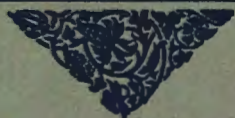


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**OF THE FIFTY-SIXTH
ANNUAL SESSION**

**Red River Baptist
Association**



HELD AT

**DeGray Church
Clark County, Arkansas**

**Friday, October 7
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Friday, October 7, 1904.

At 10 a. m. the Red River Baptist Association assembled with DeGray Church, Clark County, Arkansas.

A prayer and praise service was held but the clerk did not arrive in time to participate in, or report it.

At 11 a. m. Bro. H. L. Winburn preached the introductory sermon from Isaiah 60:1, "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." Theme, "God's Call to the Churches." Our duty to help spread the Gospel was presented with great clearness and force. After enjoying a sumptuous dinner served upon the grounds, the Association at 1:30 p. m. assembled for business. The Moderator, Bro. O. S. Jones, read the 67th Psalm and led in an earnest prayer for Divine guidance of this body in its deliberations.

Bros. T. C. Mahan, J. H. Smart and J. J. Haynes were appointed to read the church letters,

The names of the Messengers present were enrolled and the Association organized by the re-election of Bro. O. S. Jones Moderator and J. A. Ross Clerk.

Petitionary letters were called for. None were presented.

Upon motion of Bro. J. J. Haynes, it was resolved that the Moderator appoint a committee of three upon the relief of old ministers.

The chair announced the appointment of the following committee on preaching, to wit: J. H. Vann, J. W. Wingfield and the Deacons of DeGray Church.

Shortly thereafter said committee announced that Bro. A. J. Price would preach at this church and Bro. W. U. Davis at Mt. Zion at 7:30 tonight.

Correspondence was called for from sister Associations.

The following brethren presented themselves and were welcomed by the Moderator and invited to seats with us in council, to wit:

J. H. Ward, Caddo Association; R. F. Russell, Saline Association; L. Hine, Spring River Association, Mo.

Messengers to sister Associations were appointed, as follows:

H. L. Winburn and H. J. P. Horne, to Saline Association; G. W. Burns, to Caddo Association; W. M. Stephens, J. M. Powell, to Columbia Association; J. J. Haynes, to Union Association.

Bro. H. J. P. Horne was called to the chair.

The letter of South Fork Church was presented and read, and the names of Bros. J. T. Gathright, T. J. Dillard and J. R. Carter enrolled as Messengers.

The following ministerial brethren were introduced and invited to seats with us in council, to wit:

T. C. Mahan, late of Black Rock, Ark., now of Ouachita College, and R. E. Sutton.

The Moderator resumed the chair and announced the appointment of the following committees, to wit:

Ministerial Relief.—H. J. P. Horne, J. J. Haynes.

Home and Foreign Missions.—J. H. Smart, B. F. Butcher and F. E. Teague.

Temperance.—J. T. Howell, S. S. Langley and E. Hale.

Associational Missions.—G. W. Burns, J. M. Powell and W. J. Bledsoe.

Orphans' Home.—J. J. Haynes, W. U. Davis and J. W. Adams.

Literature.—J. B. Roundtree, C. B. Moon and H. J. P. Horne.

Education.—H. L. Winburn, J. H. Hall and W. M. Stephens.

Finance.—W. L. Britt, T. T. Ingle and C. C. Cash.

Sunday Schools.—D. D. Stuart, Ivan Hawkins and J. J. Little.

State Missions.—A. J. Price, J. T. Gathright and J. V. Browning.

Pastoral Support.—W. A. Forbes, J. M. White and A. J. Ashcroft.

Nominations.—J. C. Brown, Seth Thompson and J. T. Howell.

Woman's Work.—J. C. Wright, W. H. Bolt and W. L. Britt.

On motion, adjourned to 8:30 a. m. tomorrow.

At 7:30 p. m. Bro. A. J. Price preached at DeGray Church. Text: Matthew 25:13, "Watch, therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh." Theme, "The Second Coming of Christ."

The Clerk failed to get a report from Mt. Zion, but presumes Bro. Davis filled his appointment there.

SECOND DAY.

Saturday, October 8, 8:30 A. M.

The Moderator read the 16th chapter of I Corinthians.

Prayer by Bro. _____.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was presented and read by Bro. J. T. Howell and discussed by Bros. Forbes, Price, Browning, Langley, Powell, Thomas, White, Horne and Roundtree, and adopted.

(For copy of report, see Appendix "A").

Bro. A. W. King was enrolled as Messenger from Gurdon Church, the letter from this church having failed to reach its destination.

The report of the Committee on Literature was presented and read by Bro. J. B. Roundtree, and adopted.

(For report see Appendix "B").

H. Y. Bridges was recognized as Messenger from Wall Creek Church. No church letter.

The report upon State Missions was presented, read and adopted.

(For report see Appendix "C").

Bros. J. F. Love and N. R. Townsend were invited to seats with us in council.

Bro. J. C. Wright presented and read the report of the Committee on Woman's Work, which was spoken to by Howell and Winburn, and adopted.

(See Appendix "D").

The report on Sunday Schools was presented and read by J. J. Little, ably discussed by Winburn, Love, Powell, Mahan, Sutton and Hines, and adopted.

(See Appendix "E").

On motion of Bro. J. V. Browning, it was resolved that speeches hereafter be limited to ten minutes.

Bro. H. L. Winburn presented and read the report of the Committee on Education, which was spoken to by him and Forbes and Horn, and adopted.

(See Appendix "F").

A cash collection of \$3.80 was taken and the following pledges made for ministerial education, to wit:

Arkadelphia	\$ 75 00	Delight	\$ 7 50
Antoine	2 00	Gurdon	5 00
Bethel	1 00	Lakeview	1 00
Clear Springs.....	1 00	Missionary Grove	1 00
DeGray	2 00	Prescott	25 00
Liberty Hill	5 00	Spring Hill.....	2 00
Murfreesboro	2 00	Sycamore Grove.....	2 00
New Home (J. C.		Unity	25 00
Brown)	2 00	W. J. Cross.....	5 00
Redlands	2 00		
South Fork.....	1 00		\$198 80
Shiloh	22 80	J. M. Thomas, meals	
S. B. Earle.....	2 50	for two, one month.	15 00
Antioch	1 00	Cash collections	3 80
Bethel Springs.....	1 00		
Boughton	5 00		\$217 60

The letter from Caney Fork Church was read and Bro. R. M. Lewallen enrolled as Messenger.

Bro. J. J. Haynes presented and read the report of the Committee on Ministerial Relief, which was adopted and a cash collection amounting to \$17.08 taken for that fund.

(For report see Appendix "G").

Afternoon Session.

After enjoying the refreshments so bountifully prepared by the good sisters of DeGray, the Messengers reassembled at 1:30 p. m. and were led in prayer by Bro. J. W. Roundtree.

Bro. G. W. Burns presented and read the report of the Committee on Associational Missions, and moved its adoption.

The report contained a recommendation favoring co-operation with the State Convention.

Bro. W. U. Davis moved to amend by striking out that recommendation.

After considerable discussion in which it appeared to be the consensus of opinion that the Association was abundantly able to take care of missions within its bounds, the motion to

amend by striking out prevailed by an almost unanimous vote. Thereupon the report was recommitted.

In connection with the foregoing, the report of the Executive Board was read.

(For report of Board see Appendix "H").

Bro. W. A. Forbes presented and read his report as Treasurer.

(See Appendix "I").

The Preaching Committee announced that Bro. L. Hine would preach at this church at 7:30 p. m., Bro. J. H. Smart at 11 a. m. tomorrow and Bro. T. C. Mahan at Arkadelphia at 11 a. m. tomorrow.

Bro. J. J. Haynes read the report on Orphans' Home, which was adopted.

(For report see Appendix "K").

A cash collection was taken amounting to \$9, and the following pledges made, towit:

Arkadelphia Church..	\$ 50 00	Gum Springs Church..	\$ 1 00
Bethel Church	5 00	Mt. Bethel Church...	2 50
DeGray Church.....	5 00	New Home Church...	10 00
J. B. Roundtree.....	5 00	Spring Hill Church..	2 00
Missionary Grove Ch..	1 00	Sycamore Grove Ch..	2 00
Prescott Church.....	10 00	W. M. Howell.....	2 00
South Fork Church ..	5 00		
Shiloh Church	20 00	Total in pledges....	\$141 50
Unity Church	10 00	Cash	9 00
Antioch Church.....	1 00		
Delight Church	10 00	Grand total	\$150 50

Bro. G. W. Burns presented and read the report on Associational Missions, as amended by the Committee in words and figures following, towit:

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

The motto of this Association should be, "The Gospel of the Son of God within easy reach of every man, woman and child in her bounds," and as there is still destitution in unoccupied territory and pastorless churches and churches destitute of Sunday Schools, and some places of importance where work has been commenced, that are struggling to succeed and calling on us for help—

First. We recommend that our Board undertake a Missionary pastoral work.

Second. That the Messengers now present pledge themselves to the support of said work.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. W. BURNS,
J. M. POWELL,
W. J. BLEDSOE,
Committee.

It was moved to amend the first recommendation so as to read: First. *Resolved*, That this Association elect a missionary for the ensuing year and fix his salary.

The motion carried.

Thereupon an election by ballot was held for such missionary, resulting: For J. T. Gathright, 33; for R. E. Sutton, 16.

On motion, duly seconded, Bro. Gathright's salary was fixed at \$50 per month for time actually engaged.

At 7:30 p. m. Bro. L. Hine preached from the text: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life."—John 3:16.

The writer heard only the close of the sermon, but from what he did hear, he was very favorably impressed.

At the close of the sermon the Moderator resumed the chair.

Bro. W. A. Forbes presented and read the report of the Committee on Pastoral Support. It was spoken to by Forbes, Howell, Horne, Roundtree and White, and adopted.

(For report see Appendix "L").

Bro. Howell presented the report of the Committee on Nominations and moved its adoption.

A motion to amend by striking out New Home Church and inserting Delight was made. After hearing the friends of both places present their claims, the motion to strike out and insert prevailed, thereupon the report as amended was adopted.

(For report see Appendix "M").

Bro. J. H. Harrod was recognized as a Messenger from Mt. Olive Church.

Bro. J. H. Smart presented and read the report of Committee on Home and Foreign Missions, and moved its adoption. The motion carried.

(For report see Appendix "N").

On motion of Bro. Winburn, the selection of the new Executive Board was referred to the Committee on Nominations. Afterwards the Committee nominated Bros. W. A. Forbes, A. W. King, G. W. Burns, J. H. Vann and J. M. White as the Executive Board, and the same were duly elected by the Association.

On motion of Bro. Winburn, the Board was directed to carry on the work of Associational Missions subject to the limitations given by this body.

Bro. A. J. Price presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That we extend to DeGray Church and the surrounding community our heartfelt thanks for the kind hospitality shown us during the sitting of this body.

The resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

The Committee on Finance presented its report, which was read and adopted. (See Appendix "O").

The following resolution was presented by Bro. J. T. Howell and read and adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That this Association recommend to the churches within its bounds the Baptist Newsboy as a paper worthy of their patronage.

On motion, it was ordered that the Clerk cause to be printed the usual number of copies of the minutes; that the constitution, by-laws and rules of decorum be printed therein, and that he be allowed \$15 for his services.

A motion to adjourn was carried, thereupon a hymn was sung, the parting hand was given, and the Moderator declared this body duly adjourned, to meet with the church at Delight at 10 o'clock a. m. on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1905.

O. S. JONES, *Moderator.*

J. A. ROSS, *Clerk.*

Note by the Clerk.—Quite a number of the Messengers remained over and at 11 a. m. Bro. J. H. Smart preached from the latter part of the 20th verse, 10th chap. of Luke, "But rather rejoice, because your names are written in Heaven." Bro. Smart had the attention of the great congregation in the house, and at the close of the sermon two came forward for prayers and two others professed a hope in Christ.

A cash collection was taken for Associational Missions amounting to \$12.25.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

APPENDIX "A."

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following report:

Having carefully studied the temperance question for the past year, we believe the temperance work is gaining ground. There is no better way to put this curse of intemperance down

than for the earnest workers to keep steadily working. There has been great good done both in the county and state, also in the United States. Statistics show that a number more counties in this state, at the last election, voted against license, among them Pike County, of which we are proud. We notice also that the United States are improving along this line. While this is the fact, we find on the other hand that there is great opposition to the temperance work. Statistics show that there are one billion two hundred million dollars spent annually in the United States for liquor. This sum is three times the amount required to run the United States government.

We find also that about 90 per cent of the crimes committed in the United States are the result of liquor. About 90 per cent of insanity is caused by liquor, and nearly 90 per cent of widows and orphans are caused by liquor.

We would recommend—

First. That each member of the Baptist church abstain from the use of intoxicating drinks.

Second. That they work against the use of intoxicating drinks in every way possible.

Third. That they vote against the granting of license to sell intoxicants as often as opportunity affords.

Fourth. That the directors of our free schools be urged to employ only sober men for teachers and that they instruct the pupils under their care about the evils of the use of intoxicating drinks. By carefully instructing the children we hope in time to reach every class of people, knowing that early impressions are the strongest and most lasting.

Fifth. We would recommend that each pastor study this important question carefully, and lecture to each of his congregations at least once each year.

Sixth. We would recommend the expulsion of any preacher or layman who persistently indulges in social dram-drinking.

J. T. HOWELL,
S. S. LANGLEY,
ENOCH HALE,

Committee.

APPENDIX "B."

We, your Committee on Literature, beg leave to make the following report:

We recommend first and above all other books the Bible as the most important for instruction, and we would urge that it be

more closely studied. We also recommend the Landmark Baptist, the Baptist Advance, and for Sunday Schools the use of the American and the Southern Baptist publication series.

Respectfully submitted

J. B. ROUNDTREE,
C. B. MOON,
H. J. P. HORNE,

Committee

APPENDIX "C."

We, your Committee on State Missions, beg leave to make the following report:

We are glad to know that through the state work many destitute points are being filled. We believe if we have no method of doing mission work there will be no work done. We find there are many points of destitution in our state, among them within our bounds are Antoine, Curtis and Gum Springs, all of which need help. We would recommend that the churches of this Association contribute more to this work the coming year than they have in the past. There has been great good done through the state work, and we hope more will be.

J. V. BROWNING,
A. J. PRICE,

Committee

APPENDIX "D."

We, your Committee on Woman's Work, submit the following:

Three churches report Woman's Aid Societies. In each instance they have wrought well. As woman has ever been so closely associated with the Master's work, we therefore recommend that the sisterhood be encouraged to take a place beside their fathers, husbands and brothers in the work of the Master to the extent of freedom as authorized by the teachings of the Bible. We further recommend that pastors entreat them to organize for a more systematic and concerted effort in their work.

J. C. WRIGHT,
W. L. BRITT,
J. T. BOLT,

Committee

Note by the Clerk.—With above report is a paper showing that the Ladies' Aid Societies of Arkadelphia, Prescott and Lakeview churches report the following:

State Missions	\$ 27 00
Home Missions	6 50
Sunday School Missions.....	5 00
Orphans' Home Box	74 87
Charity	15 20
Pastors' Expenses D. B. C.....	15 25
Central Committee	5 35
Associational Missions	24 50
Frontier Box	97 60
Ministerial Education	15 00
Church incidentals	305 75
Louisville Seminary	10 00
Christmas offerings	8 65
Total	\$610 67

APPENDIX "E."

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, submit the following as our report:

We find eighteen churches report Sunday Schools with a membership of 1,346 pupils enrolled. We find a large majority report no school. We urge upon our brethren of each church having no Sunday School to begin the work at once, in accordance with God's word. For we believe the surest and quickest way is to stamp God's truth in the minds of the little ones while they are young, so they will raise God's banner at once and will not depart from it when they are old. We also find that we are not taking the interest in the children that we should, and we are thus missing a great work for God, and we believe He will hold us responsible to a great extent for this neglect of His work.

IVAN HAWKINS,
J. J. LITTLE,
D. D. STUART,

Committee.

APPENDIX "F."

Your Committee on Education begs leave to report as follows:

Education is leading out, or developing the powers and capabilities of a man or woman. It consists, not in putting in facts, but in developing forces. A well-rounded education has to do with developing the physical, mental and spiritual natures of the subject. This development may be had either in or out of the schools. Our fathers got the same thing—trained faculties and powers—outside of the schools.

They achieved this result by a lifetime of hard experience, and were best fitted to live when their call came to go-up higher.

The better way is for a man to receive this training early in life, so he can be able to put his well-developed powers into life's duties. For this purpose our Baptist fathers in Arkansas have planted and fostered denominational schools, where the body is given healthful exercise, the mind is trained to work, and the spiritual nature fed on the best there is in our denominational life. There our young men and women get the training in a few years that it took their forefathers a lifetime to get. This your committee understands to be the real philosophy of education.

In our Ouachita Central system of colleges and academies we have the best educational facilities in the state. We have two colleges and four academies. Last year there were about 1,300 students under eighty teachers in our schools. The largest and best equipped of these schools is Ouachita College, in our own bounds.

We recommend that (1) our people send their boys and girls to Ouachita College; (2) that they offer prayer for the schools and teachers; (3) that we support them with our means; (4) that a special effort be made to induce our young preachers to go to Ouachita College for a training; (5) that we pledge our moral and financial support to the work of ministerial education.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. WILBURN,

J. H. HALL,

W. M. STEPHENS,

Committee.

APPENDIX "G."

OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF FUND.

In submitting this, our first report, we do so with a sense of profound duty to God. At the convention held at Conway in 1902 Bros. R. C. Medaris, W. T. Amis and J. W. McDonald were appointed a committee to look after our old ministers who were and are in a destitute condition. As a result of this work, in 1903 we have the following results:

List of names of ministers that received help: A. Cannon, S. D. Johns (deceased), James Edmonson, J. J. Vest, H. C. Moore, H. B. Clinton (deceased) and Mrs. Lucinda Crowder. The amount collected and paid to these brethren was \$485.31, most of them receiving \$36 per annum. Bros. Johns and Clinton have passed over the river and are resting under the shade. At the last State Convention Bros. T. W. O'Kelley, Ben Cox and J. U. H. Wharton were appointed as the Board of Ministerial Relief. Bro. Wharton is the secretary to whom all contributions

should be sent. His address is Little Rock, Ark. Brethren, this is wholly a charitable and benevolent service we owe to our old, worn out, faithful brethren.

We should feel honored and anxious to help these servants of God, and when Jesus comes you will hear him say, "Come, ye blessed of My Father. You have fed me and clothed me, enter into the joys of thy Lord."

We, your Committee, recommend that this Association take a collection now for these brethren.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. HAYNES,
H. J. P. HORNE,

Committee.

APPENDIX "H."

Report of Associational Mission Board:

Dear Brethren.—Following your instructions, we employed a missionary—Bro. J. H. Vann—at a salary of \$50 per month. He began work January 1, 1904, and his labors are as follows:

Days of labor	264
Miles traveled	2460
Families visited	194
Family services held	39
Funerals attended	2
Sunday School addresses	22
Sunday Schools organized	3
Sunday School Convention organized	1
Sunday School Conventions attended	2
Letters written	6
Postal cards written	38
Sermons preached	148
Received cash from sale of books	\$ 51 55
Received cash from State Board	116 66
Received cash from Associational Board	20 75
Received cash on field	73 63

Total\$262 59

Balance due Bro. Vann.....\$176 75

Balance due Bro. Gathright..... 12 25

Work done by Bro. Gathright at Wall Creek Church:

Baptisms	3
Sermons preached	27
Miles traveled	125

Conversions	5
Pastor's salary	\$ 12 25

A. W. KING, *Chairman*.
W. A. FORBES, *Secretary*.

APPENDIX "I."

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To balance on hand last report.....	\$61 43
To cash for minutes.....	41 80
To cash for Home Missions.....	1 75
To cash for Associational Missions.....	65 00
To cash for State Missions.....	8 25
To cash for Foreign Missions.....	4 38
To cash for Orphans' Home.....	22 75
To cash J. B. Thomas, General Association..	3 17
To cash A. W. King.....	4 85
To cash A. J. Price.....	3 05
To cash Amity Church.....	10 81
To cash Prescott Church	10 75
To cash Unity Church	20 00
To cash Liberty Hill Church.....	4 15
To cash Unity Church	16 35
To cash J. A. Ross.....	5 63
To cash G. W. Burns	5 00
To cash Unity Church	15 80
To cash Mt. Zion Church.....	1 25
To cash Unity Church	10 30
To cash Gurdon Church	10 00
To cash Shiloh Church	10 75

\$346 21

Contra.

By paid J. T. Gathright.....	\$ 82 82
By paid J. T. Love.....	8 00
By paid W. C. C. Dorraugh.....	3 25
By paid W. R. Brown.....	10 00
By paid W. W. Gardner	22 75
By paid W. W. Gardner.....	13 20
By paid J. T. Love	10 80
By paid J. A. Ross.....	41 80
By paid J. T. Love.....	36 35
By paid J. H. Vann.....	20 37

By paid J. T. Love.....	\$ 15 80
By stamps and stationery.....	1 87
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	\$272 51
To balance on hand.....	73 70
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	\$346 21

APPENDIX "K."

REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

We, your Committee on Orphans' Home, are glad to report that our Home at Monticello is in excellent condition and is proving a great blessing to the unfortunate. The internal care and management of the devout mother, Sister Gardner, is all that could be desired, and the work of Bro. W. W. Gardner, the financial agent, is most efficient and satisfactory.

There are sixty-two children in the Home—thirty-six beds in three rooms. The present need of the Home is more room. The present plan of the Board of Directors is to enlarge the buildings. For this, \$2,000 is needed at once. The Board has \$600 in the treasury for this purpose, and as soon as \$1,000 is procured they will have the work done. Your Committee would, therefore, recommend that this Association take a collection for this cause now, and ask the churches in the Association to respond liberally to this noble call at once.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. HAYNES,
W. U. DAVIS,
J. W. ADAMS,

Committee

APPENDIX "L."

PASTORAL SUPPORT.

It is greatly to be regretted that our pastors are so poorly supported by the churches over which God has made them overseers. The lack of maintaining pastors properly is a great hindrance to our advancement in promoting the Lord's Kingdom. The Scriptures are clear and explicit in teaching on this subject. Gal. 6:6; "Let him that is taught in the word, communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things." Rom. 15:27. It hath pleased them verily and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things." 1 Cor. 9:14, "Even

so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel."

W. A. FORBES,
A. J. ASHCROFT,
J. M. WHITE,

Committee.

APPENDIX "M."

NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, beg leave to report the following:

That this body meet at Delight church, Pike County, at 10 o'clock a. m. Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1905, and that Bro. J. H. Vann preach the introductory sermon. Alternate, W. A. Forbes. We also recommend that the Mission Board be reduced to five, and that it be selected by this body, and further, that it be so selected as to be convenient for meeting. Also that three constitute a quorum.

J. C. BROWN,
J. T. HOWELL,
SETH THOMPSON,

Committee.

APPENDIX "N."

We, the Committee on Home and Foreign Missions, report as follows:

Resolved, First, That we take into consideration the field—which is the world—and the amount of people in this field who are without the gospel.

Resolved, Second, That we take into consideration the fact that our Lord laid the duty of giving his gospel to the world on his churches. Matt. 28:19-20.

Therefore, we recommend to the churches of Red River Association, that they step out from behind the smoke of confusion and take up the Lord's plan of doing mission work to the extent of their ability, beginning at home and going to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Brethren, we have said, "Speak, Lord, and thy servants will obey." The Lord says, "Go!" And yet it is a deplorable fact that our people in this Association, gave only \$812.12, or 28 1-4 cents per member for this work last year. Brethren, let us wake up to our duty and come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. Brethren, let us urge the churches of this Association to give more liberally to this work in the incoming year than we

have in the past, each church being her own judge as to God's plan of work.

J. H. SMART,
F. E. TEAGUE,
B. F. BUTCHER,
Committed

APPENDIX "O."

We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following:

Cash received for State Missions	\$ 6 60
Cash received for General Association	11 20
Cash received for Home Missions	6 05
Cash received for Foreign Missions	3 55
Cash received for Orphans' Home	27 05
Cash received for Associational Missions	32 85
Cash received for Ministerial Education	6 00
Cash received for Ministerial Relief	17 08
Cash received for Minutes	47 30
Cash received for Orphans' Home	9 00
Total	<u>\$166 68</u>

W. L. BRITT, *Chairman*,
C. C. CASH,
T. T. INGLE,

Memoriam

This Page is Sacred to the Memory of our Dead

Arkadelphia.—Helene Robinson, Jordan E. Murdock.

Amity.—Three, names not given.

Bethlehem.—Joe Massey, Mary Harper, Anna Nelson.

Boughton.—Maggie Cathey, Dora Smith, D. L. Allen.

DeGray.—H. L. Cash.

Delight.—Mollie Crawley.

Halfway.—S. W. Farlis.

Landmark.—One, name not given.

Liberty Hill.—J. S. Harris, C. T. Bray, W. B. Washburn, Leona Willis, Amanda Campbell, H. C. Langley.

Mt. Bethel.—D. T. Posey.

Mt. Zion.—One, name not given.

Mt. Carmel.—F. A. Melugin.

Okolona.—One, name not given.

Red Land.—Ella Sudduth.

Richwoods.—Four, names not given.

Sycamore Grove.—Jessie Harper, P. Stiffler.

South Fork.—Three, names not given.

Union.—One, name not given.

Unity.—B. W. Wright.

Wellsville.—One, name not given.

Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his.—Num. 23:10.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in a true and living God.
2. We believe that the Scriptures, comprising the Old and New Testaments, are the words of God and the only rules of our faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of election according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.
4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin by the fall of Adam.
5. We believe in man's inability of his own free will and ability to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imparted righteousness of Christ only.
7. We believe that the saints shall be preserved in grace and never fall finally away.
8. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of baptism, and the immersion is the apostolic mode.
9. 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.
10. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the gospel but one who has been regularly baptized, called and comes under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.
11. We believe that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's supper.
12. We believe that the Lord's day should be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Union shall be known and distinguished by the name and title of the Red River Baptist Association.

Art. 2. This Association shall be composed of delegates from the churches in the Union. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by their several churches, before they take their seats.

Art. 3. The delegates, when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body by the appointment of a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual Association, and continue in office until their successors are chosen.

Art. 4. This Association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which it is composed. It shall regard them as independent in matters of internal government, and shall act as advisory counsel, assuming no authority, except what is expressly delegated to it by the churches, or evidently implied from the nature of the compact. It, nevertheless, claims authority over its own members, the delegates from churches, and in justice and propriety must have power to withdraw from, and disown, all churches which depart from the spirit of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice. It should, therefore, regard all churches united under this Constitution with a vigilant eye for good. Its principal business shall be to promote the declarative glory of God by extending the Kingdom of grace on earth through the medium of preaching the gospel, and the means in accordance with the gospel, to cultivate union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ, especially those united in this Constitution.

Art. 5. Newly constituted churches dismissed from other Associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this union by sending three delegates, their number in fellowship, number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, restored and deceased since last session, and all other information which the churches may deem important, which shall be read and minuted.

Art. 6. This Association shall have a fund, to be supplied by voluntary contributions from the churches. All the money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over through the Committee on Finance to the Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold his office during the pleasure of the Association. He shall retain and manage the funds agreeably to the order of the Association and present annually for inspection in the minutes a clear and succinct statement of all receipts and expenditures.

Churches, Pastors, Clerks, Etc.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	POST OFFICE	Days of Me't'g	MESSENGERS
Arkadelphia	H. L. Winburn	R. D. Hall	Arkadelphia	Ev'ry	H. L. Winburn, H. J. P. Horne, J. J. Haynes.
Amity	M. P. Thomas	J. C. Magee	Amity	4	A. J. Rush, D. L. Bruce.
Antoine		J. C. Wright	Antoine	1	J. C. Wright, O. G. Cagle.
Antioch	W. B. Williams	W. M. Stephens	Leard	1	W. M. Stephens.
Boughton	E. Delaughter	W. L. Britt	Boughton	3	W. L. Britt, Ivin Hawkins, W. A. Thomason.
Bethel	J. M. White	R. K. Hall	Dobyville	2	James H. Smart, J. H. Hall, W. U. Davis,
Bethlehem	J. H. Smart	T. B. Burris	Bee	3	S. S. Langley, Ezra Cates, William Emert.
Bethel Springs	W. U. Davis	J. B. Vaden	Gurdon	2	Richard Ball, T. T. Ingle, W. T. Fambrough.
Clear Springs	A. W. King	J. T. Bolt	Clear Springs	3	J. T. Bolt, C. C. Cash.
Caney Fork					R. M. Lewallen.
Delight	J. T. Howell	W. N. Deaton	Delight	2	J. T. Howell, A. J. Price, G. E. McCulley.
DeGray	R. F. Russell	A. C. Terrell	DeGray	2	W. J. Bledsoe, P. T. Dunlap, Clark Dunlap.
Gurdon					A. W. King.
Gethsemane					
Gum Springs	G. W. Burns	Joe Greeson	Gum Springs	1	H. C. Yarbrough.
Hollywood	F. E. Teague	J. M. Harris	Hollywood	1	B. J. Kimbrough, John Malcom.
Halfway	J. M. White	C. N. Thomas	Halfway	1	J. N. Thomas, C. N. Thomas.
Liberty Hill	J. T. Gathright	J. H. Roundtree	Bowen	4	J. B. Roundtree, W. R. Brown.
Landmark	W. T. Whitten	B. F. Malcom	Hollywood	4	G. W. Hicks, W. M. Mead.
Lakeview	F. E. Teague	B. S. Pharr	Arkadelphia	4	S. M. Studdard, J. W. Brakefield.
Mt. Carmel		Chas. Skinner	Beirne		Chas. Skinner.
Missionary Grove	W. U. Davis	W. O. McCargo	Prescott	4	J. W. Wingfield, D. D. Stuart.
Murfreesboro.	J. H. Vann	J. B. Thomas	Murfreesboro.	1	J. E. Buckley, H. M. Horton.
Mt. Zion	W. T. Whitten	G. C. Presson		4	J. C. Wright, Z. C. Quillen.
Mt. Bethel		J. L. Bozeman	Arkadelphia	3	J. V. Browning, J. M. White, A. E. Lawley.
Mt. Olive	J. H. Vann	J. W. Harrod	Hollywood		Seth Thompson, A. J. Thompson, J. W. Harrod.
New Home	W. C. Felte	J. W. Nelson	Prescott	3	B. F. Butcher, E. P. Hale, J. C. Brown.
Okolona	F. E. Teague	A. J. Nelson, Jr.	Okolona		F. E. Teague, J. J. Little.
Prescott		E. G. Blakely	Prescott		J. M. Powell, O. S. Jones, J. W. Adams.
Pike City					
Providence					
Pleasant Hill	G. L. Hamlin	B. D. Garmon	Boughton	1	J. R. Young, W. B. Gorman, J. H. Stuart.
Richwoods	G. L. Hamlin	J. B. Langley	Ellis	2 & 4	Jeff Norton, E. S. Smith, G. F. Ruff.
Refuge	J. W. Wingfield	J. M. Neel	Curtis		J. J. Smith.
Red Land		Carrie Beggs	Prescott	2	Henry Beggs.
Spring Hill	J. L. Hill	H. J. Long	Dotson	2	C. B. Moon, J. M. Long.
South Fork	J. H. Smart	B. F. Morton	L ssie	2	A. J. Ashcroft, Forrest Erwin, J. W. Mitchell.
Sycamore Grove	J. H. Smart	J. R. Carter	Keyton	2	T. J. Gathright, T. J. Dillard, J. R. Carter.
Shiloh	N. R. Townsend	J. M. Gullick	Beirne		W. A. Stovall, J. D. Blackwood.
Salon		C. E. Moores	Arkadelphia	2 & 4	J. A. Ross, W. A. F. Wells, Wilkie Crawley.
Forty	W. A. Forbes	C. E. Patterson	Arkadelphia		W. A. Forbes, G. W. Burns, J. A. Medlock.
Forty	J. H. Vann	J. H. Vann			W. M. Howell, R. L. Robertson, A. M. Thomas.

Statistical Table

CHURCHES	MEMBERSHIP						Present Membership	FINANCIAL EXHIBIT											
	INCREASE			DECREASE				MISSIONS				Ministerial Education	Sunday School Work	Pastor's Salary	Incidental and Church Repairs	Orphans' Home	Printing Minutes	Value Church Property	Other Objects
	Baptized	By Letter	Restored	Dismissed By Letter	Excluded	Died		Associational	State	Home	Foreign								
Arkadelphia	16	52		79	10	2	563	\$ 45 00	\$ 347 57	\$ 236 97	\$ 255 84	\$ 68 48	\$ 293 58	\$ 1,500 00	\$ 400 00	\$ 111 19	\$ 5 00	\$ 7,000 00	\$ 246 95
Antioch		1					8	1 00									50		
Amity	1	5		2			78		6 15				7 00				1 15	400 00	
Antoine				2			38	2 00								1 00	75		
Bethel	6	5					56	6 65	2 50				3 90			3 00	1 50		
Bethlehem	11	6	2	5	3	3	116	75	1 25			4 07				5 75	1 50	500 00	
Bethel Springs	1	8					42										1 00		
Boughton		4	1	5	2	3	80				2 75		21 95			2 42	1 50		42 00
Clear Springs	3	2		1	1		60	2 60					1 50		6 35		90	500 00	
DeGray	8	5	1	1		1	144	11 40	20 00			2 95				5 00	1 50		
*Caney Fork							31										40		
Delight	12	20		8	1	1	95	2 30		5 00	5 00	2 50	7 00	225 00	5 00		2 00		115 00
Gum Springs	4	4		9	1		35	5 41	1 60	2 75	3 00			19 75			1 00	25 00	20 00
*Gurdon	1	14		2			111	10 00						250 00	125 00		1 00	1,500 00	
*Gethsemane		2	1	4	1		24										60		
Hollywood	2						37	2 45		2 20	2 00						85		
Halfway	6	1				1	21	1 25									30	40 00	
Lakeview	6	11		2			66						8 41	60 00			1 75		
Landmark	2	3			1	1	22	80	80		80					2 00	50		
Liberty Hill	6	3	1	4	3	6	63	1 60					4 00	80 25	20 00	4 46	1 50		3 90
Missionary Grove							53										75		
Mount Bethel	1	2	1	11	3	1	49	5 00	7 10	2 70	3 60		3 05	68 50	3 35	5 10	1 00	500 00	
Mount Zion	15		1	2		1	70	2 95	2 95							1 35	1 00		
Mount Olive								11 25									1 00		
Marionboro	11	6		4			43	17 58									1 00	500 00	
Mount Carmel				2		1	23									3 00	50	100 00	2 50
New Home	2	5		3	1		93	4 25	4 25				4 20			6 00	1 50	350 00	
Oak Hills	3	4		5	1	1	42										1 00		

*The total membership of these churches is taken from last year's minutes. •Letters received by mail after footings had been made.

DIGEST OF LETTERS.

Letters were received from 39 churches, two more than last year, and two churches were represented by Messengers only. Twelve churches without pastors; only one last year. Only 11 churches report amount of pastor's salary. Total baptisms this year 190, last year 205. Total membership last year 2,884, this year 2,949. Three churches have contributed to every branch of church work, Arkadelphia giving \$6.22 per member, Shiloh \$4.12 per member and Unity \$3.23 per member. Three more churches very nearly contributed to all the enterprises of the church. Five churches report contributions for minutes only. Total contributions for all purposes last year \$5,236.15, this year \$5,806.14, a gain of \$569.99.

Last year we gave per member \$1.93, this year \$1.97. Last year we gave to all missions \$1,206.79, or 44 1-2 cents per member. This year we gave \$1,337.67, or 69 3-4 cents per member.

The Clerk was directed to so construct his tables as to show through which channel the contributions of the churches passed, whether State Convention or General Association, but until the church clerks so report to the Association in the church letters, it cannot be accurately done. The Clerk thinks that Arkadelphia, Boughton, Delight, Gum Springs, Prescott, Shiloh and Unity churches sent their contributions to the State Convention, and the rest of the churches sent theirs to the General Association. If so, the State Convention received from seven churches for State, Home and Foreign Missions \$1,063.08, and the General Association received from the remaining thirty-five churches for State, Home and Foreign Missions \$88.45. The State Convention got \$1.01 per member, the General Association got 5 cents and 3 mills per member.

Twenty-one churches report Sunday Schools with 1,411 pupils enrolled. Last year twenty-one churches reported Sunday Schools with 1,411 enrolled.

The outlook for the next year, as seen by the Clerk, is very encouraging. All obstacles and hindrances seem to have been removed, and it will be hard indeed for any brother to find an excuse for not putting his shoulder to the wheel and helping to make things come to pass.