MINUTES

OF THE

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

SOUTHWESTERN

Baptist Association

OF ARKANSAS, HELD WITH

The Church At Locksburg,

Sevier County, Arkansas,

October 13, 14 and 15, 1894.

OFFICERS:

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ELDER JOE H, DENSON, Moderator, Locksburg, Ark,

ELDER C. M. POWELL, Clerk, Brownstown, Ark.

ELDER JOE H. DENSON, Treasurer, Locksburg, Ark.

Preachers for next association, to be held with Bethel church, Peytonville, Arkansas: Introductory sermon, Elder Joe H. Denson; Elder J. W. Hubbard, alternate. Missionary sermon, Elder M. M. Cochran; Elder W. L. White, alternate.

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MINUTES.

The Southwestern Baptist Association of Arkansas convened with the church at Lacksburg, Sevier county, in its fourteenth an-

nual session, on Saturday, October 7th, 1894.

At 9 o'clock a.m., Eld. J. H. Denson (former moderator) called the body to order and read part of the second chapter of Philippians and Eld. C. W. Strickland led in prayer. Letters from the churches were called for and were read by Bros. M. M. Cochran, E. Smith and G. A. Vaughan. After letters were read and churches and delegates enrolled, the body on motion adjourned until 1:30 to hear the annual sermon, which was preached by Eld. M. M. Cochran from Eph. 3:10, to the delight and satisfaction of the congregation.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

At 1:30 the body reassembled. Prayer by Eld. J. D. Rogers. The moderator renewed call for letters which were read by Bros. W. A. Ingle and M. M. Cochran, after which the association proceeded to permanent organization. Bros. J. D. Rogers and G. A. Vaughan, tellers, reported the election of Eld. Joe H. Denson moderator and Eld. C. M. Powell clerk.

Eld. J. A. Westbrooks was added to the delegation from Pleasant Hill church. On call for petitionary letters, Ashdown responded by delegates and letter, and upon motion was received into the

association.

On call for correspondence Elds. J. D. Rogers, C. W. Strickland and W. A. Turnage and Bros. W. A. Powell and J. H. Sellers reported from Howard county association.

Eld. W. A. Ingle read a communication from Ouachita association insisting that this association continue to correspond with

them.

A resolution offered by C. M. Powell to condense the committee work was lost.

On motion the moderator appointed the following committees:
SABBATH OBSERVANCE—J. W. Hubbard, John Jackson and
Claude Rogers.

DIVINE SERVICES—Delegates from this church, J. R. Lewis and R. H. Turner.

Temperance—D. S. Cooper, Robt. McLeod and D. C. Ladd. MINISTERIAL SUPPORT—T. B. Holman, Henry Dulany and J. M. Chivers.

OBITUARIES-W. L. White, Thomas Dulany and Lee Johnson. SUNDAY SCHOOLS—G. W. Smith, W. I. Wright and S. W. Lee. Foreign Missions—W. A. Ingle, J. A. Westbrooks and I. W. Cooper.

STATE MISSIONS-D. S. Cooper, J. B. McCraw and I. N. Borum. FINANCE-D. C. Ladd, G. W. Gaston and D. M. Cochran.

Family Devotion-Joe Holman, William Hubbard and John

Burns.

Destitution—J. H. Barkman, Evan Cassell and S. A. Wilson. DOCUMENTS-C. A. Tyndall, J. F. Thornton and W. J. Cox. PRAYER MEETING-A. M. Carroll, Rolen Box and W. G. Gregory.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION-J. H. Barkman, J. H. Christian and

C. M. Powell.

LITERATURE—W. L. White, P. J. Russell and E. Smith. Home Missions-W. A. Ingle, J. R. Lewis and John Burns.

Committee on Divine service reported the following services during the meeting: Saturday night at this house, Eld. W. A. Turnage; at Damascus, Eld. J. D. Rogers; at Gravelly, Eld. Thomas Dulany.

SECOND DAY.

Sunday, at this house, at 10 a.m., Eld. M. M. Cochran conducted Sunday school mass meeting. At 11 a.m. Eld. C. M. Powell preached on missions, from Rom. 1:14, and took a collection of \$11.25 for associational missions. At 3:30 Eld. Thomas Dulany preached a very feeling discourse on "Death." At 7:30 Eld. Joe H. Denson preached an able discourse on "Obedience." At Damascus Eld. W. A. Turnage preached at 7:30. At Gravelly Eld. W. L. White preached at 7:30. At Union Eld. J. W. Hubbard preached

Note. This report is made from memory; the committee failed to turn in report.

MONDAY MORNING.

Association reassembled Monday at 8:30 a.m., Bro. Denson in chair. Prayer by Eld. W. L. White. Moderator renewed call for letters. New Hope No. 1 and Friendship sent letters but no delegates. On motion a letter of dismission was granted Friendship church to join Howard county association. On motion a letter of dismission was also granted Red Colony church.

The reports of the committees on Obituaries, Documents, Sab-

bath Observance and Prayer Meeting were read and adopted. (See appendices A, B, C and D.)

Adjourned to hear Bro. C. W. Strickland, who preached a very interesting and logical discourse on "Why We are Called Baptists."

Reassembled at 1:30; prayer by the brother clerk. Committee on Divine Service submitted their report, which was, on motion, recommitted.

Moderator appointed Bros. J. R. Lewis and T. B. Holman on the committee on State Missions in the stead of Bros. J. B. McCraw

and I. N. Borum, who were absent.

On motion of Eld. Thomas Dulany a collection was taken up

for foreign missions, which amounted to \$5.50.

Reports of committees on Family Devotion and Sunday Schools

were read and adopted. (See appendices E and F.)

The Home Mission board submitted their report, which was supplemented by the verbal reports of the missionaries, and was upon motion adopted. (See appendix G.)

Committee on Destitution submitted their report which was amended by striking from it Ashdown and that part recommending a plan of work, and was then adopted as amended. (Appendix H.)

Committee on Temperance submitted report which was on

motion recommitted.

Committee on Foreign Missions resubmitted report, which was adopted. (Appendix I.)

Committee on Home Missions submitted report, which was on

motion recommitted with instructions.

Report of committee on Ministerial Education was read and adopted. (Appendix J.)

Report of committ on Ministerial Support was read and recom-

mitted.

On motion it was agreed to hold a night session.

Report of committee on Finance was read and adopted. (See appendix K.)

Committee on Temperance resubmitted report, which was

adopted. (Appendix L.)

By motion association adjourned till 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY NIGHT.

Reassembled at 7:30. Bro. Denson in chair; prayer by Bro. J. H. Barkman. Report on Finance was reconsidered, recommitted, resubmitted and adopted. (Appendix K.)

Reports of committees on State Missions and Literature were

read and adopted. (Appendix M and N.)

Committee on Home Missions resubmitted report, which was amended by striking out the clause recommending placing a mis-

sionary in the field for all his time, and was adopted as amended.

(Appendix O.)

This resolution was adopted unanimously: Resolved—That this association hereby agrees to raise \$250 among the churches for the ensuing associational year for the prosecution of the missionary work of the association, and that we ask the State Mission board to supplement that sum with \$100 more.

Bro. Henry Dulany offered the following, which was unanimously adopted: Resolved—That we tender our sincere thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends of this church and community for the royal manner in which they have entertained the delegates and visitors during this session of the association.

Report of committee on Ministerial Education was read and adopted. (Appendix P.)

Proceeded to the election of the Home Mission board, to wit: J. R. Lewis, Cerro Gordo, chairman; D. S. Cooper, Cerro Gordo; J. H. Barkman, Wilton; E. Smith, Locksburg; J. H. Christian, Holcomb.

Bro. G. A. Vaughan, of Locksburg, was elected member of the State Mission board.

The following delegates and messengers were elected: To Southern Baptist convention, Eld. M. M. Cochran; Eld. C. M. Powell, alternate. To State convention, Bro. J. R. Lewis; Bro. J. H. Barkman, alternate. To Howard county association, Eld. M. M. Cochran, Joe H. Denson and W. L. White; Eld. C. M. Powell, and Bros. Henry Dulany and J. R. Hopson, alternates. To Texarkana association, Eld. C. M. Powell and Bros. J. H. Barkman and N. A. Nelson.

The treasurer was ordered to pay out of the Home Mission fund the railroad fare of the delegates to the Southern Baptist and State conventions.

Eld. Thomas Dulany took the chair and Bro. Joe H. Denson submitted his annual report as treasurer of the association, which was on motion received. (Appendix Q.)

The brother clerk was ordered to have 500 copies of the min-

utes printed and forwarded to the churches.

Eld. Joe H. Denson was chosen (Eld. J. W. Hubbard alternate) to preach the introductory sermon at the next meeting of the association, and Eld. M. M. Cochran (Eld. W. L. White alternate) to preach the missionary sermon.

On motion the reading of minutes was dispensed with.

On motion of Eld. Thomas Dulany the association then adjourned, to meet with Bethel church, Peytonville, Little River county, Arkansas, on Saturday, at 9 a.m., before the second Sunday in October, 1895.

All then arose and sang "God be with You till we Meet Again,"

gave each other the parting hand and were led in the closing prayer

by Eld. W. L. White.

One more associational year has come and gone; one more gathering of the Baptist hosts of Little River and Sevier counties has been held, and brethen, as we peruse these pages and think of the labors of the past year, and of the refreshing experiences that we have had, and the many blessings God has so freely permitted us to enjoy, let us, one and all, give him the gratitude and praise of a pure heart, and then in a solid column let us turn our efforts to the work of the incoming year, and with our hearts burdened with the worth of souls, ask God to use us for the accomplishment of greater things for Him than we have ever done in the past.

C. M. POWELL, JOE H. DENSON,

Clerk. Moderator.

APPENDIX.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

[A]

OBITUARIES.—God has been very kind to us during the past associational year. But few have been called from our midst. We mention our aged and beloved brother, A. L. Nunnally, as one of the few who have died and gone to rest. W. L. WHITE, Chmn.

[B]

DOCUMENTS.—The following churches have invited the association to hold her next session with them, to wit: Oak Hill, Mt. Calvary and Bethel. After due consideration we recommend that the next association be held with Bethel church. C. A. Tindall, Chmn.

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Sabbath Observance.—Recognizing the fact that the blessed Master has said, "Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work, and rest on the seventh;" beholding in man a preneness to follow the dictates of the carnal mind, He hallowed the Sabbath day and placed its observance among the list of sacred commandments;

Therefore we recommend that churches do all in their power to stop fishing, hunting and looking after the things of the world on the Lord's day, and in lieu of these things to try to get their members to assemble themselves together in obedience to the command of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, thus exerting our influence for good, to the end that those who sit in darkness may through us be drawn to light.

J. W. Hubbard, Chmn.

D

PRAYER MEETINGS.—Believing that no part of divine service is of more importance than prayer, and that it is a duty of all Christians to engage in this very important church work, we would recommend that each church organize and maintain a weekly prayer meeting and that each member be urged to attend and take an active part, and never grow weary in the good work, though discouragements surround us on all sides. A. M. CARROLL, Chmu.

E

Family Devotion.—Believing as we do that family worship is very much neglected by our brethren, we would herein recommend its importance. We should remember that God, in blessing us with families, has to a great extent committed to us the moral and religious training of their tender minds and hearts. Hence, the burden of our hearts in family devotion should be (1) the presence of the spirit of the Lord in our homes; (2) the salvation of each member of our families; (3) the instruction in duty and strengthening in grace of those who are already His; and (4) that God may withal be glorified in the lives and characters of the members of our families. We urge the brethren to take up this duty.

JOSEPH HOLMAN, Chmn.

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Sunday Schools.—We learn from the holy scriptures that we should bring our children up in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord," and we know of no better way to accomplish this than in the Sunday school. Therefore we recommend that each church organize and maintain a Sunday school under the supervision of the church.

G. W. Smith, Church.

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Home Board.—We have paid out to the following brethren for labor in destitute fields and weak churches the following amounts: In Little River county—to Bro. J. W. Hubbard, at Davis Schoolhouse, \$15; to Bro. C. M. Powell, at Ashdown, \$15; in Sevier county—to Bro. W. A. Ingle, at Chapel Hill, \$10; to Bro. Joe H. Denson, at Chapel Hill, \$10. The results are very encouraging. The Lord has abundantly blessed our offerings.

J. J. Holman, Chmn.

J. J. MOORE, J. H. BARKMAN.

[H]

DESTITUTION.—We find the following places destitute of Baptist preaching: In Little River county—Piney Grove, Rocky Comfort, Palestine, Richmond, Davis Schoolhouse and Ogden; in Sevier county—Rock Springs, Chapel Hill and Silver Hill.

J. H. BARKMAN, Chmn.

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Foreign Missions.—The commission given by the Savior to his

disciples says, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations," was binding not only on those to whom it was given, but it comes with all its power and force upon all who are made children of God by grace. It is the indispensable duty of all Christians to either go or send in this work. We learn from the scripture that "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe," and He has not revealed any plan by which men can be saved, except by the intelligent hearing of the gospel and hearty obedience to his commands as revealed in his word. The world's great need, coupled with the King's command to preach the gospel, combine to make it our indispensable duty to do all we can to carry the gospel to the regions beyond.

According to the lowest estimate the population in foreign fields is about 1,181,000,000, of whom 856,000,000 are heathen, 175,000,000 Mohammedans, 150,000,000 are claimed for Catholics, leaving a very small proportion to represent Christianity. These facts should move God's people to use strong efforts to spread the gospel throughout the world. We recommend that our ministers endeavor to inform themselves as to the great need of the gospel in foreign fields and arouse our people by preaching often on the subject, and developing our people in the great work of spreading the gospel, which is committed to their charge.

W. A. INGLE, Chmn.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.—This is a subject of great importance; it stands pre-eminently above all other subjects in that this is an age of intellectual advancement among all the leading denominations of the world, each making every effort possible to outstrip and eclipse the others in intellectual attainments. It is the educated, consecrated ministers who are doing the most solid work today, and who have made living records that stand as monuments to the virtue and power of Christianity in the centuries past. Therefore, we urge upon the brethren and churches of this association to aid and assist in every way that God has given us, to the end that we may have an educated ministry who will be able to meet, combat and refute error and preach the gospel in its power and simplicity, that sinners may be saved in great numbers and God's glory and honor enlarged greatly.

J. H. BARKMAN, Chmn.

FINANCE.—Your committee reports the following amounts sent up from the churches:

	minutes	
64	associational missions	40.05
64	foreign missions	10.40
44	state missions	2.10

Total for all purposes...... \$67.85

D. C. LADD, Chmn.

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TEMPERANCE.—We recognize the fact that intemperance is one of the greatest evils of our country. Therefore, we recommend a total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks. We further recommend the use of all laudable means furnished by law for the suppression of this great evil, and we think every lover of peace and virtue should look with perfect disgust upon this evil.

D. S. COOPER, Chmn.

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STATE MISSIONS.—We would recommend the report as adopted at last association on state missions as the plan for co-operation with state board for next year, which is hereto attached.

D. S. COOPER, Chmn.

"We favor the churches of this association co-operating with the state board, by their means and their prayers, in furthering the gospel and having it preached in the destitution throughout the the state. We further find that a great effort has been made by the state board to plant the gospel within the bounds of this association, which effort has been greatly hindered for want of means, through the failure of our churches to co-operate with that board; therefore we recommend that pastors faithfully present the subject of state missions to our churches, and that regular collections be taken for this work, and that our churches come in closer touch with our state board."

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LITERATURE.—We recommend the prayerful reading of the bible pre-eminently above all other literature, as the man of our counsel and the rule of our faith and practice, whereby we may grow in grace and a full knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. We recommend the Arkansas Baptist and further, that it be taken and read by all the brethren; we deem it sound in doctrine and worthy the patronage of every Baptist in the state; we also recommend the Foreign Mission Journal and Our Home Field. For Sunday schools we recommend the literature of the Southern Baptist convention as being worthy of our support. For the service of song we recommend "Harvest Bells." W. L. White, Chmn.

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Home Missions.—We recommend the continuation of the associational board and that the board be instructed to occupy the destitute points in the bounds of this association, and call upon the churches for the means to sustain the work; and we further recommend that the association call on the State Mission board for assistance.

W. A. Ingle, Chmn.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.—Believing as we do that "they that preach the gospel should live of the gospel," and knowing that there is a sad lack of support of the ministry with many of our

churches, we would recommend that our ministers take a more decided stand in dealing with the churches, and thereby endeavor to earnestly and faithfully lead them into their duty in support of their pastors.

G. W. Gaston, Chmn.

TREASURER'S REPORT.—Joe H. Denson, treasurer, in account with Southwestern Baptist Association, 1894:

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To Home Mission fund—		
" amount balance due last session		
" total amount received since last session	96.05	
By amount paid per order of board—		
To Bro. Ingle		10.00
" Bro. Hubbard		15.00
" Bro. Denson		* 10.00
" Bro. Powell		15.00
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To amt. brought down to treasurer's debit	\$48.05	
Foreign Mission Fund—		
To amt. received at present session	10.40	
State Mission Fund—		
To amt. received at present session	2.10	
Minute Fund—		
To bal. due at last session	35.00	
" amt. received at this session	15.30	
By amt. paid for printing minutes and postage		20.00
" Bro. Clerk		15.00
" amt. carried down to treasurer's debit to bal		15.30
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\$50.30 \$50.30 Joe H. Denson, Treasurer.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.—J. H. Denson, Locksburg; M. M. Cochran, Thomas Dulany, W. L. White, J. W. Hubbard, C. M. Powell, Brownstown; J. A. Westbrooks, Atwood; W. A. Ingle, Locksburg; Wm. Todd, Chapel Hill; Y. R. Harbin, Little River; C. H. Arnold, Rocky Comfort; P. H. Hill, W. S. Dozier, Wilton.

Note.—Clerk failed to give names and postoffices of ministers,

hence this may be incomplete.—CLERK.

Letter to Association.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY.

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