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OF THE

BENTON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

Held with New Prospect Baptist Church, Herd, Benton
County, Ark., September 7, 8 and 9, 1905.

OFFICERS:

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ARTICLES OF FAITH.

I. We believe that the Holy Bible was divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end and truth without any mixture of error for its matter, that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried.

II. We believe that there is one, and only one, living and true God, an infinite, intelligent Spirit, whose name is Jehovah the Maker and Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; that in the unity of Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

III. We believe that man was created in holiness, under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state; in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint, but choice; being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, positively inclined to evil, and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse.

IV. We believe that the salvation of sinners is holy of grace; through the mediatorial offices of the son of God, who by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon him our nature, yet without sin; honored the divine law by his personal obedience, by his death made a full atonement for our sins; that having risen from the dead he is now enthroned in heaven; and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, he is in every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and all sufficient Savior.

V. We believe that the great Gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in him is justification; that justification includes the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood; by virtue of which faith his perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God, that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

VI. We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial, penitent and obedient faith, and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth but his own inherent depravity and voluntary rejection of the Gospel, which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation.

VII. We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated or born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind; that it is effected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel; and that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance and faith and newness of life.

VIII. We believe that repentance and faith are sacred duties and also inseparable graces wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God; whereby, being deeply convicted of our guilt, danger and helplessness, and of the way of salvation by Christ, we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession and supplication for mercy; at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest and King, and relying on him alone as the only and all-sufficient Savior.

IX. We believe that election is the eternal purpose of God, according to which he graciously regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely free, wise, holy and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting and promotes love, humility, prayer, praise, trust in God and active imitation of his free mercy; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree, that it may be ascertained by its effect in all who truly believe the Gospel; that it is the foundation of Christian assurance, and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves the utmost diligence.

X. We believe that sanctification is the process by which, according to the will of God, we are made partakers of holiness; that it is a progressive work; that it is begun in regeneration, and that it is carried on in the heart of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit the sealer and Comforter, in the continued use of the appointed means, especially the Word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness and prayer.

XI. We believe that such only are real believers as endure unto the end that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors that a special providence watches over their welfare; and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

XII. We believe that the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government; that it is holy, just and good; and that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts arise entirely from their love of sin, to deliver them from which and to restore them through a mediator to a unfeigned obedience to the holy law; is one great end of the Gospel, and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.

XIII. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel, observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by His laws, and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His word; that its only spiritual officers are bishops, or pastors and deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the epistles of Timothy and Titus.

XIV. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer, unto the name of the Father, and Son, and Holy Ghost; to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in the crucified, buried, and risen Savior, with its effect in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation, and to the Lord's Supper in which the members of the church, by the sacred use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ, preceded always by solemn self-examination.

XV. We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath, and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes, by abstaining from all secular labor and sinful recre-

ations by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public, and by preparation for that rest that remaineth for the people of God.

XVI. We believe that civil government is of divine appointment, for the interest and good order of human society; and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed, except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the Prince of the kings of the earth.

XVII. We believe that there is a radical essential difference between the righteous and the wicked: that such only as through faith are justified in the name Lord Jesus and sanctified by the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in his esteem: while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked and under the curse; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

XVIII. We believe that the end of this world as approaching, that the last day Christ will descend from heaven and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place: that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be composed of messengers, who shall be members of the churches they represent (except such as may be invited to a seat by consent of the body,) and shall be styled, "The Benton County Baptist Association."

ARTICLE II. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the second Sabbath in September, at the place previously appointed; and after public worship, reading the letters from the churches and acting upon those soliciting membership, a moderator and clerk shall be chosen from the messengers by ballot, both of whom shall hold their offices until others shall be elected.

ARTICLE III. It shall be the duty of the clerk to make an accurate record of the proceedings of each meeting of the Association, in a book provided for the purpose. He shall also act as treasurer.

ARTICLE IV. Each church of fifty members or less, may send two messengers, and one member for each fractional part of fifty over. The members shall present letters certifying their appointment and briefly expressing the state of the churches, their increase and decrease, aggregate number. Each church shall send with the letter money for printing the minutes.

ARTICLE V. Churches wishing to unite with this Association may apply by letter, and messengers, and giving satisfactory information of their being sound in doctrine and correct in practice, they may be received by a unanimous vote, in token of which the moderator shall give to their messengers the hand of fellowship in behalf of the Association. Churches may be dismissed upon application.

ARTICLE VI. We acknowledge the independence of the particular churches and that no authority or jurisdiction is to be exercised over them by this Association, nor will the Association decide in any controversy that may arise in any church. Nevertheless they deem it their duty to disown any church belonging to this body which may have essentially departed from the faith.

ARTICLE VII. When a church shall neglect making any communication to the Association for three years successively, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and shall be dropped from the minutes of the Association, unless at least two members request their continuance, who shall engage to inquire into their standing and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE VIII. This Association shall have the right to open and hold correspondence with other associations, as may be expedient.

ARTICLE IX. It shall be the duty of the Association, from time to time, to suggest to the several churches such measures as may be wise and proper to promote the interest of the Messiah's kingdom, and spread the Gospel throughout the world.

ARTICLE X. This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of all the members present.

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PROCEEDINGS.

The Benton County Baptist Association met with the Baptist Church at New Prospect, at ten o'clock a. m., on Thursday, September 7, 1905.

In the absence of the moderator Elder W. F. Green the house was called to order by Bro. J. L. Barton acting as moderator pro tem.

Devotional services were conducted by Elder J. W. West

After reading the 12th chapter of Romans, singing and prayer, Elder A. J. Maxwell preached the introductory sermon from Isaiah x. 3.

Elders Ben M. Bogard and J. A. Smith acting as reading clerks, the letters were read and messengers enrolled.

Permanent organization was effected by the election of J. L. Barton as moderator and J. L. Chastian as clerk. On motion the ballot of the body was cast for moderator by the clerk, and for clerk by the moderator. On motion recess was taken until 2:30 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

Singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder W. C. Hamby. Roll was read and corrected. Committee on divine service was appointed, consisting of M. V. Adams and the messengers of New Prospect Church. The following committees were appointed:

- On Associational Missions—E. J. Bishop, Wm. Threet, A. P. Whiteside
- On Sunday Schools—J. W. West, F. M. Brandon, J. O. Atchley.
- On Orphan's Home—E. J. Adams, A. M. Rogers, W. M. Gosney,
- On Resolutions—T. F. Jones, S. T. Maxwell, B. B. Brooks.
- On State Missions—W. C. Hamby, F. M. Brandon, J. C. Miller.
- On Foreign Missions—Ben M. Bogard, Alex Sanders, W. J. Langley.
- On Home Missions—W. C. Hamby, D. V. Walker.
- On Ministerial Support—W. T. Gann, J. M. Spear, A. R. Hall.
- On Ministerial Education—J. F. Henson, J. L. Looney, Allen Walker.
- On Temperance—J. A. Smith, J. M. Ketchum, M. V. Adams.
- On Denominational Literature—Ben M. Bogard, A. B. Herd, T. F. Jones
- On Obituaries—E. J. Bishop, L. B. West, O. L. Wiley.
- On Finance—W. T. Gann, R. C. Ward, John Q. Edmondson.

Committee on Foreign Missions made report. On motion after discussion, the report was adopted.

On motion adjourned until 8:30 to-morrow.

Friday Morning Session.

Singing: "How Firm a Foundation." Prayer, Elder E. J. Adams.

Committee on Associational Missions made a report. After some discussion a motion was made to amend the report, which was accepted by the committee, after which the report was adopted.

Committee on Obituaries made report—Adopted.

Committee on State Missions made report—Adopted.

Committee on Ministerial Support reported—Adopted.

Committee on Home Missions reported. On motion report was adopted.

Committee on Devotional Literature reported—Adopted

Recess taken until 2 p. m., for preaching and dinner.

Afternoon Session.

Singing by the congregation, prayer by Bro. Church.

Committee on Temperance made report. After discussion, the report was adopted.

The Missionary of the Association reported—Adopted.

The Associational Mission Board made report. Adopted

Went into election of Missionary for the coming year, resulting in the election of T. F. Jones.

On motion the Board was authorized to select some one to do this work in case Bro. Jones' services cannot be obtained.

On motion the present Board was continued, with the substitution of D. V. Walker instead of J. L. Barton.

Committee on Orphan's Home reported.—Adopted.

Adjourned to 8:30 a. m. Saturday.

After preaching at night, collection was taken for Monticello Orphan's Home, amounting to \$11.17.

Saturday Morning Session.

Song, "What a Friend" Prayer by Bro. Alex Sanders.

Committee on Ministerial Education reported. Adopted

On motion speeches were limited to 5 minutes for opening, and 3 minutes for following speeches.

Committee on Resolutions offered two resolutions, which were adopted.

Committee on Finance reported.—Adopted.

On motion, Zion Church was selected as the place for the meeting of this body next year.

On motion went into election of one to preach the introductory sermon, resulting in the choice of J. W. West, with T. F. Jones as alternate.

Resolution offered by A. J. Maxwell was adopted.

Recess taken until 1:30 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

Song, "Jesus Lover of My Soul," Prayer by Elder T. F. Jones.

Committee on Sunday Schools reported. On motion it was ordered that the Sunday School reporting Union literature be stricken from the list of Baptist Sunday Schools.

Report adopted.

Elder J. L. Chastain was chosen to promote the interests of the Sunday Schools in the churches of this Association.

Collection was taken to increase the minute fund, \$4.35.

On motion the clerk was allowed \$10 for his services, and instructed to spend the rest of the fund for printing and distribution of minutes.

The minutes were read, corrected and adopted.

On motion adjourned to time and place of next meeting.

J: L. BARTON, Moderator.

J. L. CHASTIAN, Clerk.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Foreign Missions

We, your committee on foreign missions, report as follows: The General Association of the United States has two missionaries in the foreign field, viz: Elders I. N. Yohanon, of Persia, and Said M. Jureidini, of Syria. Then there are the gospel missionaries, of China, and A. J. Diaz, of Cuba—in all about 20 missionaries. All of them are worthy of our support. We recommend that all of the churches contribute of their means for the support of these missionaries, and that the money be sent to M. W. Izard, England, Ark., who will forward the same without cost, to the missionaries. We recommend that this association cooperate with the General Association of Baptist Churches of the United States, and that the churches send a messenger to that association, which meets at Texarkana, Texas, Nov. 22, 1905. Each church is entitled to one messenger.

Signed. Ben M. Bogard, A. N. Sanders,
W. J. Langley.

Association Missions

Whereas there is great destitution in the bounds of this association in carrying out the Lord's commission to the churches, and whereas, we believe it to be our duty as churches of the Lord Jesus Christ to preach the gospel to the world, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members

of the Benton County Baptist Association, elect a missionary for all his time, to supply the destitution in this county, as the demands require and God's spirit may lead, and that we endeavor to enlist a deeper, wider and consecrated action in church mission work, in the promulgation of the gospel of our Lord; and that we report the action of this body to our respective churches, and try to stimulate them to a greater interest in associational mission work, and in making greater sacrifices, and a manifestation of the spirit of the Master in the salvation of our fellow-men.

E. J. Bishop, A. P. Whiteside,
Wm. Threat.

Obituaries

We, your committee on obituaries, submit the following: We find there have been taken from us by death since we last met, the following named brethren and sisters:

Sister R. E. Oaks, of Dug Hill; Sisters Mary J. Sharp and Elizabeth Holcomb, of Zion; Sister Sophia Lee, of Pea Ridge; Bro. F. M. Bennett, of Butler Creek; Grandma Linthicum, of Pleasant Valley; Samuel Russell, J. M. Cowart, and J. S. Etris, of Mt. Enterprise; Bro. A. J. Myers, Sisters Minewa Ward and Maggie Weller, of Mason Valley; Bros. T. B. Kindrick and T. J. Maxwell, and Sister Margaret Horton, of Lowell; Bro. S. E. Bayless, of New Prospect; Sister Della Keith, of Gravette; Bros. Henry Walker and Jake Whiteside and Sister Shay, of Flint Creek.

We hereby tender our Christian sympathy to the bereaved ones, and commend them to Him who has declared His grace shall be sufficient for every trial through which we may be called to pass; and let us each so live that when it is ours to die we may meet our loved ones on the other side of the river, and with them sing the song of redeeming love.

E. J. Bishop. O. L. Wiley.

State Missions.

We, your committee on State missions, report as follows: Inasmuch as all monies paid to the general association of Arkansas Baptist Churches goes direct to the field, and all of it reaches the field, therefore, we, your committee recommend that we as churches of the Benton County Association, give through it to the work of state missions. Money for this work should be sent to M. W. Izard, England, Ark.

W. C. Hamby, J. C. Miller,
F. M. Brandon.

Ministerial Support.

We, your committee on ministerial support; beg leave to submit the following: As a body of Baptists we believe in the support of the gospel ministry because God's word teaches it; and as this is badly neglected throughout the

country, therefore we would recommend to the churches composing the Benton County Association that they, contribute regularly through their membership to the same, and contribute liberally; that greater efforts be made by all the churches to support their pastors better, thereby honoring God's name more and more. Signed by committee.

W. T. Gann, J. M. Spear,
A. R. Hall.

Home Missions.

We, your committee on home missions, report as follows: That in our home work we give directly to the work, finding no place nor need for the home board; therefore we recommend that the report on home missions be discontinued.

W. C. Hamby, D. V. Walker.

Denominational Literature

We, your committee on denominational literature, submit the following report: We recommend that our people read such papers as the Baptist Flag and the Western Recorder, that they may be better informed as to what is going on in our Baptist Zion. Also that they read such denominational works as were written by J. R. Graves and J. M. Pendleton, that they may be better informed on the doctrine and polity held by the Baptists. We would further recommend that we daily and prayerfully read and study the word of God, which is the best Baptist literature, and is able to make one wise unto salvation. We recommend the literature of the Baptist Publishing Co., of Little Rock, Ark.

A. B. Herd, T. F. Jones,
Ben M. Bogard.

Temperance.

We, your committee on temperance, submit the following report: Intemperance is the greatest evil of our times. The American people spend more money for intoxicating liquors than they spend for bread. Besides this great waste, statistics show that 100,000 people die drunkards every year. Then wives are made widows and children orphans, and these are turned out on a cold, indifferent world to suffer. About ninety per cent of the crime committed is caused directly or indirectly by the use of intoxicants.

Therefore we recommend that every Baptist in this association do all he can by vote and influence to put down this terrible evil and to banish it from our country.

J. A. Smith, M. V. Adams,
J. M. Ketchem.

Missionary's Report

The following is a summary of my work as missionary of the Benton County Association for the past year: Days labored, 175; sermons preached, 136; exhortations delivered 42; prayer meetings held, 25; religious visits, 45; collected on the field in pledges and contributions altogether, \$77.19; received by the hand of Chastian, treasurer of the board, \$101.31; miles traveled, 1,010; conducted family worship by invitation in 17 homes, including night and morning service Have baptized no one. I have only nine converts to report in meetings in which I was engaged. My work at my home church began December 17, 1904 and ended Jan. 2, 1905. Labored 15 days, preached 8 sermons; made 3 exhortations; held 3 prayer meetings; made 2 religious visits; paid out to Bro. Dennis Carl for help at Dug Hill, \$2; to Bro. W. I. Casey for same, \$1.50. J. W. West, Missionary.

Financial Report of Associational Mission Board.

We, your associational mission board, beg leave to submit the following report. We have received for this work the following amounts:

Bal. from last yr \$47 25	Pleasant Site 4 50	Bethesda 25
Springtown 4 65	Butler Creek, by donation 4 15	Mt. Olive 1 00
Antioch 4 25	Commission on books sold by missionary 9 80	Oak Grove 9 91
Zion 21 50	Personal donation of Brother West 5 20	Pleasant Valley.. 3 75
Temperance Hill.. 9 05	Mason Valley..... 6 25	James Hickman.. 5 00
Pleasant Hill 2 06		J. A. Nelson..... 1 00
Pea Ridge 24 50		M. B. Dailey..... 1 00
Mt. Pleasant ... 8 00		Lowell Church 7 50
Mt. Zion 4 27		Collection, Hoover 5 35
Dug Hill 6 70		" Occident 2 21
Mt. Enterprise..... 3 10		
Total		\$202 20
Paid to J. W. West for 175 days work,	\$175.00	
For help	3.50	
To Clerk of Board for postage expenses .....	.36	178 86
Balance in treasury		\$23.34

This does not include amounts brought to this meeting by the messengers and turned over to the finance committee. Respectfully submitted. J. L. Barton, Chairman.
J. L. Chastian, Clerk. W. T. Gann.

Orphan's Home.

We your committee on Orphan's Home, submit the following: Inasmuch as there are sixty-three children in the Orphan's Home at Monticello, who are wholly dependent upon the Baptists of this state; and inasmuch as we believe it to be our duty to support the same, therefore we recommend that every Baptist in this Association help in this

cause by prayers and contributions. Since our Lord has enjoined it upon us to assist the needy, your committee recommends that a collection be taken for this work.

E. J. Adams, A. M. Rodgers,
W. M. Gosney.

Ministerial Education.

We, your committee on ministerial education, respectfully submit the following: Being fully alive to the fact that the times in which we now live demand a thoroughly equipped ministry, therefore we recommend that our young brethren who are entering the ministry be liberally encouraged, and urged to acquire first a general knowledge of the scriptures, and also a good collegiate education, which may be obtained through our Baptist institutions in this state.

J. F. Henson, J. S. Looney,
Allen Walker.

Finance.

We, your committee on finance, submit the following:

We have received the following amounts from the churches through their messengers: For minutes, \$18.15; county association missions, \$31.00. state association missions, \$3.50; foreign association missions, \$4.10; orphan's home, \$1.50; Total, \$58.25.

W. T. Gann, Ch'mn,
R. C. Ward, Jno. Q. Edmondson.

Sunday Schools.

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, submit the following: By referring to the letters sent up from the churches, we find only fourteen schools reported, with ninety-four officers and teachers, and an average attendance of 405. Seven churches have reported no Sunday school. One school uses union literature. Thirteen schools use literature of American Baptist Publication Society. This declension in Sunday School work is to be regretted, and we therefore recommend that a man be appointed whose duty it shall be to promote the interest of Sunday Schools in the churches of this body, and to organize and hold a Baptist Sunday School convention somewhere in our bounds, and report to this body at its next session.

J. W. West, J. O. Atchley,
F. M. Brandon.

Resolution.

Whereas there have gone out from us a number of churches, and whereas, they have published a statement that we have formed a new association on what is known as the gospel mission plan, therefore be it known to all men that this association held its first session in 1885, and has never failed to meet annually; has never materially changed its articles of faith, rules of decorum or constitution; and does not now, and never has sought to abridge the right of any church or individual to contribute to the cause of missions as they choose, nor to prohibit them as churches from representing in any Baptist body; and as independent churches we recognize their right to represent as they may elect in any Baptist body.

T. F. Jones,
S. T. Maxwell, B. B. Brooks.

Resolution.

Resolved that this association recommend that we hold ministers' and deacons' meetings, and that we make it a point to discuss the Sunday School work. Resolved further that this work begin with a meeting with Mason Valley church, embracing the fifth Sunday in October programmes and arrangements to be made by the pastor and deacons of that church.

A. J. Maxwell.

Resolution.

Be it resolved by the messengers of the churches which compose this association that we extend our heartfelt thanks to the members of New Prospect church and the good citizens of this community for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained this association during our stay with them. Also to our moderator for his kind and impartial ruling in presiding over this body. On him and the above church and community we ask the blessings of God.

T. F. Jones, S. T. Maxwell,
B. B. Brooks.

Divine Services.

The following appointments were filled by arrangement of the committee on divine service:

At New Prospect—Thursday, September 7, 7,30 p. m., by Elder T. F. Jones, from Matthew xxii, 4.

Friday, September 8, 11 a. m., by Elder Ben M. Bogard, from I Timothy vi, 12.

Friday, September 8, 7:30 p. m., by Elder J. A. Smith, from Matthew v, 14, 16.

Saturday, September 9, 11 a. m., by Elder J. M. Skaggs from Hebrews xiii, 14.

At Sunny Side—Friday, September 8, 7:30 p. m., by Elder J. F. Henson, from Revelations xxii, 17.

M. V. Adams. J. O. Atchley. W. T. Gann,
E. B. Herd, Committee.

Trial Pledges for Associational.

Flint Creek.....	\$7.00	Pleasant Hill.....	\$10.00
Mason Valley.....	10.00	Pleasant Valley.....	5.00
Lowell.....	25.00	Springtown.....	10.00
Mt. Enterprise.....	5.00	Temperance Hill.....	5.00
New Prospect.....	15.00	Zion.....	20.00
Pea Ridge.....	10.00		
			\$125.00

Associational Mission Board.

E. C. Brooks, chairman, Gravette, Ark.

W. T. Gann, clerk and treasurer, Herd.

D. V. Walker, Rogers; L. Warford, Herd; J. L. Chastian, Gentry.

Ordained Ministers

Adams, E. J.....	Rogers	Jones S. H.....	Gravette
Atchley J. O.....	Herd	Jones T. F.	Elm Springs
Brandon, F. M.....	Centerton	Keith T. W....	Cherokee City
Casey W. I.....	Beaty	Lane H. T.....	Herd
Chastian J. L.....	Gentry	Maxwell A. J.....	Lowell
DeShazer J. C....	Bentonville	Oaks J. B.....	Collis
Downing T. F.....	Sulphur Springs	Reynolds E. J....	Springtown
Greene W. F.....	Lowell	Sikes J. W.....	Rogers
Hamby W. C.....	Lowell	West J. W.....	Gravett
Henson J. F.....	Gentry		

Roll of Messengers.

Antioch—A. M. Rodgers.

Bethesda—Not Represented.

Bethlehem—F. M. Brandon, John Q. Edmondson.

Butler Creek—J. W. West

Cherokee City—W. M. Gosney.

Decatur—Not Represented

Dug Hill—Represented by letter only

Flint Creek—Allen Walker, R. C. Ward

Gravette—Represented by letter only

Honey Creek—Not Represented

Illinois—Not Represented

Logan—Not Represented

Lowell—A. J. Maxwell, J. S. Looney, W. J. Langley.
Mason Valley—J. M. Ketchum; Alex Sanders.
Mt. Enterprise—B. B. Brooks.
Mt. Olive—Not Represented
Mt. Pleasant—Not Represented
Mt. Zion—Represented by letter only
New Prospect—J. O. Atchley, W. T. Gann, A. B. Herd
Oak Grove—A. P. Whiteside
Pea Ridge—J. C. Miller, M. V. Adams, A. R. Hall
Pilgrim Home—Not Represented
Pleasant Grove--Not Represented
Pleasant Hill—S. T. Maxwell, E. J. Adams, W. Threet
Pleasant Home--Not Represented
Pleasant Site--J. L. Barton, D. V. Walker
Pleasant Valley---J. M. Spear, J. F. Henson
Springtown---J. L. Chastain
Sulphur Springs--Not Represented
Twelve Corner--Not Represented
Temperance Hill--E. J. Bishop
Walnut Hill--W. M. Ednes
Zion--W. C. Hamby, T. F. Jones, O. L. Wiley

Visiting Ministers

An invitation to visiting ministers extended from time to time during the session was responded to the following:

Ben M. Bogard, Little Rock, Ark.
J. A. Smith, Springdale, Ark.
I. M. Phillips, Springdale, Ark.
J. M. Skaggs, Newtonia, Mo.
J. T. Brattin, Cassville, Mo.
H. P. Church, Washburn, Mo.

Addresses of Pastors, Clerks and Sunday School Superintendents

Churches	Pastors	Postoffices	Clerks	Postoffices	S. S. Supt's	Postoffices
Antioch	J. S. Johnson	PierceCtyMo	PhiloRodgers	Gravett .....	.....	.....
Bethlehem ..	Wm Edwards	Hiwassee....	Julia Brandon	Centerton ...	.....	.....
Butler Creek	T. Downing..	Sulphur Spgs	T. B. Lindsey.	Sulphur Spgs	.....	.....
CherokeeCity	G. A. Sitton..	Springtown..	T. W. Keith..	CherokeeCity	.....	.....
Dug Hill.....	.....	.....	J. W. Jackson..	Bentonville..	.....	.....
Flint Creek..	J. F. Henson	Gentry	R. C. Ward...	Gentry	Elijah Moore	Gentry. ..
Gravett	J. S. Johnson	PierceCtyMo	J. R. Dunagin.	Gravett	H. C. Chiles..	Gravette ..
Lowell	I. M. Phillips	Springdale ..	E. F. Wilmuth	Cowell	J. M. Beard..	Lowell
Mason Valley	A. Maxwell.	Lowell	S. J. Griffith.	Mason Valley	J. M. Ketchum	Gentry....
Mt. Enterpris	W. Edwards	Gravette	B. B. Brooks.	Gravette	B. B. Brooks .	Gravette ..
Mt. Zion....	G. W. Setser	Decatur	L. Warford...	Sulphur Spgs	L. B. West...	Sulph'rSpg
New Prospect	J. O. Atchley	Herd.	C. N. Still ...	Herd.....	W. T. Gann ..	Herd
Oak Grove..	T. F. Jones.	Springdale ..	J. B. White..	Gentry	J. E. Jinks...	SiloamSpgs
Pea Ridge..	I. M. Phillips	Springdale ..	W. S. Paterson	Pea Ridge...	.....	.....
Pleasant Hill	T. F. Jones..	Elm Springs.	Wm. Threat..	Rogers.....	S. T. Maxwell	Rogers ...
Pleasant Site	A. Maxwell..	Lowell.....	W B. Sumpter	Bentonville..	W. B. Sumpter	Bentonville
Ples'nt Valley	J. F. Henson	Gentry	J M. Spear ..	Siloam Spgs	.. Elrod	SiloamSpgs
Springtown ..	J. L. Brown	Gentry	G. W. Smith ..	Springtown..	S. D. Reynolds	Springto 'n
T'mprnceHill	A. Maxwell..	Lowell.....	J. Glover...	Bentonville..	.....	.....
Walnut Hill.	J. S. Herod.	Garfield	Geo. Williams	Garfield .....	.....	.....
Zion	W. F. Green	Lowell.....	W. A. Wiley..	Lowell .....	.....	.....

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

	Days of Meeting	Rec'd by Baptism	By Letter	By Relation or Restoration	Dismissed by L'tr	Excl'd or Drop'd	Deceased	Present Membership	Ordained Ministers	Contributed to Association Missions	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Pastor's Salary	Orphan's Home	Other Purposes	For Minutes	Average Attendance of S. S.	No. of Officers and Teachers.
Antioch.....	3				1	1		69		\$6.25			*10.00					
Bethlehem.....	2	9	4		1	1		33	3							.75		
Butler Creek....	3		3				1	48	2	19.15						.50		
Cherokee City....	1				4			15	1				5.00			.60		
Dug Hill.....	2					1	1	12		6.70						.25	25	2
Flint Creek.....	2					3	3	14					5.00			.35	30	9
Gravett.....		1	4				2	28		2.50	1.00	1.00	*5.00			.90	12	5
Lowell.....	1		5	1	9		3	122	2	26.25		3.20	75.00			1.20	40	7
Mason Valley....	4				1		3	106		7.00			49.50			1.00	40	9
Mt. Enterprise..	4		4		11	2	3	98		6.10			17.20		.80	1.30	17	8
Mt. Zion.....	4		2		1			57	1	4.27			60.00				30	9
New Prospect....	3	11			14	7	1	61	2	10.00	2.50	2.50	20.10	1.50		1.00	30	7
Oak Grove.....	3		3					35		9.91			24.00			.75	30	3
Pea Ridge.....	2	16			14		1	105		25.00	2.00	9.20	125.00			1.50		
Pleasant Hill....	2	3	1		1			59	.1	2.06		.50	26.07		27.50	1.00	25	3
Pleasant Sight...	1	3			11	2		91	.2	4.50			42.00			1.65	35	7
Pleasant Valley..	1				1		1	40	.1	5.00			28.75			.80	40	7
Springtown.....	4	1				1		109	.2	4.65			38.00			1.25	26	8
Temperance Hill.	3							28		9.05			35.05			.60		
Walnut Hill.....	4				2	4		34		1.00			30.00			.50		
Zion.....	4	7	1		5		2	80	2	21.50		14.15	58.30		52.00	1.60		

*Per month.