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OF THE

Forty-Ninth Annual Session

OF THE

Bartholomew Regular

Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Mt. Zion No. 2 Church,

Chicot County, Ark., Sept. 30, Oct. 1 and 2, 1899.



OFFICERS:

N. C. DENSON, Moderator, Warren,

J. M. L. THOMASSON, Clerk and Treas., Monticello.



The next session will be held with Shady Grove church, Bradley County, on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1900.

Proceedings.

EULA, ARK., September 30, 1899.

The Bartholomew Regular Baptist Association convened in its forty-ninth annual session this day, with Mt. Zion No. 2 church at 10 o'clock a. m. Eld. N. C. Denson, moderator, opened the services by reading from the 12th chapter of Romans and leading in prayer. The body then being ready for regular work, the clerk read the Rules of Decorum. The roll of churches was called and Brethren J. W. Sims and A. F. Willis read the letters as they were presented. (For list of churches and delegates see Appendix.) At 11 o'clock the roll call was discontinued and Bro. A. F. Willis occupied the stand and preached the introductory sermon from John 3: 7. After the sermon a recess was taken for dinner. Dismission by Eld. W. T. Clements.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at 1 o'clock. After song service, Eld. W. T. Clements led in prayer. The call of churches was then resumed and continued to a finish. The body then went into permanent organization. By motion the rules were suspended and N. C. Denson and J. M. L. Thomasson were re-elected as moderator and clerk by acclamation. Petitionary letters were called for. Bro. John Goodwin came forward presenting a letter from Arkadelphia church asking for admission into this body. Giving satisfactory evidence of orthodoxy, the church was received and the hand of fellowship extended the delegates.

Committee on Arrangements for Preaching were appointed as follows: F. M. Bordeaux, W. S. Allen, M. W. Wilson, S. A. Stephenson and H. F. Holt.

A call for corresponding messengers and visitors was responded to by Eld. S. H. Campbell, as representative of Ouachita College, and Eld. O. P. Miles, representing the *Arkansas Baptist*.

The following committees were appointed by the moderator:

Associational Missions—J. W. Sims, W. T. Clements and H. Berry.

Home Missions—A. F. Willis, S. P. Nobles and W. W. Ritter.

Foreign Missions—T. G. Morgan, M. M. Ford and W. M. Donaldson.

State Missions—C. M. Walker, J. E. Findley and H. S. Brooks.

Sunday-schools—W. S. Allen, J. R. Riley and Henry Scott.

Ministerial Education—G. D. Moore, T. C. Wheat and J. O. House.

Orphans' Home—F. M. Bordeaux, Sister Haunah H. Gardner and Wilburn Strickland.

Publications—J. N. P. Hill, S. A. Stephenson and R. M. Linder.

Finance—W. S. Allen, T. C. Wheat and J. N. Murray.

State of Religion—S. H. Woods, W. C. Russell and John Wheat.

Nominations—F. M. Bordeaux, T. J. Brymer and G. W. Hill.

Obituaries—J. W. Sims, T. G. Morgan and W. T. Clements.

The Committee on Divine Service reported as follows:

Preaching at 7:30 this evening by Eld. N. C. Denson. Sunday, Eld. G. D. Moore to preach the annual missionary sermon at 11 a. m. At the same hour Eld. S. H. Campbell to preach in the grove. At 1 p. m., mass-meeting in the interest of the Orphans' Home. At 2:30 p. m., preaching by Eld. O. P. Miles. At 7:30, preaching by Eld. S. H. Campbell.
F. M. BORDEAUX, Chairman.

Eld. G. D. Moore, for the Committee on Ministerial Education, presented the following:

Realizing the importance of the ministerial office, the great work done by our consecrated ministry, the vast good

achieved by our beloved Ouachita College in the education of our young preachers, the crying need of an educated ministry to teach the Bible truths and the Baptist doctrine given by our Lord and Master in the New Testament, and taught so fearlessly and faithfully by our forefathers for eighteen centuries, we desire to urge and insist that as Baptists, we should do more in the future for the education of our young preachers, called of God to preach, than we have done in the past. Brethren, let us help in this great work by our money, encouragement and prayers. Also our work for Ouachita College that is doing so much to keep alive the great Bible, Baptist doctrines.

GEO. D. MOORE,
J. O. HOUSE,
T. C. WHEAT,
Committee.

Motion prevailed to postpone the discussion of this subject to hear the report of the Committee on Associational Missions which is as follows:

While we feel that our board has made the best effort possible under the circumstances, yet it is a fact, yea a sad fact, that for the last two years we have done comparatively nothing in regard to Associational Missions, and when we look over this field we can exclaim with truthfulness, "The field is white already to harvest," and it makes our hearts bleed when we realize that there are souls perishing for the bread of life in our care, entrusted unto us for distribution by the Master, and yet we have done so little in the work. We therefore recommend that our Mission Board be instructed to employ a man for half his time, and more if possible, and that the time be divided equally between points on and away from the railroad, as may be hereafter designated by the board which shall be elected by this body at its present session.

J. W. SIMS,
HENRY BERRY,
W. T. CLEMENTS,
Committee.

In connection with the above the secretary of the Mission Board presented the following report:

Your board has accomplished but little since the last meeting of this body. We did accept three propositions from as many men, but failed to obtain either of them. At our last meeting we decided to hold a series of meetings at the following places: Collins, Petersburg, Troy and Johnsville, and arranged with our home preachers to conduct same, but sickness and other causes prevented all except Eld. N. C. Denson, who held a four days' meeting at Johnsville. We

have made every effort we reasonably could to get a missionary on the field. G. D. MOORE, Sec.

Both these reports were discussed at length by Brethren J. W. Sims, N. C. Denson, J. M. L. Thomasson, G. D. Moore, W. S. Allen and S. H. Woods. Pending discussion the body took a recess until 7:30 this evening. Dismission by Eld. W. W. Ritter.

Reassembled at the time appointed and spent 30 minutes in song and prayer service. after which Eld. N. C. Denson occupied the stand and preached from John 4: 35 and Mathew 9: 37-38. After sermon, the discussion of the mission question was resumed, and engaged in by G. D. Moore and F. M. Bordeaux, and the reports adopted. Adjourned to meet at 9:30 a. m. tomorrow. Dismission by Eld. S. H. Campbell.

SUNDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The service was opened with singing, and Eld. T. G. Morgan led in prayer. Eld. J. W. Sims, by request, took charge and conducted a praise and prayer service in which many took part, giving expressions of praise and thanksgiving.

At 11 o'clock Eld. G. D. Moore occupied the stand and preached the annual missionary sermon from I Cor. 16: 2. Eld. S. H. Campbell at the same hour preached in the grove from John 6: 57-58. A collection for missions was taken at each place and a total of \$12.20 was collected.

SUNDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met in the house at 1:30, and, after singing and prayer, the Committee on Orphans' Home presented their report as follows:

In 1894 Miss Hannah Hyatt gave 80 acres of land for a Home for the orphans of Arkansas. In 1895-96 buildings were erected and Miss Hannah Hyatt took charge as matron with two children. We have now twenty-five children in the Home to be cared for. We have lost two by death. There have been nine conversions. There are 19 girls and six boys, from 2 to 15 years of age, all in good health and well contented in the Home. We recommend that this body ask the board to take no more children in the Home than can be well cared for, and that they do not put out the children to be made servants, but if put into homes they must be Christian homes, the parties agreeing to give them the advantages of education and religious training as far as they may be able to do so, and it shall be the duty of the board to see that such

contract is faithfully kept on the part of those in whose care the children are placed. As this institution is within our own bounds, be it

RESOLVED; That we give it our hearty support, both by our means and our prayers, to the end that these unfortunate children be supported and educated as far as we are able to assist them.

F. M. BORDEAUX,

MRS. HANNAH HYATT-GARDNER,

WILBURN STRICKLAND,

Committee.

This report was adopted after earnest speeches by F. M. Bordeaux, S. H. Campbell, N. C. Denson, S. H. Woods and J. M. Thomasson, who took a collection in cash and pledges as follows: Cash, \$32.95; pledges:

Mt. Olive church, by J. R. Riley, twenty bushels	
of corn.....	\$4 00
M. C. Cooper,.....	2 00
J. T. Sawyer,.....	1 00
W. E. Allen,.....	1 00
A. S. Underwood,.....	2 50
J. T. Boyd,.....	1 00
Total,	\$11 50

At 2:30 p. m. Eld. O. P. Miles occupied the stand and preached from Romans 8: 28. At the close of the sermon Bro. S. H. Campbell led a praise and prayer service. At the close of the service a motion prevailed fixing 8 o'clock as the hour for meeting in the morning. Dismissed by Eld. N. C. Denson.

Reassembled at the hour appointed, and, after spending some time in song and prayer service, Eld. S. H. Campbell preached a most acceptable sermon from the word "Remember." At the close of the sermon some twenty or more came forward asking for prayer, and one came asking for membership in this (Mt. Zion No. 2) church. Quite a good feeling prevailed throughout the entire service.

MONDAY—EVENING SESSION.

At 8 o'clock the service opened with singing, Eld. A. F. Willis leading in prayer.

The clerk and treasurer presented his annual report, and the balance due ordered paid.

REPORT OF CLERK AND TREASURER, 1898-9.

For associational missions,	\$ 46 90
For associational minutes,	41 60
For State missions,	6 05
For home missions,	23 50
For foreign missions,	12 16
For ministerial education,	8 05
For Orphans' Home,	5 05

Total, \$143 37

Collections at as'n for State missions,	\$ 9 17
Collections at as'n for Orphans' Home,	14 34
Collections on Sunday for Ass'al missions, .	7 77
Collections on Sunday for State missions, ...	7 00

Total, \$ 38 28

Total, \$181 65

Received from R. F. H. association fund, ..	\$ 54 73
By amount paid clerk,	20 00
By amount paid for minutes,	21 00
By amount paid State mission board,	22 22
By amount paid home mission board,	23 50
By amount paid foreign mission board,	12 16
By amount paid ministerial board,	8 05
By amount paid treasurer Orphans' Home, .	19 39
By amount paid for register and postage, ...	60
By amount paid for blank letters,	1 15
By amount paid for postage mailing blanks, ..	44
By amount paid for stationery,	25
By amount paid clerk (bal. due) and treas.,	1 97

Total, \$185 46

Balance due treasurer, \$ 3 81

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The Committee on Home Missions made the following report:

Feeling that a part of the great responsibility of carrying out the commission "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," as given by our Savior, rests upon our shoulders, and taking into consideration the great work and the great opportunities that God has and is now opening up to us in the bounds of our home mission territory we believe that we cannot place too great importance upon this part of our work. Our blessed Savior said in John 12: 32, "And if I be lifted up from the earth I will draw all men unto me."

Brethren, let us lift up Christ in our home field that our own boys and girls, and the great number of perishing souls, may come to Christ Jesus and be saved.

A. F. WILLIS,
W. W. RITTER,
S. P. NOBLES,
Committee.

This report was adopted after speeches by Brethren A. F. Willis and N. C. Denson.

The Committee on Sunday-schools reported as follows:

Paul says that Timothy's faith dwelt first in his grandmother, then in his mother, then in him. God has placed the religious training in the hands of parents. This is wise, for the parents have far more influence over their children than any one else. Just to think that we will after death still live on earth in our children. They will speak our words, think our thoughts, do our deeds and follow just as we have led. If we do not teach them about Jesus on Sunday we may draw our conclusion as to the rest. Away back under the old law, as recorded in Deut. 6, we have express command in these words: "That thou mayest fear the Lord thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou and thy sons, and son's sons all the days of thy life." "Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shall talk of them when thou liest down and when thou risest up." These passages forever settle the question, and make the duty of teaching children a daily matter—a life-long obligation. We not only need more Sunday-schools, but sorely need better ones. No children can succeed without a suitable teacher. Many of our schools are weak, while some have died, and others ought to die, because they are without suitable teachers. Think of an irreligious teacher teaching children about Christ when they neither love nor obey our blessed Lord. Let no one except men and women of deep piety and sound doctrine teach in our schools. We recommend that this body, through its mission board or otherwise, place a Sunday-school missionary and colporter in the field for one-half of his time to organize new schools and encourage the work generally among the churches in our bounds. The report from churches shows nineteen schools in the thirty-eight churches reported, with a membership of 911, an increase over last year's report of thirty-two members.

W. S. ALLEN,
J. R. RILEY,
HENRY SCOTT,
Committee.

This report was adopted after an earnest discussion of the Sunday-school work by Brethren G. D. Moore, J. M. L.

Thomasson, S. H. Woods, S. H. Campbell, O. P. Miles, F. M. Bordeaux and J. W. Sims.

The following report was presented by the Committee on State Missions:

Jesus said "Go ye into all the world," and we have not yet performed the work, even in the borders of our own State. We recommend that each pastor preach a sermon to each of his churches on State missions, urging his people to help in this work. As Christ is our example and we are his followers we must preach his holy truth to our people. We feel that when they hear the calls for the "bread of life" more will lend a helping hand in this work in their own great State.

C. M. WALKER,
H. S. BROOKS.
J. E. FINDLEY,
Committee.

The report was earnestly and freely discussed by Brethren N. C. Denson, J. M. L. Thomasson, S. H. Woods, G. D. Moore and O. P. Miles, showing a strong sentiment in favor of State missions, and also a strong sentiment against the large salaries that are being paid to the secretary and evangelist. At the close of the discussion the report was adopted as read.

The Committee on Ministerial Education having made their report and discussion on the subject postponed, it was now called up and Eld S. H. Campbell earnestly presented the work of Ouachita College and took a collection for Ministerial Education amounting to \$5.90. The report was then adopted as read.

The Committee on Nominations presented the following which was adopted as read:

We recommend as members of the Mission Board, for Drew County—J. M. L. Thomasson, R. F. Hyatt, Jno. R. Wallace and Henry Berry.

Ashley County—Geo. D. Moore, S. R. Smith, J. W. Sims and T. G. Morgan.

Bradley County—A. F. Willis, N. C. Denson, W. T. Clements and J. H. Gill.

Chicot County—E. B. Everett and W. M. Sansing.

We would impress upon this board the importance of pushing the work in the bounds of this association. We recommend as members of the Board of Ministerial Education, G. D. Moore, N. C. Denson and J. W. Sims. We recommend that J. W. Sims preach the annual introductory

sermon; T. G. Morgan as alternate. N. C. Denson to preach the annual missionary sermon; W. T. Clements, alternate, and Shady Grove church in Bradley county as the place for our next annual meeting.

T. M. BORDEAUX,

T. G. BRYMER,

T. W. HILL,

Committee.

Motion prevailed taking recess for dinner. Dismission by J. W. Sims.

TUESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at 1 o'clock, and after singing, Eld. S. H. Woods led in prayer. The clerk presented an account for \$3.50 due Eld. N. C. Denson for traveling expenses to attend the State Board meeting. The same was allowed and ordered paid.

The Committee on State of Religion made the following report which was adopted:

We find that the reports from the various churches show additions by baptism, 217; by letter, 80; by restoration, 42; total, 339. They also show a decrease by letter, 145; by death, 65; by exclusion, 86; total, 296; making a net gain of 43. We also find that many of our churches have had gracious revivals during the past year, for which we praise God and take courage. So let us return to our home churches with a greater determination to live nearer to God and do more for God's cause during the next associational year than we have ever done before, feeling as we do that we have been greatly benefitted by meeting together in this association.

S. H. WOODS,

W. C. RUSSELL,

JOHN WHEAT,

Committee.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported as follows:

We quote from last year's report as follows: "The foreign mission work is the greatest work of our people. It is a united effort to carry out the great commission of our Lord. Although our contributions have not been large, yet God has blessed our missionaries. They report additions and baptisms, and that opposition is giving way. We are thankful to God to know that the gospel light is breaking in upon all nations, and that from idolatry they are turning to our God who will abundantly pardon. Feeling that a part of the great responsibility of carrying out the commission, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature,' as given by our blessed Savior, rests upon our shoulders, and taking into consideration the great work and the great opportunities that God has and is now opening up to us in

the bounds of our foreign mission field, we believe that we can not place too great importance upon this part of our work. We believe in this work as in all our mission work, that its success depends upon regular systematic giving upon the part of all our churches. Jesus saith unto them, 'My meat is to do the will of him that sent me and to finish his work.' Acts 14: 27 contains the first foreign missionary report ever made by missionaries who had been sent to foreign fields by a New Testament church. This is a part of the great work of our churches, and the work is being directed by our Foreign Mission Board, who represent the organized strength and purpose of the churches. Jesus Christ has commanded his church to send the gospel to the whole world, and we must do it by our prayers and regular contributions."

T. G. MORGAN,
W. M. FORD,
W. M. DONALDSON,
Committee.

This subject was discussed by Brethren T. G. Morgan, S. H. Woods and G. D. Moore and the report adopted

The Committee on Obituaries presented the following:

Since the last meeting of this association, one of our standard bearers has passed to his reward—our beloved Bro. Hogan Allen. We greatly miss him, but we should be submissive to the will of him who doeth all things well. Let us be prepared to meet him where parting is no more. We recommend that a committee be appointed to write a suitable obituary to be published in the *Arkansas Baptist* and other papers if thought best, this body to pay the expense of same if there is any charge made. We also recommend that the churches of this association be requested to take collections and raise funds necessary to erect a suitable monument over Bro. Allen's grave; said funds to be sent to J. H. Riley, Berea, Ark., chairman of Monument Committee. Appointed by Mt. Olive church, of which the deceased brother was a member.

W. T. CLEMENTS,
J. W. SIMS,
T. G. MORGAN,
Committee.

Brethren W. T. Clements, N. C. Denson, S. H. Woods and G. D. Moore, in earnest speeches filled with loving words, paid tribute to the memory of Bro. Allen and the report adopted. Brethren G. D. Moore, J. W. Sims and J. M. L. Thomasson were appointed to write and have published the obituary named in the above report.

Bro. W. S. Allen presented the following which was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, That our sincere thanks be and are hereby tendered to the brethren, sisters and friends of Mt. Zion No. 2 church for the kind and Christian hospitality they have so earnestly extended us during our stay with them.

The following was presented by J. M. L. Thomasson:

RESOLVED, That our thanks are most heartily given to Bro. Blackman and others who so ably assisted him for the help rendered in the work here by the splendid song service, and we do most earnestly pray God's blessings upon them.

Adopted.

Motion by Bro. W. S. Allen to pay the clerk \$25 for his services was carried by a large majority.

Eld. J. W. Sims was elected as representative to the Southern Baptist Convention. Eld. N. C. Denson as alternate.

Representatives to the State Convention were elected as follows: N. C. Denson, J. M. L. Thomasson, T. G. Morgan, A. F. Willis and W. T. Clements. Eld. N. C. Denson was made the representative on the State Board and our mission board instructed to pay his traveling expenses.

Corresponding messengers were appointed as follows:

Judson Association—Eld. A. F. Willis.

Friendship Association—J. M. L. Thomasson, N. C. Denson, W. W. Ritter and J. W. Sims.

Liberty and Everett Associations—T. G. Morgan.

The treasurer of the mission board not having sent in his report, the clerk was instructed to procure same and insert in the minutes, and is as follows:

Report of R. F. Hyatt, treasurer of the Mission Board of Bartholomew Association.

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Oct. 1, 1898.	To balance on hand last report.....	\$ 8 15
Oct. 5.	Amount received from clerk of the ass'n	53 73
Nov. 11.	Amount from Beech Creek church.....	2 50
	Woodlawn church.....	1 15
Nov. 30.	District meeting.....	6 81
	Sam H. Woods.....	1 00
	Holly Springs church.....	2 50
	Concord church.....	1 00
	Smyrna church.....	1 00
Dec. 28.	Hamburg church.....	6 60
	Eld. Hogan Allen.....	5 00

	Edon church.....	30
Jan. 4, 1899.	Warren church.....	2 50
Jan. 17.	Eld. Geo. D. Moore.....	1 65
Feb. 27.	Monticello church.....	5 00
March 30.	Enon church.....	5 00
April 29.	New Liberty church.....	2 00
	Shady Grove church.....	1 00
April 30.	District meeting.....	3 20
May 13.	Promise Land church.....	3 00

Total debits.....\$113 09

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Dec. 28, 1898.	By order N. C. Denson.....	5 00
Oct. 1, 1899.	Balance on hand.....	108 09

Total debits.....\$113 09

R. F. HYATT, Treasurer.

The Committee on Publications reported as follows:

We regard the Bible as the most important of all literature, and insist on a more thorough reading and distribution of it among our people. We recommend the *Arkansas Baptist*, our State organ, as worthy of our patronage, and hope that every Baptist family in this association will take and read it. We also recommend the Sunday-school literature published by the Southern Baptist Convention, and also that of the American Baptist Publication Society.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. P. HILL,

R. M. LINDER,

S. A. STEPHENSON,

Committee.

This report was adopted after speeches by Rev. O. P. Miles and J. M. L. Thomasson.

The Committee on Finance reported the following:

CHURCHES.	For Minutes.	For Associational Missions.	For State Missions.	For Home Missions.	For Foreign Missions.	For Ministerial Education.	For Orphans Home.	For Sunday-School Work
Beech Creek.....	\$1 50		\$1 10	\$1 20	\$3 00		\$6 45	
Beulah.....								
Bethany.....	1 00							
Corinth.....	50							
Center Point.....	1 00	1 50						
Concord.....	1 25							
Collins.....	80							
Central.....	1 50			75			2 41	
Enon.....	2 00	50						
Egypt.....	55							
Ebenezer.....	1 25	2 50		2 50	1 25			
Evergreen.....	80							
Eureka.....	1 00		2 00		4 20			
Edon.....								
Fellowship.....	1 00							
Flat Creek.....	1 50			2 00	1 65			
Friendship.....	1 25							
Harmony.....								
Hamburg.....	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	1 55
Hopewell.....	1 00	1 00	2 26	1 00				
Holly Springs.....	75							
Judson.....	1 05	2 00		1 00				
Monticello.....	2 25							
Mt. Zion No. 1.....	1 50	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00		1 00	
Mt. Olive.....	1 00	1 40	1 00		1 00			
Mt. Zion No. 2.....	50							
Meridian.....	75	2 00	1 00		1 00			
Mt. Pleasant.....	1 00	1 25					1 50	
New Liberty.....								
New Union.....								
Piney Grove.....	50							
Promise Land.....	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		1 00	
Portland.....	1 25		1 50	2 00	1 00			
Prairie Grove.....	2 00	5 00				2 00		
Pleasant Grove.....	1 00	1 00	50	50			2 00	
Shady Grove.....	1 50							
Sardis.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00				
Saline.....								
Shiloh.....	1 00	2 50	1 00	1 00			50	
Smyrna.....								
Wilmot.....								
Union Hill.....	90	3 45						
Unity.....	1 50	2 00		2 00			1 10	
Warren.....	1 50	4 25						
Wood Lawn.....	55	2 45						
Yostina.....								
Porter Bluff.....								
Arkadelphia.....	75	50		75	1 00			
Total.....	\$44 05	\$40 30	\$16 26	\$29 70	\$19 10	\$3 00	\$17 96	\$1 55

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Collection on Sunday for missions.....	\$162 90
Collection on Sunday for Orphans' Home.....	12 20
Collection on Monday for ministerial education.....	5 90

Grand Total,..... \$213 98

W. S. ALLEN,
J. N. MURRAY,
T. C. WHEAT,
Committee.

The business being finished, a motion prevailed that we do now adjourn to meet with Shady Grove church in Bradley county at 10 o'clock on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1900. The congregation joined in singing, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," while the parting hand was being given, and the service closed with prayer led by Eld. W. T. Clements. Thus ended the forty-ninth annual session of Bartholomew Association, and we feel that it was a profitable meeting. While it was sad to know that death had taken from us so many of our former co-laborers, still we rejoiced in remembering them as faithful in life and having gone to their reward, to know that their works are following them. This meeting was noted for the deep spirituality that prevailed through the entire session. The presence of the Holy Spirit was manifest from first to last, for which we praise and magnify the name of our God.

N. C. DENSON, Moderator.

J. M. L. THOMASSON, Clerk.

Ordained Ministers, Churches and Postoffices.

- Jno. S. Wood, Hamburg, Monticello, Drew county.
- W. C. Harley, Woodlawn, Barkada, Drew county.
- W. W. Ritter, Corinth, Warren, Bradley county.
- W. T. Clements, Union Hill, Ingalls, Bradley county.
- N. C. Denson, Warren, Warren, Bradley county.
- Jno. F. Rorex, Shady Grove, Magnolia.
- A. F. Willis, Egypt, Simpson, Bradley county.
- T. G. Morgan, Beech Creek, Hawkins, Ashley county.
- E. T. Mitchell, Hopewell, Mist, Ashley county.
- *E. R. Bell, Bethany, Wilmot.
- C. M. Walker, Evergreen, Elon, Ashley county.
- S. S. Gray, Collins, Collins, Drew county.
- G. D. Moore, Egypt, Milo, Ashley county.
- *O. O. Sunberg, Egypt, Hennessey, O. T.
- S. H. Woods, Judson, Milo, Ashley county.
- R. T. Moseley, Promise Land, Eula, Chicot county.
- J. G. Reed, Piney Grove, Luella, Drew county.
- *M. A. Rice, Hamburg, Hamburg, Ashley county.
- J. W. Sims, Shiloh, Berea, Ashley county.
- E. C. Faulkner, Monticello, Monticello, Drew county.

*Not pastors.

Articles of Faith.

ARTICLE. I. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

ART. II. We believe that the Scriptures, composing the Old and New Testaments, are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

ART. III. We believe in the doctrine of election, as founded in the foreknowledge of God, through sanctification of the spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.

ART. IV. We believe in the doctrine of original sin by the fall of Adam.

ART. V. We believe in man's incapacity, by his own free will and ability, to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.

ART. VI. We believe that sinners are justified, in the sight of God, by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.

ART. VII. We believe that saints shall be preserved in grace, and never fall finally away.

ART. VIII. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of baptism, and that immersion is the apostolic mode.

ART. IX. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and in the general judgment; and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

ART. X. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel but one who is regularly baptized, called and comes under the imposition of the hands of a presbytery.

ART. XI. We believe that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's table.

ART. XII. We believe that the Lord's day should be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion.

Constitution.

ARTICLE I. The association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches who, on producing their credentials, shall be entitled to seats.

ART. II. This association shall be called Bartholomew Regular Baptist Association.

ART. III. Each church composing this association shall be entitled to three delegates.

ART. IV. The object of this association shall be to devise measures to promote the Redeemer's kingdom, particularly in the bounds of this association.

ART. V. This association shall never possess any power or authority over any church, but may act as an advisory council.

ART. VI. New churches may be admitted into this union by signifying their wish by letter and delegates, provided they are deemed orthodox.

ART. VII. The officers of this association shall consist of a moderator, clerk and treasurer, and any member of the association shall be eligible to the office aforesaid so long as the association shall call him—as amended.

ART. VIII. Every church shall be furnished with minutes, and every other benefit of the fund, in proportion to the money advanced.

ART. IX. Amendments to the constitution may be made at any session of this association, when two-thirds of the members present shall deem it necessary.

ART. X. Any church becoming heterodox in faith or practice, after her reception, the association shall withdraw from said church; the word of God being the standard of orthodoxy—as amended.

Rules of Decorum.

1. This association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. A moderator and clerk shall be chosen by a majority of the members present.

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 be done on the same day.

5. One member only shall speak at a time, who shall address the moderator; and on obtaining the floor, shall proceed, and not be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject, or makes use of personal reflections.

6. No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice on any one 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 to the association.

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 in addressing each other while in session.

11. The moderator shall have same privilege of speech as other members provided the chair be filled, but shall not be allowed to vote unless the association be equally divided.

12. The names of all members shall be called as often as the association may deem necessary, and no member shall withdraw himself from the association without leave from the association.

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

Statistical Table

CHURCHES.	Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration.	Died.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Males.	Females.	Present Membership	Asso'n'l		State		Home		Foreign		Ministerial Education.	Sunday School Work.	Orphans' Home.	Woman's Work.	Pastor's Salary	Minutes.	Incidentals.	Value of Church Property.															
										Heretofore Paid.	Cash Herewith.	Heretofore Paid.	Cash Herewith.	Heretofore Paid.	Cash Herewith.	Heretofore Paid.	Cash Herewith.																							
Beech Creek	8	7	1		4	1	66	69	135	2	50		1	00		1	20		3	00			96	00	1	50			200	00										
Beulah																													200	00										
Bethany	3	3	3		2	4	4	4	13																1	00														
Corinth	3	3	1		2	4	5	8	13																50															
Center Point	7	1	1	3	6	3	31	35	86	1	25	1	50											1	00			200	00											
Concord					1	4	1		40														23	00	1	25			300	00										
Collins					2	3	8	12	20																80	84	85		250	00										
Central	23	1	2	1	6	10	43	59	102						75						2	41	100	00	1	50	15	65	690	00										
Enon	8	2	1	6	15	9	61	100	161	5	00	50		2	70		2	50		2	50		100	00	2	00	1	00	500	00										
Egypt				3	6	7	17	29	46														50	00	55		150	00												
Ebenezer	1	1					33	65	98		2	50	5	70	2	70	2	50			2	00		1	25	80		300	00											
Evergreen							1	10	14	24								1	25																					
Eureka	27	8	3	1	4	1	29	43	72			2	00				4	20					50	00	1	00														
Edon																																								
Fellowship							11	24	35																1	00														
Flat Creek	4	2					45	54	99			1	50										100	00	1	50			100	00										
Friendship	15	6	1	6	6		17	25	43														5	50	1	25			135	00										
Harmony																																								
Hamburg	7	13		2			23	34	56	1	00	2	00	4	00	2	00		1	00	1	55	2	00	2	00	205	00	2000	00										
Hopewell	9	1	1		1	1	37	40	77		1	00			2	25									1	00			800	00										
Holly Springs	5	1	1	1	1	1	55	71	126	3	50		1	00		2	50		2	00			3	60	101	00	75	23	75	800	00									
Judson	4	2				1	2	71	71	2	00		1	00										60	00	1	05			400	00									
Monticello	34	5	1		14		54	96	150	5	00		40	00	11	45			25	00		75		100	00	2	25	145	00	3000	00									
Mt. Zion No. 1	13	1	1	1	2	2	20	40	78		2	00		2	00								1	00	75	00	1	50			250	00								
Mt. Olive	3	6		3	6	7	25	40	65	5	00	1	40	1	00	1	00		1	00			10	00		1	00			400	00									
Mt. Zion No. 2							25	41	66														20	00		16	00			50										
Meridian						1	10	25	35		2	00													75				100	00										
Mt. Pleasant	3	2	2	1	1		12	17	29		1	25			2	50					1	00																		
New Liberty																																								
New Union																																								
Piney Grove							9	15	24																13	50	50		280	00										
Promise Land	4	2	2	5	5	2	53	87	140	3	00	2	00	2	00	1	00		1	00			100	00	2	00			800	00										
Portland			9	3	3		13	30	43				1	50								2	00	122	00			13	20	1000	00									
Prairie Grove	4			2	3	18	52	90	142															50	25	2	00			250	00									
Poplar Bluff																																								
Pleasant Grove	6	2	1	1	6	1	18	32	50		1	00		50		50				2	00					1	00													
Shady Grove							18	32	50																		1	50			400	00								
Sardis	4	2	4	2	2	2	36	39	75		1	00		1	00		1	00								1	00													
Saline																																								
Shiloh	7	4	2	4	1	3	31	40	71		2	50		1	00		1	00																						
Smyrna																																								
Union Hill							1	18	31	49		3	45		1	00																								
Unity	11	4	1		1		33	37	70		2	00			50																									
Wilmot																																								
Warren	2	2	1	3	6	3	49	84	133	2	50	4	25	5	00	3	10		6	00		5	00	2	85															
Woodlawn				1	13		22	47	69	1	15	2	85	2	00																									
Arkadelphia	5	7	2					14								75							2	25			1	25			500	00								
Total	217	80	42	65	145	86	1142	1522	2570	\$32	50	\$33	20	\$62	20	\$14	76	\$29	45	\$20	20	\$21	20	\$14	50	\$31	0	\$14	55	\$172	41	75	\$2274	75	\$429	00	\$533	95	\$15655	00

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICES.	MESSENGERS.
Arkadelphia	C. M. Walker	Frank Clark	Brushy	John Goodwin.
Beech Creek	T. J. Morgan	C. L. Hill	Hawkins	T. J. Morgan, J. N. Murray.
Beulah		G. S. Bell	Wilmott	A. A. Hughes.
Bethany	W. J. Newcomer	W. D. Aultman	Moody	W. W. Ritter, W. D. Aultman.
Corinth	W. W. Ritter	W. B. Barksdale	Co lins	Wilburn Strickland.
Concord Point	S. S. Gray	W. J. Hickman	Marsden	
Concord		W. M. Donaldson	Collins	W. M. Donaldson.
Collins		T. G. Gammel	Berea	T. J. Brymer, J. H. Johnson, James Beavers.
Central	G. D. Moore	L. E. Morgan	Monticello	J. M. L. Thomasson, F. M. Bordeaux, Henry Berry.
Enca	J. W. Sims	R. A. Ready	Milo	Geo. D. Moore.
Egypt	G. D. Moore	W. N. Adams	Warren	
Ebenezer	W. C. Harley	John Tate	Eton	C. M. Walker, D. A. W. Grice.
Evergreen	S. H. Woods	Frank Thatch	Ely	J. D. Thatch, Leslie Carnes, G. W. Hill
Eureka	T. J. Morgan			
Edon		F. C. Parker	Snyder	
Fellowship		G. W. Mears	Fountain Hill	W. C. Russell, T. J. Oliver.
Flat Creek	J. W. Sims	D. R. Young	Monticello	H. H. Scroggins, L. Barnett.
Friendship	S. H. Woods	G. F. Hall	Hamburg	J. O. House.
Harmony		J. A. Wheat	Mist	John Pamphlin, John Wheat, Henry Scott.
Hamburg	N. C. Denson	J. H. Pollard	Hermitage	A. F. Willis.
Hopewell	E. T. Mitchel	A. S. Woods	Hamburg	S. H. Woods, W. M. Ford, S. P. Nobles.
Holly Springs	A. F. Willis	D. T. Hyatt	Monticello	Mrs. Hannah Hyatt Gardner.
Judson	J. W. Sims	John White	Matoka	W. S. Allen, I. J. Byrd, John Melton,
Monticello	E. C. Faulkner	J. H. Riley	Berea	J. R. Riley, R. R. Riley.
Mt. Zion No. 1	T. J. Morgan	W. A. Holt	Carmel	M. W. Wilson, S. A. Stephenson, H. F. Holt.
Mt. Olive		J. H. Franklin	Peter-burg	
Mt. Zion No. 2	E. T. Moseley	T. D. Hudson	Portland	W. J. Scott, H. S. Brooks.
Meridian	C. M. Walker			
Mt. Pleasant	E. T. Mitchel	A. E. Gill	Luella	
New Liberty		S. R. Smith	Mist	T. C. Wheat, John Smith.
New Union	J. G. Reed	D. L. Baile	Portland	J. E. Findly.
Piney Grove	G. D. Moore	J. E. Daniels	Scipio	Dow Lee, Dock Wolf.
Promise Land	G. W. McCurdy			
Portland	A. F. Willis	Allen Sharp	Hamburg	J. W. Hall, J. N. P. Hill, R. M. Linder.
Prairie Grove		W. L. Higga-on	Jersey	
Poplar Bluff	E. T. Mitchel	J. D. Dingler	Trafalga	J. G. Watkins, J. A. Sneazy,
Pleasant Grove	A. F. Willis	W. L. Rogers	Fountain Hill	J. W. Sims.
Shady Grove	E. T. Mitchel			
Sardis		S. T. Johnson	Ingalls	W. T. Clements.
Saline	J. W. Sims	W. M. Hester	Hamburg	J. R. Hester, W. W. Jeffreys.
Shiloh	A. F. Willis	M. T. Gill		
Smruga	T. G. Morgan	W. B. Massey	Warren	N. C. Denson.
Union Hill	N. C. Denson		Barkada	
Unity				
Wilmot				
Warren				
Woodlawn				