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SOCIETY

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF
CONCORD
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,
HELD WITH
BRANCH CHURCH.
SEPTEMBER 24, 25 AND 26, 1904.

OFFICERS.

- JNO. E. TATUM, -MODERATOR.
J. K. WHELCHER, CLERK.
W. A. MAYFIELD, TREASURER.

The Next Session Will be Held with the Oak Bower
Church at Oak Bower, Beginning on Saturday be-
fore the Fourth Sunday in September 1905,
at 10 o'clock A. M.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONCORD ASSOCIATION, 1904.

FIRST DAY.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 24.—The Association met with Branch Church at 10 o'clock a.m. Moderator, Elder J. F. O'Neal called the body to order. After reading 23rd Psalm, by the Moderator, and prayer by Elder A. L. Brown, J. W. Nobles, who had been previously appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, being absent, Elder L. Quinn was elected to, and preached the Introductory Sermon, from Acts 2—42. At close of sermon, prayer by Elder H. L. Been.

Elders J. K. Whelchel, H. L. Been and Nathan Keller were appointed as Reading Clerks.

Adjourned to meet at 1:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m., met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by Moderator. Prayer by Elder P. C. Mays. Roll was called.

On motion went into the election of officers and Brothers L. Been and W. A. Mayfield were appointed to take the ballot for Moderator, and Brothers J. D. Moore and W. C. Redding to take the ballot for Clerk. Bro. John E. Tatum was elected Moderator and J. K. Whelchel Clerk.

On motion by Brother L. Been the Clerk cast the entire ballot of the Association for W. A. Mayfield for Treasurer.

With a few impressive remarks Elder J. F. O'Neal yielded the chair to Brother Tatum.

The following committee on Divine Service was appointed: Elder Nathan Keller, pastor of this church, the deacons of same, and Brothers Calvin, Oldem and D. W. Bryan.

The following resolution was introduced by Brother W. C. Redding. After some discussion the vote was taken, which resulted in a tie. The Moderator cast the vote in favor of the resolution:

Resolved, That the Moderator appoint a committee of three to make out the committees provided for in the Constitution, and that the committees on Sunday Schools and Temperance be requested to report at the appointed time (Sunday) for the consideration of said subjects.

The following were the committee appointed: Brother W. C. Redding, Elders H. G. Johnson and J. C. Williamson.

The following corresponding messengers were seated: From Dardanelle Association, Elders E. H. Gray, W. M. Wammuck and M. P. Blair.

Clear Creek Association: W. F. Blevins, Sister L. Loyd and Elder L. Dyer.

The following visiting brethren were seated: Elders L. Quinn, and H. H. Beauchamp, Prof. W. W. Rivers, Elders H. L. Been, W. W. Gardner, J. A. Hall, J. A. Carson and Miss Jessie Been.

The following were appointed as corresponding messengers to other Associations:

To Dardanelle Association, Elders H. L. Been, J. P. O'Neal and Brother D. W. Bryan.

To Buckner Association, Z. L. Rice and J. B. Basinger.

To Clear Creek, Elder H. L. Been, Brothers A. L. Lawrence and C. J. Inklebarger.

Under the head of miscellaneous business, the following brethren addressed the Association: Elder W. W. Gardner in the interest of the Orphan's Home; Prof. W. W. Rivers for Central Baptist Female College; Elder J. A. Hall for Sunday School Colportage work; Elder Beauchamp for Baptist Advance, and Elder Quinn for Land Mark Baptist.

Report of Committee on Divine Service: Preaching Saturday night at Branch by Elder J. C. Williamson; at Prairie View by Elder L. Quinn, Sunday at 11 a.m.; Missionary sermon at Baptist Church by Elder H. H. Beauchamp; at the M. E. Church Elder H. G. Johnson.

On motion adjourned until 7:30 p.m.

Saturday night—Sermon by Elder J. C. Williamson, text Clerk failed to get.

Adjourned to meet at 9:00 a.m. Sunday.

SECOND DAY.

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.—Sunday School Mass Meeting opened by singing and prayer. Report of committee on Sunday Schools was read. After an interesting discussion by Elders J. C. Williamson, J. Hall, P. C. Mays, J. R. Cason, J. W. Comer, H. H. Beauchamp and Prof. W. W. Rivers, report was adopted.

11:00 a.m.—Preaching Missionary sermon at Baptist Church by Elder H. H. Beauchamp, text Acts 1—8; lesson Acts 1st chapter, 1 to 12. At M. E. Church by Elder H. G. Johnson, text Gen. 11—1. Collection at both places \$19.50 for Associational Missions. Also \$2.00 in pledges.

Adjourned to meet at 3:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m.—Met pursuant to adjournment. Called together by singing. Prayer by Brother Comer.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was read. Elder H. L. Been delivered the annual temperance address according to previous arrangements. It was a very able presentation of the subject. Among other things, he said he believed in total abstinence, as the only way to get rid of trouble. That dram drinkers are responsible for all the drunkards in our land. That he don't believe in fighting the devil with gloves on. That if we are ever felt on this subject we must begin at home, and not tolerate a man in our churches who will drink a dram. Get the world to understand that the Lord is in the matter.

Adjourned to 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY NIGHT—Song. Prayers by Brothers Pennington and Rippey. Sermon by Elder J. W. Comer. Lesson Romans 8; text Phil. 2—12. Prayer by Brother Hall.

Adjourned to 8:00 a.m. Monday.

THIRD DAY.

MONDAY 8:00 a.m.—Met pursuant to adjournment. Song, "Jesus Lover of My Soul," reading by Moderator, prayer by Elder A. L. Brown. Song.

Discussion on report on prohibition continued by Elders H. G. Johnson, L. E. Finney, P. C. Mays, L. Quinn, H. H. Beauchamp, Brother O. Echols and John E. Tatum. Report adopted.

Committee on Divine Service, report Brother W. W. Gardner to preach at 11:00 o'clock a.m.

A resolution was introduced by Brother A. L. Been, to endorse the Association as the only medium through which this General Association cooperates in its Mission work. As the resolution was not handed to Clerk, it cannot be given in full. This resolution was substituted by the following, which was introduced by Elder L. E. Finney: Believing that unity and peace among us is the one thing that we all desire and recognizing the fact that at present there is division among us, and that this division will continue until we are ready in the Spirit of the Lord to come together. Be it

Resolved:

1. That we will not tolerate those who come among us and try to stir up strife and division.

2. That no report which has for its purpose the endorsement of the State Convention or General Association be considered by this body.

3. That no committee be appointed on State Missions.

4. That we come together with renewed energy and make this, with the help of God, a glorious year for Associational Missions.

Discussed by Elders Beauchamp, Mays, Quinn, Finney, Gray, Gibson, Williamson and Brother Been. Substitute adopted.

On motion Sister Hooper was seated as a messenger from Webb City Church.

On motion Committee on Orphan's Home was requested to report immediately after the eleven o'clock sermon.

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions adopted without discussion.

11:00 o'clock—Sermon by Brother Gardner, text "Pray without ceasing," 1st Thes. 5—15.

Report on Orphan's Home adopted. A collection taken for same amounting to \$12.81.

On motion adjourned until 1:00 o'clock p.m.

Report on nominations after some discussion, adopted.

Report on Woman's Work adopted.

Report on Constitutional Amendment adopted.

A motion prevailed that the messengers from the First Church, Ft. Smith, Elders F. F. Gibson W. L. Holder, Fred Williams, be seated, and the statistics of their letter be incorporated in the minutes.

Report on Associational Missions was adopted after discussion by Brothers D. W. Bryan, P. C. Mays, H. H. Beauchamp and H. L. Been, and pledges and money were taken to the amount of \$283.75.

On motion Executive Committee was authorized to hire a Missionary and pay him more than \$500.00, if necessary, provided that he collect the excess amount from the field.

The reports of the following committees were adopted without discussion: Home Missions, Ministerial Support, Finance, Order of Business, Religious Literature, with a motion to insert the "Baptist Advance."

On Education, discussed by Brother McAlister and Elder Quinn.

Treasurer's report adopted.

The following resolution read by Elder L. E. Finney was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, the Baptist Church at Branch has gone to much expense to entertain this Association, and the homes of the community have been opened to us as servants of the Most High, therefore, be it resolved that we hereby express our thanks to the church, the brethren, sisters and friends, and pray the blessings of God upon them and theirs.

Pledges taken for Buckner College \$48.50.

On motion Clerk was allowed \$15.00 for his services.

A motion prevailed to proportion minutes among churches according to the amount of money sent in for that purpose.

A motion to place Buckner College on back of minutes was carried.

On motion Bro. W. J. Ming was authorized to take a collection to build a church house at Bonanza. Cash collection \$23.10 and some subscriptions.

Elder L. Dyer preached at Prairie View Sunday night, Elder P. C. Mays at Branch.

Elder F. F. Gibson was unanimously elected to preach

Missionary Sermon on Sunday at eleven o'clock, of next session of this body.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with Oak Bower Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1905.

After valedictory by Moderator, prayer, singing and the parting hand, dispersed.

JOHN E. TATUM, MODERATOR.

J. K. WHELCHER, CLERK.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee on Foreign Missions report as follows: We rejoice that there has been a great work done on the foreign field, but feel that the churches of the Concord Association are not helping in this great work of preaching the Gospel every creature as they should. We recommend that the pastors preach more on Missions, and that all the churches take collections at least once a year for this work.

(Signed.) A. L. Brown, W. C. Redding, G. L. Card.
SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sunday Schools would respectfully submit the following:

We believe the Sabbath School is the church teaching faithfully the word of God. The Bible says more of teaching the word of God than it does of preaching. Jesus taught, in the Synagogue, as well as preached. No church can comply with the commission and be without a Sunday School. God commands his people to search the scriptures and the Sunday School is the only service of the church adapted to this purpose. The usefulness of the Sunday School is attested by the fact that a large proportion of those who join the church come through the Sunday Schools. Therefore the obligation of every church to maintain a Sunday School is apparent, as well as the duty of every man to give his support to the Sunday School;

his personal presence, if possible, at least his moral and financial support. Therefore, we recommend that each church in this Association organize and maintain a Baptist Sunday School, and that every member of every Baptist Church lend his support to it. We also recommend that our Baptist brethren organize a Sunday School in every destitute place that they may find possible and practicable.

In addition to the above, we find that the Sunday School Board is doing a great work in the state, through the work of Bro. Beauchamp and other noble brethren, who are placing in the hands of our people good and wholesome literature, as well as organizing Sunday Schools everywhere they go. We ask for them the prayers and financial support of every Baptist.

(Signed.) J. C. Williamson, Frank Spiller, Luther Odom, M. Y. Brotherton.

WOMAN'S WORK.

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following: We recommend the "Ladies' Aid Society" as a Christian work and helpful to the churches of Concord Association, and we urge all churches to organize more such societies, as we think it is a great help to any church.

(Signed.) (Mrs.) Nora Spiller, Namis Shuler, Mollie Melton, Florence Hawkins, Ida Johnson, (Misses) Della Cobb and Bertha Langston.

NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee on nominations, report as follows: To preach the Introductory Sermon, J. W. Comer, Alternate, H. L. Been.

Temperance Lecturer, P. C. Mays.

Executive Board, H. L. Been, F. F. Gibson, D. W. Bryan, D. M. Jetton, J. C. Williamson.

Place of next meeting, Oak Bower.

(Signed) Jas. Ferguson, J. W. Abney, Jeff McClen-
don, W. H. Ozell. (Adopted).

Report on Finance adopted. For report see statistical table. C. H. Thompson, C. S. Price, T. M. Riley, Com.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

We your Committee on Constitutional Amendment beg leave to submit the following report:

That Article 9, Section 1, be amended to read as follows: "The regular meeting of the Executive Committee shall be on Saturday before each 5th Sunday." And that Article 13, Sec. 3, be amended so as to read, "that the man to preach the Missionary sermon shall be elected by the body the preceding year."

(Signed) W. J. Buckner, J. D. Moore. (Adopted).

ORPHAN'S HOME.

We your Committee on Orphan's Home beg to submit the following report:

At the present we have 62 children in the home. Since our last report three have died, two have married, and one gone to a private home. The home has buildings and furnishings costing \$7,000 and no indebtedness.

The matter before us now is to add to our building, which will cost not less than \$2,000, and we recommend that our people contribute liberally to the support and up-building of the home.

(Signed) J. D. Moore, N. G. Cumbie, Wm. Clark, Leo McGee.

DIGEST OF LETTERS.

We your Committee on Digest of Letters report as follows:

Number of churches represented this year 32, last year 34, decrease over last year two. Number of messengers present at roll call seventy-three (73). Membership increased by baptism, 221; by letter, 110; by restoration, 28; total increase by 32 churches, 293; total decrease over last year 37. Greatest number of baptisms by Oak Bower church, 68. Total membership 1972.

Sunday schools, 18; No. teachers, 80; No. pupils, 1415.

(Signed) G. W. Langston, L. J. Burt. H. R. Stroud.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

We, your Committee on Order of Business recommend that it remain unchanged.

(Signed) W. E. Adkinson, J. W. Earp, Albert Wright, A. J. Williams Jr.

Paid Foreign Missions	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	4	40
Paid Bro. Nathan Keller for Mission	:	:	:	:	:	:	:		
Work	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	10	00

Amount paid out : : : : : : : 75 85

Received from all sources : : : : 155 86

Total amount on hand : : : : : 80 01

W. A. MAYFIELD, Treasurer.

EDUCATION.

We your Committee on Education respectfully submit the following:

Baptists have always been friends of education. Baptist institutions of education are springing up all over the land, which we as Baptists should encourage by our contributions and prayers. We should encourage the education of our young ministers in all possible ways that they may be more useful in the Master's cause.

We would recommend, as we are financially interested in Buckner College, as our home institution, that we use special efforts to sustain and build up the same without disparaging other institutions.

We further recommend the careful and prayerful study of the Bible, not only by our ministers, but by all of our churches as well.

W. R. Powell, D. M. Bryant, J. W. Plunkett, W. V. Hutchens.

HOME MISSIONS.

We your Committee on Home Missions report as follows:

We are pleased to see the work going forward at the present rate, but we are not satisfied to let it remain at the present statia, and that the churches be requested to consider this matter carefully and prayerfully, and contribute accordingly.

L. Been, Jno. F. Law, W. A. Mayfield, Committee.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We your committee beg leave to report as follows:

We find that the missionary elected by this body at its last session did not serve, hence lost another year, and conditions are worse if anything than they were a year ago.

Therefore we recommend that this body now, or by the Executive Committee employ a missionary for all his time, to preach in the bounds of this Association, and that he be paid the sum of five hundred dollars per annum, said missionary to raise all that he can on the field, and this Association pay the balance of said salary.

D. W. Bryan, A. L. Lawrence, W. J. Ming, S. W. Shaw, Committee.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

We your Committee on Ministerial Support beg leave to submit the following:

From the letters of the different churches of this Association, we learn that the pastors of the churches receive very meager pay for their labor and we recommend that the Baptist people be more liberal with that which God has placed in their hands; that they pay their pastors liberally for their work.

We are taught in the scriptures, "The servant is worthy of his hire."

And since our pastors minister to us spiritual things we should be ready to give liberally of our temporal means for the support of the man of God and his family. Our homes are made brighter, our community built up spiritually, and society made purer by the faithful messengers of peace. Let us willingly come up to the help of the Lord by giving largely of our means, our earnest prayers and personal influence.

(Signed) D. G. Manus, J. B. Bassinger, Arnes Oldham.

CONSTITUTION.

Article I. This Association shall be known as Concord Association.

Art. II. It shall be composed of Messengers from Baptist Churches known to be in good standing. Each church with fifty members or less, shall be entitled to three Messengers. Each additional fifty members shall entitle the church to one additional Messenger.

Art. III. The officers shall be Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual session, and shall continue in office until their successors are chosen.

Art. IV. Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the body according to parliamentary usage.

Sec. 2. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings, attend to the publication and distribution of the Minutes, keep a regular file of the printed Minutes of the body and deliver the same to his successor in office.

Sec. 3. The Treasurer shall take charge of the funds of the Association, or its Executive Committee, and render an account of the same to the annual session of this body.

Art. V. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship among the Churches, to secure unanimity of faith; to encourage concert in operation, and especially to cultivate the piety of the Churches, and to aid in this last object, several minutes of each session shall be spent in devotional exercises.

Art. VI. Sec. 1. This Association shall in no case interfere with the internal regulations of the Churches, but will act as advisory council whenever it shall be necessary.

Sec. 2. It, however, claims authority over its own members, the Messengers from the Churches, and will withdraw from and disown all Churches that depart from the principles of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice.

Art. VII. Newly organized Churches, or Churches dismissed from other Associations, may be admitted into this body upon application by letter and Messenger at our annual meeting, and subscribing by their Messenger to the abstract of principles herewith published.

Art. VIII. Churches may be dismissed from the Association upon application at the annual meeting for the purpose of joining a new Association, but any Church departing from us without being regularly dismissed, shall be regarded as disorderly.

Art. IX. Sec. 1. There shall be an Executive Committee, consisting of the officers of the body with five members chosen by the Association at each annual meeting. The duty of this committee shall be to superintend the Missionary operations of the Association, represent it in all matters requiring their attention when the Association is not in session, and take such other steps as may be to the interest of the cause of Christ. The committee shall report annually at each meeting of the Association. Three members of said committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The regular meeting of said committee shall be on Saturday before each fifth Sunday.

Sec. 2. The regular committees of this Association shall be as follows: Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Associational Missions, Sunday Schools, Education, Ministerial Support, Prohibition, Religious Literature, Digest of Letters, Nominations, Queries, Finance, Order of Business, Woman's Work, Orphan's Home.

Art. X. It shall the privilege of the Association through its Executive Committee, in addition to the power already granted, to conduct Missionary operations within its limits, and for this purpose to choose a Missionary or Missionaries as means may allow, and delegate the fields of labor and pay them quarterly through its Treasurer out of any funds in its hands, except the money sent for publishing Minutes of every annual meeting.

Art. XI. The annual meeting of the Association shall embrace the Lord's Day and shall begin at 10 o'clock a. m., on Saturday before the fourth Day's Day in September, at which time the Introductory

Sermon shall be preached. On each succeeding day the Association shall adjourn at 11 o'clock for preaching.

Art. XII. This Constitution may be altered or amended, except as to Article VI. Section 3, at any regular meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members who are in attendance.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

Art. XIII. 1st. No person shall serve as Moderator of this body more than two terms in succession. Adopted in 1882.

2nd. The Constitution shall be published annually in the Minutes of this Association. Adopted in 1893.

3rd. The man to preach the Missionary Sermon shall be elected by the body the preceding year. Adopted in 1904.

4th. Each Church is expected to send to each annual meeting of the Association, by the hands of its Messenger, a sum of money to be used for printing Minutes. Adopted in 1895.

5th. All moneys collected by the Association during its several sessions shall be under the control of this Association.

6th. Strike out Committee on State Missions. Adopted in 1903.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe there is one and only one, true and living God Jehovah, and that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Words of God, constituting the only all-sufficient standard of Faith, Doctrine, Discipline and Practice.

3. We believe that election is the sovereign exercise of the eternal love by which God hath, according to His infinite wisdom, chosen His people in Christ before the world was, and has predestinated them unto the adoption of children, through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth, and doth keep them by His power through Faith unto Salvation.

4. We believe that man was created holy, but by willful violation of the law of his maker, he fell into a state of sinfulness, and brought death upon his race, who being by natural descent in the unholy image of Adam, are children of wrath by nature, and without natural or spiritual power to live a holy life or attain to a happy state.

5. We believe that sinners are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, and no other way.

6. We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated or born again; that regeneration is effected by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth and the condition thereof are repentance and faith, the evidence thereof love to the brethren.

7. We believe that such only are believers as endure unto the end in holiness of life, and they are kept by the power of God through Faith unto Salvation.

8. We believe the Scriptures teach that repentance and faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God.

9. A Christian Church is a congregation of immersed believers who meet statedly and have covenanted together to maintain the ordinances of Christ, discharge the duties and enjoy the privileges of the New Testament appertaining to the Church of Jesus Christ.

10. The only proper officers of Christian Churches are Bishops, or Pastors and Deacons.

11. Christian Baptism is the immersion of a believer in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit by a regularly ordained Baptist minister in good order.

12. The Lord's Supper is a positive and commemorative ordinance of Jesus Christ, to be observed in the Church as such in remembrance of Christ, and to show forth His death till He comes.

13. The first day of the week is the Lord's Day and should be observed as a day of rest from common labor and all worldly business, and devoted to religious duties.

14. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. An introductory sermon shall be preached by a minister chosen by ballot at the preceding Association. In case of absence or failure the sermon to be preached by an alternate chosen at the same time and in the same way. Some brother shall also be chosen to deliver a temperance address.

3. A committee of arrangements, consisting of five members, besides the Moderator and Clerk, who shall be members ex-officio, shall be appointed by the Moderator to arrange and report the "Order of Business."

4. Visiting brethren who are in good standing may be invited to seats but not to vote.

5. A member not satisfied with any decision of the Moderator may make an appeal to the Association on the same day, but at no other time.

6. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise, address the Moderator, and upon obtaining leave, shall proceed.

7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject or use words of personal reflection and then by the Moderator.

8. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association by yeas and nays or otherwise.

9. A member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.

10. No member shall speak more than twice on one subject without leave from the Moderator.

11. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used in the Association by the members in their addresses one to the other. Titles that are unknown to the Scriptures, such as "Rev.", "Parson" and the like, shall not be employed nor appear upon the Minutes.

12. The names of members shall be called as often as the Association may direct.

13. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speaking as any other member, provided he appoints another to his seat during the time, but shall not vote on any question unless the Association be equally divided.

14. Any person violating these rules may be reproved by the Moderator at discretion, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

15. These rules may be amended or altered at any regular meeting of this Association by a majority vote of the members present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call Association to order by former Moderator; or if absent by the Clerk or Moderator pro tem.
2. Reading Church Letters and enrolling Messengers.
3. Roll call.
4. Election of officers by ballot.
5. Call Petitionary Letters.
6. Appointment of Committee on Divine Service.
7. Call for Letters and Messengers from Corresponding Association.
8. Visiting brethren invited to seats.
9. Appointment of Committees.
10. Appointment of Corresponding Messengers.
11. Miscellaneous business.
12. Calling for Reports of Committees.
13. New Business.
14. Appointment of place for next meeting.
15. Reading the Minutes.
16. Valedictory by Moderator; prayer and parting hymn.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. W. Comer, Greenwood; J. N. Pennington and H. G. Johnson, Boonville; Joseph Bartlet, Bonanza; J. F. Brewer, Beverly; H. L. Been, Greenwood; J. F. Oneal, Etna; Nathan Keller, Branch; L. J. Burt, Charleston; T. A. Rippy, Greenwood; J. W. Abney and N. A. Williams, Webb City; A. L. Brown, Lavaca; F. C. Neely and J. C. Williamson, Greenwood; P. C. Mays, Vesta; J. M. Bryant and J. L. Syks, Boonville; L. E. Finney, VanBuren; F. F. Gibson, Ft. Smith; J. W. Nobles, Auburn; Henry Karr, Etna.

LICENSED MINISTERS.

Joel E. Stone, Greenwood; E. G. Woodward, Huntington; J. F. Cromewell, Boonville; J. K. Whelchel, Vesta.

CHURCH	PASTOR	POST OFFICE	CLERK	POST OFFICE	MESSE NGERS
Planter.....	J W Comer	Greenwood	G S Williams	Burnsville	A J Williams Jr, A J Williams Sr, Lev McGee
Boonville.....	J W Richardson	Ola	G A Bryant	Boonville	H G Johnson, T M Riley, J Calvin,
Mt. Zion.....	H L Been	Greenwood	J H Izell	Greenwood	J B Bassinger, W H Izell, Nannie Shuler,
Ursula.....	J F Brewer	Beyerly	J H Stenson	Ursula	Della Cobb, Ida Johnson, J H Stenson,
Bloomer.....	J W Comer	Greenwood	G T Card	Bloomer	G T Card, A M Head, Joseph Herrimon,
Oak Grove.....	J F Oneal	Etna	R L Been Jr	Greenwood	B R Townley, L Been.
Center Valley.....	J W Nobles		G W Speegle	Auburn	G W Langston, Claud Speegle, Bertha Langston
Mt. Hope.....	P C Mays	Vesta	J F Law	Etna	H R Stroud, W V Hutchins, J F Law
Oak Bend.....	P C Mays	Vesta	D Y Burke	Meg	W C Redding, Florence Hawkins, J H Terry,
Bonanza.....			L E Rowe	Bonanza	W J Ming, J H White,
Branch.....	Nathan Keller	Branch	C H Thompson	Branch	W A Mayfield, W G Garrett, C H Thompson,
Charleston.....	Nathan Keller	Branch	J A Robertson	Charleston	L J Burt, C S Price, D W Bryan,
Shiloh.....	J F Oneal	Etna	A L Lawrence		A L Lawrence, S W Shaw,
Sulphur Spring.....	J W Comer	Greenwood	Arnes Oldham	Auburn	James Ferguson, J T Thomas, Arnes Oldham,
Pilot Grove.....	J W Abney	Webb City	F L Richardson	Webb City	J W Abney, W J Buckner, Ed Pippins,
Union Grove.....	J W Comer	Greenwood	Jeff McClendon	Greenwood	N G Cumbie, Jeff McClendon, J D Moore,
Caulksville.....	J Isaacs	Webb City	J R Richey	Caulksville	O C Pascal, S A Obar, W H Huggius,
Oak Boer.....	P C Mays	Vesta	H E Renfrow	Lavaca	A L Brown, L Odom, Mollie Graham, J W Stem,
Mt. Nebo.....	J W Ramy		Z Y Wright		Z L Wright,
Prairie View.....	L J Burt	Charleston	R D Hill	Effa	W R Powell, W E Atkins, M Z Brotherton,
Corinth.....	R R Elmore	Magazine	B. Dicus	Boonville	B Dicus, J W Erp, T C Moore,
Harmony.....	H E Marsh	Greenwood	J W Plunkett	Greenwood	Wm Clark, Albert Wright, J W Plunkett,
Greenwood.....	J C Williamson	Greenwood	C Henderson	Greenwood	J C Williamson, John E Tatum,
Vesta.....	P C Mays	Vesta	J W Carroll	Anice	J E Carroll, Nora Spillers, J K Wheelchel,
Glenndale.....	D M Bryant	Boonville	S W Williams	Boonville	D M Bryant, J H Ray, D G Manus,
Pleasant Valley.....			B F Austin	Mixon	M G Austin,
Union Grove No 1.....	D M Bryant	Boonville	C L Hill	Boonville	L Acuff, J A Franks, F M Ervin,
2d Church Ft. Smith.....			O Echols	Ft Smith	O Echols,
Webb City.....	J F Brewer	Ursula	J T Tolleson	Webb City	Mrs. Julia Hooper,
Pine Mountain.....	J W Nobles	Leon	J T Carey	Leon	A J Luney, W A Cary, E C Mitchell,
Van Buren.....	L E Finney	Van Buren	W H Dunlap	Van Buren	L E Finney,
1st Church Ft. Smith*	F F Gibson	Ft. Smith		Ft Smith	F F Gibson,
Huntington*	J C Williamson	Huntington	J E Ellnor	Huntington	J C Williamson,

*P. S.—Letter from Huntington Church was sent to Branch by mail, but failed to reach hands of clerk until after adjournment of Association. By request I insert statistics of same.

*Letter from First Church of Fort Smith failed to reach clerk, so we give statistics of last year instead.

CHURCH	GAIN		LOSS		Total Mem- bership	MISSIONS					LOCAL WORK				
	By Letter	By Baptism	By Letter	By Letter		State	Home	Foreign	Orphan's Home	Pastor's Salary	Incl. dental	Minute Fund	Repairs	Value Church Property	S. S. Col- portage Visiting Min- isters
Planters	8	11	11	11	73	\$ 3 25		\$ 1 25	\$ 9 19	\$ 52 00	\$ 47 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 1550	\$ 3 50
Booneville	2	14	4	6	130	14 40				200 00		1 60		500	10 30
Mt. Zion	2		1	2	89	8 15			3 10	26 60		1 00			
Ursula	1	5	3	3	42					40 00		1 05			
Bloomer	23	5	1	2	84	2 10			1 00	41 25		1 45		600	
Oak Grove	12	2	7	6	92	6 00				75 00		1 50	75 00	800	2 70
Center Valley	8	2	4	4	114	4 00				50 00		1 25			
Mt. Hope	7	3	1	11	81		6 85			50 00		1 75		600	
Oak Bend	4	2	2	1	24	5 05				30 00		1 05		500	4 25
Bonanza	5	7			66		1 60					1 00		75	
Brano	20	16	2	2	76	6 15				50 00		1 50		1200	30 00
Charleston	3		1	3	41	5 00			10 50	60 00		1 00	40 00	500	19 00
Shiloh	4	2			19							75			
Sulphur Spring	3	1	1	3	45	2 25				40 00		75			3 50
Pilot Grove	3	5	1	7	70							1 00			
Union Grove	8	1	1	1	40	2 40				51 50		60			1 50
Caulksville	1	4	2	2	19	2 00				28 00		50			
Oak Bower	68	13	5	7	156	6 25		1 00		50 00	18 00	2 00		1200	18 80
Mt. Nebo	1	2		3	1	1 00						75			
Prairie View	4	2		4	95		4 36			60 00	15 00	2 00		700	2 75
Corinth	18	1	1	1	45	4 75				50 00		1 00			
Harmony	3	4		3	59	5 50				45 50		1 00			
Greenwood	8	8		3	62		10 00			300 00	42 95	1 50		1300	7 00
Vesta	2	3		1	49	12 50				50 00	3 20	1 00	33 00	600	6 50
Glennedale	2	8		4	69	1 10						1 00			
Pleasant Valley			1	35	36					40 00		50	9 00	350	2 00
Union Grove No. 1	4	1	2	1	51	4 25			1 00			1 25			
2d Church Ft. Smith				1	25		9 85					45 00		400	
Webb City															
Blue Mountain	3		1		30		1 00					1 00			
Van Buren	14	6	3	4	119		17 00	18 00		450 00	80 00				65 00
1st Church Ft. Smith	23	25	5	2	284	8 00	9 00	126 00	183 00	7 00	1500 00	407 90	3 00	3132	
Huntington	8	7		6	69		15 00		5 54	200 00				3132	2 38

NOTE-Vesta Church gave \$87 for other purposes.