

MINUTES

—OF THE—

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

Red River Baptist Association

HELD AT

Boughton Church, Nevada County,
Arkansas.

Friday, October 9,
1903

ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

O. S. Jones, Moderator, Prescott.

J. A. Ross, Clerk, Bradshaw.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

A. W. King, W. A. Forbes, W. U. Davis, A. J. Price,
J. B. Thomas, J. A. Ross, E. Delaughter, G. W. Burns.

MESSENGER TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

W. A. FORBES.

A. W. KING, Alternate.

CHAIRMAN OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Pastoral Support.....	W. H. Garrison
Woman's Work.....	J. T. Gathright
Sunday Schools.....	J. W. Conger
Orphan's Home.....	E. Delaughter
Literature.....	J. H. Smart
Education.....	J. J. Haynes
Temperance.....	A. J. Price
State and Associational Missions.....	J. M. Powell

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS, A. L. WINBURNE.

The chairman of each committee will please prepare carefully his report before the Association convenes. If he cannot attend he will please read the report to the Moderator.

Next session to be held with DeGray Church, 9 miles Northwest of Arkadelphia, beginning at 10:00 a. m. Friday before the 2d Sunday in October, 1904. Bro. H. L. Winburne to preach the introductory sermon. A. W. KING, Alternate.

Proceedings of the Fifty-Fifth Annual Session of the Red River Baptist Association

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1903.

At 10 A. M. the Red River Baptist Association assembled with Boughton Church, Nevada County, Arkansas. A prayer and praise service was conducted by Bro. J. V. Browning, a delightful and profitably service to all present. At 11 A. M. Brother J. H. Smart preached the introductory sermon, from Rom. 1.16; "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation, to every one that believeth." The obligation resting upon us to carry the gospel to all the world, was very clearly and forcibly presented. After partaking of a bounteous repast served upon the grounds, the Association at 1:30 p.m., assembled for business. The Moderator, Bro. O. S. Jones read the 84th Psalm, prayer by brother W. W. Gardner. Brethren W. A. Forbes, J. W. Conger and H. F. Vermillion, were appointed to read the Church letters. The names of messengers were enrolled, and the association proceeded to the election by ballot, of a Moderator and Clerk. The chair appointed brethren J. T. Love and W. R. Barham tellers, who announced that Bro. O. S. Jones had been elected Moderator and J. A. Ross Clerk.

The chair announced the appointment of the following committee on preaching, to wit: W. E. Howell, E. Smith and the deacons of this church.

Petitionary letters were called for. Antioch church, Lake View church and Wall Creek church, by their Messengers presented letters asking admission into this body. The letters were read and upon motion and second, the messengers were duly received and invited to seats with us in council.

Correspondence from sister associations was called for. Bro. W. R. Barham of Union Association came forward and was welcomed by the Moderator on behalf of the Association.

A motion was adopted to send messengers to sister associations, as follows:

To Union Association, Dr. J. W. Conger, Bro. O. S. Jones and J. J. Haynes.

To Caddo River Association, Brethren G. W. Burns and J. T. Gathright.

To Howard Association, Brethren J. R. Hardy and J. W. Conger.

To Columbia Association, Brethren J. W. Conger, J. M. Powell and W. W. Gardner.

Bro. A. W. King was called to the chair.

The committee on preaching reported that Bro. Autry preached at Boughton church at 11 a.m., Saturday.

That Bro. H. L. Winburne preached at Boughton church 7:30 p.m., Saturday.

Bro. J. H. Smart at Providence church 7:30 p.m., Saturday.

Bro. A. W. King at Ward's Chapel 7:30 p.m., Saturday.

The Moderator resumed the chair and announced the appointment of the following committees:

OBITUARIES—R. K. Hall, J. H. Wisdom and B. F. Malcom

PASTORAL SUPPORT—O. G. Cagle, Andrew Kirby and J. C. Young.

FINANCE—W. L. Britt, W. A. F. Wells and J. J. Byers.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—J. M. Avery, J. W. Mitchell and J. R. Young.

NOMINATIONS—G. A. Franklin, C. D. Reeder and W. O. McCargo.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS—W. A. Forbes, J. E. Armstrong and J. J. Little.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS—E. Delaughter, H. L. Winburne and I. H. Stuart.

OUACHITA COLLEGE—J. W. Conger, H. Garman and J. V. Browning.

ORPHANS HOME—J. J. Haynes, J. W. Wingfield and W. T. Hollingshead.

WOMANS WORK—J. M. Powell, W. H. Harris and J. C. Wright.

LITERATURE—J. R. Hardy, J. M. Kelly and J. R. Carter.

TEMPERANCE—F. E. Teague, J. P. Copeland and E. W. Langley.

STATE MISSIONS—J. W. Conger, J. M. Powell and J. M. Kelly.

Adjourned to meet at 9 a.m., Saturday morning.

At 7:30 p.m., Bro. J. T. Love preached from 1 Cor. 1-24, "Jesus the power of God and the wisdom of God." Bro. Love held the undivided attention of his hearers and doubtless all went away feeling that they had received a message from God.

SECOND DAY.

Saturday 9 a.m.

The Moderator read a part of the 10th chapter of Acts and led in prayer, imploring the Divine blessing upon the Messengers and the Churches, and that the deliberations of

this body might be characterized by the utmost harmony and good feeling.

Bro. R. K. Hall presented and read the report of the committee on Obituaries. The death of Bro. Gooden Deaton called forth feeling remarks from Brethren Haynes, Howell, Hardy and the Moderator. The report was adopted.

FOR REPORT SEE APPENDIX A.

Letters from Bethel Springs and Red Land churches were read and the names of Messengers enrolled. Bro. H. L. Winburne from the committee on Home and Foreign Missions presented and read their report. It was spoken to by Brethren Winburn, Haynes, Love, Delaughter and the Moderator, and unanimously adopted.

FOR REPORT SEE APPENDIX B.

Bro. J. J. Haynes presented and read the report of the committee on Orphan's Home. It was spoken to by Brethren Haynes and Gardner. The report was adopted, and a cash collection taken, amounting to \$13.70.

FOR REPORT SEE APPENDIX C.

At 11 o'clock a. m. a recess was taken for preaching. Bro. Autry occupied the pulpit taking for his theme Symmetrical Salvation. Text 2. Tim 2-15. For clearness of statement and convincing argument, this sermon is not often equaled. At its close nearly the entire congregation came forward and gave Bro. Autry their hands as an endorsement of the sermon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After reading a lesson from the scriptures by the Moderator, Bro. Love led the Association in prayer. Bro. W. A. Forbes presented and read the report of the committee on Associated Missions, which was adopted.

FOR REPORT SEE APPENDIX D.

The report of Bro. J. T. Gathright as Missionary was read and approved.

FOR HIS REPORT SEE APPENDIX E.

The report of Bro. W. A. Forbes as Treasurer was read and approved.

FOR HIS REPORT SEE APPENDIX F.

Bro. T. E. Teague presented and read the report of the Committee on Temperance. Several speeches were made, highly endorsing the report and the report was adopted.

FOR REPORT SEE APPENDIX G.

Bro. J. M. Kelly presented and read the report of the Committee on Literature. Adopted.

FOR REPORT SEE APPENDIX H.

Bro. J. W. Conger presented and read the report of the Committee on State Missions, which was discussed by Brethren Conger and Love and adopted.

FOR REPORT SEE APPENDIX I.

Bro. J. M. Powell presented and read the report of the Committee on Woman's work. Adopted.

FOR REPORT SEE APPENDIX J.

Bro. G. W. Franklin presented the report of the Committee on Nomination which was read and adopted.

FOR REPORT SEE APPENDIX K.

The report of the the Committee on Education was presented and read by Bro. J. W. Conger. It was spoken to by Brethren Browning, Love, Autry, Winburn and Conger and adopted.

FOR COPY OF REPORT SEE APPENDIX L.

The following amounts were then pledged for the education of young ministers at Ouachita:

Arkadelphia.....	\$75 00	Shiloh	8 00
Amity	1 00	Unity	75 00
Boughton.....	5 00	Lakeview.....	1 00
Bethel Springs.....	1 00	Total	179 00
Delight.....	2 50	Bethel Church, paid cash	\$1 00
Gurdon	5 00	Gurdon " "	1 00
Gum Springs.....	1 00	Pleasant Hill " "	1 00
Land Mark	1 00	Providence " "	50
Liberty Hill.....	2 50	Richwoods " "	1 00
Mount Carmel.....	1 00	Collected for congregation	3 00
New Home	1 00	Total	\$7 00
Spring Hill.....	1 00	Grand Total	\$185 00

A recess was taken until 7 p. m.

NIGHT SESSION.

Bro. N. R. Townsend read a scripture lesson from 11 chapter of Romans, prayer by Bro. Haynes.

In the absence of Moderator, Bro. J. J. Haynes was called to the chair.

The report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was presented and read. It was spoken to by Brethren Winburne, Price, King and others and was adopted.

FOR COPY OF REPORT SEE APPENDIX M.

Bro. W. L. Britt presented and read the report of the Committee on Finances, which was adopted.

FOR REPORT SEE APPENDIX N.

Bro. H. L. Winburne presented and read the following resolution:

Whereas our brethern and sisters of Boughton church and community have entertained us so royally and done so much to make our visit among them pleasant, therefore

Be it resolved that we owe, and hereby extend our heartfelt gratitude for their Christian kindness, and pray God's richest blessing upon them. The resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

Bro. A. J. Price presented the following Resolution, which was read and adopted towit:

Resolved that the Moderator be requested to follow the former plan of appointing the chairman of the committee before the minutes are published and that the clerk be requested to make a digest of the letters and print in the Minutes.

On motion of Bro. W. A. F. Wells, Bro. W. A. Forbes was elected as the Messenger of this Association, to the Southern Baptist Convention and A. W. King, his alternate. The report of the committee on Pastoral support, was called for, and no members of the committee appearing to be present. On motion and second, Bro. H. L. Wilburne was requested to prepare a report to be printed in the Minutes.

FOR REPORT SEE APPENDIX Q.

The preaching committee reported that Bro. N. R. Townsend preach at Boughton church 11 a. m. Sunday and Bro. A. W. King at 7:30 p. m.

On motion it was resolved that a collection be taken for associated missions after the 11 o'clock service tomorrow.

Ordered that the clerk have printed 800 copies of the Minutes and distribute to the churches and be allowed \$15 for his services

A hymn was sung, the parting hand was given and prayer offered, the Association was declared adjourned to meet with DeGray church, Clark county, at 10 o'clock a. m. on Friday before the second Sunday in Oct. 1904.

O. S. JONES, Moderator.

J. A. Ross, Clerk.

Note by the Clerk:

The collection on Monday for associated missions amounted to \$11.83.

APPENDIX

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

A. OBITUARIES.

We your committee on obituaries submit the following report. We find that an all-wise Providence has seen fit to remove from us thirty during the Associational year, viz:

De Gray—D. W. Shaw and Lucy Golden—2.

Gurdon—1.

South Fork—2.

Gethsemne—2.

Arkadelphia—Sister H. H. Heard, S. B. Adams,

M. A. Bell, T. P. Trigg, M. A. Obaugh, Bascom Lane—6.

Mt. Carmel—2.

Pleasant Hill—Corena Smith—1.

Clear Springs—Mattie Golden, Lucy Trout and W. P. Barton—3.

Prescott (O. S. Jones, Jr., church clerk and son of our moderator.)

Mt. Zion—1.

Bethlehem—Julia Harper—1.

Richwoods—Bro. Gooden Deaton, died Nov. 1, 1902, aged 88 years; Bertha Caldwell, Annie Jackson.

Unity—Anna Stanford, Catherine Wright—2

Missionary Grove—1.

Respectfully submitted,

R. K. HALL,

B. F. MALCOM,

J. H. WISDOM,

Committee.

B. HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We your Committee on Home and Foreign Missions beg leave to report as follows: Recognizing that God in his infinite love, has made provision for the salvation of all men in Christ, and recognizing the fact that all men, irrespective of race or nationality, are by nature "dead in trespasses and in sin;" and recognizing further that God's people are His witnesses and without this co-operation it is beyond the pale of the plan of salvation for any unregenerate to be bought to a saving knowledge of Christ, we do most heartily urge upon Red River Association the importance of sending the Gospel to all men everywhere.

In our own land there are millions who know not of Christ. The negro, the foreigner, the denizens of sections

of our large cities, are a menace to our Christian civilization. They are subversive of all our cherished hopes and institutions. We must meet them with Bibles or with bullets. In view of the deep need and especially in view of the Love of God in Christ, we urge that this association co-operate with other Baptists of the South, through the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in giving the Gospel to all in our land.

In other lands heathen and pagan, there are approximately eight hundred millions of souls "without God and without hope in the world." Sweltering in sin and rolling in iniquity, this sea of ungodliness flings up its spray of death that reeks to heaven. These myriads were on the Master's hearth when He died. He loved them. He yearned over them. He died for them. And with pierced hands uplifted and wounded heart bursting with the love that conquered death, He gave us command, saying, "Go into all the world and preach my gospel to every creature." With this loving appeal ringing in our ears, we believe it is the duty of every loyal Baptist to give his means, even to self-sacrifice, to supporting this glorious work. It was our Savior's last request, spoken just before He went home to Heaven. Let us not presume then, to the honor of the name "Missionary Baptist," unless we are heartily in accord with the letter and the spirit of Christ's last great command.

Praying earnestly that God's spirit may arouse this people on the question of Home and Foreign Missions as never before, we respectfully submit this report.

E. DELAUGHTER,
H. L. WINBURNE,
I. H. STEWART,
Committee.

C. ORPHAN'S HOME.

Your committee on Orphan's Home submit the following report. At Monticello where the home is located, we have a large commodious building, sufficient to accommodate 18 children, furnished and paid for.

We have at this time 38 children in the home. Two have gone out of the Home, making a living for themselves. One death since our last report. We owe no man. More than \$4000 has been raised since last convention. Brother W. W. Gardner is the Financial Secretary of the Board, to whom all moneys for the Home should be sent, address him at Arkadelphia, Ark. The convention located this Home for the orphans seven years ago at Monticello and we are thankful to know that it has and is growing in favor with God and man. That it is one of the most tender charges the Lord has committed to us and one that appeals to our every heart for support and sympathy. The needs of the Home are the

every day necessities of life. Brethren, the Home is a refuge for the poor orphan, where they can be cared for and have religious instruction and be brought to the savior. We would therefore recommend that this body take a collection for their support and that the messengers of this body be requested to bring the Orphan's claims before their churches on their return home and give the churches an opportunity to help this very worthy cause, committed to us as Baptists. One more word. Brethren when you come to die, you will rejoice that you have helped the orphan and the Master will say "Come ye blessed of my Father."

Respectfully,

J. J. HAYNES,

J. W. WINGFIELD,

W. T. HOLLINGSHEAD,

Committee.

D. ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We the committee on Associational Missions, report that we find the Wagoner Valley in Pike Co., embracing some twenty miles square, is destitute. Chalybeate Valley, Clark county, embracing some twenty miles square is destitute. North of Alpine seven miles there is a section of ten miles square destitute. Near Bill Town, Pike county, there is a section known as a log camp of Gurdon Lumber Co., containing twenty Baptists and more than two hundred people who are asking this association for help. Wall Creek and Antioch the two new churches in this association need aid from us. They have called Bro. Gathright for next year and request this Association to help support him.

We recommend that the work be continued by the Association and that this destitution and requests be referred to the Board and that they be requested to do all they think can be done and that they call on all the churches to help accomplish this work.

J. E. ARMSTRONG,

J. J. LITTLE,

W. A. FORBES,

Committee.

E. MISSIONARY GATHRIGHT'S REPORT.

Days of labor	12
Sermons preached	10
Families visited	10
Family services	10
Miles traveled	10
Conversions in meetings	10
Baptised	10
Approved for baptism	10
Sunday schools visited	10
Prayer meetings organized	10

Churches organized.....	2
Deacons ordained.....	2
Funerals conducted.....	1
Collected on field.....	\$26.09
Received from Treasurer of Board.....	55.00

Total received.....\$81.09

Balance due.....87.82

F. TREASURER'S REPORT.

To balance from last year.....	\$109.00
Cash of Finance Committee.....	142.40
" Collection.....	20.26
" Collection Sunday School.....	11.82
" Prescott church.....	12.00
" Collection H. M.....	11.25
" S. W. Nelson.....	5.25
" J. L. Bozeman.....	2.04
" Unity church.....	10.54
" G. W. Burns.....	1.75
" Mt. Bethel.....	5.80
" A. W. King.....	16.00
" Unity church.....	10.00
" Thos. Whitten.....	1.00
" E. Delaughter.....	4.25
" De Gray church.....	3.29
" Richwoods church.....	5.00
" W. P. Wright.....	1.16
" J. A. Ross.....	7.85
" John Bozeman.....	2.16
" Gum Springs church.....	1.71

\$384.08

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\$384.43

CONRTA.

By paid G. W. Burns.....	\$ 82.35
" W. W. Gardner.....	40.55
" Dr. Kitchens.....	20.50
" H. H. Street.....	11.25
" J. A. Ross.....	40.67
" G. A. Franklin.....	10.00
" W. B. Williams.....	10.80
" J. F. Gaffright.....	65.00
" M. Stevens.....	10.00
" W. A. Forbes.....	10.00
" J. F. Love.....	20.00

" Stationery and stamps.....	1.00
" Balance	61.90
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	\$384.43

W. A. FORBES, Treasurer.

G TEMPERANCE.

Your committee, to whom was assigned the subject of temperance, beg leave to make the following report. From the best information that we can obtain, we believe that we can truthfully report that the interest in temperance is gaining ground and that our people are becoming alarmed and aroused to the need of pushing the work of temperance. Yet we have not realized how many people are filling premature graves and how many women are left widows, and how many children are left fatherless, homeless and destitute of the necessities of life on account of the indulgence in the evils of intemperance.

We therefore recommend that our ministers lecture their congregations on the subject of temperance; that they may be more fully aroused to a sense of their christian duty—a duty they owe to themselves, their families and their God, and we further condemn in the strongest terms, the moderate dram drinking by our brethren, the voting for license and the friendly disposition shown to the whisky element by our state officials. We further condemn the shirking of testimony by our brethren in the grand jury room, because it is not only encouraging to the whisky element, but lays a precedent that is ruinous to our boys. It is stimulating to us to know that the Baptists of Texas are doing for the tearing down of the whisky traffic and we heartily favor the bold move made by them, and we feel the Lord has blessed them in this great work and he will do likewise with us if we will do our duty. He is not slack concerning his promises.

F. E. TEAGUE,
J. P. COPELAND, JR.
E. W. LANGLEY,
Committee.

H. LITERATURE.

We your committee on Literature submit the following as our report. We recommend first, and above all books, the Bible, as the most important for instruction and would ask that it be more closely studied. We believe it best to omit recommending any periodical under existing circumstances.

For Sunday school literature we recommend the use of American Baptist Publication and Southern Baptist Convention series.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. HARDY,
J. R. CARTER,
J. M. KELLEY,
Committee.

I. STATE MISSIONS.

We your committee on State Missions desire to report as follows:—Your committee realize the difficulty of submitting a report that will be entirely satisfactory to all concerned. As no fundamental Bible doctrine is involved in methods in vogue in Arkansas, all parties to the current controversy can afford to make concessions in order to restore harmony among our people.

Our Lord in his last prayer, prayed that his people might be one. Our Lord, emphasizes not the mode of giving, but the giving itself. We rejoice that these now seem to be a growing desire for peace with our people and we here express the hope that the negotiations that are now pending by the committees of the general missionary bodies of the state, may result in a union of all our forces in the great work of evangelizing Arkansas. We have never been fully aroused to a realization of the great needs of the state. Many portions of our state are without the preaching of the word in its fullness and it is the duty of Baptists to give it to them.

We therefore urge every church of Red River Association to make liberal contributions for state missions. The difference of opinion as to methods is no excuse for failing to give and the Master will hold us accountable for failing to do our duty.

This Association has no authoritative jurisdiction over the churches and it is to be hoped that any differences of opinion as to channels through which their contribution flow, will not in future disturb the fellowship of the brethren of the Association. If the two general missionary bodies fail to work together, we recommend that the contributions of the churches be so tabulated by the Clerk of the Association as to indicate the channel through which the churches do their missionary work.

Respectfully,

J. W. CONGER,
J. M. POWELL,
J. M. KELLY,
Committee.

J. WOMAN'S WORK.

We your committee on woman's work report that women have been closely connected with the Master's work and we cannot say too much in commendation of the noble work done

by them. We are sorry to find only one church (Arkadelphia) reporting woman's work and they have wrought well. We know that there are other churches that do work, but no report being made of it, we cannot say anything about it.

Therefore, we recommend that every church in this Association, that have not already done so, at once organize and maintain, a woman's missionary union, and that each church report the work done by said union in its next letter to this body.

J. M. POWELL,
J. C. WRIGHT,
J. M. HARRIS,
Committee.

K. NOMINATIONS.

We the committee on nominations submit the following report: That this body meet at DeGray church at 10:00 a. m., Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1904, that Bro. H. L. Winburne preach the introductory sermon, and Bro. A. W. King his alternate. We also recommend that the present Mission Board be continued.

G. A. FRANKLIN for Com.

L. EDUCATION.

We your committee on education submit the following:

If people are indifferent to the character of the school to which they send their children, indifferent to the class of truths that the school puts into the foundation of the child's life, they are simply reckless as to the child's destiny. Few men ever survive the direction given their lives by the school which they attend. No nation or people get very far away from the control of their educational ideals. The Baptist denomination stands as the representative of the ideas of life held and taught by Christ. It is not difficult therefore to define Christian education from the Baptist standpoint.

It is that education that puts Christ's estimate upon all things; and seeks to unfold the talent of the child in the light of Christ's ideals and methods and inculcates His truths as the fundamental truths of personal and social character. Christ must be taught as positively and emphatically as the problems of algebra or the theories of philosophy.

Arkansas Baptists have their centers of education in their colleges and academies known as the Ouachita Central Systems.

Ouachita is especially the child of Red River Association, and is the chosen school for the entire denomination in the State for the education of young ministers.

We are glad to report that the past year has been one of great prosperity and that the present year has opened with a magnificent body of young men and women—about 300 at present enrolled—and among them 22 young ministers.

We graduated the past year 34; 19 of whom were in the

regular college courses and 15 in the conservatory. We have made a few changes in the faculty, which numbers now about 35 strong teachers.

During vacation most of our young ministers have held revivals and engaged in evangelistic work and more than 500 additions to the churches resulted from their work.

J. W. CONGER,
J. V. BROWNING,
H. GARDNER,
Committee.

M. SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We your committee on Sunday schools submit the following as our report. We and 21 churches report Sunday schools, with a membership of 1,384 pupils enrolled. We find a large majority report no school.

We would urge upon our brethren to advocate the work of Sunday schools, as in accordance with the Works of God. We believe it is our duty to do so.

J. M. AVERY,
J. R. YOUNG,
J. W. MITCHELL,
Committee.

N. FINANCE.

We your committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report. We have received from the churches the following amounts.

For minutes	\$ 41.80
" Home missions	1.75
" Associated missions	65.00
" State missions	8.25
" Foreign missions	4.38
" Orphans Home	22.75
Total	\$ 143.93

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. BRITT,
J. J. BYRNE,
W. A. F. WELLS,
Committee.

O. PASTORAL SUPPORT.

We, your committee on ministerial support, beg leave to report as follows:

We find that God's word teaches that the minister of the gospel should live by the gospel, that the servant of the church is worthy of his hire. It can hardly be expected that a man can live and educate his family and prepare for the time when he will no longer be able to work without receiving wages commensurate with the time and work involved. No good business man asks any kind of an employee to do so!

yet it is a fact, often painful and humiliating, that the churches expect men to give their time, their talents, their means in education and give up prospects of a good living in some other work in order to serve them, and in return do not give them enough to supply the necessities of life. By reference to the minutes of our association, it will be seen that the average salary of the pastors of the Red River Association for the year 1902-3 was \$81.85. This fact ought to bring a blush of shame to our cheeks. We would not ask a negro farm laborer to work for it, but we are willing to ask a man to feed our immortal souls and lead our children to Christ for it. No comment is necessary.

In view of the above fact, we recommend that the churches go on their knees before God and repent of this shortcoming, and then pray for the grace of liberality. Following this will come an inevitable quickening of our consciences and opening of our purses.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) H. L. WINBURNE,
For the Committee.

Ordained Ministers.

NAMES	CHURCHES	POSTOFFICE
Baars, F D	Arkadelphia	Arkadelphia
Bennett, T J	"	"
Browning, J V	Mt. Bethel	"
Burns, G W	Unity	"
Brown, W R	Liberty Hill	Bowen
Davis, W U	Bethel	Okolona
Delaughter, E	Boughton	Boughton
Danner, N C	Arkadelphia	Arkadelphia
Forbes, W A	Unity	Gum Springs
Franklin, G A	Bethlehem	Bee
Gardner, W W	Arkadelphia	Arkadelphia
Gardner, W I	Landmark	Boswell
Gathright, J T	South Fork	Gurdon
Gathright, M F	Arkadelphia	Arkadelphia
Horne, H J P	"	"
Haynes, J J	"	"
Howell, J T	"	"
Hardy J R	Pike City	Pike City
Hamlin G L	Richwoods	Curtis
Hall, J H	Bethel	Okolona
Harris, W H	Refuge	Wallaceburg
Kelly, J M	Bethel	Okolona
King, A W	Gurdon	Gurdon
Price, A J	Delight	Delight
Rountree, J B	Liberty Hill	Bowen
Smart, J H	Bethel	Dobyville
Smith E	Beirne	Beirne
Stingley, W H	Wellsville	Wallaceburg
Teague, F E	Okolona	Okolona
Tobey, C E	Mt. Bethel	Arkadelphia
Thomas, J B	Murfreesboro	Murfreesboro
Thomas J M	Arkadelphia	Arkadelphia
Townsend, N R	"	"
Whitten, W T	"	"
White J M	Mt. Bethel	"
Young W S	Arkadelphia	"

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	POSTOFFICE	SECRETARY	MESSENGERS
Arkadelphia	H L Winburne	R D Hall	Arkadelphia	Every	H L Winburne, J J Haynes and J W Conger
Amity	M P Thomas	J C McGee	Amity	4	W E Howell
Antioch	A J Price	Lee Dowdle	Antioch	1	J C Wright, O G Cagle
Boughton	J T Gathright	W M Stephens	Leard	1	W M Stephens
Bethel	E Delaughter	W L Britt	Boughton	3	E Delaughter, W L Britt, T J Lamb
Bethlehem	J M White	R K Hall	Debyville	2	J M Kelly, J H Smart, R K Hall
Bethel Springs	J H Smart	T B Burris	Bee	3	G A Franklin
Clear Springs	W U Davis	J B Vaden	Gurdon	2	W T Fambrough
Cauey Fork	A J Price	J T Bolt	Clear Springs	3	J T Bolt
Delight	W M Patterson	D H Kelley	Shawmut	2	W Kelly, J J Byer
DeGray	J T Howell	J P Copeland	Delight	2	J P Copeland, J H Wisdom, J T Bolt
Gurdon	R F Russell	A C Terrell	DeGray	2-4	J E Armstrong, A C Terrell
Gethsemane	A W King	Benj J Cagle	Gurdon		A W King, M A Davidson
Gum Springs	J M Kelley	J T Speakman	Leard		J W Sparks, J T Speakman, W R Kirby
Hollywood	G W Burns	Joe Greeson	Gum Springs	1	Jeremiah Ham
Liberty Hill	F E Teague	J M Harris	Hollywood	1-3	J M Harris
Land Mark	A J Price	R T Langley	Delight	4	J M Avery, W R Brown
Lakeview	J H Smart	B F Malcom	Hollywood		B F Malcome, G W Hicks
Mt. Carmel	F E Teague	B S Pharr	Beirne	4	J U Brakefield, S N Studdard, James Dawson
Missionary Grove	W U Davis	Alice Smith			E Smith, J M Garman
Murfreesboro	W R Barham	W V McCargo	Murfreesboro	1	J W Wingfield, W O McCargo
Mt. Zion	W T Whitten	G J Parker	Arkadelphia	1	J B Thomas
Mt. Bethel	J M White	G G Presson		4	J C Wright
New Home	W C Felts		Prescott	3	J V Browning
Okolona	F E Teague	J W Nilson	Okolona	1-3	J L Homan, E P Hale, T J Caruthers
Prescott	W A Forbes	A J Nelson Jr	Prescott	2-4	F E Teague, J J Shackelford, J J Little
Pike City	D W Cornish	E Y Blakely	Pike City		O S Jones, J M Powell, J C Young
Providence	J T Howell	R T Childs	Boughton	2	J R Hardy
Pleasant Hill	G L Hamlin	I H Stuart	Hebron	2	W H Garman, I H Stuart, J R Young
Richwoods	F E Teague	John B Langley	Arkadelphia	3	E W Langley
Refuge	W R Brown	S T Dawson	Wallaceburg		W T Hollingshead, G L Hamlin, Robt Brown
Redland	W H Stingley	Carrie Beggs	Dotson	2	W H Harris
Spring Hill	W M Patterson	L M Loomis	Lissie	1	John Rodden, H J Long, L M Loomis
South Fork	J H Smart	B H Morton	Keyton	2	J W Mithcell, R N Bell
Sycamore Grove	J H Smart	J R Carter	Beirne	1	J R Carter, J T Gathright
Shiloh	J H Smart	J M Gullick	Bradshaw	2-4	Andrew Kirby, John Williams
Salem	N R Townsend	W A F Wells	Arkadelphia	2-3	J A Ross, W A F Wells
Unity	W A Forbes	C D Reeder			W A Forbes, C D Reeder, C R Patterson
Union			Wallaceburg		A K Burbee, W H Stingley
Wheeler	L M Webb	A K Buzby	Amity		H Y Bridges, A O Segers, E R Caruthers
Wellsville	J T Gathright	A O Segers			
Wall Creek					

Digest of Letters.

Letters were received from 37 churches. All reports from pastors except Murfreesboro, which has been supplied by Bro. Price. Only 12 churches report amounts paid pastors. All of them less than \$100.00 except 4. The letters show a net gain in membership of 29. Add to this the membership of Amity, Gum Springs and Mt. Bethel, not represented by letter and the net gain is 192. Total accessions by baptism .97, last year 206. Arkadelphia leads with 43 baptisms, next follows Unity with 27, then Boughton 18, Richwoods 17, Wal Creek 14, Delight 12 and Providence and South Fork 10 each. All these churches, except Richwoods, report Sunday schools—and she did last year. The per capita gain of these churches, Wal Creek, 280 per cent.; Unity 42 per cent.; Boughton, nearly 27 per cent.; Delight, 24 per cent.; Providence nearly 20 per cent.; Richwoods, $13\frac{3}{4}$ per cent.; Arkadelphia and South Fork $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. each.

Only one church is shown to have contributed to every branch of church work. 5 churches contributed only to the printing of minutes. 5 more only to printing minutes and association missions. 1 church gave 1 cent and 4 mills per member; another 1 cent and 9 mills, another 2 cents and 4 mills and another 3 cents per member. Of the town churches Arkadelphia gave for all purposes, \$4.83 per member, Providence \$3.28 $\frac{1}{3}$. Of the country churches. Unity gave \$3.20 and Shiloh \$5.18 per member.

Total contributions last year \$4,855.77, this year \$5,236.15, a gain of \$380.38. We gave last year \$1.81 per member, this year \$1.93. To all missions we gave last year \$1,165.78 or 42 cents per capita, this year \$1,206.79 or 44 cents per capita.

21 churches report Sunday schools with 1,411 pupils. Last year 22 churches reported Sunday schools with 1,411 pupils. The letters show a great many encouraging things for which we thank the Master. If church clerks would be careful to report every contribution by the church and especially the amounts paid on pastor's salary, the showing would look much better.

J. A. Ross, Clerk.

NOTE—Church letters from Gum Springs and Amity were received by mail after digest was made out.