

MINUTES

OF THE

Sixty-first Session

OF THE

Bartholomew Regular Baptist Association

HELD WITH

*First Baptist Church, Monticello, Drew
County, Arkansas*

Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 2 and 3, 1911

OFFICERS:

Moderator, J. B. Luck, Crossett

Clerk and Treasurer, Z. T. Wood, Monticello

The next session will be held with Eudora Baptist Church, Eudora, Chicot County, Arkansas, commencing Saturday before the first Sunday in October 1912

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The Bartholomew Regular Baptist Association convened in its Sixty-first annual session with the First Baptist Church of Monticello, Drew County, Arkansas, at 10 o'clock, Saturday morning, September 30th, 1911.

J. R. Woods, Moderator, being present called the body to order and opened the services by reading from God's word the 10th chapter of Romans. Prayer was led by Eld. W. C. Harley.

The Moderator then read as the first order of business, the rules of Decorum, after which he requested the messengers from the churches comprising the Bartholomew Association to present the letters of the churches they represent, to this Association, that they might be enrolled, and he appointed S. R. Smith, G. E. Holt and W. R. McEwen a committee to receive the letters and report the names and number of messengers entitled to seats in this body from the churches of this Association. Letters were presented and messengers enrolled from the churches as follows:

Beulah—B. Binns and W. W. Binns; Beech Creek—J. R. Edwards, P. J. Deason and W. W. Nutt; Bethany—Letter; Collins—W. E. Lang and J. G. McCone; Corinth La.—A. W. Cameron; Central—Letter; Crossett—Mrs. L. A. Calhoun, J. B. Luck, S. W. Bethune; Dermott—N. C. Denison and Mrs. May Stinson; Eudora—Miss Myrtle Stephenson and Robert Stephenson; Elon—J. D. Deggs and W. J. Gibbs; Ebenezer—J. R. Tucker, H. C. Spraggins and I. E. Veazey; Evergreen—Jas. Farrar; Eureka—T. G. Duckworth; Egypt—G. D. Moore; Edon—R. J. Willis; Enon—P. G. Hoffman; Center Point—W. S. Garrison, W. J. Stuart and C. T. Morrison; Flat Creek—J. W. Deal and E. C. Watkins; Friendship—H. H. Scroggins and T. H. Jordan; Farmerville—.....; Fellowship—W. S. Wheat and C. A. Atkins; Grace—W. W. Trussell, J. W. Smith and Miss Eula Trussell; Green Hill—W. B. Haney and F. M. Miles; Hamburg—J. R. Woods,

Dr. W. H. Lindsey, G. E. Holt; Hopewell—.....; Hollis—H. C. Sivils and J. N. Croswell; Hermitage—.....; Holly Springs—H. M. L. Carnly; Judson—T. P. Nobles and A. C. Woods and G. M. Peters; Lake Village—W. R. McEwen, Mrs. W. R. McEwen and J. F. Tompkins; Mount Olive—J. R. Riley and J. N. Williams; Montrose—A. Lynn, Lon Brady and W. T. Cone; Mount Olive No. 2—J. F. Gray and J. C. Burnett; Morrell—.....; Mount Zion No. 1—W. A. Byrd and Lum Hill; Midway—Julian Dye; Mt. Pleasant—Archie Wilkinson; Marsden—H. C. Pirtle, W. C. Johnson and Mrs. H. C. Pirtle; Macedonia—.....; Monticello—J. F. Tull, Z. T. Wood and D. T. Hyatt; New Liberty—J. M. McNabb, and Jerry Smith and wife; New Union—C. F. Stephenson and James Haley; New Hope—S. C. Armstrong and Atlas McKoin; Omega—R. B. Watson and K. F. Watson; Pleasant Grove—By Letter; Piney Grove—E. D. Allison; Prairie Grove—H. A. Johnson, S. P. Rial and J. M. Deal; Parkdale—T. L. Nichols and W. F. Morris; Paradise—D. R. Dunham and M. M. Slater; Promise Land—S. R. Smith and J. C. Higginbotham; Portland—.....; Saline—.....; Shady Grove—J. M. Anders and H. D. McDougal; Sardis—Denson Gregory, J. W. Dingler and Mrs. J. W. Dingler; Shiloh—S. W. Moore; Tillar—By Letter; Union Hill—W. T. Clements, L. Z. Waldrop and J. L. Johnson; Unity—J. N. Doss; Warren—Robert Jarrott, J. E. Brown and Mrs. W. F. Mack; Wilmar—J. W. Measles, Mrs. Mary Hudgens and Mrs. Bell Green; White—R. E. Gullledge and Mrs. R. E. Gullledge; Wilmot—.....; Wood Lawn—H. L. Rhodes, J. S. Gates and W. C. Harley.

By motion it was ordered that the Association proceed to operate under the resolution adopted at the last session of this Association, and that the messengers present go into the organization of the 61st session of this Association by electing a Moderator and Clerk and Treasurer for the ensuing associational year!

W. R. McEwen, T. L. Nichols and W. H. Lindsey were appointed Tellers to receive, count and announce the ballot, which resulted in the election of J. B. Luck Moderator and Z. T. Wood Clerk and Treasurer of this Association for the incoming associational year. Both brethren expressed their appreciation of the honor conferred. The Moderator elect appointed J. R. Woods, G. M. Peters and H. C. Sivils as the committee to arrange and report at once, an order of business for the present session of the Association, which committee after a short time brought in their report which was read and adopted and the Association proceeded with its business in accordance with said report.

J. F. Tull, pastor, and the messengers from Monticello church,

were appointed a committee on Divine Services for the present session of this Association.

The hour for preaching having arrived and Eld. T. G. Morgan the regular appointee being absent, the alternate, J. F. Tull named W. Q. Young who was serving as one of the Associational Missionaries to preach the introductory sermon.

Bro. Young commenced the services by reading the 2nd Chapter of John, 20 to 36 verses inclusive, taking for his text 42 and 43 verses of the 2nd Chapter of Acts. Prayer by T. M. McGehee. After an able sermon by Bro. Young and the benediction by Eld. W. T. Clements, a recess was taken to 1:30 p. m.

At 1:30 o'clock p. m., the body was called to order by the Moderator and after song and prayer the following committees were announced by the Moderator: On publications—W. T. Cone, John Doss and W. H. Lindsey; On Temperance—N. C. Denson, J. M. Deal and H. C. Sivils; On Sunday School—T. L. Nichols and W. S. Wheat.

The Moderator then called for petitionary letters to this Association, whereupon Elon Baptist Church of Rawls, Ark., by her messengers presented her letter asking to become a member of this Association, which Church after giving satisfactory evidence of her orthodoxy was by motion admitted to membership and the hand of Christian Fellowship extended to her messengers by the Moderator. Bayou Bartholomew Baptist church sent in petitionary letter, but no messengers reported.

Corresponding messengers from other Associations were then called for and Brothers Bond and Someral from Friendship Association responded, and after a cordial welcome by the moderator, were invited to sit with us during the present session.

Brothers T. M. McGehee of Paducah, Ky., G. S. Anderson of Little Rock and J. W. Conger of Conway were recognized in the audience by the Moderator, who extended to them christian greetings and the courtesies of the Association.

The report of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Associational Mission Board was called for and read by J. R. Woods which showed results as follows: Miles traveled 2861, Religious visits 296, churches visited 84, Revival meetings held 14, sermons preached 320, additions by baptism 176, total additions to the churches by baptism and otherwise 337, total collections on the field by Missionaries \$687.65, salary of Missionaries and singer \$1123.00, amount paid Missionaries and singer in cash and pledges at the Association \$435.35. After spirited discussions by G. E. Holt, N. C. Denson, W. C. Harley and J. R. Woods, the report was unanimously adopted. By motion it is ordered that the reports

on Publications and Temperance will be taken up and considered after preaching tonight. G. S. Anderson representing the Arkansas Baptist and J. E. Brown representing the Baptist Advance addressed the audience in the interest of their respective papers. By motion a recess was taken to 7:45 o'clock p. m. Benediction by G. M. Peters. At 7:45 p. m. after song and prayer the body was called to order by the Moderator, who announced the appointment of the following committees:

Associational Missions—J. R. Woods, S. R. Smith and H. L. Rhodes; Home Missions—G. E. Holt, J. G. McCone and R. E. Gulledge; State Missions—J. E. Brown, G. D. Moore and J. F. Tompkins; Foreign Missions—W. R. McEwen, D. T. Hyatt and W. C. Harley; Ministerial Education—Z. T. Wood, J. M. Anders and T. H. Jordan; State of Religion—G. M. Peters, J. C. Burnett and W. A. Byrd; Finance—C. D. Allison, S. W. Bethune and W. F. Morris; Obituaries—W. E. Lindsey, J. L. Johnson and H. C. Pirtle; Nominations—G. E. Holt, J. R. Edwards and J. M. Anders.

The hour for preaching having arrived Eld. J. E. Brown was introduced by the Moderator and read for the Scripture lesson the 19th Chapter of John, taking as his text the 28th verse of said chapter. After preaching, by motion the regular order of business was suspended temporarily that the audience might hear Bro. J. W. Conger speak on Christian Education. Bro. Conger's address was both inspiring and convincing. At the close of this address the Moderator announced the following appointments for preaching for 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. tomorrow (Sunday). Baptist 11 a. m., T. M. McGehee, at 7:30 p. m. N. C. Denson; Presbyterian 11 a. m. W. R. McEwen, at 7:30 p. m. J. B. Luck; Methodist 11 a. m. J. E. Brown, 7:30 p. m. A. J. Faucett; A. R. Presbyterian 7:30 p. m. W. R. McEwen; Agricultural School 11 a. m. N. C. Denson, 7:30 p. m. L. E. Holt. By motion an adjournment was taken to 9:30 o'clock a. m. Sunday.

Sunday morning 9:30 o'clock the Moderator declared the Association duly convened. Prayer by A. V. Johnson. After a short while had been spent in devotional exercises the children from the Orphans Home more than 100 marched into the church and sang in unison "It's All Right Now," and other songs, to the wonder and delight of the great audience assembled. After which prayer was led by Dr. G. S. Anderson.

The report on Sunday Schools was then called for and read by Bro. T. L. Nichols as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

This is the educational period in the history of our great Bap-

tist denomination, from city, town and country comes the glorious news of the work that is being accomplished in our schools and colleges in the training of the minds of our young people.

We hail with great joy the approaching day when it can be said there is not a child of school age in the bounds of this great state of ours that cannot read and write.

We thank God that our people are beginning to realize the importance of education and that they are not satisfied with anything short of Christian Education.

We hope the day has already come when the youths of our country will not have the spiritual side of their education neglected. This can be done in no better place than the Sunday School.

We are glad to note the number of schools in our Association but regret exceedingly the small number of pupils enrolled, compared with the membership of our churches.

We feel that this condition exists on account of a deficiency in organized methods and a lack of consecrated men and women to teach in our Sunday Schools. We earnestly urge our people to get the very best material obtainable, men and women who have a vision of the Christ, to instruct our Sunday School pupils in the knowledge of the one great book in which is contained the issues of Life and death.

Respectfully submitted,

T. L. Nichols

S. R. Smith

W. S. Wheat, Com.

At the conclusion of the discussion on this report Bro. T. L. Nichols conducted a Sunday school mass meeting which was inspiring and instructive to all, especially to the children.

By motion it is ordered that the collection taken after the 11 o'clock sermon today shall be applied to the liquidation of the balance due our missionaries, Holt and Young.

It now being 11 o'clock a. m., after prayer by A. V. Johnson, Bro. T. M. McGehee formerly of Paducah, Ky., now pastor at Montrose, was introduced by the Moderator as the preacher for the hour, who had consented to preach what is known as the Annual Missionary Sermon, Elds. T. T. Thompson, appointee and J. B. Wise, Alternate, both being absent. Bro. McGehee read for the Scripture Lesson a portion of the 28th chapter of Matthew and the 16th chapter of Mark and the 1st chapter of Acts, prayer was led by Bro. J. F. Tull.

From his sermon it was evident that Bro. McGehee had preach-

ed Missionary sermons before. At the conclusion of the sermon a collection was taken in cash and pledges for Associational Missions, which resulted in raising a sufficient sum to pay the balance due the Missionaries. By motion a recess was taken to 2:30 o'clock p. m.

Reconvened at 2:30 p. m. by call of the Moderator. Services opened by songs and prayer led by Bro. N. C. Denson.

By motion Bro. H. A. Johnson from Prairie Grove church was granted leave of absence. The report of the Committee on Orphans' Homes was called for and read by Bro. J. F. Tull as follows:

REPORT ON ORPHANS HOME WORK.

The obligation which lies nearest to Arkansas Baptists, is surely that of caring for orphan children. The Apostle James lays this down as his definition of pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father. True, the duty of caring for the orphans is not named in so many words in our Savior's Commission, but experience has shown us that it is presupposed both as a necessary condition to successful Mission Work, and as the most fruitful field for Missionary endeavor now open to Baptists. Or, to put it in other words, the Baptist who cares nothing for orphan children cares nothing for anything else, and the Baptist who works with orphan children can more easily win them to Jesus than he can win any other children.

We should thank God for orphan children. It is hard to be an orphan, but God means to use orphan children to touch the hearts of his people and thus affect his people toward the work of his Kingdom

What then are Arkansas Baptists doing for the orphans? Very little to be sure but much more after all than in former years. Arkansas Baptists own 2 homes for orphan children; one at Texarkana and the other at Monticello. The Texarkana home has 23 children and is free of debt except that on the home itself they owe \$2,000.00. They have a ten acre plot of land and a plant estimated to be worth \$10,500.00. They also have a school in the home, and are trying to teach the children concerning divine things. 7 children have been baptized during the year.

The Monticello Home has 130 children and is free of debt except on current expenses for the year, and for the improvements made during the year. The total of this indebtedness is * * * * * A fine crop has been made on the farm this year by the boys, and every effort is being made to help make the home self-sustaining, and to give both the boys and the girls an industrial educa-

tion. A nine months school is maintained in the home and two teachers are employed. A number of the larger girls are taking music through the kindness of Miss Sue Bell Wood, and Miss Emma Preddy. Four of our children have been adopted into good homes during the year. Thirty four of the children have been baptized this year, and practically all of them who are old enough are now members of Monticello Baptist church. This home is a great life saving station. The salvation soul and body of every child that comes to this home is practically guaranteed.

Under the direction of the Board of Trustees, a little paper known as the Orphan's Gem is published from the home, and it is contemplated that this paper takes the place of a financial agent. The Committee heartily commends this little paper to all friends of the home as a means of keeping informed concerning what is going on out there.

Your committee recommends that every effort be made to increase contributions to orphanage work and that a collection be taken this afternoon in cash and pledges for this work, allowing each contributor to designate his donation to one or the other of the homes as suits him.

We further recommend that an agitation now begin looking to the erection of a Boys' Dormitory at the Monticello home and the installment of a steam laundry, and printing press and a blacksmith shop in connection with the place, so that the institution may become the great Manual Training School that under God it should become.

J. F. Tull

A. Lynn

W. C. Harley

Several spirited and soul softening talks were made on this report, after which a collection in cash and pledges was taken aggregating for Monticello Home, the sum of \$1685.00 and for the Texarkana home \$5.00; this does not include the cash handed in to the Finance Committee, sent up by the churches. By motion the messengers from certain churches were granted leave of absence. At this moment a collection was taken for Bro. W. T. Clements (superannuated) amounting to \$19.00.

After prayer and benediction a recess was taken to 7:45 o'clock p. m.

Reconvened at 7:45 p. m. The services were opened by singing and prayer led by Bro. G. M. Peters. Bro. N. C. Denson then read as the Scripture Lesson the 8th Chapter of Romans using as a text the 37th verse. Bro. Denson interspersed his sermon with

frequent quotations from the Bible, giving us the pure gospel, as is his custom.

After preaching the regular order of business was taken up and the report on Publications being called for was read by W. T. Cone as follows:

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

Brethren this being a progressive age, we feel and see the importance of better education.

We owe it to our Master, our families, and ourselves that our homes be furnished with good literature. First of all every home should have the Bible, the foundation of religious and moral education.

We also recommend the Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va.; the Home Field, published at Atlanta, Ga.; the Western Recorder, published at Louisville, Ky., as well as our own state papers published at Little Rock. And all other literature the brethren may see fit to use.

If these be carefully read we will keep in touch with the great work of our Denomination.

M. T. Cone

W. H. Lindsey

Jno. Doss

Which after some discussion was by motion adopted.

By motion it was ordered that the Moderator appoint a committee of one at this meeting to gather data on the various subjects that may come up for consideration at the next meeting of this Association, and furnish the committees appointed to report on such subjects. By motion an adjournment was taken to 8:30 o'clock Monday morning. Benediction by Bro. W. T. Clements.

Monday morning 8:30 o'clock, October 2, 1911, Association called to order by the Moderator and after devotional exercises Bro. G. S. Anderson was given the opportunity of addressing the Association in the interest of his Bible School at Little Rock, and his Sunday School Teacher.

By motion the resolution adopted at the last session of this Association, providing for a committee on digest of letters was annulled.

A resolution was presented and read asking the Association to refuse to admit the messengers from Egypt church to seats in this body, and after discussion a motion prevailed directing the Moderator to appoint committee of three to investigate the

charges made by said resolution and report to the October session of this Association, 1912. The Moderator appointed as such committee Bros. N. C. Denson, S. R. Smith and J. R. Willis.

Report on Home Missions was called for and read by Bro. A. J. Faucett as follows:

HOME MISSIONS.

With a deep sense of gratitude to God, we bring you this, our annual report, of the field, the needs and work in the bounds of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. It is very certain there was never a time in the history of our people in the South, when the Home Mission work had assumed such alarming proportions as at this time. The work has now a larger foreign element than ever before and in this respect the work is growing by leaps and bounds, as the ship-loads arrive almost every day. Our rich land and sunny skies attract these people to the South land; they are rapidly becoming a part of us. These people know practically nothing of our Bible or our religion, and if they ever know, we must teach them. Let us notice the following considerations: First: The field is ripe unto the harvest. God has highly honored us by giving us a great and a fruitful field in which to do his work. All the destitution in every southern state, in country, town and city; Cuba with all its neighboring Islands and the territory included in Panama or the Canal Zone constitute our vast field. In all this great area the Home Mission Board is working among the multiplied thousands, according as the limited means will allow. We would be glad to mention more specifically the progress the work is making in all these fields, if space would permit. All these thousands and thousands are stretching forth the hand asking the people of the South for the bread of eternal life. Shall we try to supply them? Or allow them to perish at our doors?

No other place in our vast fields is the foreign population so approachable as in the Southwest. Most of these foreigners are poor farmers. They are not buried in the slums of cities or hid away in coal mines, but they are tillers of the soil and are seeking to become sure enough citizens, hence they are ready to respond to acts of kindness at the hands of the missionary. It is said that no effort yields richer fruitage than the work done in the Southwestern part of our Home Mission fields. Second: FINANCES: According to report of the treasurer of the Home Mission Board the total receipts for the year were \$406,916.12; which was an increase of \$77,439.12 over the previous year. We trust that the time may speedily come when our undeveloped churches

may be so developed, that the great host of Southern Baptists may give a round \$1,000,000 to Home Missions annually and a Pentecost may cover the world, as the waters cover the sea and thus prepare the way for the second coming of our Lord to meet and to greet a world redeemed by His precious blood.

Third—New Obligations.

The blessings God has bestowed upon our efforts in the past year bring us under renewed obligations for the future. During the year there were baptized 20,913. Of these 3749 were in Arkansas. This work was done by churches supported wholly or in part by the Home Mission Board. This Board has stood very nobly by Arkansas for more than half a century. Many of our strongest churches are the results of the work of this board—notably the churches in Little Rock, Fort Smith, Pine Bluff, Jonesboro, Helena and Camden. During the coming year let us pray more and pay more in order to Christianize those whom God has placed at our doors.

All of which we submit,

A. J. Fawcett

J. Z. McCoin

R. E. Gullede, Com.

Report on State Missions called for and read by Bro. J. E. Brown as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Jesus, in giving His marching orders to his disciples, commanded that they should have as their starting point Jerusalem.

But they were to move out and witness for Him as he moved.

To the Baptists of Bartholomew Association, our own Association is the starting point, is our "Jerusalem"; but we are not to stop and spend all our energies here.

The Baptist who reaches nearest the true standard and is most symmetrical in his growth, is the Baptist who is true to his convictions, obedient to the commands of our Lord, and loyal to the teachings of God's word. The more loyal we are to our Lord and His teachings, the more loyal we will be to every uplifting influence in our own State. Good christians make good citizens. Thus the Baptist host of Arkansas should feel that it is their imperative duty and God given privilege to do all that is within their power to send the gospel to every lost soul in the state.

There are three things that will make us all more loyal to the interests of State Missions. 1st. Love for our Master. 2nd. A knowledge of God's word. 3rd. A knowledge of the needs of

the lost in our State, and a love for lost souls.

We believe the greater number of our Baptist people love the Lord. We believe the greater part love lost souls. But how we need a greater knowledge of God's word, and of the conditions in Arkansas.

The Bible is a mission book, that is filled with a knowledge that does not only inspire the christian to go out after men; but also furnishes the tackles with which to catch men. Thus we should know God's word concerning Missions.

And a knowledge of the condition of the lost in our state makes us put forth an effort to reach them.

Some of the conditions that should appeal to us.

New towns along our railroads, where the churches are weak, and the Mountainous section of our state where the greater number of the people have not the opportunity of hearing the gospel.

Some things that have been done in the last year for State Missions.

Through the State Convention. Days of labor	26,562
Sermons and addresses	18,402
Baptisms	3,749
Additions by Letter and Restoration	2,055
Total Amount raised for State Missions	\$28,464.96

We have failed to get information showing what has been done by the State Association. These figures should inspire us to go forward and do our best for State Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Brown

G. D. Moore

J. F. Tompkins

Report on Foreign Missions was called for and read by Bro. W. R. McEwen as follows:

FOREIGN MISSIONS

We your committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to submit the following as our report:

Field Forces.

Twenty-one new missionaries were sent out by the Foreign Mission Board during the year, and eight missionaries of the Bible Mission Society in South China united with the work of the Board. There are now 246 missionaries with 467 native helpers making a total of 713 workers on the various fields. There are 289 churches with 539 out stations with a membership of 19,239

There are 207 houses of worship and 318 Sunday schools with an enrollment of 11,156 pupils; 142 day schools with 3,771 students; 11 Boys' Boarding Schools with 721 students; 12 Girls' Boarding Schools with 610 students; 2 Colleges with 134 students. There are also 8 Training Schools with 179 students and 8 Theological Schools with 200 students. None can now realize what a power these trained men and women will be in the work.

Finances.

The total receipts for the year were \$501,058. With joy we pass the half-million mark. We are asked for \$600,000 for another year, and we ought to give it. We should reach the million mark by the opening of the Panama Canal in 1915.

The expenditures of the Board for the year are as follows:

Expenses in Richmond \$31, 294.00, a decrease of \$9,103.00 from last report. Expenses in the states, \$17,863.00. Interest on borrowed money \$10,281.00. Sent to the foreign fields \$447,335, or 88 percent of the amount collected. No other business of any extent can be run upon so small a percentage of expenses.

In addition to this work done by the Board there has been some little foreign mission work undertaken by various other organizations and churches, the statistics of which are not at hand.

Altogether the year has been one of progress and hopefulness. Arkansas contributed \$7,273.66 last year, but her average per member is the lowest of all except Oklahoma.

Respectfully,

W. R. McEwen

W. C. Harley

D. T. Hyatt

Report on Associational Missions called for and read by Bro. J. R. Woods as follows:

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

It is with grateful hearts to Almighty God that we can make this report of Mission work done in our Association. We find there has been three men employed. And a few of the pastors have held meetings for the Association.

Bro. G. E. Holt worked nine months in the field with great results for good.

Bro. W. Q. Young worked three months and we think did a great work for the Master's Cause.

Bro. G. E. Holt secured the services of Bro. A. V. Johnson to sing for him in the meeting at Marsden and New Liberty.

Bro. W. R. McEwen, pastor at Lake Village, held a meeting at Parkdale and gave the collection to the Association.

Bro. T. M. McGehee held a meeting at Wood Lawn and gave the collection to the Association.

Work Done.

Miles traveled by Missionaries	2,861
Religious Visits	296
Sermons Preached	350
Number unsaved who asked for prayer	503
Professions	188
Baptisms	176
Additions by Letter	28
Additions by Restoration	33
Total Additions	237
Revival meetings held	20
Amount collected on field by Missionaries	\$660.85
Total cost of work for the year	\$1,132.00

We lift our hearts in thankfulness to Almighty God for these two Godly men who have worked in our Association this year, and we feel that the good seed that they have sown in our Association will be as bread cast upon the waters that will be gathered many days hence.

Brethren we would say to you all, and let us impress it upon your hearts, that the field of Bartholomew Association is white unto harvest, therefore let us send laborers into the field.

We recommend that a Missionary be employed for all his time who is well qualified for this work. We further recommend that the Missionary be furnished with an Assistant who is both a singer and a preacher of the Gospel. We further recommend that as far as possible all the pastors hold one or more meetings for the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. Woods

S. R. Smith

By motion these reports were all discussed together, the same being spoken to by Bros. Faucett, Frank Wells, J. E. Brown, W. R. McEwen and J. R. Woods, after which by motion the said reports were adopted.

By motion the Moderator was ordered to appoint a committee of one to solicit and collect funds for Ministerial Education and distribute to young ministers within the bounds of this Association, who attend college to prepare, in good faith for the

Ministry. Bro. W. R. McEwen was appointed such committee.

The report on Ministerial Education was called for and read as follows.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The question of an educated ministry is now demanding the attention of all Christendom, especially the great American nation, more than ever before; in fact, even the heathen nations where Christ has been made known and his gospel preached, they clamor for and demand an educated ministry.

This being true, we are led to inquire into the whys and wherefores of this great demand, just at this time and give some of the reasons therefor.

First—The Minister occupies a unique position in the world, the like of which no other man holds; he is the only one called of God to preach His gospel to the children of men. In John 10:45 we read: "And how shall they preach, except they be sent; as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel peace, and bring glad tidings of good things."

He is on account of his exalted calling expected to be the leader of men, the moulder of character, the fixer of the standard of social and moral life. And above all he is to teach man the way of Spiritual life; is God's Ambassador specially charged to carry His gospel to the end of the earth and teach men the way of life everlasting to lead them to Christ.

Second. This is distinctly an age of education, an age of reading and research; the poor and the rich alike are being educated, the man in the rural districts as well as in the towns and cities. In every avocation and calling the man of this age is a reasoning, thinking man, and as it is axiomatic that the stream cannot rise above its source, then if the Minister must be the leader and teacher in all things, social and spiritual, it is imperative that he be equipped not only with those Christian graces which make him approved of God, but with knowledge that he may be able to impart that knowledge to those whom he would teach. The better the preacher is trained, the more able he will be to correctly interpret the scriptures. The minister will not be able to interest and teach his hearers unless he is better informed on the subjects he assumes to teach than they.

The crying need of this age, is more preachers. We have in Ouachita College the greatest number of young men studying for the ministry, she has ever had. Our Seminary at Louisville, Ky., opened a few days ago with 204 young men preparing for

the ministry. Many of the young men in Ouachita College are in financial straits—needing help—they are bright, intelligent and worthy; and with help from us they will be able to acquire the knowledge and equipment necessary to fit them for the exalted profession to which they are called, to supply the great need of the age; without our help many must fail and return to their homes crest-fallen in spirit and their high hopes and aspirations blasted. We therefore urge our Associations to contribute liberally of their means for the maintenance of these worthy young men while they are striving to fit themselves for the work of the ministry and that we pray without ceasing that they may fully accomplish that whereunto they have been called.

Z. T. Wood

J. M. Anders

T. H. Jordan, Com.

The report of the Committee on letters and statistics was called for and read by Bro. S. R. Smith as follows:

REPORT OR DIGEST OF LETTERS AND SUMMARY OF YEARS WORK

Number of churches reporting	54
Number of Churches in the Association	61
Number not reporting	7

Increase In Membership.

By Baptism	424	
By Letter	216	
By Restoration	40	
Total increase of membership		680

Decrease In Membership

By death	71	
By letter	182	
By Exclusion	71	
Total Decrease of Membership		324
Total gain		356
Total membership of churches reporting		5,111

Financial

Associational Missions	\$1,120.71
State Missions	536.28
Home Missions	326.70
Foreign Missions	289.00
Total Missions	2,884.24
Orphans Homes	1,379.39
Pastors Salaries paid	10,401.16

Christian Education	1,161.60
Sunday School Expenses	951.90
Church Expenses	833.82
Building and repairs on church property	9,140.01
Relief of the Poor	129.11
Visiting Ministers	864.35
Printing Minutes	68.05
Other purposes	1,285.25
The ten Ladies Aids reporting	2,349.15
Grand Total	\$33,421.62
Value of church property	\$80,160.00

G. E. Holt
S. R. Smith
W. R. McEwen, Com.

By motion a recess was taken to 1:00 p. m.

At 1:30 p.m. the Association was called to order by the Moderator, prayer by Bro. Frank Wells. The report on Temperance was called for and read by Bro. N. C. Denson as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Intemperance is now and always has been one of man's greatest moral failings, and taken in its broadest sense is one of his greatest enemies; it is the bane of all good society. The American people in these latter years have become famous for their intemperance. But the intemperance which we are expected to deal with in this report, is that of drinking intoxicating liquors, for we maintain that one cannot drink it at all without being to that extent intemperate, but when taken to excess it becomes sinful. Statistics show that the American people spend annually for this cursed stuff enough money to more than pay the current expenses of our government each year; that it has caused the death of more men in the United States than ever fell in battle fighting for their country; that it disregards law, dispoils the home, makes paupers of those addicted to its use, and deprives their families of the necessities of life. And realizing that there is much intemperance within the bounds of this Association caused by the traffic in and use of alcoholic liquors as a beverage and believing that it is one of the greatest hindrances to the progress of our Master's cause, we feel that in its suppression, at any rate we should unite with all good loyal people in work, voice and voting, as faithful followers of our Lord and Master, to put it out of the land and keep it out.

N. C. Denson
J. M. Deal
H. C. Sivils

After an enthusiastic discussion by Denson, Moore and J. R. Woods the report was unanimously adopted.

Report on Woman's Work was called for and read by sister L. A. Calhoun as follows:

The Womans Missionary Union of Bartholomew Association met at three o'clock p. m., with the Vice-president presiding. The secretary, Mrs. George Norman of Hamburg being absent Mrs. O. J. Lindsey of Monticello was elected Secretary protem. After singing "Draw Me Nearer" the devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Effie Hyatt of Monticello. Prayer by Mrs. Z. T. Wood. Mrs. J. F. Tull extended greeting in behalf of their Society, which was responded to by Mrs. G. S. Nolley of Hamburg. Bro. J. N. Williams, Superintendent of the orphans home was present and made a talk. In a very enthusiastic manner he said the women of the Bartholomew Association as well as the women all over the state were doing a great work for the Orphans Home. Reports were then called for by the Chairman. Societies from ten churches responded showing amounts raised by them for all purposes during the year to be \$2349.15. This we find is quite an increase over last year and double the number of societies that reported last year. One new society reported from Ingalls and we hope to have more next year.

A paper was read by Mrs. Earl Daniel, "Do we as Christian women appreciate our privileges and opportunity." Mrs. Norman's paper was read by Mrs. Nolley, subject "How May Ladies' Aids and Missionary Unions help the poor and unfortunate of the community." Next was a paper read by Mrs. Mack of Warren, "What are the Women of our Societies Doing for Temperance." Then came a paper by Mrs. Z. T. Wood, "What the Women Have Done and are Doing for the Orphans Home." This closed the program for the afternoon. Next was election of officers which resulted in Mrs. Calhoun and Mrs. Norman being retained as President and Secretary. After singing one verse of "God be With You Till We Meet Again," Miss Espey closed with prayer.

And now while marked progress has been made along all lines, we realize that this work is still in its formative period and there yet remains much to be done among our sisters. And we recommend that the pastors within the bounds of the Association encourage and assist the associational superintendent in organizing societies and young peoples bands in the churches where they do not exist.

Mrs. Calhoun, Vice-president

After discussion by Sister Calhoun and Bros. Tull, G. E. Holt

and J. R. Woods the report was unanimously adopted, together with a special vote of thanks to our ladies for their earnest and efficient labors for the Master's cause.

Report on Nominations called for and read by Bro. G. E. Holt as follows: We recommend that this Association appoint as the Associational Board for the ensuing year the following named brethren: S. R. Smith, J. R. Woods, W. T. Cone, M. J. Anders, W. W. Nutt, J. F. Tompkins and G. T. Sikes, and that the Moderator and Clerk of the Association be and are hereby made Ex-officio members of the Board. (2). That the next session of the Association be held with Ebenezer Baptist Church, Bradley County. 3. That Eld. J. F. Tull preach the Annual Introductory Sermon, Eld. T. G. Morgan, Alternate. (4). That Eld. J. B. Luck preach the Missionary sermon, Eld. W. R. McEwen, Alternate.

Signed,

G. E. Holt

J. R. Edwards

J. M. Anders, Com.

By motion the name of Ebenezer church was stricken from the report and Eudora, Chicot County inserted in its stead, it being shown that according to the custom heretofore adhered to, Chicot County is entitled to have the next meeting of the Association which was accordingly done and the report adopted.

The report on State of Religion was called for and read by Bro. G. M. Peters as follows: The subject we are called upon to report on is one of great moment. The injunction—Go Ye Into All the World and Preach the Gospel to Every Creature, Making Disciples, etc is finding more ready obedience in this, than in any other age of the world's history. It is with grateful hearts that we are now able to record it as a fact, that the gospel of our Christ is being preached to every nation known to man. While the heathen is wedded to his paganism and idolatry and is slow to accept our Master's religion, yet, from the reports that come to us from foreign lands, it is shown that many are renouncing their paganism, destroying their idols and accepting Christ as their Savior. Great progress was made last year in our own United States on all religious lines. In Bartholomew Association we are glad to report, that from an examination of the letters sent up by the churches, the reports from our Associational Missionaries and the report of our Associational Board, the greatest year's work has been done, than ever before. While there is destitution and lethargy reported from some quarters, yet, upon the whole, we find that religion is taking a stronger hold upon the hearts of the

people, and they seem to be more willing to spend and be spent in our Master's Cause.

We are happy to report that in our judgment, notwithstanding the isms springing up here and there, and the many crimes that are being daily recorded in our secular papers, yet still, true religion is in a healthy state—is here to stay, and the world is growing better.

Signed,

G. M. Peters

W. A. Byrd

J. C. Burnett, Com.

By motion, report adopted.

Report on Obituaries called for and read by Bro. W. J. Lindsey as follows:

From letters sent up to the Association we find that the Death Angel has visited the homes of many of our brethren the past year, taking from the walks of men 96 of our beloved brethren and sisters. Some old, some in middle age and some in the full bloom of young manhood and womanhood; thus verifying the scripture that God is no respecter of persons. While our ranks here in the Master's vineyard are being depleted God is replenishing His Heavenly Mansions with souls fresh from earth, to use them in more delightful service around His throne, or it may be, to inspire us to greater efforts in His earthly Kingdom. These dispensations of God's providences should be a constant reminder to us who are left, "That we are moving toward him and that every day the wheels turn faster, our dear ones will soon stand at the gate to receive us, and then we shall look back with wonder on our grief. Let us keep in constant remembrance the divine injunction, "Be ye also ready."

With humble and sympathetic hearts, we point the bereaved to God for strength and comfort.

W. H. Lindsey

J. L. Johnson

H. C. Pirtle, Com.

Bro. P. G. Hoffman is by motion appointed corresponding messenger of this Association to Grand Prairie Association.

The Finance committee appeared and announced themselves ready to report, whereupon their report was read by T. L. Nichols as follows: The amounts sent up by the churches and handed to this Committee by their messengers is as follows:

Associational Missions \$252.11; State Missions, State Con., \$3.20;

CHURCH RECORD

CHURCHES

	Increased			Decreased			Total Membership	Value of Church Property
	By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Exclusion	By Death	By Letter		
Beulah	13	1	1	1	...	...	59	500
Beech Creek	5	5	...	1	2	5	112	1000
Bethany	11	2	1	4	1	...	52	...
Collins	2	1	1	2	...	...	61	300
Center Point	8	...	6	3	2	...	122	200
Central	...	...	...	...	...	7	11	1250
Crossett	12	12	1	...	...	16	209	3500
Dermott	8	6	...	1	...	9	66	1500
Eureka	...	...	...	...	2	3	69	550
Ebenezer	33	...	4	...	1	6	160	1000
Edon	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Egypt	2	2	...	...	...	...	69	500
Enon	4	5	...	...	3	5	79	600
Elon	3	6	...	...	...	...	14	...
Evergreen	...	...	...	...	1	2	34	...
Endora	3	9	...	...	...	1	44	1600
Flat Creek	...	...	...	2	1	7	131	800
Farmerville	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Friendship	5	2	...	7	2	1	94	800
Fellowship	5	7	...	...	...	4	70	1000
Grace	3	2	...	...	1	...	49	...
Green Hill	2	...	...	...	1	2	10	...
Hamburg	22	22	...	...	...	3	212	4000
Hollis	7	1	...	...	...	2	49	800
Holly Springs	...	3	...	2	...	1	134	1200
Judson	1	1	...	1	...	...	78	500
Lake Village	12	11	...	2	1	10	69	3000
Marsden	9	4	...	...	1	...	47	250
Mt. Olive	6	2	2	...	...	3	76	750
Mt. Olive No. 2	2	1	...	...	...	13	25	600
Montrose	24	14	1	1	...	1	131	4500
Mount Zion No. 1	11	1	...	...	3	2	65	1000
Monticello	45	9	...	9	2	2	333	22700
Midway	2	3	...	...	1	...	43	10
Mt. Pleasant	6	7	2	...	...	...	65	400
New Liberty	16	9	1	...	1	1	70	500
New Union	...	...	...	3	4	2	65	...
New Hope	5	...	...	12	5	1	152	1500
Omega	6	3	...	1	4	2	62	...
Hopewell	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pleasant Grove	4	...	1	2	10	7	146	1000
Piney Grove	...	1	...	...	1	1	22	...
Prairie Grove	9	...	2	2	3	3	170	1000
Promise Land	21	5	7	6	8	12	356	1000
Parkdale	16	5	...	1	2	...	52	5000
Paradise	...	5	...	...	1	...	25	...
Shady Grove	2	...	...	8	...	1	71	...
Sardis	13	3	4	8	...	...	121	...
Shiloh	4	3	...	...	1	6	87	800
Union Hill	6	...	1	6	1	5	172	1000
Unity	14	4	1	...	1	4	138	800
Warren	8	24	...	...	1	13	356	9000
Wilmar	...	6	...	2	2	8	65	1250
Woodlawn	...	3	...	...	...	4	27	500
Wilmot	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tillar	8	3	...	...	...	4	27	...
White	22	3	4	...	...	3	45	1000
Total	424	216	40	87	71	182	5111	80160

1871 gain over last year