

MILBURY

OF THE

Twenty-Seventh Annual Session.

OF THE

***Friendship Regular
Baptist Association,***

HELD WITH

Star City Church,

Lincoln County, Ark., Sept. 16, 17 and 18, 1899.



OFFICERS:

A. O. EDWARDS, Moderator.

H. G. THOMASSON, Clerk.



Next session to be held with Florence Church,
Drew County, on Saturday before the third
Sunday in September, 1900, at 10 o'clock,
a. m.

Churches, Pastors, Clerks and Their Postoffices.

CHURCHES,	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICES.
Bethel No. 1.....	S. P. Davis	D. J. Tate.....	Rison
Bethel No. 2.....	H. B. Taylor	J. E. Hunter	McKinney
Bethlehem.....	J. W. Fish	J. A. Owen.....	Palmyra
Enon	W. C. Harley.....	S. A. Berry.....	Annover
Friendship.....	J. H. W. Overton....	W. T. Harris	Randal
Flo ence.....	A. C. Miller	M. R. Lord.....	Florence
Harmony	A. C. Miller	J. R. Grumbles.....	Pine Bluff
Hickory Grove	A. C. Miller	M. M. West	Rest
Holly Springs	H. A. Munn	G. G. Vick.....	Garnett
Lone Grove	J. W. Fish.....	L. D. Owen.....	Feenyville
Mt. Moriah	F. P. Davis.....	A. R. McGraw	Winchester
Mt. Zion	W. H. Cash	F. C. Taylor.....	Kedron
New Home	J. H. Overton	W. M. Willis.....	Glendale
Oak Grove.....	F. P. Davis.....	L. J. Reed.....	Calmer
Pleasant Hill	H. A. Munn.....	L. F. Johnson.....	Garnet
Pleasant Home	J. H. W. Overton	A. B. Craig.....	Double Wells
Pleasant Ridge.....	W. H. Cash	W. R. Ross.....	Pearl
Pleasant Springs.....	W. C. Harley	E. Y. Rogers.....	Montongo
Pine Bluff	C. W. Daniel.....	Elmo Marsh.....	Pine Bluff
Rison.....	S. P. Davis.....	I. B. Williams	Rison
Spring Hill No. 1	W. H. Cash	M. F. Hanley.....	Plantersville
Star City.....	H. A. Munn	J. G. Atkinson	Star City
Salem	A. C. Miller	J. S. Conrad.....	Garretton's Landing
Tyro	W. C. Harley.....	J. S. Johnson.....	Tyro
Sulphur Springs.....	H. B. Taylor	Sidney Helms.....	Pine Bluff
Zion.....	J. H. W. Overton....	J. J. Lee.....	Toledo

Proceedings.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Friendship Regular Baptist Association met with the Star City Baptist church at Star City, Lincoln county, Ark., in its twenty-seventh annual session at 10 o'clock a. m., September 16, 1899. The body was called to order by the moderator. After singing an appropriate hymn, the congregation was led in prayer by Bro. W. A. Clark. Services were continued by Bro. C. W. Daniel reading the 4th chapter of Philippians, and prayer by Bro. W. H. Cash.

Letters of the churches were called. Brethren H. G. Thomasson and H. R. Lucas were appointed to read said letters. Letters were read and the following delegates enrolled:

Bethel No. 1.—B. F. Moody, W. L. Moody

Bethel No. 2—W. S. Cooper, George Puckett, J. E. Hunter.

Bethlehem—J. W. Fish, S. B. Owen, R. L. Fish, J. T. Lindsey.

Enon—R. P. Owen, W. E. Reynolds

Friendship—W. J. Cope, W. J. Harris.

Florence—H. G. Thomasson, John M. Henley, A. C. Miller.

Holly Springs—G. W. Butler, N. T. Terrell, D. W. Campbell.

Hickory Grove—J. S. Fish, M. M. West, C. A. Fish.

Ione Grove—J. F. Tucker, L. D. Owen.

Mt. Mariah—A. R. McGraw, J. W. Caldwell, J. J. Lee.

Mt. Zion—H. B. Taylor, M. W. Head, Frank Taylor.

New Home—W. M. Willis, G. T. Parker.

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

Pleasant Hill—F. S. Vick.

Pleasant Home—D. Foley, J. A. Preston.

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

Pleasant Springs—J. P. and E. Y. Rogers, J. W. McPherson.

Pine Pluff—C. W. Daniel, F. L. Fox, Chas. Haycock, Edwin Ryland, A. O. Edwards.

Rison—A. J. Brown.

Spring Hill No. 1—O. A. Jordan, L. Watson, J. E. Paddon.

Star City—H. A. Munn, J. L. Hunter, H. R. Lucas.

Sulphur Springs—J. D. Underwood, Currie Hanna.

Salem—J. S. Conrad, Blanche Dye, Grace Conrad.

Tyro—B. F. McGraw, Chas. Kimbro, Zack Collins.

Zion—W. H. Cash.

The hour for the introductory sermon having arrived, and the appointees being absent, the body unanimously requested Bro W. A. Clark to fill the stand. He responded with a very appropriate and instructive sermon from Leviticus 8: 22, 23, 24, after which the body adjourned to resume business at 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The house was called to order by the moderator at 2 o'clock. After singing and prayer the moderator called for letters of churches whose delegates were not present at morning session. None responded. Petitionary letters were next called for. One church was presented, with delegates to-wit: Harmony—T. I. Steed, J. M. Jacks. Letter was received and delegates welcomed as part of our body.

The association proceeded to permanently organize by electing a moderator and clerk. The clerk, by unanimous consent, was instructed to cast vote of body for Bro. A. O. Edwards for moderator. The same was done. H. G. Thomasson was elected clerk and treasurer for the ensuing year. The moderator, after extending thanks to the body for the honor conferred upon him, invited all visiting brethren to seats with us.

Bro. W. A. Clark, editor of the *Arkansas Baptist*, and Sister Hannah Gardner, matron of Orphans' Home, were welcomed as visiting messengers.

An invitation to corresponding messengers was accepted by Bro. W. C. Harley, from Bartholomew Association.

Messengers from Friendship Association to sister associations were called for and the following brethren reported to go:

Pine Bluff—D. W. Campbell, B. F. Moody, Z. L. Crawford.

Bartholomew—H. A. Munn.

Judson—W. H. Cash, D. H. Gill.

By motion and second association proceeded to elect one member of State Board. C. W. Daniel was elected.

By motion this association proceeded to elect delegates to represent us in State convention and the following were elected: W. H. Cash, J. W. Fish, J. S. Fish, J. A. Preston, C. W. Daniel

By motion this association proceeded to elect delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention. A C. Miller was elected as delegate.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

Finance—H. R. Lucas, Chas. Haycock, N. T. Terrell. (A.)

Education—A. J. Brown, D. W. Campbell, S. R. Owen. (B.)

Nominations—J. L. Hunter, T. I. Steed, M. M. West. (C.)

Foreign Missions—C. W. Daniel, J. W. McPherson, J. T. Lindsey. (D.)

Sunday-schools—W. H. Cash, R. L. Fish, E. Y. Rogers. (E.)

Associational Missions—D. H. Gill, J. E. Hunter, Zack Collins. (F.)

State Missions—A. C. Miller, J. P. Rogers, B. F. McGraw. (G.)

Home Missions—H. A. Munn, C. A. Fish, D. Foley. (H.)

Prohibition—H. B. Taylor, W. J. Cope, M. A. Barnes. (I.)

Orphan's Home—T. I. Steed, B. F. Moody, A. R. McGraw. (J.)

Obituaries—J. E. Paddon, J. S. Fish, B. F. Barnes. (K.)

Publications—J. W. Fish, John Henley, R. P. Owen. (L.)

Condition of Churches—H. R. Lucas, B. F. Moody, J. S. Fish.

Committee on Nominations made its report. Read by J. L. Hunter. (See report A.)

Motion carried to take up report of Board of Trustees of Friendship High School upon convening for Saturday night's session.

Motion carried to make report of Committee on Orphans' Home special order for night session immediately after the disposal of report of Board of Trustees.

Committee on Divine Services reported. Read by H. A. Munn. Report not delivered to clerk.

By motion the association was adjourned until 7:30 p. m.

SATURDAY NIGHT'S SESSION.

The body was called to order by Moderator. Sang hymns 163, 87, Harvest Bells. Prayer by Bro. W. C. Harley.

The report of Board of Trustees for Friendship High School having been made a special order for this hour, was read, spoken to, and adopted. (See report B.)

Committee on Orphans' Home reported. Read by T. I. Steed, chairman. Discussed and a collection in cash of

\$14.45 and \$158 in pledges, to be sent to Mrs. Hannah Gardner, Monticello, Ark. (Report C.)

Pledges as follows:

J. L. Hunter	\$10 00
C. W. Daniel	10 00
Edwin Ryland	10 00
A. O. Edwards	10 00
Star City Church	20 00
Pine Bluff "	25 00
Hickory Grove Church	10 00
Spring Hill "	10 00
Harmony "	10 00
Flørence Sunday-school	5 00
Pleasant Ridge Sunday-school	5 00
Pine Bluff " " Station A	5 00
Ladies' Aid Society, Star City	5 00
W. M. Miller	2 50
Bethel, No. 2	5 00
Pleasant Springs Church	5 00
Rison	5 00
Mrs. J. E. Paddon	2 50
J. A. Preston	1 00
Joshua Lee	1 00
Mrs. A. Reach	1 00

Total in Pledges.....\$158 00

After which the association adjourned until 8:30 a. m. Monday.

SUNDAY.

Sunday, 9 o'clock, a. m., Sunday-school services conducted by H. R. Lucas; preaching at Baptist Church by Bro. A. C. Miller at 11 o'clock; Methodist Church at same hour by Bro. D. H. Gill; court-house, same hour, by Bro. W. C. Harley. Bro. H. B. Taylor held two very interesting services at Griffis Springs, four miles west. Collections, \$24. A very enthusiastic mission service was held Sunday evening, conducted by Bro. A. C. Miller.

MONDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The association convened at 9 o'clock. Devotional exercises led by Bro. W. A. Clark.

Report on Prohibition called for. Read by Bro. H. B. Taylor, discussed, corrected and adopted. (D.)

Prof. A. F. Riley, of Central College, was welcomed as a visiting messenger.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported. Read by Bro. C. W. Daniel. Discussed and adopted. (E.)

Report of Finance Committee. Read by Bro. H. R. Lucas. Adopted. (See report F.)

Committee on Associational Missions report. Read by Bro. D. H. Gill. Report of A. C. Miller, missionary, read in connection. Reports discussed together and adopted. (See G.) Pledges for Associational Missions as follows:

Bethel, No. 1.....	\$10 00	Bethlehem	\$10 00
Enon.....	5 00	Mt. Mariah	10 00
Friendship	2 00	Mt. Zion.....	5 00
Florence	20 00	Lone Grove.....	2 50
Holly Springs.....	10 00	Oak Grove.....	5 00
Hickory Grove.....	20 00	Pleasant Ridge	10 00
Bethel, No. 2.....	5 00	Pleasant Spring.....	10 00
Pleasant Home.....	5 00	T. I. Steed.....	7 50
Pine Bluff.....	60 00	Mrs. M. R. Crawford..	5 00
Station A, Pine Bluff.	10 00	Mrs. M. J. Wilson....	2 50
Spring Hill, No. 1....	5 00	Dorroh Winters.....	5 00
Star City.....	20 00	L. A. S., Star City..	2 50
Rison.....	2 00	Star City S. S.....	2 50
Sulphur Springs.....	5 00	J. L. Hunter.....	5 00
Salem	5 00	W. H. Fox and wife..	5 00
Tyro	30 00	J. M. Jacks.....	1 00
W. H. Cash.....	5 00	J. A. Preston.....	1 00
Harmony.....	10 00	Mrs. A. Reach	1 00
J. B. Wilson.....	5 00	B. F. Ryburn.....	1 00
A. O. Edwards.....	5 00	Mrs. S. E. Julian.....	1 00
C. A. Fish.....	5 00	Mrs. T. E. Bachelor (p)	1 00

Total in pledges, \$336.50. (See report G.)

By motion, the association adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing an appropriate hymn, and prayer by Bro. B. F. Moody, the Moderator announced that the association was ready for business.

Report of Committee on Publications was called for. Read by Bro. J. W. Fish. Discussed; amended and adopted. (H.)

Committee on Home Missions made its report. Read by Bro. H. A. Munn. Discussed, amended and adopted. (Report I.)

Report on Sunday-schools Read by Bro. W. H. Cash. Discussed, amended and adopted. (See report J.)

Committee on Education makes report. Read by Prof. A. J. Brown. Discussed and adopted. (Report K.)

Committee on State Missions presents its report through Bro. A. C. Miller. Report adopted. (Report L.)

Report of Committee on Condition of Churches called for. Read by Bro. H. R. Lucas. Adopted. (Report M.)

Report of Committee on Obituaries. Read by Bro. J. S. Fish. Adopted. (See report N.)

Report of Treasurer of Executive Board received. (O.)

Motion carried to appropriate money collected on Sunday for missions to pay pledge for State Missions.

Motion carried to have association meet with Florence Church next year.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, 1. That the thanks of this body be tendered to the church and citizens of Star City for their cordial reception and their abundant provision for the welfare of the members of this association while in their midst.

Resolved 2. That the clerk of this association be allowed \$15 as a compensation for his service, and that he have printed so many copies of the minutes as the minute fund will allow, and that the same be distributed according to the amount given by the churches for this purpose.

Resolved 3. That we, an organized association of thirty Baptist Churches in the State of Arkansas, having heard that Gen. Otis has restricted the circulation of Protestant literature and the free entrance of missionaries to the Philippine Islands, do most solemnly protest against such an order.

Notice was given that an amendment to the constitution will be offered next session, to-wit: That this association may meet on Friday before the third Sunday in September.

The minutes were then read and adopted.

On motion the association was adjourned to meet with the Florence Church on Saturday before the third Sunday in September, 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m.

A. O. EDWARDS, Moderator.

H. G. THOMASSON, Clerk.



Report of Committees.

REPORT A.

We, your Committee on Nominations, report as follows: We nominate as the Executive Board of our association, Brethren A. O. Edwards, W. R. Ross, J. W. Fish, H. G. Thomasson and H. R. Lucas. We nominate as trustees of Friendship Associational High School, W. H. Cash, H. C. Fox and A. C. Miller. We nominate Bro. W. H. Cash to preach the introductory sermon, and Bro. C. W. Daniel to preach the missionary sermon.

J. L. HUNTER, Chairman.

REPORT B.

The Board of Trustees of Friendship High School take pleasure in presenting this their first annual report: Immediately after the adjourn-

ment of the association at Hickory Grove last year, the board met and organized by electing Chas. W. Daniel, president, and H. G. Thomasson, as secretary. The board advertised for bids for the location of the school. Several communities competed for the location. After the relative advantages of each place had been carefully considered, the board decided to locate the school at Star City, Ark. The formal agreement made with the citizens of Star City is as follows:

Whereas, It has been agreed and determined by and between the citizens of Star City, Lincoln county, Ark., and the board of trustees of Friendship Association of the Baptist denomination in Arkansas to establish and maintain a high school for the education of both sexes. Therefore, it is hereby agreed on the part of the citizens of Star City in order to establish said school in their vicinity.

1. That they agree to donate free of charge to said trustees as aforesaid not less than three nor more than ten acres of land for the location of said building or buildings.

2. That they will erect a building according to plans and specifications hereafter agreed upon by and between the citizens of Star City and the trustees aforesaid, the cost of said building not to be less than \$900 nor more than \$1,200, provided, however, that the building above referred to shall not be constructed by the citizens of Star City until the trustees as aforesaid shall demonstrate to the citizens of Star City that they are able to maintain and conduct such school with at least reasonable success.

3. That while the experiment or demonstration aforesaid is being made, the citizens of Star City agree to provide temporary quarters for the conduct of said school. The failure or success of the temporary conduct of said school is to be determined within a reasonable time by the said citizens of Star City and the trustees as aforesaid.

The board of trustees for the said Friendship Association on their part agree:

1. That they will establish or locate a high school in the vicinity of Star City, Ark. for the education of both sexes.

2. That the course of study in said school shall be of sufficient grade to entitle its graduates to enter the Sophomore class of Ouachita College of Arkadelphia, Ark.

3. That they are trustees as aforesaid and as representatives of Friendship Association of the Baptist denomination, agree to support and maintain said school to as high degree of proficiency and success as the surroundings and circumstances will permit. It is further understood that these articles of agreement are only temporary and are to be substituted by a more minute statement of the contract between the parties hereto upon the permanent establishment of the school as aforesaid, but in keeping with the general terms expressed herein.

For the faithful performance of the foregoing agreement, we hereto set our hands and seals this 9th day of May, 1899.

J. G. ATKINSON,
E. V. HELLUMS,
J. L. HUNTER,
B. A. OWEN,
C. P. ATKINSON,
W. H. FOX.

As citizens of Star City and Chas. W. Daniel, President Board of Trustees.

It was found impracticable to attempt to open the school until this fall. The board has been fortunate in securing the services of Messrs. V. G. and B. E. Hinton, as principals, who have assumed the entire responsibility of conducting the school. The school will open Tuesday, September 19, with four teachers. The prospects are very encouraging for a successful session. We make a plea for the sympathy, prayers and co-operation of all the churches. This school belongs to all the Baptists

of this association and must look to them mainly for its patronage. We believe there is enough interest in education and loyalty to Baptist institutions among our people to make this work a great success.

C. W. DANIEL, Pres.,
H. G. THOMASON, Sec'y.,
A. C. MILLER,
E. V. HELLUMS,
B. F. MOODY,
J. E. PADDON,
H. C. FOX,
J. G. ATKINSON.

REPORT C.

Your Committee on Orphans' Home report as follows: The Home is

the last year by the help of the Baptists of the State. But we find that they are not able to accommodate all the applicants. They need more room. Brethren, this belongs to the Baptists of Arkansas, and it must be enlarged and supported by them. We recommend that a collection be taken at this association and that each church also contribute to its support.

T. I. STEED, Chairman.

REPORT D.

We, your Committee on Prohibition, beg leave to submit the following report: The "Holy Bible" commands us to be temperate in all things. Obedience to this divine mandate forbids the use of intoxicants in any form or quantity except as a medicine. We will, of course, obey God in this as in all other particulars.

Whereas, Intemperance, especially with reference to the use of alcoholic liquors, is the sin of our nation; and,

Whereas, The use of strong drink is doing more to make wrecks, morally, physically, mentally and spiritually, of the manhood of our great nation, and bring our boys to want, ruin, degradation and premature death physically and eternal destruction finally; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, as an association, are now and forever against the sale and use of intoxicating drinks.

2. That we urge the preachers of Friendship Association to preach on the subject of prohibition from our pulpits, in this way educating our people regarding its evil effects.

3. That we unhesitatingly and unqualifiedly endorse the actions of those churches in our denomination wherein some members of the said churches have been dealt with for letting and leasing their property to men to use as saloons, or houses in which to conduct a whiskey business; since our property is not our own in an absolute sense. It belongs to God and we have no right to use it in a way to dishonor its Supreme owner.

4. That we endorse that great movement in our State of which Prof. J. W. Conger is president—the Anti-saloon League of Arkansas. We are in sympathy with its great work, and will lend a helping hand to its promoters whenever and wherever we can.

5. That we declare our unswerving allegiance to the movement against saloons in our State and urge that every laudible means be used for the eradication of this deadly evil from our fair land.

H. B. TAYLOR.

REPORT E.

The Baptists of the South last year had more than 100 missionaries preaching the gospel in Mexico, Brazil, Italy, Africa, China and Japan. The largest number of conversions were reported last year of any previous year in the history of the convention.

The total amount contributed to this work was \$109,267.43. Of this

amount the Baptists of Arkansas contributed \$1,714.44, and the Baptists of Friendship Association gave \$334.45. Thirteen churches have reported in their letters nothing given whatever. What can we do to arouse our churches to a sense of their duty?

The Southern Baptist Convention at Louisville last May instructed the Foreign Mission Board to enlarge the work 25 per cent. Shall this association accept this declaration of the convention and make more earnest efforts to preach the gospel to every creature, and hasten the time when the kingdom shall have come and the will of the Lord be done on earth as it is in heaven? We urge the churches to a more faithful discharge of their duty in this regard. We are Missionary Baptists in name; may we be in deed and truth during this coming year.

CHAS. W. DANIEL, Chm'n.

REPORT F.

Report of Finance Committee will be given in connection with the statistical table.

REPORT G.

We, your Committee on Associational Missions, beg leave to report as follows: Within the bounds of our association there is great destitution which can be reached only by our association. From Pine Bluff to the southern bounds of our association, along the Valley Railroad there are to be found only three churches, and one of these is supported by the association, and another has been dropped and is practically lost and worthless because the association could not reach it last year. These people are crying for us to come over and help them. The board did some excellent work, and we commend their policy of this year and recommend the same policy. We appeal to all the churches to contribute to the associational mission fund. We further recommend that pledges be taken as a basis upon which the board may operate.

D. H. GILL, Chm'n.

Report of mission work done by A. C. Miller, missionary for Friendship Baptist Association, for the year ending September 16, 1899, for one-half time; Days labored, 165; miles traveled, 1,504; families visited, 340; sermons preached, 161; churches organized, 1; members received, 42; number baptized, 17; regenerations confessed, 25; prayer-meetings, 15; points reached, 8; meetings held, 3; Sunday-schools furnished literature, 3; Bibles and books sold, 122; Bibles donated, 9; tracts sold and donated, unknown.

A. C. MILLER, Missionary.

REPORT H.

The Bible is the only book that reveals to man his lost state, and the way of his salvation; his duties to his Creator and his fellow man. Therefore, we, your Committee on Publications, recommend a more careful, diligent, prayerful and systematic study of the Word of God by our people in their homes. We believe that our people should be well-informed in reference to all the religious enterprises of the State. To this end, we recommend the *Arkansas Baptist* as pre-eminently suited to this purpose; and that each family take, and every Baptist read the same. We recommend as suitable literature to use in our Sunday-schools the literature published by the Southern Baptist Convention; also the *Foreign Mission Journal*, published at Richmond, Va., and our *Home Field*, published at Atlanta, Ga.

J. W. FISH, Chairman.

REPORT I.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention does work in eleven states and four territories, and on the Island of Cuba. In Arkansas we are especially grateful for what they have done for us. We notice with pleasure, an increase in contributions, and in our missionaries. Arkansas gives this year for home missions, \$2,107.98, an increase over last year of several hundred dollars. We notice with pleasure that Bro. A.

J. Diaz has returned to Cuba and is doing a fine work. In addition to Bro. Diaz, others have been sent to other parts of Cuba. Rev. J. R. O'Halloran is working in Santiago, and Rev. J. V. Cova. has been stationed at Matanzas. Many others are employed to work in that field and all are doing a fine work. We report with gladness that Cuba is now free. The restriction imposed by the Spanish government upon the preaching of the gospel have been removed. The door is wide open and invites us to come in and occupy for the Lord in the name of the Baptists of the South.

H. A. MUNN, Chairman,

REPORT J.

We, your Committee on Sunday-schools, beg leave to report that we find 17 churches with Sunday-schools and 13 churches without them. In the 18 Sunday-schools we find 954 scholars reported; about 130 more than reported last year. We have two schools in Pine Bluff church. We would therefore recommend that each church that has no Sunday-school would organize and sustain a Sunday-school.

W. H. CASH, Chairman.

REPORT K.

We, your Committee on Education, report as follows: We can do no more than reiterate the sentiment expressed in the report of this same committee at the last session of this association.

Never in the world's history has education been of such paramount importance as at the present time. It is the bulwark of a free and good government, the safe-guard of our liberties, both civil and religious. Hence, we can but reiterate the necessity and importance of equipping our sons and daughters for the great conflict of life by giving them an education.

We point with pride to the great and noble work which our beloved Ouachita, Mountain Home and Central colleges have done for the youths of our State and the Southland; for the cause of Christ and the betterment of mankind; but almost every county in the State and in different portions of other States can be found men and women who have been trained in one or the other of these colleges, who are exercising a power for good in the communities in which they live, thus demonstrating that the hand of the divine Father has been at the helm, guiding the destiny of these schools. Realizing that education is fast reaching the masses, broadening their conceptions of life, thus creating a demand for a more highly educated ministry, hence we recommend that our young ministers be sent to Ouachita College, where a special course of training is provided, that they may receive an education which will make them strong and efficient shepherds, able to feed the minds of the highest cultured flocks. Now that a high school has been established at Star City, which is the child of this association in which it is expected that the boys and girls of the association can receive an education sufficient to prepare them to enter college, and at a much smaller cost than the same preparation can be attained in the preparatory department of the different colleges. Therefore, we earnestly recommend that the Friendship High School be given the undivided support of the association.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. CAMPBELL,
A. J. BROWN,
S. B. OWEN,
Committee.

REPORT L.

The command to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," includes Arkansas, and is binding on God's children so long as they claim the promise, "Lo, I am with you."

The last annual report of our State Board shows some progress in the extension of our Master's kingdom in Arkansas.

Of the services of Bro. C. F. J. Tate alone, out of 481 services we have 137 additions to the church. The report shows that Friendship Association paid only \$72.50 of the cost of our State work. We deeply deplore the non-co-operation of some of our churches of this association in this great work.

There is great destitution in our State. There are fifteen county sites in our State without regular Baptist preaching and many other towns of commercial importance without a pure gospel.

We note with pride the zealous efforts of our beloved Bro. W. E. Atkinson to systematize our work and heartily recommend his methods of mission work to the brethren of this association for their most earnest consideration and co-operation.

We find the whole amount paid by the association for State missions to be \$116.90. We find that fifteen churches of this association have contributed this amount. Hence, fifteen churches have done nothing.

We close with an earnest prayer that all the churches may be aroused to contribute to the State Mission fund during the next year.

A. C. MILLER, Chairman.

REPORT M.

We, your Committee on Constitution of the Churches of Friendship Association, beg leave to submit the following: From a careful investigation of the letters from the different churches, we find the following state of facts: There are now thirty churches in the association, an increase of one over last year. That there were eighty baptized this year, an increase of thirty-seven over last year. That there were sixty-eight received by letter, an increase of fourteen over last year. That fifteen were restored to membership, a decrease of one from last year. That forty-eight have been excluded from the churches, a decrease of twenty-one from last year. That the present membership of the association is 1,740, a decrease of 183 as compared with last year. That eighty-eight have withdrawn by letter, a decrease of three from last year. That thirty have died, a decrease of ten from last year. That we have paid our pastors \$2,214.95, an increase of \$41.40 over last year. That we have paid \$122.85 for ministerial education, a decrease of \$31.15 from last year. For foreign missions, we have paid \$343.45, an increase of \$60.35. For home missions, \$157.45 as against \$8.40 last year. For associational missions, we have paid \$232.90, an increase of \$48 over last year. That we have paid \$103.80 more for the Orphans' Home this year than last; and for all other purposes, an increase of \$13.67 over last year. For the minute fund, a decrease of \$1.80 from last year. That we have increased the value of our church property \$50.50. Brethren, we leave this report with you for your consideration. You in your own churches know the cause for the decreases mentioned above, and we ask that in God's name we may begin to bestir ourselves so that next year there may be all increases.

H. R. LUCAS,
B. F. MOODY,
J. S. FISH,
Committee.

REPORT N.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, report as follows: On perusal of the letters sent up to the association this year, we find that there have been thirty deaths in the association the past year; ten more than there were last year. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord.

Yea, from henceforth saith the Spirit, for they do rest from their labors and their works do follow them.

J. E. PADDON, Chairman.
J. S. FISH, Secretary.

REPORT O.

Treasurer of the Executive Board in account with Friendship Association:

Sept. 16, 1899, to amount received from all sources.....	\$233 36
By amount paid to A. C. Miller.....	200 00

Balance on hand.....	\$33 36
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Respectfully submitted,
W. R. Ross, Treasurer of Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Paid in by the churches.....	\$99 30
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Foreign missions	\$10 70
Home missions.....	15 05
State missions.....	32 40
Associational missions.....	9 00
Printing minutes.....	19 00
Clerk's fee.....	13 15
Total.....	\$99 30

H. G. THOMASSON, Clerk and Treasurer.

ORDAINED MINISTERS. -

B. F. Barnes, Randall.	S. H. Campbell, Arkadelphia.
W. H. Cash, Toledo.	Chas. W. Daniel, Pine Bluff.
J. W. Fish, Palmyra.	J. T. Gathright, Double Wells.
D. H. Gill, Randall.	S. A. Ward, Randall.
A. C. Miller, Florence.	H. A. Munn, Star City.
J. H. Overton, Toledo.	J. H. W. Overton, Toledo.
	H. B. Taylor, White Oak.

Sunday-school Statistics.

CHURCHES.	No. Schools.	S. S. Officers and Teachers.	No. Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Cost of Literature.	Literature used.	Superintendents.	Postoffice Address.
Bethel No. 1....	1	5	25	15	\$ 2 00	S. B. C. S.	B. F. Moody.....	Rison.
Beth 1 No. 2....	1	8	67	40	7 00	S. B. C. S.	S. B. Owen.....	Palmyra.
Bethlehem Center.....								
Enon.....								
Friendship.....								
Florence.....	1	7	40	33	12 50	A. B. P. S.	H. G. Thomasson.....	Florence.
Holly Springs.....								
Hickory Grove.....	1	5	21	28	10 00	S. B.....	J. S. Fish.....	Rest.
Lone Grove.....								
Mt. Moriah.....								
Mt. Zion.....	1	6	25	15	1 60	S. B. C.....	M. W. England.....	Kedron.
New Home.....	1	3	25	20	3 00	S. B. C. S.	W. M. Willis.....	Glendale.
New Hope.....								
Oak Grove.....	1	5	50	38	4 40	S. B. C. S.	J. E. Case.....	Chalmer.
Pleasant Hill.....	1	5	40	30	2 50	S. B. C. S.	F. S. Vick.....	Garnett
Pleasant Home.....								
Pleasant Ridge.....	1	5	41	30	2 20	A. B. P. S.	J. B. Wilson.....	Faith.
Pleasant Spring.....	1	5	41	27	6 00	S. B. C. S.	L. V. Rogers.....	Montogo.
Pine Bluff.....	2	26	244	168	60 00	S. B. C. S.	H. C. Fox, A. O. Edwards	Pine Bluff.
Rison.....	1	5	65	30	12 00	S. B. C. S.	I. B. Williams.....	Rison
Spring Hill No. 1.....	1	3	13	12	2 60	S. B. C. S.	M. E. Henly.....	Petersville
Spring Hill No. 2.....								
Star City.....	1	10	71	44	40 00	S. B. C. S.	H. R. Lucas.....	Star City.
Sulphur Spring.....	1	5	52	35	15 00	S. B. C. S.	J. D. Underwood.....	Pine Bluff.
Salem.....								
Tyro.....								
Zion.....	1	8	65	30	7 00	A. B. P. S.	W. L. Overton.....	Toledo.
Harmony.....	1	7	65	40	8 90	A. B.....	T. I. Stead.....	Pine Bluff.
Macedonia.....								
	18	118	954	632	\$ 188 60			

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	Rec'd by Bapt sm.	Rec'd by Letter	Restored.	Exclud'd.	Dis'm'd by Letter	Died.	Present Membership.	Pastor's Salary.	Ministerial Education.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Associational Missions.	Orphans' Home.	Ladies' A. d.	Other Purposes.	Minute Fund.	Value of Church Property.
Bethel No. 1.....	1	2	1	1	1	65	850 00			\$1 50	\$1 60	\$8 51	\$5 50	\$1 20		\$1 00	\$1 05	\$400 00
Bethel No. 2.....	2	2	2	10	5	45	21 00										80	400 00
Bethlehem.....	2	2	2	10	5	159	32 35	\$ 4 35		\$ 50	3 75	6 00	12 35	2 50		11 75	2 00	600 00
Enon.....	1	1	1	2	1	79							5 00	2 25			1 00	
Friendship.....	1	1	1	3	1	70							2 00				1 00	275 00
Florence.....	6	5	5	70		70	100 00			5 00		10 00	15 00				1 50	7 50
Holly Springs.....	2	2	1	3	2	65				1 35		55	5 00				1 00	300 00
Hickory Grove.....	2	2	1	3	1	89	35 00			5 00		6 20	10 00			10 00	2 00	1000 00
Lone Grove.....	3	3	5	1	36								50				75	
Mt. Moriah.....	1	1	1	4	63	63 45				2 30	2 30	2 30	2 35				1 00	200 00
Mt. Zion.....	1	1	1	3	2	46	18 15			2 50		1 35	5 00	1 00		8 00	1 50	300 00
New Home.....	2	2	7	3	44								5 00				60	
Oak Grove.....	1	2	2	4	1	68	75 00			3 15	90	60	2 50			60 65	1 50	400 00
Pleasant Hill.....	3	2	5	1	3	65	50 00			75		75	3 75			10 00		360 00
Pleasant Home.....	3	3	5	21		20 00				1 00	1 00		1 00				75	
Pleasant Ridge.....	5	3	1	18		79	50 00	10 00		3 40	2 50	3 00	10 00	20 00		14 60	2 00	350 00
Pleasant Springs.....	1	4	3	1	104	75 00						2 50					1 50	
Pine Bluff.....	20	22	1	112	1	365	1500 00	100 00		30 00	120 55	71 00	50 00	50 15	\$313 65	5 60	2 50	4500 00
Rison.....	1	9	4	1	54	100 00							2 65				1 50	
Spring Hill No. 1.....	2	3	1	1	43							3 50		18 90		4 50	1 50	5 00
Star City.....	4	1	10	1	86	200 00		2 50		10 15	14 85	7 30	10 00	26 50	86 10	47 81	1 50	1250 00
Sulphur Springs.....	6	3	3	30												15 00	1 00	5 00
Salem.....	3	2		14		25 00							25 00	3 25			50	
Tyro.....	1		1	1	61					1 00	2 00	2 00	5 00				1 00	
Zion.....				4	1	38				2 85	1 00			5 75		15 00	1 90	400 00
Harmony.....					35				5 00				35 00			22 40	1 00	
Total.....	80	67	15	48	88	30	1894	\$2424 95	\$121 85	\$343 45	\$157 45	\$116 90	\$ 232 90	\$131 30	\$ 399 75	\$ 731 27	\$32 15	12485 00