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NEXT MEETING,

Baptist Church at South Fork, Clark County, Ark., Saturday before the fourth Sunday in Sept., 1894. The Association to be organized at 9 o'clock, a. m., and Introductory Sermon at 11 o'clock, a. m., by L. H. Hitt. J. P. Copeland, alternate.

MINISTERIAL REGISTRY.

G. W. Burnes,	Arkadelphia.	I. F. Welch,	Prescott,
R. S. Wallis,	“	L. H. Hitt,	“
C. E. Toby,	“	W. U. Davis,	Okolona.
H. J. P. Horne,	“	E. Merrell,	Bingen,
A. Nelson,	“	J. P. Copeland,	Wolf Creek,
J. J. Haynes,	“	J. B. Roundtree,	Bowen.
C. M. Myrick,	“	N. J. Price,	Boughton.
J. M. Roddy,	“	E. Delaughter,	“
E. J. McKenny,	“	N. Tompkins,	Elyville.
G. L. Hamlin,	Curtis.	J. V. Browning,	Hebron.
James Gunter,	“	J. O. Browning,	“
J. M. Dean,	Alpine.	W. M. Patterson,	Roy.
J. J. Dwiggin,	“	J. R. Hardy,	Arp.
J. E. Harris,	Roy,	W. A. King,	Bingen.

UNORDAINED.

W. M. Stephens,	Clear Springs.	J. V. Browning,	Hebron.
Judson Shaw,	“ “	W. Dickerson,	Arkadelphia.
J. E. Reed,	“ “	J. H. Turner,	“
R. T. Taylor,	“ “	S. S. Shaddock,	“
W. S. Anderson,	Arkadelphia.		

MINUTES.



The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. J. J. Haynes:—Text, John 1: 17. At the close of this the congregation joined in singing “Wonderful Grace,” and then took a recess to 1.30 o’clock.

At 1:30 the former moderator called the house to order and read 103d Ps.

Prayer by J. W. Conger.

The letters from the Churches were then called for.

J. P. Copeland and J. W. Conger were appointed to read, and messengers names were enrolled.

Proceeded to elect Moderator and Clerk. T. F. Ferrell and J. H. Collins were appointed Tellers.

When the Messengers had voted the Tellers reported that H. Merrell was elected Moderator and Larkin H. Hitt Clerk.

The Moderator then declared the Association duly organized and ready for business.

On motion, J. F. Hall, J. T. Holt and the messengers from Amity Church were appointed a committee on Devotional Exercise.

The Moderator then called for petitionary letters.

Evergreen, Mt. Pleasant, 2d Arkadelphia, Wheelen and Shady Grove presented letters subscribing to our Articles of Faith and asking admission into the Body.

On motion, they were all received and the right hand of Fellowship was extended by the Moderator to the Delegates.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises then made the following report:

2. MINUTES OF RED RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

PREACHING FOR SATURDAY NIGHT:

M. E. Church, S.,	H. J. P. Horne.
Baptist Church,	G. W. Burnes.
Bethsadia Church,	Larkin Hitt.

SUNDAY, 11, A. M.

M. E. Church, South,	E. B. Miller.
M. E. Church,	J. J. Haynes.
Baptist Church,	H. J. P. Horne.
Christian (Campbellite) Church,	J. P. Copeland.

SUNDAY NIGHT.

Bethsadia Church,	Larkin Hitt.
Baptist Church,	E. Merrell.
M. E. Church, South,	J. H. Collins.
Saline Church,	W. U. Davis.

Signed:—Hall, Holt, Martin and Hollenshead, Com

SATURDAY NIGHT.

The Clerk being unwell, his appointment was filled by
W. U. Davis.

W. A. King preached at Bethsadia.

H. G. P. House at M. E. Church.—Text: Ecclesiastic
IX: 3.

G. W. Burns at the Baptist Church.—Text: Heb. v: 11.

SUNDAY, 11, A. M.

J. J. Haynes preached at the M. E. Church.—Text
Heb. VII: 25.

E. D. Miller at the M. E. Church, South.

H. J. P. Horn, Baptist Church.

J. P. Copeland at the Christian (Campbellite) Church.

SUNDAY NIGHT.

G. W. Burns preached at the Clerk's request at his
appointment at Bethsadia.

E. Merrell at the Baptist Church.—Text: John II: 5.

J. H. Collins at the M. E. Church, South.

On Sunday collections were taken for Associational Missions at all the churches and money turned over to J. P. Bourland.

A Missionary mass-meeting was held at the Baptist Church on Sunday, 3 o'clock, p. m. Telling speeches were made, urging the Church to send the gospel to every creature.

W. A. King preached at the same hour at the Christian (Campbellite) Church—a good sermon to a large audience.

MONDAY, 9, A. M.

The Moderator called the house to order and read the 1st Psalm. Prayer by J. W. Conger.

The Moderator then called for reports of committees.

Report on Literature—Read by D. S. Wills. Adopted. See Appendix A.

Report on Temperance—Read by G. W. Burns. Adopted. See Appendix B.

In discussion of this report, and before its adoption, H. J. P. Horne spoke of the power of christian example to restrain. J. W. Conger said: "Strong drink and tobacco do us harm, physically, mentally and spiritually." J. P. Bourland, M. D.: "Dwarts body and mind." E. B. Miller: "A sinful waste." The speeches on the lines indicated were earnest, clear and strong. The effect of those speeches will sweep on in their mission of good to humanity and glory to God, after the words of the poet applies to the speakers:

"Their poor, lisping, stammering tongues
Lie silent in the grave."

Home and Foreign Missions.—J. T. Hall read this report.

After strong speeches, urging the Churches to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," the report was adopted. See Appendix C.

On motion a committee was appointed on Pastoral Support, composed of J. P. Bourland, E. B. Miller and J. F. Hall.

State and Associational Missions.—Read by J. W. Conger. See Appendix D.

Report of Associational Missionary.—Read by H. J. P. Horne. See Appendix E.

Report of Executive Board.—Read by J. P. Bourland and adopted. See Appendix F.

All these reports were considered at once. The reports showed that the Association owed H. J. P. Horne about \$150.00 for services as Associational Missionary. Long speeches were made, but the debt remained. Failure looked us in the face. The Clerk called Bro. Conger to his desk. He then said, "I am a business man—not a orator; the time for speaking has passed; the time for action is here. I will pay \$7.50;—half in thirty days, and the other half in sixty. We want twenty men that will do the same." In a few minutes the pledges were taken to pay the debt. The pledges were recorded by J. W. Conger and turned over to J. P. Bourland. The three reports were then adopted.

Obituaries.—Report read and adopted. See Ap. P.

Document—Report read and amended so as to fix South Fork for the next meeting of the Association and adopted. See Appendix G.

Pastoral Support.—Read by T. J. Hall; discussed and adopted. See Appendix H.

Finance.—Report read by E. W. McBrayer; adopted. See Appendix I.

Ministerial Education.—Read, discussed and adopted. See Appendix J.

RESOLUTION.

Offered by J. T. Hall, that each church appoint one member to take collections for missions, from each member of his church. See Appendix K.

Ouachita College.—Read by J. J. Haynes. See Ap. L.

By unanimous consent the report on Education was also read and both considered at once. See Ap. M.

During the pendency of the adoption of these reports J. W. Conger made a fine speech, painting in glowing colors the benefits of higher education. And while our hearts burned with desire to give all our children the advantages offered by these grand schools most of us felt an inexpressible sadness because our poor children must labor, labor, labor, and have the doors of those grand institutions closed against them by poverty and want.

G. W. Burnes made a strong speech on the Culture of Mind and Heart.

J. P. Copeland, in a strong and well-directed speech, encouraged us to foster, pray for and help, not only Ouachita, but Mountain Home and Central Colleges as well.

J. T. Hall introduced a resolution to suspend the work in Associational Mission 'till summer, but after much discussion it was withdrawn.

Sunday Schools.—Read by G. W. Burns. See App. N.

While this report was pending adoption, J. T. Hall introduced a resolution. See Appendix O.

Report and resolution adopted together.

The following Delegates were appointed to the

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

J. P. Copeland. J. W. Conger, Alt.

ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

G. W. Burnes, J. P. Copeland, J. J. Haynes, E. B. Miller and H. J. P. Horne.

Returned Correspondence to sister Associations:

UNION ASSOCIATION.

L. H. Hitt, J. P. Bourland, J. J. Haynes, J. W. Conger

6. MINUTES OF RED RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

JUDSON ASSOCIATION.

J. L. Bozeman, E. B. Miller, J. P. Copeland and A. Files.

CADDO ASSOCIATION.

J. R. Hardy.

SOUTH-WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

A. W. King, S. M. Mathews, J. W. Conger.

EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR RED RIVER ASSOCIATION.

J. P. Bourland, J. B. Langley, J. H. Holt, J. C. Wallis, L. H. Hitt.

The Body ordered the Clerk to print 1,000 Minutes and distribute among the Churches according to money sent, and that he be allowed \$15.00 for his services.

Resolved—That in the future the following be the line of work for this Association:

Standing Committees.

1. Pastoral Support.
2. Sunday Schools.
3. Temperance.
4. Education.
5. Woman's Work.
6. Home and Foreign Missions
7. Literature.

Special Committees.

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Nominations.
3. Finance.
4. State and Associational Missions.
5. Documents.

Resolution adopted.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the Brethren and Sisters of Amity Church, and all the people of the

community for kind entertainment; and to the Moderator and Clerk for their prompt and efficient services; also to the several denominations for the use of their church buildings.

The above was read and adopted.

An appropriate song was sung while the Delegates extended to each other the parting hand and adjourned to meet with South Fork Church at 9 o'clock, a. m., Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1894.

E. MERRELL, *Moderator*,

L. H. HITT, *Clerk*.



APPENDIX OF REPORTS.

Appendix A.

(This report was taken from the Clerk's desk pending its adoption and was not returned, and is therefore unavoidably left out of the Minutes.

L. H. HITT, *Clerk.*)

Appendix B.

TEMPERANCE.

We believe the use of intoxicating liquors to be a monstrous evil condemned by the word of God, and should be by all our Churches. We advise our Churches to withdraw from every brother that partakes of this evil, and advise the members of our churches to use every lawful means to drive this curse out of our land; to vote against license and to use local option for all it is worth, and to abstain from the use of tobacco as a filthy habit and a sinful waste of the Lord's money, and give what we now pay for it to the spread of the gospel.

G. W. BURNES, *Chairman*

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Home and Foreign Missions beg leave to make the following report:

Foreign Missions:—The Southern Baptist Convention, organized in 1845, maintains Missionaries at the present time in China, Africa, Italy, Brazil, Mexico and Japan. Reports at Nashville, Tenn., last year, show, in Canton and vicinity, 13 Missionaries, 27 native helpers, 5 churches, with 710 members, 6 baptisms, \$1400 contributions.

Shanghai and vicinity, 13 missionaries, 4 native assistants, 8 churches, 13 members, 12 baptisms, contributions \$15.00 Tung Chou and vicinity, 10 missionaries, 3 churches, 115 members and 2 baptisms. In all other fields we have 57 missionaries, 52 native helpers, 64 churches, 2055 church members, and last year there were added to these churches by baptism 308. Thus we see that Divine favor has rested upon all our missionary fields, adding new members by regeneration and baptism to all our churches.

We deem it worthy of special note that there have been more additions to Baptist churches in foreign fields under the supervision of the Northern and Southern Boards than all other denominations combined. Yet, strange to say that Baptists have given less money than either of the leading denominations. Thus, it seems, that God especially honors His Word as we believe and preach it. We note with gratitude that a considerably larger sum was contributed to foreign missions last year than any previous year. The enlargement was due to the special efforts of the centennial movement. The total amount reached the handsome sum of \$154,700. The missionary operations were correspondingly enlarged. Yet the Lord is giving us more missionaries than we are contributing means to support. Urgent call for increased contributions are being made by our Foreign Board through its Secretary, R. J. Willingham, of Richmond, Va. This Association contributed about \$180 to this fund last year. Let us not forget our own J. J. Taylor who is laboring in Brazil.

Home Missions.—Let every Baptist be impressed with the importance of Home Missions. Last year the baptisms administered by the missionaries of this Board reached the unusual number of 5274, and the total additions to the churches under the charge of the missionaries were 11247. This year these numbers are some-

what less because of the great political excitement and other causes. But they are still large enough to awake our thanksgiving and our praise. This Board maintained in the State of Arkansas 23 missionaries, and in Western Arkansas and Indian Territory, 38. Total in all the States and Territories in our bounds 368 missionaries. The work in Cuba has been very successful. The Lord has blessed the work among the Germans, being 800,000 in Missouri, also adding His blessing to the work among the colored people and Indians. Let us give our hearty support by contributing funds through the Secretary, J. T. Tichenor, of Atlanta, Ga.

We recommend that every Church in this Association take a collection for Home and Foreign Missions at the earliest practicable moment

E. B. MILLER.

J. T. HALL.

J. L. BOZEMAN.

Appendix D.

STATE MISSIONS,

We, your Committee report as follows:

Our State Mission work, under the auspices of the State Baptist Convention, has not been so fruitful of good results the past year as most of us would desire. This apparent inactivity was probably caused by a failure upon the part of our State Board to secure a State Secretary, and also by differences of opinion upon the part of some of our brethren as to the methods of work, as well as the financial condition of the country.

The evangelization of our State is second in importance only to that of our Association, and there should be the closest bond of sympathy between this Association and the State of Arkansas. Hence, we recommend that

W. B. Miller be appointed by this Association to represent us on the State Board which may be appointed by the Convention.

Associational Missions.—From the past year's labor of our Missionary, H. J. P. Horne, we refer you to the report of our Mission Board. We find great destitution in our bounds, and surely the Lord has laid upon us a great work which must be performed or we will prove recreant to the principles to which we have pledged our hearts our money and our lives. The necessity is upon us to continue the work begun or there will be great loss. We deeply regret the fact that some of our preachers and churches have not given aid and sympathy to our Missionary and the work of the Board. Their spirit seems to be anti-missionary rather than missionary. In the spirit of our Master and for His glory, we urge a stronger spirit of missions. Because there seems to be a lack of sympathy upon the part of some, so much greater the necessity for activity upon the part of those who are in full sympathy with this work. In view of the present inactivity in our Missionary work, as suggested above, and by their failure to do anything whatsoever for any kind of missions, we deem it proper for this body in some way to ascertain if this anti-missionary spirit be really a lack of interest, or because in principle they are really anti missionary.

We recommend that steps be taken to continue a Missionary in the field.

Resolved, 1st. That we, the Messengers of this Association, pledge our most hearty co-operation with the Executive Board in its work of Associational Missions

2nd. That we authorize the Associational Missionary to take collections for Associational Missions in any of our Churches and elsewhere; and that the Pastors give him their full approval and earnest aid in such collections.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. CONGER,
L. H. HITT,
J. H. HOLT.

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Appendix E.

*To the Red River Baptist Association Convened at Amity,
Arkansas:*

I beg leave to make the following report:

I began work under the direction of your Executive Board January 15th, and continued eight months. I traveled 2528 miles; preached 155 sermons; delivered 29 lectures; made 100 religious visits; assisted in ordaining one minister and two deacons. There were 33 converted under my ministry, 24 of whom joined the Baptists. I assisted in organizing 5 churches and in building 3 church houses. Much is being done toward building others.

Respectfully submitted.

H. J. P. HORNE.

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Appendix F.

REPORT OF A-SOCIATIONAL MISSION BOARD.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We, your Executive Board, tender our annual report as follows:

That in January last, at a called meeting of the Board, assembled at Arkadelphia,—quorum present,—composed of J. P. Bourland, Chairman; J. C. Wallis, Secretary, and John B. Langley, after discussing at length the situation, pro and con, relative to our Associational Mission work, we decided unanimously, that if we retained possession of the ground, so to speak, already gained, that we must at once have an active Missionary in the field; otherwise the fruits of our labor and good work in the past would be, to a considerable extent, lost; so we at once

closed contract with our former Missionary, H. J. P. Horne, to resume work under contract with your Board, and continue up to the 15th of September, 1893, upon a salary of four hundred dollars.

From a recapitulation of H. J. P. Horne's monthly reports, we find that he has traveled 2528 miles; preached 155 sermons; delivered 29 lectures; made 100 special religious calls; assisted in ordaining one minister, to-wit: J. V. Browning, of Hebron; also aided in the ordination of two deacons of Evergreen, the newly constituted church at Hebron. Bro. Horne reports thirty-three conversions under his immediate ministry, twenty four of whom we know have joined the Baptist Church. We are happy, too, to report further, that our beloved Missionary has assisted in the organization of five new churches, all of which have sent their messengers with petitionary letters for membership. And by reference to the letters from those newly constituted churches it is very perceptible that they are composed of live members, fully enlisted in the work of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. This is fully demonstrated by their liberal contributions to our Mission fund; far more, indeed, than quite a number of the older churches. Though we are pained to say this, nevertheless, it is true. By the grace of God, and through the instrumentality of our Missionary, we can report the construction of three new buildings, the total value of which we estimate to be \$1000.

At the convening of this, our forty-fifth annual session, our account with H. J. P. Horne is as follows:

By am't bal. due on contract 1892,	\$ 52 12
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Total,	\$452 12
From sundry contributions we have paid him	\$214 40
Bal. due H. J. P. Horne,	\$237 72

We have quite a number of unredeemed pledges—can not tell the amount exactly, until we have report from Finance Committee, but, in our opinion, after we have paid over all contributions up to this morning, your Board will still owe H. J. P. Horne, near one hundred and fifty dollars. This is embarrassing to your Board, for we had all along hoped and prayed that at this meeting of our Association we would be able to liquidate this entire debt.

We was favorably impressed with the text of Bro. Merrell on last evening—it is so beautifully applicable to all members of the Red River Association—"Whatsoever He sayeth do, do it. Brethren, your Board desires a hearty co-operation of the Ministry of our entire Association; also a liberal support from all of our Churches, that the good work may go on. Otherwise, we feel that we cannot consistently contract with any one to engage in the work for another year, but will be forced to abandon it. Brethren, come to the rescue of your Board, and God forbid that the good work should ever stop until the preached word of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is heard in every nook and corner within the bounds of our Association.

Having unbounded faith in the truth of the doctrine that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation, we are your obedient servants.

J. P. BOURLAND, *Chairman.*

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Appendix G.

DOCUMENTS.

We, your Committee on Documents make this report:

We find from the letters from the different Churches that the gracious presence of God has been felt during the year.

Number of baptisms, 215

Contributed for different Missions, \$355 95.

Number of Churches represented, 42.

New Churches reared, 5.

Amount for Minutes, \$43 00

We recommend South Fork Church as the place for the next meeting of this body, and that L. H. Hitt preach the introductory sermon; J. P. Copeland, Alt.

B. F. MALCOM.

W. M. COOLEY.

G. DEATON.

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Appendix H.

PASTORAL SUPPORT.

It is to be greatly regretted that our Pastors are so poorly supported by the Churches over which God has made them overseers. The lack of maintaining pastors properly is a great hinderance to our advancement in promoting the Lord's kingdom. The Scriptures are clear and explicit in teaching on this subject. Gal. 6:6. 'Let him that is taught in the word, communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.' Rom. 15:27. 'It hath pleased them verily, and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things.' 1 Cor., 9:14, 'Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel shall live of the gospel.'

COMMITTEE.

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Appendix I.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, Your Committee on Finance report that we have received the following am'ts. from the several Churches:

For printing Minutes,	\$ 43 00
Associational Mission fund,	70 30
Foreign Mission fund,	3 95
Home Mission fund,	50
State Mission fund,	70

Total, \$118 45

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. HOLT, Ch'm.

E. W. McBRAYER.

M. HOLLINGSHEAD.

Appendix J.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION,

We, your Committee, submit the following report:

There is great need of a higher education among the Ministry, that they may be made able to meet the alarming evils that are leading the world from Christ. We have ample facilities for the accomplishment of this end in the inducement that Ouachita College is offering. We would therefore recommend that the Churches throughout the Association encourage, by their means and prayers, those who show moral, mental and spiritual qualifications in procuring a good education.

E. W. McBRAYER.

W. A. F. WELLS,

J. W. NELSON.

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Appendix K.

Resolved, That this Association recommend that each Church appoint one of its most active members to look after the interest of Missions, and to obtain from each member, to be paid quarterly, a contribution for Missions, and that said member be required to report success to the Board of the Association.

J. T. HALL.

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Appendix L.

OUACHITA COLLEGE.

To the Red River Baptist Association:

DEAR BRETHREN—It is with pleasure that we submit the following as a partial report of the work and progress of the College year ending June 8, 1893:

1. Our brethren who attended the closing exercises of the College in June were more than pleased to note the advancement made in every department of the College work.

2. It is with pleasure we note, notwithstanding the depressed condition of the business and finances of the country, there was 287 pupils enrolled during the year,

with forty-eight counties in Arkansas represented, and pupils from seven States. This indicates to our mind that our people are deeply interested in our denominational schools, and that they are willing to make great sacrifices to cultivate the hearts and minds of their children.

Again, while we have been very anxious about the patronage this fall, we were more than happy last Tuesday to witness one of the best openings in the history of the College. It opened with 154 pupils, and others arriving every day. Notwithstanding the hard times, we look for a very full school. The advantages of the College are unsurpassed in our State; therefore, we ask your prayers and patronage. Send your children and young preachers. Will not this Association adopt some young preacher, and pay his board while he is in college? We had 13 young preachers in school last year, receiving tuition free. Respectfully submitted.

J. J. HAYNES,
F. D. BAARS.

Appendix M.

EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education make this our report:

There is no subject that demands more serious consideration among Baptists than the education of our sons and daughters. If we, as parents, neglect this important duty we neglect to develop the natural faculties that God has given them, thereby preventing them from lives of usefulness and defeating the purposes of God who gave them existence. The time has now come that, as parents, our responsibilities are increased, since our faculties are much better than in the past, with Ouachita at Arkadelphia, with a faculty second to none in the South, and with an experience of six years in the development and training of our youths.

As fruitful results of Ouachita College, we call your attention to a score of young ministers who are filling some of the most important positions, in and out of the State. The President of Mountain Home College and three other members of the faculty graduated at Ouachita.

With Central College at Conway, near the geographical center of our great State, for the education of our daughters, with a faculty true and tried, and a commodious building; and with Mountain Home College situated on the north boundary of our State, with a live, energetic president and faculty, of which we might well feel proud, Baptists who fail, with all these advantages and facilities to educate their children are left without excuse. In the past, Baptists, in some localities, have been disposed to send their children out of the State to school. For this there may have been some excuse; but such is not the case now. We therefore recommend that Baptists rally to our own schools, and support them by our most liberal patronage and prayers; thus showing to the world that we are not dependent upon other than Baptists for the development and training of our children. Respectfully submitted.

J. P. COPELAND,
J. J. HAYNES,
D. G. WELLS.

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Appendix N. & O.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Resolved. That the Red River Association fully endorse the action of the last State Convention in the appointment of a State Sunday School and Bible Board, and the great work which this Board is now accomplishing through its Evangelist, R. C. Meaders.

Resolved. That our Mission Board be instructed to co-operate with the S. S. Board; and that while we aid in this work throughout the State, we seek also their aid in the S. S. work in our own Association.

We believe the Sunday School work to be in compliance with the command of Christ, inasmuch as it preaches the gospel to the children. We believe, therefore, that it is the duty of every Church to maintain a Sunday School and religiously train up the children in the way of the truth and the life. Respectfully submitted.

G. W. BAKER,
J. H. HARRIS,
E. B. BAKER.

Appendix P.

OBITUARIES.

The Committee on Obituaries, after diligent inquiry, report that there has been no removal by death of any minister during the past year. Our Heavenly Father has been very gracious to His servants that minister in word and doctrine; for all of which we thank His Holy Name. Respectfully submitted.

J. J. HAYNES.
W. U. DAVIS,
J. N. WHITE.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. *Pastoral Support*.—J. P. Bourland, J. C. Brown, L. B. Turnage.
2. *Sunday Schools*.—G. W. Burns, J. B. Roundtree, N. Tompkins.
3. *Temperance*.—L. F. Welch, J. C. Wright, J. C. Brown.
4. *Education*.—J. W. Conger, G. L. Hamlin, J. J. Haynes.
5. *Home and Foreign Missions*.—E. B. Miller, H. J. P. Horne, R. S. Wallis.
6. *Woman's Work*.—E. B. Miller, J. M. Roddy, R. K. Hall.
7. *Literature*.—J. P. Copeland, L. H. Hitt, W. H. Eley.

Report of Woman's Missionary Society of Liberty Hill Ch.
(Just organized.)

We send

For Associational Missions,	\$2 00
“ State	80
“ Home	50
“ Foreign	50

Total,

\$3 70.

May the Lord bless it to the saving of some poor soul.

MRS. P. C. ROUNDTREE, Sec.

*Report of Woman's Missionary and Aid Society of Prescott
Baptist Church*

To Red River Association for year ending Sep. 15, 1893.

Church Aid	\$22 65
Foreign Missions,	1 25
" " (Centennial),	5 00
Home " (Cen. Fund),	6 00
Central Committee M. A.,	1 00
Charity,	2 00
Total,	\$37 90

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Ladies Aid Society of Arkadelphia Church.

President, Mrs. Fannie T. McMillan; Sec. B. J. Dunn;
Treas., Catherine Wallis. Total Membership, 43.

Contributions for Missions,	\$ 25 00
" Ministerial Education,	10 00
" Ouachita College,	117 80
" Church Expenses,	10 00
" for New Parsonage,	30 00

Total am't. for Exp'd't.	\$192 80
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TREASURER'S REPORT.

L. H. Hitt, as Treasurer, in ac't with Red River Baptist
Association:

To am't on hand	\$20 25	By am't for P't. Min.,	\$35 00
" " from Fi. Com.		" " Postage,	4 00
" " printing Min.,	43 00	" " Cl'ks fees,	15 00
" " Foreign Mis.,	3 95	" " For. Mis.,	3 95
" " Home "	50	" " Home "	50
" " State "	70	" " State "	70
Total	\$68 40	Total,	\$59 15
		Bal. on hand,	9 25

Articles of Faith.

1. We believe in the true and living God.
2. We believe that the Scriptures, comprising the Old and New Testaments, are the words of God, and the only rule of our faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of election according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.
4. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin by the fall of Adam.
5. We believe in man's inability of his own free will and ability to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.
7. We believe that the saints shall be preserved in grace and never finally fall away.
8. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of Baptism, and that immersion is the Apostolic mode.
9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and in the general judgment, and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.
10. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel but one who has been regularly baptized, called, and comes under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.
11. We believe that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's supper.
12. We believe that the Lord's day should be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion.

The Constitution.

Article 1.—This Union shall be known and distinguished by the name and title of the RED RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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

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

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

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

Art. 7. This Association shall have a fund, to be supplied by voluntary contributions of the churches. All the money thus contributed shall be transmitted to the Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold his office during the pleasure of the Association. He shall retain and manage the funds agreeably to the order of the Association and present annually for inspection in the minutes, a clear and succinct statement of all receipts and expenditures.

Art. 8.—This Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

Art. 9.—The Association shall take cognizance of no query sent up from the churches, unless they have endeavored to solve the same and have failed; nor of any difficulty between the churches unless they have pursued the direction in the XVI chapter of Matthew, and have not been able to settle them; then the Association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at its discretion.

Art. 10.—It shall be the duty of the Clerk of this Association to keep a regular file of the printed minutes of each session of this body, and deliver over the same to his successor in office.

Art. 11.—This Constitution may be altered or amended at regular meetings of this Association by the concurring voice of two-thirds of the members present, provided such alteration or amendment be approved by the churches composing the Association.

Rules of Decorum.

1. When the delegates of the several churches shall assemble at the place appointed for the session of the Association, the Moderator shall open business by praise and prayer in person, or by proxy. If the former Moderator or Clerk be absent the Association shall appoint one pro tem.

2. Immediately after opening session the church letters shall be read by persons the Moderator may appoint, and the names of the delegates be enrolled by the Clerk.

3. When the delegates names are enrolled and called by the Clerk, the Association shall then elect by ballot a Moderator and Clerk, the plurality of votes governing the election.

4. All motions and amendments to motions must be seconded before they can be entertained by the Moderator. When motions or amendments to motions are made, the last one made shall be the first in order, and so on in inverse order to the original motion, but the mover may at any time withdraw his motion.

5. Any person wishing to make a motion or to speak on any matter before the Association shall rise to his feet and respectfully address the Moderator, and if he be in order the Moderator shall signify by calling the person or otherwise, and no one, thus in order, shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject, or for personal reflections; nor shall any member speak more than twice on the same subject without leave from the Association, or to explain some of his former remarks.

6. Whenever sufficient time has been allowed for discussion of any subject before the Association, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association and declare the result, a plurality governing all cases except those provided for.

7. No member may vacate his seat without the consent of the Moderator while the body is in session.

8. When one member shall speak to or of another, he shall call him brother.

9. The Moderator shall have the names of the delegates called whenever it is necessary.

10. The Moderator may speak on matters of debate as other members, by calling some one else to fill his seat while speaking, but not until all others have spoken who desire to speak.

11. The Moderator may invite visiting ministers in good order, to seats in the council, who may speak but not vote.

12. The minutes of the Association may be read as it may think necessary.

13. The Moderator shall be judge of the order; the objector may appeal to the body, a majority of whom shall determine the point of order.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	DELEGATES.
1st Arkadelphia	E B Miller	J W Wilson	Arkadelphia	E B Miller, J T Hall, J W Wilson
Do Gray	L H Hitt	J W Carter	"	E W McBrayer, W L Terrell, W A Dun
Liberty Hill	J P Copeland	R H French	Wolf Creek	J P Copeland, J B Roundtree
Piney Grove	N J Price	B F Butcher	Boughton	L H Hitt, J J Mayes
Amity	J H Collins	T A Hollinghead	Amity	D Bronson, J P Martin, M Hollinshead
Clear Springs	L H Hitt	J T Minyard	Clear Springs	J T Bolt, J T Minyard
Ozan	I F Welch	J H Holt	Bingen	E Merrell, J H Holt, S B Griffin
Pleasant Hill	N J Price	J B Langley	Curtis	I D Ellis, J Norton, E W La gley
Pleasant Grove	A W King	S M Mathus	Ellyville	S M Mathis, A J Daniel, N A Harper
Mountain Home	J J Dwiggins	J S Carr	Clear Springs	John Hermon, J S Carr
Center Ridge	D G Wells	G T Colston	Gurdon	D G Dickerson, D G Wells
Washington	J M Roddy	J M Sims	Washington	J A Rodden, D S Howell
Zion	J W Biddle	D S Howell	Wallaceburg	W Tyson, J S Anderson
Caney Creek	G L Hamlin	J A Ryan	Smithton	J T Howell, W M Howell, L B Howell
Union	H T Howell	A B Howell	Alpine	L H Davis, J H Funderburk
Spring Hill	W J Gardner	C T Irwin	Lissie	J C Wright, J W Nelson
New Home	L H Hitt	J W Nelson	Prescott	J R Hardy, R L Hardy
Macedonia	W J Gardner	W R Wheelless	Arp	G Denton, E S Smith
Hick Woods	G L Hamlin	E S Smith	Curtis	B F Malcomb, W J Rome
Hollywood	Z T Rogers	Uriah Jordan	Hollywood	J D Colwell, W M Hill, W H Dwiggin
Arnon	J M Dean	W H Dwiggins	Amity	
Prescott	I F Welch	D Fomby	Prescott	
Mt Olive	G W Burnes	M D Bishop	Hollywood	W T Bishop, Seth Thompson
Maple Springs	W M Patterson	W M Cooley	Roy	W D Donkin, J F Sanders, W M Cook
Wolf Creek	J P Copeland	C P McGraw	Wolf Creek	W P Henderson, A A Stell
Caney Fork	W J Gardner	J W Kelly	Shawmut	W H Lewellen, J W Kelly
Providence	I F Welch	T J Lee	Boughton	I H Starn
Gum Springs		W E Payne	Gum Springs	N B Neel, W E Payne, E Crist
South Fork	W U Davis	GB Carter	Gurdon	W U Davis, J E Carter
Holly Grove	Z T Rodgers	R C Biggadike	Bierne	
Center Ridge	D G Wells	G T Colston	Gurdon	D G Wells, D G Dickerson
Unity	G W Burnes	J A Burnes	Arkadelphia	G W Burnes, J M Hart, J A Medlock
Bethlehem	J J Haynes	W L Bunch	Gurdon	E Cates, A J Harper, W L Bunch
Salem	J M Dean	G W Tucker	Amity	J M Dean, G W Tucker, E N Howe
Olenwood	E Deaughter	John Harrison	Boughton	E Smith, James Gorman
Shiloh	L H Hitt	W A F Wells	Arkadelphia	W A F Wells, L O Ross
1st Arkadelphia	J J Haynes	C E Toby	NEW	CHURCHES.
Mt Pleasant		J J Franks	Arkadelphia	J J Haynes, J H Purifoy
Evergreen	James Gunter	J V Browning	Arp	J J Franks, W G Bright
Wheelen	H J P Horne	W Jenkins	Hebron	J T Mathis, J J Mathis
Shady Grove	H J P Horne	A J Stroopes	Wheelen	E S Sullivan, E Williams, W A Jenkins
			Curtis	A J Stroopes, Lou Carr

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