

PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

15th Session
Baptist * General * Association

Of West Arkansas and Indian Territory,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Dayton, Sebastian County, Arkansas,

September 13, 14, 15 and 16, 1890.

Fifteenth Annual Session.

OFFICERS.

E. L. COMPERE, MODERATOR.

W. B. HERNDON, CLERK.

H. H. MOUSER, TREASURER.

*Next Session to be held with Bethel Church, four miles north of
South Canadian, Choctaw Nation, I. T. To convene
Saturday Before the Second Sabbath in
September, 1891.*

MINUTES.

The Fifteenth Annual Session of the Baptist General Association of Western Arkansas and Indian Territory convened with Dayton Church, Sebastian County, Ark., Sept. 13, 1890.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Bro. W. L. Compère, followed by Bro C. L. Alexander. Text, I Cor. 8: 7.

The Moderator appointed Brothers J. J. Holland, Jas. Edmondson and V. M. Thrasher as a Committee on Credentials. Adjourned for dinner. Prayer by Bro J. W Miller.

AFTERNOON SESSION. At 2 o'clock, the Moderator called the body together. Prayer by Bro. Roan.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following messengers present and entitled to seats:

FROM CONCORD ASSOCIATION: Eld. J. J. Holland, J. S. Mitchell, Eld R. P. Claborne, Eld. J. H. York, Eld. A. A. Spiller.

FROM SHORT MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION: L. W. Wright, Eld. E. B. Harlan, Eld. C. L. Alexander, Eld. W. M. Morris, A. J. Hulsey.

FROM DARDANELLE ASSOCIATION: Eld. J. H. Blaylock.

FROM OUACHITA ASSOCIATION: Eld. E. L. Compere.

FROM OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION: Eld. J. W. Black, Eld. H. W. Byers, Eld. A. B. Harmon,

CHURCHES OF CHOCTAW AND CHICKASAW ASSOCIATION.

Sou. Canadian—Eld V M Thrasher Choat Prairie—Eld J H York
Talhina—By letter

CHURCHES OF CONCORD ASSOCIATION.

James' Fork—Eld G W Evans	Dayton—Eld L F Patterson
Cedar Grove—J B Hurt	Hackett—Eld D C Yeargin
Pleasant Valley—J S Anderson	Amity—H J Roberts
Palestine—J W Cross	Huntington—Eld W L Compere
Glendale—D S Dilday	Waldron—J D Benson
Poteau—Eld P E Windham	Sulphur Springs—Eld G T Matthews
Booneville—Eld J N Pennington	Pilgrims' Rest—W P Hall
Echo—A R London	Rock Creek—J J Corley
Fellowship—G H Council	Hartford—R J Hill
Providence—E W Beard	Hopewell—By letter
Boles—J O Moss	Shiloh—By letter
Pleasant Grove, No. 1—J W Tripp	Sharon—By letter
Pleasant Grove, No. 3—N P Fuller.	White Oak—By letter

CHURCHES OF SHORT MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION.

Liberty Hill—M H Pace	Poteau—J P Christopher
Prairie View—J W Bennett	Macedonia—Eld C L Alexander
West Union—Eld D S Cromer	Harlan's Chapel—Eld J W Huisey
Locust Grove—J Lackey	Brooken—F R Smith
Mt. Vernon—Eld J C Bethel	Russellville—By letter
Friendship—Eld R H Cook	Cameron—By letter
Prairie Grove—Eld A F Roan	Providence—By letter
	Double Branch—By letter

CHURCHES OF OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION.

New Hope—Eld J W Black

Charity—Eld J W Black

Pleasant Valley—Eld J W Black

Prairie View—Eld H W Byers

Columbia—Eld A B Harmon

CHURCHES OF OUACHITA ASSOCIATION.

Corinth—W J Neighbors

Dallas—Eld E L Compere

FROM SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Waldron—Eld T N Watkins

Pleasant Grove, No 3—J G Thrasher

Hackett—James Stinebaugh

Liberty Hill—C W Dowell

ON MONEY BASIS.

Eld H H Mouser, W J Edwards,
 Eld J T Upton, Eld J M Ledbetter,
 Eld W B Herndon, H V Richardson,
 Eld Jas. Edmondson, Eld Joseph Barnes,
 Eld W M Wood, Eld T H Turner,
 F G Thomas, F M Alexander,
 Eld I N Briggs, J A Finney,

T G Ratteree, J J Aydelott,
 Eld Martin Tonroy, (from Colorado.)
 Eld J P McAdams, Eld W D Looper,
 G P Watkins, Reuben Alexander,
 J P Guess, Eld R G Pace,
 A G Wunningham, J H Ross,
 A Stinebaugh.

Committee on Divine services was appointed, consisting of Eld. Jas. Edmondson and J. D. Benson, together with pastor and deacons of Dayton Church.

Election of permanent officers resulted in the choice of

Eld. E. L. Compere, Moderator.

Eld. W. B. Herndon, Secretary.

Eld. H. H. Mouser, Treasurer.

Report of Board of Missions was read by the Secretary, J. D. Benson, (for Report See Appendix) and was referred to the following committees:—On Dr. Tupper's Call for \$500.00 for Foreign Missions; on Womans Work; on Young People's Work; on Our Relations to all Baptists adjacent to the Indian Territory; on Sacrifices and Successes of our Missionaries; on English-speaking People of the Indian Territory; on Work in Oklahoma; on Work in Western Arkansas.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock Monday morning.

Preaching at night, at Dayton, by J. W. Black; at Salem, by W. M. Morris; at White Oak Gap, by D. C. Yeargin; at Rock Bluff, by Martin Tonroy; at Oak Grove, by Bro. John Hulsey and John Upton.

SABBATH EXERCISES. Prayer meeting at 10 o'clock, by J. W. Miller. At 11 o'clock Bro. J. H. Blaylock preached a Missionary Sermon at the Church, and Bro. H. H. Mouser preached at the School house, both houses being filled to overflowing. A collection was taken up at both houses for Foreign Missions, amounting in cash to \$28.00, in pledges to be paid by the first of Jan., 1891, \$31.00.

The Moderator announced the committees which had been appointed.

At 3 o'clock, Bro. E. L. Compere preached at the Church on Ministerial Support, and Bro. M. Tonroy preached at the School House. At night Bro. Tonroy preached at Dayton; Bro. Ledbetter, at Salem; Bro. Harlan, at Cross Roads; Bro. Turner, at White Oak Gap; and Bro. Yeargin, at Huntington.

MONDAY MORNING. On account of rain, it was 9 o'clock when the Moderator called the Association to order. Devotional exercises lasted half an hour.

The Secretary read the minutes which were approved. The Roll

was called and corrected. The Committee on Western Arkansas reported as follows:

REPORT ON WESTERN ARKANSAS.

Your Committee find that a large majority of the churches in Western Arkansas are very weak financially; but very few of them are self-sustaining. Consequently, what we call Pastoral work is, strictly, missionary labor, as it requires great sacrifice on the part of our ministry, unremunerated. We would therefore recommend that the salaries of these pastors be supplemented so that they may be able to do more efficient labor in building up and educating the churches in the grace of giving. We also find great destitution in this field, and many important points with little or no Baptist preaching.

J. M. LEDBETTER, L. F. PATTERSON,
R. H. COOK, A. F. ROAN.

Adjourned at 11 o'clock for preaching by Bro. Roan.

AFTERNOON SESSION. Reassembled at 2 o'clock. Prayer by J. W. Miller. The Committee on Dr. Tupper's Call reported as follows:

DR. TUPPER'S CALL FOR FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Eighty years ago, American Baptists had no Missionary on Foreign soil. Judson began in Burmah, and labored six years before there was a convert. The vast majority of the people thought it useless to attempt to preach the Gospel to the heathen. But, year by year, other missionaries were sent out. God abundantly blessed their labors, until to-day we are beginning to realize that it is the very business of our Churches to give the Gospel to the world.

A few years ago, we only had a few men in foreign fields, and we only needed a few dollars to support them; and hence we were only asked for small sums. Our fathers prayed God to break down the walls and open the Heathen nations, so that our mission-aries might enter. God heard their prayers, and opened every nation under Heaven to our missionaries. Thousands of stations are now needing men. Then we prayed God to put it into the hearts of men and women to leave their homes and go into these heathen lands. Again God answered prayer, and hundreds are saying "Here am I; send me."

Our Southern Board has answered these appeals as far as possible. Recently, in twenty months, the Board has sent out forty new (white) missionaries into foreign lands. This required an enormous outlay of money over the outlay of any previous year. Still appeals come to the Board from brethren on foreign fields, calling for more men. The Board is dependent on the churches for the means. From every foreign field appeals come to the Board for more men. On every side, men are asking the Board to send them into these open fields. The Board can only lay these facts before the Churches and ask them to increase their contributions, and thus enable the Board to answer the most pressing appeals by sending men. Thus, every year the Board is obliged to ask for larger contributions to meet the pressing demands. Until last year, we only tried to raise one hundred dollars a year. Last year Dr. Tupper asked us for \$250.00, and we raised it. This year he asks us for \$500.00. Shall we raise it? God has greatly blessed us in our own work. Shall we not increase our contributions? Shall not every man of us go to work to raise the money? Let us say, "By the grace of God, we will raise the \$500.00." We can and we must. But how shall we raise it? It can only be done by greatly increased effort. Let every man, woman and child feel that they must help raise the money. We recommend that every Church in our bounds send at least five dollars by the first of January, 1891. We also recommend that every pastor preach to his Churches on Foreign Missions, and lay this appeal before his Churches, ask each Church to appoint a collector to co-operate with the pastor in collecting the money.

We further recommend that Superintendents and teachers in Sabbath Schools solicit contributions from every scholar in their schools, that our children may be developed in contributing to Foreign Missions. We earnestly urge individuals to consider this grand opportunity of helping forward the work of the Master, by contributing to this work. Brethren, you are God's stewards handling God's money. Consider if God does not want

you to put some of his money into this work. We further recommend that an effort be made to secure at least 250 pledges of ten cents a month, for the year ending at our next session.

W. L. COMPERE, J. H. BLAYLOCK,
E. B. HARLAN, J. T. UPTON,
P. E. WINDHAM.

Pending the adoption of this report, \$230.50 was pledged for Foreign Missions. These pledges are in the hands of E. L. Compere, Foreign Mission Secretary. Send all funds for Foreign Missions to him at Dallas, Arkansas.

The following resolutions on Buckner College were adopted:

Whereas, Buckner College is the property of this body and the beautiful grounds on which it stands were given by Baptists (some of whom are dead) to be used only for the purpose of a Baptist College: Therefore

Resolved, (1st) That it is the purpose of this body to re-open that institution as a Baptist college.

Resolved, (2d) That L. F. Patterson, J. H. Holland, J. B. McDonough, John Rawlings, W. L. Compere, G. H. Pettus, W. M. Tyler, R. P. Claborne, H. H. Mouser and J. J. Holland are hereby appointed to represent us and to do whatever may be necessary to accomplish the above mentioned purpose.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock Tuesday morning. Prayer by J. M. Ledbetter. Benediction by Bro. Yeargin. At night, Bro. T. N. Watkins preached at Dayton; Bro. H. H. Mouser, at White Oak Gap; Bro. R. P. Claborne, at Salem; Bro. V. M. Thrasher, at Huntington.

TUESDAY MORNING. Met at 8 o'clock. Prayer by R. H. Cook. Singing. Prayer by John Upton. The Secretary read the minutes, which were approved.

The Moderator appointed as Committee on Place of Holding the next Session of this Body, Brethren L. F. Patterson, J. W. Black, V. M. Thrasher and J. H. York, and they recommended Bethel Church, four miles north of South Canadian Switch, on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad, in the Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, which was adopted.

Report on the English-speaking People of the Indian Territory was read and adopted.

ENGLISH SPEAKING PEOPLE OF THE INDIAN TERRITORY.

Two years ago, almost all the people of the Indian Territory spoke the language of their respective tribes. But this is not the case now. There are at least five Whites to one Indian in the Territory at present; and besides this, for years passed the Indians have been giving considerable attention to the education of their children, all of their schools being English. The natural results are, that they are to a considerable degree acquainted with our language, and the older ones associating with the Whites have acquired a knowledge of the English language, so that the inconvenience of preaching to the Indians through an interpreter is a thing of the past. The Territory is rapidly filling up with white people, and a large per cent of these people are irreligious. Therefore, we recommend that greater missionary effort be made among these people.

T. H. TURNER, V. M. THRASHER,
H. H. MOUSER, W. M. MORRIS,
G. W. HULSEY.

The Moderator announced as Committee on Nominations, Brethren L. W. Wright, H. J. Roberts, J. W. Tripp and J. W. Cross; and they reported as follows:—H. H. Mouser, to preach the Introductory Sermon, Bro. J. J. Holland, Alternate; Bro. D. C. Yeargin, to preach the

Missionary Sermon, L. F. Patterson, Alternate; and Bro. J. M. Ledbetter to preach on Ministerial Support at 3 o'clock, p. m. Sunday.

Report on Sunday Schools was read and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sunday Schools, feeling the great importance of a more general effort being made by the Baptists of Western Arkansas and Indian Territory in promoting the cause of our great mission work and the cause of educating the young for our Master, we recommend that this body recommend the District Associations and Churches in our bounds to organize a Sunday School Convention which shall be held as an auxiliary body to this Association. We recommend every Church in our bounds to have a Sunday School in connection with and under control of the Church, and that Union Sunday Schools should not be tolerated or encouraged by Baptist Churches. We recommend that every Church, when in conference, elect officers to run their school, and that the Churches raise the necessary funds to pay for the literature for their school, and the Superintendent of each school teach the children that what they pay is used for the great mission work only. We further recommend all our schools to use the Kind Words Sunday School Publications, of Atlanta, Georgia; also we recommend the use of Baptist Question Books.

G. T. MATTHEWS, JAS. EDMONDSON,
J. W. TRIPP, C. W. DOWELL.

Report on Oklahoma was read and adopted. Pending the adoption of this report, special prayer was offered for our missionaries in Oklahoma, led by Bro. Patterson.

REPORT ON OKLAHOMA.

We, your committee on Oklahoma, beg leave to report the following: Oklahoma is a vast field of destitution. The country is full of people who are living very hard trying to make homes. Among the multitudes who have rushed into that country, are a great many Baptists. They are very poor; crops have failed; some of them are not able to feed and clothe themselves. Preachers cannot live there without help from abroad. The people are hungering and thirsting for the Gospel. Many sects are trying to hold this section but the Baptists are in the majority. There has been a great work accomplished by brethren who have been laboring there. But these brethren cannot meet the demands of this great field, and we pray God will send more such consecrated laborers into this vineyard. The Baptists who are scattered all over that great country should be organized into Churches, and the unadulterated truth of our Master should be preached to the poor in that land. Now is the time to act. We approve what our Board has done there, and recommend it to push forward the work in Oklahoma as fast as possible. We ask the brethren of the adjoining states to consider this a part of their mission work, and further beg that they will correspond with our Board in regard to the needs of our toiling laborers there.

H. W. BYERS, I. N. BRIGGS,
A. B. HARMON.

Adjourned at 11 o'clock for preaching by Bro. V. M. Thrasher.

AFTERNOON SESSION. Re-assembled at 2 o'clock. Prayer by J. J. Holland. On motion of W. B. Herndon, all speeches were limited to five minutes.

Report on the Sacrifices and Successes of our Missionaries was read and adopted.

SACRIFICES AND SUCCESSES OF OUR MISSIONARIES.

Your committee on Sacrifices and Successes of our Missionaries beg leave to report that the missionaries of the General Association are perhaps the most self-sacrificing men of the West; a number of them unable to own horses, and traveling on foot; and others living in dug-outs, holes in the ground. Still they go and break the bread of life to perishing sinners. As to their success, it is impossible to give anything like a full statement; but the records show that, in the last six years, the missionaries of this association have baptized about eighteen hundred persons. These facts appeal strongly to

work. We feel that this, to some extent, has been neglected by our older Church members, and they have failed to impress upon the young that they occupy a very important place in our Master's vineyard, in the way of influence in the salvation of the young, and in raising means for the spread of the gospel. Therefore we urge our Churches to endeavor to get their young members to hold Young People's Prayer Meetings and Working Associations in connection with the Church work. Respectfully submitted:

D. C. YEARGIN, J. A. FINNEY,
H. J. ROBERTS,

Report on Woman's Work was read and adopted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Your committee believes that the time has fully come for the women of the General Association to organize for more efficient work. Women are organized in connection with the Southern Baptist Convention and with every Baptist general body in the South.

We recommend the appointment of a Central Committee to begin to organize the work in connection with this Association; whose duties shall be such as are common to such committees, and to be a soliciting agency for the Home work of this body, making appeals beyond our bounds.

We recommend that this Committee be located at Dallas, Polk county, Arkansas, and consist of the following: Sisters J. J. Mershon, S. V. Bronson, E. L. Compere, May Moss, J. A. Bennet, D. C. Lloyd, J. M. Hopkins, J. H. Thornton, S. Smith and Sallie Scott. We recommend sister May Moss as chairman, and that she be requested to call the committee together as soon as possible.

J. W. BLACK, MARTIN TONROY,
E. B. HARLAN, J. D. BENSON.

Report on Our Relations to all Baptists adjacent to the Indian Territory was read and adopted.

OUR RELATION TO ALL BAPTISTS ADJACENT TO THE INDIAN TERRITORY.

The Indian Territory presents, perhaps, the most inviting field in the bounds of the Domestic mission work of the Southern Baptist Convention. To say nothing of the Indians, the country is rapidly filling up with white people. And these whites are, generally, very poor. They are all renters, and in a territory where not a dollar of public fund is used for the education of their children. A white man (unless he has married an Indian) cannot own his home, and has no free school privileges. But these white tenants, having no homes to improve, and, hence, more time to listen to the the missionary, are calling earnestly for the gospel.

Oklahoma, too, is in the Indian Territory; but being settled less than two years ago, and the second crop almost entirely lost from drouth, very many of the citizens have not yet been able to build houses. Some of our missionaries are now living in dug-outs, holes in the ground. The Oklahoma Baptist Association, formed in August, has become a member of this general association. It is, and should be, the object of this General Association of West Arkansas and Indian Territory, to give the word of life to this wide field. But within ourselves, we are not able to do what is so imperatively demanded. We have appealed, and have received some help from individuals in a great many states; and the Domestic Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has helped our Board during the past six years, and during the time that Board has helped us, our missionaries have baptized 1852 converts.

But we should especially appeal to our brethren who live near us, in the states of Texas, Arkansas, Missouri and Kansas, and ask their sympathy, prayers and material aid in this common work of saving our own race in this most destitute and inviting field.

We recommend that the general bodies adjacent to this Association be requested to co-operate with us, and that they be invited to correspond with us at our next session.

J. D. BENSON, W. L. COMPERE,
C. L. ALEXANDER, T. N. WATKINS.

The following resolutions were offered by W. B. Herndon, and adopted.

Whereas there exists a great necessity for an efficient man, who can give his entire time to the Superintendence of Mission work in our bounds: Therefore,

Resolved, (1st,) That we elect a Superintendent of Missions.

Resolved, (2d,) That we ask the Domestic Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to make a special appropriation for his support.

Eld. E. L. Compere was then re-elected Superintendent of Missions and Foreign Mission Secretary.

Correspondents were then appointed, as follows:—to the Missouri Baptist General Association, Eld. J. H. York; to the Texas Baptist State Convention, Eld. V. M. Thrasher; to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, Eld. E. L. Compere, Eld. W. L. Compere and Eld. D. C. Yeargin.

The Treasurer made his report as follows:

Received of Finance Committee,.....	\$61.50
Paid Clerk for minutes,.....	331.15
Paid E. L. Compere. for Foreign Missions,.....	30.35
TOTAL ,.....	61.50

H. H. MOUSER, Treasurer.

The Secretary was ordered to have one-thousand copies of the minutes printed and distributed.

On motion, the Secretary was allowed ten dollars for his services.

Resolved That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the church and good people of Dayton and vicinity, for their kindness in entertaining the Association.

On motion, the Association adjourned, to meet with Bethel Baptist Church, four miles north of South Canadian, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, on Saturday before the second Sunday in Sept., 1891.

A hymn was sung and the parting hand given, after which Bro. C. L. Alexander pronounced the benediction. Thus closed another very interesting and profitable session of this body, in which the Spirit's presence was manifested, and brotherly love prevailed. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." [Psalms, 133:1.]

W. B. HERNDON,
Secretary.

E. L. COMPERE,
Moderator.

APPENDIX A.
REPORT OF MISSION BOARD.

The Board has received during the past year, through the Superintendent of Missions, the following amounts for our home missionaries:

From Domestic Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention,.....	\$1000 00
J J Aydelot, 5 00, W N Ayers, 10 00,.....	15 00
For W B Herndon, A J Norris, 5 00, J J Mershon, 5 00, other parties, 4 50,.....	14 50
Ladies' Aid Society, Ozark, 2 quilts,.....	35 00
(One given to N L Pounds, the other bought for E L Compere, as follows, Collection at Concord Association, 7 00, I N Lucas family, 2 05, Mrs A L Crudup, 1 00, Mrs S V Brunson, 1 00, J H Mullins, Tex, 5 00, E L Compere, 14 95,.....)	30 00
Mrs Powell, 1 quilt, given to E B Harlan,.....	10 00
Mrs J J Mershon, 1 00, Mrs E L Compere, 1 00,.....	2 00
Gleaner, 1 00, Mrs M P Watts, 1 00, J M Sheppard, 5 00,.....	7 00
J A Sill and wife, 1 00, D C Blankenship, 50c,.....	1 50
A B Clo-ker, 50c, Mrs J J H, 1 00, B F Barnes, 1 25,.....	2 75
J D Benson, 50c, "A Sister," 1 00, "A Baptist Sister," 2 50,.....	4 00
Alex. Tucker, 1 00, W B McGraw, 50c, J B Tucker and wife, 2 00,.....	3 50
Mrs S V Brunson, 1 00, S M Tomme, 1 00,.....	2 00
W H Pasley, 1 00, Mrs Lizzie Wood, 1 00,.....	2 00
Sardis church, 4 00, W R Blair and wife, 2 00,.....	6 00
"Friend," 1 00, Arkadelphia Baptist aid Society, 5 00,.....	6 00
H G Miller, 1 00, Pleasant Springs church, 5 90,.....	6 90
Miss M Miller, 1 00, J A Norris, 1 00,.....	2 00
W C Golden, mother and sister, 2 01, Jas O Neal, 50c,.....	2 50
F. Williams, 1 00, M Cleveland, 1 00, Lucy Parker, 50c,.....	2 50
W S Beard and wife, 50c, Mrs Cal. Cross, 50c,.....	1 00
Ed Ryland, 25c, John Motley, 25c, Unknown, 10c,.....	60
W J Carter, 1 00, J W Wetherall, 50c, R Hood, 1 00,.....	2 50
Miss Erixe Brunson, 1 00, A L Walker, 25c, J J Rodgers, 25c,.....	1 50
Mrs F M Jackson's S Class, 60c, Mrs L N Knight, 1 00,.....	1 60
Mrs S E Peters, 25c, J B Brotton 25c, E T Blair and wife 2 00,.....	2 50
Mrs A J Salinas, N J, 21 00,.....	21 00
Mrs M R McClure, Ala, 25 00,.....	25 00
Eutaw Place, Baptist church, Baltimore, for C L Alexander,.....	14 00
First Baptist church, Brenham, Texas,.....	11 05
Maysville, Ga, Baptist S S,.....	3 65
Dr John R Dickey, Tenn, 5 00, Mrs Ben May, Mo, 15 00,.....	20 00
J D Huggins, S C, 1 00, Dr J Wm Jones, Ga, 5 00,.....	6 00
J S Carwile, S C, 5 00, Topisaw church, Miss, 5 00,.....	10 00
T H Stout, Ala, 1 00, W C Lattimore, Miss, 1 00,.....	2 00
Mrs McQueen Smith, Ala, 2 00, "A Brother," Texas, 1 00,.....	3 00
Mrs V Ferguson, Va, 1 00, Baptist S S, Baird, Texas, 1 00,.....	2 00
Smith, McIver & Co, S C, 5 00, Newport News, Va, 2 00,.....	7 00
J B Hime, Texas, 1 00, Mrs A E Reynolds, Ala, 8 00,.....	9 00
Mrs Ellen Dubois, Mass, 5 00, and her amanuensis, 1 00,.....	6 00
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Collections for Foreign Missions,.....	201 10
" " Havana church,.....	26 50
" " by missionaries toward their support,.....	1171 00
" " for church building,.....	525 00
	3227 53

The means collected for missionaries has been used to aid the following brethren: J W Miller, Joseph Barnes, W M Morris, H H Mouser, N L Pound, J H York, V M Thrasher, I N Napier, E B Harlan, I N Briggs, C L Alexander, J W Black, E L Compere, H C Kidding, W B Herndon, C N Watkins, R P Claborne, A A Spiller, L F Patterson, C D Sellers, and J B York.

W L Compere reports to this Board, but receives no support from our funds. Also brethren D S Cromer, A L Lyon, and W Savage have sent reports to us; but up to the present time, they have received no support from us.

Of the above brethren, fifteen are in the Indian Territory, (including two who are in Oklahoma,) nine are in Arkansas, and one in Idaho Territory.

The work of the above brethren has been:—Sermons, 2601; Exhortations, 902; Baptisms, 324; Received by Letter, 516; Churches organized, 16; S S organized, 26; Preachers ordained, 9; Deacons ordained, 20; Churches built, 2; Cost of same, \$525; Religious Visits, 1773; Days Labored, 3381; Miles Traveled, 29,387; Amount collected by missionaries on support, \$1171.

The increased amount of funds collected, and of work done by our missionaries is indeed encouraging. We should also feel thankful that there is a greater interest being felt in our work by friends abroad. The Secretaries, Tichenor and Jones, are beginning to realize the importance of our work and the needs of our fields. Dr T. says of the frontier missionaries, they are "dying daily for the Master;" and "they are laying the foundation of our denominational prosperity and are the real heroes of our missionary force." Dr Jones has shown us very great kindness in allowing our Superintendent the free use of the columns of the Home Field.

The ladies of the Woman's Missionary Union, Baltimore, have made special inquiry after the wants of our struggling missionaries, and express a willingness to aid all they

can by collecting money, boxes of clothing for families, books etc. Special contributions have been sent from nearly every Southern State, and from New Jersey and Massachusetts.

These encouragements, and the promises of God, should stimulate us to greater effort, greater liberality, stronger faith in God and more prayer.

In June, 1889, Elders Patterson and Edmondson went to Oklahoma City under appointment of this Board. They reported favorably; and last January we began to send Eld J. W. Black, who now lives in Oklahoma Territory. And in June we sent Elders Alexander and Briggs to assist brother Black. These, with other Baptist preachers whom they met there, have done a good work. About nineteen churches have been organized in that field, and the Oklahoma Baptist Association formed; which appointed a delegate to this Association, and also to the Southern Baptist Convention. That is a desirable country, settled by enterprising people, who are rapidly building farms, towns and cities, and who are very proud of Oklahoma.

The English-speaking people of the Indian Territory are rapidly increasing. In some parts it is difficult to find a person who does not understand a sermon preached in English.

But the White settlers, who are not married to Indians, cannot own land, and have no right to send their children to the free schools. Our missionaries in the Indian Territory are of this homeless class, and some of them, unable to own a horse, have been obliged to walk on their mission work. Not only in the Indian Territory but in the State. And some in Oklahoma, unable to build houses, have dug holes in the ground, and live in them.

As our missionaries are poor, so are our churches. Not a church co-operating with this Association, feels able to sustain preaching oftener than once a month; yet our missionaries in little over six years have baptized 1852 professed believers in Christ. These facts and figures appeal powerfully for help in this work.

But with our distressing destitution, the state of our heathen brothers is infinitely worse. And Dr. Tupper very properly calls on this Association to raise \$500 this year for Foreign Missions.

Let us raise the \$500, expecting that God will more abundantly bless our own field than if we withhold it. "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth, and that withholdeth more than meet; but tendeth to poverty." *Prov., 11:24.* Let us organize our sisters in connection with this Association, as is done in connection with the Southern Baptist Convention, and most of the Baptist general bodies in the South. Let us organize the young people. Let us appeal to the Baptists in the states bordering on the Indian Territory to help us.

We call special attention to our toiling missionaries, to the inviting field among the English-speaking people of the Indian Territory, and to the growing centers of our entire field.

And may we have wisdom to guide in the work that God seems to require of us.

J. D. BENSON,
Secretary.

JAS. H. SMITH,
Chairman.

APPENDIX B.

FOREIGN MISSION SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Cash balance last session,.....	885 65
Sept 1889.—Collection Ouachita Association, 7 30; J S Comper, 75c	8 05
Oct.—J L Alexander, A F Cowling, J L C. x. N J Davis, and brother Bailey 1 00 each, 5 00; Joe Barnes, Joe Moseley, L W Wright, each, 50c, 1 50; M H Pace, 1 30; H H Mouser, 2 c; 1 50. Mrs Cowling, Mrs Speak, Mary Alexander, C W Wileman, Silas Goforth, G A Heam, N L Pound, P B Fowler, 25c each, 2 00. Collection Concord Association, 5 00. Pilgrim's Rest church, 2 00;	17 00
Nov.—Mrs S V Brunson,.....	1 00
Dec.—E M Stevens, 2 00; Dr Clark, 2 00; P E Windham, 2 00; T W Denton, 1 00; J W Condry, 2 50; J J Mershon, 12 00;	21 50
Jan., 1890.—Mrs Creps, 25c; Mrs Hale, 50c; Prairie Grove church, 11 55;	12 30
Feb.—R P Claborne, 1 00; J A Bennett, 2 50; Miss Jennie Crutchfield, 1 00; Collections by E B Harlan, 5 00;	9 50
Mar.—A F Ross for his church, 15 13; J J Mershon, 13 65; S H Robinson, 75c;	29 53
May.—E L Comper Family Box, 10 00; I N Briggs, 1 00; Dora Wright, 10c; Oliver Wright, 5c;	11 15
June—W L Comper, 5 00; W B Herndon and wife, 2 50;	7 50
July—Jennie Comper,.....	1 00
Aug.—W L Comper, 5 00; John Rawlings, 5 00;	10 00
Sept.—J W Black, 1 00; Little Oklahoma boy, 10c; Mrs L F Patterson, 5 00; E B Harlan, 2 00; P R Watkins, 1 25; H Cook, 1 25; R P Claborne, 2 00; J W Miller, 5 00; Martin Tonroy, 5 00; H V Richardson and wife, 1 00; T N Watkins, 1 00; W P Hall, 1 00; Mrs M E Payne, 25c; J B Hunt, 2 00;	27 85
The following Paid 1 20 each, or 10c a month:—F G Thomas and wife, Joseph Mitchell and wife, J W Tripp and wife, J N Pennington, Jas Edmondson, O L Alexander and wife, A A Spiller, I N Briggs;	14 40
Sabbath Collection at General Association;	30 35
TOTAL.....	320 70
Paid Dr H A Tupper,.....	192 40
Bal. on hand,.....	128 30

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