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 A. J. Deason.....Rogers
 C. F. Church.....Sulphur Springs

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Adams, E. J., Rogers	Little, J. F., Rogers
Banks, J. C., Sulphur Springs	Little, L. T., Rogers
Bruner, F. A., Gentry	Marshall, Floyd, Sulphur Sp'gs.
Bilberry, J. V., Garfield	Myrick, C. M., Siloam Springs
Deason, A. J., Rogers	Penn, T. D., Rogers
Hall, J. A., Pea Ridge	Pritchard, W. R., S. W. City, Mo
Hardy, C. E., Sulphur Springs	Rice, F. J., Siloam Springs
Harris, G. C., Rogers	Scoggins, J. A., Decatur
	Ward, W. T., Rogers

NAMES OF MESSENGERS

Bentonville—A. F. Keith, S. W. Vauter, Mrs. A. F. Keith.
 Brush Creek—Mrs. Chas. George, Mrs. L. J. Washburn, Elery Buckley.
 Butler Creek—Will Hughes, C. F. Church, Mrs. C. F. Church.
 Decatur—J. A. Scoggins, Dr. F. G. Eubanks.
 Garfield—J. V. Bilberry, G. A. Corder, Mrs. G. A. Corder.
 Gentry—F. A. Bruner.
 Gravette—Dr. W. D. Foster, J. C. Banks.
 Gum Springs—Letter, but no messengers.
 Mount Zion—W. R. Pritchard.
 Pea Ridge—Mrs. A. G. Ingalls.
 Pleasant Hill—A. J. Deason.
 Rogers.—T. D. Penn, W. T. Ward, B. S. Beach, J. W. Bowen,
 Mrs. W. A. McNeil, Mrs. A. M. Buckley, Bess Nash.
 Siloam Springs—S. T. Ersland, R. J. Olney.
 Sulphur Springs—Floyd Marshall, C. E. Hardy.
 Temperance Hill—I. A. Hankins.
 Twelve Corners—J. W. Harris.

MINUTES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 1918

Morning Session

The Association was called to order at 11 a. m. by the moderator, Rev. T. D. Penn.

After a short devotional exercise, in the absence of the one appointed to preach the annual sermon, Rev. J. O. Johnston, Camp Pike pastor, was asked to preach. Instead of preaching a sermon Bro. Johnston related his experience and call to the ministry which was very interesting.

In the absence of the clerk, J. W. Bowen was appointed clerk pro tem.

Brethren G. C. Harris and A. J. Deason were asked to read the letters from the churches.

Letters were read from Rogers, Twelve Corners, Pea Ridge, Pleasant Hill, Bentonville, Elm Springs, Siloam Springs and Temperance Hill.

Adjourned to 1:30 p. m. Prayer by A. F. Keith.

Afternoon Session

Opened by singing "The Sweet By and By," and prayer by W. A. Moffitt.

Letters were read from Decatur, Sulphur Springs, Gravette and Mount Zion.

The Association then proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year.

Pending the report of the tellers, Prof. J. G. Lile, Educational Secretary, made a short talk on denominational work.

The tellers then reported the election of Rev. T. D. Penn moderator, J. W. Bowen clerk, and A. F. Keith treasurer.

A motion was carried to add to the list of committees a committee on stewardship.

A motion was carried to change the number of members on the various committees from three to two.

Pending the appointment of committees, Bro. Barton, pastor at Fayetteville, offered a resolution relative to the discontinuing

of Camp Pastors, which was adopted as follows:

A Memorial to Hon. Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War, concerning the order excluding camp pastors from the army camps and cantonments of the United States Army:

Dear Sir:

We are constrained by the inexorable duties and rights of conscience before Almighty God to bring you the following solemn protest against your recent order denying certain religious denominations the right to send ministers of the Gospel, and other workers, to the army camps to minister to the religious needs of the soldiers.

First: It is agreeable to our patriotism and consonate with the facts of history to inform you that loyalty to the national government is a fundamental tenet of the Baptist denomination. If you are conversant with the facts of history you probably know that General Washington singled out the Baptists of America for special encomiums of praise, because of their stalwart support of the Revolutionary cause and you can hardly be unmindful moreover of the very important and honorable part this denomination had in securing the adoption of the first constitutional amendment, which says, "Congress shall enact no law respecting the establishment of religion of any kind or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

There is no doubt in our minds that the said order plainly violates our constitutional rights for it does, without doubt, prohibit the "free exercise of religion."

In the second place we call your attention to an unfair, unjust and unconstitutional discrimination which the order makes in favor of some and against other denominations. It is a matter of common knowledge that the Roman Catholics and some others have a free hand in approaching and ministering to the men, even to the erecting of buildings on government land—a privilege which has been stoutly denied to some religious organizations.

Again we ask you to remember that this principle of individual liberty has always been recognized in American life, by granting the right to prisoners and others to choose their own spiritual advisors.

We urge furthermore that in our judgment this order cannot be justified on the grounds of military necessity for the camp pastors work in harmony with and subject to the regulations of the military authorities, and experience has already shown that

their presence promotes efficiency and ministers to the morale of the men in the service.

We believe, honored secretary, that our rights guaranteed by the Constitution are taken from us by this order. We know that our Baptist people, the largest evangelical body in the United States, are loyal to the government and will remain so despite this unwarranted invasion of our constitutional rights, and because of our loyalty, our love for the national honor, our inalienable rights in the premises, our love for the boys, who should have the right to choose their own spiritual advisors, and because of the solemn voice of conscience which cries aloud for a free and untrammelled approach to God, to bring to you a perpetual remonstrance against the enforcement of this discriminatory ruling, and respectfully request that you immediately restore to all denominations those liberties vouchsafed in the Word of God and written into the fundamental law of the nation.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

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 of 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 at least 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.

F. G. Eubanks.

J. A. Hall,

The report was discussed by W. A. Moffitt, Mrs. J. G. Jackson and G. C. Harris and adopted.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock. Prayer by E. J. Adams.

Night Session

Opened by singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and prayer by Bro. Floyd Marshall.

Bro. Lile then made a stirring appeal for Christian Education, which was well taken.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

We believe in the work our women are doing and may do and that if it were not for the women the work of the church would be a failure.

We therefore heartily endorse their work and advise the co-operation of the church in the same.

Mrs. A. F. Keith,

C. E. Hardy.

The report was discussed by Mrs. Jackson, J. A. Scoggins, J. V. Bilberry and W. T. Ward, and adopted.

Bro. J. O. Johnston gave a very interesting talk on Camp Pike work.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock tomorrow. Prayer by J. V. Bilberry.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 1918.

Morning Session

Devotional service led by C. M. Myrick. After singing "Revive Us Again," and prayer by J. A. Scoggins, Bro. Myrick read from 2 Pet. Chap. 1, and commented on same, followed by talks from the brethren.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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 denomiantional growth and development. We also have three mountain schools, Mountain Home College at Mountain Home, Maynard Academy at Maynard and Montview Institute in Carroll County. Our total property in educational institutions is estimated to be worth about \$400,000. Our total educational 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 badly 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 school fail to make contributions every year to Ministerial and Christian Education.

W. R. Pritchard.

W. T. Ward,

Report was spoken to by J. G. Lile and W. T. Ward, and adopted.

The following committees were announced by the Moderator.

Religious Literature—J. C. Banks.

Woman's Work—Mrs. A. F. Keith, C. E. Hardy.

Old Minister's Relief—A. J. Deason.

Obituaries—Miss Bess Nash.

Sunday Schools and Colportage—C. E. Hardy.

B. Y. P. U. Work—J. A. Scoggins, J. W. Harris.

Associational Missions—C. M. Myrick, F. W. Olney.

Orphan's Home—Mrs. W. A. McNeil, J. G. Lile.

Christian Education—W. T. Ward, W. R. Pritchard.

Temperance—I. A. Hankins.

State Missions—J. A. Hall, F. G. Eubanks.

Home Missions—B. S. Beach.

Foreign Missions—

Sunday Observance—W. R. Pritchard.

Nominations—Floyd Marshall.

Finance Committee—

Resolutions—Floyd Marshall, J. C. Banks.

Stewardship—C. M. Myrick.

REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME

The Orphans' 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 the 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 been 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.

Mrs. W. A. McNeil,

J. G. Lile.

The report was spoken to by Dr. W. D. Foster and Mrs. L. J. Washburn, and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved that our churches stand in harmony with each other, and work to the one great aim, the glory of God; and that our churches refrain from giving their support to union Sunday schools, but support our own Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. work.

Resolved. That this Association extend a vote of thanks to the First Baptist Church of Rogers for the hospitality shown in the entertainment of the messengers and visitors during the Association.

The report was spoken to by Floyd Marshall, J. C. Banks, W. D. Foster and Mrs. Jackson, and adopted.

At this time J. O. Johnston and Mrs. J. G. Jackson, both of Little Rock, made short talks of appreciation for the hospitality of Rogers church.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

The advancement of Baptist Literature is commendable. We look with great favor upon the work of our church papers, and our Book Concerns, New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Kansas City, Louisville and Nashville.

However, our own State Paper, the Baptist Advance, edited by E. J. A. McKinney at Little Rock, should be read in every home. Home and Foreign Field should prove a great stimulus to Missions.

We appreciate the growth of the Book Department of the Baptist Advance, and recommend that our churches purchase their books from our home folks.

J. C. Banks.

The report was discussed by J. C. Banks and J. V. Bilberry.

At this time a recess was taken for dinner, with the above report pending.

Afternoon Session

Opened by singing "Lord, I'm Coming Home," and prayer by C. E. Hardy.

The pending report on Religious Literature was then further discussed by W. R. Pritchard, T. D. Penn, J. A. Scoggins, Dr. Foster, W. T. Ward, Mrs. W. A. McNeil and Floyd Marshall, and adopted.

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U. WORK

More than two-thirds of the churches of this Association have organized and are maintaining B. Y. P. U.'s for the developing of the minds and hearts of our boys and girls.

We believe in preparedness. We urge the development of our young people.

We recommend that every pastor co-operate with our B. Y. P. U.'s.

We further recommend a B. Y. P. U. in every Baptist church.

We recommend, also, an annual County Convention of the B. Y. P. U.'s and urge that every B. Y. P. U. represent in said convention.

J. A. Scoggins,

J. W. Harris.

The report was spoken to by J. B. Moseley, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Secretary; J. A. Scoggins, Dr. Foster, A. J. Deason, Dr. Eubanks and T. D. Penn, and adopted.

At this time the letter from Butler's Creek church was read.

REPORT ON SUNDAY OBSERVANCE

Baptist people have, through all ages, believed and taught the doctrine of Sunday observance as taught in the divine word, in the decalogue of the old Scriptures, and in Acts 20:7, 1 Cor. 16:2 in the New Testament.

The committee believe that since the Sabbath was made for man, that by it he may have a higher means of holiness.

1. That he should not be deprived of it and that such legislation be maintained as will secure this protection.

2. Sunday rest and the privilege of worship should be enjoyed by all people without distinction, as the gift is for the whole man's physical good and mental and spiritual invigoration.

3. That observance of the Lord's Day as a day belonging wholly unto the Lord, is obligatory upon every Christian.

4. That we sincerely deplore the modern misuse of the Lord's day in so-called innocent amusements, such as base ball and other games; moving picture and other shows; pleasure or joy riding, especially with the automobile, leading to the neglect of duty to God and to the church.

W. R. Pritchard.

F. G. Eubanks,

The report was discussed by J. C. Banks and W. R. Pritchard, and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report was read and adopted as follows:

Balance of money on hand at last Association.....	\$ 6.26
Received at the Association at Gravette for printing Minutes.....	\$17.95
Orphan's Home from Pea Ridge church.....	\$10.50
Sent to J. S. Rogers, and have receipt for same: Associational Missions.....	\$ 5.02
Received from Bentonville Baptist church for printing Minutes.....	\$ 5.00
Paid Bro. Slifer for postage.....	\$ 1.42
By Garfield Baptist Church for Bro. Penn.....	\$ 2.00
Brush Creek Baptist Church.....	\$ 2.00
Sulphur Springs Baptist Church for Bro. Penn.....	\$ 2.00
Rogers Baptist Church for printing Minutes.....	\$ 5.00
By Rogers Baptist Church for Bro. Penn.....	\$20.00
May 24 paid Bro. Slifer, clerk.....	\$10.00
Paid Bro. D. H. Truhitte, Associational Missionary, on July 8, 1918.....	\$30.00
Balance on hand Aug. 30, 1918.....	\$14.94

REPORT ON STEWARDSHIP

The subject of Stewardship is a Scriptural one and we are glad to note that the interest in this subject is growing and more people are reading and studying about Stewardship than have been heretofore.

We are not our own, for we are bought with a price, therefore we and all we possess are the Lord's. All that we claim as our own we receive from God, and by his help and blessings we are enabled to accumulate wealth. He who permits us to hold and use what we have, has a right to claim His own and surely his part should be rendered to him in due season.

It is plainly taught in the Bible that we will have to give an

account for our Stewardship. We recommend that all our people study this subject more and read the little book "Stewardship" by C. A. Cook.

C. M. Myrick.

The report was discussed by J. A. Scoggins and C. E. Hardy, and adopted.

Reports were read by the Missionary, D. H. Truhitte, and the committee on Associational Missions and after a talk by Bro. Truhitte short discussion was deferred till 9 o'clock tomorrow morning, pending the report of the Executive Board.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND COLPORTAGE

We, you committee, have this to say of Sunday School and Colportage, that in former years Sunday Schools were not so much looked after as at the present time and carelessness of our people in the past, has caused our churches to suffer at the present time. Carelessness, we say, by old and retiring ministers and laymen as well of our churches, especially of the country districts, in that they have not taken an active part in the Sunday School work but have left it to a few women and children to be helped out by some enthusiastic free lancer, which has brought upon us a burden that is not only hard to bear but is an enemy that is being hard to drive from the camp.

We most heartily endorse the work of the Sunday School Board of Nashville, Tenn., which is placing before us this strong and pure literature which we have, and which is not only calculated to make us good Christian men and women, boys and girls, but strong Baptists.

We therefore recommend a Baptist Sunday School in every Baptist church in this Association.

C. E. Hardy.

The report was spoken to by C. E. Hardy and J. B. Moseley, and adopted.

On motion, Bro. Bilberry was asked to preach at the evening service.

Adjourned till 10 a. m. tomorrow.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 1918

Morning Session

Session opened by singing "Rescue the Perishing," and prayer by C. M. Myrick.

Letter from Gentry Church was read.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

We, your Executive Board, beg leave to report that we employed Rev. D. H. Truhitte to do general mission work in this county. He began work May 1, 1918, and has labored four months at a salary of \$100.00 per month, the State Board paying one-half of his salary.

T. D. Penn, President,
W. J. Slifer, Secretary.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

Our Associational Mission work is so important, and lies so close to our doors and hearts that a mere mention of it should interest all of us.

A very excellent work has been done by our present missionary and we recommend that he, Bro. D. H. Truhitte, be employed for full time for the entire year.

There is a great need of mission work because of the great distitution of our county.

Therefore we would urge all of our churches and pastors to be very zealous in supporting our mission work.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY

Report of Missionary for May 1 to August 31, 1918:

Days of labor 120, miles traveled 3075, sermons preached 15, conversions 106, baptisms administered by me 50, baptisms by others from my meetings 17, additions by letter 8, total additions 75, number of churches visited 15, number of mission collections taken 7, number of families prayed with 45, number of protracted meetings held 5, number of Sunday schools organized 2, number of B. Y. P. U.'s organized 1, number of churches assisted in locating pastors 3.

D. H. Truhitte, Missionary

The above reports were discussed by C. M. Myrick, W. T. Ward, J. A. Scoggins, Floyd Marshall, C. E. Hardy, I. A. Hankins, J. V. Bilberry, I. M. Phillips and Mrs. A. G. Ingalls, and adopted.

RESOLUTION

Resolved: That our Executive Board be composed of men well distributed over the county, and that the number shall be not less than nine men, preachers and laymen. Adopted.

W. T. Ward,
I. A. Hankins,
J. A. Scoggins,
G. E. Jones,
J. V. Ehlberry.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We rejoice over the progress that has been made in the cause of prohibition in past few years. We believe that the saloon is doomed in this state and that soon we shall have nation-wide prohibition.

We recommend that our Baptist people everywhere give loyal support to every effort that may at any time be made to restrict or destroy the great evil of intemperance.

Let intoxicating drinks be barred the world over.

I. A. Hankins.

The report was adopted without discussion.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

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 141 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 churches. The Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., furnishes FREE of charge tracts for distribution.

Committee: Mrs. W. A. McNeil.

The report was spoken to by Mrs. W. A. McNeil, and adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

Our eyes must be lifted up to look upon the fields white to harvest. The marvelous and rapid changes produced by the world war make it necessary for us to think in large terms and act quickly.

Conditions in our home field are undergoing rapid changes. New fields are constantly created.

The whole country from Baltimore to Galveston is swarming with workmen and their families in the ship-building plants. Other places where industrial war plants are located are growing in population by leaps and bounds.

This will give us some intimation of the vast mission field. The call is imperative. May the sight of these great needs stir our hearts until we will willingly help to raise a million dollars for Home Missions.

The report was spoken to by B. S. Beach, and adopted.

Dr. B. C. Bain.

B. S. Beach,

The Association took a recess without a motion to adjourn for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Meeting opened by singing "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes," and prayer by A. J. Deason.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

The report on nominations was read and adopted as follows:
Place of next meeting: Old Temperance Hill Church.

To preach the annual sermon: J. C. Banks, alternate, J. V. Bitgerry.

Messenger to Southern Baptist Convention: C. M. Myrick.

Elective Members of Executive Board: Dr. B. C. Ba'n, Dr. W. D. Foster, Dr. F. G. Eubanks, I. A. Hankins, A. J. Deason, C. F. Church.

REPORT ON OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF

Your committee find that a few years ago the matter of raising a fund for the relief of aged ministers, was taken up by this Association and recommendations in regard to it made to the State Convention. This body in session at Malvern, placed it on the regular schedule of offerings.

We further find from the report of the State Convention held at Jonesboro that last year the Baptists of this great state paid the very small sum of \$281.21 to this worthy cause.

It is enough to make us as a great denomination hide our faces in shame.

Your committee recommends that this matter be pressed by this Association and by the pastors in the churches, and that we look forward to no distant day when we shall have a regular fund for the pensioning of our aged ministers.

A. J. Deason.

The report was spoken to by A. J. Deason, C. E. Hardy and W. T. Ward, and adopted.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

A feeling of sadness always comes to those who are called to give up loved ones. This is true in the church as well as in the home. Our sorrow will be turned into joy when we reach that city we seek, whose builder and maker is God.

The following are the names of those who have passed away in the past year from the churches of Benton county.

Bentonville—Eugene Jefferson, Rev. J. C. Carter, J. W. Vauter.

Twelve Corners—Ella Jones, Wiley Foster

Pea Ridge—R. F. Carden, Dora Wood.

Decatur—Janie Williams.

Rogers—Mrs. A. S. Teasdale, Mrs. Chas. Melvin, Mrs. W. M. Keith, Geo. Hayes.

Sulphur Springs—Sister Margaret Treat.

Bess Nash.

The report was spoken to by J. A. Scoggins, A. J. Deason,

I. A. Hankins, T. D. Penn and J. W. Bowen, and adopted.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with Old Temperance Hill Church on Thursday before the First Sunday in September, 1919, at 10 o'clock a. m.

J. W. Bowen, Clerk.

T. D. Penn, Moderator.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The following order of business will be observed, unless otherwise directed:

First—Temporary organization.

Second—Reading of letters from the churches and enrollment of messengers.

Third—Annual sermon.

First—Temporary organization.

The moderator shall appoint the following committees of two members each:

1. Religious exercises.
2. Religious Literature.
3. Woman's Work.
4. Old Ministers Relief.
5. Obituaries.
6. Sunday Schools and Corpottage.
7. B. Y. P. U. work.
8. Associational Missions.
9. Orphans' Home.
10. Christian Education.
11. Temperance.
12. State Missions.
13. Home Missions.
14. Foreign Missions.
15. Sunday Observance.

16. Nominations (a) who shall nominate the Executive Board, (b) place of next meeting and arrangements therefor, (c) and nominate delegate to Southern Baptist Convention.

17. Finance Committee, who shall audit treasurer's report.

18. Stewardship.

Sixth—Report of Executive Board and Missionary, in connection with the report on Associational Missions.

Seventh—Report of Committees.

Eighth—Report of Treasurer.

Ninth—Miscellaneous Business.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be composed of messengers, who shall be members of the churches they represent (except such as may be invited to a seat by consent of the body) and shall be styled, "The Benton County Baptist Association."

Article II. The Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, at the place previously appointed, and after public worship, reading the letters from the churches and acting upon those soliciting membership, a moderator, a clerk and a treasurer shall be chosen from the messengers by ballot, all of whom shall hold their office until others shall be elected.

Article III. It shall be the duty of the clerk to make an accurate record of the proceedings of each meeting of the Association, in a book providing for that purpose.

Article IV. The associational work of the Association shall be in charge of an executive board consisting of the moderator, clerk and treasurer of this Association, who shall be respectively president, secretary and treasurer of the executive board, and six other members of the churches belonging to this Association, who shall be elected annually by the Association.

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

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

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

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

Article IX. This Association shall have the right to open and hold correspondence with other Associations, as may be deemed expedient.

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

Article XI. Any messenger who shall leave before the final adjournment of the Association without permission from the moderator, shall have his name stricken from the minutes.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

NAMES OF CHURCHES	Valuation of Church Property	Building, Repairing and Improving	Pastor's Salary	Local Expenses	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Christian Education	Orphan's Home	Evangelistic Help	Other Objects	Printing minutes	TOTAL
Bentonville.....	\$3000	\$108.80	\$1260.00	\$282.85	\$ 45.00	\$158.10	\$ 80.28	\$ 80.28	\$16.25	\$ 23.25	\$148.85	\$	\$10.00	\$2213.66
Brush Creek.....	550	11.31	57.10	2.50		15.50	7.50	7.50		5.00			.75	106.66
Butler Creek.....	500	32.00	35.50	.15	5.00	2.00				2.00			1.80	39.70
Decatur.....	1000	18.65	196.65	47.36	26.00	17.00	24.45	16.45	9.53	39.55		3.00	2.25	400.85
Garfield.....	1200	6.75	250.00	34.32	17.00	25.00	18.00	26.35		11.90	76.00	127.01	3.20	595.53
Gentry.....	2500	17.00	385.00	42.00			10.55	9.50		5.00	81.00	5.20	1.60	556.85
Gravette.....	800		240.00	30.00	2.00	50.00	7.50	7.50		20.00	20.00	6.40	2.00	385.40
Gum Springs....	1500	25.59	38.50	2.16	18.85	5.00	5.00	5.00		7.16	34.00		1.25	142.51
Mount Zion.....	700	100.00	60.00	3.00			2.20	2.20					1.50	168.90
Pea Ridge.....				15.00	36.00	100.00	3.50	3.50			45.00		1.25	204.25
Pleasant Hill....	500		68.50	10.75			20.00	20.00	2.00	12.00	17.00		3.00	153.25
Rogers.....	16500	85.27	1290.00	314.70	30.00	200.00	150.00	150.00	50.00	45.00			8.00	2322.97
Siloam Springs..	6000	53.96	756.00	179.55	10.00	115.00	72.20	72.20		12.50		12.50	2.50	1273.91
Sulphur Springs.	600		175.00	32.98	10.75		4.00	3.95		5.00			1.50	245.18
Temperance Hill	900			5.50	56.00	10.00	6.00	6.00			12.00		1.00	96.50
Twelve Corners.	400		45.00	6.50		14.00	1.00	1.00		13.73			1.40	83.53
Total.....	36650	459.33	487.25	109.32	256.60	511.60	412.18	411.43	77.78	202.09	433.85	154.11	43.00	8989.65

CHURCH DIRECTORY

No.	Name of Church	Name of Clerk and Address	Pastor and Address
1.	Bentonville.....	James Drummond.....Bentonville	No Pastor
2.	Brush Creek.....	Genie Lowe.....Elm Spring	T. D. Penn.....Rogers
3.	Butler Creek.....	Mrs. Frank Miller.....Sulphur Spring	J. C. Banks.....Gravette
4.	Decatur.....	Gladys Lance.....Decatur	J. A. Scoggins.....Decatur
5.	Garfield.....	Wm. A. Grammer.....Garfield	J. V. Bilberry.....Garfield
6.	Gentry.....	Mrs. C. C. Fristoe.....Gentry	F. A. Bruner.....Gentry
7.	Gravette.....	J. S. Thompson.....Gravette	J. A. Hall.....Pea Ridge
8.	Gum Springs.....	F. E. Dewitt.....Siloam Spring	J. H. Crawford.....Garfield
9.	Mount Zion.....	C. O. Pritchard.....Sulphur Spring	C. E. Hardy.....Sulphur Springs
10.	Pea Ridge.....	F. E. Wood.....Pea Ridge	No Pastor
11.	Pleasant Hill.....	Fred Alred.....Rogers	A. J. Deason.....Rogers
12.	Rogers.....	P. M. Kokanour.....Rogers	W. T. Ward.....Rogers
13.	Siloam Springs.....	Mrs. S. T. Ersland.....Siloam Spring	C. M. Myrick.....Siloam Spring
14.	Sulphur Springs.....	Winnie E. Dunn.....Sulphur Spring	Floyd Marshall.....Sulphur Springs
15.	Temperance Hill.....	L. A. Hankins.....Bentonville	No Pastor
16.	Twelve Corners.....	J. W. Harris.....Garfield	J. A. Hall.....Pea Ridge

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

NAME OF CHURCH	SUPERINTENDENT AND ADDRESS	Mos. Held	Kinds of Lit	No. Officers and Teacher	Enrollment	Average Att	Expenses	No. Classes	No. Baptisms	
Bentonville.....	C. M. Kee, Bentonville.....	12	S. B.	20	125	80	\$ 81.00	15		
Brush Creek....	Genie Lowe, Elm Springs.....	12	S. B.	13	92	50	35.42	7		
Butler Creek....	Mrs. John Wentz, Sulphur Springs.....	1	S. B.	7	31	24	1.63	4		
Decatur.....	T. J. Perkins, Decatur.....	12	S. B.	13	90					
Garfield.....	F. M. Haswell, Garfield.....	12	S. B.	8	80	50	50.16	4	3	
Gravette.....	J. S. Thompson, Gravette.....	12	S. B.	7	40	35	24.	4	1	
Gum Springs....	F. E. DeWitt, Siloam Springs.....	12	S. B.	9		33	13.50	4	8	
Mount Zion.....		12	S. B.	6	35	25	12.00	4		
Pea Ridge.....	Mrs. Alice Jefferson, Pea Ridge.....	9	S. E.	8	50	25	3.00	5	6	
Pleasant Hill...	F. F. Alred, Rogers.....	12	S. B.	12	50	45	25.00			
Rogers.....	J. W. Keith, Rogers.....	12	S. B.	25	250	175	140.00	19	5	
Siloam Springs..	R. J. Olney, Siloam Springs.....	12	S. B.	12	125	100	100.00	10	1	
Sulphur Springs.	Geo. W. Jones, Sulphur Springs.....	12	S. B.	9	40	30	31.70	5		
Twelve Corners.	J. W. Harris, Garfield.....	9	S. B.	7	20	18	3.15	4		
Total					156	1028	690	520.56	85	24

B. Y. P. U. WORK

NAMES OF CHURCHES	PRESIDENT AND ADDRESS	Enrollment	Contr all Objects During the Year	
			Average Attendance	
Bentonville...	Mrs. W. R. Edwards... Bentonville	20	12	
Brush Creek.	Miss Laura Lowe.... Elm Springs			
Decatur.....	Mrs. F. G. Eubanks..... Decatur			
Garfield.....	Dr. T. E. Hodges..... Garfield	20	14	
Gravette.....	Miss Alma Hall..... Gravette	20	16	6.00
Rogers.....	Miss Almeda Walker..... Rogers	35	20	22.88
Siloam Spring	Kay Hempstead... Siloam Springs	30	10	31.00
Sulphur Spring	L. J. Marshal.... Sulphur Springs	36	15	10.20
TOTAL		161	87	69.08

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

NAME OF CHURCHES	Membership Last Year	Increase			Decrease			Year's Gain.....	Year's Loss.....	Membership This Year
		Baptism.....	Letter.....	Total.....	Letter.....	Expulsion.....	Death.....			
Bentonville.....	103	27	6	33	11			11	22	125
Brush Creek.....	28									28
Butler Creek.....	34	1	4	3	8			1	7	41
Decatur.....	86			27	27	5	1	6	21	107
Garfield.....	38	14	34		48	1		1	47	85
Gentry.....	110	11	16		27	6		6	21	131
Gravette.....	43	1	7	2	10	4		5	9	44
Gum Springs.....	46	14	3		17	1		1	16	62
Mount Zion.....	31				1			1	1	30
Pea Ridge.....	90	6	11		17	2	2	4	13	103
Pleasant Ridge.....	88	3			3	5	1	1	7	84
Rogers.....	303	7	14		21	8	3	12	9	312
Siloam Springs.....	196	2	8	1	11	19	2	21	10	186
Sulphur Springs.....	32	1	12		13	5		5	8	40
Temperance Hill.....	70									70
Twelve Corners.....	101					2			2	99
Total.....	1399	87	115	33	208	68	11	8	85	1546

WOMEN'S SOCIETIES

CONTRIBUTIONS

NAME OF CHURCHES	PRESIDENT AND ADDRESS	CONTRIBUTIONS									TOTAL
		Pastor's Salary	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphan's Home	Christian Education	Other Objects	Local Expenses	
Bentonville.....	Mrs. Northcutt.....Decatur	\$ 15.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 4.50	\$ 3.00		\$ 26.25	\$ 64.02
Decatur.....	Mrs. J. R. Dunagin.....Gravette				6.50					28.63	35.13
Gravette.....	Mrs. Albert Diehm.....Siloam		4.25	60.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	35.00	24.10		213.35
Gum Springs.....	Mrs. A. M. Buckley.....Rogers			5.00	4.05	4.05	10.00	2.25	34.00	60.00	164.35
Rogers.....	Mrs. Ruth Ramey.....Siloam	45.00							1.00		21.00
Siloam Springs.....	Lydia Belknap.....Sulphur	20.00									
Sulphur Springs.....	Total.....	128.00	12.00	101.45	78.55	61.05	52.70	48.55	93.28	116.70	697.23