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OF THE

Friendship Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

MT. MORIAN BAPTIST CHURCH.

Lincoln County, Ark.,

SEPTEMBER 14, 15 AND 16, 1895.

ELD. W. K. PENROD, MODERATOR, Pine Bluff.

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—ON—

September 14, 15 and 16, 1895.

Next session to be held with Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Winchester, Ark., commencing on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1896.

Proceedings.

BETHLEHEM, September 14, 1895.

The Friendship Regular Baptist Association convened with Bethlehem Church in Lincoln County, Arkansas, September 14, 1895.

The body was assembled by singing, and formally opened, by the reading of Ps. 103 and prayer by Eld. W. H. Cash, when the body was called to order by the former Moderator and declared ready for the transaction of business.

Bros. D. H. Gill and W. H. Cash were appointed to read the letters from the Churches and have Clerk enroll the names of the Messengers as follows:

Bethel No. 1.—E. D. Tate, F. J. Green and G. F. Hall.

Bethel No. 2.—A. B. Tucker and L. R. Vanlendinham.

Bethlehem.—J. W. Fish, J. R. Grumbles and J. A. Owen.

Center.—G. W. Johnston and W. S. Sparks.

Enon.—J. H. Atkins, Z. T. Moore and S. A. Berry.

Friendship No. 1.—W. J. Cope, J. T. Brown and G. W. Reed.

Florence.—J. M. Henly, H. C. Brockman, John Myrex.

Holly Springs.—I. R. Vick, D. W. Campbell and N. T. Terrell.

Hickory Grove.—J. S. Fish, G. W. Cowart, M. W. West.

Lone Grove.—C. S. Raley, W. S. Reed, L. D. Owen.

Mount Moriah.—W. B. Nelms, J. J. Lee, A. R. McGrow.

Mount Zion.—W. W. Taylor, Wm. England, W. W. Terry.

Macedonia.—J. T. Gathrite, D. Y. May, C. Y. May.

New Hope.—J. W. Cash, J. A. Ross, John Clarke.

New Home.—W. M. Willis, W. M. Rogers, G. T. Parker.

Oak Grove.—I. R. Reed, Z. L. Crawford, B. F. Ryburn.

Pleasant Springs.—J. C. Smith, J. W. McPherson, E. Y. A. Rogers.

Pleasant Hill.—Letter, no Messengers.

Pleasant Ridge.—D. H. Gill, W. R. Ross, M. A. Barnes.

Pleasant Home.—M. D. Lewis, J. H. Williams, D. Toley.

Rison.—E. A. McMurtrey, D. E. Gambrell, B. T. Condray.

Star City.—H. R. Lucas, J. L. Hunter, E. V. Helms.

Spring Hill No. 1.—O. A. Jordan, T. Rains, A. C. Miller.

Spring Hill No. 2.—A. Watts, J. F. West and J. L. Watts.

Tyro.—J. Collins, R. J. Irwin, C. H. Kimbro.

Zion.—W. H. Cash, J. W. Reynolds.

Pine Bluff.—W. K. Penrod, A. O. Edwards, H. C. Fox and M. C. Cleveland.

At 11 o'clock a. m. the introductory sermon was preached by Bro. D. E. Gambrell, the appointee, text Col. 19:1, after which we dismissed for dinner, which was furnished bountifully on the grounds.

PLEDGES—BY CHURCHES.

Bethel No. 1.....	\$10 00	Brought forward.....	\$72 80	Brought forward.....	\$192 80
Bethel No. 2.....	5 00	New Home.....	5 00	Star City.....	10 00
Bethlehem.....	10 00	Oak Grove.....	10 00	Spring Hill No. 1.....	10 00
Friendship No. 1.....	5 00	Pleasant Springs.....	15 00	Spring Hill No. 2.....	5 00
Holly Springs.....	10 00	Pleasant Hill.....	5 00	Smyrna.....	5 00
Hickory Grove.....	10 00	Pleasant Ridge.....	15 00	Tyro.....	10 00
Long Grove.....	5 00	Pine Bluff.....	50 00	Zion.....	20 00
Mt. Moriah.....	7 80	Pine Bluff S. S.....	10 00	Zion S. S.....	5 00
Mt. Zion.....	5 00	Rison.....	10 00	Florence.....	10 00
New Hope.....	5 00				
Carried forward.....	\$72 80	Carried forward.....	\$192 80	Total.....	\$267 80

INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES.

W. K. Penrod.....	\$15 00	Brought forward.....	\$49 00	Brought forward.....	\$80 50
J. W. Fish.....	5 00	Miss Ada Owen.....	2 00	J. L. Hunter.....	10 00
M. D. Lewis.....	2 50	Miss M. M. Smith.....	2 00	Mrs. T. E. Batchelor.....	1 00
E. Y. A. Rogers.....	2 50	Mrs. M. E. Fish.....	2 00	Miss O. M. Wilson.....	1 00
C. T. Atkinson.....	5 00	Mrs. M. R. Crawford.....	4 00	Claude Mitchem.....	1 00
J. S. Fish.....	5 00	J. B. Morau.....	2 00	Miss Bertha Fish.....	1 00
W. H. Cash.....	2 50	J. T. Gathrite.....	2 50	Miss Mary Mills.....	1 00
J. W. Reynolds.....	1 00	J. F. West.....	3 00	N. H. Atkins.....	2 00
J. R. Grumbles.....	2 00	M. Browning.....	2 00	Bethlehem L. M. S.....	5 00
Wm. Sacket.....	2 50	Mrs. S. F. Cope.....	1 00	Bethel No. 1 S. S.....	5 00
W. J. Aven.....	1 00	Mrs. M. B. Owen.....	2 00	Pleasant Home S. S.....	1 00
J. B. Wilson.....	2 00	Mrs. L. B. Drake.....	2 00	Bethlehem S. S.....	2 00
Mrs. S. E. Reed.....	1 00	Mrs. Mattie Owen.....	1 00	Pleasant Ridge S. S.....	1 00
Mrs. Alice Brockman.....	1 00	W. A. Jones.....	1 00	Star City S. S.....	2 00
Mrs. M. J. Wilson.....	1 00	A. E. Miller.....	5 00		
Carried forward.....	\$49 00	Carried forward.....	\$80 50	Total.....	\$113 50
Amount pledged by the Churches.....					57 80

Grand total of all pledges.....\$139 30

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 p. m. the body was called together by singing and prayer by D. H. Gill.

Finished reading the Letters and went into permanent organization by electing W. K. Penrod Moderator and E. A. McMurtrey Clerk and Treasurer.

A call for Petitionary Letters, in which Florence Baptist Church (being organized at Florence, in Drew County, Ark., on July 13, 1895, by Elders A. C. Miller and C. W. Daniels) responded and was regularly admitted to membership and the names of her Messengers enrolled.

An invitation to Corresponding Messengers was responded to by J. A. Wynd from Judson Association and J. M. L. Thomasson from Bartholomew Association.

A call for respondent Messengers, in which W. H. Cash volunteered to go to Pine Bluff Association, I. R. Vick to Bartholomew Association and B. F. Condray and E. A. McMurtrey to Judson Association.

The following Messengers were appointed to go to the State Baptist Convention: I. R. Vick, J. W. McPherson, D. E. Gambrell, M. R. Lord and E. L. Lucas.

A motion prevailed to pay the expenses of the Messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention.

W. K. Penrod was elected Messenger and I. R. Vick alternate.

W. H. Cash, J. R. Grumbles and J. A. Owen, the Committee on Divine Service, reported the following program, which was carried into effect

At 7:30 p. m. Saturday, a sermon by Eld. Bell Taylor Bro. Taylor not being present, Eld. I. R. Vick preached an interesting sermon; text I Cor. 10:4.

Sunday morning at 9:30 Sunday School mass meeting, with short speeches from Bros. A. O. Edwards, D. H. Gill, C. D. Grest and W. H. Cash.

At the appointed time a large concourse of people assembled in the grove near the Church and listened with much interest to the able speeches from the appointees until 11 o'clock.

the hour for the Missionary Sermon, when Eld. W. K. Penrod, the appointee, from Isaiah 23: 13-15, held the people interestingly charmed by the pathos of his well-directed sermon until 12 o'clock m., when we were dismissed for dinner. which was served bountifully on the grounds.

At 3 o'clock p. m. Eld. A. C. Miller occupied the pulpit at the Church to the delight of his hearers in an able sermon; text, Num. 13:30. At the same hour Eld. E. Y. A. Rogers interested a large congregation, at the school house near the Church, from Matt. 7:22, 23.

At 7:30 p. m. Eld. D. E. Gambrell preached, directing his discourse to the sinner, from Rev. 3:20, many sinners responding by coming forward and asking an interest in the prayers of the Christian people.

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MONDAY MORNING.

At 8:30, after singing a hymn, Eld. J. T. Gathright read from Heb. 2, with devotional exercises. when the Association was declared ready for work.

A letter from Pleasant Hill Church was read by its pastor, I. R. Vick; no Messengers.

J. M. E. Thomasson was recognized as a corresponding Messenger from Bartholomew Association.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Associational Missions was made a special order for 11 o'clock a. m. Likewise the report on State Missions was made a special order for 2 p. m., and the report on Home Missions was postponed to an indefinite time.

Committee on Nominations (J. W. Fish, W. J. Cope and M. C. Cleveland).—Report called for, read and adopted. (Appended, marked A.)

Committee on Obituaries.—Report read and referred back to the Committee with request to make special mention of Mrs. Ann H. Nun and Grandma Cleveland.

Committee on Publication (I. R. Vick, J. A. Ross and W. M. Willis).—Report read, pleasantly discussed with stress upon the Arkansas Baptist as a home paper, adopted. (Marked C.)

Committee on Education.—(B. F. Codray, W. B. Taylor and J. T. Gathrite).—Report read, pleasantly discussed with stress on the importance of Associational High Schools, adopted (Marked D) and committee appointed. B. F. Codray, chairman; W. H. Cash, E. A. McMurtrey, D. E. Gambrell and J. S. Hunter was the committee appointed.

Committee on Sunday Schools (A. O. Edwards, W. B. Nillum and L. D. Owen).—Report read and approved. (Marked B.)

Committee on Temperance.—Report read, pleasantly discussed and approved. (Marked E.)

Committee on Associational Missions.—Report read, and the report of the Missionary also read and approved. (Marked F.) Pledges for Associational Missions was called for with the following results, after which we dismissed for dinner, which was bountifully served on the grounds.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Came together at 1:30, by singing, prayer by Eld. E. Y. A. Rogers.

Committee on Obituaries being ready, made its report, which was read and approved. (Marked H.)

Committee on State Mission (W. H. Cash, chairman).—Report read and pleasantly discussed and approved. (Marked I.)

Committee on Home Missions (D. E. Gambrell, J. H. Collins and J. T. West).—Report read, pleasantly discussed and approved. (Marked J.)

Committee on Foreign Mission (E. Y. A. Rogers, chairman).—Report read, pleasantly discussed and approved. (Marked K.)

Committee on Orphans' Home.—Report read and adopted. (Marked L.)

Committee on Finance (J. L. Hunter, Ed L. Lucas and J. W. McPherson).—Report read and approved. (Marked M.)

On motion, the time for convening this Association was changed from Saturday before the third Sunday in September to Saturday before the second Sunday in October.

The following resolutions were adopted:

"Resolved, That this Association drop from its roll the following Churches: 'Cedar Branch, New Prospect and Friendship No. 2.'

"Resolved, That we tender our thanks to this Church and community for their kindness and hospitality during our stay with them.

"Resolved, That the Clerk of this Association receive the sum of \$15 for his services and that the remainder of the money sent for minutes be expended in printing and distributing said minutes to the different Churches in proportion to the amount sent for same, and that the Arkansas Baptist be given the work.

A motion to adjourn to meet with Mount Moriah Church at Winchester, Ark., on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1896, was adopted.

(See Statistical table marked N.)

(See Treasurer's report marked O.)

(See Sunday School Statistics marked P.)

(See Pastors, Clerks and Postoffices, Q.)

W. K. PENROD, Moderator.

E. A. McMURTREY, Clerk.

Reports of Committees.

(A.) Your Committee on Nominations would nominate as our Executive Board W. K. Penrod, H. C. Fox, O. A. Edwards, D. W. Campbell and J. S. Fish; as Secretary of Ministerial Education, J. L. Hunter. J. W. FISH, Chairman.

(B.) We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, respectfully submit the following report:

"We deem it necessary in this age of progress and enlightenment to urge upon the members of this Association the necessity of a Sunday School in all our Churches.

"The time was when the country was new and sparsely settled that to keep up Sunday Schools in some of our Churches would have required great sacrifice of time and labor. This state of affairs no longer exists, and your Committee knows of no reasonable excuse why we should not have a flourishing Sunday School in every Church within the bounds of this Association. And we urge upon the members of each Church the necessity of an earnest effort in this direction at once. We have twenty-eight Churches represented in our Association. Only thirteen of that number have Sunday Schools, with 632 scholars enrolled; officers and teachers, 78; total, 710.

Total collections	\$155.04
For literature	125.46
Associational missions	10.00

We have a Sunday School convention within the bounds of our Association, which, if encouraged by the brethren, will strengthen and develop the work greatly, and we recommend that each Church send delegates to all meetings.

A. O. EDWARDS,
W. B. NILLUMS.

(C.) The Bible, from which alone we can learn our Master's will, and his plan of salvation, is the Book of Books. We therefore recommend that all Baptists carefully study it. The Arkansas Baptist, our State paper, should be taken and read by every Baptist family in the State.

For our Sunday Schools we recommend the Southern Baptist Convention Series.

For our young people we recommend The Leader, published by our Sunday School board at Nashville, Tenn.

For our Church music, the Harvest Bell.

I. R. VICK, Chairman.

(D.) We, your Committee on Education, beg leave to submit the following report:

Education is inseparably connected with all our denominational enterprises. The age in which we live as well as the continual battle for truth, which comprehend the great missions of our race in all ages, especially demands that parents make a true education the first and greatest legacy to their children—if not the only one. One of the strongest natural evidences of a future life is that this life is too short for the perfect development of which man's faculties are capable. The true educator remembers at all times that he is working for a development which is to continue throughout eternity. Consequently, he strives to prepare his pupil not for this life only, but for a future life. The observance of this fact is the characteristic aim and produces the characteristic qualities—Christian education. A heathen philosopher has truly said that the chief purpose of all study should be to give a broader higher, truer conception of God and of the work He has created. Wherever this truth is not recognized knowledge too often becomes a power for evil rather than for good.

We are grateful for the success of our Ouachita, Central, and Mountain Home Colleges. We recommend that our people patronize them. We believe that it is not only no longer necessary, but that it is indicative either of a lack of knowledge of our own institutions or of disloyalty to our denomination in Arkansas for parents to continue to send their sons

and daughters to other States for collegiate education.

Realizing that an educated ministry is a necessity we urge the importance of giving our support to worthy young ministers who need financial assistance in obtaining collegiate education. We further recommend that our young ministers strive to take a course of training in the Theological Seminary at Louisville.

Knowing that the condition is that a large per cent. of the students in our colleges are preparatory students, and that many of these leave school without finishing any course, we believe that it would greatly tend to the advantage of our colleges by furnishing them a better grade of students, and to our educational interests by reaching a greater number of our people for us to establish and maintain an Associational Baptist High School, which should give its pupils thorough preparation for college work. We therefore recommend that the Moderator appoint a committee of five, whose duty it shall be to investigate and consider the advisability of establishing such a school and to receive bids from places desiring that such a school be located in their midst, and to report to the next meeting of this Association in order that steps may then be taken to establish and locate said school.

B. F. CONDRAY,

H. B. TAYLOR,

J. T. GATHRITE.

Committee.

(E.) Your Committee on Temperance would respectfully submit the following as their report:

When we consider the vast importance of the subject of Temperance and how much depends on the zeal and earnestness with which we battle with this great question, we are forced to say, Oh! God, deliver us from our adversary, intoxicating liquors. We know of no enemy that is more dangerous and destructive to the Church and State than that of strong drink, and Satan wants no better means to invade the sanctity of the fireside, the home and the Church than that of the use of liquors.

Its use degrades and brings sorrow, poverty and destruction to every home where it is allowed to enter. Go to our prison asylums and ask why all this array of human souls confined, and all along the line comes the solemn answer—strong drink. The use of intoxicating liquors not only sends men to prison, degrades the morals and destroys the peace of the family, makes orphans and widows, but it destroys that never dying being, the soul.

Therefore, let us go to the Lord in prayer and ask Him to assist us in exterminating this greatest of evils. Let our pastors, deacons and members take a firm stand against it. Brethren, go to the poles and cast your vote against the sale of the destroyer, thereby throwing a wall of protection around the boys of our country. For God hath said, woe unto him that putteth the bottle to his neighbor's lips and maketh him drunk also; and he that fails to cast his vote against this traffic votes to legalize the sale of liquor. He that is not for us is against us, sayeth the Lord. Therefore, let our motto be, "touch not, taste not, handle not the unclean thing."

And may God help us all to do more for the cause of Temperance the coming year than ever before.

Respectfully submitted,

H. R. LUCAS, Chairman.

(F.) Your Committee on Associational Missions report as follows:

We have a destitution lying around Pine Bluff and Arkansas City of about 1800 square miles, containing about 1,152,000 acres; valued at \$2.50 per acre will be \$2,880,000. This district has a white population of about———. Of that number only about eighty-two are Baptists, with only two little organizations struggling for existence. There are at least fifteen points where preaching should be sustained. Most of these points are asking for preaching. Other denominations are sowing seed and reaping some reward. The Methodists have eleven organizations, with a fair membership and six preachers in this territory. They sustain preaching at other points. Presbyterians, two; Campbellites, one; Episcopalians,

one; Catholics, two. There are eighteen saloons, some of which stand open on Sunday, and almost every other vice that is conceivable to the human mind to tempt and to divert the mind and heart of your Missionary. Therefore, he needs sympathy of a substantial kind. We would recommend that this Association sustain preaching at as many points as it possibly can, after committing itself to the Holy Spirit for direction.

Report of Mission work done by A. C. Miller, Missionary for the Friendship Baptist Association for the year ending September 15, 1895:

Three-fourths time.

Days labored	269
Miles traveled	3364
Sermons preached	208
Addresses delivered	6
Regeneration, confessed	48
Churches organized	1
Additions to Churches	30
Baptisms administered	9
Prayer meetings attended	4
Families visited	789
Points reached	12
Meetings held	4
Money collected, independent of pledge	\$72.35
Books sold, "H B."	60
Tracts donated, pages, about	400
Money paid out for assistance	\$41.70

The above is a correct summary of actual work done. While it is not at all satisfactory with the laborer, yet he fully realizes that "Paul may plant and Apollos water, but the increase must come from the Lord" Again, we are not rewarded for our success, but for our faithfulness. He feels that he has been faithful to the trust, and earnest in his efforts, and is willing to leave the consequences with the Lord.

With humble submission, I am your servant and brother,

A. C. MILLER.

(H.) Your Committee on Obituaries would respectfully submit the following:

We find from the letters of the Churches that in the providence of God it has pleased Him to remove twenty-seven of our number. Two of these we think deserve special notice.

Sister Ann H. Nunn, of Pine Bluff, was known far and wide for her devotion to Christ and His Church. She showed the same self-sacrificing spirit that characterized her father, Eld. ——— Borum. She was a regular contributor to the columns of the Arkansas Baptist.

Sister Fannie Cleveland, of Pine Bluff, the widow of Rev. Cleveland, was noted for her piety and Christian liberality. We extend sympathy and condolence to the bereaved ones. We humbly submit to the Master's will, consoled by the thought that our loss is their gain.

This brings to mind the shortness of life and certainty of death and teaches us to be prayerful and watchful, that we may be found ready when we are called to our reward.

D. N. CAMPBELL,
E. D. TATE.

(I.) The question of State Missions we consider one of vast importance when we realize the fact that the harvest fields are ripe, ready and waiting to be gathered. We have destitute fields throughout our State that need the Gospel preached. Our cause is suffering. (Other denominations are planting their doctrine.) All we need is funds; we have the harvesters ready and willing to work. But it takes money to pay the laborers. We are pained to state that so little has been done the past year on the line of State Missions. We have thirty Churches in our Association which paid only \$93.52 1-2c for State Missions the last Associational year. The magnitude of this work requires vigilant and studious action upon the part of our entire denomination. We therefore recommend that this Association do co-operate with the State Mission Board in organizing a systematic plan of work, or co-operate with the best plan already provided. A systematic giving should be urged upon the part of the entire

membership. Pastors should teach their flocks the necessity and importance of each member contributing to this great work. The Scriptures require us to give as the Lord has prospered us, and to give each week. 1 Cor. 16:2. We have several Missionaries working under the auspices of our State Board who are depending upon us for a support while they preach the Gospel in the destitute parts of the State. Brethren, shall we keep in the work or shall we stand idly by while others labor. God says go up and possess the land. Again. He commands us to occupy till He comes.

W. H. CASH, Chairman.

(J.) We, your Committee on Home Missions, respectfully submit the following:

We regard the subject of Home Missions of great importance. It includes the Southern States and Cuba. We have before us in these Southern States an inviting field. The cry is heard come over and help us. The Gospel is being carried to these destitute places. Men and women are being saved and God's name honored and glorified.

It can no longer be said that the doors of Cuba are closed against the Gospel, but the isles of the sea are open and God is preparing the hearts of those people for the reception of the truth.

God commanded us to go up and possess the land, and, again, to occupy till I come. To do this we must have men and money.

Brethren, God has given us the means, and He has taught us the importance of contributing. In 1 Cor. 16:2 we find this language: Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by in store as God doth prosper him that there may be no gathering when I come.

Your committee would suggest that the pastors preach at least one sermon each year on the subject of Home Missions and take a collection for that work.

D. E. GAMBRELL,
J. X. COLLINS,
J. F. WEST.

(K.) In the early centuries of the Christian era the spirit of the Churches was missionary, and the Gospel spread rapidly. Then there came in error, which retarded the truth. The Christian world seemed to fall into slothfulness, sleep and decay. But a time of revival came. Here, God raised up a Carey, who infused new life into the slumbering masses. Let us look into the history of the last hundred years: At first there were but few missionaries; the way before them was dark, but through faith and patience success attended their efforts. Then there were but few translations of God's word, now the Bible is translated into 320 languages and dialects. It is said that at the beginning of this century only one-fifth of the population had access to God's word in their own language; but now nine-tenths of the people on our globe can have it, and read it in their own language. There are 9000 Missionaries in foreign lands, besides over 44,500 native helpers. Over 2000 converts are reported for every week in the year. In China there are 50,000 Christians. In Japan 35,000. In the last century 700 heathen temples have been closed. In Africa the Missionaries are doing a great work letting in the light of the Gospel. In Mexico our Board has twenty-five Missionaries and fifteen native assistants. Two years ago they reported 277 baptisms, forty organized Churches. Remember, this is but the beginning. God help us to realize our responsibility to these people at our doors. In Brazil the revolutions which have swept over the country have opened the way for the messengers of Christ. Roman Catholicism is giving way before the Gospel. Italy, the home of Apostolic labors, is now a land of Bibles, and a Church has been organized under the shadow of the Vatican. In Burmah, where Judson labored so long, we have 500 Churches largely self-supporting. In India, where Carey labored, we have 150,000 Christians, 800 Missionaries and 3000 native helpers. The horror of darkness is giving way in the land of India. Millions have found the Saviour in foreign lands. Forces have been put in motion according to God's plan and must prevail. Yet the work has only begun. God will be glorified as Satan is driven back and nations are redeemed.

E. Y. A. ROGERS, Chm'n.

(L.) We, your Committee on Orphans' Home, most respectfully submit the following report:

In the providence of God we find that the little band of true, noble and public-spirited Baptists of Monticello conceived the idea some time in the summer of 1894 of building an Orphans' Home at that place.

In due time we find an humble instrument in the hands of God. True and devoted to the cause, she has espoused making a sacrifice of her own dear home that those dear ones who are the same by nature as we, might be provided with a place of shelter where they can be protected both physically and spiritually. So, on the 22d of July, 1894, the Church passed resolutions accepting the offer of Miss Hanah Hyatt, consisting of a tract of eighty acres of land with farm and houses. They then appointed a board of trustees with power to receive all gifts and subscriptions and erect such buildings as they deem proper, and to do such things as they think best for the good of the enterprise.

They then laid their plans before their own and sister Associations, which were heartily indorsed by these bodies, and recommended to report their plans and work to the State Convention and ask that the home be accented as the property of the Baptists of Arkansas; that it take control and foster it as a denominational enterprise.

At the Convention at Lonoke in November, 1894, resolutions were passed creating a Committee on Orphans' Home, whose duty it should be to report at once the advisability of the founding of an Orphans' Home somewhere in the State. The trustees of the Home met this committee and submitted to them their wishes and offered to the State Convention the property at Monticello for a Baptist Home.

The committee in its report recommended that the Convention take under its fostering care the Home so graciously donated by Miss Hyatt.

After the adoption of this report, a committee of three was appointed with instruction to supervise the organization and see that it is incorporated in accordance with the laws of the State and placed in proper organic connection with this Convention.

The trustees are at work raising funds to build the first buildings, and by the time the State Convention meets at Monticello there will be a beautiful brick building constructed on the farm, and Baptists who attend the Convention will be proud of this enterprise.

Brethren, this is an enterprise that should receive our encouragement and support. See what a blessing our State Institutions for the blind, deaf and dumb have been to our land. They have taken those crude minds and by the proper means have polished them until today they stand living monuments to the memory of true and unselfish manhood.

We as Baptists, true and devoted to our blessed Master, as we should be, may accomplish great things through this institution. How many little waifs do we know that have no place to call home? And how many that never heard of the name Jesus?

In this Home these little ones can be taught lessons of sobriety and industry, and at the same time be pointed to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. By this means we are enabled to reach families and individuals that we could reach by no other, for these destitute ones do not come from the homes of well-regulated Christian families, but from those who know not God, and from those who indulge in all the vices the flesh is heir to.

Brethren, if we will give this subject our undivided support by a liberal contribution of our means, we will erect a Home that our children and generations following us can point to with pride, as a living monument to our fidelity to the Master and to our fellow man.

We would further recommend that our pastors when they return to their respective congregations urge upon them the importance of this Home and take a collection at once for this work and forward the same to D. T. Hyatt at Monticello, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

E. V. HELLUMS, Chairman.

C. H. KINDERS,

A. O. JORDAN.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

To amount for Association's Missions, per Treasurer's report.....	\$335 50
By Churches, per letters.....	280 70
By Individuals, per Treasurer's report.....	74 80
The Ladies' Aid Society of Pine Bluff, as per report, contributed for the various purposes, \$25.75. Said amount was divided and included in above report.	
Cash Report.	
For Minutes.....	\$35 10
For State Missions.....	5 72
For Home Missions.....	6 72
For Foreign Missions.....	11 23
For Ministerial Education.....	1 55
For Sunday School Work.....	50
Total.....	\$60 82

J. L. HUNTER, Chmn'n.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.	
Paid in by the Churches.....	\$60 82
Disbursements.	
For printing Minutes.....	\$17 00
For State Missions.....	5 72
For Home Missions.....	6 72
For Foreign Missions.....	11 23
For Ministerial Education.....	1 55
For Sunday School Work.....	50
For Clerk's fee.....	15 00
For Stationery.....	1 00
Balance on hand for paying express and postage.....	2 10
	60 82

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES THAT MAINTAIN SUNDAY SCHOOLS	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Average Attend- ance.	Expense.	Kind of Literature Used.
Bethel No. 1.....	5	34	20	\$3 20	S. B. C. S.
Bethlehem.....	7	50	.....	.....	.....
Friendship No. 1.....	4	42	.....	.....	.....
Hickory Grove.....	3	.....	25	3 00	.....
New Home.....	5	25	20	.....	.....
Oak Grove.....	5	27	16	3 50	S. B. C. S.
Pleasant Ridge.....	8	42	.....	.....	.....
Pine Bluff.....	22	254	.....	87 18	.....
Rison.....	7	54	32	8 00	S. B. C. S.
Spring Hill No. 1.....	3	15	.....	.....	.....
Star City.....	7	55	45	25 00	S. B. C. S.
Zion.....	7	42	40	9 58	.....
Totals.....	83	400	28	\$139 46	.....

PASTORS. CLERKS. AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POSTOFFICES.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICES.
Bethel No. 1.....	E. F. Appling.....	Brooks.....	D. J. Tate.....	Rison.
Bethel No. 2.....	H. B. Taylor.....	.....	A. B. Tucker.....	Pansy.
Bethlehem.....	J. H. W. Overton.....	Toledo.....	J. A. Owen.....	Palmyra.
Center.....	H. B. Taylor.....	.....	G. W. Johnston.....	Rowel.
Enon.....	E. Y. A. Rogers.....	Bodman.....	S. A. Berry.....	Annover.
Friendship No. 1.....	J. H. W. Overton.....	Toledo.....	G. W. Reed.....	Calmer.
Holly Springs.....	I. R. Vick.....	Garnett.....	D. W. Campbell.....	Garnett.
Hickory Grove.....	J. H. W. Overton.....	Toledo.....	M. M. West.....	Rest.
Florence.....	A. C. Miller.....	.....	M. R. Lord.....	Florence.
Lone Grove.....	I. R. Vick.....	.....	L. D. Owen.....	Feeneyville.
Mt. Moriah.....	A. C. Miller.....	Plantersville.....	A. R. McGraw.....	Winchester.
Mt. Zion.....	H. B. Taylor.....	.....	P. J. Taylor.....	Kedron.
Macedonia.....	J. T. Gathrite.....	.....	D. Y. May.....	Toledo.
New Hope.....	J. T. Gathrite.....	.....	J. C. Sadler.....	.....
New Home.....	J. W. Fish.....	.....	W. M. Willis.....	Glendale.
Oak Grove.....	E. F. Appling.....	Brooks.....	L. J. Reed.....	Calmer.
Pleasant Springs.....	E. Y. A. Rogers.....	Bodman.....	J. W. McPherson.....	Coleman.
Pleasant Ridge.....	W. H. Cash.....	Toledo.....	W. R. Ross.....	Randall.
Pleasant Home.....	E. F. Appling.....	Brooks.....	A. B. Craig.....	Double Wells.
Pleasant Hill.....	I. R. Vick.....	Garnett.....	B. W. Robertson.....	.....
Pine Bluff.....	W. K. Penrod.....	Pine Bluff.....	H. C. Fox.....	Pine Bluff.
Rison.....	D. E. Gambrell.....	Rison.....	W. S. Houlditch.....	Rison.
Spring Hill No. 1.....	W. H. Cash.....	Toledo.....	M. E. Handley.....	Plantersville.
Spring Hill No. 2.....	E. L. Rushing.....	.....	J. F. West.....	Brooks.
Star City.....	D. E. Gambrell.....	Rison.....	J. G. Atkinson.....	Star City.
Smyrna.....	I. R. Vick.....	Garnett.....	.....	.....
Tyro.....	A. C. Miller.....	Plantersville.....	R. H. Tood.....	Tyro.
Zion.....	J. H. W. Overton.....	Toledo.....	W. L. Overton.....	Toledo.

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERSHIP.						CONTRIBUTIONS.										
	Incr'se			Deer's.			Pastor's Salary.	Ministerial Education.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Associational Missions.	Building Church Houses.	Other Purposes.	For Minutes.	Charity.	Total Contributions.
	By Baptism.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.												Present Membership.
Bethel No. 1.	4	7		2	5	68	\$75 00		\$2 50	\$2 50		\$10 00			\$1 00		\$61 00
Bethel No. 2.	3	4	1	7	2	62						5 00			1 25		6 25
Bethlehem.				7	5	161	49 55		50			10 15		\$1 50	2 50		64 20
Center.	6	1				25									50		50
Enon.	2				3	73	78 00					15 00			1 50		94 50
Friendship No. 1.		3		5	2	79			3 00			5 00			1 00		9 00
Holly Spring.	1			1	3	66		\$0 50	50			10 00		7 85	1 50		20 35
Hickory Grove.	6	1	2	8	1	74	40 00			2 90		10 00		5 65	2 00		60 55
Florence.	6	6				24			1 20	1 20	\$1 20	6 45			50		10 55
Lone Grove.		3		2		38									75		75
Mt. Moriah.	2		3		10	43	20 45		1 00	1 00	1 00	30 00		2 95	1 00		57 50
Mt. Zion.		5		7	1	46	17 00					5 00		4 00	1 45		27 45
Macedonia.	3	2		4	1	31									1 00		1 00
New Hope.	5	3	2		1	60						8 00			1 00		4 00
New Home.	5			2		43			1 00			5 00			90		6 90
Oak Grove.		4	1	4	1	33	65 00		1 27	1 27	1 27	10 00		2 50	1 50		82 32
Pleasant Springs.	6	5		12	1	102	62 50		5 50	5 50		10 00		18 60	2 50		104 00
Pleasant Ridge.	3	5	3	10	2	66	51 00		1 40	50	50	10 00		14 02	2 00		79 42
Pleasant Home.	1			3		26	50 00	25	25	25		25			1 00		52 00
Pleasant Hill.	13			2		43	12 00	30				3 60			75		16 65
Pine Bluff.	33	24		7	6	343	1200 00	65 00	10 00	5 00	93 55	70 00	\$62 50	720 25	2 00	\$20 50	2248 80
Rison.	1	4	3		1	51	75 00		1 00			7 00			75		8 75
Star City.	6	1	2		2	78			15	2 00	1 00	10 00	2 70	5 00	1 50		97 35
Spring Hill No. 1.		1		2		54	100 00					5 00			1 50		106 50
Spring Hill No. 2.		2		15	2	45	30 50		1 00			5 00			75		37 25
Smyrna.	1			1	2	17						3 00					3 00
Tyro.	5	2				43	50 00	50	50	50	50	7 50		85	1 50		61 85
Zion.	5	9			1	49	40 00		2 35			25 00			1 50		68 85
Totals.	117	92	16	104	41	23	\$2016 00	\$66 55	\$30 12	\$22 62	\$99 02	\$280 95	\$65 20	\$783 17	\$35 10	\$20 50	\$3422 24