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THIRTY-THIRD
ANNUAL SESSION.....

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ELDER CHAS. T. ARNETT,
Clerk Spring River Association

ERRORS IN PRINTED PROCEEDINGS.

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Page 12.—Appendix 3. Eler King, should be Kime.

Page 13.—Appendix 5—Div 2. F. A. R. Miner, should be I. A. B. Miner.

Page 14.—Appendix 8 Div 1 After R. B. Bellamy there should be a period and the names, J. C. Penn, A. L. Peacock and W. M. Raney, should drop below as committee.

Page 16.—Div 7 Line 15 should be Dr. F. Kerfoot.

Page 26.—Appendix 14 Alicia Church pastor should be J. N. Shook not Shark. 6th in list of churches should be Bristo.

Page 26.—Pleasant Hill Church Clerk should be G. W. Casper not Carper.

Page 27.—Appendix 16 No. 14, should be Orphans Home, T. C. Mahan, G. B. Borah, J. M. Massey. As it now appears they are members of another committee.

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WHEN CONVENED WITH
JERUSALEM BAPTIST CHURCH,
Strawberry, Lawrence County, Arkansas,
....SEPTEMBER 21--23, 1901.....

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OFFICERS.

ELDER M. D. BOWERS, Moderator, Pocahontas, Ark.  
ELDER CHAS. T. ARNETT, Clerk, Mammoth Spring, Ark.

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Next session to be held with Pocahontas Church, Pocahontas,
Randolph County, Arkansas, commencing on Satur-
day before the fourth Sunday in September,
1902.

ing arrived for the election of permanent officers to serve for the ensuing associational year. It was moved and seconded that the present moderator and clerk be elected by acclamation. The motion prevailed.

A call was then made for the reception of messengers from the corresponding sister associations, to which the following brethren responded and were given a hearty welcome, and invited to seats with the body, in its deliberations, to wit: Rev. J. L. Brown, from Independence association; Prof. W. L. Buck, Independence association; Rev. E. T. Lincoln, State Line association; Rev. B. T. Holford, White River Valley association. (See Appendix II.)

On call for reception of visiting brethren, Elder Kime of the Arkansas Baptist; Elder W. W. Gardner of the Arkansas Baptist Orphans' Home; Elder B. C. Medaris, State Evangelist; Elder D. E. Hunt, Powhattan, Ark., and Elder S. H. Clements, of Spring River Association being present, upon invitation to sit with the body their names were enrolled. (See Appendix III.)

On call for letters from churches petitioning for admission into the Association, a letter was presented from Buffalo church, Sedgwick, Ark. On motion, the church was received into the Association and the names of her messengers were enrolled. (See Appendix I.) This church had been received into the Association at its meeting one year ago, provided that their letter and report be sent in at once, but as they failed to send them in, the matter went over to this session. The moderator then appointed Bros. W. M. Raney, A. L. Peacock and J. C. Penn, the messengers from Jerusalem Church, as committee on Divine Service.

The next business in order was the reading of the annual circular letter. Bro. Chas. T. Arnett having been chosen last session for this purpose, proceeded to read the same, upon the subject of: "The enmity of the natural heart, a main cause of the want of ministerial success." After remarks of encomium and praise by several of the brethren, on motion, the letter was unanimously adopted and ordered printed in the minutes

of the Association and the brother requested to furnish a copy to the Arkansas Baptist for publication. (See appendix XII.)

The committee on Divine Service announced that Bros. J. F. Butler, and E. T. Lincoln would preach at night at 7:30 and Bros. Holford and Hunt at 11 o'clock Sunday.

Upon motion, the moderator appointed as a Sunday school committee, Bros. Chas. T. Arnett, J. W. Tibbles and T. J. Moore, (see Appendix IV,) who were requested to make their report by 9:30 Sunday a. m. and to take charge of and conduct a Sunday school rally. He was granted further time for the appointment of the other committees.

Upon motion, which was carried, the regular order of business was suspended for the purpose of electing time and place for the next session of the Association, for the one to deliver the introductory sermon, and to write the circular letter. Bros. Medaris, Kime and Brown were appointed to hold the election, which was then held and Pocahontas, was chosen as the place, and Saturday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1902, as the time. Bro. J. F. Butler was chosen to preach the introductory sermon, with Bro. R. B. Bellamy as alternate. Bro. R. B. Bellamy was chosen to write the circular letter.

Announcements were then made and after prayers led by Bro. Kime, the body adjourned until Sunday morning, September 22.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22.

The Association reassembled at 9:30 a. m. The moderator, Bro. M. D. Bowers, read as a lesson, the 150th Psalm. Prayer by Rev. D. E. Hunt.

Reading of the minutes of the previous sessions was deferred until Monday morning. The moderator then announced his appointments, for the remaining committees. (See Appendix IV.)

The hour having arrived for the consideration of the Sunday School work, Bro. Chas. T. Arnett, as chairman of the Sunday School committee read the report. (See Appendix VIII.) A motion was then made to adopt the report and discharge the committee. Bro. Chas. T. Arnett, then spoke to

the motion, first reading from the 6th chapter, 69 verses of Deut. and the 54th chapter and 13th verse of Isaiah, for the purpose of showing the authority for Sunday schools. He insisted That Sunday School work is not a childish institution, but is one of the mightiest agencies of the churches for all, and that superintendents and teachers in Baptist Sunday Schools should be Christians, for the example of these officers have much to do with the lives of the pupils, and in bringing them to Christ. It is very hard for a dancing teacher to look one of her pupils in the eye, and ask if they are ready to give their heart to Christ, or a whisky-drinking superintendent to talk to the pupils about their salvation.

Bro. D. E. Hunt endorsed the report heartily and spoke of the great good that Sunday Schools were doing in putting good literature into the hands of the people. Bro. Kime said it was his desire to give his hearty approval and endorsement of the report; he spoke of the duties of Pastors toward the young people, and especially in Sunday School work. He called attention to the difference in the churches having schools and those not. How it helped them not only spiritually, but financially. Bro. Hodge spoke along the line of the greatness of this work, and its instrumentality in his own conversion. Bro. Tibbles told of his work in the past year, how he was stimulated to it, by the report on Sunday School work at last session, of this Association of the churches being so dilatory in their duties. This year, he was able to come up with a report of a fine, well-conditioned school with over 125 members, and 21 conversions from it.

The hour of 11 having arrived, the time set for preaching, the Sunday School work was postponed until 1:30 p. m.

The committee on divine service reported that Bro. Chas. T. Arnett had been selected to preach at 3 o'clock p. m.

Bro. Holford then took charge of the meeting, and called upon Bro. N. R. Townsend for prayer, after which he preached a grand sermon, full of power, pathos and spirituality from the 4th verse of the 60th Psalm, "Thou hast given a banner to them that fear Thee, that it may be displayed because of the,

truth." He said that in opposition to this banner of truth and love washed in the Blood of the Lamb, stood the arch fiend, under the blank banner of hell, and that every one who had put on the armor of God, should be ready to go forth to combat the power of evil and sin, in the name of Jesus Christ and with His spirit our work for his cause should be aggressive and progressive. That what we need are men and women true and earnest in this work of God. He also said in this connection that a church with preaching only once a month, and without a prayer meeting or Sunday School was like the moon that shines but once a month. He preached to Jerusalem church thirty-five years ago. Bro. Hunt in closing the services stated that it was under the ministry of Bro. Holford that he began his ministry and that the name of Bro. Holford appeared upon his credentials. Services were then closed with the singing of the song, "When the roll is called up yonder."

Notice was then given that there was a bountiful supply of provisions, etc., on the grounds for everybody.

RECESS.

1:30 p. m.—On re-assembling prayer was offered by Bro. Hodge. The committee on divine service reported that Bro. N. R. Townsend had been selected to preach at 7:30 p. m. to be followed by Bro. R. B. Bellamy.

The Sunday School discussion was then resumed by Bro. J. C. Penn. He said he was heartily in accord with the report, and all its recommendations. He told of his experience the past year in Sunday School work, which we hope, may prove helpful to others, in inspiring them to go work. Bro. J. F. Butler in his remarks emphasized the grand work done by Mt. View and Union churches in their schools the past year. He showed how it had not only revived the churches but the entire community. Bro. Marshal fully endorsed the report and told of the work done by his school. Bro. Jno. P. Webb favored the report and spoke in behalf of the "one talent persons." Bro. W. W. Gardner then closed the discussion. He said he had heard more talk today on Sunday School work than he had

ever in his life before, in any association, state convention or Southern Baptist convention, and he hoped that it would not end in talk, but, that what had been said and done would so encourage all, that next year every church in the Association would be able to report a good healthy, zealous school. The report was unanimously and enthusiastically adopted. (See Appendix VIII.)

Bro. Kime announced that churches desiring to start schools would be furnished literature free, either by the Sunday School board of the Southern Baptist Convention, or the American Baptist Publication Society. Bro. Arnett then announced that The Baptist Evangel would present to the church showing the largest percentage of gain in membership, during the year 1902, a fine banner. A recess was then taken for ten minutes.

The time having arrived for preaching the audience was called together by the singing of the hymn, "Standing on the Promises." Prayer was then offered by Bro. E. T. Lincoln, after which that grand old missionary hymn, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," was sung by the whole congregation. Bro. Chas. T. Arnett then preached from the following texts: Psalms 24-1; Dent. 10-14, and 1 Cor. 10-26 upon the subject of Missions and the duty of God's children to give liberally of their means, for the promulgation of the gospel and the salvation of souls. After the sermon Bro. Kime invoked the blessing of Almighty God upon the Association. Upon motion, unanimously adopted, Bro. Arnett was requested to have his sermon published in full in the Arkansas Baptist, for the benefit of the Baptist hosts of Arkansas. A recess was then taken until 7:30 p. m.

At this hour the body reassembled and after singing, was led in prayer by Bro. R. B. Bellamy. Bro. N. R. Townsend read the 11th chapter of 1st Corinthians, regarding church ordinances and the reception of the Lord's Supper. He then selected as a text the 41st verse of the 2d chapter of Acts. His subject was the 'Lord's Supper.' This was a very strong doctrinal sermon and placed before the people in very plain

terms, the Baptist belief in what is usually termed close communion. The sermon was well received by the people, and many praises expressed for such grand truths as set forth by the brother. He said that the design of the Lord's Supper was for two things, viz; first to show forth the Lord's death, and 2d, Till He come. He said that the Lord's Supper was not instituted as a feast of good fellowship or as a memorial of those partaking of it but as a memorial of our Lord Jesus Christ, hence only one thought should be in the minds of the participants; the broken body of Christ and His shed blood, for the remission of sins—our individual sins, not those of our neighbor, nor those of a neighboring church. We should follow the practice of the apostles, they first taught, second the people received the word with gladness; third were baptized; fourth honored their profession; fifth observed the Lord's Supper; sixth attended prayer meeting and took upon themselves the duties and obligations of the Christian life. Bro. Bellamy then spoke to the people along the same line clinching the argument as it were, of Bro. Townsend. After prayer by Bro. Holford, adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 1901

Moderator, Bro. Bowers, read for the morning lesson 29 verses of the 15th chapter of Acts. Prayer by Bro. R. B. Bellamy. The roll was then called and the following messengers responded to their names. (See Appendix I)

The Clerk then read the minutes of the 21st and 22nd which upon motion were adopted. On renewal of call for reception of letters from churches; letters from Hardy church were presented and read and the names of their messengers and alternates were enrolled. (See Appendix I.)

Bro. W. M. Johnson, a messenger from Big Creek church was present, and stated that the clerk for some cause had failed to send their letter, but upon his return home he would send it to the clerk of the Association. Upon motion, his name was ordered enrolled with the messengers, (See Appendix I) and the clerk was requested, to enter upon the Minutes, the report from said church when received.

On call for visiting brethren, Bro. N. R. Landers, from Independence association, responded and was invited to sit with the body, and his name was enrolled. (See Appendix III.)

The report of the committee on the state of the church submitted its report, which was read and on motion adopted. (See appendix VIII, sub division 2.)

The committee on destitution submitted its report, which was adopted. Brothers T. C. Mahan, J. F. Butler, E. T. Lincoln and D. C. Lee spoke to this motion asking that, the territory of this Association in Randolph county be more clearly defined. (See Appendix VIII, sub division 3.)

The committee on orphans' home was read and after discussion by Bros. W. W. Gardner, T. C. Mahan and J. F. Butler, it was adopted, and a collection was then taken up for the Home amounting to \$21.15. (Appendix VIII, sub. 15.)

The report on Associational missions, was then called for and read, and after a lengthy discussion by Bros. N. R. Townsend, Chas. T. Arnett, T. C. Mahan, J. F. Butler, C. Hodge, R. C. Medaris, J. M. Applegate and Jno. P. Webb, the report was adopted. (See Appendix VIII, sub 5.)

RECESS FOR DINNER.

The body then took a recess until 1:30 for dinner, of which there was a bountiful supply upon the grounds, and which seemed to be greatly enjoyed by the people.

At 1:30 p. m.—Upon reassembling, Bro. R. C. Medaris made an appeal in behalf of Pocahontas church for contributions to buy chairs. Pledges were made for \$16.25.

The committee on State missions presented their report, which after spirited discussion by Bros. N. R. Townsend, Chas. T. Arnett, T. C. Mahan, D. E. Hunt, Elder Kime, J. F. Butler and J. W. Tibbles was adopted. (See Appendix VIII, sub division 6.)

The clerk then read the report on home missions which was unanimously adopted without discussion. (See Appendix VIII sub division 7.)

The report on foreign missions was read and adopted without discussion. (See appendix VIII, subdivision 8.)

The committee on education, presented their report, which was adopted after discussion by Brother N. R. Townsend, Arnett, Moore and Butler. (See Appendix VIII, sub divis. 9.)

The report on Baptist literature, was read, and discussed at length by Bros. Kime, Medaris, Mahan, Hunt, J. C. Penn, Webb and Holford, after which it was adopted. (See Appendix VIII, sub division 10.)

The committee on prohibition presented their report, which was unanimously adopted. (See appendix VIII, sub 11.)

The committee on correspondence reported; report adopted. (See appendix VIII, sub division 12)

The committee on finance reported and the report was adopted. (See Appendix VIII, subdivision 13.)

The secretary and treasurer of the associational board reported and his report was adopted. (See appendix 9.)

The associational missionary filed his report which was read, and adopted. (See appendix XIII.)

The committee on ministerial directory presented their report which was adopted. (See Appendix VIII, sub division 14.

The report of J. H. Townsend, the associational clerk, was presented for the past year which was adopted. (See Appendix X.)

The query of Pleasnt Hill church, "What does it take to constitute a Baptist Sunday School," was answered as follows: A Sunday School under control of a regular Missionary Baptist church is a Baptist Sunday School.

The following resolutions were presented read, and adopted as follows.

1. Thanking Jerusalem Church for its hospitalities during the present session.

2. Authorizing the printing of the minutes of the proceedings of the present session.

3. Recommending prominence of Sunday School work be given in our Fifth Sunday meetings.

4. Thanking Sunday School Board Southern Baptist Convention and State Mission Board for donations and courtesies during the year.

5. Making The Baptist Evangel and Prohibition Tocsin, the official paper, for associational matters, during the year. (Appendix XI.)

On motion the moderator was instructed to appoint messengers to corresponding sister associations; messengers to Arkansas Baptist State Convention; one messenger to Southern Baptist Convention; five members of the associational mission board; one member of the state mission board. [See Appendix V.]

A motion was made and carried that \$10 be appropriated from any funds on hand, belonging to the associational mission fund for payment of work done by Bro. N. C. Danner.

A motion was then made and carried that the clerk of the board pay Bro. C. Hodge balance due him.

Miss Bessie Anderson from Pocahontas church turned over to the clerk \$1.05 for ministerial education, to be sent to Rev. J. K. Pace.

A resolution was presented and unanimously adopted, to appoint all committees, before adjourning, to hold over until next session [See Appendix XI.]

The moderator then appointed the following standing committees. [See Appendix XVI.]

A resolution was presented, read and adopted, thanking the moderator and clerk for their faithful service at this session.

It was moved and seconded that the body adjourn to meet with Pocahontas church, in Randolph county, Arkansas, on Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1902. After prayer led by Bro. N. R. Townsend, the entire audience joined in singing, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." During the singing the brothers and sisters extended to each other the parting hand, and as the tears rolled down the cheeks of many, all fully realized, that many of them would never meet again, until they meet in the New Jerusalem, around the great white throne, where throughout the ceaseless ages, all will join in unending praises to the Lamb that was slain.

CHAS. T. ARNETT, Clerk.

M. D. BOWERS, Moderator.

APPENDIX I.

MESSENGERS AND ALTERNATES.

- Allena—Messengers, W. J. McCullough, a; Nannie McCullough, a; alternates, Susie Hodge, p; Rosa Holmes, a.
 Black Rock—Messengers, T. C. Mahan, p; N. R. Townsend, p; Mrs. Lou Heury, p.
 Bond Spring—Messengers, S. R. Erwin, p; W. J. Mayers, p; W. J. Hensley, p; alternates, G. H. Hardin.
 Buffalo—Messengers, Wm. Fry, a; A. Roberts, a.
 Big Creek—Messengers, B. Watkins, a; W. M. Johnson, a; L. B. Johnson, p; alternates, J. H. Boles, a.
 Calamine—Messengers, J. F. Butler, p; John Coke, p; J. D. Butler, a.
 Centerville—Messengers, D. F. Manning, F. M. Wolf, a; C. G. Bowden, a; alternates, W. H. Goatcher, p.
 Clear Spring—Messengers, C. H. Wayland, a; R. S. Anderson, a; Joseph Grav, p; alternate, W. P. Dent.
 Ebenezer—Messengers, Chas. T. Arnett, p; Mollie E. Arnett, p; Lula Elder, a; alternates, Chas. E. Arnett, a; Cinderella Trammel, a; Edna Conway, a.
 Evergreen—Messengers, L. D. Rone, a; J. P. Gatling, p; W. R. Marshall, p.
 Egypt—
 Hardy—Messengers, Mrs. R. M. Jackson, a; Mrs. H. N. Tanstall, a; Joel Turner, a; alternates, Miss Florence Cope, a; Mrs. Joel Turner, a; S. P. Hite, a.
 Hopewell—Messengers, Dave Brown, p; Mark Caney, a; alternates, Jas. Manning, p. James Whittaker, a.
 Imboden—Messengers, Susan Hooper, p; W. T. Neal, a; G. W. Smith, a; alternate, H. M. Anderson, a; G. A. Warren, a.
 Jerusalem—Messengers, J. C. Penn, p; A. L. Peacock, p; W. M. Raney, p; alternates, R. E. Penn, p; G. H. Ballard, p; I. Norman, p.
 Lebanon—Messengers, J. L. Hill, a; R. A. Croom, a; J. P. Goff, p; alternates, J. C. Sparks, a; S. F. Johnson, a.
 Little Spring—Messengers, A. D. Taylor, p; M. Thompkins, p; T. Smith, a; alternates, F. M. Biggs, a; G. K. Stewart, a.
 Lone Oak—Messengers, J. A. Justis, p; Charles Lee, p; Jas. Lawrence, p; alternates, G. T. Pickett, p.
 Mt. View—Messengers, J. W. Tibles, p; G. F. Brown, p; W. A. Clark, p.
 New Hope—Messengers, G. B. Boroh, p; D. C. Lee, p; T. J. Moore, p; alternates, Mrs. McLeod, a; N. E. Judkins, a.

- Pleasant Grove No. 1.—Messengers, R. B. Bellamy, p; H. G. Brady, p; F. F. Buchanan, a; alternates, A. V. Smith, a.
- Pleasant Grove No. 2.—Messengers, Etty Robins, p; Edna Klice, p; Dora Stout, p; alternates, John Price, a; C. B. Wayland, p.
- Pleasant Hill.—Messengers, John Winford, p; W. G. Lewsaw, p; Jno. P. Webb, p; alternates, S. M. Prince, p; G. W. Casper, p; C. B. Wayland, p.
- Pocahontas.—Messengers, Bessie Anderson, p; J. L. Parks, a; S. T. Bishop, a; alternates, Mrs. Collier, a.
- Portia.—Messengers, J. M. Appleget, p; Jas. P. Weaver, p; H. J. Colbert, a.
- Rings Chapel.—Messengers, P. M. Crissenbery, p; W. T. Brasher, a; W. P. Cregler, a; alternates, Troy Brasher, a; J. R. Goodman, a.
- Shiloh.—Messengers, M. D. Bowers, p; L. C. Haynes, p; J. S. Lynch, a; alternates, J. D. Haynes, p.
- Smithville.—Messengers, P. R. Whitlow, p; S. Y. Dailey, p; J. Williams, a; alternates, Wm. Richardson, a.
- Swifton.—Messengers, J. M. Massey, p; R. P. Sharp, a; alternates, W. S. Jolliff, a; May Wood, a.
- Union.—Messengers, J. H. Morga, p; J. T. Helms, p; J. R. Wilson, p.
- Walnut Grove.—Messengers, G. L. Armstrong, B. Austin, Thos. Miller; alternates, C. L. Thorn, p.
- Willow Spring.—Messengers, J. A. Wilson, p; W. H. Abel, p; J. P. Holland, a; alternate, Hiram Brock, p.
- Walnut Ridge.—Allen Pierce, a; Jess McCarroll, a; Mark Swindle, a; alternates, Dr. Hardy, a; Sister Hardy, a.

The letter "p" after a name indicates present; "a" indicates absent.

APPENDIX II.

LIST OF CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS.

Independence Association—Elds. J. L. Brown, N. R. Landees and Prof. W. L. Buck.

State Line Association—Elder E. T. Lincoln

White River Valley Association—Elder B. F. Holford

APPENDIX III

LIST OF VISITING BRETHREN.

Elder King of "The Arkansas Baptist"

" W. W. Gardner, Agent, Arkansas Baptist Orphan Home.

" R. C. Medaris, State Evangelist.

" D. C. Hunt, Powhatan, Ark.

" S. H. Clements, Spring River Association.

APPENDIX IV.

LIST OF COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

1. Divine Service.
2. Sunday Schools—Chas. T. Arnett, J. W. Tibbles, T. J. Moore.
3. State of the Churches—W. R. Marshal, C. Hodge, J. F. Butler.
4. Destitution—R. B. Bellamy, Wm. Goatcher, L. C. Haynes.
5. Associational Missions—M. Crissenberry, D. C. Lee, J. M. Appleget.
6. State Missions—J. W. Tibbles, John Winfrey, J. C. Penn.
7. Home Missions—Chas. T. Arnett, R. B. Bellamy, J. A. Wilson.
8. Foreign Missions—H. N. Townsend, Chas. Lee, Jas. Justis.
9. Education—N. R. Townsend, T. J. Moore, Dr. Peacock.
10. Baptist Literature—Jno P. Webb, Geo. Brown, L. A. Bain.
11. Prohibition—Chas. T. Arnett, J. L. Brown, D. E. Hunt.
12. Correspondence—Sam Clements, T. Grizzle, Joseph Gray.
13. Finance—H. G. Brady, Wm. Clarke, John Morgan.
14. Ministerial Directory—Matthew Tompkins, J. M. Appleget, J. F. Butler.
15. Orphan's Home—T. C. Mahan, G. B. Boroh, J. M. Massey.

APPENDIX V.

LIST OF MESSENGERS APPOINTED.

1—TO CORRESPONDING SISTER ASSOCIATIONS.

- State Line Association—Chas. Lee, N. R. Townsend, T. C. Mahan, J. T. Helms.
- Current River Association—M. D. Bowers, J. D. Haynes, J. S. Anderson
- Mt. Zion Association—T. C. Mahan, H. W. Townsend, Chas. T. Arnett.
- Rocky Bayou Association—W. M. Raney, R. B. Bellamy, P. M. Chissing.
- Independence Association—P. M. Crissenberry, J. S. Tibbles, Chas. T. Arnett, J. F. Butler.
- White River Valley Association—C. Hodge, J. N. Shook, W. J. McPhough.
- White River Association—Chas. T. Arnett, L. A. Bain, J. F. Butler.
- Eleven Points Association—Chas. T. Arnett, Edna Conway, Lula Elder.
- Little Red River Association—P. M. Crissenberry, R. B. Bellamy.
- Big Creek Association—W. B. Custer, Amanda Elder.

2—TO ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

- F. A. R. Miner, G. B. Borah, R. B. Bellamy, J. M. Massey and J. F. Butler.

3—TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

T. C. Mahan.

APPENDIX VI.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION BOARD

I "A B Miner," N E Judkins, J M Appleget, R B Bellamy and J C Penn.

APPENDIX VII.

MEMBER OF STATE MISSION BOARD

Representative for Spring River Association, Chas. T Arnett.

APPENDIX VIII

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

1. DIVINE SERVICES.

Saturday night, J F Butler, and E T Lincoln; Sunday, 11 o'clock, B F Holford, 3 p m, Chas T Arnett; 7:30 p m, N R Townsend, and R B Bellamy, J C Penn, A L Peacock, Bro Raney.

2. STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

We, your Committee, report as follows: We find an increased prosperity, in all of the churches that have contributed to the different departments of work, but a majority of the churches have been negligent in contributions this year, therefore the Lord has not prospered them to a very great extent. Brethren let us pray that all our churches through their Messengers, may be incited to greater giving and that their Alms may go with their prayers.

W R Marshal,
J F Butler,
C. Hodge,
Committee.

3. DESTITUTION.

We, your Committee, would respectfully state, that we find great destitution of gospel preaching within the bounds of this Association, mainly, however, in Sharp and Randolph counties. Therefore we recommend that an effort be made during the ensuing Associational year to supply such destitution with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

R B Bellamy,
L C Haynes,
W H Goatcher.

4. SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sunday Schools respectfully and prayerfully report as follows: Upon examination we find that of the 30 churches making reports, 16 only have maintained Sunday Schools during the past year, a gain however of four churches over 1900. The churches which have maintained schools the past year are Hopewell, Ebenezer, Black Rock, Evergreen, Imboden, Walnut Ridge, Mt. View, Walnut Grove, Union, Shiloh, Pocahontas, Pleasant Hill, Alicia, Calamine, Bold Spring, Swifton. We

And that the baptisms in these churches amount to 119, while the churches 14 in number reporting no schools, have had only 58 baptisms, thus proving conclusively that churches, that are interested in the teaching of the children are the most prosperous, therefore it behooves every child of God to be about his Master's business. The Sunday School is an indispensable phase of the church in Christian work, in the white harvest fields at home and in all lands. Brethren let us be true to our opportunities, there is no doubt God will make your service helpful to others, if you will only make a determination to obey his command, "Go teach all nations." Children and youth are in an unformed condition. They are open to influence. They are responsive to our touch. We can to a good degree make them what we will. Brethren, there is a real need to the churches of the benefit of this work, just to think that there are 32,000 Baptist churches and only 16,000 Sunday Schools in our great country. And what is that humiliating deficiency, but a divine voice to each person calling themselves Christians? What is it but a new call to you and a convincing argument for the crying need of this great work especially in our own Association. And this demand should ever remain as "frontlets before our eyes," to shame us and to inspire us with Christly zeal and enthusiasm till there is a Sunday School in every church, using not a compromise literature either but Baptist inculcating Baptist doctrine and Baptist principle. Evidences of Sunday School usefulness abound everywhere. The fruits of the work, as gathered by the churches have been so abundant and abiding in character, so intensely good and so extensively beneficial to the culture of the home, the college, society, and the world generally that the influence of it cannot be overestimated. The Sunday School is a missionary education. Its threefold service of teaching, saving and training all for Christian work has a charm all its own. It is said in missionary history and literature that the majority of ministers in America received their first impressions of religion from Sunday Schools and that nine-tenths of the missionaries of Great Britain and this country to heathen lands, received their missionary impulses from it. We would recommend that in addition to the literature of the Southern Baptist Convention that Sunday Schools adopt for primary classes some good illustrated chart. Another great help to Sunday Schools is the Home department, where those who are not so situated can be induced to study the lessons at home, at the same time the assembled schools are studying it. One of the greatest, most encouraging and helpful things about the Home department, is that it encourages Bible reading and Bible study. There are other objects, but this is the great one. Everybody studying the Bible means the world for Christ. The Sunday School like the Christ we love will destroy the schools of iniquity, the march of crime, and the works of the evil one. It will save our land from its enemies, give light to those who sit in moral darkness and spiritual death, and guide the feet of American youth and maidens of every section into the ways of purity, temperance, and virtue.

Chas. T. Arnett,
J. W. Tibbles,
J. L. Brown.

5. ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We your committee on Associational Missions, beg leave to report the following: Whereas, there are so many destitute places, within the bounds of our Association, that need gospel preaching, we recommend the continuance of the Associational mission work, and we further recommend that there be a committee of five appointed to serve as an associational mission board for the incoming year.

P. M. Crissenberry,

D. C. Lee,

J. M. Appleget,

6. STATE MISSIONS.

We your committee on state missions submit the following report: Whereas, we believe our Lord gave his commission to the Baptist churches to preach the gospel to every creature and to disciple all nations. Whereas, our present plans of mission work are defective in and too remote from our churches and tending too much to Episcopal and one man power. Resolved that we do not indorse the present policy of the state convention nor state board. We believe that associations and conventions should be only and wholly of messengers who are sent from the churches. We urge that this Association instruct the messengers to the state convention to vote to eliminate the office of corresponding secretary as an expensive and unnecessary office. That the messengers are hereby instructed to vote for these sentiments and that we heartily favor organized co-operation with the state convention and urge enlarged contributions to this important work from every pastor and church in this association. We recommend that one or more suitable men be employed to do purely mission work in the state and that such missionaries be paid not more than \$1000 salary and actual traveling expenses.

J. W. Tibbles,

J. C. Penn,

J. R. Winford.

7. HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions respectfully ask your attention to the following report, to wit: We find that the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is becoming more and more effective every year, by its alliance and co-operation with State and Associational organization, by the work it is doing. We find that this Board expended in Arkansas in Mission work \$2050.00 while be it said to the shame of our people we only expended \$932.79. We also found that it has expended in the Southern States and Cuba, \$54,922.28 during the year 1900.

It is said that this Board saved Texas and Arkansas both to the Southern Baptist Convention, and there is no doubt it has enabled the State Board to do a work that could not have been done otherwise, and we would recommend that our children in this association give more liberally to this branch of the work. It is with much sadness that we note the death of the Secretary of the Home Board, that most eminent, grand and lovable Christian gentleman, Dr. F. Kerford, who so earnestly strove to make this work, a grand success.

Chas T Arnett,

R B Bellamy,

J A Wilson.

8. FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee on Foreign Missions submit the following report: The churches composing Spring River association reported \$38.95, contributed to Foreign Missions last year, and while we were asked by the convention to contribute \$200.00 during the year just ended, only \$9 10 is reported as contributed to this fund, this amount being contributed by only four of the Thirty-two churches reporting at this session. We are assured that at least two other of these churches will contribute to this fund before the coming meeting of the State convention.

We deplore the fact that so few of the churches composing this body are endeavoring to obey the command of the Master to "Go therefore, and teach all nations," and earnestly urge upon our brethren that they awake to the importance, magnitude and urgency of this command, remembering the precious promise He adds to it if obeyed,—“and lo, I am with you alway even unto the end of the world.” Brethren why stand we idle all the day? Oh, let us “work while it is day,” that we may not go empty handed to the judgment bar of God, but that we may come rejoicing bringing our sheaves with us.

Respectfully submitted

H. W. TOWNSEND,

CHARLES LEE,

J. A. JUSTIS.

9. EDUCATION.

Baptists have long stood in the front ranks in advocating education and religious liberty. The two go hand in hand. The better educated and the more enlightened a people become, the less of bigotry and superstition is found. We point with a pardonable pride to the fact that within the last few years Baptists in Arkansas have taken first place in college and high school work within the state; and to the fact that our people are becoming more and more aroused to the importance of educating their children in our own denominational schools. The prime object in obtaining an education is to equip one for life's duties and responsibilities; and one is not fully thus equipped until he has given his heart to God. One of the strongest reasons for sending our children to a Christian school is that they are there brought under good religious influences. A large per cent of the students who attend our religious schools, leave them children of God; while only a small per cent of those who attend undenominational schools leave them converted to Christ. We long for the time to come speedily when nearly every Association in our state shall have a good Baptist high school. Believing that in no way can we expend our money along denominational lines that will bring us richer returns, we would especially urge our people to assist in the education of our young ministers; and would recommend to all our young ministers, and to those contemplating entering the ministry that they make a special effort to get an education, and suggest Ouchita college or its annexes as being peculiarly fitted to give them what they need for that work. Respectfully submitted.

N. R. Townsend,

T. J. Moore,

A. L. Peacock.

10. BAPTIST LITERATURE.

Your committee respectfully offers the following: The character of our children will to a great extent, conform to the kind of literature we place in their hands. In this progressive age our country is flooded with books and papers, that should not find a lodging place in any of our christian homes. Almost all our boys and girls have a desire to read something hence how necessary it is for the parents to place good literature in our homes.

We will therefore suggest the following: 1st. The Bible or as our good Brother M. Shelby Kenard styles it the Book, should be in every department of our homes

2nd. Every home should be supplied with as many sound religious periodicals as we can pay for. We would especially recommend the Arkansas Baptist, as it is our state organ, and should be in every Baptist home in Arkansas.

Also, the Baptist Evangel and Prohibition Tocsin, The Western Recorder, American Baptist Flag.

3rd. For information concerning mission work of the denomination at large, we recommend that our people subscribe for our Home Field, the organ of the home mission board, at Atlanta, Ga., and the Foreign Mission Journal, also published at Richmond, Va.

Jno. P. Webb,
L. A. Bain,
G F. Brown.

11. PROHIBITION.

It is with pleasure that we note, the great and effective work, that has been done and is being done, throughout our land, and especially in the state of Arkansas, towards the ridding our country of the liquor cur-e, by the churches and the allied temperance and prohibition forces. One year ago this Association endorsed the work of the anti-saloon league of the state which we are glad to state has done the most effective work the past year, of anything that has heretofore undertaken this great work. Its work before the last legislature in securing the passage of several wholesome laws, strengthening our present prohibition laws, and also in securing the passage of the anti-gambling law. We desire to commend those churches and ministers, who are wide awake upon this important question, that the saloon must go. There is no doubt but what the saloons of our land are the breeding places of anarchy and all kinds of evil. We believe it is the duty of every Christian man to lend his aid in saving a government that should be a government of the people, by the people, for the people, from a government of the politician, by the whisky men, for the saloon keepers. We again heartily endorse the anti-saloon league and invite the co-operation of all churches.

Chas. T. Arnett,
J L. Brown,
R. E. Hunt.

12. CORRESPONDENCE.

Believing in the old adage, "That in the multitude of council there is safety, and in union that there is strength," we your committee recommend that this body correspond with the following associations to wit: Current River, Big Creek, Mt. Zion, Rocky Bayou, Independence, White River, White River Valley, Eleven Points, State Line, Little Red River and Jonesboro.

S. H. Clements,
Joe Gray,
T. Grizzle.

13. FINANCE.

Statement of account.

Finance committee, 1901, in account with Spring River association,	
Dr	
To balance minute fund 1900 received of J. H. Townsend, clerk...	\$ 5.00
To amt minute fund, 1901, received from following churches: Alicia,	
76c; Black Rock, \$3; Bold Spring, 50c; Buffalo, 50c; Calamine, \$1;	
Centerville, \$1; Clear Spring, 50c; Evergreen, 75c; Ebenezer, \$1;	
Hardy, 50c; Hopewell, 62c; Imboden, \$1; Jerusalem, 65c; Lebanon,	
\$1; Big Creek, 50c; Little Spring, \$1.25; Lone Oak, \$1; Macedonia,	
50c; Mt View, 75c; New Hope, \$1.50; Pleasant Grove, No. 1, \$1.25;	
Pleasant Grove No. 2, 75c; Pleasant Hill, \$1.25; Portia, 50c; Po-	
cabontas, \$1.50; Shiloh, \$2; Smithville, \$1; Swifton, \$1;	
Union, \$1; Walnut Grove, \$1; Walnut Ridge, 75c; Willow Spgs.	
60c. Ring's Chapel, 50c; Total,	\$31.12
To Foreign Mission fund	30
Total Debits.....	\$36.42.

By amount turned over to Chas. T. Arnett, clerk. \$36 42.

14. MINISTERIAL DIRECTORY.

Ordained Ministers.

Abernathy, S. W.....	Walnut Ridge.
Arnett, Chas. T.....	Mammoth Spring.
Abee W. H.....	Smithville.
Allison, J. A.....	Noland.
Anderson, J. S.....	Pocahontas.
Appleget J. M.....	Portia.
Bain, L. A.....	Mobley.
Bellamy, R. B.....	Annieville.
Borah, G. B.....	Smithville.
Bowers, M. D.....	Pocahontas.
Butler, J. F.....	Calamine.
Crissenberry, P. M.....	Ben Gay.
Clements, S. H.....	Wallford.
East, M. D.....	Black Rock.

Edrington, W. L.	Pocahontas.
Frizzell, M. W.	Black Rock.
Hodge, C.	Alicia.
Holmes W. G. W.	Alicia.
Hughes, W. H.	Pocahontas.
Hunt, D. E.	Powhattan.
Jackson, W. A.	Evening Shade.
Johnson, J. G.	Maxville.
Lee, C. B.	Williford.
Mahan, T. C.	Black Rock.
Marshall, W. R.	Walnut Ridge.
Moore, H. C.	Portia.
Penn, R. J.	Strawberry.
Rogers, J. D.	Black Rock.
Shook, J. N.	Alicia.
Williams, W.	Curia.

15. ORPHANS HOME.

The Arkansas Baptist Orphans Home has 80 acres of land, a good home to which additions have been made, and is now caring for forty-three children. There is no indebtedness, and the policy of its board is to allow none. The policy of the house is to retain its inmates to the age of 18 years or over before placing them in other homes. We believe the home finding policy far better, and deplore the present management to that extent. We believe heart and sole in this work and recognize its claims upon every Baptist but if a judicious plan could be adopted by which children would be placed in good Baptist homes where they would receive real home life, it would be better for them, and at the same time enable us to help many more at the same expense. We recommend that our Association petition the State Convention to change the policy of the home so that the children coming under its control shall be placed in good Baptist homes as speedily as they can be found willing to receive them to the end, that a greater number of orphans may be cared for with the same means, and that our orphans may thus have actual home life and training as other children.

APPENDIX IX.

REPORT SECRETARY AND TREASURER MISSION BOARD.

H. W. Townsend, Secretary and Treasurer, in account with mission Board.

1900.

Dr.

October 31,	To amount Pleasant Grove church per G. B. Borah	\$2.65
December 7, to	" New Hope " T. J. Moore	2 00
" 20, " "	" Ebenezer Mammoth Spg " T. C. Arnett	5 00
" " " "	" New Hope church " T. J. Moore	2 50
" " " "	" " " " N. E. Judkins	50
" " " "	" Black Rock " " T. C. Mahan	5 00
" " " "	" " " " J. H. Townsend	5 00
" " " "	" " " " H. W. Townsend	5 00
" " " "	" " " " N. R. Townsend	5 00
" " " "	" Mission Board	40

	"	"	"	Walnut Ridge church	"	Allen Pearce	5 00
Novem	15	"	"	Smithville	"	H Sp t s plg 99	3 50
Jan 18	1901	"	"	Shiloh	"	J D Haynes	3 40
Febr'y	19	"	"	Pleasant Grove	"	J J Bellamy	1 00
March	4	"	"	Smithville	"	G B Borah	1 50
"	"	"	"	Walnut Grove	"	"	1 60
"	"	"	"	Pleasant Grove	"	T J Moore	2 60
"	"	"	"	New Hope	"	"	75
"	"	"	"	"	"	N E Judkins	1 50
April	8	"	"	Black Rock	"	T C Mahan	5 00
"	"	"	"	"	"	J H Townsend	5 00
"	"	"	"	"	"	N R Townsend	5 00
"	"	"	"	"	"	H W Townsend	5 00
"	"	"	"	Ebenezer Mammoth Spgs	"	T C Arnett	5 00
"	"	"	"	Walnut Ridge	"	Allen Pearce	5 00
"	8	"	"	Lebanon	"	J A Justus	2 00
May	8	"	"	New Hope	"	T J Moore	1 00
"	20	"	"	Evergreen	"	T C Mahan	2 00
"	"	"	"	Walnut Ridge	"	"	10 00
Aug	28	"	"	Walnut Grove	"	"	3 40
Sept	1	"	"	Literature sold	"	H W Townsend	8 45
"	20	"	"	Black Rock	"	"	10 00

Total 120 75

1900				Cr.			
Dec	20	"	"	C Hodge	.....		38 05
Jan 22	1901	"	"	Freight on Books	.....		1 70
Feb	1	"	"	"	.....		4 65
"	"	"	"	C Hodge	.....		3 73
Apr	8	"	"	"	.....		38 95
"	"	"	"	" T C Mahan	.....		5 00
Sept	20	"	"	"	.....		28 67

Total 120 75

Supplementary Statement.—Handed me at Association.

Dr.

Sept	21	"	"	Alicia	Church		25 00
"	"	"	"	Portia	"		6 00
"	"	"	"	New Hope	"		3 50
"	"	"	"	Smithville	"		50
"	"	"	"	Longoak	"		3 00
"	"	"	"	Walnut Ridge	"		5 00
"	"	"	"	Centreville	"	F M Wolf	75
"	"	"	"	"	"	C G Bowden	75
"	"	"	"	Pleasant Grove No 1			2 00

45 00

		Cr	
"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"
		Païd C Hodge	7 48
		Bal on hand	38 07
			<hr/>
		Total	45 50
		To Balance on Hand	38 07

2. REPORT OF TREASURER ON BOOK ACCOUNT.

		Dr.	
Received from Sunday School Board books amountin to			124.15
		Credit By Amt to C Hodge	62 15
		" " " Sold	8 45
		Books on Hand	53 55
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		Total	124 15
		To Cash on Hand	8 45
		To Books on Hand	53 55

APPENDIX X.

CLERK'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

J. H. Townsend, ex-clerk and treasurer, in account with Spring River Association.

Said clerk charges himself as follows:

Sept. 25, 1909,	To balance minute fund 1899	\$	18.75
"	To amount minute fund 1900,		27.45
"	To amount district mission fund received		1.50
"	To amount state mission fund Pleasant Hill....		5.00
"	To amount foreign mission fund		3.70
"	To amount received for orphans' home		1.75
September 28	To amount minute fund, Hardy church		50
October 3,	To amount minute fund, Clear Springs church....		50
"	To amount district mission fund, Clear Springs		2.00
"			
Total debits,			\$61.15

And asks credit as follows:

Sept 28, 1900,	By amount forwarded A. J. Barton, Sec State Mis	\$5.00
Oct. 3,	By amount paid H. W. Townsend, treas: dis. mis. brd	3.50
Oct. 19,	By amount forwarded C. W. Daniel, secretary for miss	3.70
"	By amount forwarded W. W. Gardner, agent orph home	1.75
Oct. 30,	By amt paid for printing minutes and exchange....	25.17
Nov. 6,	By express from Little Rock on minutes	1.40
Nov. 7,	By postage on minates to churches	4.12
Jan. 30, 1901,	By postage on minutes to Mt. View church,	
	(miscarried in first instance)	.11

Aug. 14, By am't paid for printing 100 associational letters....	1.00
" By postage on blank letters to the several churches	.40
" By amount allowed for work on minutes.....	10.00
Sept. 21, By balance paid to finance committee of 1901.....	5.00
Total credits	\$61 15

APPENDIX XI

RESOLUTIONS.

1. Resolved, That we thank the members of Jerusalem church and the citizens of the surrounding country for their hospitable entertainment of the messengers and visitors of this body during its present session.

J. A. Wilson.

2. Resolved, That the Clerk is hereby authorized to have printed 1000 copies of the Minutes of the proceedings of this session and that they be distributed in accordance with the minute fund of the respective churches and that he be allowed \$10 for his services of compilation, etc.

T. C. Mahan.

3. Resolved, That in as much as the Sunday School work is of so great importance to the church, that in our Fifth Sunday meetings, questions pertaining thereto be given prominence.

Chas. T. Arnett.

4. Resolved, That this Association heartily thank the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention for its donation of books and tracts for our associational mission work for the past year, and the state board of Arkansas, for its assistance at points within the bounds of our Association.

Chas. T. Arnett.

5. Resolved, That before this body adjourns the Moderator will appoint all the committees for the next session except the committee on divine service.

T. C. Mahan.

6. Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to Bro. M. D. Bowers and Bro. Chas. T. Arnett, for the faithful performance of their duties, during this session as moderator and clerk.

N. R. Townsend.

7. Resolved, That we adopt the Baptist Evangel as a medium of communication upon associational matters for the ensuing year.

T. C. Mahan.

APPENDIX XII.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

The enmity of the Natural Heart, a Main Cause of the Want of Ministerial Success.

The office of the christian ministry might seem to command a successful issue of the work. It is the "ministry of reconciliation," when the offended party stoops to make the first overtures of peace, and sends his ambassadors to beseech by them and pray the rebels in his stead "be ye reconciled to God," 2 Cor. V. 18-20. Such a display of disinterested condescension, infinite humility and compassionate tenderness might have been expected to give resistless efficacy to the message. The rich fruits of everlasting love are brought to the door of those who are most deeply interested in it and whose need of the blessing is inexpressibly great. Such a promulgation of mercy given to men in guileless ignorance and urgent need would meet with a ready and universal welcome. But here it meets with a resisting medium. The avenues of approach are barred against its entrance, and the success is limited within comparatively narrow bounds. By the terms of the commission, it is "preached to every creature," Mark 16, 15, but the disproportionate effect reminds us of the solemn and sententious declaration, "many be called but few chosen," Mat. 20 16. If indeed we were as "many which corrupt the word of God," if we would lower its requisitions to a worldly standard or to a corrupt heart, we should "have our reward" Gal. 1 7-10. (purchased indeed at an infinite cost) in the praises of men. But if "as of sincerity as of God, in the sight of God, we speak in Christ" 2Cor. 2 17, renouncing the hidden things of dishonesty; not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth concerning ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God, we must not wonder to hear it repeated, I hate him for he doth not prophesy good concerning me but evil. 1 Kings 22,8. Nor is this opposition confined to the world, so called. In the professing church a revulsion against the truth of God as a whole, marks the same principle of resistance to the practical enforcement of christian doctrine. And indeed whoever pricks the conscience of his hearers closely, without producing repentance, will soon find them either absentees from his ministry, or unwilling listeners if not open opponents. Thus a ministers whole course is a struggle against the mighty current of sin flowing out of that restless bias of the natural heart which upon the highest authority is declared to be enmity against God. (Rom. 8 7.) This hindrance therefore to the reception of the gospel must not be placed to the ministers account. Ignorance, eccentricity, inconsistency, want of conciliation and address, will indeed be an occasion of calling forth this enmity. A defective exhibition of the spirit of the cross greatly aggravates the offense of the cross. But it must be remembered, that the ministration of the gospel from an angel's mouth would stir up the natural principle of degenerate man. What could be conceived more attractive than the combination of dignity, humility, patience and love that marked the ministry of the Son of God? Yet was it universally despised and rejected. His doctrine was most offensive, to the natural

prejudices of the unhumiliated heart. His general statements were listened to with interest of curiosity and the desire of "hearing some new things," but their personal application to the consciences of his hearers—the certain reproach of his cross, the relinquishment of all that was held dear, for His service—the prostrate submission required for the reception of His truth—all combined to produce the "murmuring among themselves;" the complaint of the intolerable "hardness of his sayings," and the resolution to abandon their temporary profession. (John 6 24, 26.) The intense opposition existing between the substance and the object of the ministry, offers therefore a material impediment to our success. We speak to those whose attention is already preoccupied, whose affections have been long preengaged and whose "hearts are hardened through the deceitfulness of sin," the truth therefore never comes in contact with a sincere and honest heart. Enmity is the concentrated essence of man's depravity. It is at once the cause and effect of that moral or spiritual darkness which shuts out the entrance of light and offers difficulties to the process of enlightening the "eyes of the understanding," unconquerable by any force short of heavenly influence. The power that "slays the enmity" opens the heart to the perception, obedience and love of the truth, and to a full possession of the inestimable blessings of the office of the ministry.

APPENDIX XI.

REPORT OF C. HODGE, ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY.

Miles traveled	1000
Sermons preached	75.
Homes visited	100
Schools organized	1
Churches organized	1
Conversions witnessed	42
Baptisms	19
Cash collected on the field and for literature sold	\$89.72
Cash received from board	118.40
Total	\$208.11

This report is for six months beginning Oct. 1, ending April 1.

APPENDIX XV.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORY.

Name of School, Superintendent and Address.

Alicia—W. J. McCullough, Alicia,
 Black Rock—A. Pettyjohn, Black Rock,
 Bold Spring—Mollie Shaver, Strawberry,
 Calamine—L. A. Chaney, Calamine,
 Ebenezer—Chas. T. Arnett, Mammoth Spring.
 Evergreen—A. Lyons, Walnut Ridge,
 Hopewell—Lee Kellow, Walnut Ridge,

Imboden—H. M. Anderson, Imboden,
 Mt View—W. A. Clark, Mobley,
 Pleasant Hill—Wm. Downing, Lynn,
 Pocahontas—J. L. Park, Pocahontas,
 Shiloh—M. D. Bowers, Pocahontas,
 Swifton—R. P. Sharp, Swifton,
 Union—J. H. Morgan, Smithville,
 Walnut Grove—J. M. Buster, Walnut Ridge,
 Walnut Ridge—Walter Kerchival, Walnut Ridge,

APPENDIX XIV CHURCH DIRECTORY.

Name of Church.	Pastor or Supply	Church Clerk.	Clerks Address
Alicia	J. N. Sharke	W J McCullough	Alicia
Black Rock	F. C. Mahan	A. Pettijohn	Black Rock
Bold Spring	G. W. James	J. F. Wilkerson	Grange
Buffalo	S. W. Abernathy	Ella Manning	Sedgwick
Big Creek	G. W. James	J. H. Boles	Maxville
Burto	—	See minutes '99	
Calamine	J. L. Brown	L. A. Chaney	Calamine
Centerville	—	Mrs. L. Craig	Kenyon
Clear Spring	J. M. Appleget	C. H. Wayland	Denton
Ebenezer	C. Hodge	Dilla B Arnett	Mammoth Spg
Evergreen	W. R. Marshall	Geo L. Turner.	Walnut Ridge
Egypt	—	See Minute 1900	
Hardy	E. P. Minton	Mrs F B McGinnis	Hardy
Hopewell	J F. Clarke,	J J Manning	Sedgwick
Imboden	E. P. Minton	Geo W Smith	Imboden,
Jerusalem	G. W. James	R. E. Peun	Strawberry
Lone Oak	R. B. Bellamy	J. A. Justis	Matthews
Little Spring	J. F. Butler	J. H. Brandon	Poughkeepsie
Lebanon	G. L. Ford	J W. Spotts	Smithville
Mt View	J. L. Brown	J. A. Wasson	Grange
Newhope	G. B. Borah	H. A. Moore,	Denton
Pleasant Grove No. 1	Isaac Stephens	H G Brady	Imboden
Pleasant Grove No. 2	G. B Borah	Roe Tims	Tuckerman
Pleasant Hill	R. B. Bellamy	G. W. Carper	Lynn
Pocahontas	E. P. Minton	J. S. Anderson	Pocahontas
Portia	N. R. Townsend	E. B. Ivie	Portia
R. L.'s Chapel	M M Burge	W. P. Crigler	Ber Gay
Shiloh	M D Bowers	J D Haynes	Pocahontas.
Smithville	G. B. Borah	Hugh Spotts	Smithville
Swifton	C. Hodge	R P. Sharp	Swifton
Union	J. F. Butler	J. H. Morgan	Smithville
Willow Spring.	H. W. Abee	J. P. Holland	"
Walnut Grove	G. B. Borah	R. L. Elkins	Walnut Ridge
Walnut Ridge	F. C. Mahan.	Mary W Smith	"

APPENDIX XVI

STANDING COMMITTEE FOR 1902.

1. Sunday-Schools Chas. T. Arnett, J. W. Tibbles, T. J. Moore,
2. State of the Churches C. Hodge, W. R. Marshal, J. F. Butler,
3. Destitution R. B. Bellamy, Wm. Goatcher, L. C. Haynes,
4. Associational Missions M. Crissenberry, D. C. Lee, J. M. Appleget,
5. State Missions J. W. Tibbles, John Winfrey, J. C. Penn,
6. Home Missions Chas. T. Arnett, R. B. Bellamy, J. A. Wilson,
7. Foreign Missions H W Townsend, Chas. Lee, Jas Justis,
8. Education N. R. Townsend, T. J. Moore, Dr. Peacock,
9. Baptist Literature Jno. P. Webb, Geo. Brown, L. A. Bain,
10. Prohibition Chas. T. Arnett, J. L. Brown, D. E. Hunt,
11. Correspondence Sam Clements, T. Grizzle, Joseph Gray,
12. Finance H. G. Brady, Wm. Clark, John Morgan,
13. Ministerial Directory Matthew Tompkins, J. M. Appleget J. F. Butler
14. T. C. Mahan, G. B. Borah, J. M. Massey.

NOTICE.

The increase in Sunday-schools for 1901 over 1900 was four and the increase in pupils 342 and contribution \$54 78 and yet there are more than half our churches without schools. Remember the handsome banner offered by The Baptist Evangel, for the largest percentage of gain during 1902, and let every church organize a school and strive to excel all others and when we meet at Pocahontas next year let the "Glad Good News" go forth that Spring River Association has a Sunday-School in every church.

CHAS T. ARNETT, Clerk.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. A Moderator and Clerk shall be elected by the association, who shall continue in office one year, or until their successors are elected.

2. The Moderator shall take the chair at the hour to which the association is adjourned, and after prayer, proceed to business. He shall keep order, and may speak, provided he calls a chairman. He shall have no vote, except in case of a tie, in which case he shall give the casting vote.

3. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator. He shall not depart from the subject under consideration, nor indulge in personal reflections.

4. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, without leave from the association.

5. No member shall absent himself from the association without leave.

6. No member shall address another by any appellation other than "Brother."

9. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member while speaking, unless he violates these rules of decorum.

8. Any member may appeal from the decision of the Moderator to the association.

7. The Clerk shall keep a minute of the proceedings of the association, and perform such other duties as may be required of him.

10. Any member violating these rules may be reprov'd.

11. The session of the association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

12. We agree to observe the following regular order of business (adopted in 1894 and amended in 1898 — Clerk) viz:

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Opening prayer.
3. Reading letters of churches.
4. Election of officers.
5. Reception of corresponding messengers.
6. Invitation to visiting brethren.
7. Reception of churches.
8. Reading of circular letter.
9. Appointment of committees, viz: [a] On divine service; [b] on state of the churches; [c] on destitution; [d] on Sunday schools; [e] on missions; [f] on education; [g] on Baptist literature; [h] on prohibition; [i] on correspondence; [j] on finance; [k] on ministerial directory; [l] on orphans' home.

10. Queries.

11. Reports of secretaries and treasurer of boards.

12. Reports of associational mission board.

13. Reports of committees.

14. Miscellany.

15. Adjournment.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

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* Should read \$425.95.