

MINUTES

of the

Thirty-first Annual Session

of the

Fourche Valley Missionary Baptist Association

held with

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church

September 27-28-29, 1918

The next session will be held with Adona Baptist Church, Adona, Arkansas, Friday 10:00 a. m. before the last Sunday in September, 1919.

*Eld. GEO. L. HAYES, Moderator
C. A. BLACK, Clerk.*

THE PROCEEDINGS.

The Fourche Valley Missionary Baptist Association met in regular Session with Pleasant Grove Church at Aplin, Ark, on Friday, September 17, 1918. Called to order by the Moderator, Eld. J. E. Steeley.

Introductory Sermon Preached by Rev. J. C. Vaughan, Theme:—"Christ is All."

AFTERNOON.

Called to order by the Moderator at 3:30 p. m. J. Norton and Henry Perry were appointed Reading Clerks.

The following letters were read and messengers seated as follows:—Aplin Messengers; M. O. Flemming, Mrs. Ella Flemming, and J. H. Alexander. Adona; Church:—Messengers, M. F. Caperton, Jethro Norton and Mrs. Norton. Bigelow Church:—Messengers, Rev. J. E. Steeley, Henry Perry and Mrs. Mary Dismukes, Casa Church; Messengers, C. Harris, V. N. Redditt and R. S. Williams. Pleasant Grove Church; Messengers, W. A. Paul, C. A. Black, N. F. Saylor and Miss Mammie Miller. Perryville Church; Messengers, Eld. Geo. L. Hays, R. C. Cumbie. Mulberry Grove Church; Messengers, R. M. Kiker, H. McCabe and Matthew McCabe. Association then went into election of officers, and the following were elected:—Eld. Geo. L. Hayes, Moderator and C. A. Black, Clerk.

On motion the Association voted unanimously to elect Eld. G. L. Hayes, Moderator; Eld. J. E. Steeley, Vice Moderator; and C. A. Black, Clerk.

Call for Petitionary Letters and Letters from Calvary Church was read on motion was received into this Association and W. A. Price Lawrence Price and H. C. Munn were seated as Messengers.

The following Committees were appointed as follows:—Devine Services, Deacons of Pleasant Grove Church with V. N. Redditt and H. McCabe.

Home Mission; R. S. Williams, Mrs. Mary Bland and N. F. Saylor.

Foreign Mission; C. Harris, Lawrence Price, J. H. Alexander. Christian Education; Eld. J. E. Vaughan, Dan Smith and Mrs. Mary Dismukes.

Sunday School; J. Norton, M. O. Flemming, A. C. Munn.

Woman's Work; Mrs. Norton, Mrs. Ella Flemming, Irene White.

State Missions; Eld. Geo. L. Hays, W. A. Paul, Mammie Miller.

Associational Missions; R. S. Williams, C. Harris, Manson Kiker.

Religious Literature: M. F. Caperton, Matthew McCabe, R. C. Cumbie.

Orphans Home; Eld. J. C. Vaughan, H. McCabe, J. Norton.

Prohibition; R. S. Williams, R. C. Cumbie, J. H. Alexander.

Deceased Members; R. C. Cumbie, V. N. Redditt, W. A. Paul.

Resolutions; J. E. Stalley, H. McCabe.

On motion J. C. Vaughan, C. Harris and J. E. Steeley were appointed to draft order of Business.

7:30 p. m. Called to order by Vice Moderator. Preaching by Dr. J. S. Rodgers. Subject, "Missions." Followed by Rev. J. O. Johnson. Subject; "Mission at Camp Pike." Collection for State Mission \$30.00.

SATURDAY—9:00 a. m.

Called to order by Vice Moderator.

Devotional Exercises: Led by Prof. J. G. Liles, Sect.

Renewal Call for Letters. The Letters from Houston were read and J. A. Lovelace seated as Messenger.

Petitionary letter from Emmanuel Church was read and on motion received into the Association.

J. B. Routh, J. A. Lovelace and Erline May were appointed as a Committee on Stewardship and J. N. Fielders, N. F. Sayiors and Henry Perry on Finance.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The Committee on Order of Business Submitted the following report, which was adopted:—

1. Reading of Letters from Churches.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Reception of New Churches.
4. Welcome Our Faith to Counsel.
5. Call for Correspondence.
6. Appointement of Committees.
7. Election of Places of Next Meeting.
8. Election of Minister to Preach the Introductory Sermon.
9. Report of Committees.
10. General Business.
11. Election of Correspondents.
12. Adjournment.

J. C. VAUGHAN

C. HARRIS.

J. E. STEELEY,

Committee.

Nominations for the next meeting of the Association was then called for Mulberry Grove, Adona, and Houston was nominated, Adona was elected for the 1919 Session.

Eld. J. E. Steeley was elected to preach the Introductory Sermon with Eld. J. C. Vaughan Alternate.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Report submitted and adopted.

The Baptists of Arkansas have two well established colleges, Ouachita, at Arkadelphia, and Central, at Conway. Both these institutions have for many years been contributing largely to our denominational growth and developement. We also have three mountain schools, Mountain Home College, at Mountain Home, Maynard, at Maynard, and Mountview Institute, in Carroll County. Our total property in educational institutions is estimated to be worth about \$400,000. Our total education debt as reported at the last meeting of our Convention was only about \$60,000. This debt is on our State Board, and consists of the debts of Central College assumed by the Convention, and of obligations made to secure money to pay annual deficits at Ouachita College. We now have above \$70,000 in the Endowment Fund for Ouachita, and it is hoped and believed that this fund can be made to grow fast enough to keep us from having any more deficits there.

The Baptists of Arkansas must pay our little education debt, endow Ouachita liberally, and provide new buildings and equipment

for our colleges and our mountain schools. We heartily endorse the plan of a five-year campaign for Christian Education. We are glad that an Education Secretary has been employed, whose whole time is given to raising funds for Christian Education, and to stimulating interest in education and to general enlistment work in this cause.

Ouachita College and our mountain schools are of very special importance in the matter of training men for the ministry. We are sadly in need of more preachers, and preachers need training in order to be prepared to do the best service. We ought to encourage and help our young preachers to attend our own Baptist institutions of learning. Let no church fail to make contributions every year to Ministerial and Christian Education.

J. C. VAUGHAN.
MRS. MARY DISMUKES,
Committee.

SATURDAY P. M.

Called to order by the Moderator at 3:00
Devotional Exercises by Geo. L. Hayes.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS. Read and Adopted.

The most urgent mission task that confronts us today is the spiritualization of the life of the New South. The astonishing increase of the South's wealth will crush the souls of the people, if they are not strong enough to master it for spiritual ends. And only a vital religious life and service can give the strength.

The following figures, taken from the Home Mission Board's report last year, give some idea of the work that is being done through this Board: Number of workers, 1,498; churches and stations supplied, 5,106; mountain schools, 36; pupils in these schools, 5,190, of whom 110 were preachers; built or improved 505 meeting houses; Sunday Schools organized 634; churches organized, 213; baptisms, 30,982; total number of additions, 51,949. For this work the Baptists of the South gave directly \$589,987.

The Southern Baptist Convention instructed the Home Board to outline its work for this year on the basis of a million-dollar apportionment. Especially did it declare for enlarged efforts for our soldier boys. This calls for greatly enlarged giving, but our people are well able to do this. For country and human liberty our boys are giving their all. Every loyal Baptist will do his best to care for the spiritual needs of these boys.

Your Committee recommends:

1. That this Association gladly accept its increased apportionment for Home Missions.

2. That classes be formed in all our churches to study the Home Mission books that are issued by the Board, and that a large use be made of the free tracts on Home Missions. Orders for tracts and books should be addressed to Publicity Department. Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

Respectfully submitted,
R. S. WILLIAMS.
Committee.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS. Read and Adopted.

The Southern Baptist Convention at Hot Springs in May decided that Southern Baptists should be requested to give One and a Half Million Dollars to Foreign Missions before the next meeting of the Convention. Compared with Southern Baptist numbers and wealth, this amount is small.

God's blessings are upon Foreign Missions. Even the war is helping this great enterprise. There were 6,290 baptisms last year. We have now 464 churches on all the fields, of which 121 have assumed self-support. We have a church membership above 53,000 with 715 Sunday Schools enrolling more than 34,000 scholars. In other schools we have enrolled nearly 9,000 scholars. We are conducting theological schools in Japan, China, Africa, Italy, South America. We have but few doctors under appointment, and yet these gave more than 100,000 treatments last year. Eighteen new missionaries were appointed in June and many others are greatly needed.

Every church in the association is admonished to lay large plans, and press the greatest campaign next March and April that we have ever undertaken for Foreign Missions. This association should undertake to raise a worthy part of the Million and a Half Dollars. Arkansas should raise \$40,000 this year for this great cause.

The HOME AND FOREIGN FIELDS. price fifty cents, is recommended to all church members. The Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., furnishes FREE of charge tracts for distribution.

PROHIBITION ADOPTED.

C. HARRIS.
C. H. ALEXANDER,
LORANCE PRICE.
Committee.

We, your Committee on Prohibition, beg leave to report as follows:—

We are glad to note that the efforts of the Christian People co-operate with the Anti-Saloon League, in this State have materialised at last almost a drinkless State in this good State of ours. While there are some leakes being discovered in our laws and through these channels drinks yet finds its way into our State and where ever this occurs society is demoralized. To that extent we hereby pray and request our next General Assembly to ammend our laws in such a manner as will assure a sober people all over Arkansas.

Whereas, our Great President Wilson has asked that we discontinue the sale and manufacturing of intoxicants during the war, and the war department has seen fit in its judgment, to remove strong drinks from our soldiers and camps, and we feel it is just as essential to have a drinkless people at home as a drinkless army in the trenches, and even in time of peace we there fore ask our law making body of Arkansas to support Prohibition Ammendment to our Federal Constitution.

R. S. WILLIAMS,
R. C. CUMBIE,
J. H. ALEXANDER,
Committee.

STATE MISSIONS. Read and Adopted.

With Arkansas Baptists the greatest expression of their missionary faith and zeal is found in State Missions. The object of State Missions is to bring all the affairs of all the people of the entire State under the control of Christ. If Arkansas is to give the best help of which she is capable in winning the terrible war, her people must be brought to faith in Christ. To fail in our support of State Missions is to fail in our support of the boys who are offering their all at the battle front.

This work is carried on by the churches in the State through the Executive Board of the Baptist State Convention. The report of this Board to the Convention last year showed great results, thus: 91 workers, 4,384 conversions, 2,243 baptisms, 3,470 additions, 29 churches and 111 Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U's. organized, and \$44,800 given for State Missions. It is the best day we have ever seen.

This year the work has been greatly enlarged, the number of workers being 189. We have four men working full time at Camp Pike besides some special workers. We are spending thousands of dollars to win our soldier boys to Christ. There have been more than 6,000 professions at Camp Pike. It will be necessary to raise in the State Mission Campaign not less than \$50,000 if we go to the Convention at Helena with all State Mission obligations paid. Arkansas Baptists are abundantly able to give all this and more.

YOUR COMMITTEE URGES:

1. That a careful study of the Board's Catechism be made by all the pastors and churches.

2. That pastors and active laymen during the meeting of this Association get together and make plans to reach every church in the Association for a worthy offering to State Missions before December 1.

3. That every church in the Association do its very best to raise the amount asked of it by the Executive Board and that each church add special gifts for the work among the soldiers at Camp Pike. Send all such money to J. S. Rogers, Little Rock, not later than December 1.

W. A. PAUL,
GEO. L. HAYES,

FINANCE REPORT ADOPTED.

We, your Committee, on Finance, beg leave to report as follows:

Received from the churches for minutes fund as follows:—

Pleasant Grove	\$5.00
Adonia	1.50
Aplin	3.00
Bigelow	5.00
Casa	2.80
Cherryhill.	1.25
Houston	3.00
Calvery	1.56
Mulberry	2.00
Perryville	2.50
Thornburg.	1.50
Emmanual	1.50
Harmony	1.05
Total	\$31.66

S. N. FEILDERS,
N. F. SAYLORS,
HENRY PERRY,

Letter from Cherry Hill Church read and Bro. Tillery seated as a messenger.

OBITUARY.

Report read and Adopted.

We, your Committee on Obituraries, beg to report the following who have passed from the field of labor to rest: Miss Grace Stone, Perryville; Annie Road and Carrie Whitehead, Mulberry.

Be it resolved, that we extend sympathy and condolence to the bereaved families that while we miss these associates we bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well.

R. C. CUMBIE,
W. A. PAUL,
Committee.

EVENING SESSION.

Called to order by Vice Moderator. 7:30 o'clock.

Prayer by Sister Jackson.

ORPHAN'S HOME.

Report Read and Adopted.

The Orphan's Home at Monticello has been in operation 22 years, and has been a blessing to, perhaps, 1,000 orphans. This work of mercy has a large place in the hearts of our people. Its mission, based on God's word, is to relieve the distressed orphans and save them to the State, and bring them into the Kingdom.

The policy of placing the children into good private homes, while it has its problems, nevertheless is proving a great blessing to the children, and at the same time enabling the Home to care for a larger number of children.

The health of the children has been remarkably good during the year. There has not been a serious case of illness. All symptoms of pellagra have disappeared, and it is hoped that a permanent cure has effected.

The serious drouth has blighted the crop prospect, but the Home Superintendent thinks there will be a sufficient amount of feedstuffs raised to care for the live stock until another crop is grown.

The Home will need \$7,500.00 to meet all obligations, and go to the Convention clear of debt.

We recommend:

1. That every church and Sunday School make regularly monthly offerings to this work of mercy.

2. That a cash and pledge collection be now taken for the Home.

Respectfully submitted.

J. NORTON.
J. C. VAUGHAN,
Committee.

Cash Collection.	-----	\$75.24
Pledges	-----	\$132.00

SUNDAY A. M.

Preaching by Rev. J. E. Steeley. Text John 3-5.

Called to order by Moderator.

9:00 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. O'Neal.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Report Read and Adopted.

As the Sunday School is one of the teaching branches of the church in training the children in the way we would have them go, we recommend that we select the very best material available in the churches for teachers and those that are apt in teaching Distinctive Baptist Doctrine. We recommend that they use S. B. C. S. and urgently request all, both old and young, to attend the Sunday School.

J. NORTAN,
M. O. FLEMMING,
A. C. MUNN,
Committee.

Letters from Harmony Church was read and Rev. A. A. O'Neal seated as a Messenger.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Report Read and Adopted.

We, your Committee on Associational Missions, beg leave to report as follows:—

The Destitution in the bounds of our Association is great. Many are the calls that are coming from these places for help.

During the year our Missionary, J. B. Routh, has done a great work as will be seen from this report. We recommend therefore, that he be elected by this body in session for full time, at salary of \$1600.00, provided the State Board will help us in the amount of \$600.00. We recommend that the Pastors of the Churches, the Executive Board and the Missionary work out on a wide campaign immediately to reach every church and Destitute Place next summer for a Revival.

We recommend that the pastors and churches be called upon to co-operate to their full strength in this work.

J. C. VAUGHAN,
MANSON KIKER,
CLARENCE PRICE,
Committee.

CHURCHES PASTORS POSTOFFICE CLERKS POSTOFF

Antioch

Adona J. C. Vaughan Adona J. S. Wright Adona

Aplin J. E. Steeley Bigelow J. H. Alexander Aplin

Bigelow J. E. Steeley Bigelow Clara Crist Bigelow

Casa G. L. Hayes Perryville R. S. Williams Casa

Cherryhill G. L. Hayes Perryville W. Tarvin Perryville

Calvary J. B. Routh Bigelow L. Hudspeck Ragsdale

Emmanual J. B. Routh Bigelow Ruby Epps Thornburg

Houston G. L. Hayes Perryville R. Harrison Houston

Harmony A. A. O'Neal Addie Hawkins

Mulberry Grove J. C. Vaughan Adona W. H. Howell Adona

Pleasant Grove C. L. Hayes Perryville O. R. Lawrence Perryville

Perryville G. L. Hayes Perryville R. C. Cumbie Perryville

Thornburg G. W. Beck

Died
Excluded

Present Membership

Amount for Minutes

Amount for Associational
Missions

Amount for State Missions

Home Missions

Days of Meeting

Pastors Salary

Orphans Home

Education

Cost of Literature

Value of Church Property

No. Enrolled in S. S.

Other Expenses

Building and Repairing

Visiting Ministers

Foreign Missions

Ministerial Relief

32	2.75	68.50	15.65	12.50	13.95	7.66	1000.30	200.	3.15	50
2	50	3.00	25.15	50.50		250.	6.25	7.50	50	10.00
83	5.00	62.00	60.100.	480.	1.65	25.76	2000.95		30.	3.60
1	64	2.50	61.40.	5.		12.00	45	6.	5.	
54	1.25	20.							10.00	
22	1.35	28.		2.70						
34	1.25	10.			1.00				2.00	
188	3.00	50.	21.	8.50	25.1500.	75		21.		
27	1.05	13.50	3.76	17.10.		6.00		4.10		
23	84	2.00	71.50	198.58.65	352.50	12.23.40	6.1000.55	1000.6.	58.	
100	5.00	67.	20.	100.	25.	15.				
1	85	2.50	82.30.	16.16.25	17.49	1000.				
	1.00	5.00		5.00	25					

Rev. J. B. Routh, Associational Missionary, submitted the following report, which was filed with the Clerk for record:—

Sermons Preached	326
Other Religious Addresses.	47
Miles Traveled.	1760
Conversions.	371
Joined by Letter and Statement	93
Joined by Baptism.	263
Joined and Waiting for Baptism.	26
Total Additions to the Church.	382
Books Given Away.	376
Price of Books Given Away.	\$44.00
Books Sold on the Field.	1376
Total Books Put on the Field.	1946
Churches Visited.	27
Religious Visits.	647
Houses We Had Family Prayer in.	246
Collections Taken for all Purposes.	68
Meetings Held.	22
Assisted in Building Church Houses.	2
Tracts Distributed.	7600
Bible Schools Attended.	1
Institutes Attended.	18
Sunday Schools Organized.	10
Churches Organized.	4
Churches Re-organized.	1
Fifth Sunday Meetings Attended	2
B. Y. P. U. Organized.	6
W. M. U. Organized.	3
Meetings Arranged for Other Preachers to Hold.	7
Associational Campaigns Held.	1
Churches I Have Assisted in Calling Pastors.	8
Baptist Advance Put in Homes.	62
Home and Foreign Field Put in Homes.	1
Baptist Standard.	1
Salary in Full to Date, Sept. 28-1918.	\$1266.60
Collection on the Field for Associational Missions.	\$688.90
Received in Books From Book House. L. R. J. S. R.	\$500.00
Received from R. M. Pruitt, Treasurer	\$109.10
Total Received in Full.	\$1298.00
Paid out to J. B. Bunn.	\$16.50
C. A. Black.	\$7.00
Total Paid Out.	\$23.50
Total Paid to Missionary in Full.	\$1272.50
Missionary Paid in Full and a Balance of \$5.00 due this Association.	

Collection are as follows:—

Aplin. -----	\$21.60
Adonia. -----	55.00
Bigelow. -----	62.15
Belview. -----	1.40
Casa. -----	21.40
Cherryhill. -----	20.20
Emmanual. -----	60.00
Harmony. -----	3.30
Mulberry. -----	47.00
Calvery. -----	23.00
Houston. -----	70.20
Nimrod. -----	5.00
Perry. -----	6.00
Perryville. -----	82.00
Pleasant Grove. -----	67.00
Pleasant Valley. -----	.30
Thornburg. -----	5.00
Stony Point. -----	4.60
Sweet Home. -----	5.00
White Eagle. -----	1.50
Old Dixie. -----	2.00
Mulberry Fifth Sunday Meeting. -----	33.50
Casa Fifth Sunday Meeting. -----	54.00
Total Collection for Associational Missions. -----	\$688.90
Assisted in Collecting for Home and Foreign Missionh:—	
Houston. -----	\$33.00
Cherryhill. -----	10.00
Adonia. -----	25.00
Stony Point. -----	3.00
Bigelow. -----	153.00
Total. -----	\$224.00

ORPHANS HOME.

Adonia. -----	\$5.00
Cherryhill. -----	5.00
Emmanual. -----	5.00
Calvery. -----	2.70

OLD MINISTERS RELIEF

Respectfully Submitted.	
Emmanual. -----	\$1.00

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Stony Point. -----	1.50
Total. -----	\$2.50
Emmanual. -----	1.50

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Emmanual. -----	\$1.00
Total Collection in Full -----	\$885.15

J. B. Routh. Missionary.

Respectfully submitted.

J. B. ROUTH, Missionary of Fourche Valley Association.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order by the Moderator. 2 o'clock p. m.

WOMANS WORK.

Report Read and Adopted.

We, your Committee on Womans Work, submit the following:--

We find that there are different phases of the work the Woman's Mission Union has organizations for young women, girls, boys and children. All of these organizations have monthly Missionary Meetings with carefully prepared programs. They are taught Systematic Bible Study, and proportionate giving our women are doing a great work and are really the training forces of our churches. We, the Committee, recommend that this Association elect a Superintendent for the purpose of enlisting the women and men in this Association, and that the Pastors and churches in this Association cooperate with her Superintendent, giving her spare time to the work, and that this Association allow her an expense fund to visit the Societies and organize new ones.

NETTIE NORTON,
ELLA FLEMMENS,
IRENE WHITE,

Committee.

Respectfully submitted.

J. B. ROUTH, Missionary.

When I came and took hold of this work it was with diffucult for a time to locate and survey the field. I find the needs are great. The laborers are few, but the churches have done well and if they will only feel the needs and importance of this work and would give their prayers and support more this next year, the result for the Fourche Valley Association would be marvelous.

As we look out upon this field and see the opportunity and possibilities for the Baptists of Perry County, we ought to almost hear the voice of God, saying, "Ask of me and I shall give thee the heathens for their deliverance and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." Psalms, 2-8.

"Let us be wise therefore brethern and go forward. This land is your inheritance and you must go up and take it. Go, ye." Matt. 28-19.

I must say in conclusion, that I never worked with a people that seemed to love the cause of God more than the people of Perry County, and I must say further, that God has some of the noblest Baptists in this part of the state, who have stood by me and the work, have prayed and given their means.

Oh, let us be faithful, prayerful, earnest and true to this work, is the prayers of your humble Missionary.

Hear what Paul said: "Therefore, my beloved Brethern, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your work is not in vain in the Lord."

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Report Read and Adopted.

We, your Committee on Religious Literature, submit the following report:—

1. That we recommend a careful study of the Holy Scripture, the book on which our faith is founded.
2. We recommend the Baptist Advance, our State Paper and Mission Journal Home and Foreign Field.
3. That we patronize our Book House at Little Rock when in need of religious books.
4. That we advise the use of S. B. C. Literature in all our Sunday Schools.

M. F. CAPERTON,
MATTHEW McCABE,
R. C. CUMBIE,
Committee.

EVENING SESSION.

Called to order by the Vice Moderator. A protest against the War Order was made and to be signed by the Moderator and Clerk of this Association and sent to the third War Sec.

STEWARDSHIP.

Report on Stewardship Read and Adopted.

Much interest is being aroused on the subject of Stewardship. Our people are seeing as never before that all life must be put on a stewardship basis. Common honesty demands this. Each one of us belongs to God; all of our possessions are God's property rather than our own; the very strength, skill and ability that we use belong to God. We are to use and administer all of these "as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

It is gratifying to note that this great subject is being emphasized and agitated all over the land. The secretaries of the Executive Board of the State Convention have sent out thousands of copies of free books on Stewardship and have circulated quantities of other free literature on the subject; many classes have been organized to study Stewardship; many sermons have been preached on it by our pastors; and it has often been discussed in institutes, Bible Schools and assemblies.

We recommend:—

1. That every pastor preach to all his people several times during the year on some phase of Stewardship.
2. That books and tracts on this subject be circulated and read by our people as widely as possible.
3. That classes for the study of Stewardship be organized in churches and Sunday Schools, in W. M. U. and B. Y. P. U. Societies, and in protracted meetings. Free books for such classes (as well as other free literature on Stewardship and Tithing) can be had by writing J. S. Compere, 405 Donaghey Building, Little Rock, Ark.

Respectfully submitted.

J. E. STEELEY,
Committee.

On motion the Association elected an Executive Board as follows:—R. S. Williams, C. A. Black, J. Norton, R. M. Pruitt, Dr. R. A. Jones, Geo. Wormack, J. E. Brazil, Sam Avery and Geo. L. Hayes. R. C. Cumbie was elected as our Representative to the State Board. That four members with the Moderator constitute a Quorum was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

Report on Resolutions Read and Adopted.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg leave to submit the following:—

1. Be it resolved that we have 500 Minutes printed. The printing and distribution of the same to be supervised by the Clerk and that he be allowed \$15.00 for his services. -----

2. That our next setting of this body convene with Adonia Church, on Thursday before the last Sunday in September, 1919, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m.

3. That we tender our heartfelt thanks to Pleasant Grove, Pastor, Church and Community for the royal entertainment during our stay in their midst.

4. That we thank our Moderator and Clerk for their efficient and impartial services.

J. E. STEELY,
H. M. McCABE,
Committee.

Preaching by Rev. J. C. Vaughan. Theme: Second Coming of Christ.

The following rules of Decorum was adopted:—

1. This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. The officers of this Association shall be chosen by a majority of the members, present by ballot.

3. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to see that order is kept according to the rules of decorum.

4. Any member being dissatisfied with the decision of the Moderator, may appeal to the Association, provided it is done the same day.

5. One member may speak at a time. He shall address the Moderator, and on obtaining the floor shall proceed without interruption unless he depart from the subject or use personal reflection. -----

6. No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject without obtaining leave of the Association.

7. No practice shall be allowed that is calculated to interrupt a member while speaking.

8. Every motion made and seconded after time given for debate shall be put to the Association unless previously withdrawn and the Moderator shall announce the decision of the Association unless a division is called for.

9. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present.

10. No appellation but that of "Brother" shall be used by members addressing each other during the session of the Association.

11. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled and also vote in case of a tie to give the casting vote.

12. The names of members may be called as often as the Association deems necessary and no member shall withdraw himself from the Association without leave of the Moderator.

13. These rules shall be read at the opening of each session and oftener if necessary.

14. These rules may be amended at any session of this body by a majority of the members present.

CONSTITUTION.

The following Constitution was adopted as follows:—

Article 1.—This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches of our union, together with the ministers who on producing their credentials shall be entitled to seats.

Art. 2. This Association shall be known as Fourche Valley Missionary Baptist Association.

Art. 3. Each church composing this Association shall be entitled to three delegates until the church numbers fifty (50) then one for each additional fifty.

Art. 4. The object of this Association will be to advise measures to promote the Redeemers Kingdom on earth and to meet at such times and places as she may appoint.

Art. 5. This Association shall be considered an advisory council and shall have no power to legislate for the churches or lord it over God's heritage.

Art. 6. Other churches may be admitted into this body by letter and delegates, provided they be deemed orthodox, which shall be determined by their abstract of faith and church government.

Art. 7. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by ballot at each session and hold their offices until their successors are properly qualified. The Treasurer shall be a member of the Executive Board.

8. The Clerk shall keep a regular file of minutes of the Association and turn the same over to his successor in office.

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of each church composing this Association to send up such contribution in money to each annual meeting, as shall be necessary to defray the expenses of this Association and each church shall be furnished with minutes in proportion to the amount furnished.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of each church to send up to each annual meeting of this body a letter containing a brief history of her progress since the last session with the following particulars to-wit: her prosperity or adversity, the names of delegates, pastors, deacons, ordained or licensed ministers, her increase by Baptism, by Letter, by exclusion died, total membership, her contribution for pastors salary, other home expenses. Associational Mission, State Missions, Home Missions. Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, number of Sunday School pupils, number of officers and teachers, name of Post Office, of Superintendent, amount contributed by the Sunday School, value of church property, time of regular Conference meetings.

Art. 11. Any church may make any query, asking advice of this Association.

Art. 12. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a full and fair record of the proceedings of this Association and to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes. For his services he shall receive such remuneration as the Association may from time to time think proper.

Art. 13. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and account for all moneys paid him for use of the Association according to its order.

Art. 14. Amendment to this constitution may be made at any session of this Association when two-thirds of the members present shall deem it necessary. Adjourned to meet with Adona Church Thursday before the last Sunday in Sept. 1919, at 7:30 o'clock.

REV. GEO. L. HAYES, Moderator.
C. A. BLACK, Clerk