

MINUTES

OF THE

Red River Baptist Association,

39th ANNUAL SESSION.

HELD WITH

PLEASANT HORN CHURCH

September 24, 25 & 26, 1887.

Next Session to be Held with Wolf Creek Church, Pike County, Commencing on Saturday Before the Fourth Sabbath in September, 1888.

OFFICERS : J. O. BROWNING, Moderator, - - - Manchester. *
T. A. HEARD, Clerk, - - - - - Arkadelphia. *

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MINUTES.



The 39th annual session of Red River Association met with Pleasant Hill church September 24th, 1887.

The introductory sermon was preached by Bro. E. Morrell, by previous appointment—text, Romans x:15: "And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things." The sermon was well delivered and satisfactory to the congregation.

After bountiful refreshments, at 2 o'clock the Association was opened by Bro. J. A. Ross, the moderator, by reading the 133d Psalm. Prayer was offered by Dr. Searcy.

Church letters were called for, which were read by R. G. Edwards, W. A. F. Wells, E. W. McBreyer and J. P. Copeland, and the delegates' names were called.

Proceeded to elect a moderator and clerk. W. E. Atkins and J. L. Boze-man were appointed to take the vote, which resulted in the election of J. O. Browning as moderator and T. A. Heard re-elected clerk. Bro's. Browning and Heard returned thanks to the Association for the honor conferred upon them. Bro. Browning took his seat.

Petitionary letters were called for, and letters from Holly Grove, Midway, Ephesus, Mountain Home and Gurdon churches were read and received and the hand of fellowship was given by the Moderator to the delegates, and said churches were declared members of this Association.

Called for visiting brethren. Dr. Searcy, financial secretary of the Ouachita College, Bro. Early, financial secretary of the state board and W. E. Atkinson, of Prescott, were cordially received and invited to seats.

Appointed R. G. Edwards, Unity church, W. J. Rowe, Hollywood church, J. H. Holt, of Ozan church in connection with the delegates of this church, a committee on Divine Service. On motion, G. B. Carter, of South Fork church, was added to said committee.

The committee on Divine Service reported that Bro. York, of Ozan church, preach at this church at candle lighting; Bro. Welch, of Alpine, at Hart's chapel; Bro. Earley, of Little Rock, at the Langley school-house and Dr. Searcy on to-morrow at 11 o'clock at the stand.

After benediction, the Association adjourned to 9:30 o'clock Monday morning.

Sabbath, at 10 o'clock, after devotional exercises at the stand, the congregation was religiously entertained by talks from Bro. Merrell, Bro. Gunter and Bro. Browning, the oldest ministers in the Association, giving a short history of their conversions and call to the ministry, also their fixed faith in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The lectures by the brethren were received with hearts running over with love to them and praise to God for sparing the lives of those brethren so long and blessing their labors while toiling so faithfully in preaching His gospel to a lost and dying people.

At 11 o'clock the stand was occupied by Dr. Searcy. After singing and prayer, read 1st chapter of Ephesians—text, 13th verse: "In whom ye also

trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth. The gospel of your salvation: in whom also after which ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise." The sermon was received by the entire congregation with prayerful and thankful hearts, that when sealed with the Holy Seal of promise, there is no power to break the seal of promise until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the promise of His glory. Following the sermon a collection was taken, which amounted to \$61, subject to the order of the Association.

At 2 o'clock a mass-meeting after devotional exercise, was held in the interest of the Ouachita college. The audience was very ably addressed by Bro. Searcy, financial agent, Bro. W. E. Atkins, of Prescott and Bro. Copeland, of Wolf Creek. Five hundred dollars was raised, and afterwards increased to \$630 in cash and notes, to aid in building said college.

Preaching Sunday night by Bro. John Evans, at this place, Bro. I. F. Welch, Hart's Chapel, Bro. N. J. Price, at Langley school-house.

SECOND DAY.

Monday morning the Association met. After singing the hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," prayer was offered by Bro. York.

COMMITTEES.

The following committees were presented by the moderator.

Education—Copeland, Ross, Welch, Edwards

Finance—Malcomb, Wells, Stroope.

Sunday Schools—Horn, Norton, Merrell, Bennet.

Literature—McBreyer, Smith, Huff, Hall, Copeland.

Temperance—Bennett, Rogers, Wilson, Deaton.

Destitution—Horn, Price, Merrill.

Obituaries—Davis, Brown, Carter.

A motion was made and carried that the moderator appoint a committee on State Missions, and Bro's. Merrell, Gunter, Bunch, Bennett, Cross and Malcomb were appointed said committee.

Bro. French, of Liberty Hill, was received as a delegate and took his seat.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Report of the committee on literature was read by Bro. McBreyer, and was adopted after inserting the Baptist, published at Memphis, Tenn.

We, your Committee on Literature, beg leave to submit the following as our report:

1. We would recommend the careful and prayerful study of God's Word
2. We recommend that every Baptist family subscribe for and read the "Arkansas Baptist," and "The Baptist," Memphis, Tenn
3. For use in our Sunday-schools, we recommend "Kind Words," published in Atlanta, Ga., and the literature of the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia.

E. W. McBREYER, Chairman.

J. A. Ross, chairman of the committee on education, read his report after addresses from Bro's. Searcy, Atkinson, Copeland, Early, Hitt, Powell, Cross, Merrell, Welch and the moderator, and was unanimously adopted.

We, your Committee on Education, beg leave to make the following report:

Education is the development and training of the mind for usefulness in every department of life, and the only sure means, more especially so in the propagation of religion. In view of this fact, the Baptists of Arkansas have been prompted to plant in the midst of our Association the Ouachita Baptist College, located at Arkadelphia, which well deserves favorable consideration at our hands.

The success of the college during the past year has gone beyond the expectation of its most sanguine friends, and we call attention to the fact that the present buildings are entirely inadequate to the accommodation of students already in attendance. With President Conger at the helm, heartily seconded and supported by the sixty thousand Baptists of the great State of Arkansas, we can only expect grander results in the future.

We, therefore, urge the Baptists of this Association and throughout the State to rally to the support of our College with their prayers, sympathies, contributions and child-

ren, to the end that this grand enterprise of ours may be fostered and speedily built up, so as to meet the wants of our growing State.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. ROSS, Chairman.

Bro. Merrell, as chairman of the committee on state missions, read his report. After much discussion was unanimously adopted.

Your Committee on State Missions would submit the following:

We are profoundly thankful to God for the success which has attended the efforts of our people in the state the past year in giving the Gospel to the perishing thousands within the bounds.

Our State Board has now in this field twenty-two men, some in the towns and some in the country. These men are costing the Board about \$800 per quarter. The fields in our State are now white unto the harvest, and our Board could put one hundred men in the field if the means could be provided. What we most need among our people to develop our mission work is some system in raising funds. To secure this we would recommend:

1. That a committee be appointed in every church, to be known as a Committee on Missions, said committee to see every member of the church, and urge them to contribute weekly or monthly as the Lord may prosper them, to the cause of Missions.

2. That the money thus raised be paid into the treasury of the church, and the church from time to time appropriate the fund to the various missions as the cause may demand.

3. That all our churches be requested to adopt and put into use the Mission Book adopted by the State Board, which will aid greatly in securing something from all our people for this all-important work. The books are in the hands of M. D. Early, the Corresponding Secretary, and can be had at the small sum of 35 cents per copy.

Respectfully submitted,

E. MERRELL, Chairman.

There was a quilt made by Sister Johnson, whose husband is sorely afflicted with sore eyes and not able to work, and she requested that the Association buy it and present it to Bro. Browning, the moderator. Fourteen dollars and ninety cents was raised, and J. A. Ross was appointed to present it to Bro. Browning, which was done. By request of Bro. Browning, Bro. Searcy responded to the reception of the quilt, and Bro. Ross was appointed to pay the funds over to Bro. Johnson, by the Association.

On motion adjourned to 1:30 o'clock.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Report on Temperance was made. Bro. Copeland moved to insert the word legitimate before the word movements, and the report was adopted.

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit the following as our report: We find intemperance greatly on the decrease within our bounds. Our observation has been that it has been greatly diminished within the last Associational year. We wish to say that we do most heartily endorse all the legitimate temperance movements now in operation, and trust that the time is not far distant when a report on temperance will not be necessary. We recommend that our churches do not keep within their fellowship brethren who are habitual drinkers of alcoholic stimulants.

All of which we most respectfully submit.

T. J. BENNETT, Chairman.

Bro. Boyd was granted leave of absence on account of sickness.

Bro. Holt, chairman of committee on Home and Foreign Missions, read his report, which was unanimously adopted.

We, your committee on Home and Foreign Missions, offer this as our report:

The world is the field. There is still considerable destitution in the bounds of this Association. There is a great deal of destitution in the State. We suppose the special Committee on State Missions will report some systematic plan of beneficence. We have the men and the money to cultivate the home field well, but many of the men are at the plow instead of being in the pulpit, and the money is in the pockets of the brethren, or invested in needless speculation. This money ought to be consecrated, and we believe a systematic plan will help to do this.

We are glad to know that our Foreign Mission work is rapidly increasing every year. We now have flourishing missions in China, Africa, Italy, Brazil, Mexico and Cuba. We need to double our forces in all these fields, and we have many noble men and women who are anxious to go, but our Board cannot send them for want of means. We urge that all of churches increase their contributions to this work, and that they report the same to Brother J. B. Searcy, at Little Rock, Ark.

J. H. HOLT, Chairman.

Bro. Cross offered his report on Ministerial Education, which was read by Bro. Searcy. After some discussion was amended and adopted.

Your Committee on Ministerial Education would report that this work cannot be lightly regarded without injury to the cause that we profess to love.

As the teaching is from the pulpit, so the preacher must be better informed than the

people.

God is graciously giving us some bright gifts among the young men of our State, but for the most part they are poor and unable to educate themselves.

Our college at Arkadelphia proposes to give these young men their tuition free. Our churches ought to give them their board. Your Committee would suggest that some member of each church in our bounds become a voluntary agent to raise from one week's to one month's board for some young minister from each church in our bounds.

The work thus divided can be carried on with ease, and our young ministers can be educated in our midst, and thus go out to bless our churches and faithfully perform their life work. We recommend that the funds so raised be forwarded to the Board of Ministerial Education at Arkadelphia, to be disbursed as the students may need it.

W. J. CROSS, Chairman.

Bro. Davis read his report on Obituaries, which was adopted after inserting the name of Bro. A. P. Price, of Providence church.

We, your committee on obituaries, make the following report: That we are thankful to a all-wise Providence that we have had no deaths among the ministry in the bounds of this Association during the past year, but are pained to report the death of our beloved brother, Elder T. J. Butcher, of Union Association, and Elder B. W. Millwee, of South-western Association. Bro. Butcher has often met with this body but he has gone to reap the christian's reward. Also we report the death of Bro. D. C. Hall, of Arkadelphia church. Bro. Hall was a faithful soldier who did much for the Master. Also Bro. A. P. Price, of Providence church.

Respectfully submitted,

W. U. DAVIS, Chairman.

Bro. Horn, chairman of committee on Sunday Schools, read his report which was adopted

We, your Sunday-school Committee, beg leave to make the following report:

We find that two years ago only eight churches reported Sunday-schools. Last year fourteen and now sixteen churches have Sunday-schools. We also find that one church is taking part in a union Sunday-school; also that some brethren are laboring in such schools. We, your committee, recommend that each church have a Baptist Sunday-school, and that the brethren give their time to such schools.

H. J. P. HORN, Chairman.

Report on Destitution read by Bro. Horn and adopted.

We, your Committee on Destitution, beg leave to make the following report:

We find destitution in the northeastern portion of Hempstead county and the north-western portion of Pike county; also that Gurdon, Curtis, Beirne, Smithton and Wheelen stations on the railroad stand in need of help from this body.

H. J. P. HORN, Chairman.

Bro. Ingle read his report on Documents. Motion to amend by inserting Okolona instead of Wolf Creek. Amendment was lost and the report was adopted as read, fixing the next session to be held at Wolf Creek church.

We, your committee on documents beg leave to submit the following report:

The success which has attended our churches in this Association during the past year should strengthen and encourage us to greater efforts in the work of publishing the unadulterated gospel of Christ to perishing sinners, until spiritual wickedness in high places shall be overthrown in every part of the bounds of this Association.

We recommend that the next session of this Association shall be held with Wolf Creek church, Pike county, Arkansas.

W. A. INGLE, Chairman.

A letter of correspondence was received from Caddo River Association.

Report of committee on Finance was read, as follows:

Amount received for minutes, \$50.00; Amount received for Foreign Missions, \$26.90; Association Mission, \$55.15; Amount paid as reported from Arkadelphia church to Bro. Early for State Missions, \$41.00, and \$51.00 paid by said church for Foreign Missions. Amount turned over to T. A. Heard as treasurer, \$128.05, all of which is respectfully submitted.

B. F. MALCOMB, Chairman.

Ordered that the collection on Sabbath of \$61.00, be equally divided between Association funds, State and Foreign Missions.

Report of T. A. Heard as chairman of the Executive committee was read and received, also Bro. J. O. Browning's report as missionary, employed by said Executive board.

Your Board ask to make the following report in pursuance to your appointment. We employed Bro. J. O. Browning to labor as missionary at Gurdon, Beirne, Smithton, Wheelen and Curtis. He commenced his labors in February last, and has agreed to give three-fourths of his time to September, making seven months, for which we agreed to pay him \$200. His report as missionary, dated September 24th, has been received by your Board, and your Board is satisfied that the preaching of Brother Browning, as agreed, has been fully complied with; also that said places need the gospel, and should have your consideration.

T. A. HEARD, Chairman.

Bro. N. J. Price was appointed to preach the next introductory sermon and

Bro. Horn his alternate.

Bro. I. F. Welch asked to be excused as a member of the executive board. His request was granted and Bro. E. W. McBreyer was appointed in his place. W. I. Rowe, T. A. Heard, J. A. Ross and J. H. Holt were continued.

Appointed correspondents to sister associations, as follows:

Southwestern—Copeland, Price and Merrell.

Saline—Horn and Hitt.

Judson—Browning, Cross.

Caddo—Kenedy, Welch.

Union—Bennett, McDaniel and Hitt.

Arkansas Baptist State Convention—Copeland, Bennett, Merrell, Kenedy, Ingle and Price.

RESOLVED, That a vote of thanks is hereby offered by this body to the brethren and citizens of Pleasant Hill Church, for the hospitable manner in which this Association was received by them. Also to our Methodist brethren for the use of their house.

Moved and carried that the clerk have 700 copies of these minutes printed and distributed to the churches, and that he be allowed \$15.00 for his services.

On motion, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with. While singing a hymn the parting hand was given, and the Association adjourned to meet with Wolf Creek Church, Saturday before fourth Sabbath in September, 1888.

T. A. HEARD, Clerk,

J. O. BROWNING, Moderator

TREASURER'S REPORT.

T. A. HEARD, as Treasurer, in account with Red River Association :

To cash on hand, Associational fund.....	\$ 4 60
To cash on hand, Home Mission fund.....	26 85
Received from Finance Committee	128 05
Received from collections on Sabbath.....	61 00
Received from J. A. Ross for Home Missions	6 80
Received from H. J. F. Horn, " "	34 00
Received from J. M. Hardage, " "	1 00
Total	\$262 30
By amt. paid Bro. Earley, S. Miss.	\$ 20 30
By amt. paid Bro. Searcy, F. Miss.	47 23
By amt. paid for printing Minutes	24 00
By amt. paid for postage on Minutes.....	2 50
By amt. allowed as Clerk.....	15 00
By amt. paid J. O. Browning, Missionary.....	10 00
" " " "	128 05
" " " "	6 05—\$253 23
Balance on hand.....	\$ 9 17

MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

J. O. BROWNING, as Missionary, in account with T. A. Heard, Chairman of the Board :

To amount collected in the field	\$ 55 90
To cash in the summer (T. A. H.)	10 00
To cash at the Association	128 05
To cash at Arkadelphia	6 08
Total	\$200 00
By seven months' preaching as Missionary	\$200 00—\$200 00

LICENTIATE MINISTERS.

E. Herrel, Boughton.	H. A. McDaniel, Murfreesboro	O. A. McDaniel, Caney Fork.
J. D. Rogers; Bingen.	A. T. Howell, Amity.	E. B. Rocket, Prescott
D. G. Wells, Gurdon.	John Anderson, Arkadelphia	J. M. Dean, Clear Spring.
J. A. Fortson, Arkadelphia.	H. T. Howell, Amity.	W. C. Myrick, Arkadelphia.
W. A. Ingle, Beirne.	W. W. Stephens, Clear Spring	

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

R. S. Wallis, Arkadelphia.
D. S. Williams, Arkadelphia.
D. M. Shaw, Arkadelphia.
G. W. Reeves, Arkadelphia.
Z. T. Rogers, Arkadelphia.
G. W. Clingan, Arkadelphia.
J. H. Bennett, Arkadelphia.
T. J. Bennett, Prescott.
H. J. P. Horn, Arkadelphia.
M. L. Langley, Jr., "

Rufus White, Hope.
J. A. Cornish, Wallisburg.
H. H. Coleman, Dobyville.
James Gunter, Curtis.
J. O. Browning, Curtis.
P. Copeland, Wolf Creek.
N. J. Price, Boughton.
L. H. Hitt, Boughton.
Enjah Morrell, Bengin.
G. M. Shaw, Clear Spring.

J. E. Kennedy, Amity.
T. J. Funderburk, Caney Fork.
M. D. Bell, Hollywood.
John Evans, Curtis.
D. E. McGraw, Caney Fork.
Isaac F. Welch, Alpine.
J. P. Henderson, Clear Spring.
J. H. Stuart, Bengin.
D. J. Diggins, Alpine.
Polk Bruke, Murfreesboro.

SYNOPSIS.

Increase in baptism	89
Increase in baptism by letter	72
Increase in membership	323
Paid to foreign missions	\$ 98 88
Paid to home missions	257 00
Collection for Ouachita college	630 00

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Arkadelphia Sunday school: Pupils enrolled, 160; teachers, 20; average attendance 115.
Cash paid for literature, \$118.00 Other schools—pupils estimated to be 600.

I wish the secretaries at the next Association to make full reports; also, I respectfully refer clerks of the churches in writing the letters to be governed by Article VI of the Constitution. CLERK.

The following churches were pledged by their delegates, and the amount of time to be paid for the benefit of Ministers at school now in the Ouachita College: Arkadelphia church, 1 month's board; Unity, one week; Mt. Bethel, one month; DeGray, two weeks; Shiloh, one week; Hollywood, one week; South Fork, one week; Pleasant Hill, one week; Okolona, one week; Bethlehem, one week; Amity, one week; Union, one week; Clear Spring, one week; Macedonia, one week; Caney Fork, one week; Liberty Hill, one week; Wolf Creek, two weeks; Providence, one week; Pine Grove, one week; Ozan, two weeks; Ephesus, one week.

The following amount was paid to Bro. Brownings for missions while preachin in the field: Dr W. S. Smith, \$1 00; public collection at Wheelen, \$10 50; Mr. Jennings, \$1 00; G. W. Wells at Gurdon, \$1 00; public collection by J. A. Ross at Gurdon, \$4 30; Berret Brown, \$5 00; Sister P. Rep., 00; R. B. F. Key, \$4 00; John Marbury, 50c; public collection at Curtis, \$4 75; T. M. Ewing, \$1 00; Dr. Bourland, \$1 35; received from Gurdon church, \$17.50, Total, \$55.90.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

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

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1 This Union shall be known and distinguished by the name and title of "The Red River Baptist Association."

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

ART. 3. The delegates, when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body by the appointment of a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual Association, and continue in office until their successors are chosen.

ART. 4. This Association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which

it is composed. It shall regard them as independent bodies in matters of internal government, and shall act as advisory counsel, assuming no authority except what is expressly delegated to it by the churches, or evidently implied from the nature of the compact. It nevertheless claims authority over its own members, the delegates from the churches, and in justice and propriety must have power to withdraw from and disown all churches which depart from the spirit of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice. It should, therefore, regard all churches united under this constitution with a vigilant eye for good. Its principal business shall be to promote the declarative glory of God by extending the Kingdom Grace on earth through the medium of preaching the gospel, and the means in accordance with that gospel, to cultivate union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ, especially those united in this constitution.

ART. 5. Newly constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other Associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this Union by sending up three delegates to the annual meeting of this Association, with petition for admission, and by their delegates agreeing to the abstracts of principles herewith published.

ART. 6. The churches in this Union shall transmit to every annual session of the Association a written communication specifying the names of their delegates, their number in fellowship, number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, restored or deceased since last session, and all other information which the churches may deem important, which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

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

ART. 8. This Association shall furnish the churches with the Minutes of every session.

ART. 9. The Association shall take cognizance of no query sent up from the churches, unless they have endeavored to solve the same and have failed; nor of any difficulty between the churches unless they have pursued the directions in the 18th chapter of Matthew and have not been able to settle them. Then the Association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at its discretion.

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

ART. 11. This constitution may be altered or amended at regular meetings of the Association by the concurring voice of two thirds of the members then present; provided such alteration or amendment be approved by the churches composing the Association.

RULES OF DECORUM.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TABULAR STATEMENT.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	DELEGATES.	Baptised....	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.....	Restored....	Dead.....	Total in Fellowship.	For Minutes.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Sub. Meeting	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.
Arkadelphia.	Clark.	H. J. P. Horn, W. J. Cross, T. A. Heard.	53	30	2	2	164	\$ 3 00	\$41 00	\$51 40			1-3	G. W. Reeves	Arkadelphia
Unity.	"	R. G. Edwards, James Gunter, A. W. Brown.	14	5	7	1	81	1 35						J. H. Bennett	Arkadelphia
DeGray.	"	P. M. Dunlap, E. W. McBreyer, B. F. Stroope.	28	7	2	4	149	2 00						H. J. P. Horn	Arkadelphia
Shiloh.	"	John Evans, J. W. Bankston, W. A. F. Wells.	10	6	3		42	1 00						Jas. Gunter	Arkadelphia
Bethlehem.	"	H. C. Stroud, A. B. Harper, W. L. Bunch.			12	1	28	1 25						Jas. Gunter	Gurdon
Holly Grove.	"	D. S. Bunch, E. M. Pender, John Ashley.	6	5			1	24	1 25					Z. T. Rogers	Beirne
Aeon.	"	J. J. Diggins, E. S. Smith.	2	2				19	75					G. L. Hamlin	Alpine
Okolona.	"	W. U. Davis, R. F. McMaster, R. K. Hall.	6	4	4	1	82	3 00						N. J. Price	Okolona
South Fork.	"	Z. T. Rogers, Wm. Lawless, G. B. Carter.	25	12	9	1	102	2 35						Z. T. Rogers	Gurdon
Pleasant Hill.	"	J. O. Browning, W. K. Gilreath.	2	5	1		60	2 00	17 00					J. O. Browning	Curtis
Union.	"	I. F. Welch, H. T. Howell.	3	10	12	6	66	1 25						I. F. Welch	Alpine
Mt. Bethel.	"	J. A. Ross, D. C. Denson, J. M. Bennett.	14	7	12	4	101	2 00	14 08					J. H. Bennett	Arkadelphia
Gum Springs.	"	M. L. Langley, jr., Robt. Deaton.	3	5	15		20	1 00						M. L. Langley	"
Amity.	"	D. J. Hollingshead, J. E. Kennedy.	9	5	8	1	76	1 50						I. F. Welch	Amity
Clear Springs.	"	W. L. Dodgen, J. T. Holt.	44	9	13	2	182	3 05						L. H. Hitt	Clear Spring
Midway.	"	G. W. Maynard.	5				15	50						G. M. Shaw	Hollywood
Gurdon.	"	W. A. Ingle.					21	1 00						J. O. Browning	Gurdon
Hollywood.	"	J. B. Huff, W. J. Roe, B. F. Malcomb.	3		6	2	41	1 50	5 00	5 00				I. F. Welch	Hollywood
Mountain Home	"	J. H. Wisdom.	7				14							M. D. Bell	"
Macedonia.	Pike.	J. R. Hardy.	1	13	10	1	30	1 00						D. Autry	Wolf Creek
Wolf Creek.	"	Jim P. Copeland, J. P. Copeland, jr.	2	1		1	42	75						J. P. Copeland	"
Providence.	Nevada.	N. J. Price, W. D. Sutton.	3	2	8	2	71	3 00	5 85					N. J. Price	Boughton
Piney Grove.	"	J. W. Wilson.	5	1			42	2 00						N. J. Price	"
Sweet Home.	Hempstead.	No delegates.	5	4	2		20	1 10						E. Merrell	Nathan
Ephesus.	Nevada.	T. J. Bennett, D. P. Hazzard, E. B. Rocket.	5	20	12	2	31	1 00						T. J. Bennett	Laneburg
New Home.	"	No delegates.	4	4	2		54	2 00						N. J. Price	Prescott
Ozan.	Hempstead	E. Merrell, J. H. Holt, L. B. Ramage.	34	6	5	2	157	4 00	10 95	22 65				H. G. York	Bengin
Pleasant Home.	"	H. Boyd, Wm. Askew.	7	1			98	3 00	5 00					N. J. Price	"
Caney Fork.	Pike.	S. S. McDaniel, T. J. Funderbruk, Polk Burke.	1	10	3	3	21					4 25		Polk Burke	Caney Fork
Washington	Hempstead.	Not represented.					35								
Walton Valley.	Pike.	Not represented.					17								
Shiloh No. 1.	Hempstead.	Not represented.					25								