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Bearden, alternate, and J. R. Holcomb at 2 p. m.

On motion adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder W. J. Bearden.

On Sunday at 11 a. m. a large congregation assembled in the grove Bro. Manard failing to arrive Bro. Bearden preached on the great subject of Missions, after which a collection was taken up for the State and Associational Missions amounting to \$27.25. Elder J. R. Holcomb preached at 2 p. m. and Elder G. H. Faulkner in the church house at 7 p. m., after which a collection of \$10 was taken up for Union Grove church.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder J. N. Robertson.

The roll was called, and messengers answered to their names.

The minutes of Saturday's proceedings were read and approved.

The committee's reports were read as follows, which were read, and approved. School is pronounced discharged:

We, the undersigned, believe that the moral faculties, without which we cannot govern the church because the Bible is the text book. They are superior to moral order of business to every service:

- 1st. which the church reflects a continuous light upon.
- 2nd. no church can discharge its duty fully without one.
- 3rd. we recommend that every church maintain a Sabbath school.

J. T. EDWARDS, Chairman.

5th. Committee on Credentials reported as follows, which
6th. and adopted:

7th. committee find that all the brethren present and par-
8th. are properly indorsed.

Z. T. UNDERWOOD,

J. N. WRIGHT,

J. L. THORN,

Committee.

Missions.

10th. Association adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

11th. Prayer by Elder E. J. League.

12th. On Monday morning at 9 o'clock the Association met pursuant to adjournment.

13th. Prayer by the Moderator.

14th. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

15th. committee on Obituaries, on investigation, find that
16th. our brethren and sisters of their churches have been

17th. away.

The report of committee on Ministerial Education was presented: read and adopted, and is as follows:

That in our humble opinion, there is nothing of more importance than the question of Ministerial Education. The minister is public educator, to lead the minds of the people in the great fields of christian ethics, and educate them in all the varied broad and glittering truths. To meet educated infidelity and atheism with all their scoffs at our precious religion. He must meet the educated men on all the isms of the day, and he cannot meet these when he is not himself educated. We would therefore recommend that this Association take some of her God-given pious young men and put them in the Ouachita Baptist College, at Arkadelphia, Ark., and there support and educate them. And that there be a collection taken up from each respective church in the month of April for this purpose.

J. T. EDWARDS, Chairman.

On motion adjourned to 2 o'clock for preaching.

Prayer by Elder W. S. Barker.

At 2 o'clock the Association came together by singing.

Prayer by Bro. Z. T. Underwood.

The committee on Finance reported as follows, which was found correct and adopted:

Your committee have

From Rock Hill church	\$1 50
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J. F. BREWER, Chairman.

The Committee on State and Associational Missions reported as follows, which was read and adopted:

Your committee notes with satisfaction the work of our State Board, the renewed confidence in its operations and plans. Its past work is seen in the self-supporting churches in the state and fields now occupied by our missionaries, and the church has been assisted to the amount of \$26. Other fields remain to be occupied. We cannot remain indifferent in the presence of such destitution, not only as to state work, but also with regard to our associational fields. Here is destitution that must be supplied, and we should be ready to act. Therefore, we would recommend the appointment of a financial missionary to travel in the bounds of the association and look after and supply the destitutions, and the Executive Board to prosecute the work.

G. H. FAULKNER, Chairman.

The committee on Sabbath Schools reported as follows, which was read and adopted:

The Sabbath School is profitable because it develops and nurtures the moral faculties, without which there would be no upright men. They are superior for moral culture to literary schools, because the Bible is the text book. They are lamps through which the church reflects a continuous light upon the world. No church can discharge its duty fully without one. We therefore recommend that every church maintain a Sabbath School.

J. T. EDWARDS, Chairman.

The committee on Credentials reported as follows, which was read and adopted:

Your committee find that all the brethren present and participating are properly indorsed.

Z. T. UNDERWOOD,

J. N. WRIGHT,

J. L. THORN,

Committee.

On motion adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.
Prayer by Elder E. J. Teague.

Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock the Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Moderator.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

Your committee on Obituaries, on investigation, find a number of our brethren and sisters of their churches have been summoned away:

Sister Sarah Johnson, of Union Grove church; Brothers F. F. Alexander and J. C. Edwards, and Sister Mary Kint, of Fairview church; Brother J. R. Owens and Sister J. T. Smelzer, of Epsaby church; Brother W. H. Martin and wife, Brother H. B. Thurston and Sister McCain, of Rector church; Bro. Ram Barringer, of New Hope church; Bro Martin and Sister Mitchell, of Rock Hill church; Sister E. Pendergrass and Brother I. A. Cummins, of Salem church; Sisters Fanny Richardson and Penny Simms, of Hopewell church; Sister Alice Butler, of Friendship church, and Ada Roleu, of Center Hill church. These have passed away since our last Association. We with sadness lament our great loss, but trust it is their gain.

J. N. WRIGHT,
C. W. BRADSHAW,
W. S. CRITTENDEN.

Committee.

The committee on Temperance reported as follows, which was read and adopted:

Temperance needs no argument in its defense. Intemperance is so wide-spread in its evil consequences, so debasing in its character, so destructive to the peace happiness and prosperity of families, so demoralizing to community, so sinful before God, that it merits the condemnation of every christian man and woman. We believe that every church should discipline its members who continue the habit of dram drinking or vote to liense saloons.

H. W. CAGLE,
W. C. PICKET,
J. N. ROBERTSON,

Committee.

The committee on Publication reported as follows, which was read and adopted:

The Bible should be our rule of faith and practice. We think, however, it is not amiss to read good sound literature, and would recommend as sound our own state paper, edited by W. A. Clark, Little Rock, Ark. We should also patronize the Baptist book house as Little Rock, because it is our own home work.

G. LIVELY, Chairman.

The Executive committee reported as follows, which was read and adopted:

Your committee appointed at the last annual meeting of this body, to which the Mission work of the Association was assigned, would report that soon after our appointment we organized ourselves into a board by electing a chairman and secretary at a meeting held in October, 1890, at Providence church, Greene county, Ark. The board resolved to help Marmaduke, Greenway and Haywood's chapel churches, and paid for minis-

for work at Marmaduke church \$25, and for ministerial work at Greenway \$18 75, and on church buildings \$26, and for ministerial work at Haywood's chapel church \$10. Total amount paid, \$79 75; total amount received, \$93; balance on hand, \$13.25.

T. L. B. THORN, Secretary.

MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

The work at Greenway has been a failure. I worked as best I could three months, but accomplished but little good. The work was turned over to Elders W. J. Bearden and J. N. Hubertson. The work at Marmaduke is prospering; have had twenty additions. This is an important point and should be noted. If they had a house they would soon be self sustaining, and I would recommend that the Board help them. As for the money that I have received, see the report of the Executive board.

G. LIVELY, Missionary.

The report of the Treasurer was read and adopted as follows:

Received from former Treasurer minute fund for 1890.....	\$30 00
Received from Finance Committee minute fund for 1891.....	32 75
Received from collection on Sabbath for Association Missions.....	27 25
Received from collection on Tuesday for Associational Missions.....	42 70
Total.....	\$132 70
CREDITS ASKED.	
Amount paid Clerk for minutes for 1890.....	\$30 00
Amount paid for Associational Mission work.....	14 00
Total.....	\$44 00
Balance on hand minute fund for 1891.....	\$32 75
Associational Mission funds.....	55 95
Total.....	\$88 70

T. L. B. THORN, Treasurer.

The committee on Ways and Means reported as follows, which was read and adopted:

As the needs of the several Mission Boards are so great, it is resolved, That each church take up a collection every month, one for State and Association, to be turned into the hands of the Executive Board, one for Foreign Missions, to be sent to J. B. Searcy, Secretary, and one for Home Missions, to be sent to the Secretary of Home Missions.

W. J. BEARDEN, Chairman.

QUERY NO. 1.

Is a local church in Gospel order when it neglects to celebrate the Lord's Supper as often as once a year? Answered in the negative.

QUERY NO. 2.

Why should the Baptist church be recognized as the Church of Christ. Answered: Because that it is in origin, doctrine, history and practice identical with the Apostolic church.

Report of Foreign Mission agents, which was handed in, read and adopted as follows:

Received from Pleasant Grove church and sent to J. B. Searcy	\$ 2 00
G. H. FAULKNER.	
Received from Friendship church and congregation and sent to J. B. Searcy	\$5 00
G. LIVELY.	
Received from Providence church	\$4 00
Received from Rock Hill church	3 00
Received from Rector church	2 00
Total (sent to J. B. Searcy)	\$10 00

W. J. BEARDEN.

On motion Brothers J. J. Burton, T. L. B. Thorn, James Loyd, J. A. Foster, D. L. Fitzgerald, Henry Holcomb and J. R. McDonald were appointed as the Executive Board.

On motion the Association donated back \$10 to Union Grove church, the amount that she had paid.

On motion that we correspond with Black River, Mt. Zion and Current River Associations, Elders J. N. Robertson to Black River, W. J. Bearden to Mt. Zion, and G. Lively to Current River, were appointed as corresponding messengers.

On motion the matter of consolidation with Mt. Zion Association was taken up and voted against consolidation.

On motion the Treasurer was instructed to pay over the amount for printing minutes to the Clerk; that our Articles of Faith and Church Covenant be published in the minutes, the Clerk to superintend the printing and distribution and have five dollars for his services.

On motion Elder G. H. Faulkner was appointed as delegate to the State Convention and the Association pay his expenses.

On motion the body went into an election for missionary, to carry out the spirit of the report of the committee, on State and Associational Missions, which resulted in the election of Elder J. T. Edwards; and the following amounts paid and pledged for State and Associational Missions by brethren, viz:

One-half am't pledged	One-half am't pledged
G. H. Faulkner.....\$1 00	J. R. McDonald.....\$1 00
W. J. Bearden.....1 00	S. H. Weatherly.....1 00
J. T. Edwards.....1 00	E. J. Teague.....1 00
J. J. Burton.....1 00	Z. T. Underwood.....2 00
G. Lively.....1 00	W. C. Merideth.....2 00

On motion that the Association convene in its next session with the First Baptist church at Gainesville, Greene county,

Ark., on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1892, Elder J. R. Holcomb was elected to preach the introductory sermon and Elder W. J. Bearden his alteruate at said session.

Resolved, That this body appoint its committees for the next session and each church to constitute a committee on whatever is assigned her by the body, and send their report with their letter to the next session of this body. Appointed as follows:

Report on Arrangements - Providence Church.

Report on Ministerial Education - Friendship Church.

Report on Home Missions - Salem Church.

Report on Foreign Missions - New Hope Church.

Report on State and Associational Missions - Union Grove Church.

Report on Sunday Schools - Rock Hill Church.

Report on Temperance - Fairview Church.

Report on Publication - Pleasant Grove Church.

Report on Ways and Means - First Baptist Church at Gainesville.

Resolved, That this body tender its thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends of Fairview church and vicinity for their kind hospitalities that we have received during the present session. And may God bless them in their homes.

Thus closed the Twenty-Second Annual Session of the Gainesville Association, and, on motion, the body adjourned to meet with the First Baptist church at Gainesville, Green county Ark., on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, A. D., 1892, at 11 A. M.

And during Song Service the parting hand was extended by the brethren.

ELDER J. R. HOLCOMB, Moderator.

HENRY HOLCOMB, Clerk.

APPENDIX

Articles of Faith

1. We believe that the Holy Bible, given by men divinely inspired, and full of unmixed truth, is a perfect rule of faith and practice.
2. We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
3. We believe that man, once holy, fell by voluntary

transgression from that happy state and is now utterly void of holiness.

4. We believe that sinners are saved by grace alone.

5. We believe that men are justified by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

6. We believe that Salvation is free to all who will accept the Gospel.

7. We believe that, except a man be renewed by the Holy Spirit, he is not qualified or prepared for the Kingdom of Christ on earth, or to enjoy His glory hereafter.

8. We believe that repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are the duties of every one who hears the Gospel.

9. We believe that election is the eternal purpose of God, by which he graciously regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners.

10. We believe that sanctification, begun in regeneration, and ever progressive, is the process by which we are made to partake of God's holiness.

11. We believe in the preservation of the Saints; that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

12. We believe that God's law is the only, the eternal and unchangeable rule of His church and moral government.

13. We believe that a Church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, united in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel, observing the ordinances and obeying the laws of Christ, and that its officers are pastors and deacons.

14. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water by a properly qualified administrator into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

15. We believe that only such as have been properly baptized and received into the fellowship of a regularly organized Baptist church should partake of the Lord's Supper.

16. We believe that the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath should be devoutly observed and sacredly devoted to religious services.

17. We believe that civil government is of divine appointment, and that the Governors of States and Nations should be obeyed, when the laws they seek to enforce are not in conflict

with the Gospel.

18. We believe in the future resurrection of the dead.
19. We believe in the final judgment, and that, in that day, the righteous and the wicked will be separated forever.
20. We believe that the righteous will be made happy forever in heaven and the wicked miserable forever in hell.

Church Covenant.

Thanking God for the light we have received, and for the revelation of Jesus which we now enjoy, and hoping that God, for Christ's sake, has pardoned our sins, and having been baptized on a profession of our faith in Christ Jesus into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, we do, this day, before God and the world, with deep joy and great solemnity, enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We therefore covenant and agree that by the aid of the Holy Spirit, we will walk together in love and Christian fellowship. We promise to labor for the advancement and final triumph of the church; to sustain her worship by attending the house of God and supporting the ministry; to guard her ordinances, enforce her discipline and defend her doctrine.

We also pledge ourselves to walk circumspectly in the world; to be honest, just and faithful in our business relations, and, as God may give us help, we promise to live righteous and holy lives.

We further promise to watch over each other in brotherly love; to visit the sick; to pray for each other and the world; to aid the poor and needy, and to perform such other kind offices as may be well pleasing in the sight of God.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

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 W J Bearden .. Gainesville
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 W J Bearden.. Gainesville
 G H Faulkner Finch ..
 G Lively .. Figgott
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 .. Rector
 G Lively..... Marmad'ke
 .. Greenway.
 G H Faulkner Paragould
 W J Bearden.. Gainesville

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Rec'd by Baptism		Rec'd by Letter.		Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded	Died.	Membership	Minute Money.	Days of Meeting	No. Sunday Schools	No Scholars and Teachers.	Contributions for Schools
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