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## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Call for Reading Letters.
3. Election of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
4. Invite Ministers and Brethren to Seats.
5. Call for Petitionary Letters.
6. Appointment of Committees.
7. Call for Correspondence.
8. Call for Report of Committees.
9. Call for Treasurer's Report.
10. Elect Corresponding Messengers.
11. Elect Persons to Preach Introductory and Missionary Sermons.
12. Elect Missionary Board.
13. Elect Member of State Mission Board.
14. Miscellaneous Business.

## PROCEEDINGS.

SOCIAL HILL, SALINE COUNTY, ARK., OCT. 15, 1898.

The Pine Bluff Baptist Association assembled with Social Hill church at 10 o'clock a. m., Oct. 15th, 1898, and the Moderator being absent, the same was called together by W. C. C. Dorrough, Clerk. Elder M. S. Kelley, who was elected to preach the Introductory Sermon being absent, on motion it was delivered by Elder Joshua Halbert, text: Luke 15:11. The letters from the several churches were called for and read, and the names of all the Messengers enrolled.

On motion, Bro. S. R. Cobb was elected Moderator, pro tem.

The Association organized by electing Bro. S. R. Cobb, Moderator, and by re-electing Bro. W. C. C. Dorrough, Clerk and Treasurer.

On motion, the visiting ministers and brethren were invited to seats with us. Petitionary letters were called for. The Moderator appointed the usual committees:

ON PUBLICATIONS—J. J. Beavers, Joshua Holbert, C. F. Elrod.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS—U. W. Poss, D. A. Thomas, O. L. Cate.

ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—W. V. Walls, G. W. McCarty, B. J. Mathews.

ON TEMPERANCE—R. R. Adams, J. A. Halbert, Tillman Johnson.

ON DESTITUTION—W. C. C. Dorrough, S. R. Skeen, J. G. Lybrand.

ON DOCUMENTS—J. T. Page, Wm. Wells, Joe Ray.

ON SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES—W. H. Evans, S. P. Davis, F. W. Rushing.

ON FINANCE—W. J. James, W. D. McDonald, V. A. Ashcraft.

ON STATE MISSIONS—James Adams, I. P. Shepherd, W. M. Haley.

ON ORPHAN'S HOME—Wm. Tucker, A. L. Brumbelow, H. P. Haley.

ON PREACHING—Joshua Halbert and Messengers from Social Hill Church.

The committee on preaching made the following report:

Tonight at 7:50 at Benton, Eld W. B. Holland; at 7:50 at Social Hill, Elder L. M. Patterson; at 7:50 at New Friendship, Elder G. W. McCarty; at 9 o'clock a. m. Sunday, Sunday School mass meeting; at 11 o'clock Elder Wm. Tucker to preach Missionary Sermon; at 3 o'clock p. m. Elder James Adams; at 7:50 p. m. at Benton, Elder J. N. Hartley; at 7:50 p. m. at Social Hill, Elder A. L. Brumbelow.

On motion, adjourned till 9 o'clock Monday.

## SUNDAY SERVICES.

At 9 o'clock a. m. the Sunday School Mass-Meeting was conducted by Brother D. M. Cloud and addressed by Elder R.

C. Rhoden and others, and the brethren selected by the committee filled their appointments.

### MONDAY.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

The reports of committees were called for, and the Committee on Publications submitted its report, which, on motion, was adopted as follows:

We earnestly urge our people to stand by our publications.

The Arkansas Baptist is a good paper. Subscribe for it, pay for it, read it.

The Sunday School literature published by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tennessee, is unexcelled. We recommend its use to the Baptists of this Association.

J. J. BEAVERS, Chairman.

The Committee on Sunday Schools submitted its report, which, on motion, was adopted as follows:

We believe every church that has no Sunday School should at once organize one, in order to more fully propagate the gospel truths taught in God's word. We recommend that all officers and teachers be good, lively working members of a Baptist church. We recommend that 3 o'clock p. m. on each Sunday, of each annual meeting of this body be set apart for a Sabbath School Mass Meeting; that the Moderator see that the children have front seats, so that they can hear the speeches made in the meeting.

We ascertain from the letters from the different churches that the Sabbath school interest is increasing and we pray that this interest will continue to increase.

U. W. POSS, Chairman.

The committee on Ministerial Education submitted its report, which, on motion, was adopted as follows:

We believe that God calls men to preach and that they should be guided by the Holy Spirit, and grow in grace and the knowledge of Christ. We believe that it is the duty of every minister to bend his energy and to use every possible means to enable him to rightly divide and declare the whole counsel of God. We recommend that all ministers who are not able to attend school to take denominational papers and secure good books and study at home, that they may be able to rightly divide and declare the truth in its purity.

W. V. WALLS, Chairman.

The Committee on Temperance submitted its report, which on motion, was adopted as follows:

We recognize the fact that intemperance is one of the most dangerous curses of our country. We know that the intemperate use of intoxicating liquors is altogether contrary to the teaching of the Scriptures, therefore, recommend that we as Baptists abstain entirely from the use of the intoxicating cup, and that pastors as far as practicable agitate the question of temperance and urge members of their respective churches to abstain as above recommended. We also recommend that our churches withdraw fellowship from all members who rent houses in which whiskey is to be sold, from all members who engage in the selling of whiskey and who vote for license to sell intoxicating liquors of any kind.

R. R. ADAMS, Chairman.

The Committee on Destitution submitted its report, which, on motion, was adopted as follows:

We think that there is not sufficient destitution in the bounds of this as-

sociation to justify the employing of a missionary to work in the same. We think that with few exceptions, that if the churches and preachers would do their whole duty that this work could be sufficiently covered.

W. C. C. DOROUGH, Chairman.

The Committee on Documents submitted its report, which, on motion, was adopted, as follows:

We find the number immersed, 92; received by letter, 87; by restoration, 24; by relation, 2; dismissed by letter, 124; excluded, 47; died, 23; total membership 2610. We find that three churches have asked for the next session of this body, to-wit: Liberty, Grant County, Orion and Sardis. We recommend that the next session of this body be held with Sardis church, Grapevine, Grant County, Ark.

By adding the total membership as reported last year by Burning Bush, New Hope, Providence, Pilgrim's Rest and Shiloh Churches the total membership of the churches of the Association amounts to 2844.

Wm. WELLS, Chairman.

The Committee on Schools and Colleges submitted its report, which, on motion, was adopted as follows:

We believe that the Ouachita College, situated at Arkadelphia, and Central College at Conway, are institutions worthy of the patronage of the Baptists of Arkansas, and that the Judson High School at Holly Springs, Ark., is a good school to attend preparatory to entering Ouachita College, and that said institutions should be under the control of the Baptist State Convention.

We therefore recommend that the churches of this Association patronize the above named institutions.

W. H. EVANS, Chairman.

The Committee on Finance submitted its report, which, on motion, was adopted as follows:

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Amount for Minutes.....                 | \$41.50  |
| Amount for Associational Missions ..... | 59.55    |
| Amount for Foreign Missions.....        | 4.35     |
| Amount for State Missions .....         | 6.41     |
| Amount for Home Missions .....          | 8.45     |
| Amount for Orphan's Home .....          | .80      |
| Total .....                             | \$121.06 |

W. J. JAMES, Chairman.

The Committee on Orphan's Home submitted its report, which, on motion, was adopted as follows:

We regard this matter as a grand undertaking and one that should enlist the sympathy of every Baptist in Arkansas. We would recommend that the membership of the different churches composing this body aid said institution with their money and pray for its success. WM. TUCKER, Chairman.

The Committee on State Missions submitted its report which, on motion was adopted as follows:

We recommend hearty co-operation with the State Board. We are of the opinion that compared to other portions of the State the destitution in the bounds of this Association is not great. The State Board is reaching out to cover the destitute places and we should sustain it with our means and prayers. We recommend that pastors urge this matter on the members of their churches.

W. M. HALEY, Chairman.

The Treasurer submitted his report, which, on motion was adopted as follows:

# RECEIPTS.

To Amount received from Finance Committee.....\$48.47

# DISBURSEMENTS

By amount paid for printing minutes.....\$22.00

By amount paid for Clerk's fees.....10.00

By amount paid for postage.....1.00

Total disbursements.....\$33.00

Balance on hand.....\$15.47

W. C. C. DOROUGH, Treasurer.

The Missionary Board submitted its report, which, on motion was adopted as follows:

We employed Elder Joshua Halbert Missionary to labor in the bounds of the Pine Bluff Baptist Association. We agreed to pay \$1.50 per day for each days work done.

We herewith submit his report, which is in words and figures, as follows: "Missionary Report. Commenced work June 3rd, days worked 74; Sermons preached 59, Sunday School lectures delivered, 8; Baptisms, 6; Conversions, 13; Miles traveled, 700; received from Missionary Board, \$50; collected on the field, \$8.10. JOSHUA HALBERT, Missionary."

We have, through the Treasurer of the Association, paid said Missionary, in cash, \$102.90, which with the \$8.10 makes \$111.

S. R. COBB, Chairman.

U. W. Poss, J. D. Philips and J. J. Beavers were elected as a committee to select a Missionary Board, and said committee selected the following named brethren to constitute said board: Joshua Halbert, I. P. Shepherd, W. J. James, W. B. McCool and B. J. Mathews, and said brethren, so selected, were on motion, declared the Missionary Board for this Association.

Elder A. L. Brumbelow, was elected to preach the next Introductory Sermon.

Elder G. W. McCarty was elected to preach the next Missionary Sermon.

Joshua Halbert, S. P. Davis, W. C. C. Dorough, J. J. Beavers and U. W. Poss, were elected Messengers to the Baptist State Convention.

Alternates—S. R. Cobb, S. R. Skeen, Wm. Tucker and James Adams.

J. W. Lybrand was elected corresponding Messenger to the Friendship Association; S. R. Skeen and G. M. Cullins to Fourche Valley Association; Wm. Tucker, W. H. Evans, G. R. Kelley and O. L. Cate, to Saline Association; S. R. Cobb, G. W. McCarty and W. V. Walls to Caroline Association; W. T. Lee and W. H. McDonald to the Judson Association.

Elder G. W. McCarty, was elected as Messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Bro. S. R. Cobb was elected as a member of the State Mission Board.

On motion, the money on hand for Missions was divided equally between the Home Mission fund (to be used for the benefit of Cuba) and the State Mission fund.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to have the "Constitution," the "Abstract of Faith" and the "Rules of Decorum" printed in the Minutes.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to have eight hundred copies of minutes of the proceedings of this body printed; that they be distributed as usual; that he be requested to have said minutes printed by the Arkansas Baptist, provided said Arkansas Baptist will print same as cheap and as well as any other printing company that make bids; that he be allowed \$10 for his services.

On motion, the thanks of the body were tendered to Social Hill, Benton and New Friendship churches, and the community at large for the hospitable manner in which they entertained the Messengers of this body during our stay among them.

The Moderator announced that the business of the Association was finished and after hearing the farewell address delivered by Elder J. N. Hartly and extending to each other the parting hand, on motion, the Association adjourned to meet with the Sardis Church, Grapevine, Grant Co., Ark., at 10 o'clock a. m. on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, A. D. 1899.

S. R. COBB, Moderator.

W. C. C. DOROUGH, Clerk.



### ORDAINED MINISTERS.

|                       |                |      |                         |                |      |
|-----------------------|----------------|------|-------------------------|----------------|------|
| James Adams .....     | Slate          | Ark. | W. M. Kelley .....      | Keo,           | Ark. |
| E. F. Appling .....   | Brooks         | "    | M. S. Kelley .....      | Belfast        | "    |
| J. W. Avery .....     | Zuber          | "    | Jno. Lawhon .....       | Parker's Store | "    |
| D. G. Barnett .....   | Corwin         | "    | R. M. Lindsey .....     | Prattsville    | "    |
| J. F. Berry .....     | Innet          | "    | C. P. Ledbetter .....   | Benton         | "    |
| A. L. Brumbelow ..... | Tull           | "    | W. B. McCool .....      | Turin          | "    |
| C. S. Breeden .....   | Ironton        | "    | G. W. McCarty, 19th and |                |      |
| J. H. Donham .....    | Parker's Store | "    | Wolf Sts. Little Rock   |                | "    |
| I. N. Dunahoe .....   | Benton         | "    | L. M. Patterson .....   | Redfield       | "    |
| F. P. Davis .....     | Redfield       | "    | E. D. Taylor .....      | Grapevine      | "    |
| J. M. Camp .....      | Redfield       | "    | H. B. Taylor .....      | White Oak      | "    |
| J. M. Clem .....      | Malvern        | "    | William Tucker .....    | Corwin         | "    |
| S. P. Davis .....     | Benton         | "    | J. M. Shaw .....        | Sheridan       | "    |
| H. L. Gibson .....    | Ironton        | "    | James Walls .....       | Parker's Store | "    |
| Joshua Halbert .....  | Prattsville    | "    | W. V. Walls .....       | Benton         | "    |
| H. P. Haley .....     | Redfield       | "    | C. C. Wornock .....     | Bland          | "    |

## STATISTICAL TABLE.

| CHURCHES.           | Immersed | Received by Letter. | Religion | Dismissed by Letter | Excluded | Died  | Membership | Minute Fund | Mission Fund | Pastor's Salary | Value of Church Property | Seating Capacity |
|---------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|-------|------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Alexander.....      | 12       | 5                   | 7        | 6                   | 69       | 80    | 75         | 35          | 1400         | 500             |                          |                  |
| Antioch.....        | 12       | 5                   | 7        | 6                   | 69       | 80    | 75         | 35          | 1400         | 500             |                          |                  |
| Bryant.....         | 1        | 3                   | 1        | 7                   | 113      | 1 50  | 3 00       | 150 00      | 1000         | 500             |                          |                  |
| Benton.....         | 2        | 7                   | 8        | 84                  | 1 20     | 12 86 | 50 00      | 350         | 400          |                 |                          |                  |
| Big Creek.....      |          |                     |          |                     |          |       |            |             |              |                 |                          |                  |
| Bethany.....        |          |                     |          |                     |          |       |            |             |              |                 |                          |                  |
| Burning Bush.....   |          |                     |          |                     |          |       |            |             |              |                 |                          |                  |
| China Grove.....    | 1        | 1                   | 6        | 1                   | 90       | 1 10  | 1 15       | 150         | 200          |                 |                          |                  |
| Corinth.....        | 1        | 1                   | 6        | 1                   | 64       | 1 00  | 1 20       | 250         | 300          |                 |                          |                  |
| Cedar Branch.....   | 14       | 4                   | 1        | 1                   | 86       | 2 00  | 50 00      | 200         | 300          |                 |                          |                  |
| East Union.....     | 9        | 1                   | 1        | 1                   | 75       | 1 00  |            | 150         | 300          |                 |                          |                  |
| Ephesus.....        | 1        | 2                   | 3        | 83                  | 1 50     |       |            | 100         | 200          |                 |                          |                  |
| Fair View.....      | 4        | 1                   | 9        | 2                   | 91       | 1 45  | 1 25       | 400         | 400          |                 |                          |                  |
| Harmony.....        | 14       | 7                   | 5        | 1                   | 119      | 1 20  | 3 50       |             |              |                 |                          |                  |
| Humble Hope.....    | 5        | 1                   | 1        | 1                   | 43       | 1 50  | 7 60       | 200         | 300          |                 |                          |                  |
| Ironton.....        | 2        | 3                   | 10       | 75                  | 1 50     | 3 00  |            | 400         | 300          |                 |                          |                  |
| Liberty.....        | 1        |                     | 4        | 23                  | 50       |       | 17 60      | 50          | 200          |                 |                          |                  |
| Liberty.....        | 1        |                     | 4        | 23                  | 50       |       | 17 60      | 50          | 200          |                 |                          |                  |
| Lost Creek.....     | 10       | 3                   | 1        | 43                  | 1 00     | 1 50  | 25 00      | 200         | 300          |                 |                          |                  |
| Lone Star.....      | 10       | 3                   | 1        | 43                  | 1 00     | 90    | 14 20      |             |              |                 |                          |                  |
| Lone Star.....      | 1        |                     | 2        | 33                  | 1 00     |       |            | 100         | 200          |                 |                          |                  |
| Little Creek.....   | 2        | 1                   | 2        | 8                   | 1        | 79    | 1 00       | 50 00       | 200          | 300             |                          |                  |
| Land Mark.....      | 1        | 1                   | 1        | 4                   | 1        | 79    | 1 25       | 35 00       | 100          | 200             |                          |                  |
| Mar's Hill.....     | 2        | 1                   | 2        | 2                   | 63       | 40    | 16 95      | 150         | 300          |                 |                          |                  |
| Mount Olive.....    | 2        | 1                   | 1        | 2                   | 74       | 80    | 2 55       | 75 00       | 200          | 300             |                          |                  |
| Mount Ida.....      | 7        | 2                   | 2        | 1                   | 80       | 1 55  | 1 30       | 400         | 300          |                 |                          |                  |
| Mount Harmony.....  | 2        |                     | 2        | 31                  | 1 75     |       | 40 00      | 100         | 200          |                 |                          |                  |
| Marlow.....         | 2        |                     | 2        | 31                  | 1 75     |       | 40 00      | 100         | 200          |                 |                          |                  |
| Mount Vernon.....   | 1        |                     | 2        | 18                  | 45       |       | 62 80      |             |              |                 |                          |                  |
| New Friendship..... | 1        |                     | 2        | 108                 | 1 20     | 75    | 500        | 300         |              |                 |                          |                  |
| New Hope.....       | 3        |                     | 6        | 2                   | 58       | 55    | 80         | 200         | 300          |                 |                          |                  |
| Orion.....          | 3        |                     | 6        | 2                   | 58       | 55    | 80         | 200         | 300          |                 |                          |                  |
| Otter Creek.....    | 2        |                     | 1        | 73                  | 1 10     |       |            | 200         | 200          |                 |                          |                  |
| Palistine.....      | 2        |                     | 1        | 73                  | 1 10     |       |            | 200         | 200          |                 |                          |                  |
| Philadelphia.....   | 1        | 12                  | 3        | 84                  | 1 40     | 25    | 40 00      | 600         | 400          |                 |                          |                  |
| Providence.....     |          |                     | 2        | 36                  | 1 00     | 2 55  |            | 200         | 300          |                 |                          |                  |
| Providence.....     |          |                     | 2        | 36                  | 1 00     | 2 55  |            | 200         | 300          |                 |                          |                  |
| Pine Grove.....     | 3        | 1                   | 1        | 28                  | 80       | 1 50  |            | 500         | 400          |                 |                          |                  |
| Pilgrim's Rest..... | 3        | 9                   | 3        | 1                   | 92       | 1 30  | 1 05       | 100 00      | 400          | 400             |                          |                  |
| Redfield.....       | 3        | 3                   | 7        | 4                   | 5        | 212   | 2 00       | 3 85        | 54 65        | 600             | 400                      |                  |
| Sardis.....         | 3        | 3                   | 7        | 4                   | 5        | 212   | 2 00       | 3 85        | 54 65        | 600             | 400                      |                  |
| Shiloh.....         | 1        |                     |          | 37                  | 1 00     |       |            | 300         | 300          |                 |                          |                  |
| Saline.....         | 4        | 6                   |          | 5                   | 41       | 60    |            | 200         | 200          |                 |                          |                  |
| Sharon.....         |          |                     |          | 46                  | 1 00     | 1 00  |            | 200         | 300          |                 |                          |                  |
| Sweet Home.....     |          |                     | 2        | 1                   | 3        | 1     | 10         | 60          | 100          | 200             |                          |                  |
| Spring Hill.....    | 2        |                     | 4        | 39                  | 95       |       |            | 100         | 200          |                 |                          |                  |
| Salem.....          | 3        |                     | 4        | 2                   | 32       | 60    | 50 00      | 300         | 300          |                 |                          |                  |
| Social Hill.....    | 3        | 4                   | 1        | 2                   | 41       | 1 10  | 25 00      |             |              |                 |                          |                  |
| Walnut Ridge.....   | 3        | 4                   | 1        | 2                   | 41       | 1 10  | 25 00      |             |              |                 |                          |                  |

\*Total Membership taken from the Statistical Table of 1897.

# Pastors, Clerks and Their Post Offices.

| CHURCHES.           | COUNTY.        | NAMES OF MESSENGERS.                              | PASTORS.            | CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.            |
|---------------------|----------------|---|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Alexander.....      | Pulaski.....   | S R Skeen, J G Turner, Frank Emerson.....         | G W McCarty.....    | W B Thomas, Sweet Home, Ark.        |
| Antioch.....        | Pulaski.....   | Wm Carter, C F Elrod, B J Martin.....             | Wm Tucker.....      | D F Dobbins, Bryant, Ark.           |
| Bryant.....         | Saline.....    | H S Glenn, J J Beavers, W H Evans.....            | W V Walls.....      | W H Evans, Benton, Ark.             |
| Beuton.....         | Saline.....    | R R Adams, F W Rushing, I P Shepherd.....         | F P Davis.....      | F W Rushing, Sheridan, Ark.         |
| Big Creek.....      | Grant.....     |   |                     |                                     |
| Bethany.....        | Pulaski.....   |   |                     |                                     |
| Burning Bush.....   | Pulaski.....   |   |                     |                                     |
| China Grove.....    | Saline.....    | J S Abercrombie, G T Green, T W Martin.....       | Wm Tucker.....      | H L Abercrombie, Bryant, Ark.       |
| Corinth.....        | Grant.....     | R N Slaughter, J T Page, John Wells.....          | Wm Tucker.....      | J J Wells, Poe, Ark.                |
| Cedar Branch.....   | Grant.....     | M H Huet, D T Purcell, C Shihaler.....            | Joshua Halbert..... | J S Wright, Darysaw, Ark.           |
| East Union.....     | Saline.....    | E M Young, Wm Wells, S J McGill.....              | A F Burton.....     | S B McCright, Slate, Ark.           |
| Ephesus.....        | Grant.....     | W F Wafford, G W Richey, Jas Crutchfield.....     | W B McCool.....     | Harvey Hamilton, Cherry Grove, Ark. |
| Fair View.....      | Saline.....    | A E Adamson, J A Webb, R Baxley.....              | H P Haley.....      | J G Penny, Hurricane, Ark.          |
| Harmony.....        | Grant.....     | B E Hope, J A Halbert, W J James.....             | J M Clem.....       | W J James, Prattsville, Ark.        |
| Humble Hope.....    | Grant.....     | J G Lybrand, J W Veazey, G L Davis.....           | E F Appling.....    | G L Davis, Grapevine, Ark.          |
| Ironton.....        | Pulaski.....   | C S Breedon, S R Beauchamp, Thos Bradberry.....   | J H Donham.....     | S R Beauchamp, Ironton, Ark.        |
| Liberty.....        | Grant.....     | S R Cobb, Wm Sheppard, E T Holman.....            | A L Brumbelow.....  | E T Holliman, Belfast, Ark.         |
| Liberty.....        | Saline.....    | J W Copeck, A C Peaden, J W Bearden.....          | J W Avery.....      | J W Bearden, Benton, Ark.           |
| Lost Creek.....     | Grant.....     | W D McDonald, I N Rushing, J F Suddeth.....       | W B McCool.....     | D R Wray, Sheridan, Ark.            |
| Lone Star.....      | Saline.....    | J R Cole, B M Jernigan, H J Hill.....             | J A Lawhon.....     | B M Jernigan, Craig's Mill, Ark.    |
| Lone Star.....      | Jefferson..... | T J Nixon, W A Bowman.....                        | H P Haley.....      | T J Nixon, Redfield, Ark.           |
| Little Creek.....   | Grant.....     | Will Allison, J H Porter, J A Vance.....          | M S Kelley.....     | Spencer Matthis, Sheridan, Ark.     |
| Land Mark.....      | Pulaski.....   | Frank Lowery, Cull Wright, J H Hale.....          | S P Davis.....      | J A Keiley, Slate, Ark.             |
| Mar's Hill.....     | Saline.....    | W H McDonald, W T Lee, T E Smith.....             | Joshua Halbert..... | M J Lasater, Corwin, Ark.           |
| Mount Olive.....    | Saline.....    | S T Johnson, W R Donham, W R Childress.....       | J H Donham.....     | W R Childress, Corwin, Ark.         |
| Mount Ida.....      | Jefferson..... | J A Bair, Trooper Bush, Joe Faley.....            | F P Davis.....      | T Z Reed, Dexter, Ark.              |
| Mount Harmony.....  | Saline.....    | O L Cate, B F Allen, A B Westbrook.....           | S F Funk.....       | T S Cate, Benton, Ark.              |
| Marlow.....         | Grant.....     | Oscar Owens, C C Tittle, J W Nelson.....          | A F Burton.....     | P T Isom, Ico, Ark.                 |
| Mount Vernon.....   | Jefferson..... | John Mullins, E Wilder, J W Owens.....            | G W McCarty.....    | E Wilder, Dexter, Ark.              |
| New Friendship..... | Saline.....    | A J Croxton, J H Carson, H C Fulcher.....         | S P Davis.....      | A L Carson, Shaw, Ark.              |
| New Hope.....       | Grant.....     |   |                     |                                     |
| Orion.....          | Grant.....     | J F Pierce, Wiley Sullivan, G D Mathews.....      | H P Haley.....      | H F Clark, Redfield, Ark.           |
| Otter Creek.....    | Saline.....    | G M Cullins, H L Gibson, Calvin Billings.....     | H L Gibson.....     | G M Cullins, Altharp, Ark.          |
| Palistine.....      | Grant.....     | E E Lokey, D S Gillis, Wiley Burton.....          | J H Donham.....     | J C Davis, Belfast, Ark.            |
| Philadelphia.....   | Grant.....     | W M Halev, Robert Thomas, Joseph Ray.....         | W B McCool.....     | Joseph J Ray, Prattsville, Ark.     |
| Providence.....     | Jefferson..... | J D Phillips, H B Phillips, W W Shepherd.....     | H B Taylor.....     | J D Philips, Darysaw, Ark.          |
| Providence.....     | Grant.....     |   |                     |                                     |
| Pine Grove.....     | Pulaski.....   | L M Malaby, D A Thomas, J M Dorough.....          | G W McCarty.....    | J M Thomas, Sweet Home, Ark.        |
| Pilgrim's Rest..... | Pulaski.....   |   |                     |                                     |
| Redfield.....       | Jefferson..... | E F Dyson, Geo Crane, B J Mathews.....            | B F Milam.....      | B J Mathews, Redfield, Ark.         |
| Sardis.....         | Grant.....     | J W Lybrand, J W Worthington, U W Poss.....       | W B McCool.....     | U W Poss, Grapevine, Ark.           |
| Shiloh.....         | Grant.....     |   |                     |                                     |
| Saline.....         | Grant.....     | Elean Worthen, Jno Williams, L B Brumbelow.....   | Joshua Halbert..... | L B Brumbelow, Tull, Ark.           |
| Sharon.....         | Saline.....    | J S Wood, L E Mangum, W M Depew.....              | J W Avery.....      | J S Wood, Benton, Ark.              |
| Sweet Home.....     | Grant.....     | M M Beck, V A Ashcraft, J M Matthews.....         | M S Kelley.....     | N B Ashcraft, Prattsville, Ark.     |
| Spring Hill.....    | Pulaski.....   | Robert Farr.....                                  | J W Avery.....      | C A Avery, Zuber, Ark.              |
| Salem.....          | Grant.....     | W J Mooney, L M Harrington, R H Bearden.....      | A L Brumbelow.....  | R H Bearden, Belfast, Ark.          |
| Social Hill.....    | Saline.....    | A H Davis, J C Davenport, J N Kitchen.....        | E L Rnshing.....    | A H Davis, Benton, Ark.             |
| Walnut Ridge.....   | Grant.....     | J E Vanlandingham, W H Robinson, G E Gaggans..... | J H Donham.....     | L R Vanlandingham, Amber, Ark.      |

## CONSTITUTION.

Art. 1. The Association shall be composed of three members chosen by the different churches of our union, and all Ordained Ministers reported by the churches in their letters.

Art. 2. This Association shall be known as the Pine Bluff Baptist Association.

Art. 3. Each church composing this Association shall be entitled to three Messengers.

Art. 4. The object of this Association shall be to devise measures to promote the Redeemer's Kingdom on earth.

Art. 5. This Association shall be considered an Advisory Council; and shall have no power to legislate for the churches or lord it over God's heritage.

Art. 6. Other churches may be admitted into this body when they signify a wish to do so by letter and Messengers; provided, they be deemed orthodox, which shall be determined by their Abstract of Faith and Church Government.

Art. 7. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen at each session and hold their offices until their successors are properly qualified.

Art. 8. The Clerk shall keep a regular file of the minutes of the Association and turn the same over to his successor in office.

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of each church composing this body to send up such contributions in money, to each annual meeting, as shall be necessary to defray the incidental expenses of the Association; and each church shall be furnished with minutes in proportion to the amount thus furnished.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of each church to send up to each annual meeting of this body a letter containing a brief history of her progress since the last session with the following particulars, to-wit: Her prosperity or adversity, the names of her messengers, pastors, deacons, ordained or licensed ministers, the number baptised, received by letter, by voucher, restored, dismissed by letter, excluded, dead, total in fellowship, time of regular conference meetings, post offices etc.

Art. 11. Any church may send up any query asking advice of the Association.

Art. 12. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a full and fair record of the proceedings of this Association, and to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes, and for his services he shall receive such remuneration as the Association, from time to time may think proper.

Art. 13. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and account for all moneys paid to him for the use of this Association according to order.

Art. 14. Amendments to this constitution may be made at any session of this Association, when two-thirds of the members present shall deem it necessary.

## ABSTRACT OF FAITH.

Art. 2. We believe that there is only one true and living God, revealed to us under the personal and relative distinction of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Art. 2. We believe that the Scriptures comprising the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only correct rule of faith and practice.

Art. 3. We believe in the doctrine of election, as founded in the foreknowledge of God through the sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and belief of the truth.

Art. 4. We believe that man was created upright, but by voluntary

transgression fell from the holy state, consequently he and all his posterity became dead in trespasses and in sin.

Art. 5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ through faith in His name.

Art. 6. We believe in the preservation of the Saints in Grace.

Art. 7. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the general judgment and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

Art. 8. We believe that a Christian church is a congregation of baptised believers who meet statedly and have connection together to maintain the ordinances, discharge the duties and enjoy the privileges set forth in the New Testament as pertaining to the church of God.

Art. 9. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel unless he has been regularly baptised, called and come under the imposition of the hands of a presbytery.

Art. 10. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are both positive institutions, and the only ordinances of the church of Christ, and that believers are the only proper subjects, and immersion alone is baptism.

Art. 11. We believe that regular baptised believers only have a right to commune at the Lord's Supper.

Art. 12. We believe that the Lord's Day should be a day of rest and religious devotion.

## RULES OF DECORUM.

1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. The officers of this Association shall be chosen by a majority of the members present by ballot.
3. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to see that order is kept according to the Rules of Decorum.
4. Any member dissatisfied with the decision of the Moderator may appeal to the Association, provided it be done on the same day.
5. One member only shall speak at a time; he shall proceed without interruption unless he depart from the subject or use personal reflections.
6. No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice on any one subject without obtaining leave of the Association.
7. No practice shall be allowed that is calculated to interrupt a member while speaking.
8. Every motion made and seconded, after time given for debate, shall be put to the Association unless previously withdrawn, and the Moderator shall announce the decision.
9. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the number present.
10. No appellation but that of "brother" shall be used by the members in addressing each other during the session of the Association.
11. The Moderator shall have the same privileges of speech as any other member; provided the chair be filled, and also vote in case of a tie to give the casting vote.
12. The names of the members shall be called as often as the Association may deem necessary, and no member shall withdraw himself from the Association without leave of the Moderator.
13. These rules shall be read at the opening of each session and oftener if necessary.
14. All questions shall be decided by "aye" or "no" unless the "ayes" and "noes" are called for by motion and second, in which case the decision shall be thus taken.
15. These rules may be amended at any session of this body by a majority of the members present.

## Form of Church Letter to Association.

..... Baptist Church to the  
Pine Bluff Baptist Association, Greeting:

We send Brethren..... as Messengers  
to sit with you in your deliberations.

Ordained Ministers .....

Changes in Membership.....

Membership last year.....

Number of Immersions .....

Number received by letter .....

Number received by Relation or

Voucher .....

Number received by Restoration ...

Total number of Accessions...

Number dismissed by Letter.....

Number of Deaths.....

Number of Exclusions.....

Total Diminution.....

Present Membership .....

Number of Sabbath Schools.....

Number of Officers and Teachers .....

Number of Sunday School Scholars.....

Total number in Sunday Schools.....

Contribution for Associational Missions.....

Contribution for State Missions.....

Contribution for Foreign Missions.....

Contribution for Pastor's Salary .....

Contribution for all other purposes.....

Total .....

Value of all Church Property.....

Cash herewith for Minutes .....

Eld. .... is our Pastor, whose post office address  
is.....

Our days of meeting are.....

Done by order of the church on the..... day of..... 189.....

Moderator.

Clerk.

P. O. ....