

MINUTES

OF THE

Forty-Fourth Annual Session

OF THE

RED-RIVER-BAPTIST-ASSOCIATION.

HELD WITH

PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH,

Hempstead County, Ark., Sept. 24, 25 and 26, 1892.

OFFICERS:

E. MERRELL, D. D., MODERATOR, Bingen, Ark.

LARKIN H. HITT, CLERK, Prescott, Ark.

NEXT SESSION TO BE HELD WITH THE

Church at Amity, Clark Co., Ark.

On Saturday Before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1893.

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The Red River Baptist Association met with Pleasant Grove Church, Hempstead County, Arkansas, September 24th, 1892.

Introductory sermon preached by Eld. G. L. Hamlin: Text. 1st Cor. 1-18 verses. Theme: "Christ all and in all." Dr. Hamlin is a strong man and this was one of his best sermons.

Refreshments then served on the ground of the best kind, in a way that reflected much credit on Pastor Price and his noble flock. At 1 o'clock, p. m., the Messengers were called in by singing "Rock of Ages." The former Moderator, Eld. J. P. Copeland, read 22 Ps. Prayer by Bro. Horn. "In order for business" was then announced. The former clerk being absent, L. H. Hitt was then chosen clerk for the organization of the body. The Moderator appointed Elders H. J. P. Horn, J. T. Holt, I. F. Welch, who read the letters from the churches. Messengers' names enroled and corrected. Eld. B. F. Cannon and J. H. Black were appointed to take the ballot for Moderator and Clerk; Eld. J. P. Copeland declined re-election, and recommended Eld. E. Merrell as his successor.

The list of Churches were then called and Messengers came forward and cast their votes, which resulted in the election of Eld. E. Merrell Moderator, and L. H. Hitt Clerk.

Bro. J. P. Copeland asked unanimous consent to read a letter from T. A. Heard, and that it be printed in the Minutes. It was so ordered.

ARKADELPHIA, ARK., Sept. 23rd, 1892.

THE RED RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION:

Beloved Brethren—Owing to my feeble health I shall not be able to meet with you in your annual association, but do not suppose that I am disposed to murmur. My Master has been kind to me—having been permitted to meet with you as your clerk for thirty-eight years. Of the forty-three years, and have served you twenty-six years as your treasurer, and have been chairman of your Association board for many years. While holding said positions, have endeavored to the best of my ability. The Baptist cause has ever been advocated in my feeble efforts for sixty-two years. I believe that the Baptist of to-day are preaching the same gospel which the Baptist preached in the wilderness of Judea. And that our mode of Baptism is the same mode of Baptism that our Savior submitted to by John in the river Jordan. I have the file of minutes with the exceptions of a few years which was unavoidably destroyed by removing out of my house when part of my premises was on fire some ten years ago. One dollar and ninety cents I owe the Association as the minute fund which I will pay to my successor when called for.

Before closing this letter I wish to say to my Brethren, be faithful in all things pertaining to the armour of faith, and press forward towards the mark of the prize which is set before the followers of Christ Jesus. I am only waiting for my Master to call me over the river, for the Lord is my shepherd and I shall not fear the deep waters, for his rod and his staff shall lead me through still waters and I shall fear no evil.

My God of peace be with you all, is the prayer of your unworthy servant

T. A. HEARD, Sr.

Pastionary letters then called for. The following churches then

presented letters, endorsing the Articles of Faith of this body and asking for membership. Gum Springs, Caney Fork and Spring Hill, which were received, and the hand of fellowship extended to the Messengers, and their names enroled as members of the body.

The Moderator then appointed as committee on preaching J. E. Holt, J. J. Mayes, and messengers of this church.

On motion of Bro. Burnes a committee was appointed to draft a resolution of thanks to Bro. T. A. Heard for services rendered as clerk of this Association for 36 years. Eld. G. W. Burnes, J. P. Copeland and J. J. Haynes were appointed.

Committee on Divine Service reported as follows: Preaching for to-night. I. F. Welch at Baptist church, L. H. Hitt at the M. E. church, G. W. Burnes at Midway, T. J. Bennett at Bunker Hill, J. B. Roundtree at Mt. Pleasant, B. F. Cannon at Harper's School House.

PREACHING FOR SUNDAY.

S. S. mass-meeting at 9 o'clock, a. m., led by Bro. Horne. Preaching at 11 o'clock, Baptist church, J. P. Copeland, School Building by J. H. Baars, of the Ouachita Faculty, and at 3 p. m. J. J. Haynes Baptist church, and L. H. Hitt at the School Building.

On motion the body adjourned to 8 o'clock Monday morning.

SUNDAY SERVICE

At 9 o'clock, a. m. Bro. Horne read in a solemn and impressive manner Eph. 6; an earnest prayer by Bro. J. H. Black. Bro. Horne then led in a speech to "Teachers and Workers." The speech was strong and well directed.

Bro. J. H. Black was then called, who responded with a good speech on the importance of the Sunday School.

Eld. G. W. Burnes called upon. He prayed, and his voice went up strong and fervently as he plead with God to comfort, strengthen and guide us in this work. A song by Bro. Copeland "Jesus loves the Children." Bro. T. J. Bennett made a good speech on Consecration to the Sunday School work.

Bro. J. H. Baars made a very touching talk on preparing the lessons.

Bro. Horne then dismissed for preaching.

Eld. J. P. Copeland preached at Baptist church on the Origin and Perpetuity of the church. It was the crowning effort of his life. Poor men made churches, how they withered under the mighty sword-thrusts of the Spirit. At the same time Bro. Baars was preaching at the School house on the "Straight and Narrow Way." This sermon was full of the love of God. All hearts were drawn to the German and his Saviour.

Collections taken at both houses for Associational Missions.

Total amount.....\$16.95.

It was not a want of love for God, humanity or missions, that made this collection so small, but empty pockets.

The Mod. announced the appointment of the following committees

ON FINANCE.—J. T. Holt, B. F. Malcomb and J. J. Hayes.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS—H. J. P. Horne, W. L. Terrell and H. Edwards.

INTEMPERANCE—N. J. Price, R. K. Hall and N. Tompkins.

OBITUARIES G. L. Hamlin, J. C. Brown and J. R. Hardy.

MISSIONS—J. P. Copeland, I. F. Welch and J. T. Daniels.

DOCUMENT—J. B. Roundtree, I. F. Welch and J. R. Chappel.

EDUCATION—J. J. Haynes, G. W. Burnes and J. C. Wright.

DESTITUTION—G. W. Burnes, H. J. P. Horn and W. N. Davis.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—Dr. J. P. Bourland, G. L. Hamlin and G. M. Shaw.

LITERATURE—T. J. Bennett, J. R. Hardy and R. H. W. French.

Dismissed to 3 o'clock, p. m. Dinner plenty on the ground.

At 3 o'clock, p. m. both houses were filled and, while Eld. J. J. Haynes preached an excellent sermon in one, the writer tried to preach in the other.

PREACHING SUNDAY NIGHT.

J. N. Acker, a correspondent from Union Association, preached a splendid sermon at the church on the Love of God. Many hearts were cheered—J. H. Baars at the M. E. church. G. M. Shaw preached an excellent sermon at Harpers' School house. People were pricked to the heart and inquired the way of life. All join in saying send us Bro. Shaw again. H. J. P. Horn at Midway. W. U. Davis at Bunker Hill. G. W. Burnes at Mt. Pleasant—all preached soul-stirring sermons.

Monday 8 o'clock the Moderator called the body to order. Read 133 Psalm. Eld. E. DeLaughter led in prayer. All hearts were moved, while this promising young preacher in earnest, beseeching prayer, referred to the men and their work at home and abroad, gathering the shieves from the field of sin.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Report read by Bro. Copeland, and warmly discussed by Bros. Copeland, Hitt and others. The further consideration was postponed—set as a special order for 10:30.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Bro. H. Edwards read his report on Sunday Schools, recommending the District meetings be discontinued and the 5th Sundays be used in holding Sunday School Conventions. The report was amended so as to read:

REPORT AS AMENDED.

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, beg to report, That we find from the reading of the letters from the churches that a majority of them have not reported Sunday Schools. Therefore recommend the District Meeting give special consideration to the Sunday School work, use all its influence to incourage and help the churches in the work.

H. J. P. HORN, Chairman.
W. L. TERRELL,
H. EDWARDS,

T. A. HEARD.

A committee to draft resolutions of thanks to Bro. Heard was ap

pointed on motion of Bro. Barnes. G. W. Barnes, J. P. Copeland and J. J. Haynes were appointed.

Bro. Haynes read the report of the committee on Education as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee on Education beg leave to report: There is a great and growing demand by the people of our State for higher education of mind and heart. This demand is caused by a better realization of the great results for good that come from intelligence, development and heart culture. We know that knowledge is power, but intellectual and physical without moral development will not produce our ideal of perfect and symmetrical manhood. The heart is ever ready to receive the seed of evil or error which may in after years generate and be productive of habits of untold miseries. Religion and her hand-maid, education, must go hand in hand in the work of progress and civilization.

Recognizing this truth, infidels would break the power of Christianity by keeping our children in the woods and streets on Sunday, and from religious instructions during the week.

Other denominations would retain their influence by educating in their own denominational schools. Shall we, as Baptists, do less? Believing that it is the duty of parents to place their children for education where the teaching of home will not be antagonized, your committee recommend our people to support those institutions fostered by Baptists of our State. We have a Baptist school at Mountain Home, or White River Association, Central Female College at Conway, Ouachita Male and Female College at Arkadelphia, in Red River Association.

We consider the Ouachita College as the special property of our people, being originated, built and supported by the Baptists of Arkansas.

It has already made its power for good to be felt throughout the State. With its healthy situation, its beautiful location, its moral surroundings, its ground buildings, its full and complete faculty, its thorough work in the past, as a guarantee for the future; it is no longer an experiment, but a grand success.

Every Baptist in our State should encourage it with patronage, means and influence, and thank God for such a power for good, and pray His richest blessings to rest upon those who control it and upon our children who are to be benefitted by it.

J. J. HAYNES,
G. W. BURNES,
J. C. WRIGHT, } Committee

REPORT ON OUACHITA COLLEGE.

Dear Brethren and Messengers of the Red River Association: We are before you again with our annual report on Ouachita College. It is with pleasure that we can report progress and advancement in every department of the College work.

By reference to the Catalogue we find the enrollment not so good as last year, but the average attendance much better. Net number enrolled 300; Counties in Arkansas represented, 43; Pupils in Literary Department, 291; Pupils in Piano Department, 62; Pupils in Vocal Music Department, 25; Pupils in Elocution Department, 35; Pupils in Art Department, 17; Pupils in Stenography and Type-Writing, 10; Resident Pupils, 96; Non-resident pupils, 210; Male Pupils, 160; Female Pupils, 146; Seven States and Mexico represented; fifteen young ministers on free tuition. We also assist them in paying their board.

Brethren, our beloved Ouachita is growing in favor with God and man. Notwithstanding the very hard times, the opening of the College last Tuesday, was by far the best in its history, 240 pupils in attendance, sixty young ladies and as many young men boarders, and were it not for the stringency of money matters we would not have room to accommodate the pupils that would come. We have the very best accommodations for 400. Here we call attention to the Young Ladies' Home. It is a home indeed, with water works and bath-rooms, and Mrs. Paxton as Matron, you need not fear that the health and deportment of your daughters will be looked after with strictest care.

In conclusion, we ask your prayers for the blessings of our Heavenly Father to rest on our College in the future as in the past. Send your boys and girls and young preachers to the College. It is an Arkansas school, for Arkansas boys and girls, that is equal to the best in the Union.

J. J. HAYNES, Chairman.

The above was adopted, and Bro. Baars added to the committee.

Bro. Welch then sent a resolution to the clerk's desk which was read, limiting all speeches to five minutes, which was adopted.

REPORT ON DOCUMENT.

We, your committee on Document, made this report: We find from the letters that God has visited some parts of our Association graciously during the past year. We report: Number baptised, 154; Amount for different missions, \$314.00; number of churches represented, 33; new churches received, 3; amount for Minutes, \$42.44. A majority of the churches voting on the amendment to the Constitution opposed any change. Amity and Liberty Hill both asked for the next meeting of this order. We recommend that Amity be the place for the next session.

J. B. ROUNDFREE,
I. F. WELCH,
J. R. CHAPPELL, } Committee.

The above is the report as amended and adopted.

composed of J. B. Langley, Chairman, J. C. Wallis, Sec'y and J. P. Bourland, J. H. Holt, that we employed Bro. Horn as missionary to preach and labor for the cause of Christ in the destitute territory of our Association for the term of ten months on a salary of \$50.00 per month, and to divide his time equally in the destitution. In this contract with Bro. Horn, it was agreed by your executive Board that he be allowed the time to supply Shiloh church, to-wit: Third Sunday and Saturday in each month, and that the salary paid him by Shiloh church to pay so much of the debt contracted by your Board, and that all profits accruing from the sale of books to apply in same way, and up to this meeting of the association we are due Bro. Horn as per his report, \$215.32. Sunday collections, \$16.60; Pleasant Hill church, \$2.00; Gum Springs church, \$1.40; Pleasant Grove church, \$10.00; J. T. Holt, \$2.00; New Home church, \$2.50; Finance Committee, \$40.32; Cash collected to-day, \$13.25; Total, \$88.05. Balance due Bro. Horn, \$127.27.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. BOURLAND,
J. T. HOLT,
J. R. CHAPPELL.

Report of Executive Board adopted.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY.

Read by Bro. Horn:

As your Missionary, I report: I have worked ten months, traveled 3188 miles, preached 170 sermons, organized 3 churches and three Sunday Schools, received 18 by experience.

Adopted,

H. J. P. HORNE.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee on Ministerial Education beg leave to report that we know the educating of young men for the ministerial work is one of most vital importance, and calculated to promote the best interest of the cause of our denomination for our Master's service. Therefore we recommend that the young men within the bounds of our association who show the moral training and spiritual qualification that are so essential in this grand and glorious work to be greatly encouraged, and liberally supported by our people in the way of money when necessary in the procuring of a good education. Adopted as read.

J. P. BOURLAND, Ch'm.

OBITUARIES.

We report with thankful hearts that none of the ministers of this body have died since the last meeting. Adopted.

G. L. HAMLIN
J. C. BROWN,
J. R. HARDY.

Returned correspondence to Union Association—L. L. Hitt, J. J. Haynes.

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Elected Delegates to State Convention L. H. Hitt, J. P. Copeland, J. P. Bourland, G. W. Burnes, J. J. Haynes, H. J. P. Horn.

Bro. Copeland then introduced the following resolution: That the clerk have printed 1500 copies of these minutes and distribute them among the churches. And that he be allowed \$15.00 for his services, which was adopted.

REPORT ON LITERATURE.

Bro. Welch then read the following report on Literature, which was adopted:

Your committee on literature would report that this is pre-eminently an age of reading. Printing presses were never so numerous and so busy as now. Catholics, Protestants and Baptists are flooding the land with literature. Also all shades of infidelity disseminate their doctrines by means of the printed sheet. The people will read and there is no scarcity of literature. It is said there is no surer way to destroy the health of a city than to poison the wells from which they draw their water, so there is no more effective way to ruin the morals and blast the lives of our children than to have them read trashy and vile literature. We are glad to recognize the Bible as divinely inspired in all its parts, as complete and infallible rule of faith and practice, and a perfect treasury of heavenly instruction, which is the supreme standard by which all other literature must be tested. As for Sunday School literature we cheerfully recommend the A. B. C. Societies publications and especially those of the Sunday School Board of the S. B. Convention known as 'Kind Words' series.

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Respectfully submitted,
I. F. WELCH, Ch'm.

On motion J. J. Haynes to preach the introductory of the next meeting of this body and Bro King alternate. Elected J. P. Bourland chairman of the executive board. Bro. I. F. Welch appointed to preach on missions on Sunday at 11 o'clock at the next session of this body.

A resolution of thanks was then voted to the people of this community for kind entertainment and to the moderator and clerk for faithfulness in duty. A parting hymn was then sung and the brethren and sisters gave to each other the parting hand. After prayer adjourned to hold the next session with the church at Amity, Clark County, Arkansas, on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in Sept. 1893.

"When shall we meet again?"

Meet never to sever;

When shall peace wreath its chain

'Round us forever?"

Ordained Ministers.

G W Burnes.....	Arkadelphia	W R Barham.....	Prescott.
M L Langley.....	"	I F Welch.....	"
C E Tobey.....	"	L H Hitt.....	"
R S Wallis.....	"	J M Shaw.....	Clear Springs.
A Nelson.....	"	W N Davis.....	Okolona.
J J Haynes.....	"	J O Browning.....	Manchester
C M Myrick.....	"	E Merrell.....	Bingen
J M Roddy.....	"	T J Bennett.....	"
E J McKenney.....	"	J P Copeland.....	Wolf Creek.
G L Hamlin.....	Curtis	J B Roundtree.....	Bowen
J M Dean.....	Alpine	N J Price.....	Boughton
J J Dwiggin.....	"	E Delaughter.....	"
J E Harris.....	Roy	N Tompkins.....	Elyville
W B Sorgen.....	"	W S Dozier.....	Gum Springs.

Unordained.

W M Stephens....	Clear Springs	J S Anderson.....	Arkadelphia
Judson Shaw.....	"	J V Browning.....	Hebron
R E Reed.....	"	W Dickerson.....	Arkadelphia
W T Taylor.....	"	J H Turner.....	"
		S S Shaddock.....	"

Statistics of the Arkadelphia Baptist Church, Sept. 20, 1892.

REV. J. H. AMACKER, PASTOR ARKADELPAIA.

Church Membership.

Number reported last year....	341
INCREASE.	
By Baptism.....	14
By Letter.....	19

Church Property.

Church Edifice, Value..	\$5000.00
Number Sitzings.....	400
Parsonage, Value....	\$1000.00
Total Value Property	\$6000.00

DECREASE.		CONTRIBUTIONS.	
By Letter	49	Home Church Expenses, \$904.00	
By Erasure,	6	Sunday School Expenses \$157.06	
By Death,	9	State Missions..... \$.....	
Present Membership.....	310	Foreign Missions..... \$.....	
		Associational Missions \$ 73.00	
		Home Missions..... \$116.85	
		Ministerial Education.. \$.....	
		Ministerial Relief..... \$ 12.65	
		Printing minutes.....	3.00
		Total	\$1263.56
		REPORT OF LADIES AID SOCIETY	
		Amt paid Home Missions \$ 44.00	
		Church Furniture..... \$161.50	
		Ministerial Education... 25.00	
		Young Ladies Home.... 50.00	
		Miscellaneous.....	50.30
		Total amt. money raised	\$330.80

Report of Ladies Aid Society, Prescott church contributed during the year.

To church aid	\$14.85	To Foreign Missions....	\$4.45
To Ministerial Education,	5.00		

Order of Business,

1 Call for church letter	5 Finance.
2 Elect Moderator and Clerk	6 Obituaries.
3 Call for petitionary letters	7 Missions—H S and Foreign
4 Invite visiting memb'rs to seats	8 Destitution
5 Appoint committees.	9 Ouachita College
1 Divine service	10 Ministerial Support
2 Sunday schools	11 Education
3 Intemperance.	12 Literature
4 Documents	

L. H. Hitt as Treasurer, Ac't with Red River Association.

To amt. from ex-treasurer T. A.		By amt. paid for minutes	\$23.00
Heard	\$15.90	By amt. paid clerk.....	15.00
From Finance committee		By amt. paid for postage	4.00
for minute fund	46.35	Associational missions..	40.30
Associational Missions..	40.30	Taylor Fund.....	11.80
Foreign mission.....	3.55	Foreign missions.....	3.55
Taylor fund.....	11.80	Amount on hand.....	20.25
Total..	\$117.90	Total.....	\$117.90

All pledges made at association for associational missions were taken and kept by Dr. J. P. Bourland, chairman of executive board. All others should be sent to him at Curtis, Arkansas.

Articles of Faith.

1. We believe in a true and living God.
2. We believe that the Scriptures, comprising the Old and New Testaments, are the words of God and the only rule 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 inability 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 imputed 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 baptized, called and comes under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.
11. We believe that none but regular baptised members have a right to commune at the Lord's supper.
12. We believe that the Lord's day should be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion.

The 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 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 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 of 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 dismissed from other associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this union by sending 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 baptised, 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.

Art. 7. This Association shall have a fund, to be supplied by voluntary contributions of the churches. All the money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over, through the Committee on 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 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 direction in the XVIII 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 this Association by the concurring voice of two-thirds of the members 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 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 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 universe 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 on 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 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 another, he shall call him brother.

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

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	CLERK.	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Restored	Excluded	Dead	Total	Sundays of Meeting	For Minutes	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Association Missions	Pastor's Salary	Ministerial Education	PASTORS	POST OFFICE
Clark	Nevada	M Hughes, A J Rush, G T Howell.	D Fomby	11														Amity
Hempst'd	Clark	R C Holt, John A Johnson, G A Holt	W F Lee	14 8	1	1			79 4 150	4 85						5 10	I F Welch	Prescott
Clark	Clark	W L Terrell, T F Terrell	T F Terrell	3 2					59 1-3 200								T J Bennett	Washington
Clark	Clark	R K Hall, B W Toland, R F McMaster	J N Thomas	10 2	4	9	2	1	102 2 120								L H Bitt	Arka elphia
Pike	Clark	O G Cagle, M F Rol ins, J W Prise	J R Thomas	6 1	2				99 1-4 300	4 40							J N Roddy	Okolona
Clark	Clark	J P Bourland.	J B Langley	1 4	16				17 50								J M Dean	Antoine
Hempst'd	Clark	N Tompkins, S M Mathis, J F Daniel	J F Box	4 1	6				102 1 200	5 00				\$2 20 100 00			N J Price	Hebron
Clark	Clark	N J Thomas, C N Thomas, R Galden	C N Thomas	5 1					34 75					10 00			N J Price	Eleyville
Nevada	Clark	W H Stoval, H West	R C Biggadike	6 7	6				1 75 3 150								G M Shaw	C ear Springs
Hempst'd	Nevada	L H Hitt, J J Mayes, J P Beverett	W W Hayes	7 6	2				77 1 150	2 40							Z T Rogers	Beirne
Clark	Clark	J N Gunn, W Wilson, J A Roden	D S Howell	5 5					37 2 150	5 00							N J Price	Boughton
Clark	Clark	J A Andrews, B F Kitchens, W Tyson	J A Ryan	9 11					34 1 100								J N Sheffield	Wallaceburg
Clark	Clark	T H Denson, E Clovis, W S Dozier	W E Payne	9 11					28 3 50					2 25			G L Homlin	urtis
Pike	Clark	K F Kelly, M Lewallen	J A McMellon	1 2					11 1 60	1 00				1 40			W S Dozier	Gum Sorlugs
Clark	Clark	G L Hamlin, S N Studard, F C Garrett	E S Smith	10 11	18	1	2		61 2 125					2 85			W J Gardner	Shaw
Pike	Clark	J B Roundtree, J P Copeland, R H French	T J Langley	1 4	2	1			84 1 115	2 50				4 50			G L Hamlin	Curtis
Clark	Clark	J C Harrison	J N Gorman	1 3					10 1 50					5 00	65 00		L H Hitt	Bowen
Clark	Clark	E A Jenkins, E S Sullivan, A J Harper	W L Bunch	18 1	12	3	1		108 15					5 00			EDelughter	Boughton
Clark	Clark	W M Hill, J D Colwell, J N Thomas	J N Thomas	5 8					2 25 8 50								J J Haynes	Gurdon
Clark	Clark	C E Tobv, M L Langley, H Edwards	H Edwards	17 3	12	1	3		94 4 150								V J Gardner	Alpine
Clark	Clark	J T Bolt, J T Mingard, G M Shaw	J T Minyard	2 5	3	3			134 3 155								G L Hamlin	Arkad elphia
Pike	Clark	J H Funderburk, W G Adams, C T Edwin	C T Erwin	6 7	2	1	2		12 100				1 60				G M Shaw	Clear Springs
Clark	Clark	H T Howell, E N Howell	A E Wilson	4 6	1				46 4 60					1 00			H T Howell	Lissie
Clark	Clark	G W Burnes, F J Edwards	J J Hart	4 6	1				87 3 100	9 50				14 60			G W Burnes	Arkakelphia
Clark	Clark	B F Malcomb, J C Tweedle	Uriah Jordan	3 9					27 1 100					10 00			J J Haynes	Hollywood
Pike	Clark	J R Hardy, S A Fuccer, M J Manning	W R Wheelless	4 2	6				36 3 95					25			J R Hardy	Arp
Hempst'd	Clark	G T Holt, E Merrell, T J Bennett	J H Holt	1 8	10	2	2		121 2 250	25				8 15			T J Bennett	Bingen
Pike	Clark	J R Chappell, W M Canalsar, W B Campbell	W M Conalson	1 6	2				48 5 115								L H Hitt	Wolf Creek
Clark	Clark	I O Ross	W A F Wells	3 5	2				67 3 100	3 35				10 00			H J P Horne	Arkad elphia
Clark	Clark	J S Carr, W B Burle son, J Hermon	J Wisdom	11 8					18 1 50	20				55			J J Dwiggin	Clear Springs
Clark	Clark	N J Price, I F Welch, H T Ingram	T J Lee	1 2	1				77 2 300	15 70				5 00			I F Welch	Boughton
Nevada	Clark	W M Cooley, J E Harris, J G Sanders	W M Corley	5 3	2				83 2 75								N Tompk2ns	Roy
Pike	Clark	J C Wright, J C Brown	J W Nelson	2 8	3	1			56 4 175								L H Hitt	Prescott
Nevada	Clark	J H Shepherd, J T Howell, L B Howell	J T Howell	1 9					26 3 70					2 60			J M Dean	Alpine
Clark	Clark	J J Haynes, H J P Horn	J Wilson	14 19	40				9 310	300				116 85	73 00		J Amareker	Arkad elphi