

MINUTES

Washington County Baptist Association

WHEN MET IN

SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

AUGUST 26-28, 1920

WITH SPRINGDALE CHURCH

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

WILL BE HELD WITH

SPRING VALLEY CHURCH

beginning at 10:00 a. m.

ON

THURSDAY BEFORE 4TH LORD'S DAY

IN JULY, 1921

Introductory Sermon by ----- G. E. Holt

Worshiping Sermon by ----- H. H. Burton

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: ----- And
they shall bring the glory and honor of the nations into it."

Rev. XXI: 1-26

Order of Business

1. Convening of the Body.
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10. New or Miscellaneous Business.
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12. Election of Messengers to Southern Baptist Convention and two Messengers to the State Convention.
13. Selection of Place and Time of Next Meeting.

MINUTES

The Washington County Baptist Association convened in its second annual session, at 2 o'clock p. m., on August 26th, 1920, with Springdale church.

Devotional exercises suitable to the occasion were had, when the assembly was called to order by the Moderator, W. I. Elledge.

The following letters from associated churches were read and the messengers enrolled: Springdale, Friendship, Mt. Gilead and Illinois.

On account of rain which had detained messengers of other associated churches, a motion was made, and prevailed, to adjourn to 7:30 p. m.

Night Session, 26th.

Re-convened at 7:30. Rain had continued during the evening and only one other church, Fayetteville, had reported by its messengers. Elder D. L. Hood, who was to have preached the introductory sermon, had not reported. For these several reasons, an omnibus motion providing that the election of officers of the Association be postponed until morning, that the introductory sermon be had at this hour, and that the Moderator name the speaker, prevailed.

Elder G. E. Holt, Missionary of the Association, was named for this task and occupied the hour, using for a text Ephesians 2:10.

After this service, a motion to adjourn to 9:00 a. m., Friday, carried.

Second Day, Morning Session, 27th

Came together at 9:00 a. m.

After singing and prayer, Bro. W. F. Dorris, of Monticello, read the morning scripture lesson and commented upon it.

Letters from Fayetteville and Spring Valley churches were now presented, read, and their messengers enrolled.

Next was had the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

Moderator, A. M. Reed.

Assistant Moderator, H. H. Burton.

Clerk, R. E. Kennard.

Treasurer, W. B. Brogdon.

By motion, the courtesy of the floor was extended to Mrs. L. E. Barton, representing Central College, who spoke at this time in behalf of the school.

Bros. J. G. Lyle, representing Ouachita College, and W. F. Dorris,

representing our orphan's home at Monticello, were welcomed as visiting brethren.

A motion prevailed to suspend rules and seat Bro. G. E. Holt, Missionary.

The Moderator named as a committee on Divine Worship, Bros. W. I. Elledge, E. S. Thompson and R. B. Graham, who at once announced services at 11 o'clock by Elder W. F. Dorris, and the Missionary sermon to be at the evening hour, by H. H. Burton.

Other committees, appointed by the Moderator, were at this time announced, as follows:

Associational Missions: E. S. Thompson; W. S. Napier, Mrs. Ida Sullivan.

State Missions: H. H. Burton, S. P. Wilson, Miss Ola Watson.

Home Missions: W. A. Moffitt, C. M. Phillips, Mrs. B. N. Wilson.

Orphan's Home: W. F. Dorris, Mrs. J. R. Ryan, Mrs. Claudia Gosnell.

Sunday School: E. S. Thompson, L. Hilton, Mrs. W. A. Moffitt.

B. Y. P. U.: Juliette Mather, R. B. Graham, Mrs. Dove Vaughan

Women's Work: Mrs. Ida Sullivan, Miss Ola Watson, Mrs. W. A. Moffitt.

Christian Education: J. G. Lyle, Albert Craig, G. S. Cook.

Religious Literature: G. E. Holt, W. A. Moffitt, G. E. Vaughan.

Temperance: W. I. Elledge, Ed Cummings, O. V. Samuels.

Obituaries: J. N. B. Helper, J. F. King.

Finance: R. B. Graham, E. B. Cummings, Mrs. Georgia Needham.

Resolutions: W. A. Moffitt, W. S. Napier, Juliet Mather.

Nominations: W. R. Chandler, W. S. Napier.

On regular motion, Associational missions was made a special order for 2:30 p. m.

A motion that a special meeting of the lady messengers be had at 3:30 p. m. carried.

The report on Orphan's Home read, and adopted as follows:

Report of Orphans Home

"To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction" is what the Apostle James terms "pure and undefiled religion." To provide for the physical support, the mental education, and religious training of the fatherless is work no less important than missions—it is missions in a smaller scale, and yet it may be as far reaching in its effects in kingdom building. Billy Sunday, the great evangelist, was partially reared in an orphan's home.

The Orphan's Home at Monticello has been caring for orphans since 1895 or '96. Perhaps a thousand children have been sheltered

under its roof, since it was founded by Mrs. Hannah Hyatt Gardner. Many of these little ones will rise up in the last day and call her blessed who made it possible for them to have a home.

We now have 60 children, all in good health. The Lord has blessed us with a good crop of corn, peas, potatoes, peanuts, melons and sorgum, which will go a long way in helping care for the children. We have enjoyed excellent health, not a death in the home for more than three years, all traces of Pellegra have dissappeared, and our children are well fed and happy.

We recommend that our Sunday Schools make regular monthly offerings to the Home.

Mrs. Annie L. Ryan
W. F. Doris.

The church at Sulphur City presented a letter, received through the mails, which was ordered read.

After some announcements, a motion to adjourn to 2 o'clock p. m. prevailed.

Evening Session, 27th

Convened at 2 o'clock with song service.

Reports of the executive committee and of the Association's Missionary were read, when a motion to carry them over for discussion and adoption along with the report of the committee on Association missions, when it should be read and adopted.

At this juncture the War Eagle Baptist church presented a petitionary letter, which was read, when a motion to receive the church and to seat its messengers, carried unanimously.

Report on Association Missions was now presented, read, spoken on by Bros. G. E. Holt, W. I. Elledge, W. S. Naiper and others, when by previous order it was considered with the reports by the Executive committee and that of the Missionary, and a motion to adopt all as read, passed.

Report of Executive Committee

The year just passed has been fraught with difficulties in the work. Your committee has met with obstacles of various kinds, but we have constantly kept our faces toward the future. The Lord has blessed us and we have reason to thank Him for grace and the leadership of his spirit.

Last year the Association laid upon the committee the duty of selecting a missionary and putting him on the field. In response to that action we employed our former Missionary, Bro. W. R. Chandler. Under this arrangement the work went forward until January 1st. On account of his own and the health of his family, Bro. Chand-

ler thought best not to undertake to do work during January and February, accordingly the committee relieved him for that time.

At the last of February, Bro. Chandler resigned the work, and we began to cast about for an available man for this work. About the middle of March this committee elected Bro. G. E. Holt to take this work. Bro. Holt on account of severe illness was unable for a time to give an answer. Later, however, he accepted the work and came on the field about the last of June. Bro. Holt will submit a report of his work at the proper time.

Our financial problems have been somewhat difficult and promise to be difficult in the future. Our treasurer will submit a separate report for consideration.

The field in Washington County is a very needy one. But the possibilities are large and we recommend a vigorous missionary policy for the new year. We should be glad to see this body work out such a program as will be the means of reaching the entire field during the next year.

Last year the Association recommended a colportage and Sunday School department in connection with our Associational Mission-work. This was done because there was an impression that we could have the assistance of the State Board in supporting such work. Upon investigation we found that the State Mission Board was not in position to offer such aid. We believe such work ought to be, where possible, prosecuted and recommend to your consideration the possibilities of a department of this kind next year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. I. Elledge, Chairman

R. E. Kennard, Clerk.

Report of Committee on Associated Missions

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We feel that there is much destitution within the bounds of this Association and hence this fact makes it a very important part of our work as a denomination. There are a number of places or towns which have no Baptist Church or preaching and a number of weak struggling churches with no pastors and other denominations are taking these fields at the expense of the Baptists. Therefore we need and recommend that a man be put on the field for full time. And we need, badly, a gospel singer to assist our missionary in meetings and would recommend that one be employed, provided the funds can be secured.

We also need a tent and our missionary has lost much by not having one, therefore we recommend we take steps to secure one.

We further recommend that we retain the service of our pres-

ent Associational Missionary, Bro. G. E. Holt, for the ensuing year.
 Mrs. Ida S. Sullivan
 E. S. Thompson.
 W. S. Napier.

Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS

I, your treasurer, beg to make report on finances as follows:

9-1 19	Balance on hand	\$ 14.00
9-1 19		50.00
9-1 19		50.00
9-8 19		207.50
9-9 19		5.00
9-18 19		25.50
10-31 19		1.96
1-8 20		200.00
9-27 20		4.75
7-7 20		200.00
8-7 20		120.00
Total Receipts		<u>\$878.71</u>

DISBURSMENTS

9-30 19	W. R. Chandler	\$ 73.50
10-30 19	R. E. Kinnard	25.00
10-30 19	W. R. Chandler	26.17
12-11 19	W. R. Chandler	102.67
1-8 20	W. R. Chandler	161.67
6-8 20	W. I. E. for G. E. Holt	100.00
6-16 20	G. E. Holt	50.00
7-8 20	G. E. Holt	50.00
7-23 20	G. E. Holt	150.00
8-4 20	G. E. Holt	112.55
8-1 19	W. R. Chandler	25.55
Total Disbursements		<u>887.11</u>
Balance on hand		1.60

W. B. BROGDON, Treasurer

Report on Woman's work was read and spoken to by Mrs. Ida Sullivan, spoken to by Miss Juliet Mather and was adopted.

Missionary's Report

Springdale, Ark., August 27, 1920.

To the Washington County Baptist Association:

The following is a report of my work for 2 months and 27 days. I did no work until the first of July, owing to serious illness and to

an operation in Little Rock 29th of May, and because of the operation did not get moved onto the field until June 29th.

Time spent on field	1 month and 27 days
Miles traveled	553
Religious Visits	84
Sermons Preached	46
Churches and Missions Visited	16
Prayers in Homes	12
Letters Written in Interest of Work	19
Cards Written in interest of work	4
Sinners bowing, Asking Special Prayer	6
Professions of Faith	6
Baptisms by me	4
Tracts Distributed	132
Books Sold	1 Ray Succession, 1 Pilgrim Progress
Money Collected on Field: Lincoln Meeting	\$40.78
Summers	1.00
Cane Hill	6.05
Total	\$47.83

Respectfully, G. E. Holt

Report on Woman's Work

The Women Missionary Society has for its purpose definite personal service, soul winning, the spreading of information by definite Bible and mission study, and the systematic giving of financial aid to the advancement of the Kingdom work. Observation of the minutes will reveal the fact that the churches which have such a women's organization are doing more and better work than those without the organization, hence the committee advises the organization of Women's Missionary Societies in the churches of the Washington County Association.

Respectfully submitted

Mrs. Ida M. Sullivan

Miss Ola Watson

Mrs. W. A. Moffitt

A recess of 30 minutes was ordered for the men, releasing the auditorium to the lady messengers for their special meeting arranged for 3:30.

Following this meeting, State Missions at 10 o'clock and Christian Education at 11 o'clock of the following morning session were made special orders, by a regular motion.

A motion to adjourn at 7:30 o'clock carried.

Night Session, 27th.

Came together with songs and prayer at the appointed time,

7:00. Eld. H. H. Burton delivered the Missionary sermon, as arranged, bringing a forceful message. His theme: "Christ's Message and Method of World Conquest."

After the preaching service adjournment was had to 9 o'clock a. m. the 28th.

Morning Session, 28th.

Assembled at 9:15.

After the usual opening exercises, report on B. Y. P. U. was read and formally adopted.

Report on B. Y. P. U.

Considering the fact that there are only two Baptist Young People's Unions in the eleven churches of Washington County Association we, the committee on young people's work recommend the organization of Young People's Unions in the other churches. The young church members can be trained in the work of the church in these weekly meetings, and the problems of church efficiency will be solved since the programs include instruction in missionary and doctrinal as well as devotional lines. The B. Y. P. U. or training branch of the church is equally as important as the S. S. or teaching phase of the church work. Therefore let pastors and messengers aid the young Christians in organizing and conducting Baptist Young People's Unions in their several churches.

Respectfully submitted

Juliette E. Mather
R. B. Graham
Dove Vaughan

The matter of place and time of the next annual meeting of the Association was taken up and discussed at this time and resulted in naming Spring Valley as the place and 10 o'clock a. m., on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in June as the time.

A letter from Prairie Grove church was received by special delivery post, read and acted upon.

Report on Suncay School was read, spoken upon by Bros. E. S. Thompson, W. S. Napier, W. R. Chandler, Mrs. W. A. Moffitt and others, when it was regularly adopted.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools

We, your committee on Sunday School's beg leave to submit the following report. It is with pleasure that we note a Sunday School is being maintained by most all the churches of this association.

We would urge that it is the duty of each church member to attend the Sunday School, as it is divinely ordained of God in the long ago, besides they will be preparing themselves for better service to Almighty God, and to humanity. We know too little about

Financial Statistics. By the Church—Totals

The Associated Churches	Present Enrollment	Increase		Decrease		Pastor's Salary	Values of Property Pastor's Home, Etc	Building and Repairs	For Association Minutes	Messenger to So. Bap. Convention	To Schools and Colleges	Christian Education	S. S. Expenses	Orphans Home	The Poor	Visiting Ministers	Incidentals	Other Purposes	Associational Missions	State Missions	Paid on \$75,000-000 Pledge
		By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter																
Fayetteville	539	31	30	1	42	2	\$2 274 96	\$54 000	\$2 105 39	\$26 25	\$35	\$12 80	\$25	\$159 94	\$102 50	\$78 50	\$200 00	\$1 639 70	\$264 50	\$183 00	\$3 030 00
Springdale	478	10	42	3	18	4	1 800 00	19 000	1 069 13			8 50	25	423 33	195 50	61 00	300 00	660 00	\$14 59	65 00	4 147 60
Prairie Grove	37	4	2		8	2	28 75	1 250				2 50		57 22				2 00	10 00		228 60
Friendship	54	1			10	7	200 00														427 19
Spring Valley	85	4		1	5	2	322 40														614 72
Sulphur City	15	2				1															
Mt. Gilead	25								1 50					2 50							
Illinois	21								1 00												
War Eagle	15	3	4				135 00		1 00												
Johnson																					
Valley Grove																					

Churches, Auxiliaries, Pastors, S. S. Superintendents, Etc.

Churches	W.M.U.		S. Schools			Of's and Teach's	Expenses	Contributed	Pastor	S. S. Supt.	Ch. Clerk	Pres. W. M. U.	Pres. B. Y. P. U.
	Number	Total Contributions	Number	Enrollment	Av. Attend Baptized								
Fayetteville.	1	\$839.00	1	395	2034	\$159.94	\$ 419.94	H.H.Burton	H. O. Davis	James R. Greer.	Mrs. H. K. Wade	Albert Kimbrough	
Springdale	1	82.09	1	533	616	423.33	1000.02	W. I. Elledge	E. S. Thompson	E. S. Thompson	Mrs. G.Needham	Elsie Stobaugh	
Prairie Grove	1	85.50	1	30	4	59.22	57.22		S. R. Wilson	S. R. Wilson	Mrs. H. Hillard		
Friendship			1						E. Hilton	A. M. Reed			
Spring Valley	1		1	40	7			W. R. Chandler	P. Homesly.	A. W. Craig			
Sulphur City								W. R. Chandler		Jno Jennings			
Mt. Gillead								D. L. Hood		Annie Morris			
Illinois								W. S. Napier		H. G. Knight			
War Eagle								W. S. Napier					
Johnson								W. R. Chandler					
Valley Spring													

God's word, and he has commanded us to study it and he will not be pleased with us neglecting it.

It is the place that the first impressions are made on the child's life in the majority of cases, and hence the great need of the Sunday School.

We recommend, that wherever it is possible, that the church invite the State Sunday School workers to visit them and hold Bible Institutes as it will help them and give them courage to carry on the work.

E. S. Thompson

Mrs. W. R. Moffitt

The report on State Missions, special order for 10 o'clock, was read at this hour. After discussion, a motion to adopt carried

Report on State Missions

Christ's program for the world is to evangelize, organize, and indoctrinate. State Missions is in a large way committed to this program. The State Mission work of Arkansas fosters all work of the kingdom. Evangelism, Education, S. S., B. Y. P. U, Sanitarium, Orphan's Home and Enlistment, all have a place on the State Mission program. This all important work should have the prayerful sympathy and hearty co-operation of every Baptist in the state.

This Association should co-operate in every possible way with our Secretary of Missions in carrying out a sane, constructive co-operative mission policy, such policy as will conserve our resources and utilize all our forces to the very best interest of all the activities of the kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. Burton

Ola Watson

S. P. Wilson

Report on Christian Education was read by Bro. J. G. Lyle, commented on by him and by Miss Mather, and was adopted.

Report on Christian Education

We are what we are very largely, almost entirely, because of the teachings we have had. If we had been brought up in the home of infidels and taught by infidel parents and infidel teachers, not many of us would now be serving the Lord Jesus Christ. In every school in the land we should have Christian teachers. If we are concerned about the the spiritual welfare of our children, if it is our purpose to help our young people to become useful Christian men and women, we must stand loyally for our Baptist schools and support them with our means and our patronage.

Every good Baptist in Arkansas rejoices over the prosperity of

our educational institutions.

Ouachita College, at Arkadelphia, has property values in buildings, grounds, and equipment, worth \$250,000. The endowment is about \$112,000. New buildings to cost about \$250,000 are now in course of construction.

In Central College, at Conway, we have property worth about \$135,000, and new buildings to cost about \$100,000 are to be constructed right away.

In Mountain Home College, at Mountain Home, our junior college, we have property worth \$60,000 or more.

The property values of our academies at Maynard, Blue Eye, and Hagarville, average about \$12,000 for each school.

A Baptist college is to be built at Jonesboro soon and Baptist academies open their first sessions this fall in Montgomery and Union counties.

Our colleges and schools are all well patronized, so well that additional buildings are absolutely necessary, and yet only a very small per cent of our boyys and girls are attending Baptist schiols. We urge upon our people the duty of sending their children to our own schools and colleges.

Never has there been a greater need for an educated ministry. Young preachers are given free tuition and additional financial help in Ouachita and in our mountain schools. Let us call out the called and encourage and help them to attend college. To fail in this means ruin. Several good friends have recently remembered Ouachita College in their wills, a splendid way to bless mankind.

The most hopeful sign of progress in all our work is the prosperity of our Baptist schools and colleges, and the ever increasing interest of our brotherhood in this work, manifested by the enlarged patronage and liberal contributions through the 75 Million Campaign.

Let us pray for our schools and support them.

J. G. Lyle

A. W. Craig

H. H. Burton

A motion to adjourn to 2 o'clock p. m. was had and passed.

Afternoon Session

Came together in song service at the appointed hour.

Report on Religious Literature was read and regularly adopted. after being spoken to by the chairman, G. E. Holt.

Report on Religious Literature

The printed page is a mighty power, and in these days of loose

ness and liberalism in morals and religion it is as great an agency for evil as it is for good. The country is being flooded with unionizing, inter-church propaganda and other heretical teachings, as trashy literature. In view of this condition of affairs it behooves Baptists, in addition to all their other missionary work, to do their best to circulate good, safe, sane, sound and Baptist literature and encourage the reading of it. There being much ignorance of the Scripture, even among our own people, we therefore recommend the study of the book of all books—the Bible, and other Baptist books. We further recommend that every Baptist family in our churches take the Baptist Advance and the Home and Foreign Field or Journal.

We also recommend our Sunday School Board and its publications.

G. E. Holt

G. F. Vaughan

Report on Temperance was next read and adopted. The report follows:

Report of Committee on Temperance

America has constitutional prohibition. Added to that we also have the Volstead enforcement act which makes it possible for us to have a dry nation provided we have enforcement officers who will do their duty.

Notwithstanding all this the prohibition question is not settled. The liquor people are in a campaign to elect to the congress of the United States and to places of enforcement such men as will take the vitals out of the Volstead act in the one case or to make a farce of enforcement in the other. In either case statutory prohibition would amount to nothing.

Voters will have to deal with the forces of intemperance at the polls next November. Christian people need to concern ourselves about the attitude of those who are asking for our votes. No man has any right to expect his fellowman to vote for him until he gives his views on the moral questions of the day. We call upon all of our people to make themselves familiar with the views of office seekers and vote for men who love a clean nation, pure homes and who will support the cause of temperance.

Respectfully submitted,

W. I. Elledge

The naming of messenger to Southern Baptist Convention, and two messengers to State convention, was, by regular motion, required of the nominating committee, W. P. Chandler and W. S. Napier, named in the motion; thus relieving the body, at this time, of

their election and saving to it the needed time.

Following is the report on nominations, as adopted:

Report of Nominating Committee

We, your committee on nominations beg to make the following report:

We recommend that H. H. Burton be selected as messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention.

And that the Missionary preach the introductory sermon.

And that the pastor of the Springdale church preach the Missionary sermon.

We recommend for the Executive Board Bros. Bert Lewis, R. H. Graham, S. R. Wilson, Albert Craig, W. S. Napier.

W. P. Chandler

W. S. Napier

Reports on Home and Foreign Missions were read, discussed together and adopted. They follow:

Report on Home Missions

The Home Missions Board is located at Atlanta, Ga., with Dr. H. D. Gray as general secretary. Its work is to evangelize in its fullest sense, not only to save but to nurture and train its converts to the fullest spiritual life.

In 1919 the missionaries of this board baptized one convert for every three received into our churches. For fifteen years its evangelists have averaged 450 baptisms for each worker. Its system of mountain schools is larger than any other and measures up to the required standard. Its educational work is rapidly bringing a more adequate standard of spiritual instruction and effectiveness in hundreds of churches.

Its church extension work has grown from infancy to large growth in a few years.

This board has always given largely to our work in Arkansas and in this year giving to it about \$60,000.

It has a large free supply of tracts full of interest which we should get and read.

W. A. Moffitt

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions

The Baptist 75 Million Campaign has made possible the greatest forward movement of modern foreign mission work. Many new workers have gone out and others are going. Much has been added to the equipment on the fields. The workers are greatly encouraged, both on account of opportunity and enlargement of the work.

The recent world war opened the way for the christian people

of America to go to the nations with the Gospel of Peace as nothing else has ever done. The eyes of heathen peoples have turned this way and their cry is for help. Reports from the commission which is making a special study of conditions in Europe indicate that a large field and effectual is open to Baptists in that weary, war-worn country. In London a few days ago ninety representatives of Baptist workers from different parts of the world sat together for five days considering problems of our work. Five points are said to have been brought out into clear relief in this conference.

1. The poverty and suffering which prevails everywhere in the war ravaged countries.

2. The gratitude of the people for the help given by our Foreign Mission Board and other boards to relieve their suffering.

3. The marvelous opening for the gospel in the whole European area under new conditions, with the exception of Russia. There will be some delay in Russia, but in due time that country will also be open.

4. The imperative need of an educational system to train and equip native leaders for the work.

5. The necessity and urgency for immediate action by the various Mission Boards if we are not to lose a great opportunity.

No thoughtful christian can study conditions among the peoples of the world without getting the impression that this is the day of opportunity for Baptists. Some needs of the hour are a deeper consecration to the work of our Lord. More money to support the work and more workers who are willing to put life and hopes into this work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. I. Elledge.

Committee on Finance reported as follows:

A motion prevailed instructing the clerk to estimate the cost of printing the minutes of the Association and to call on the associated churches for their pro-rated parts of such cost, and to contract the printing.

A motion by W. I. Elledge, that \$25 of the Association funds be set aside and paid to the clerk for the arrangement of the minutes passed.

A Brief Word of Appreciation

Resolved, That we, the messengers of the Washington County Baptist Association, record our appreciation of our dear brother, W. I. Elledge, who goes from us to be pastor at Claremore, Oklahoma.

Since its organization, he has been moderator of this association and has been untiring in his efforts to have it succeed, along all lines. For nearly seven years he has been pastor at Springdale, one of the largest churches in the state, which he resigned only be-

cause he feels that Claremore's call is God's call.

During these years he has endeared himself to all by his orderly walk and christian character. He has been fearless and uncompromising as a minister of the gospel, gentle and unassuming in public life.

We are grieved because he goes from us to another state and field. We will miss his wise council and faithful labor among us. We commend him with his family to the people of Oklahoma, where he goes.

By order of the Association.

With feelings of profound gratitude to God, the Father of all who have known him in the forgiveness of sin through Jesus Christ, for Christian fellowship; we do, with one accord, voice our appreciation and thanks to the Springdale church for its open homes and loving reception extended to us, the messengers and visitors to this Association.

Done by order of the Association
R. E. Kennard, Clerk.

Clerk's Announcement

Valley Springs church did not report at this Association, but Johnson church sent recognition of its purpose to have met with us and its regrets at not being able to do so.

Obituary

We, your committee on obituarie/, make the following report.

Death has come into our midst and taken quite a unumber of our brethern and sisters. And, though it has occasioned much grief and sorrow to many hearts, and left sad and lonely homes, we have the blessed hope that our temporary loss is their eternal gain, and that we will again see them in Our Father's house of many mansions, where there will be no more sickness no more suffering, and no more death, but where redeemed souls will have etered into the joys of their lard, there to sing his praises through an endless eternity.

The following are the names of our dead:

Fayetteville; Captain J. E. Vaughn, and Brother W. S. Sullivan. Spring Valley; Sister Vera Horbrooks, and Brother A. Sanders. Springdale; Brethern B. F. Putman, M. V. Mayo, and Sisters Floy Bragdon, and J. G. Pendergrass.

Prairie Grove; Elder James Burnett, and Annie Burnett.

Illinois; Sister Nokes.

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"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord"

Rev. 14:13