PROCEEDINGS

OF THE FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

Red River Baptist Association



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Red River Baptist Association.

Saturday, October 12th, 1907.

At 10 o'clock a. m. the Red River Baptist Association met with Sweet Hill Church, Arkadelphia, Clark County, Arkansas, and was called to order by Bro. W. A. Forbes, former Moderator. Bro. J. T. Howell read the 23rd Psalm, and Bro. J. B. Lumbley led in prayer.

The letters from 29 churches were read by Brethren Luckand Simms and the messengers names enrolled, after which the Association went into the election of permanent officers. The tellers reported that J. A. Ross was elected Clerk and that Brethren W. A. Forbes and James H. Smart were tied for Moderator. Thereupon the Moderator, Bro. Forbes, cast the deciding vote for Bro. Smart.

On taking the chair, Bro. Smart expressed a fear that the brethren had made a mistake, but hoped that he would have the hearty co-operation of all in dispatching the business before the body.

Petitionary letters were called for. None presented. Brethren J.
T. Howell of Howard County Association, and Clark Simms of

Association, were recognized as corresponding messengers and invited to seats with us in council.

At 11 o'clock a. m. the introductory sermon was preached by Bro. N. R. Townsend. Text, latter clause 8th verse of 1st chapter of Acts, 'And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Theme, World-wide Missions. The obligation resting upon us to carry the gospel to the destitute of our Association—of our State—of adjoining states and of the wide world was clearly demonstrated and powerfully enforced. It is to be regretted that every Baptist in our Association did not hear if.

2 p. m. After partaking of a sumptuous repast spread upon the grounds by the good people of this church and of Arkadelphia, the house was called to order by the Moderator and the congregation led in prayer by Bro. Forbes.

The roll of messengers from the churches was called and absentees

The right of Prescott church to representation in this body was challenged by Bro. J. B. Lumbley on the charge of heresy in some of her membership.

Bro. Delaughter moved that the matter be referred to a special committee consisting of Brethren Forbes. Winburn and Hinsley, Motion adopted.

Pending the report of the committee, Brethren O. S. Jones and J. M. Powell, messengers from Prescott church, asked leave to withdraw which was granted on motion of Bro. Forbes.

The Moderator appointed as a committee on divine service, the pastors and deacons of the church and of the first church, Arkadelphia.

Rev. L. J. Ehrlich, a converted Jew and member of Dr. Broughton's church, Atlanta, Ga., was invited to a seat with us and made a short talk.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following committees:

Education—H. L. Winburn, W. A. Measles, A. J. Nelson, Jr. Foreign Missions—J. M. Gullick, J. B. Lumbley, J. B. Rountree, Orphans' Home—W. W. Gardner, E. Delaughter, James Neal. State Missions—W. J. Hinsley, J. C. Brown, J. L. Bozeman.

Associational Missions-J. T. Gathright, N. R. Townsend, J. T. Bolt.

Sunday Schools—Judson Gardner, R. K. Hall, H. J. P. Horne, Pastoral Support—T. J. Dillard, John M. Crawford, J. Matlock, Ministerial Relief—W. A. Forbes, T. T. Ingle, T. F. Terrell, Nominations—W. A. Forbes, W. A. F. Wells, B. W. Patterson, Temperance—W. H. Stringley, E. Cates, John Langley, Home Missions—J. B. Langley, J. M. Avery, Ben Kimbro, Obituaries—G. A. Franklin, James Purtle, W. P. Wright, Fihance—B. W. Toland, W. L. Britt, G. J. Bennett.

Corresponding messengers were appointed from this Association as follows:

To Union Association-E. Delaughter, W. W. Gardner and J. C. Brown.

To Judson Association-H. J. P. Horne.

To Caddo River Association-W. W. Gardner.

To Pike Co. Association-J. T. Gathright.

To Howard Co. Association-W. W. Gardner.

Bro. B. M. Bogard presented the claims of Buckner College.

The committee on divine service reported that Bro. J. T. Howell preach at this church tonight at 7:30 p. m.

A motion was made that the committee on Orphans Home report tonight after preaching. The motion was carried.

Bro. Winburn from the special committee, to whom was referred

the charge against Prescott church, presented and read the report of the committee as follows, to-wit:

"It is charged that Prescott church contains in her membership in full fellowship and good standing a member who openly denies the "Bible doctrine of eternal punishment, thereby partaking of his heresy,

"The charge was preferred by Eld. J. B. Lumbley.

"The witness of O. S. Jones, the offending member, and J. M. "Powell, another member of Prescott church, is here presented. O. S. "Jones witnesses that he is a member of Prescott church in full fellow-"ship and good standing and that he does not believe in the doctrine of

"eternal torment, but that the wicked will be annihilated.

"J. M. Powell witnesses that O. S. Jones is a member of Prescott "church in full fellowship and good standing; and that O. S. Jones "stated in his presence that he could not find the doctrine of eternal "punishment in the Bible; and that it is generally understood in Pres"cott, among those who hold any opinion in the case, that O. S. Jones "holds the position defined above.

"The testimony shows (1) that O. S. Jones, by his own witness, "teaches that there is no such thing as eternal torment (2) and that O.

"S. Jones is a member of Prescott church in good standing.

"We conclude that the charge against Prescott church is sus'tained by the evidence; and recommend (1) That the messengers from
'Prescott shurch be denied membership with this body for the present,
'and (2) that the church is hereby admonished to cleanse herself of
'this heresy and come back to the old paths, and (3) that we pray
'God's blessing upon this church in her struggle for the truth, and
'hold out a loving invitation to her to come back to us, when she can
'come in full fellowship with the doctrines for which we stand.

(Signed)

W. A. FORBES, Ch'm'n.

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Committee."

Bro. Winburn moved the adoption of the report. After a discussion, engaged in by members of the committee in favor of, and by B. M. Bogard and O. S. Jones against the adoption of the report, a standing vote was taken, resulting in 32 votes for adoption and 9 against. So the chair declared the report adopted.

Bro. N. R. Townsend presented and read a resolution from the Woman's Missionary Union as follows, to-wit:

'Whereas, The women of the churches of this Association are 'deeply interested in every good work and have organized for spread-'ing the spirit of missions throughout the bounds of the Association, 'therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we request recognition in the minutes of the Red "River Baptist Association and also request said body to appoint a

"committee on woman's work.

MRS. BAARS, MRS. MEASLES, MRS. STUDDARD, MRS. SUTTON."

The resolution was unanimously adopted. The chair appointed Dr.

N. R. Townsend, Mrs. C. P. Smith and Mrs. M. C. Measles the committee on woman's work.

The committee on divine service then reported as follows: Sunday School mass meeting at tent 9:30 a. m. Sunday, led by Prof. Johnson of Ouachita College.

11 a. m. Presbyterian church, Eld. L. J. Ehrlich. Ouachita Auditorium, Eld. J. T. Howell. Tent, Eld. J. S. Compere, missionary to Africa.

2:30 p. m. Tent, address on Christian Education by Dr. Hartzog, President Quachita College.

7:30 p. m. Tent, Eld, J. T. Howell. First Church, Eld. J. S. Compere.

On motion, the committee on Sunday School was requested to present their report at the mass meeting at 9:30 a. m. tomorrow, and the committee on Education to present their report at 2:30 p. m. in connection with Dr. Hartzog's address.

Recess until 7:30 p. m.

At 7:30 p. m. the Moderator called the house to order. Bro. J. T. Howell read the 125th Psalm and preached from the text, "And behold I am with thee and will keep thee in all places wither thou goest and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of," Gen. 18-15. A beautiful portrayal of how the Lord is with His people in their work.

At the close of the service Bro. W. W. Gardner read the report of the committee on Orphans Home. After a brief account of the present condition and needs of the Home was given by him, the report was adopted, and cash collection taken amounting to \$12.13. For the report see Appendix A.

Adjourned.

Sunday, 9:30 a. m.

Prof. Johnson of Ouachita College then made an address not only entertaining but very instructive. Every Sunday school worker present must have went away greatly benefited. After the address the report of the committee on Sunday Schools was adopted. For report see Appendix B.

11 a. m., Sunday. Elder J. S. Compere, Missionary to Africa

re ad the 72nd. Psalm and proceeded to give an account of the country in which he has labored, its inhabitants, their manner of life, their superstitions, the difficulties in the way of getting them to receive the Gospel, and the success which had attended the work so far. This was done in a manner that held the wrapt attention of the entire congregation, though, perhaps one-third of them were standing and its effects were seen in an impromptu collection taken immediately at its close by the pastor of the church, Dr. N. R. Townsend. The pastor set out to raise enough to employ one native worker on the field one year, about \$85.00:

year, about pos.ou:	
He subscribed \$5 00	W. Cox\$5 00
J. A. Ross 5 00	J. M. Robinson 5 00
Lonnie Burns 5 00	E. Delaughter 5 00
Prof. Johnson 5 00	S. B. Earle 5 00
L. O. Ross 5 00	S, L, Holloway 5 00
H. L. Winburn 5 00	Clark Sims 5 00
Sister Ed Orrell 2 50	Ladies Aid Arkadelphia 5 00
Miss M. Gardner's Sunbeams 2 00	Y. M. C. A Arkadelphia 12 50
Prof. Major 5 00	Jno. Kitchens 5 00
T. E. Ward 5 00	Jno. B. Langley 5 00
J, C. Wallis 5 00	McAlisters S.S. Class 11, 5 00
Dr. C, P, Smith 5 00	Prof. Holman 5 50
Prof. Simpson	Mrs. L. M, Crawford 1 00
W. A. Forbes 1 00	Rev. L.J. Ehrlick(notes) 25 00

(Here the silver dollars came in so fast the clerk could not get the names). The entire collection amounted to \$210.47 cash and \$25.00 notes.

2:30 p. m. After enjoying the bountiful spread of good things prepared by the ladies of Arkadelphia, the Association reassembled at 2:30 p. m., and were called to order by the Moderator. Bro. H. L. Winburn presented and read the report of the committee on Education and moved its adoption. Dr. Hartzog, newly elected president of Ouachita College then delivered an address on Christian Education and the needs of Ouachita College. The address certainly made a deep impression on his hearers and doubtless will bear fruit in the future. At its close the report was adopted. For report see Appendix "C." A collection for ministrial education was then taken, which amounted to \$10.12 for Ouachita College and \$9.20 for Buckner College. Adjourned to 8:30 a. m. Monday.

Monday at 8:30 a.m. The Moderator called the body to order. Bro. Howell read the 27th Psalm and the congregation was led in prayer by Bro. J. C. Wright.

Bro. Hinsly presented and read the report of the committee on State Missions, and moved its adoption. After being discussed by Brethren Hinsly, Howell, Winburn, Horne, Bolt and J. C. Wright, it was adopted. (For report see Appendix D).

Bro. J. L. Bozeman was called to the chair, Bro. W. H. Stingley read the report on Temperance and moved its adoption. It was spoken to by Brethren Delaughter, Stingley, J. C. Wright, Bolt, Franklin, Avery, Gardner, Lumbley and Winburn, and adopted. (See Appendix H).

The report on Home Missions was read by Bro. B. J. Kimbrough, who moved its adoption. After speeches were made by Brethren Winburn, Townsend, Gardner, Lumbley and Forbes, it was adopted. (See Appendix F).

On motion of Bro. Winburn, Associational Missions was made the special order for 2:30 p. m. The Moderator resumed the chair. Bro. W. A. F. Wells read the report of the committee on Nominations and moved its adoption. A motion was made to strike out the word Friday in second line of report and insert Saturday. The motion to amend was carried by a vote of 32 to 15, and the report as amended was adopted. (For report see Appendix G).

Bro. Townsend presented and read the report on Woman's Work and moved its adoption. The report after being discussed by Brethren Townsend, Hinsly, Forbes and Horne, was adopted. (See Appendix H).

Bro. G. A. Franklin from the committee on Obituaries, presented and read their report, which was adopted. (See Appendix I).

Recess.

After enjoying another bountiful repast at 2:30 p. m., the body was again called to order by the Moderator and the congregation was led in prayer by Bro. R. K. Hall. Bro. Hinsly read the report of the Mission Board and of the missionaries, which were adopted. See Appendix L.

Bro. Forbes presented and read his report as Treasurer, which was adopted. See Appendix M.

Bro. Winburn moved that the Treasurer pay to Bro. Gathright the sum of \$4.57. Adopted.

Bro. J. T. Gathright presented and read the report of the committee on Associated Missions and moved its adoption. Bro. Winburn moved to amend by instructing the Board of Missions to employ a missionary in lieu of this Associatian electing one. The amendment was advocated by Bros. Winburn, Townsend, Forbes and Horne, and opposed by Bro. Gathright. A standing vote was taken on the adoption of the amend-

ment, which resulted in 29 votes for the amendment. See Appendix N.

Bro. John M. Crawford presented and read the report on Pastoral Support and moved its adoption. The report was spoken to by Brethren Winburn, Delaughter, Howell, Gardner, Hinsley, Horne, Townsond and the Moderator, and adopted. See Appendix O.

Bro. J. B. Lumbley presented and read the report on Foreign Missions and, on his motion, was adopted. See Appendix K.

Bro. G. J. Bennett presented and read the report of the committee on Finance which, on his motion, was adopted. See Appendix P.

Bro. Townsend moved the adoption of the following resolution, towit: Resolved, That the clerk of this body be instructed to have 800 copies of the minutes of this session of the Association printed, and distribute them to the various churches which have contributed to the minute fund in proportion to the amount contributed, and that the clerk be allowed \$15.00 for his services. Adopted.

Here the clerk announced that the printing of the minutes and the postage thereon would very likely exhaust the minute fund and that he would do the work without pay. The brethren went down in their pockets and raised a collection of \$10.45 for him, but he turned it over to the Treasurer to be applied to Associational Missions.

On motion of Bro. Townsend the following resolution was adopted, to-wit: Resolved, That this body, in this way, express its appreciation of the efficient services of the Moderator and clerk during this sension of the body.

Bro. W. J. Hinsley presented the following resolution, which was read and adopted, to-wit: Resolved, That this body extend its appreciation to this church and community, for the hospitable way in which they have entertained this body during the session.

The Association sang "God be with you till we meet again," the parting hand was given and the Moderator declared the Association adjourned to meet with Gurdon Church, Clark County, Arkansas, at 10 a. m. on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1908.

APPENDIX.

REPORT A.

Your committee would submit the following report: The Orphans' Home at Monticello is thirteen years old next month We are proud to say that the Home is in a prosperous condition. There are now 70 children in the Home, still under the care of that faithful matron. We have an opportunity of giving them industrial, educational and moral advantages. We have a good farm where the children are taught to We raise corn, hay, sorghum and vegetables of all kinds, all of which goes into the barn and smoke house. We have a school taught in the Home, the same as a free school. Also they have the advantage of the high school at Monticello free of charge. The morals of the Home are excellent. All that are old enough are members of the Baptist church. All are required to attend the Sunday school and church services, and service in the Home every morning. This Home needs the support of every Baptist and all who sympathize with a child without father and mother. The committee would recommend a liberal contribution to this Home by this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. GARDNER, E. DELAUGHTER. JAMES NEAL.

REPORT C.

Your committee on Education respectfully reports that they learn with great satisfaction of the healthy growth of Ouachita College. At the end of the first week this year, there were enrolled 80 more students than on the corresponding day last year, and new students continue to arrive daily.

We urge upon all Baptists the necessity of patronizing and sustaining the cause of christian education. There was never before such a need for an educational ministry, and never before was there such a shortage in the supply.

Statistics show that 94 per cent of our ministers come from denominational schools and only 6 per cent from other schools. To the extent that we neglect denominational colleges, our church will be pastorless, and the efficiency of the ministry will be poor.

Ouachita was established twenty-one years ago and there are now 409 of her graduates occupying prominent positions in public life. in

business, in schools and in the church.

Quachita has proved her right to the affections of the church by showing that she can and does, turn out christian men and women of the highest type.

In addition to the graduates, there are thousands of others who did not complete the full course, but who received enough education to help

them vastly in the struggle of life.

We realize that the people of Arkansas are demanding every day. better facilities for education, and that the discriminating people of the State will not patronize an institution unless it does thoroughly broad and scholarly work. For this reason we must keep Ouachita up with the times. If we fail to do so, we cannot meet the stress of competition from the great institutions of the country.

There are now in Ouachita 27 teachers and officers. We have good scientific laboratories, a well equipped conservatory of fine arts, board ing halls and a library of 7000 volumes. This is the result of twenty one years hard work. The various Christian activities of Ouachlta are in a flourishing condition. We enroll annually about 40 ministerial students, and have this year one young lady and two young men, who are preparing as missionaries for the foreign field. In a special sense Ouachita is the creature of the Red River Association. A college naturally gets its largest patronage from the surrounding counties, and in that way Ouachita has been a great blessing to the Red River Association. Ouachita has many needs, but they are all the needs of healthy growth. It is now about \$40,000 in debt. This debt is not the result of mismanagement. It is owing to the fact that conditions in education have changed and nowadays a good institution cannot run on a self-sustaining basis. Never before was it so difficult to sustain an unendowed college, and never before were so many new unendowed colleges failing, after a precarious life of a few years.

We note with great interest the efforts of various bodies of our great Baptist denomination, to organize and found new colleges under Baptist auspices in various parts of the State, such as Mountain Home College, Woodland College, Buckner College, and several others. We wish for all good schools, long careers of usefulness. We cannot speak with specific detail of the merits and work of the various new Baptist Colleges in Arkansas this year, because the only safe way to judge a school is by its fruits, and this plan requires time. But our best

wishes for success go out to all other schools.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. WINBURN, Chairman, W. A. MEASLES, A. J. NELSON, JR.

REPORT D.

We, your committee on State Missions report as follows: We urge our Brethren to take note of the growing destitution in Arkansas. Every year there are hundreds and thousands of people moving into our borders. Many of these immigrants are foreigners, and without the true religion. Brethren, unless we shall meet them with the Gospel and bring them under the influence of the Christian Religion, our own people will be corrupted by these foreigners. Besides this, there are many of our own citizens who have not been reached with the Gospel. There are people in Arkansas who have never had Gospel opportunities. Thus we see that the problem of State Missions is growing greater and more difficult each year, and challenges our devotion to our Savior the more, (2). We mention growing opportunity. Never before has the Baptist been so admired and respected by people of other faiths, and this gives us access to communities that would otherwise be almost inaccessible. Again, rail roads are being constructed all over our state, giving us easy access to every portion of it. Thus, we see that the opportunities are great, and growing in magnitude, and the obligation is always greater in proportion to the opportunity. (3). That our people read our State papers and other literature that they may become informed about the work. We believe that the great cause of lethargy in our churches along mission lines is a lack of knowledge of the needs of the work. W. J. HINSLEY.

> J. C. BROWN, J. L. BOZEMAN.

REPORT E.

We your committee on Temperance report as follows: We do insist that all our pastors preach at least once a year on Temperance. For we think that if the young people were taught that drunkenness would bring them to poverty, prison and ruin, they would let the great soul-destroyer alone and live a life that would be worth something to themselves and to the country in which they live. Some of us were taught to live a temperate life. We can look back and thank God that we were taught to shun the very appearance of evil while we were young. From what we can see, Red River Association has done a great work on the Temperance question, for which we are thankful and glad. We learn from God's word that all Christians must add to their faith Temperance before they can become successful soul-winners for Christ. We furthermore insist that the Churches and Sunday Schools teach the people that the use of intoxicating drinks destroy their usefulness for God and man. Respectfully submitted

W. H. STINGLEY. E. CATES, J. A. LANGLEY.

REPORT F.

We your committee on Home Missions report the following: The day for discussing Home Missions has passed, and the time is here for real earnest and aggressive work. New opportunities are being thrust upon us, and every day possibilities are greater in this field of work. Annually thousands are coming to our shores that are tinged with Catholicism and other isms that God would not honor, and thousands of our own citizenship are out of Christ and need the Gospel. Besides on the new fields of Cuba, Panama and the Isle of Pines. We recommend that our churches be urged to give liberally to the support of this work. We further recommend that our pastors preach on Home Missions one or more times to each of their churches, this year and take a collection for same.

JOHN B. LANGLEY, J. M. AVORY, B. J. KIMBROUGH.

REPORT G.

Committee on Nominations recommend that the Association meet at 10 a. m., on Saturday before the Second Sunday in October 1908 with Gurdon Church.

We recommend that H. L. Winburn preach the introductory sermon.

J. H. Smart his alternate.

We recommend that the Associational Board be composed of J. H. Smart, W. A. Forbes, N. R. Townsend, W. J. Hinsley and W. A. Measles.

W. A. F. WELLS, W. A. FORBES, B. W. PATTERSON.

REPORT H.-WOMANS WORK.

Statistics show a decided increase both in workers and contributions by our Baptist Women, to Missions this year over that of last. They are obeying the command of the Master—"Go Ye"—"Come and go with us to the hoose of our God." The Baptist women of Red River

Association are planning great things for the Lord this year. Let ministers and laymen alike, say, as did the Apostle, in the infancy of the church. Let us "help those women who labored with me in the Gospel." And in view of the great good accomplished by our Baptlet women in many places through their Missionary and Aid Societies. We recommend to the pastors, whose churches have not already organized womans work, that they earnestly endeavor to lead their Sistern into the organization of Missionary and Aid Societies.

N. R. TOWNSEND, MRS. C. P. SMITH, MRS. M. C. MEASLES.

REPORT I.

We your committee on Obituaries report the following number of deaths:

Clear Springs, 1. Richwoods, 1. Liberty Hill, 2
Bethlehem, 1. Lakeview, 1. Sweet Hill, 2
South Fork, 2. Gum Springs, 1. Sycamore Grove, 1.
Okolona, 2. Total 14.

G. A. FRANKLIN, J. D. PURTLE, W. P. WRIGHT.

REPORT K .- FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We your committee on Foreign Missions bring you good tidings. During the last year seven countries, Argentian, Mexico, Italy, Brazil, Japan, Africa, and China have kept busy 500 missionaries and native workers, 2239 candidates have been baptized. \$403,811.54 have been expended. We have 108 schools for training workers, 7 Theological Seminaries are giving theological training to over 100 students, 12 medical missionaries are coming in touch with 2,000 or 3,000 heathens each year and bringing them under Christian influences. The different fields are putting in their printing presses, which are becoming a great help for Christianity. These are facts from the reports of the Southern Baptist Convention. Some other foreign mission work is being done through other channels that is not reported by the Southern Baptist Convention. We have no statistics of their work. Our responsibility was never greater than now, but our people recognizing their responsibility, have increased their work three fold in the last 10 years.

We recommend that the churches of Red River Association, do their part of the work of enlargement for another year. Let every man and every church work after their own methods, but by all means, let

us work to give the Gospel to the lost.

J. M. GULLICK, J. B. LUMBLEY, J. B. ROUNTREE.

REPORT L.-REPORT OF THE BOARD.

Brethren, you appointed us and instructed us to do the best we

could with the means provided.

First. We employed Bro. J. B. Luck for his Sunday's at twentyfive dollars per month and traveling expenses from 1st January to 15th June. From 15th June to 15th September at a salary of \$50.00 and expenses. Bro. Luck worked one month and resigned. Then the Board employed W. J. Hinsley, to give what of his time he could to the work at a salary of two dollars per day and railroad fare, and also instructed him to employ other Brethren to help him. He worked 31 days. Bro. H. J. P. Horne worked 27 days.

J. H. SMART, Chairman, W. J. HINSLEY, Secretary.

REPORT OF MISSIONARIES.

W. J. Hinsley—Miles traveled 127, days employed 31, sermons preached 59, visits made 28, amount due me \$66.84; professions made 16, baptisms 8, added by letter 2, expenses \$4.84, amount paid me \$66.84.

H. J. P. Horne—Miles traveled 224, days engaged 27, amount due me \$54.00; sermous preached 39, conversions 1, amount paid me \$54.00.

J. B. Luck—Miles traveled 125, sermous preached 9, amount due \$28.75; days employed 4, amount paid \$28.75.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To	bal.	from	last report	\$102	00	To cash	fro	m Rome\$	11 00
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	66	6.6	Wellsville	2	00	0.6	4.6		1 25
	66	66	Unity	11	15	66	6.6	Pl'snt Hill	16 85
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Total.....\$567 62

CONTRA.

By cash paid	H. H. Thomas	40	81
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*6 *	H. L. Wirrburn	23	80
66	R. G. Bowers.	77	39
8.6	W. T. Gathright	50	00
6.	J. B. Luck.	28	75
66	R. J. Willingham	11	15
6.6	E. J. McKinney		00
4.6	W. J. Hinsley	66	48
_ 64	W. A. Forbes	8	00
66	W. W. Gardner	16	85
4.6	H. J. P. Horne	54	00
Cash on hand		143	40
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Total\$567 62

REPORT N.

We, your committee on Associational Missions, make the following report: Realizing the great need of Associational Missions in bounds, there being a new railroad within our territory, also was mills and rising towns spring up that are destitute of the goapel, we own it to them brethren, to carry the gospel to them. Will we pay them that we owe or not?

First, we recommend that the Mission Board be instructed to employ a man and put him on the field at once, whose duty it shall be to preach to such places as are destitute of Baptist preaching, we recommend that the churches throughout this Association take of lections for his support.

Respectfully submitted.

J. T. GATHRIGHT, J. T. BOLT.

REPORT O.

We, your committee on Pastoral Support, desire to submit the following report: From the reports of the churches made to this body, we find that some of them are discharging their duty in supporting their pastors while others are delinquent. Believing that those who are the clusively engaged in preaching the gospel, should be supported by the churches, we recommend that both church and pastor regard the question of pastoral support as a business proposition and that each comply with his part of the agreement.

We also recommend that those pastors who are fulfilling their duty in other respects, be requested by this body to instruct their churches

more fully in the duty of pastoral support.

T. J. DILLARD, Ch'mn, J. M. CRAWFORD, J. M. MEDLOCK,

FINANCIAL REPORT.

we, your commi	ttee on Fin	ance, report the following:		
Cash received from I	Messengers	for minutes	32	OA
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44	6.6	State Missions	4	(10)
4.4	6.6	Home Missions		7/41
4.6	6.6	Foreign Missions	6	11
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Respectfully submitted,

W. L. BRITT, G. J. BENNETT, B. W. TOLAND,

Ordained Ministers.

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Sunday School Statistics.

CHURCH	No. of Officers	No. Pupils	Attendance	No. Classes	Kind of Literature	cost	SUPERIN- TE DENT	POST OFFICE
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Bethel	4	45			AB	5 0	I A Kellev	Dobyville
Bethlehem	6	60	40	4		5 00	J A Kelley J M Measles	Whelen Spr'gs
Boughton	4	46			SB	7 50	W H Gorman	Boughton
Beirne							E Smith	Beirne
C'ear Springs	3	25			SB	3 50	Richard Golden	Clear Springs
DeGray	3	61			AB	00		
Gurdon	5	85			SB	55 28	Thomas Hayme	Gurdon
Gum Springs	3	65			SB	4 68	B W Toland	Gum Springs
Lake View					-		W L Ham	Arkadelphia
Liberty Hill	3	40		3		6 20		
Mt. Zion	3	46			SB		W D Warnick	Arkadelphia
Mt. Bethel	4	60			AB	6 00	Lewis Jacks	
New Home	3	47			AB		J A Rhodes	
Okolona	4	20		3	A B	10 00	A J Nelson, Jr	Okolona
Pleasant Hill	10	88			SB	4 63	Sidney Smith	Ellis
Richwoods	4	67			AB		R S Brown	Gum Springs
Red Land	4	35			SB	3 50	J M Loug	Kilgore
South Fork					****** ****	6 10	T J Dillara	Keyton
Sweet Hill							John Burrows	Arkadelphia
Shiloh	4		***		SB	16 00	J A Ross	66
Unity	3	31	*****		SB	4 25	H Edwards W H Stingley	6-6
Wellsville.	3	30			SB	2 50	W H Stingley	Blevins

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^{*} No Letters were received from these churces. The total membership is taken-from former reports.

LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

Report of the Ladies' Aid Society, First Baptist Church, Arkadelphia, Ark., for year's work ending October 1, 1907: State Missions, \$104.00; box to frontier missions, \$95.68; Christmas offering, \$28.85; home missions, \$112.65; foreign missions, \$151.50; Associational missions, \$30.00. Total to missions, \$514.68.

Ministerial education, \$21.10; charity, \$16.50; Tichenor memorial fund, \$5.00; minute fund, \$2.00; box to Orphans' Home, \$104.50; church building, \$322.00; pastor's fare to S. B. convention, \$40.00; B. Y. P. U. entertainment, \$2.35. Grand total, \$1,028.13. Number of members, 84. MRS. H. C. ANDERSON, President.

MRS. T. F. ANDERSON, Secretary.

Approved and ordered made part of church record, Oct. 9, 1907.
R. D. HALL, Church Clerk.

DIGEST OF LETTERS.

There were 155 baptisms reported this year against 269 last year; a total membership of 2714 this year and 2789 last year. This results perhaps from fewer churches being on the roll this year.

The largest gain by baptisms this year was in Richwoods church. Three churches are pastorless.

Last year 33 churches gave to all missions, Orphans' Home and ministerial education \$1,697.45. This year 29 churches gave for the same purposes \$2,201.73, a gain of nearly 30 per cent. The largest gain, 116 per cent, being in foreign missions.

Twenty-three churches out of twenty-nine report Sunday school. The statistics given in some are very meager. This may result in some cases from failure to use printed blanks for church letters. The blanks can probably be had, by applying to your state papers, the Baptist Advance or the Arkansas Baptist.