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Moderator—L. Quinn,.....Charleston.
Clerk—J. T. Watson,.....National.
Treasurer—W. A. Mayfield,.....Donald.
Executive Board—Thomas Gee, Effa; O. L. Hailey,
Ft. Smith; D. W. Bryant, L. J. Smith, Charle-
ton; J. N. Pennington, Booneville; together with
the officers of the Association State Board.
Introductory Sermon—E. M. Beal; alternate, W. A.
Hill.
Lecture on Temperance—John E. Tatum.
Place of Next Meeting—Booneville.
Time of Meeting—Saturday before the Fourth Sun-
day in September, 1899.

GREENWOOD, ARK., December 10, 1898.

\$25.00,

Received of J. T. Watson twenty-five dollars for
printing 800 copies of the Concord Baptist Association
Minutes for the year 1898.

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CONSTITUTION.

Art. I. This Association shall be known as the Concord Association.

Art. II. It shall be composed of Messengers from Baptist Churches known to be in good standing. Each Church, with fifty members or less, shall be entitled to three Messengers. Each additional fifty members shall entitle the Church to one additional Messenger.

Art. III. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual session, and shall continue in office until their successors are chosen.

Art. IV. Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the body according to parliamentary usage.

Section 2. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings, attend to the publication and distribution of the Minutes, keep a regular file of the printed Minutes of the body and deliver the same to his successor in office.

Section 3. The Treasurer shall take charge of the funds of the Association, or its Executive Committee, and render an account of the same to the annual session of this body.

Art. V. The objects of this Association shall be to promote Fellowship among the churches, to secure unanimity of faith; to encourage concert in operation, and especially to cultivate the piety of the churches, and to aid in this last object several minutes of each session shall be spent in devotional exercises.

Art VI. Section 1. This Association shall in no case interfere with the internal regulations of the churches, but will act as advisory council whenever it shall be necessary.

Section 2. It, however, claims authority over its own members, the Messengers from the Churches, and will withdraw from and disown all churches that depart from the principles of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice.

Art. VII. Newly organized churches, or churches dismissed from other Associations, may be admitted into this body upon application by letter and Messengers at our annual meeting, and subscribing by their Messengers to the abstract of principles herewith published.

Art. VIII. Churches may be dismissed from this association upon application at the annual meeting for the purpose of joining a new Association, but any church departing from us without being regularly dismissed, shall be regarded as disorderly.

Art. IX. Section 1. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the officers of this body with five members chosen by the Association at each annual meeting. The duty of this committee shall be to superintend the Missionary operations of the Association, and represent it in all matters requiring their attention when the Association is not in session. The committee shall report annually at each meeting of the Association. Three members of said committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Upon appointment, said committee shall come together and arrange their meetings and take such other steps as may be to the interest of the cause of Christ.

Sec. 2. The regular committees of this Association shall be as follows: Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Associational Missions, Sunday School Missions, Education, Ministerial Sup-

port, Temperance, Religious Literature, Digest of Letters, Nominations, Queries, Finance, Order of Business, Woman's Work.

Art. X. It shall be the privilege of the Association, through its Executive Committee, in addition to the power already granted, to conduct missionary operations within its limits, and for this purpose to choose a Missionary or Missionaries as means may allow, and designate the fields of labor and pay them quarterly through its treasurer out of any funds in his hands except the money sent for publishing the Minutes of every annual meeting.

Art. XI. The annual meeting of the Association shall embrace the Lord's Day, and shall begin at 10 o'clock A. M., on Saturday before the fourth Lord's Day in September, at which time the introductory sermon shall be preached. On each succeeding day the Association shall adjourn at 11 o'clock A. M. for preaching.

Art. XII. This constitution may be altered or amended, except as to Article VI, Section 1, at any regular meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members who are in attendance.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE XIII.

1st. No person shall serve as Moderator of this body more than two terms in succession. Adopted in 1882.

2nd. The Constitution shall be published annually in the Minutes of this Association. Adopted in 1893.

3rd. Missionary Sermon is placed in the hands of Divine Service Committee. Adopted in 1894.

4th. Each Church is expected to send to each annual meeting of the Association, by the hands of its Messengers, a sum of money to be used for printing Minutes. Adopted in 1895.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe there is one, and only one, true and living God Jehova, and that in the Unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, constituting the only and all sufficient standard of Faith, Doctrine, Discipline and Practice.

3. We believe that election is the sovereign exercise of the eternal love by which God hath, according to His infinite wisdom, chosen His people in Christ before the world was, and has predestinated them unto the adoption of children through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth, and doth keep them by his power through Faith unto Salvation.

4. We believe that man was created holy, but by wilful violation of the law of his maker, he fell into a state of sinfulness, and brought death upon his race, who being by natural descent in the unholy image of Adam, are children of wrath by nature, and without natural or spiritual power to live a holy life or attain to a happy state.

5. We believe that sinners are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, and no other way.

6. We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated or born again; that regeneration is effected by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth and the proper evidences thereof are Repentance, Faith and Obedience to God.

7. We believe that such only are believers as endure unto the end in holiness of life, and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

8. We believe the Scriptures teach that repentance and faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God.

9. A Christian Church is a congregation of immersed believers who meet steadily and have covenanted together to maintain the ordinances of Christ, discharge the duties and enjoy the privileges of the New Testament appertaining to the Church of Jesus Christ.

10. The only proper officers of Christian Churches are Bishops or Pastors and Deacons.

11. Christian Baptism is the immersion of a believer in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit by a regularly ordained Baptist minister in good order.

12. The Lord's Supper is a positive and commemorative ordinance of Jesus Christ, to be observed in the church as such in remembrance of Christ, and to show forth His death till He comes.

13. The first day of the week is the Lord's Day and should be observed as a day of rest from common labor and all worldly business, and devoted to religious duties.

14. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. An introductory and Missionary sermon shall be preached by ministers chosen by ballot at the preceding Association. In case of absence or failure the sermon on either to be preached by an alternate chosen at the same time and in the same way. Some brother shall also be chosen to deliver a temperance address.

3. A committee of arrangements, consisting of five members, besides the Moderator and Clerk, who shall be members ex-officio, shall be appointed by the Moderator to arrange and report the "Order of Business."

4. Visiting brethren who are in good standing may be invited to seats, but not to vote.

5. A member not satisfied with any decision of the Moderator may make an appeal to the Association on the same day, but at no other time.

6. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise, address the Moderator, and upon obtaining leave shall proceed.

7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject or use words of personal reflection, and then by the Moderator.

8. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless withdrawn by him who made it. Every case taken up shall be decided or withdrawn before another is introduced.

9. When a question is taken up after allowing time for debate the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association by yeas and nays or otherwise.

10. A member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.

11. No member shall speak more than twice on one subject without permission from the Moderator.

12. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used in the Association by the members in their addresses one to another. Titles that are unknown to the Scriptures, such as "Rev.," "Parson" and the like, shall not be employed nor appear upon the Minutes.

13. The names of members shall be called as often as the Association may direct.

14. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoints another to his seat during the time, but shall not vote on any question unless the Association be equally divided.

15. Any person violating these rules may be reproved by the Moderator at discretion, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

16. These rules may be amended or altered at any regular meeting of this Association by a majority vote of the members present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call Association to order by former Moderator; or, if absent, by the Clerk or Moderator pro tem.

2. Reading Church Letters and enrolling Messengers.

3. Election of officers by ballot.

4. Call for Petitionary Letters.

5. Appointment of Committee on Divine Service.

6. Call for Letters and Messengers from Corresponding Associations.

7. Visiting brethren invited to seats.

8. Appointment of Committees.

9. Appointment of Corresponding Messengers.

10. Miscellaneous business.

11. Calling the roll.

12. Call for Reports of Committees.

13. New business.

14. Appointment of place for next meeting.

15. Reading the Minutes.

16. Valedictory by Moderator; prayer and parting hymn.

PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Concord Baptist Association.

FT. SMITH, ARKANSAS, September 24, 1898.

The Messengers composing this Association met with the First Baptist Church in Turner Hall, at 10 o'clock A. M. Called to order by Elder L. Quinn, acting Moderator.

Devotional exercises conducted by Brothers W. W. Gardner and H. L. Been.

Introductory sermon by Brother A. L. Brown. Text: John, 5:23. Theme: "Honor God."

O. Echols, W. A. Hill and J. T. Watson appointed reading clerks, who proceeded to read the letters presented. (For names of churches see statistical table.)

On motion, the body adjourned 'till 2:30 P. M.

Afternoon Session.

Met on time; opened with song and prayer.

Letters from Montreal, Vesta, Mt. Zion and Pilgrim Rest churches received and read.

The body went into permanent organization by the election of its constitutional quota of officers. Election resulted as follows: L. Quinn, Moderator; J. T. Watson, Clerk; W. A. Mayfield, Treasurer.

On motion, Brothers H. L. Been, O. L. Hailey and L. J. Burt appointed Committee on Orphans' Home, and instructed to report at the evening session.

In the absence of his associational letter, Brother H. F. Mosley was, by vote, seated as a regular Messenger from Mt. Hope Church.

On call for Petitionary Letters, Nolan Spring and Roseville Churches presented credentials and were admitted on the hand of associational fellowship.

Brothers W. W. Gardner, Orphans' Home, Monticello; W. A. Clark, Arkansas Baptist, Little Rock; F. L. Craigle, Ft. Smith; R. A. Rowe, Greenwood, and G. A. Grammar, Van Buren, were seated as visiting members.

Prof. W. L. Puckett and Eld. James Gray were enrolled as Corresponding Messengers from Dardanelle Association.

Letters from Webb City and Mt. Hope Churches were handed in and read.

Corresponding Messengers appointed to sister Associations: Buckner, J. N. Pennington; Dardanelle, H. L. Been, L. Quinn, J. W. Noble; Clear Creek, O. L. Hailey, H. L. Been, W. A. Hill, and were instructed to confer and cooperate with that body in the institution of a Ministers' Institute.

The discussion of the Orphans' Home and State Missions were made the special order of business for the evening session.

Adjourned 'till 7:30 in the evening.

Evening Session.

Assembled on time. Devotional exercises. Special order of business called up. H. L. Been read the following report.

ORPHANS' HOME.

We, your committee, gladly report that the Baptists of this State have an Orphans' Home, under the control of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

About two years ago Miss Hannah Hyatt (now Mrs. Gardner) opened the Home with only two orphans. The number now reaches 18—14 girls and four boys. The Home has a day school four days in each week. Sunday school and preaching every Sunday. We are using God's means to lead them to Christ. Three have already confessed faith in Him and have been baptized.

Terms of admission: Any white orphan residing in the State and under 13 years of age.

We have 80 acres of land, 40 of which is in a good state of cultivation. The boys are required to assist in farm work. The building is now full and we are forced to reject applicants for the want of room.

Since February 1st our agent has received about \$1300, \$850 of which has been paid into the hands of the Treasurer for building purposes. We hope to soon begin the work. To aid in this we recommend that this body proceed to take a collection in cash and pledges, and that the Messengers and Pastors place the consideration of this matter before their respective churches.

H. L. BEEN,
O. L. HAILEY, } Committee.
L. J. BURT,

The report was discussed by W. W. Gardner and O. L. Hailey. Adopted, and collection for the Home ordered taken. Amount collected, \$10.75.

Letter from Pine Mountain Church received and read.

Brother W. A. Clark, by request, spoke upon the subject of State Missions.

Order of Sunday services announced. (No program handed the Clerk.)

On motion, adjourned 'till Monday at 8 o'clock A. M.

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE.

Sunday, preaching at several of the city churches. Also, at the Hall at 11 o'clock A. M. by J. T. Watson, from the text: "Go Forward."

Collection for Associational Missions, \$9.95. Preaching at the Hall at night by W. A. Clark. Subject: "Church Growth." Brother Noble, and other preaching brethren, filled some of the pulpits of the city.

Sunday afternoon, Judge Frederick delivered a live lecture, and offered a telling resolution, on temperance, both of which were unanimously adopted by the body.

MONDAY—Morning Session.

FT. SMITH, ARKANSAS, September 26, 1898.

Body assembled at 8 o'clock A. M. Devotional services led by Moderator and Brother L. J. Burt. Minutes of the previous day were corrected and approved.

The following brethren were enrolled and seated as Corresponding Messengers from other Associations: Eld. W. D. Moffitt, Dardanelle Association; Elds. Lee Carter, B. F. Thompson and P. F. Dooly, Arkansas Valley Association.

In the absence of the chairman of the committee, the Clerk read the following report:

DIGEST OF LETTERS.

Your Committee on Digest of Letters report the death of the following Sisters and Brethren during the present associational year: Sisters Cynthy Plunkett, Alice Jackson, Gusty Minton, ——— Anderson, May Holder, I. W. Riley, Sarah Nesbet, ——— Cox and Bettie Reed; Brothers J. N. Needham, Philip Hinson, James Smith and J. P. Garner.

Respectfully submitted.

F. M. LONG, FANNIE PARKER, O. ECHOLS, HICK MOSLEY,	}	Committee.
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Discussed, considered and adopted.

Brother Clarkson read the following report:

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We recommend Booneville, Arkansas, as the place of next meeting.

We nominate for Introductory Sermon, E. M. Beals; for alternate, W. A. Hills. For Lecture on Temperance, John E. Tatum. For Messengers to State Convention: J. F. O'Neal, G. W. Reeves, O. Echols, R. G. Hooper, R. A. Rowe, and any enrolled member of this session of the Association who may attend the Convention is empowered to act as alternate. For Members of Executive Board: Thomas Gee, O. L. Hailey, D. W. Bryant, L. J. Burt and J. N. Pennington. For Member of State Mission Board, O. L. Hailey. Messengers to Southern Baptist Convention: O. L. Hailey; alternate, L. Quinn.

Respectfully submitted.

R. A. CLARKSON, J. F. O'NEAL, A. P. SCOTT, N. B. DEARAMORE,	}	Committee.
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Adopted without discussion.

The Committee on Ministerial Education presented the following report:

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Last year's report recommends that each Pastor take a collection for Ministerial Education twice during the year. The present reports of the churches show that but one church in the Association followed this recommendation. We can but reiterate the sentiment of former reports, commending the importance of education to our people and calling on Baptists everywhere to be active in promoting our own educational enterprises by our influence, patronage and gifts.

We commend the Sunday School as one enterprise in which every church can engage. Invest this enterprise with your zealous care. Spend money on it to increase your churches and communities in the knowledge of the revelation of God and His Christ.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN AYERS,	} Committee.
C. S. RICE,	
J. B. FLYNN,	
H. E. THURMAN,	

The report was adopted as read.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The original report recommitted. The following report presented and read:

Your committee finds along this line a great neglect; a very large majority of the churches within our bounds have no Sunday Schools. This sad neglect we hold to be the taproot of two great evils: (1) It cultivates sloth and produces idleness among the membership, thereby hindering a growth in grace and weakening for good the christian influence of each member. (2) It turns the children of our families and communities over to every demoralizing influence they may chance to meet by the way.

Now, as a remedy, we recommend every Baptist Church within our Association to have a Baptist Sunday School; and that every Pastor encourage and press and sustain the work among the churches. Our Baptist Sunday School Convention is now entering upon the work of its third year. Its third annual session will be with Mt. Hope Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in May next.

Respectfully submitted.

A. M. HEAD,	} Committee.
J. A. FINNEY,	
D. H. STEWART,	
MRS. E. T. SHAW,	

The above is the substance of the report as adopted.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

J. W. Noble read the following report:

We recommend that the Board employ one or more Missionaries as soon as practical; that they assign said Missionaries such work as in their judgment they may deem best, and that each church be earnestly requested to contribute cheerfully to the work. We also recommend that a Permanent Mission Committee be appointed in each church and instructed to make quarterly collections and remit the same to Treasurer, W. A. Mayfield, Donald, Arkansas.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. NOBLE,	} Committee.
W. J. MING,	
A. H. DEWITT,	
T. P. LONG,	

Adopted without discussion.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Report of Messenger to Southern Baptist Convention:

As Messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention, I attended the session at Norfolk, Va., and gave regular attendance upon all its sittings.

O. L. HAILEY.

Report received and endorsed.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Bro. A. L. Brown read the following report:

It is evident from scriptural teaching that Gospel Ministers should devote their entire time to prayer, to preaching and to the study of the Word. It is also evident that "the laborer is worthy of his hire," and that "they that preach the gospel should live of the gospel." But we find from the finance report of the several churches, that few, very few, pastors are now receiving even a meagre support in their work. We believe the hindering cause to be the neglectful failure of the general membership to "come up to the help of the Lord" with such contributions as are justly due the laborer.

Therefore, we recommend that all the churches make it obligatory upon their Deacons and Finance Committee to periodically canvass the membership and insist upon every one contributing liberally to pastoral support. Also, that the pastors press, and repress, and compress this matter upon the churches 'till the love of Christ will constrain all to give something.

Respectfully submitted.

A. L. BROWN,	} Committee.
R. D. HILL,	
R. M. JOYCE,	
J. E. GRIMES.	

After discussion, the report was adopted.

On motion, the body adjourned 'till 1:30 P. M.

Afternoon Session.

Assembled on time. Introductory services of song and prayer. The Moderator proceeded to read the annual report.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

At the immediate adjournment of last Association, your Executive Board met in Greenwood, duly organized and employed J. T. Watson as Missionary for three-fourths of his time, upon a salary of \$350, to be collected on the field and from the State Board, who agreed to pay \$60 of the same. We assigned Brother Watson work at Roseville, Central and Grand Prairie. We are glad to say that at Roseville his labors have been blessed. Here he organized a church of 15 members. It is in good working order, and is now a member of this body. At Grand Prairie, he has also done a good work. Under his labors the church has been revived and strengthened by the addition of 11 members—seven by letter, one by restoration and three by baptism. But little accomplished at Central, although he had ten days assistance of Elders J. S. Thomas and G. A. Grammar, of the Chapel Car Evangel. He collected from all sources, \$233.67; balance due, \$113.33.

The Board also indorsed Bro. Henry Karr without assuming any responsibilities. He reports 66 sermons; 89 religious calls; 89 days' labor; 30 family prayers, and 16 prayer meetings. He organized three

Sunday Schools; witnessed seven professions; seven restorations, and one reception by letter. Amount collected, \$75.

We find the destitution great within the bounds of your Association. would have been glad to have done more, and believe we have done about what we could with our limited means.

Respectfully submitted.

L. QUINN, Chairman.

R. A. ROWE, Secretary.

The report elicited promiscuous discussion, during which Brother H. L. Been offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association that it is due our Missionary, J. T. Watson, balance of salary promised him by our Board.

On motion, both the report and resolution were adopted.

At the suggestion of Eld. O. L. Hailey, Chairman of the Committee on Associational Camp Grounds, that question was, for the present, dismissed and the committee discharged.

WOMAN'S WORK.

Sister M. A. Neal read the following report:

We find this work is becoming almost indispensable. It has, in the last 10 years, assumed such magnitude and strength that the brethren of some of our churches seem to think it unnecessary for them to look after the church work in any way; seem to console themselves with the thought that the sisters will see to all things concerning the church. But have we, at all times, been as careful as we should be in our ways and means of raising funds for pastor's salary, and other church and benevolent purposes? This is a mooted question; has been much discussed, and not yet fully settled.

For the giving of suppers, &c., to raise money for church and benevolent purposes, we have been much criticised, and often are we humiliated in having to ask for means. We much prefer to earn the money by having something to do that we can do. We would suggest to our brother pastors that they put a limit on our way of working for the church and save us the humiliation of being called gamblers.

Many of our Ladies' Aids are doing a wonderful work for the Orphans' Home, while along this line too many of our societies are doing but little. We recommend that every church in the Association organize an Evergreen Ladies' Aid Society.

Respectfully submitted.

SISTERS M. A. NEAL,	} Committee.
" ELIZA BEAUCHAMP	
" FANNIE PARKER,	
" J. E. GRIMES,	
BROTHER J. A. FINNEY,	

The report elicited a spirited discussion, and was adopted as read.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Bro. W. A. Hill read the following report:

The Foreign Mission work of the Southern Baptist Convention embraces Mexico, South America, Africa, China and Japan.

Our Missionaries entered China in 1847. The reports from China show that we now have 21 churches, 40 Missionaries, 1,499 members and 208 baptisms.

Entered Africa in 1850. This Mission now reports three Missionaries, 330 members and 43 baptisms.

Since 1870, our Italian Mission has grown to consist of one Missionary, 21 churches and 55 baptisms.

In 1880, Mexico passed under our mission work. That Mission now reports 32 churches, 13 Missionaries, 1,132 members and 101 baptisms.

Brazil came in 1882. This Mission now contains 21 churches, 13 Missionaries, 1,272 members and 283 baptisms.

Next came Japan, in 1889. We now have there one church, six Missionaries, 140 members and 11 baptisms.

A general summary of our foreign work shows the sum total of churches to be 102; of Missionaries, 73; members, 4,700; baptisms, 701. Total contribution for last year, \$125,681.99. Of this amount, Arkansas Baptists contributed \$1,827.96, making an average of two cents and nine mills per member.

We find that most churches give nothing to Foreign Missions. We recommend that every church make it their special business to take a collection for this work and forward the same to the Foreign Mission Board at Philadelphia; and we earnestly urge every Baptist in this Association to do what he is able, to send the gospel where the people have never heard it.

Respectfully submitted.

W. A. HILL,	} Committee.
W. F. RANEY,	
J. A. O'KELLY,	
SAM MARTIN,	

Adopted after discussion.

Brother Washburn, General Missionary of the General Association Indian Territory, was, on motion, enrolled as a visiting member.

THE STATE BOARD.

O. L. Hailey, as member of the State Board, made the following report:

I have attended three sessions of the State Board, and did my best to serve you and the State. This involved a cost of \$12, which has been paid. I ask that the amount be credited to State Mission funds from First Baptist Church of Ft. Smith.

Report received and credit allowed.

HOME MISSIONS.

The Chairman of the Committee read the following report:

The recent report of the Home Board shows 467 Missionaries and 1,960 stations. Results of their labors, 4,739 baptisms and 4,770 additions by letter. They were instrumental in organizing 103 new churches, 297 Sunday Schools and in building 45 new church houses.

Because of the late war, the work of the Board has been greatly hindered in Cuba, but now the prospects bid fair for an enlargement of the work on that island. The prospects also bespeak the beginning of a good work on the island of Porto Rico. Should these hopes be realized the needs of the Home Board will demand a great deal more money than heretofore, and their increased needs should be promptly supplied by the denomination. To be thoroughly informed concerning this important field, take and read "Our Home Field," published by the Board at Atlanta, Ga. Price, 10 cents single copy; five cents in clubs. We still ask the churches to contribute as liberally as they can to Home Missions.

Respectfully submitted.

O. L. HAILEY,	} Committee.
S. E. THOMPSON,	
L. J. BURT,	

Discussed and adopted.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Brother Mayfield read the following report:

We recommend that our people read the bible and our State paper. Also, recommend that our Sunday Schools use the Conventional Series.

Respectfully submitted.

W. A. MAYFIELD, }
JOSEPH CALVIN, } Committee.
J. A. CARD, }

Discussed and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Gross receipts.....		\$115 66
Paid R. A. Rowe for Minutes.....	\$38 41	
“ State Missions	13 50	
“ Home Missions.....	14 50	
“ Foreign Missions.....	21 60	
“ Registration fee.....	10	
“ J. T. Watson, Missionary	14 35	
“ Colored preacher at Charleston.....	13 50	
Totals.....	\$115 96	\$115 66
To balance.....		30

W. A. MAYFIELD, Treasurer.

Adopted without discussion.

J. T. Watson offered a resolution to amend the Constitution by striking out Amendment 1, Article 13. Lost for the want of a constitutional majority.

The following Corresponding Messengers were appointed: To General Association, H. L. Been; to Arkansas Valley Association, Henry Karr.

STATE MISSIONS.

Judge C. J. Frederick read the following report:

We are of the opinion that our system of work, known as State Missions, is deserving of the cordial support of our churches. We believe every church in our Association should contribute to its support, and urge the pastors to encourage contributions for the work.

We commend the course of the Board in employing an Evangelist for the State, believe two should be employed and would authorize our representative on the State Board to use his influence and vote to that end.

We recommend that this Association send a full representation to the next meeting of the State Convention, to be held in Little Rock. This meeting is to be the semi-centennial, or “Jubilee,” meeting of the body.

Respectfully submitted.

C. J. FREDERICK, }
F. M. IRVIN, } Committee.
ARUS OLDHAM, }

Adopted without discussion.

TEMPERANCE.

Brother J. F. O’Neal read the following report:

On motion, it was amended so as to incorporate the “Frederick resolution.” Its amended form reads as follows:

Your committee regards the sale and use of intoxicants as a bev-

erage to be a great sin against mankind; to be the greatest evil now threatening our homes, our social institutions and our churches. It is Satan's weapon for the destruction of humanity. Therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Concord Baptist Association, That it is wrong and a violation of God's law to vote at any election for license to sell intoxicating liquors; that it is wrong and a violation of the laws of God for any professed christian to give his assent by vote, signature or otherwise, to aid, encourage or tolerate the manufacture or use of intoxicating liquors.

The above expresses the sentiments of the Association.

FINANCE.

Brother O. Echols read the following report:

Sunday collection.....	\$ 9 95
Associational Missions.....	88 11
State Missions.....	8 40
Home Missions.....	5 20
Foreign Missions.....	17 25
Associational Minutes.....	37 50
Total amount.....	\$166 41

The committee recommends that the churches specify in their letters the purpose of their contributions.

Adopted without discussion.

On motion of Brother Raney, the Clerk was allowed \$10 for his services, and instructed to expend the balance for printing Association-
al Minutes.

Bro. H. L. Been moved that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with. Motion carried.

The body adopted the following resolution of thanks presented by Brother Been:

Resolved, That we tender a vote of thanks to the First Baptist Church of Ft. Smith for kind and fraternal hospitality; also, to the Arkansas Central Railroad Company for reduced passenger rates.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with the Boonville Church, Arkansas, Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1899.

Song, parting hand, and prayer by Brother Washburn, closed the session.

L. QUINN, Moderator.

J. T. WATSON, Clerk.

ADDENDAE.

CHURCH WORK.

Church work First Baptist Church Ft. Smith:

Ministerial education.....	\$ 60 45
Special, Church and School.....	56 53
Sunday School collection.....	175 43
Total.....	\$292 41

TREASURER'S REPORT LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

Following is the report made by the Treasurer of the Ladies' Aid Society of the First Baptist Church, Ft. Smith, from December 15, 1897, to September 1, 1898:

RECEIPTS.

Balance as per last statement.....	\$ 15 03
Amount received for Missions.....	24 75
Amount received for dues.....	41 70
Suppers, articles sold, &c., including excess cash.....	279 53
Building and Loan dues, April and May refunded.....	12 00
Building and Loan stock sold by Messrs. Ayers & Ball, Trustees, at 50 cents.....	129 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Amount of B. & L. dues paid.....		\$ 30 00
Organist salary paid.....		72 00
Missions.....		35 00
Other disbursements, including check to cover over- draft in Merch. Bank, Mission fund.....		62 82
By balance on hand.....		302 19
Totals.....	\$502 01	\$502 01
Sept. 1.—To balance on hand.....	\$302 19	

MISSION REPORT,

Following is the Mission report from December 15, 1897, to September 1, 1898:

RECEIPTS.

To balance as per last report.....	\$ 6 60
Amount collected.....	24 75
Balance overdrawn.....	3 65

DISBURSEMENTS.

April 7.—By Brazilian Missions.....		\$20 00
April 22.—“ “ “.....		15 00
Totals.....	\$35 00	\$35 00
April 22.—By balance overdrawn.....		\$3 65

MRS. F. E. CARR, Treasurer.

STATISTICAL TABLE, 1898.

CHURCH.	MESSENGERS.	PASTORS AND P. O. ADDRESS.	CLERKS AND P. O. ADDRESS.	Days of Meeting	ADDITIONS. Baptized By Letter	DECREASE. Died Restored	Total Membership	FINANCIAL.										SUNDAY SCHOOLS.						
								MISSIONS.					TO CHURCH WORK.					Value Church Property.	Offic's & Tea.	No. of Classes	No. of Pupils.	Av. Attend.	Literature...	Cost.....
								Associational	State.....	Home.....	Foreign.....	Total	Pastor.....	Incidentals.	Repairs.....	Minutes.....								
Bloomer	A. M. Head, E. M. Beals, J. T. Crouch	H. G. Johnson, Greenwood	E. D. Spain, Bloomer..	2	.....	9	60	\$ 2 25	\$ 50	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 3 25	\$ 40 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 10 25	\$ 1 00	\$ 600	7	8	60	35	S. B.	\$ 9 00
Boonville	Joe Calvin, J. N. Pennington.....	J. N. Pennington, Boonville	L. B. Carolan, Boonville	1-3	.....	1	10	2	71	.....	1 00	.....	1 00	65 00	.....	1 00	900	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Burnville	R. M. McGee, Sam Martin.....	H. L. Been, Greenwood....	R. M. McGee, Greenw'd	2	1	.....	4	22	5 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	23 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Caulkville...	J. R. Richey, J. C. Blackwell.....	W. A. Hill, Effa.....	O. C. Paschal, Caulksville	4	5	1	6	29	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Center Valley	W. F. Raney, P. Buckner, J. W. Noble	J. W. Noble, Auburn.....	J. T. Kersey, Auburn.....	1	.....	2	63	3 85	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00	.....	.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Charleston...	L. Quinn, L. J. Burt.....	I. Z. Kimbrough, Paris.....	J. A. Robertson, Charl's'n	4	1	.....	3	35	5 55	1 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	S. B.	1 50
Corinth	D. M. Bryant.....	D. M. Bryant, Boonville....	W. F. Hall, Magazine.....	2	11	11	1	36	1 20	.....	.....	.....	25 00	.....	.....	60	.....	7	6	64	30	S. B.	1 55
1st Ft. Smith.	* (See foot note)	O. L. Hailey, Ft. Smith.....	John Ayers, Ft. Smith.....	All	11	41	2	358	11 70	24 88	146 70	118 97	418 59	1400 00	952 01	7 50	2000	22	19	306	.....	S. B.	62 23
Greenwood	Sisters M. A. Neal and E. T. Shaw..	J. C. Williams, Mansfield..	E. H. Hesterly, Greenw'd	2-4	4	1	71	4 10	2 00	150 00	17 50	8 00	1 60	500	6	3	60	35	S. B.	20 00
Grand Prairie	E. O. Thompson, William Sparks....	J. T. Watson, National.....	R. W. Austin, Dahoma....	4	3	6	2	20	6 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Harmony	A. P. Scott.....	J. G. Harris, Hackett.....	J. W. Plunkett, Hackett...	3	4	2	1	1	26	.....	2 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	9	6	45	30	A. B.	1 60
Huntington...	J. A. Finney, Eliza Beauchamp.....	J. L. Finney, Huntington	J. L. Finney, Huntington	2-4	7	7	1	4	83	15 00	.....	10 00	66 00	15 00	6 00	2 00	1200	12	9	121	93	A. B.	30 25
Jenny Lind...	T. P. Long.....	.....	L. W. Minton, Actus.....	3	.....	2	.....	33	1 00	.....	.....	1 00	2 75	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Judson	W. J. Ming.....	H. G. Johnson, Greenwood	W. H. Yelverton, Jenny L	3	1	.....	3	25	50	50	50	.....	29 30	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Hope	J. F. O'Neal, H. F. Mosley.....	J. W. Noble, Auburn.....	H. M. O'Neal, Etna.....	2	.....	5	1	5	2	93	25	.....	75	42 00	3 00	1 15	600	4	4	45	30	S. B.	6 00
Montreal	J. F. Stewart.....	J. Pinkerton, Slatonville...	Mary Allen, Montreal.....	3	.....	1	2	5	14	.....	.....	.....	4 50	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nat'l Springs.	J. T. Hollingsworth, W. A. Mayfield, †	J. T. Watson, National.....	T. B. Harston, National	1	3	1	9	42	9 10	6 50	1 00	.....	50 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nolan Spring.	J. W. Sparkman, R. L. Lee.....	.....	R. L. Lee, Ft. Smith.....	4	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oak Bend	A. H. Duett.....	J. T. Evans, Megs.....	F. M. Terry, Meg.....	3	1	6	6	27	.....	.....	1 00	.....	30 70	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oak Bower...	A. L. Brown, J. A. Card.....	A. L. Brown, Lavaca.....	J. M. Clay, Lavaca.....	4	2	2	10	2	90	75	.....	75	60 00	20 00	.....	1 25	1000	.....	5	65	40	A. M.	18 00
Oak Grove...	D. H. Stewart, H. L. Been, R. M. Joyce	J. W. Noble, Auburn.....	W. H. Been, Greenwood	1	1	1	2	1	98	7 90	.....	10 10	60 00	.....	.....	2 50	750	8	6	59	35	A. M.	6 00
Pine Mount'n	D. W. Bryan.....	.....	W. H. Carey, Leon.....	4	.....	1	41	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	75	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Planter	J. T. Watson, A. J. Williams, †.....	H. L. Been, Greenwood....	A. J. Williams, Greenw'd	4	.....	.....	53	3 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 25	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
PleasantVal'y	S. E. Glidewell, J. R. Austin.....	R. T. Little, Boonville....	Cora Porter, Mixon.....	2	23	4	1	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	3 00	.....	1 00	300	10	5	55	43	S. B.	3 00
Pilgrims Rest	J. B. Flynn, — Dearmore.....	A. L. Brown, Lavaca.....	Mrs. Flynn, Charleston...	3	1	1	4	1	27	.....	10	.....	35 00	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Prairie View	R. D. Hill, T. Gee, Fannie Parker...	L. Quinn, Charleston.....	H. B. McMath, Effa.....	4	7	1	1	113	15 26	.....	.....	.....	60 00	18 50	.....	1 00	650	7	5	60	40	A. M.	7 60
Roseville.	J. E. Watson.....	J. T. Watson, National.....	J. E. Watson, Roseville...	3	16	1	15	24 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Six Mile Hall	.....	A. J. Watson, Six Mile....	J. Q. Metcalf, Six Mile...	2	3	1	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sulphur Spr'g	S. E. Thigpen, T. A. Rippey, A. Oldham	J. T. Watson, National.....	Arus Oldham, Auburn.....	2	1	1	1	74	8 95	.....	.....	.....	40 00	3 60	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union Grove.	F. M. Ervin.....	J. F. O'Neal, Etna.....	J. A. Franks, Boonville...	4	2	1	3	44	1 00	.....	.....	.....	40 00	.....	.....	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vesta	J. E. Grimes, J. E. Card.....	L. Quinn, Charleston.....	C. S. Price, Vesta.....	2	.....	1	6	1	31	2 75	1 35	1 00	40 00	10 10	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Washburn	D. B. Glass.....	H. G. Johnson, Greenwood	D. B. Glass, Washburn...	4	1	.....	14	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Webb City...	R. Hooper, G. T. Staton.....	J. F. O'Neal, Etna.....	J. T. Lallenson, Webb C...	3	5	.....	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	6	6	50	40	Union	12 00
Mt. Zion	J. H. Izelle, Jessie Edwards.....	G. W. Evans, Mansfield...	Jesse Edward, Excelsior	1	2	1	4	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	75	.....	11	6	75	50	S. B.	1 75
Totals.....				65	118	27	17	123	48	1847	\$122 46	\$34 93	\$157 90	\$1047 71	\$37 25	\$37 75	\$9000	118	92	1059	481	.....	\$180 48

NOTE.—* O. L. Hailey, John Ayers, J. W. Meek, C. J. Frederick, R. A. Clarkson, F. M. Long, O. Echols, G. T. Williams, J. W. O'Kelly, } First Baptist Church of Ft. Smith.

† S. E. Thompson, National Springs.
† E. S. Murphy, Planter.