengers O. B. Helms, D. Pollard, H. L. Helms. Mt. Zion-Messenger Mat. McKensey. Sweet Hill-Messenger W. T. Bishop. Byrne Messengers S. C. Shaver, C. H. Horton, J. W. Overton.

Bethlehem—Messengers W. F. Rove, J. M. Measles, E. Keys.
Unity—Messengers W. A. Forbes, J. A. Medlock.
DeLight—Messenger W. M. Deaton.
Caddo Valley—Messenger A. S. Suggs.
Liberty Hill—Messengers R. T. Langly, J. H. Jones, J. B. Roundtree.
Alpine—Messenger W. M. Howell.
DeGray—Messenger P. T. Dunlop.

Hollywood—Messenger W. C. Hudgins.
Mt. Bethel—Messengers A. E. Lauley, Ed Brewer.
Hammond Chapel—Messengers W. Harper, J. A. Langley, J. V. Brown.
Antoine—Messengers R. W. Hall, Miss F. Elkins, Miss Floyd Jones.

Roseborough—Messenger P. E. Nichols. Graysonia—Messenger S. W. McGraw.

The following officers were elected by ballot: J. H. Smart, Moderator. W. A. Forbes, Clerk.

Brethren J. B. Langley and Jno. T. Bolt, with the deacons of Gurdon Church, were appointed by the chair on preaching. Brother Winburne being absent, Brother B. F. Holford preached the introductory sermon. Text, 2 Cor. 5:17; theme, "New Creature in Christ."

The following visitors were invited to seats—B. F. Holford, White River Association; W. B. O'Neal, Independent Association; J. H. Gray, Rocky Bayou Association; F. A. Berkly, Pike County Association; V. G. Hinton, Little Rock; C. R. Powell, Little Rock.

Brethren J. A. Ross and J. C. Brown were invited to speak on religious

experience. Brother Smart also spoke.

Committee on preaching reported as follows: J. H. Smart, at Baptist Church, Sunday 11 a. m.; C. R. Powell, at Methodist church house 11 a. m.; W. A. Forbes, at Presbyterian Church house 11 a. m.; and W. U. Davis at colored Baptist Church at 11 a. m.

Adjourned to 2 p. m.

Reassembled at 2:00 p. m.

The following Committees were appointed:

Associational Missions—J C. Young, W. H. Stingly, E. DeLaughter. State Missions—P. L. Dunlop, J. M. Measles, S. W. McGraw.

Foreign Missions-W. A. Forbes, J. R. Williams, L. M. Loomis.

Home Missions—J. B. Langly, J. A. Medlock, W. T. Flambough. Temperance—R. K. Hall, Dr. D. Smith, W. F. Roe. Obituary—J. B. Roundtree, A. S. Suggs, A. E. Lauly.

Education-O. Mathis, S. C. Shaver, J. H. Hall.

Literature—J. C. Brown, C. C. Dickerson, F. Hawkins. Women's Work—Mrs. C. P. Smith, Mrs. Nora Kirkpatrick, Miss F. Elkins. Pastoral Support—J. M. Neal, D. Pollard, W. U. Davis.

Nominations—W. M. Howell, S. W. McGraw, W. A. F. Wells. Finance—W. J. Sneed, A. J. Nelson, C. Horton. Home Missions—W. A. F. Wells, J. T. Gathright, M. M. Fomby.

Sunday Schools—J. A. Ross, E. W. Langly, W. T. Stocton. Orphan Home—J. B. Langly, J. A. Medlock, W. F. Flambough.

Brother Keeling of Prescott was appointed to preach in Baptist Church House Saturday 8. p. m. Text, Jno. 3:5.

Adjourned till Sunday, a. m. 9 o'clock.

LORD'S DAY.

After Sunday School the several Brethren appointed to preach repaired to the different Houses of Worship, and good reports were made concerning the preaching.

MONDAY.

The Association was called to order by the chairman, and after devotion the following committees reported, and the reports were discussed by various brethren.

REPORT ON NOMINATION.

1st. We would recommend that the next meeting of the Association be with the Church at Prescott, Saturday before 2d Sunday in October, 1909, at 10 a. m., and that Brother H. L. Winburne preach the introductory sermon and that Brother J. H. Smart be his alternate.

2d. That the following brethren compose the Board of Associational Missions: W. A. Forbes, N. R. Townsend, W. R. Steed, S. W. McGraw,

J. H. Smart, and Brother Haney.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

We find the sisters of our Association becoming more interested in Missions this year than last, and more Aid Societies and Bible Study Classes were formed than at any former time. The Lord has greatly blessed our work by calling four of our number to the foreign field. Africa is dear to some of us, as our Sister Ward is there. Yesterday two other sisters signified their willingness to go to the foreign field, if the Lord so directs.

We would recommend that the sisters of the several churches meet with us at our annual gatherings and report their work. Also, that our pastors encourage the workers, and preach on the subject of missions, and thus give information to the members and help form Aid and Bible Study societies.

MRS. C. P. SMITH,
MRS. NORA KIRKPATRICK,
MISS F. ELKINS,
Committee.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Much has been done in Red River Association towards ridding this country of this nefarious traffic. There are no open saloons among us, but in some parts of the country whisky can be obtained by the initiated through "Blind Tigers." We are anxious for state-wide prohibition laws to be enacted, and then this demon will be driven from our State. Let us insist on the enforcement of present laws. Not only should our pastors frequently preach prohibition, but every Baptist should be a temperance worker. Our pastors, Sunday School teachers and members can do much if properly encouraged and supported.

The friends of intemperance will not yield the battle without a desperate struggle, and we may expect them to corrupt the ballot with money as far as they are able; but if we will do our duty, victory will soon be ours. Every other denomination doing the same, we cannot fail. Therefore, be it resolved, that we solicit our representatives and senators to support a bill to the effect of state-wide prohibition.

R. K. HALL, W. F. ROE, DON SMITH, Committee.

REPORT ON LITERATURE.

We recommend the Bible above all other books. "Search the scriptures, for in them ye have eternal life, and they are they that testify of me." We also recommend that we read our Church papers. In many of our homes no religious paper is found. We think this is the great reason why such a large number of our Church members are so inactive in Church work. We would also recommend the use in our Sunday Schools the lesson helps of our Southern Baptist Convention, published at Nashville, Tenn., and under no circumstances use Union or Cook's publications.

S. E. Brown, C. C. Dickerson, Committee,

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We find in the territory of our Association places of destitution of Baptist Gospel Preaching. Among these are Blevins, Old Sweet Home, Red Land Church and Billstown.

We recommend that the Board of our Association Missions employ a Missionary and to the best of their judgment and ability lay out his field of labor; and that the churches begin at once to arrange for the pay of said missionary. We request that our pastors present this subject to the churches and take a collection for same, and report to the Board.

W. H. STINGLY, R. T. LANGLY, JNO. D. BLEDSOE, Committee.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION BOARD.

On Jan. 22, 1908, we elected Brother T. N. Hale as missionary. He worked a little over a month for which we paid him \$59.53, and he left the work. We then employed Brother A. F. Cagle at salary of \$50.00, and W. J. Hindsley for part of his time. He worked ten days (see report of missionaries.)

J. H. SMART, Chairman.

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REPORT OF MISSIONARIES.

A. :	F. Cagle reports as follows:		
	Days worked	103	
	Sermons preached	81	
	Other religious meetings		
	Homes visited	307	
	Services in homes	12	
	Conversions	130	
	Baptised	53	
	Addition by letters	63	
	Additions by restorations	2	
	Miles traveled	868	
	Cash collected		
	A	. F. CAGLE, Missi	ona
	REPORT OF W. J. HINDSLE	137	
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	Days worked	10	
	Baptised		
	Cash collected		
	REPORT OF TREASURER.		
	To balance from 1907	\$117.40	
	To Finance Committee		
	To Mrs. Keys		

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To Finance Committee	126.80
To Mrs. Keys	6.25
To Richwoods.	9.00
To Unity Church	5.00
	65.08
To A. F. Cagle	00.00
	\$329.53
CONTRA.	
By J. H. Smart	\$ 25.00
By W. W. Gardner	32.26
By J. T. Gathright	4.57
By J. A. Ross.	32.25
By R. G. Bowers	24.28
	59.53
By T. N. Hale	8.00
By W. J. Hindsley	0.00
By A. F. Cagle	132.64
By Brother Turner	5.00
To balance	5.00

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We call the attention of the Churches to the fact that many people are moving into Arkansas and they are largely without any particular religious faith. This makes the greater need of activity upon the part of Baptists to give these people the Gospel. New towns and new railroads are springing up, and all these new conditions must be met on our part. Two things must result if we fail to do our duty towards the new condition. These and other people must be left without the Gospel, and therefore be lost, or other denomnations will give them a mixed Gospel. Which will we do?

In consideration of the above facts, we would urge our people to look well towards state missions, for from this source most of this work must be done, and we are permitted to have a liberal part in the salvation of these

souls.

P. T. DUNLOP, J. M. MEASLES, S. M. McGraw, Committee.

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We your committee note the fact, (one for which our brethren have been praying), that the gates of all nations are open to our missionaries, and we have gone through many of the gates, but not half have yet been done.

The fields are opening, and opportunity to give the Gospel to these peoples are far greater than our efforts or ability. Ten hundred and fifty millions are in China, three hundred and fifty millions in India; eighty million in Japan; one hundred and twenty millions in Russia, and many millions in Mexico, our next door neighbor, as also in South America. All appeal to us for increase of money and men for this great work. We suggest that our preachers not only preach the Gospel on this subject, but also urge the brethren to give liberally to maintain our brethren already on the fields, and to send more laborers into the vineyard.

W. A. FORBES, L. M. LOOMIS, J. R. WILLIAMS, Committee.

REPORT ON ORPHAN HOME.

Our home of late has changed management, we trust to the betterment of the cause. Brother and Sister Neely are now in charge. They are able and energetic people, and are alive to the needs of the institution. There are over 70 children here brought under the best possible influence. The property is free from debt and our people are doing well by same. More could be done. We urge our Churches to lay this branch of our work on their hearts, and respond liberally to the calls of Brother Turner, the field agent. We would recommend that this home be made in all our churches a regular object in their collections.

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The General Association has established another home at Texarkana.

There are now 12 children in it and the home is valuable property, but heavily in debt. This home is presided over by Brother J. B. Sellman. We urge

the General Associational Churches to help this home.

J. B. Langly, J. A. Medlock, W. M. Flambough, Committee.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

From the report on Home Missions last year Baptists of Arkansas gave \$6,636.00, an increase over previous year of 53 per cent. We are asked this

year to raise \$13,000; in return the Home Board will spend \$17,500 in building Church houses and \$5,300 in helping the State Board. This should stir our hearts to work for Home Missions.

We hear that Baptists in Arkansas, working through the General Association of Baptists of America, have, on the Home Field, fourteen missionaries, and these missionaries have preached, visited and traveled to some extent, and have received many into the Churches.

We your Committee would urge that these bodies of Baptists be encouraged to continue to do their work in the channels which suits them. When we remember that thousands of foreigners are coming to the United States and that the Home Board must meet and care for these thousands, besides the vast multitude of our own citizens, surely there is no time to be wasted in controversy over methods, but we should bend our energies and open our purses to help those who have this work in hand.

W. A. F. WELLS, J. T. GATHRIGHT, W. T. FLAMBOUGH, Committee.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Cash received from messengers:	
For minutes\$	39.80
For Associational Missions	39.86
For State Missions.	2.00
For Home Missions	4.10
For Foreign Missions	35

For Orphan Homes.....

\$121.36 W. R. STEED, A. J. NELSON, Jr., C. H. HORTON,

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We find that God has removed from the walks of men, the following brethren and sisters:

From Bethel Church-Brother J. W. Childers and Sister Mattie Howard.

From Caddo Church—Sister Lizzie Myers.
From Bethlehem—Four names not given.
From Arkadelphia—Miss Humphries.
From Boughton Church—Pat Everett.
From Clear Springs Church—Sister Blakely.

From DeGray Church—Luther Jones.

From Lakeview Church—One, name not given.
From Liberty Hill Church—One, name not given.
From Mt. Bethel Church—Mrs. Georgia Townsend.
From New Home Church—One, name not given.

From Okolona Church—One, name not given. From Providence Church—P. M. Watson.

From Union Church—Three, names not given.

From Unity Church—Wm. Kirkpatrick. From Wallaceburg Church—Etta Wilson, Jas. Wood, W. W. Wilson.

J. B. ROUNDTREE, A. E. LAULEY, A. S. SUGGS.

Committee.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

From best information we think the growth of this work has been healthy and good. Most all of our churches have schools. Just before His ascension the Master said: "Go ye into all the world and teach all nations, baptising them," etc. It is the duty of churches to preach the Gospel and baptise believers; it is also their duty to teach them to observe all teaching of His word. The Bible School is the teaching service of the Church, and in our opinion the churches which do not obey the Master in this work are not doing their duty. We would recommend that every church have a Sunday School and try to bring its members into this school.

J. B. Ross, E. W. LANGLEY, W. E. STOCKTON, Committee.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We cannot urge too much the importance of educating our ministers. No denomination of Christians live long or accomplish much good without educating its preachers. The State and nation are spending millions of money to educate the citizens; and to have an uneducated ministry to preach to the educated people will never do, and must of necessity bring the Gospel in disrepute, as well as the denomination who thus neglects this important item.

We have in Arkansas, Ouachita and other schools, fostered by Baptists,

into which all of our young preachers should enter.

God calls most of His preachers from the poor. He calls them first to prepare for the work. Our people have the money and the schools whereby to educate them. There is no part of our church work, missions not excepted, more binding on our people than this.

There are some thirty students for the ministry in Ouachita, representing a good class of men, and most of them are needing help beyond what they are able to supply, therefore the board of ministerial education has to aid these men and depend on the churches in the State to furnish the money.

We would urge our churches to liberally give aid to these students, for

they will more than pay it back in the coming years.

J. H. HALL,
O. MATHIS,
S. C. SHAVER,
Committee.

REPORT ON OUACHITA COLLEGE.

We learn with pleasure that our Ouachita College and other schools are succeeding well. Ouachita opened with fifty more students this session than at any previous year. Statistics show that 94 per cent of our ministers come from denominational schools and 6 per cent from other schools. This should teach us the important lesson of fostering our church schools.

Ouachita College was founded in 1886, 22 years ago; since which 5,450 students have passed under her influence. Many of these already fill important stations, both in the church and State. This school, by her success and labor, has proven her right to exist, and to the affections and support of our people.

We are sure that the people of the State are making great efforts to extend the educational facilities, and they will send their sons and daughters to the school giving the best inducements, so it becomes us to make Ouachita

second to none in the State.

The faculty is made up of 26 teachers, each chosen for work in each department of study. The library has 7,000 volumes, thus furnishing ample means for many, and some 2,000 volumes in the several literary societies.

The religious influences on the students are good. If you have sons and daughters to educate, you will never do better than to send them to Ouachita.

> J. H. HALL, S. C. SHAVER. O. MATHIS, Committee.

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

From best information we find the country preachers are poorly supported. This is our open results from poor organizations or system and from the want of proper application of the work which should be done by the pastors. The Bible teaches that the laborer is worth his hire, but many members say: "The pastor is as well off as I am, so I will let him work for nothing." This no doubt has great influence in keeping many young men out of the ministry and forces others to go into secular pursuits. We urge you to study the position occupied by your preacher and act different from the past. God will hold you responsible for your conduct toward the men who bring you the water of life.

J. M. NEAL, D. POLLARD, W. U. DAVIS. Committee.

Collections for young preachers	.\$13.43
Paid to C. R. Powell for Buckner College	. 7.93
Paid to W. J. Hindsley for Ouachita	. 5.50
For Orphan Home	. 14.78
Paid J. B. Sellman	. 7.34

Correspondence with other associations were called for, when the following brethren were appointed:

Elder J. B. Roundtree to visit Pike County Association: Brother Steed to Union, at Bluff City; Brother Hindsley to go to Howard County Association. Motion prevailed that the Clerks print and mail and retain \$15.00 for

services.

Moved that the thanks of this body be tendered the Gurdon Church. Also the other denominations for the use of their church houses and the kind hospitality so generously extended this body.

Moved to adjourn to next time and place. After a song and giving each other the right hand of fellowship, this session passed into history.

J. H. SMART, Moderator.

W. A. FORBES, Clerk.

DIGEST OF THE CHURCHES.

Thirty-six churches reported total membership of 2,34	8.
17 gave for Associational Missions\$	229.37
17 gave for State Missions	235.14
12 gave for Foreign Missions	177.04
9 gave for Home Missions	397.80
6 gave for Ministerial Education	79.70
16 gave for Sunday School Expenses	187.60
20 gave for pastors	3,190.00
11 gave for General Expenses	216.41
16 gave for Orphan Home	172.27
17 gave for other objects	386.02

31 churches had addition by baptisms 31 churches had addition by letters	210
Total increase	25 27
Total decrease.	

Some of these churches have Sunday Schools, but did not report them. Several did not report pastor's salary.

Two churches had only part of letters so I could not give them credit for anything.

Ordained Ministers

NAME	CHURCH	POST OFFICE
Baats, F. D	Arkadelphia	Arkadelphia.
Gardner, W. W.		Arkadelphia.
Horne, H. J. P		
Townsend, N. R		
Whitten, W. T		
Winburn, H. L		
Ward, T. E		
Stricklin, J. E		
Holloway, S. L		
Lumbley, J. B		
Whitely, T. A	Arkadelphia	
Olive, J. P	Arkadelphia	
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Davis, W. U	Bethel	Okolona.
Kelley, J. M	Bethel	Dobyville.
Smart, J. H	Bethel	
Franklin, G. A	Bethel Springs	Whelen Springs.
Delaughter, E	Boughton	Boughton.
Smith, Elijah	Beirne	Beirne.
Abbott, G. W	Gurdon	Gurdon.
Rountree, J. B	Liberty Hill	
Turner, J. H		Arkadelphia.
Presson, G. G	Mt. Zion	Arkadelphia.
Tobey, C. E		Arkadelphia.
Hamlin, G. L	Richwoods	Curtis.
Forbes, W. A	Unity	Gum Springs.
Williams, W. B.	Union	Alpine.
Shingley, W. H	Wellsville	. Blevins, R. 1.
Harris, W. H	Wellsville	
Patterson, W. M	Wellsville	Pike.

Sunday School Statistics

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CHURCHES	No. of Officers No. Pupils	Attendance	No. Classes	Kind of Literature	COST	SUPERIN- TENDENT	POST OFFICE
Arkadelphia Birn Bethel Springs Cado Valley DeGray Gurdon Graysonia Hollywood Mt. Zion Mt. Bethel New Home Okolona Lakeview Rose Borrough Prescott. Providence Pleasant Hill Richwoods Sweet Hill Sycamore South Fork Shiloh Unity Wellsville	4 6 6 4 6 4 6 4 6 5 5 5 5 4 4 4 4 6 8 9 7 5 1 1 4 3 3 5 5 1 1 4 4 3 2 2 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4	200	4554334438 444444	SAB BBBBBBBABB	8.00 7.70 10.75 2.75 19.00 4.40 3.00	S. R. Malcum. W. D. Wornick R. W. Bishop C. W. Morris. Mrs. Bell Studard P. E. Nichols J. C. Young W. E. Stocklon S. Smith R. S. Brown W. T. Bishop J. M. Gullek J. B. Pruitt A. Sutton H. Edwards	Arkadelphia, Ökolona, Arkadelphia, Arkadelphia, Gurdon, Graysonia, Hollywood, Arkadelphia, Arkadelphia, Arkadelphia, Arkadelphia, Roseborro, Prescott, Ellis, Gum Springs, Arkadelphia, Bien, Gurdon, Arkadelphia, Bien, Bien, Bienia, Bienia