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The Caddo River Missionary Baptist Association met at Liberty Church according to agreement, the 10th day of September A. D. 1892.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elders D. T. Driggers and D. Bright, from 2nd verse 2nd ch. of 1st. Cor. Closing prayer by Eld. J. H. Collins. Adjourned until 3 p. m.

At 3 o'clock p. m., the body came together by singing. The Moderator (Eld. J. J. Hughes) read the 16th hymn, "Evergreen" and 52nd Psalm, and after singing offered prayer. The body now being ready for business the letters from the various

churches were called for. Brethren J. N. Wasson, D. S. P. Black and Eld. J. H. Collins were appointed to read the letters from the following named churches: Caney Valley, Mt. Zion, New Home, Antioch, Mt. Ida, Macedonia, Providence, Valley, Mountain Home, Union, Black Springs, Forrest Hill, Salem, Pleasant Valley, Mt. Pisgah, Mt. Moriah, Bethel, Bethlehem, Mt. Pleasant, Liberty, Valley Grove and one new church, viz Zion Hill, received.

The body next went into the election of officers. Results: Eld. H. L. Wasson, Moderator, Eld. E. Wright, Clerk and W. F. Willis Treasurer. A. R. Chitwood, John Welch and the messengers of Liberty Church were appointed a preaching committee. Visitors were invited to seats. Corresponding messengers were called for. Response: Bro. J. A. Chitwood, was received from Buckvill Association. Bro. E. R. Box, from Ouachita Association, and Bros. J. N. Dean and J. W. Jeffrey, also Eld. H. C. Ridling, from Red River Association. The body sung No. 4 Evergreen, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone," The Moderator offered prayer and we adjourned, to meet on Monday, the 12th, at 8 o'clock a. m.

The committees were appointed intervening by the Moderator. Monday at 8 o'clock a. m., the body came together. The Moderator read the 6th chapter of Ephesians and after singing of many voices, he offered prayer.

- 1st. Called the roll and marked absentees.
- 2nd. The minutes of Saturday were read and corrected.
- 3rd. The body enacted that speaking be limited to five minutes.
- 4th. Called for the reports of the committees.

1st. Response on Destitution. DEAR BRETHREN:—Through the failure of the churches to send messengers with funds to meet the Missionary Board, we failed to have any missionary in the field last year, and we find that there is yet great destitution in the West and North bounds of the Association. We recommend that this body devise some means to

employ a missionary, that Baptist doctrine may be taught in all our bounds.

W. W. Carson,
W. F. Willis,
A. R. Chitwood.

2nd. Duties of Pastors to churches: Attend regularly all the churches under their care. Preach the word. Be instant in season and out of season. Contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the Saints. Visit the membership, and the sick. Attend to all the ordinances independent of a gainsaying world. Encourage prayer-meetings, and all good work.

W. P. Taylor,
T. J. Cunningham,
W. D. Ward.

3rd. On Documents: We find represented twenty-two churches, one church petitioned in and one out of this body. Three Corresponding Associations, viz Ouachita, Red River and Buckville.

C. H. Eddlemon,
J. M. Smith,
Z. M. Pettit.

4th. State of Religion: We rejoice to learn that in various parts of the Association, there have been many precious revivals; and the cause of our Redeemer's kingdom greatly built up, and people of God edified; while in other parts the cause seems to languish; for this we do not rejoice. Brethren let us all arise in the power and spirit of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and remove everything that would hinder our advancement in the holy life

G. H. Wasson,
T. A. Valentine,
W. T. Seaymore.

5th. Obituaries: While many of us have been spared, it has pleased the Father to call from among us the following named members: New Home Church, Bro. E. M. Howard, departed this life, July 31st, A. D. 1892, aged 42 years. Mt. Moriah Church, Bro. W. W. McGuire departed this life Jan. 16th, A. D. 1892. Pleasant Valley, Sister Rachel M. Wasson, wife of Eld. H. L. Wasson, departed this life June 15th, A. D.

1892, aged 63 years and 6 months. Providence Church, Bro. Robert Stovall, departed this life Dec. the 28th, A. D. 1891, aged 16 years and 28 days. Baptized Oct. 2nd, A. D. 1890. Union Church: Bro. R. T. Harley, departed this life in Jan. A. D. 1892, aged about 40 years. Valley Grove: Sister C. F. Whelis, departed this life Jan. the 8th, A. D. 1892, age 33 years. Bethel: Deacon, J. F. Wisener departed this life Oct. A. D. 1891. Black Springs: Eld. E. W. Gentry, departed this life Jan. 9th, A. D. 1892, age about 60 years.

Dear Brethren: While it has pleased the allwise God to call from among us the above named brethren and sisters, let us thank and praise Him for his goodness and mercies to us, and

RESOLVED: that this Body offer their condolence to the bereaved relatives and friends.

Eld. D. Bright,
Bros. T. J. Carpenter,
M. M. Pridgen.

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Sister S. Neighbors, of Valley Grove, departed this life July 13th, A. D. 1891. Sister Lydia F. White, of Liberty, departed this life March the 7th A. D. 1891. Bro. Henry Whisenhunt, of Mt. Pisgah, witnessed a good profession and departed this life April 6th, A. D. 1891, age 67 years.

S. H. Hawthorn, of Black Springs Church, departed this life Feb. the 18th, A. D. 1891. Melvin Robinson, of Bethel Church, departed this life June the 24th, A. D. 1891.

Sister Sarah E. Johnson, wife of G. W. D. Johnson and daughter of H. L. and R. E. Wasson was born Jan. the 26th, A. D. 1853, and departed this life Dec. the 7th A. D. 1890. For many years she had been a worker in her Lord's vineyard, in prayer and exhortation.

'She died fully resigned to her masters will,
She rejoiced through faith in His promises,
Oh! how sweet to know the Lord,
And rest our faith in his word;
I know my own he doth say,
They, know me while on they way.

Bro. W. J. Kennedy, of Valley grove departed this life June the 26th A. D. 1891. His precise age is not known to the writer; but he was between 70 and 75 years of age. He was elected President of the Sunday School Convention about ten years ago, and remained so with punctuality and zeal until his death. His loss was mourned by hundreds of children, also the adults of the entire Association and surroundings. His place can hardly be filled, rendering the same satisfaction. We have never heard aught against his christian character; and we expect that he will be bountifully rewarded, when the Saviour comes for his own. The good old man's life has been grandly great; because it has been spent in the service of his God. He has passed under the rod; but in the midst of shadows he found sunshine. The waves have rolled high around him; but, the voice of the Lord was often heard, upon the troubled waters. His bow of promises has ever rested, upon the over arching clouds, radiant with future hope; and reaching across the valley of sin and sorrow, into the land of light and life. God had given him long live; and made him fruitful, even in old age, spiritually. Kind father rest in sweet repose until our Lord shall bid thee rise, And so shall all the redeemed in Christ meet the Saviour in the skies. Amen.

G. W. D. Johnson,
J. H. West, Eld.,
R. W. Pate, Eld.

6th. On Temperance: We your committee on Temperance submit the following: We find that the demon Intemperance has almost entirely vanished from our midst—our people are no longer seen reeling and falling under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

Jno. Welch, Chairman.

7th. Report of the Committee appointed to draft a resolution for raising a Missionary Fund for home missions: We hereby recommend that each church pay the amount set opposite the name of church pledged by the delegates of the Association that represent the different churches. We further recommend that a board be appointed by this body, and that said funds be paid to said board, on or before the first of December

next, and that said board be authorized to collect all that they can in other ways for the same purpose.

That said board report annually to this body. That said board be authorized to employ a missionary to work in the des-titution in the bonds of this Association, when a sufficient fund is collected, and to commence at a time decided by the board.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. Eddlemon,
J. N. Wasson,
A. R. Chitwood,
W. W. Carson,
W. F. Willis.

The Subscription is as Follows:

V. Key Grove.....	\$ 5.00.
Zion Hill.....	5 00.
Mt. Zion.....	3 00.
Mt. Moriah.....	5.00.
Union.....	3.00.
Canev Valley.....	5.00.
Mt. Ida.....	7.50.
Antioch.....	10.00.
Mac donia.....	4 00.
Bethel.....	5.00.
H. L. Wasson.....	5.00.

Total, - - - \$67.50.

8th. Church's Duties to Pastors. We submit the fol-lowing report: It is the duty of the church to look after the financial interest of its pastor. If our pastor leaves his home to attend to our spiritual interest, we should look after his tem-poral interest. Brethren let us help to blow the trumpet in Zion. Respectfully submitted, W. H. Black, Chairman.

9th. On Mission: We your committee on missions would respectfully report, that we have carefully considered the sub-ject, and from our personal knowledge, and reports from the different churches, we think it very necessary that we employ a home missionary, to work in the bounds of this Association, and also lend our aid to foreign missions. Let us give our time and means to the spread of the Gospel. Respectfully submitted.

Elders { Bro. J. N. Wasson,
J. J. Hughes,
J. A. Shackelford.

10th. Elders Report of Sunday School Convention, 1892. The Sunday School Convention of Caddo River Missionary Baptist Association met pursuant to adjournment with Amity Church (Baptist) on Saturday before the 4th Lords day in August at 9 o'clock a. m. The President being absent, the Convention was opened by Vice President, J. M. Smith, read-ing the 22ch of Prov. and offering prayer.

The minutes of last session were read.

Called for letters from churches and schools. The letters were read by Bro. R. B. Hollangshead, and the delegates' names enrolled.

The convention then went into the election of officers; result: Bro W. F. Willis, Prest. J. M. Smith, Vice-Prest. W. W. Smith, Sec'y., and S. Z. Moran, Treasurer.

Appointed a Preaching committee as follows: Bro.s C. C. Henthorn, S. Z. Moran and W. W. Smith.

Appointed a Singing Committee as follows: Sister Docia Hollingshead, Thame Hollingshead, Thos. Rusk, T. A. Holl-ingshead and S. Z. Moran.

Appointed an Executive Committee as follows: G. T. How-ell, J. M. Smith, T. A. Hollingshead and S. Z. Moran.

Called for reports of Sunday School Superintendnets. Report favorable.

After prayer by W. W. Smith, the Convention adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

11 O'CLOCK A. M.

Preaching by J. M. Smith, (Eld.)

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

The President called the Convention to order by reading the 103 Psalm, and prayer.

1st. Called for essays on Moral Culture. Eld. J. M. Smith, delivered an oral essay on "Moral Culture." We also had an interesting lecture from our worthy president.

The following resolutions were adopted:

1st. RESOLVED that the thanks of this body, be tendered to the church and vicinity of Amity, for their kindness and hospitality in entertaining this body.

2nd. RESOLVED that the next Session of this body be held with Bethel Church, in Pike County, Ark.

The Committee on Preaching for next Session, reported as follows:

Convention Sermon by Eld J. J. Hughes, Alternate, W. P. Taylor.

Essay by Docia Hollingshead, subject, "Her Choice."

Essay by W. W. Smith, "On the Origin of Sunday School.

Essay by Mattie E. Smith, "Subject of Her Choice."

Essay by W. B. Rush, "Are Sunday Schools Scriptural."

Essay by D. S. P. Black, subject, "Christian Piety."

Essay by Eld. J. M. Smith, subject, "The Relationship Between the Church and the Sunday School."

Essays by Bros. G. T. Howell and T. A. Hollingshead, subject, "Prayer." G. T. Howell, Chairman.

Committee on Preaching, reported Eld. J. H. Collins to preach at night. After prayer by Eld. Tillman Howel, the convention adjourned untill 9 o'clock Sunday morning.

Preaching Saturday night, by Eld. J. H. Collins, text: 10th verse 9th ch. Acts.

SUNDAY, 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Convention opened by Vice-President reading the 11th chapter of Ecclesiastes and Prayer. We then had an interesting Sunday School lesson conducted by the teachers of the Amity Sunday School.

We then took a collection for minutes, result \$1.45.

After a touching exhortation, by J. M. Smith and prayer

Eld. I. F. Welch, the convention adjourned to meet with Bethel Church, in Pike County Ark., on Friday 11 o'clock a. m. before the 2nd Sunday in August A. D. 1893.

W. W. Smith, Secretary.

STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	P. O.	
Amity.....	W. B. Rush, T. A. Hollingshead.....	Amity.....	
Caney Valley.....	S. C. Hollingshead.....		
.....	John Thornton, James Ponder.....		
.....	Jenkins Bouden.....	Rock Creek.....	
SCHOOLS.	SUPT.	MESSENGERS	P. O. NO.
Amity.....	G. T. Howell.....	Louise Deaton, Addie Anderson.....	Amity..... 60
Caney Valley.....	W. W. Smith.....	Docia Hollingshead.....	
Bethel.....	Jas. Proctor.....	L. W. Herring, S. Z. Morring, and Fannie Smith.....	Rock Creek..... 87
		W. F. Willis.....	Rock Creek..... 85
Total Enrolled,			162

Brethren it rained so much we had a poor turnout, but much interest manifested and we trust lasting good in the name of the Lord.

CONVENTION OF 1891.

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The Sunday School Convention of this Association met pursuant to adjournment with Caney Valley Church, Pike County, Ark., on Friday, at 11 o'clock a. m. before the first Sunday in August A. D. 1891.

The Convention Sermon was preached by Eld J. E. Kennedy. Text 6th verse of the 126th Psalm.

Adjourned until 3 o'clock p. m.

AT 3 O'CLOCK P. M.

The body met being without a President or Vice-President.

Elder J. M. Smith, was appointed President protem. The convention was opened by reading the 24th Psalm and prayer by Eld J. M. Smith.

Next read, The Constitution and Minutes of last Session. Letters from churches and schools were then called for. The letters were read by Eld. J. E. Kennedy and the names of the

delegates enrolled. The body then went into the election of officers. Result, D. S. P. Black, President; Eld. J. M. Smith, Vice-Prest.; W. W. Smith, Secty., and J. J. Hughes, Jr., Treasurer.

Appointed a preaching committee, viz: L. W. Herring, J. J. Hughes, jr., and O. T. Smith.

Appointed Elder J. E. Kennedy and G. W. McLain, singing committee.

The preaching committee reported: Elder J. M. Smith to preach at night.

After singing and prayer by Elder J. E. Kennedy, adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m. Saturday.

Friday night, preaching by Elds. J. E. Kennedy and J. M. Smith. Text 12th v. 20th ch. Revelations.

9 O'CLOCK A. M. SECOND DAY.

The convention was called to service by the president reading the 41st Psalm and prayer was offered by Elder J. M. Smith. The minutes of the first day was read and adopted.

A preamble and resolution from Valley Grove church in reference to the death of our worthy president, W. J. Kennedy, were read.

Called for reports of superintendents. The reports were favorable. On motion adjourned until 2 p. m.

Appointment for preaching at 4 p. m. by Elder J. E. Kennedy. Text: Isa. 55 ch. 3d v.

2 p. m. The President opened by reading the 185th Psalm and offered prayer.

Next called for essays and voluntary talks. Elder J. E. Kennedy gave an interesting lecture. Subject: A Model Sunday School. President Black read an essay—subject: Art Sunday Schools a Help to Parents?

The Convention decided to hold its next session with Amity-Baptist Church, Clark county, Arkansas, on Friday before the Fourth Sunday in August, 1892.

Called for Miscellaneous Business.

The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED: That the thanks of this body be tendered to the church and people of Caney Valley, for their kindness and hospitality in entertaining the Convention.

The Committee on program for next session reported as follows: Introductory by Eld. J. J. Hughes and W. W. Carson, Alt.

Essay by J. F. Wisener, subject, of his choice.

Essay on "Duties of Young Men Toward Sunday Schools," by John S. Kennedy.

Essay by Miss Docia Hollingshead, subject, of her choice.

Essay by Miss Mary Hughes, subject, of her choice.

Essay by Eld. J. M. Smith on "Moral Culture."

G. S. Howell, Chairman.

The Preaching Committee announced preaching at night by Eld. J. E. Kennedy. The President gave an interesting lecture and the body adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m. on Sunday. Saturday night preaching by pastor. Text Isaiah 45th chapter 22nd verse.

SUNDAY 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

The President opened the Convention by reading a portion of the 36th psalm. Prayer by G. S. W. Herring.

The Minutes of Saturday was read and adopted. We then had an interesting Sunday School lesson, conducted by the President.

A collection was taken to the amount of \$2.45, to pay for minutes of the Association, embracing these of the Convention.

The Convention adjourned to meet with Amity Church on Friday, 11 o'clock a. m., before the 4th Lord's day in August A. D. 1892.

Dear Brethren the representation was small on account of much rain and high water.

D. S. P. Black, President

W. W. Smith, Secretary.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF S. S. CONVENTION.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGER.	P. O.
Amity.....	Dr J. E. Kennedy, D. M. Howel.....	Amity.
	and R. B. Hollingshead.	
Valley Grove.....	J. J. Hughes, Jr., R. W. Cannon.....	Rock Creek
	and Sister M. J. Hughes, Jr.	
Caney Valley.....	Luther Herring, O. T. Smith.....	Rock Creek
	Sister A. C. Hardy	
Bethel.....	W. H. Black and G. L. Black.....	Rock Creek
SCHOOLS.	MESSENGERS.	SUPT. NO. P. O.
Amity.....	Eld. J. E. Kennedy, Ida Fulton.....	G. S. Howell.....64.... Amity.
	and Nora Howell.	
Valley Grove.....	D. B. Hughes, A. J. Black.....	D. S. P. Black... 51. ...Rock Creek
	and Miss Effie Black.	
Caney Valley.....	G. W. McLain, Mattie Smith.....	W. W. Smith.....63....Rock Creek
	and Sister M. E. Hardy.	
Bethel.....	W. J. Wisener.....	J. F. Wisenir.....50....Rock Creek
Total, - - - - - 227		

Report on Finance: We find on hand from the churches of the Association \$21.60 and \$1.45 from the Sunday School Convention, which is ready to be paid over to the Treasurer.

A. J. Newcomb.
J. J. Hughes, Jr.
J. A. Gammell.

We your Committee on preaching submit the following report: Saturday night, Elds. J. N. Dean and H. C. Ridling; Sunday 9 o'clock a. m., H. C. Ridling and A. Nelson, Elds.; at 11 o'clock a. m.; W. W. Carson and J. J. Hughes, Elds.; at 3 o'clock p. m.; Elds. H. C. Ridling and H. L. Wasson; at night, Eld. J. A. Shackelford and T. A. Volentine; Monday at 11 o'clock a. m., Eld J. H. Collins and T. J. Cunningham.

Jno. Welch, Chairman.

By action of this body the Moderator appointed a committee of five viz: Eld. W. W. Carson, Dea., W. F. Willis and Bros. Charley Eddleman, A. R. Chitwood and J. N. Wasson, to devise ways and means to support a missionary in the field.

This body enacted that the minutes of last year (which were not printed through the delay of the printer) be dropped except the Articles of Faith, The Constitution, Districting of the Association. Report of the Sunday School Convention and Obituaries. By action this body agreed to hold its next Session with Caney Valley Church, on Saturday, at 11 o'clock a. m., embracing the second Lord's day in September A. D. 1893.

Valley Church by her request was granted a letter of dismission from this body.

By action this body appointed messengers to other Associations as follows: J. A. Johnson, G. W. D. Johnson and Wm. Guthrey, to Ouachita Association. Elds. W. W. Carson and H. L. Wasson, Alt. Eld. H. L. Wasson and Bro. T. A. Volentine (Licentiate) A. R. Chitwood and W. J. Chitwood to Buckville Association.

The Clerk was requested to write to Red River Association. Bros. W. F. Willis; C. H. Edleman; A. R. Chitwood; H. N. Wasson and D. S. P. Black were appointed a missionary board.

Bros. A. R. and W. J. Chitwood and T. A. Volentine (to write) were appointed to visit Saline Association.

The Clerk was commanded to secure the printing of 400 copies of this minute and to divide to the churches, according to contribution, and he was to have \$15.00 for his fee.

On Saturday before the fourth Sunday in November, the Missionary board was requested to meet at Liberty Church.

Treasurers Report. On hand for last year \$29.30 for the present year \$23.05 Total \$52.35. W. F. Willis, Treasurer.

Elds. W. W. Carson and H. L. Wasson, were appointed to preach the next introductory sermon.

RESOLVED: That this body tender its thanks to the brethren and friends of this vicinity for their kind hospitality during our stay among them, and also the Moderator and Clerk, for their faithful service. The minutes were read and adopted. Closing prayer by Eld. J. J. Hughes. We sung a hymn and gave the parting hand; tears were shed and love manifested.

Adjourned in order. Elder H. L. Wasson, Moderator.
E. Wright, Clerk.

ABSTRACT OF FAITH WITH SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES.

ART. 1st. We believe in one true and living God, the

Word and Holy Gost. 1st John 5th and 7th, John 1st chapter 1st, 2nd and 3rd verse, 1st Tim. 3rd ch 16th verse.

2nd. We believe that the scriptures comprising the old and the new testaments, are the word of God, and the only rule of our faithful practice, 2nd Tim. 2nd ch. 15th and 16th v. 1st Peter 1st ch. 15th v. Rom. 15th ch. 4th verse.

3rd. 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. 1st Pe. 1st ch. 2nd verse.

4th. We believe in doctrine of original sin by the fall of Adam. Gen. 3rd ch. 6th and 7th verses, Ps. 57th 6th v. Rom. 5th ch. 12th and 14th verses.

5th. We believe in man's incapacity by his own free will and ability, to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature. Isaiah 1st ch. 5th and 7th vs. John 6th ch. 44th v. Eph. 2nd ch. 1st verse.

6th. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, by the imputed righteousness of Christ only. Jer. 23rd ch 6th v. Rom. 4th ch. 22nd 24th vs. 1st Cor. 1st ch. 30 verse.

7th. We believe that the saints shall be preserved in grace and never fall finally away. Ps. 89th 31-35 vs. Heb. 8th ch 10-11 vs. John 10th ch. 28th verse.

8th. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's supper are the the ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of baptism and that immersion is the Apostolic mode. Mark 16th ch. 15-16th vs. Acts 2nd ch. 42nd v. 1st Cor. 11th ch. 22-26th vs. Acts 8th ch. 38-39th vs. Rom. 6th ch. 3-4th verses.

9th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead; and in a general judgement, and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal. John 3rd 28-29 vs. 1st Cor. 15th ch 22-23rd vs. Rev. 20th ch. 12-14-15th vs.

10. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, but one who is regularly

baptised, called, and comes under the imposition of the hands of a presbyter. Math. 28th ch. 19-20th vs. 1st Tim. 3rd ch. 10th verse Titus 5th ch. 10th verse.

11th. We believe that none but regularly baptised, members have a right to commune at the Lord's table. Acts 2nd ch. 41st v. 18th ch. 8-11th verses, 1st Cor. 11th ch. 23-24th vs.

12th. We believe that the Lord's day should be observed as a day of rest, and religious devotion. Ex 20th ch. 8th v. Acts 20th 7th v. Rev. 1st ch. 10th verse.

The committee appointed to revise the constitution answered as follows:

ARTICLE 1st. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union; not exceeding three members from each church until they number one hundred, then one for each hundred over that number. Which delegates on producing their letter shall be entitled to seats. The letter must state their appointment, as delegates. The number baptised, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, restored and total in fellowship.

ART. 2nd. The members thus chosen and convened, shall be denominated, The Caddo River Missionary Baptist Association, being composed of Sundry churches in the state of Arkansas, who shall have no power to Lord it over God's heritage; nor to have any ecclesiastical power over the churches. Reserving the right to withdraw from any church acting disorderly.

ART. 3rd. Churches in this union that fail to represent themselves at one session will be expected to state the reason of their failure at the next session.

ART. 4th. The Association when convened shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum, which she is authorized to frame and amend according to her own views.

ART. 5th. Churches known to be sound in the faith and otherwise orderly may be admitted to membership in this Association upon presenting either a petitionary letter or a letter

of dismissal, from a sister Association. The moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

ART. 6th. The officers of this Association shall be a moderator, clerk, and treasurer, who must be delegates to the Association, and chosen annually by the suffrage of the members present. Said officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors are elected.

ART. 7th. It shall be the duty of Moderator to see that the rules are strictly observed, and take the voice of the Association on all subjects legally introduced, and he shall have all the privileges of other members provided the chair be filled but in no case shall he vote, unless the Association be equally divided: Then he shall cast the deciding vote. Provided further that the Moderator may call a meeting of this Association at any time if necessity so require, for the good of the Association.

ART. 8th. 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.

ART. 9th. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and handle all monies paid over to him for the use of the Association, subject to her order and pay over the same according to her directions.

ART. 10th. Each church in this Union who sends money for printing minutes, shall be furnished with the minutes of each session.

ART. 11th. Every query sent up by a particular church must be included in her letter certifying that she has endeavored to reconcile it but failed. In such case the Association shall take it under consideration and the voice of the majority shall be considered an advisory answer which shall be entered on the minutes.

ART. 12th. Any church in our Union having a preacher whom she deems worthy of ordination, shall call a presbytery of ministers from sister churches to officiate in the work—nevertheless where ministerial aid cannot be had conveniently, one

minister may ordain a deacon and constitute a church with the assistance of a deacon.

ART. 13th. This Association shall have a fund supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches, which fund shall be paid over to the committee on finance—this committee shall be appointed annually—whose duty it shall be to receive and charge, the funds of the Association and dispose of them suitably to order and make at every session a fair and circumstantial report, of their proceedings.

ART. 14th. The Association shall not adjourn any session until all the business shall have been finished, except in extraordinary cases.

ART. 15th. The Minutes of every session shall be read and corrected if necessary, and signed by the Moderator before the Association retires.

ART. 16th. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present.

ART. 17th. We will not receive or hold in our fellowship a member or church who holds a membership who has never been baptised by a baptist.

ART. 18th. Amendments to this constitution may be made at any session of this body when a majority of the members present think it necessary.

ART. 19th. The Association shall have power to adjourn to such further time and place as it may think proper.

Elders { W. W. Carson.
W. P. Taylor.



THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

This resolution was passed by the body in A. D. 1891. That the Association be divided into districts, composed of four churches in each district, and that one church in each district have a meeting once a year, on her regular meeting day embracing Saturday and Sunday. Also that each church send a letter and delegates at the August meeting. Offered by Eld. W. P. Taylor.

The Association was districted as follows:

1st District, meeting in May, at Bethlehem, embracing Bethlehem, Caney Valley, Valley Grove and Salem Churches.

2nd District, meeting in June, at Black Springs, embracing Black Springs, Pleasant Valley, Antioch, Liberty and Mt. Pleasant churches.

3rd District, meeting in July, at Union, embracing Union, Spring Grove, Mountain Home, Forrest Hill and Mt. Zion, N.

4th District, meeting in August, at Bethel, embracing Bethel, Caddo, Mt. Pisgah, and Mt. Zion, S. churches.

5th District, meeting in September, at Providence, embracing Providence, Mt. Ida and Macedonia churches.

Eld. W. P. Taylor,
W. F. Willis,
A. R. Chitwood,
I. P. Hollifield,
G. W. D. Johnson, Committee.

Let no church feel slighted. Clerk.



ORDAINED MINISTERS AND POST OFFICES.

John H. Collins.....	Oma.
D. T. Driggers.....	Tackett.
J. A. Shackelford.....	Tackett.
W. P. Taylor.....	Kirby.
E. Wright.....	Luckey.
J. J. Hughes.....	Rock Creek
R. W. Pate.....	Plata.
D. T. Driggers.....	Tackett.
D. Bright.....	Point Cedar
J. M. Smith.....	Rock Creek
J. H. West.....	Ophir.
W. W. Carson.....	Caddo Gap

LICENTIATES AND POST OFFICES.

Burns.....	Hickory Sta.
A. C. Luman.....	Black Springs.
A. Valentine.....	Bear.
T. Seavmore.....	Bear.
A. J. Gillham.....	Bear.
Geo. Cockrell.....	Bear.
C. Cunningham.....	Bear.
Reuben Caldwell.....	Tackett.



DEACONS AND POST OFFICES.

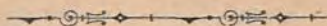
W. Kirby.....	Black Springs.
Nelson.....	Tackett.
Tackett.....	Tackett.
A. Tackett.....	Tackett.
W. Justice.....	Oden.
R. Motley.....	Kirby
Z. Moran.....	Kirby.
D. Caldwell.....	Kirby.
Tallant.....	Welch.
F. Willis.....	Rock Creek.
W. Pettitt.....	Plata.
A. R. Chitwood.....	Bear.
C. Rawton.....	Black Springs.
T. Rawton.....	Black Springs.
W. Herring.....	Rock Creek.
W. T. H. Thornton.....	Rock Creek.
W. W. McLane.....	Rock Creek.
A. M. Collier.....	Ophir.
John Welch.....	Caddo Gap.
C. Fields.....	Caddo Gap.
W. Welch.....	Caddo Gap.



ORDER OF BUSINESS.

FIRST DAY.

- 1 Introductory Sermon.
- 2 Call for letters from Churches.
- 3 Call for petitionary letters.
- 4 Election of Officers.
- 5 Inviting visiting members to seats.
- 6 Call for correspondents.
- 7 Appointment of committees.
- 8 Call for a report of the committee on preaching.



ORDER OF BUSINESS SECOND DAY.

- 1 Call for the reading of the Minutes.
- 2 Call the roll and mark absentees.
- 3 Call for reports of Committees.
- 4 Call for resolutions.
- 5 Appointments for next Session.
- 6 Call for Treasurers' report.



Statistical Table of the Churches of this Association.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	PASTORS.	CLERICS.	POST OFFICE	Contributions.	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter.	Dismiss'd by Letter.	Excluded.	Restored.	Died.	Total in Fello'ship	Sundays of Meet'g
Caney Valley.	Eld. J M Smith, L W Herring, O T Smith	{ W W Carson, last H L Wasson.	W W Smith		\$1 30	10	3	1	1			47	1
Mt. Zion	G W Pettitt	H T Howell	T M Pettitt		50							16	
New Home	T A Valentine, C H Eddleman, W T Seamore	D T Driggers		Plata	1 00	5	5			1	1	30	3
Antioch	John Welch, W W Carson, R C Fields	D Bright			1 25	44	14	1	2			75	2
Mt. Ida	J N Wasson G H Wasson	{ W P Taylor, last W W Carson next	R C Fields	Caddo Gap									
Providence	C C Rowton, D P Rowton	H L Wasson	J S Nelson	Mt. Ida	1 00	3	2					14	
Macedonia	J A Johnson, G W D Johnston, J W Justice	H L Wasson	J M Barke	Black Springs	1 00						1	37	4
Valley	Eld. D Bright	{ H L Wasson, last J J Holland, next	J A Johnston	Oden		1	7					34	2
Mountain Home	Elds. D T Driggers, J A Shackelford,	{ J J Hughes last	C C Cadle										
Union	A R Chitwood, T J Cunningham, Jas McCaslin	{ J A Shackelford, next H L Wasson	J C Thomas	Tackett	1 50		4					42	
Black Springs	W B Buckalew, J W Kirby W H Guthrey	{ W W Carson, last H L Wasson next	A R Chitwood	Bear	1 00		5			8		24	1
Forest Hill	E Burnes, Charley O'Neal	J A Shackelford	A Herring	Black Springs	1 00	3	1	8			1	29	2
Salem	W D Ward, B C Thrash	J J Hughes	G W Whisenant	Hickory Sta	70	4		1	1			21	
Zion Hill	M M Pridgen, W J Chitwood	W W Carson	A F Wilson	Wilson	50	4	4	2	1			54	1
Pleasant Valley	W M Merridith, M C McLane	J A Shackelford	M M Pridgen	Tackett	1 25	11	2					21	
Mt. Pisgah	E Wright	{ D T Driggers, last H C Howell, next	W T West	Manfred								22	1
Mt. Moriah	Thomas Carpenter	E Wright	N L Huggins	Welch	1 00			6				29	2
Bethel	W F Willis, W H Black	Jno H Collins	P B Bright	Ussery	1 80	7	10				1	33	2
Bethlehem	Eld. W P Taylor, J B Cowart	J J Hughes	J C Proctor	Rock Creek	1 00	3		6				40	2
Valley Grove	Eld. J J Hughes, J J Hughes, Jr.	W W Carson	S Z Moran	Kirby								24	4
	J J Hughes, J J Hughes, Jr.	J J Hughes	D S P Black	Rock Creek							2	26	
		D T Driggers	J C Cadle	Orchir	1 00	1	10					28	4