

MINUTES

—OF THE—

17TH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Friendship Regular Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH—

Mt. Mariah Church, Desha Co., Ark.

September 13, 14 & 15, A. D. 1889.

W. C. GOLDEN, Moderator.

J. W. McPHERSON, Clerk

Next Meeting to be Held with Pine Bluff, Church, Jefferson County, Ark.
Wednesday 7:30 P. M. Before Third Sunday, September, 1890.

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PROCEEDINGS.

The Friendship regular Baptist Association convened with Mt. Mariah Church, in Desha county, Arkansas, September 13, 1889. Owing to the absence of the Moderator, the former Clerk, called the body to order, and requested Eld. W. C. Golden to proceed with the temporary organization of the body: Whereupon he read the 90th division of the Psalms: and prayer was offered by J. H. W. Overton.

The hour for introductory service having arrived, and the appointee, (Eld. M. A. Gunter) not being present, the stand was filled by Eld. B. N. Hultsman, who preached a most excellent sermon from Jeremiah; xxxi chapter, xxxi verse. After which a recess was taken for refreshments, which were furnished bountifully, upon the ground.

1:30 p. m. The body was called together by singing; prayer by Eld. I. R. Vick. The roll of churches was called, their letters read by Eld. B. N. Hultsman and Bro. D. W. Campbell. The names of the following messengers were enrolled:

BETHEL, No. 1—H. N. Royster, G. F. Moody, G. F. Hall.

BETHEL, No. 2—J. E. Vallandingham, J. I. Ferguson.

BETHLEHEM—J. W. Fish, Z. T. Stone, J. K. Copeland.

CENTERVILLE—J. H. Smith.

CEDAR BRANCH—D. Foley, J. S. Veasy, A. B. Craig.

ENON—J. E. Ferguson, J. R. Searcy, S. A. Berry.

FRIENDSHIP, No. 1—T. J. Gathright, W. J. Cope.

FRIENDSHIP No. 2—No delegate, but letter.

HOLLY SPRINGS—I. R. Vick, D. W. Campbell.

HICKORY GROVE—F. H. Baldwin.

KINGSLAND—No messenger but letter.

LONE GROVE—No messenger nor letter.

MOUNT MARIAH—D. G. Lee, W. J. Cook, John Stanley.

MACEDONIA—No messenger but letter.

NEW HOPE—W. F. Hunter, J. C. Saddler.

NEW HOME—W. M. Willis.

NEW PROSPECT—T. H. Seagraves, T. J. Y. Johnson.

PLEASANT SPRINGS—E. Y. A. Rogers, J. W. Oswald, J. W. McPherson.

PLEASANT RIDGE—W. T. Orton, J. D. Glover.

PLEASANT HILL—M. A. Littlejohn.

PINE BLUFF—W. C. Golden, H. C. Fox, J. T. Marsh, H. T. Williams.

RISON—J. L. Baggett, J. M. M. Tucker.

STAR CITY—J. L. Hunter, R. L. Shoup, O. M. Lucas.

SPRING HILL No. 1—J. W. Edwards.

SPRING HILL No. 2—H. B. Taylor, W. M. Aplin.

ZION—J. H. W. Overton, W. D. Wordlaw.

We now proceed to permanent organization which resulted in the choice of Eld. W. C. Golden, Moderator; and J. W. McPherson, Clerk and Treasurer. After which (by request of the Moderator) Eld. B. N. Hultsman proceeded to read the constitution of this Association. Petitionary letters were called for but none responded.

An invitation was extended to corresponding messengers whereupon Bro. Joex Collins, responded from Bartholomew Association, and his name is enrolled.

Eld. W. C. Golden, responded as agent for and in the interest of the Arkansas Baptist and Ouachita College, and his name is enrolled as such.

A call was made for return messengers, which, resulted as follows:

Bartholomew Association: I. R. Vick.

Judson Association: John R. Searcy, J. H. W. Overton.

Pine Bluff Association: W. C. Golden, J. T. Gathright, J. L. Baggett.

State Convention: Elds. W. C. Golden, M. A. Gunter, I. R. Vick, J. L. Baggett, Bros. D. W. Campbell, J. H. Grumbles.

Southern Baptist Convention; Eld. W. C. Golden, as principal,

and Elds. M. A. Gunter and E. Y. A. Rogers as alternates.

Adjourned, to meet at 7 p. m.

Met, pursuant to adjournment. The stand was filled by Eld. W. C. Golden, who preached an elegant sermon from Cor. iv. chap., latter clause iv. verse. After which the Association was called to order by the Moderator, who appointed the following committees:

DIVINE SERVICE—I. R. Vick, D. G. Lee, W. J. Cook, John Stanley.

NOMINATIONS—J. L. Baggett, T. J. Y. Johnson, M. A. Littlejohn.

DOCUMENTS—I. R. Vick, D. G. Lee, Z. T. Stone,

OBITUARIES—J. W. Fish, W. J. Cope, D. Foley.

FINANCE—J. L. Hunter, D. W. Campbell, H. C. Fox.

SABBATH SCHOOL—E. Y. A. Rogers, J. T. Gathright, J. E. Ferguson.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—E. Y. A. Rogers, J. T. Marsh, John R. Searcy.

EDUCATION—B. N. Hultsman, H. T. Williams, J. W. Oswald.

PUBLICATION—W. C. Golden, J. W. Edwards, J. K. Copeland.

HOME MISSIONS—J. H. W. Overton, J. S. Veasey, A. B. Craig.

Adjourned to meet Saturday at 9 a. m.

Met pursuant to adjournment. The body was called together by singing.

Prayer by Eld. E. Y. A. Rogers.

The minutes of Friday were read and adopted.

A call was then made for the reports of the various committees.

The Committee on Sunday-schools made thier report. It was read by the Chairman, discussed, amended and adopted. [See Report A.]

Committee on Foreign Missions made their report. It was read by their Chairman, and while pending the discussion a collection was taken for Foreign Missions, amounting to \$15.10, and adopted [See Report B.]

The Committee on Obituaries made their report. It was read by

the Chairman and adopted. [See Report C.]

The Committee on Nominations made their report. It was read by the Chairman, discussed, amended by nominating Kingsland and Bethel No. 1. Amendments lost. Adopted as first read. [See Report D.]

Committee on Publications made their report. It was read by the Chairman, discussed and adopted. [See Report E.]

Committee on Education made their report. It was read by the Chairman, discussed and adopted. [See Report F.]

Adjourned for refreshments which were bountifully furnished on the grounds.

2 P. M.

Called together by singing.

Prayer by Eld. B. N. Hultsman.

Committee on Documents made their report. Read by Chairman and adopted. [See Report G.]

Committee on Home Missions made their report. Read by Chairman, discussed and adopted. [See Report H.]

Report of Executive Committee read by Bro. J. L. Hunter, which was discussed and adopted. [See Report I.]

Adjourned until 7 p. m.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Eld. B. N. Hultsman preached quite an excellent and convincing sermon, from Hebrews ii. chapter, vi. verse.

After preaching the body was called to order by the Moderator.

The Committee on Finance made their report, which was adopted. [See Report J.]

Treasurer of Executive board read his report which was adopted. [See Report K.]

The body then proceeded to the election (by acclamation) the following Bros. to preach our next annual sermons. Eld. O. M. Lucas to preach the introductory sermon at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, and Eld. M. A. Gunter to preach the missionary sermon at 11 a. m. Thursday, and that this body meet with the Pine Bluff, 6th. Avenue church on

Wednesday (7:30 p. m.) before the 3rd Saturday in September, A. D. 1890.

A number of resolutions were read, discussed and adopted, see them in their regular order.

The Clerk was instructed to give the Arkansas Baptist the preference of printing our minutes if they will do it as cheap as other offices.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn until 9 a. m. Saturday.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

The body was called together by singing.

The Moderator read LXXI. division of Psalms.

Prayer by Rev. John R. Searcy.

A motion was made and carried to appoint Eld. J. H. W. Overton agent to collect for this Association a minute of each meeting of this body, and report to this body at its next regular session.

A motion was made and carried to postpone the preaching of the Missionary sermon until 11 a. m. and immediately thereafter to take up a collection for associational missions, and the amount so raised to be paid over to Eld. I. R. Vick for mission work.

Various motions and resolutions introduced relative to the best plan for raising associational mission money. They were extensively discussed and many rejected, but at last the following was adopted.

Resolved that one messenger from each church be and is hereby constituted financial agent for this body to urge the cause of missions in his church, to take up collections and report the same to the Executive board as the work progresses, and make their final report to this body at its next regular session, and the following named agents were appointed,

Bethel No. 1—H. N. Royster.

Bethel No. 2—J. E. Vanlandingham.

Bethlehem—J. W. Fish.

Centerville—J. H. Smith.

Cedar Branch—J. S. Veasey

Enon—S. A. Berry
Friendship No. 1—J. T. Gathright.
Friendship No. 2—J. N. Baker.
Holly Springs—D. W. Campbell.
Hickory Grove—F. H. Baldwin.
Kingsland—A. M. Gresham.
Lone Grove—No Representation.
Mount Mariah—D. G. Lee.
Macedonia—D. D. Tucker.
New Hope—W. F. Hunter.
New Home—W. M. Willis.
New Prospect—T. J. Y. Johnson.
Pleasant Springs—E. Y. A. Rogers.
Pleasant Ridge—W. T. Orton.
Pleasant Hill—M. A. Littlejohn.
Pine Bluff—H. C. Fox.
Rison—J. L. Baggett.
Star City—J. L. Hunter.
Spring Hill No. 1—J. M. Atkinson.
Spring Hill No. 2—H. M. Appling.
Zion—W. D. Wordlow.

It was moved and carried that a committee of five of the Pastors of this Association be appointed to report to this body at its next regular session, a plan for raising money for associational missions. The following Pastors constitute the committee: Elds. M. A. Gunter, W. C. Golden, I. R. Vick, O. M. Lucas, J. H. W. Overton.

After words of parting were spoken by the Moderator, and prayer by Eld. B. N. Hultsman, we united in singing Sweet bye and bye, and extended to each other the parting hand, while tears of affection freely flowed from many an eye, and hearts deeply imbued with the love of God, sent up silent prayers that God would preserve us, and make us more useful the next associational year.

Thus closed the seventeenth anniversary of the Friendship Association to meet with the Pine Bluff, 6th. Avenue Baptist Church on

Wednesday (7:30 p. m.) before 3rd. Sabbath in September 1890.

J. W. McPHERSON,
Clerk.

W. C. GOLDMAN,
Moderator.

Sunday 11 a. m. according to previous appointment the stand was filled by J. H. W. Overton, who preached a most excellent Missionary sermon from Mark xv. chapter, xv. verse, after which a collection was taken, amounting to \$16.55.

RESOLUTIONS.

1st. Resolved that all the churches in this association send up their church letters on printed blanks all filled out.

2nd. Resolved that the messengers of this association extend their heart felt thanks to Mount Mariah church, and the people of that community for the courteous manner in which they have been received, and generous and hospitable manner in which they have been entertained.—John T. Marsh.

3rd. Resolved that it is the sense of this Association that the use of intoxicating liquors, as a beverage, is contrary to the scriptures, and detrimental to humanity.

Therefore we recommend that the messengers of this body when they return home do all in their power to get Baptist to discontinue its use.—J. H. W. Overton.

4th. Resolved that \$15.00 be appropriated for Bro. J. W. McPherson for the efficient manner in which he has performed the clerical duties of this body.—John T. Marsh.

5th. Resolved that in the future the place of holding the meetings of this body be determined by separate ballot from any other nominations.—J. E. Ferguson.

REPORT A.

Your Committee on Sunday-schools find only 14 represented this year from 25 churches. Quite a number of them reported nothing done in the Sunday-school work. However there are some Sunday

schools doing good work. We have a Sunday-school convention organized in our association. But it is not fostered as it should be; if we make it a success, we must give it more attention. Very few of our churches are taking any interest in it. Brethren shall we drag along in this grand work, as heretofore, or shall we rise in our manhood and make the Sunday-school work a grand success.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Y. A. ROGERS.

REPORT B.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions submits the following report.

We deem Foreign Missions a subject of great importance in the deliberations of our association. We consider a cheerful response to the appeals of this grand and glorious work is our positive duty. If we slight or neglect the work we cannot comply with the command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The needs of our Foreign Mission board is greater at this time than any other period of our history. There has been a great increase of laborers to our various missionary points in the foreign fields, which necessarily calls for larger contributions than any time previous, and still they cry for more laborers in the field.

Brethren we have men who are saying, here am I, send me. But our board cannot send them without the money. If we fail to rise up and occupy the field that God, in His providence has opened before us, we shall not prove faithful to the trust committed to our hands, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Y. A. ROGERS.

REPORT C.

Your Committee on Obituaries would report as follows: that we have great reason to thank God for His protecting care over us during the past year in sparing the lives of His children, yet He has seen fit in His providence to call from the walks of men about two per cent. of our membership to try the realities of an unknown world to

us. while we regret our loss we hope that it is their eternal gain. □

God has blessed us greatly in sparing all the lives of His ministering servants for which we are truly thankful. Brethren let us take courage, and be faithful unto death that we may receive a crown of life.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. FISH, Chairman.

REPORT D.

Your Committee on Nominations beg leave to report: That we have nominated as our Executive Board, Eld. W. C. Golden, H. C. Fox, J. L. Hunter, D. W. Campbell and J. S. Fish. On Sunday schools: W. H. Cash. On Ministerial Education: T. J. Varnell. On Book Depository: O. M. Lucas, and that he sell the books and turn over the proceeds to the Executive Board for Missions.

That the next session of this body be held with the Pine Bluff church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. BAGGETT, Chairman.

REPORT E.

Your Committee on Publications report the following: We commend first, a wider reading of the bible, that we may be able to give a reason at any time for our faith, and practice from its pages. We believe there should be a religious paper in every home. We recommend first of all the Arkansas Baptist in every way worthy of our support. We also recommend the Baptist and Reflector, The Western Record, The American Baptist, Ford's Christian Repository etc.

We recommend the Sunday-school literature of both, the American Baptist Publication Society. at Philadelphia and the Southern Board, at Atlanta. Ga., with their general publications. Let us Labor for an increased reading of good wholesome Baptist literature.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. GOLDEN.
J. M. EDWARDS.

REPORT F.

Your Committee on Education report the following: Brethren in our judgment this question should press itself home to our hearts, we feel that much time has been whiled away in idleness. 1st. Our standard of education is too low, it ought to be of a higher tone, and of a more general nature that the masses might be educated. 2nd. That we should by all means educate our children. Do all in our power to employ not only competent teachers, but christians to teach our children. No one can fill the place of a teacher properly who is not a christian. It will not do to send to a dissipated man, a profane man or an infidel, for fear our children will partake of his habits. We should see to it that no drunkard should teach in our schools. 3rd. As Baptist we should labor to build up our own school. We now have the Onachita College located at Arkadelphia in this state, one of the best schools in the south. with a faculty second to none; with all the modern advantages to give entire satisfaction in educating our children. 4th. We feel that our country has lost many good citizens, our churches many workers for Jesus by sending our children to other states, to be educated. And to-day our cause is suffering for the want of well trained men and women, therefore, let us as Baptist see to it, and educate our children at home. Finally brethren do not forget the religious training of your children. Jesus, the great teacher, is pleading for the children. Who will not, who cannot send them to the school of Christ.

Jesus said go teach all nations. Go brethren we are simply teachers under the great principal of our moral and spiritual school. We ask the mothers and fathers who read this, to lay the matter to their hearts and consider yourselves assistants, and teach your children whom God has given you and whom you love.

B. N. HULTSMAN, Chairman.

REPORT G.

Your committee on Documents beg leave to report as follows;
No. of churches, 26.

- " " Ordained Ministers, 15.
- " " Unordained Ministers, 9.
- " Baptized, 220.
- " By letter, 106.
- " " Relation, 13.
- " " Restoration, 24.
- " Dismissed by letter, 81.
- " Excluded, 37.
- " Died, 31.

Total membership, 1596.

Respectfully submitted,

I. R. VICK, Chairman.

REPORT I.

Your Executive board beg leave to report: That there is still great destitution in the bounds of this Association, from the increase in population, and increased anxiety for gospel light. Your board has been zealous in trying to induce churches to contribute to the Associational Mission fund, but have failed to attain the usual amount from various causes, two of which we will mention. 1st. dissatisfaction on the part of some of our ministers, as to the work of the board. 2nd. From the change of plan of collecting funds, Reducing the amount from \$286.00 down to \$41.60 paid into the treasury during this associational year. Four applications for assistance in money have been made to the board. Not being willing to encumber this association with debt, and still hoping for an increased contribution, the answer of the board to the applications made, was finally made by appropriating the small amount of \$20.00 each to Mt. Mariah and New Prospect with Eld. I. R. Vick, as pastor; and Friendship No. 2 with Eld. W. M. Hopson as pastor. The work of the mis-

sionaries has resulted as follows:

Addition to Mount Mariah by letter 2.

“ “ by baptism 3.

New Prospect by letter 2.

“ “ by baptism 8.

Friendship No. 2 by letter 3.

“ “ “ by baptism 2.

Total 20.

We earnestly recommend that all opposition to the work of the board, shall be made during the setting of this association, and beg the brethren to work together for the Master's cause, and also recommend that some specific plan of raising money for associational missions, be adopted instead of the general plan adopted last association. The state board has paid in the bounds of this association \$25.00 to Eld. I. Z. Kimbrough, Pastor at Kingsland.

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. HUNTER,

H. C. FOX.

J. H. GRUMBLES

J. S. FISH.

REPORT H.

Your Committee on Home Missions submits the following report: It is with pleasure that we call attention to this work, yet, we are truly sorry that more is not being done for home missions.

For many years the Home Board, now located at Atlanta, Ga., has been doing a great work in helping to build up the cause of missions in the southern states. And in nearly all of these states we see the practical results of the work of the board. While we have the help of this board, we should do a great deal more for missions than we have been doing. The home board has been striving to plant the Gospel in every destitute part. About three years ago the Home board went into Cuba, and the Lord has blessed the work beyond our expectation. It is also the work of this board to plant the Gospel in the Indian Territory. While the work has not been what was desired, yet it is very encouraging. We find only \$69.45 paid in, but there is

eight churches that sent nothing for home missions, while we say a great deal about missions we do but little. Brethren let us wake up to the discharge of our duty. We say to the world in words that we are Missionary Baptist. Come one, come all, and let us in the future prove our faith by our works.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. W. OVERTON.

J. S. VEASY.

A. B. CRAIG.

REPORT J.

Your Committee on Finance reports as follows:

Cash for minutes.....	\$40.75
“ “ Home Missions.....	70.40
“ “ Foreign Missions.....	52.65
“ “ Associational Missions.....	24.40
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	\$188.20

Submitted,

J. L. HUNTER, Chairman.

REPORT K.

Report of Treasurer Executive Board Friendship Association:

Sept. 15th. 1888	To amount on hand.....	\$26.35
Nov. 23rd.	“ From Holly Springs.....	4.20
Dec. 29th.	“ “ Bethlehem.....	9.60
Jan. 29th. 1889	“ Spring Hill No. 2.....	1.55
March 30th.	“ “ Star City.....	19.25
July 12th.	“ “ Mount Mariah.....	4.00
“ “	“ “ New Prospect.....	3.00

\$67.95

July 1889.	Mount Mariah.....	\$20.00
" "	New Prospect.....	20.00
" "	Friendship No. 2.....	20.00
" "	Stationery.....	1.00
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Total amount paid out.....		\$61.00
Balance on hand Sept. 14th. 1889.....		6.95
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		\$67.95

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. W. McPherson, to the Friendship Association—

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September 17th. 1888.	Cash on hand.....	* 3.80
" 15th. 1889.	Cash Home Missions.....	70.40
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"	Foreign Missions.....	52.65
"	Associational Missions.....	24.40
"	Printing Minutes & Clerk's Fee	40.75
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		\$192.00

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October 1888.	Postage on Minutes.....	\$ 2.70
" "	Stationery.....	1.00
September 15th. 1889.	Paid over to Treasurer of Ex. B..	147.45
" " "	Clerk's Fee	15.00
Cash to pay for printing Minutes.....		25.75
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		\$191.90
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Balance on hand.....		.10

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	PASTORS, CLERKS AND CLERKS' POST OFFICE.	Baptism	Letter	Relation	Restored	Death	Letter	Exclud'd	Erased	Males	Females	Total
BETHEL, No. 1....	T. J. Varnell, B. F. Moody, Rison.....	19	0	1	3	2	5	3	0	21	27	48
BETHEL, No. 2....	W. H. Cash, J. E. Vallandingham, Pansy..	11	2	0	1	1	4	0	0	21	34	55
BETHLEHEM	J. H. W. Overton, Z. T. Stone, Palmyra....	22	0	1	3	1	3	2	0	44	67	111
CENTERVILLE	W. C. Harley, J. W. Johnston, Rowell	3	3	..	0	1	..	2	0	10	30	40
CEDAR BRANCH...	U. I. Newell, D. W. Branch, Darysaw.....	8	4	..	1	2	2	1	0	20	37	57
ENON.....	W. H. Cash, J. E. Ferguson, Anover.....	3	4	..	2	..	..	..	0	32	48	80
FRIENDSHIP, No. 1	M. A. Gunter, G. W. Reed, Randall.....	14	3	..	4	2	11	1	0	69	90	159
FRIENDSHIP No. 2	W. M. Hopson, J. N. Barker, Cook.....	2	..	1	..	..	2	1	0	..	..	28
HOLLY SPRINGS ...	I. R. Vick, D. W. Campbell, Garnett.....	12	4	..	2	..	..	2	0	30	39	69
HICKORY GROVE..	W. H. Cash, C. F. Jenkins, Star City.....	2	3	..	..	2	..	2	0	26	37	63
KINGSLAND	I. Z. Kimbrough, A. M. Gresham, Kingsland	8	4	3	1	..	2	3	0	..	..	65
LONE GROVE.....	Not Represented.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
MOUNT MARIAH...	I. R. Vick, J. M. McBroom, Winchester...	3	3	..	..	3	..	9	0	..	..	59
MACEDONIA	J. H. W. Overton, J. L. Riggins, Toledo....	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	0	14	23	37
NEW HOPE	J. C. Saddler, Toledo.....	12	3	..	..	1	..	..	0	16	18	34
NEW HOME	J. W. Fish, T. I. Steed, Glendale.....	9	8	..	..	..	..	..	0	19	21	40
NEW PROSPECT ...	I. R. Vick, J. S. Johnson, Varner.....	8	2	..	..	..	..	..	0	13	14	27
PLEASANT SPRINGS	M. A. Gunter, J. W. McPherson, Coleman..	15	2	..	..	2	5	2	0	35	48	83
PLEASANT RIDGE..	J. H. W. Overton, W. R. Ross, Randall....	5	0	..	1	1	1	..	0	21	41	62
PLEASANT HILL...	J. W. Fish, W. A. Keahey, Garnett.....	2	..	..	1	2	..	1	0	6	26	32
PINE BLUFF.....	W. C. Golden, H. C. Fox, Pine Bluff.....	14	29	2	..	2	8	..	0	..	..	154
RISON	T. J. Varnell, I. B. Williams, Rison.....	14	7	..	2	3	7	..	0	..	..	36
STAR CITY.....	O. M. Lucas, J. G. Atkinson, Star City....	8	14	1	2	1	5	..	0	..	..	64
SPRING HILL No. 1	M. A. Gunter, A. C. Miller, Montongo.....	2	..	..	1	1	11	..	0	17	32	49
SPRING HILL No. 2	H. B. Taylor, T. K. Holloway, Brooks...	1	7	..	1	..	3	..	0	10	23	33
ZION	J. H. W. Overton, J. H. J. Lee, Toledo....	9	4	6	6	2	0	20	39	59

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

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