

Minutes

OF THE

Forty-Eighth Annual Session

OF THE

Clear Creek Association

OF

Missionary Baptists

Held with

VAN BUREN BAPTIST CHURCH

September 17-19, 1920.

OFFICERS:

E. D. CHASTAIN, Van Buren, Ark.-----Moderator.
W. R. McEWEN, Alma, Ark.-----Clerk.
C. R. COUNTS, Mulberry, Ark.-----Treasurer.

The next session will be held with the Mulberry Baptist Church beginning at 10 o'clock on Friday before the third Sunday of September, 1921. Introductory Sermon, Elder E. Rawlings, Van Buren; Alternate, Elder J. F. Crawford, Alma, Ark.

Minutes

FRIDAY MORNING.

The Forty-Eighth Annual Session of the Clear Creek Association of Missionary Baptists convened with the First Baptist Church of Van Buren, Arkansas, September 17, 1920.

Moderator E. D. Chastain called the association to order promptly on time at 10:00 a. m., and Brother J. A. Riddle led in prayer.

The first act of the body was to adopt an order of business offered by the pastor of the church, Brother E. Rawlings.

On motion Brethren E. Rawlings, J. A. Riddle, and J. S. Moses were made a committee on Order of Business to whom any necessary changes were to be referred.

Visitors were then introduced and recognized as follows: J. G. Lile, Endowment Secretary of Ouachita College; J. W. Conger, President Emeritus of Central College; Frank Burgin of Tate's Creek Association, Kentucky; C. C. Faulkner of Russellville Association; L. E. Barton, Acting General Secretary of the State Board, and J. S. Compere, Editor of the Baptist Advance.

At 11:00 Brother J. W. Conger gave a most helpful and interesting address on "Food and Life," uniquely related to Christian Education as promoting spiritual growth.

At 11:45 recess was taken until 1:45 p. m. Prayer by J. G. Lile.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Called to order at the regular hour and devotional services conducted by Brother J. A. Riddle.

Letters from the churches represented read and representatives enrolled, as follows:

ALMA—W. R. McEwen, Mrs. W. R. McEwen, W. H. Burt, Miss Ethel Burt, Miss Viola Humphreys, Mrs. W. T. Crawford.

ALTUS—Mrs. Chester McDowell, Mrs. Fred Walker.

CONCORD—Turner Rogers.

CENTER GROVE—J. M. Wilson, Mrs. J. M. Wilson.

FINE SPRINGS—J. L. Cunningham, Miss Bernice Fox.

HAROLDTON—J. S. Moses, E. J. Wells, Mrs. W. H. Loyd.

MACEDONIA—J. A. Riddle, Mrs. J. A. Riddle, G. W. Jones.

MULBERRY—J. C. Hendrick, Mrs. J. C. Hendrick, W. M. Weeks, Mrs. Jesse Brannan, Mrs. Al Fisher.

OZARK—J. T. Greer, A. C. Cantrell.

RED HILL—S. L. Isaacs, J. H. Creekmore, M. L. Risener.

RUDY—Miss Nannie Wofford.

SWEET HOME—J. F. Crawford, Mrs. Mary Kibler.

SHADY GROVE—J. W. Fry, B. F. Briley, B. F. Webb.

UNION CHAPEL—H. A. Whinery, Mrs. H. A. Whinery, Miss Dana Whinery, Miss Ruby Whinery, T. B. Allen, Mrs. T. B. Allen, R. L. McDowell, E. E. McDowell.

VAN BUREN—W. H. Dunlap, C. M. Wofford, C. I. Walker, E. D. Chastain, E. Rawlings, Mrs. E. Rawlings, Mrs. H. G. Gann, Mrs. M. C. Claybaugh.

WHITE OAK—W. E. Anderson, W. D. Robertson, Miss Floy McKinney, Miss Nora Anderson.

ZOAR—D. H. Smart.

Under a suspension of the rules the following officers were elected upon regular motion and second: Moderator, E. D. Chastain; Clerk, W. R. McEwen; Treasurer, C. R. Counts.

The moderator announced the appointment of the following committees:

Foreign Missions—J. C. Hendrick, M. L. Risener.

Home Missions—W. R. McEwen, E. J. Wells, A. C. Cantrell.

State Missions—J. F. Crawford, Mrs. Al Fisher, Mrs. Mary Kibler.

Associational Missions—C. I. Walker, Mrs. W. H. Loyd.

Orphans' Home—J. W. Fry, Mrs. E. D. Chastain, Mrs. J. M. Wilson.

Sunday Schools—C. I. Walker, W. H. Burt.

Temperance—Mrs. Edgar Covey, Mrs. J. C. Hendrick.

Obituaries—J. S. Moses, W. D. Robertson.

Womans' Work—Mrs. E. Rawlings, Miss Nannie Wofford, Miss Myrtle Ward.

Christian Education—J. A. Riddle, W. H. Dunlap.

Religious Literature—J. T. Greer, E. E. McDowell.

Stewardship—J. M. Wilson, C. C. Faulkner.

Hospitals—F. Threadgill, J. L. Cunningham, G. W. Jones.

Old Ministers' Relief—W. E. Anderson, J. F. Crawford.

B. Y. P. U.—Mrs. O. T. Goldsmith, Mrs. H. Gann, J. H. Creekmore.

State of Religion—C. I. Walker, E. Rawlings.

Digest of Letters—J. C. Hendrick, H. A. Whinery, Mrs. Jesse Brannan.

Nominations—B. F. Webb, S. L. Isaacs, D. H. Smart.

Finance—W. M. Weeks, R. L. McDowell, B. F. Briley.

On motion the moderator was instructed to appoint special committees on Digest of Letters and State of Religion

Rev. W. B. Miller, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Van Buren was introduced and recognized as a visitor.

By special motion Bro. F. Threadgill was seated as a representative of the old Rehobeth church, now in a dormant condition.

Petitionary letter from the newly organized Red Hill Baptist Church was presented, and on motion the representatives were given the hand of fellowship by the moderator and seated as members of the association.

Bro. W. R. McEwen, pastor at Alma and Buddy, offered an entirely new constitution as a substitute for that of the last few years, and after being discussed and its articles voted upon seriatim, it was adopted and declared to be in operation. It will be found among the appendices.

On motion recess was taken until 7:30 p. m. Prayer by J. W. Conger.

FRIDAY EVENING

Called to order by the moderator promptly on time. Prayer by Bro. M. L. Risner.

Regular devotional services conducted by Bro. W. R. McEwen, who read the 53rd chapter of Isaiah.

The introductory sermon was preached by Bro. J. C. Hendrick, pastor at Mulberry, Arkansas.

The roll was called by the clerk and corrections made.

On motion the association adjourned until 9:00 a. m., Saturday. Prayer by Bro. J. F. Crawford.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Called to order by the moderator. Prayer by Bro. C. C. Faulkner.

Special devotional services conducted by Bro. J. G. Lile.

Bro. J. C. Hendrick, chairman of the committee for that purpose, presented a report on Digest of Letters. On motion the report was received, but owing to its lack of completeness, Bro. Hendrick asked that it be not printed in the minutes.

On account of lack of space in minutes caused by the high

cost of printing, the clerk was ordered to make a brief abstract of all reports before having them printed.

Reports were then received, discussed and adopted as follows:

HOME MISSIONS.

The work of the Home Mission Board covers the entire South and Cuba. Its interests are too varied and extensive to even be mentioned in a brief report like this. Suffice it to say that our State, Arkansas, comes in for a large portion of the benefits and blessings of the work of this Board. Arkansas is one among the number of states that regularly received more from the Home Board than we give to Home Missions. This comes in the form of a supplement to our state mission work, support of mountain schools, and special aid to our colleges. The proposed college at Jonesboro is to receive \$150,000 from the Home Board.

In 1919 one out of every four converts baptized into the churches of the South was baptized by some worker of the Home Board. For fifteen years its evangelists have averaged 450 baptisms per year per worker. It sets the standard and is the leader in mountain school work. Many church buildings in Arkansas are monuments to the work of the Home Board Loan Fund, many of them having received direct gifts.

W. R. McEWEN,
A. C. CANTRELL,
E. J. WELL.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In the very act of regeneration, for which we stand with such unflinching and unswerving fidelity, is given the germ of world-wide missions. A new day has come to the Baptists of the South. Their sweep of vision has been enlarged and they are seeing things away from their own environments. He who stands under the blood-flow of Calvary must occupy its prominence and from thence see the lands of paganism and papalism. These two constitute the concrete problems of the foreign fields, both of which, hydra-headed are either anti-Christian, or pseudo-Christian.

The statistics of the Foreign Mission Board, published May 1920, show we have 542 churches in foreign lands, one-fourth of which are self-supporting, more than half of which worship in houses owned either by the Board or by these churches.

There were 6,834 baptisms during 1919, the largest number ever reported in a single year. The total membership has now reached 57,438, about three-fourths as many as there are Baptists in Arkansas or Oklahoma.

These native churches contributed last year \$242,460.00, which represents a gift of \$4.22 per member. This is a good

showing, when compared with the per capita gifts by Southern Baptists. The report of May 1919, shows Southern Baptists gave \$6.19 per member.

The Sunday Schools now number 836, with an enrollment of 47,672 scholars. Comparing the number of Sunday School scholars with the total membership, we have 83 per cent enrolled in Sunday Schools abroad, and 70 per cent enrolled in Sunday Schools in our Southern Baptist Convention territory.

There have been 65 new missinaries sent out this year. A large percentage of these sailed on the 17th of August for China and Japan. This party, including a number of old missionary families returning to their work from furlough, was the largest missionary party ever sent out on one ship by any Foreign Mission Board. We urge the churches to pay up on the 75 Million Campaign.

J. C. HENDRICK,
H. L. RISENER.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Every good Baptist in Arkansas rejoices over the prosperity of our educational institutions.

Ouachita College, at Arkadelphia, has property values in buildings, grounds, and equipment, worth about \$250,000. The endowment is about \$112,000. New buildings to cost about \$250,000 are now in course of construction.

In Central College, at Conway, we have property worth about \$125,000, and new buildings to cost about \$100,000 are to be constructed right away.

In Mountain Home College, at Mountain Home, our junior college, we have property worth \$60,000 or more.

The property values of our academies at Maynard, Blue Eye, Parthenon and Hagarville, average about \$12,000 for each school.

A Baptist college is to be built at Jonesboro soon and Baptist academies open their first sessions this fall in Montgomery and Union counties.

Our colleges and schools are all well patronized, so well that additional buildings are absolutely necessary, and yet only a very small percent of our boys and girls are attending Baptist schools. We urge upon our people the duty of sending their children to our own schools and colleges.

Never has there been greater need for an educated ministry. Young preachers are given free tuition and additional financial help in Ouachita college and in our mountain schools. Let us call out the called and encourage them and help them to attend college. To fail in this means ruin. Several good friends have recently remembered Ouachita college in their wills, a splendid way to bless mankind.

W. H. DUNLAP,
J. A. RIDDLE.

STATE MISSIONS

For years State Missions has not only been the chief test of our denominational spirit, but has borne the burden of all our denominational interests. With Arkansas Baptists' State Missions has for its object the salvation of all the lost and getting them into Baptist churches, and then to support all Kingdom enterprises.

The work of State Missions is carried on by the churches through the Executive Board of the Baptists' State Convention. The report of this Board to the Convention last year showed the following results:

Workers employed for full year or part time -----	120
Days labored -----	21,870
Sermons and Addresses -----	15,253
Conversions -----	3,083
Baptisms -----	2,281
Additions -----	3,902
Subscriptions to the Baptist Advance -----	995
Money raised by Missionaries -----	\$50,005

For the first six months of this year the following are some of the items of State and Association Mission work:

Workers for full or part time -----	262
Days of labor -----	16,703
Institutes and Conferences -----	285
Sermons and addresses -----	6,605
Conversions -----	1,381
Additions -----	1,421
Volunteers for the ministry and mission work -----	90

Surely these facts and figures will stir the churches of the association to pay all campaign pledges due by December 1, in order that the great work may go on unhindered by a burden of debt.

The association urges all pastors and churches to do their utmost to collect all outstanding pledges and send the money to L. E. Barton, 405 Donaghey Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.

J. F. CRAWFORD,
MRS. AL FISHER,
MRS. MARY KIBLER.

ORPHANS' HOME.

Since the establishment of our Orphans' Home at Monticello, approximately 1,000 children have been cared for.

There are now about 60 children in the home. They are received at any age up to 13 and are released at 18.

The health of the children has been remarkably good the past year, there being no deaths and no cases of serious illness.

There are enough cows on the farm to furnish milk and butter for one meal each day. There are also a number of cattle and hogs to be slaughtered for food this fall and winter.

We understand that Mr. Horton is a very practical farmer,

and that the farm is in a good state of productivity. This year there will be a good crop of corn, peas, peanuts, sweet potatoes and sorghum harvested. Ample feed stuff is raised on the farm to supply the live stock.

The buildings and equipment are sadly inadequate. Our Five Year Program provides for proper construction and maintenance and we recommend that the State Board proceed early to ascertain just what is necessary in the way of reconstructing the plant and what changes, if any, are needed in the matter of management in view of our enlargement program.

We recommend further that our Sunday Schools continue to contribute one Sunday's collection each month to the Orphans' Home, not only because of the need but for the educational value to our Sunday School pupils in systematic giving.

We urge all the churches to pay their pledges to the 75 Million Campaign promptly that our orphans may be cared for properly.

J. W. FRY,
MRS. E. D. CHASTAIN,
MRS. A. C. FISHER.

HOSPITALS.

Baptists have too long neglected hospital work. Roman Catholics with a total membership, their count, of 23,000 have six hospitals in Arkansas. Baptists of the state, white and colored, adults only counted, number 222,000, with one hospital in operation.

The last session of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention appointed a Hospital Commission and a fine start has already been made to redeem Baptist credit along that line.

That Commission has decided upon a great central hospital at Little Rock, and has already taken active steps in that direction, having purchased a site, nearly a full block near the center of the city, and will soon begin to operate on a small scale while the main buildings are going up.

Arkansas Baptists now own the Davis Hospital at Pine Bluff, just recently put in fine shape and which is operating at more than a paying basis. There is a movement on foot for another at Hope. Soon we expect to have a good hospital in every chief town of the state.

Arkansas Baptists also have a part in the Baptist Memorial Hospital, a tri-state affair, at Memphis, and one of the greatest in the South.

F. THREADGILL,
J. L. CUNNINGHAM,
G. W. JONES.

On motion the association took recess until 1:45 p.m.
Prayer by J. S. Compere.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Called to order by the moderator. Devotional services by C. I. Walker.

OBITUARIES.

Your committee gathers from a very incomplete list the names of the following brethren and sisters who have finished their course here on earth and have been called from the walks of men into the presence of the Master. It is with sorrow that we note their departure, but at the same time rejoice that they have gone to be with their Lord and Savior. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

Alma—E. F. Kinsey, Mrs. Nannie Fontaine.

Center Grove—Mrs. Elizabeth Triplet, Mrs. Mattie Cook.

Dyer—Miss Ozie Smith.

Hartman—Mrs. Mabel Bailey Bolton.

Mulberry—Moses House.

Ozark— -- -- Dunbar.

Rudy—Mrs. Matthew Lingo.

Sweet Home—J. M. Montgomery.

Van Buren—O. J. Pulliam.

J. S. MOSES,

W. D. ROBERTSON.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

The only written reports touching Associational Missions, were the reports of the Executive Board, Missionary Walker, and Treasurer C. R. Counts. These reports follow in order and were received and adopted in the regular way.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Executive Board of the Clear Creek Associations, submits the following as its report for the year:

At the first meeting of the board following the association last year, Bro. C. I. Walker was asked to continue his work as missionary of the association until another meeting of the board.

At the next meeting of the board Bro. Walker was elected for another year at a salary of \$1,250 and expenses up to a maximum of \$250 for the year. He being present accepted the work as stated in the motion to elect.

On a further motion the State Board was asked to grant us help to the extent of \$500 for the year. At a subsequent meeting this amount was raised to \$600 for the year.

At a meeting held in Alma on June 20, 1920, the Committee

voted to accept the recommendation of the State Board as to payment of our missionary and the sending all Campaign money to Little Rock.

At a special meeting in Van Buren on July 14, 1920, the Committee elected Bro. W. R. McEwen to serve as clerk of the committee and association until the regular meeting of the Association elects a successor to Bro. Savage who had moved out of the association. On a further motion at this same meeting, Missinary C. I. Walker was authorized by the Board to secure some special help from pastors in the association for the summer evangelistic campaign, the Board agreeing to guarantee a minimum of \$25 for each meeting of 10 days or two weeks, on condition that the work be reported as Associational Missions.

We make the following recommendations as to the work for next year:

First—That a missionary be employed for full time work for the year.

Second—That the State Board be asked for the necessary help to pay said missionary.

Respectfully submitted,

E. D. CHASTAIN,
Chairman.
W. R. McEWEN,
Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following is the report of the treasurer up to the 1st of September, 1920, and is approved by the Executive Board and recommended to the association as a part of its report:

RECEIPTS.

From former treasurer	\$ 17.85	
From Zoar church undesignated	45.00	
From Finance Committee for Minutes and Clerk	38.45	
For Associational Missions	242.30	
Orphans' Homes	15.50	
Home and Foreign Missions	2.00	
Total		\$360.50

DISBURSEMENTS.

W. S. Savage, minutes and clerk	\$ 38.45	
W. S. Savage, Associational Mission Debt	95.80	
C. I. Walker, salary	132.50	
Monticello Orphans' Home, (Designated)	15.00	
Texarkana Orpphans' Home, (Designated)	3.50	
E. P. Alldredge, Zoar Campaign Fund	42.00	
Total		\$327.25
Balance on hand September 1, 1920		\$ 33.25

C. R. COUNTS.

REPORT OF C. I. WALKER, MISSIONARY.

Associational Missionary C. I. Walker submitted the following report of his work for the year:

Miles travelled	4,000
Churches visited in 75 Million Campaign	16
Campaign addresses	25
Raised for State Missions	\$50.00
Raised for Associational Missions	5.00
Secured subscriptions to the Advance	20
To the Home and Foreign Fields	7
Helped ordain deacons	7
Helped locate pastors	3
Administered the Lord's Supper	2
Attended State Convention and three Board meetings; Mission points visited	25
Books given away	20
Distributed many free tracts, revivals held alone	1
Assisted in revivals	3
Amount collected on the field	\$105.00
Amount received from Associational Treasurer	\$132.50
Expenses	\$160.00
Sermons and addresses	210
Visits in homes	150
Prayers in homes	55
Churches organized	1
Sunday schools organized	1
W. M. S. organized	1
Conversions witnessed	20
Baptisms myself	5
Baptized from my meetings	9
Total received into churches	33
Salary for the year	\$1,250.00
Expenses for the year	\$ 160.00
Total salary and expenses	\$1,410.00
Total amount received from all sources	\$1,360.75
Balance due	\$ 49.25

(Explanatory Note—According to the plan of operation for most of the year the missionary was paid directly by State Board).

After thorough discussion of the plans for the next year, a motion prevailed that the representatives present be asked to pledge their churches in some definite amount for the support of the missionary next year. The roll of churches was called and the following responded with the amounts following the name of the church, most of said pledges to be taken from the amounts collected on the 75 Million Campaign pledges.

Alma, \$200; Altus, \$25; Center Grove, \$40; Dyer, (by E. D.

Chastain) \$50; Haroldton, \$50; Mulberry, \$200; Red Hill, \$25; Rudy, \$25; Sweet Home, \$50; Shady Grove, \$15; Union Chapel, \$10; Van Buren, \$225; White Oak, \$25; Zoar, \$20. Total, \$960.

A motion then prevailed adopting the report as a whole with its recommendations.

TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit the following:

Whereas, all intoxicating drinks are debasing in their nature and effects, and whereas, we firmly believe that the earnest fervent prayers of the children of God have been heard and answered, in as much as, National Prohibition became effective January 16, 1920, together with the concurrent power of Congress and the several states to enforce the same by appropriate legislation, for which we are profoundly thankful to the great God of Heaven, and the good citizens of our country; Therefore, Be It Resolved, That we, as Baptists, shall not cease our efforts until the White Ribbon winds around the whole world, the motto: "For God and Home and Every Land" rings true.

MRS. EDGAR COVEY,
MRS. J. J. HENDRICK.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

We believe that the minister, who has come to his day of retirement, or who, for any reason, has become disabled, is in every way worthy of our sympathy, prayer, and financial support. The same thing is true of their widows and orphan children. These men and women were faithful to God and his cause, in the midst of the great sacrifices in laying the foundation, for the work of Christ in this State, and surely they should receive our hearty support in their declining years.

There are quite a number of beneficiaries on the Board for the State of Arkansas, receiving at least \$10 per month. The Board hopes and expects to again increase the monthly allowance of Arkansas beneficiaries at least 25 per cent. This will be done as soon as our financial condition will allow the same. The association would urge the pastors and churches to send in their pledges on the 75 Million Campaign so that this worthy cause may be taken care of.

W. E. ANDERSON,
J. F. CRAWFORD.
Committee

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT.

We, your committee on finances, report as follows:

Cash received for Minutes and Clerk -----	\$29.03
Cash received for Orphans' Home -----	3.50
Cash received for Associational Missions -----	26.00
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Total receipts -----	\$78.53

W. M. WEEKS,
R. L. McDOWELL.

Following this report a special collection was taken to supplement the Minute and Clerk Fund and the following amounts were given:

Van Buren, \$5; Mulberry, \$5; Alma, \$2; Center Grove, \$1; White Oak, \$1; Haroldton, \$0.50. These amounts will be credited to the churches in addition to that reported in their letters. (Later Hartman church sends in \$3 for Minutes).

On motion recess was taken until 7:30 p.m. Prayer by Bro. J. W. Fry.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

Called to order by the Moderator and devotional services conducted by Bro. C. I. Walker.

NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee on Nominations beg leave to report as follows:

Place of meeting next year, Mulberry; Preacher of Introductory sermon, E. Rawlings; alternate, J. F. Crawford.

Jointly with the Moderator we recommend the following to make up the Executive Board for next year.

J. W. Fry, Cedarville; H. A. Whinery, Lindsay; G. W. Jones, Union Town; J. S. Moses, Van Buren; Turner Rogers, Van Buren; J. L. Cunningham, Alma; Miss Nannie Wofford, Rudy; E. Rawlings, Van Buren; I. L. Cole, Alma; W. E. Anderson, Ozark; J. C. Hendrick, Mulberry; F. Threadgill, Ozark; J. S. Dodd, Denning; Mrs. Chester McDowell, Altus; M. L. Risner, Mountainburg; D. H. Smart, Van Buren; E. D. Chastain, Van Buren; W. R. McEwen, Alma; C. R. Counts, Mulberry; Mrs. J. T. Greer, Ozark; Henry Johnson, Van Buren.

STEWARDSHIP.

We, your committee on Stewardship beg leave to submit the following:

As our people are not alive to the Scriptural plan of giving, and only a small proportion of them are really supporting the work of the Kingdom, therefore we recommend that our pastors and religious teachers begin a definite stewardship programme in all our churches for the purpose of educating our people up to the Scriptural plan of finance the Kingdom—that every Christian should give at least a tithe of his income to the Lord.

J. M. WILSON,
G. C. FAULKNER.

WOMANS' WORK

The Woman's Missionary Union of Clear Creek Association met in Annual Session on Friday afternoon, September 17, 1920. There were 38 women present at this meeting, and a good programme was rendered. The special theme for discussion was, "The Standard of Excellence and How To Obtain It."

Five societies sent in reports and four were represented by personal representatives. There are six Womens' Missionary Societies, and one Sunbeam Band in the Association. It was very urgently recommended that each society strive to attain the full standard of excellence, and that other societies be organized until there is one in every church.

Officers elected for next year: Mrs. E. Rawlings, Van Buren, superintendent; Mrs. W. C. Wisdom, Mulberry, president; Mrs. E. D. Chastain, Van Buren, secretary.

MRS. E. RAWLINGS,
MISS NANNIE WOFFORD.

This report was given a full hour of discussion and adopted by the Association, and ordered into the minutes.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

It is hardly possible to overestimate the importance of getting and using the right sort of reading matter. For many years we have so been saying that this is a reading age. It becomes more and more so every year.

The future belongs to the people who produce and read the best literature. The country is sown down with literature, and a great deal of it is hurtful in the extreme. A very large per cent of the literature that our young people read is shot through with vulgar and profane suggestions as well as infidel teaching. The most senseless and unreasonable heresies are widely advertised in the literature that is being read on all sides. It is not possible to overcome the bad effects of such literature except by circulating the right sort.

The Bible holds first place in our literature. When we know

what the Bible teaches on any subject that settles it. There is not the slightest excuse for our people to be in ignorance of the teachings of the Bible. We urge regular, systematic Bible study by all our people, and that parents teach the Bible to their children.

But people are going to read other things besides the Bible. We believe that every home should have a good supply of the best books, including books on subjects of general interest as well as books on religious subjects and especially on Baptist doctrines. Such books can be had from the Baptist Book House, 405 Donagbey Building, Little Rock, Ark.

The Baptist Advance is the property of the Baptist State Convention. It is our paper. It promotes all the work in which we are engaged. It ought to go to every Baptist home in the state. We recommend that special effort be made by pastors and churches to see that every family represented in their resident membership gets the Advance.

On the first of September the Advance had about 9,000 regular subscribers. This number ought to be doubled in a short time.

Also Home and Foreign Fields published by the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., and Royal Service, published by the Southern Baptist W. M. U., Baltimore, Maryland, are of very great value, and we recommend that our people subscribe for and read them.

J. T. GREER,

E. E. McDOWELL.

STATE OF RELIGION

Bro. C. I. Walker, Associational Missionary, made a very brief report on this subject and discussed it in his unique way. It was indicative of some progress along spiritual lines in most of the churches.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday School is the teaching service of the church.

Baptists have ever been at the front in making Sunday School History.

William Fox, a Baptist deacon, organized the first Sunday School for the study of the Bible.

William Gourney, a Baptist, started voluntary teaching in the Sunday School.

Joseph Hughes, a Baptist, organized the work of Sunday School tracts and literature.

Miss Harriet Bishop, a Baptist, organized the first Sunday School in the great Northwest of our own American territory.

The world never needed to hear the voice of God so much as today. Before we can understand His message, we must learn to abide in His word. There is a general and growing neglect in Bible study among professed Christians. The home is neglecting

to lead the child in Bible study; the public schools can't teach the Bible, hence, it is left for the church school to do this work. If our children every know or appreciate the truths of God's word, then how important that every church maintain a strong Bible school. How important that every pastor be faithfully engaged in training members of his congregation to do efficient Bible teaching.

C. I. WALKER,
W. H. BURT.

Upon regular motion and second, Bro. E. Rawlings was elected as a corresponding messenger to Concord Association.

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were offered and adopted by regular motion.

Resolved that we, the messengers and visitors to the meeting of the Clear Creek Association do hereby extend our most heartfelt thanks to the First Baptist Church and the people of Van Buren, for the kindness and hospitality shown us while in the city.

J. W. FRY.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Whereas, The records in the hands of the officers of this Association give us but little knowledge of the time of the first organization of this body and no knowledge at all of the place of such organization, neither have they the minutes of all the meetings of association, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That a Historical Commission be selected at this meeting or the purpose of ascertaining the time and place of the first meeting of this association and all the meetings held annually thereafter, as well as such other data as in their judgment will be useful to us and the future assemblies and the members of the different churches represented here, and that said matter be a supplement to the minutes of this meeting, if possible.

E. D. CHASTAIN.

In keeping with the above resolution the Association voted to that the Moderator be chairman, and he appointed the other members of the commission, making it read:

E. D. CHASTAIN,
W. R. McEWEN,
J. L. CUNNINGHAM,
J. W. FRY,
J. F. CRAWFORD.

On motion the Clerk was allowed \$10 for his work in pre-

paring, having printed, and distributing the minutes of the meeting.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with the Mulberry Baptist Church, at 10:00 a.m. on Friday before the Third Sunday of September, 1921.

E. D. CHASTAIN,
Moderator.

W. R. McEWEN,
Clerk.

APPENDICES

Ordained Ministers

W. R. McEwen, Alma; J. M. Wilson, Mulberry; A. N. Jean, Dyer; W. B. Hardin, Denning; P. L. Kelley, Ozark; J. C. Hendrick, Mulberry; J. F. Crawford, Alma; E. Rawlings, Van Buren; J. W. Thompson, Ozark; J. A. Riddle, Van Buren; C. B. Coble, Union Town; C. I. Walker, 1011 North Seventh street, Ft. Smith.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as the Clear Creek Association of Missionary Baptists.

2. Its voluntary membership shall be made up as follows: Regularly ordained ministers holding membership in one of the associated churches, and representatives of Missionary Baptist Churches known to be orthodox in faith and orderly in practice. Each church shall be entitled to three representatives and one additional representative for each 50 members, or major fraction thereof, above the first 50.

3. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer who shall be chosen by nomination and ballot at each annual session and shall hold office until their successors are elected by a majority vote of members present and voting. It is further provided that no one shall hold either of these offices for more than three consecutive years.

4. The duties of these officers shall be such as usual pertain to such offices. The Moderator, or Vice Moderator, shall preside over the meetings of the body according to consecrated common sense and parliamentary usage. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of all the proceedings, publish and distribute the minutes, keeping a regular file of the same and turn them over to his successor in office. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse the funds collected by this Association according to the orders of the body, or of the Executive Board of the Association.

5. The object of this Association shall be to promote fellowship among the churches, to secure unanimity of faith and

practice, to enlist and secure co-operation in Missionary Enterprises, and elicit and combine the full strength of our people in Kingdom work, looking especially to the salvation of the lost.

6. This association shall usurp no authority over the churches or infringe upon any of their internal rights, but may be asked to sit as an Advisory Council in case of differences between any of the associated churches, provided said churches have previously made an attempt to settle their differences in a Scriptural way. But this Association does not relinquish authority over its membership, and may refuse to receive the representatives from any church known to be heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice.

7. There shall be an Executive Board for this Association that shall have power to act for the Association between the annual sessions, but all its acts shall be submitted to the Association in the annual report of the Board. This Executive Board shall consist of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer of the Association and one member from each of the associated churches who shall, be nominated to the association by the Moderator and elected by the association in any manner it deems proper. Five members shall constitute a quorum of the Board.

8. Other churches may send representatives to this Association upon proper application and proof of their orthodoxy of faith and orderliness of practice. Such churches must agree to the Articles of Faith as provided for in this Constitution.

9. Any article of this constitution may be altered or amended at any annual session of this Association by a two-thirds majority all members present, provided previous notice of one day shall have been given.

10. Unless otherwise ordered all committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, who may, if he so desire, appoint a special committee to assist him in the selection of the various committeemen. The Moderator may also appoint, in advance of any annual session, chairmen for the various committees that may need time for gathering data for their reports.

11. The Moderator shall also appoint a special Nominating Committee whose duty shall be to suggest the place of meeting for the next annual session, the preacher of the Introductory Sermon, and his Alternate, and assist the Moderator in selecting the members of the Executive Board.

12. Any member of the Association not satisfied with any decision of the Moderator may appeal to the Association on the same day of the ruling, but not afterwards.

13. The Articles of Faith for this Association shall be such as are found in Pendleton's Church Manual.

14. In its annual sessions the Association will be governed by the following Rules of Decorum, any article of which may be suspended, or amended by a simple majority vote, at the pleasure of the Association.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Moderator shall take the chair at the hour to which the Association shall have adjourned, and proceed to business. It shall be his duty to keep order, and he shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as other members, provided he shall call some member to the chair while he exercises that privilege, and in no case shall he give a vote unless the Association be equally divided.

2. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, and he shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator by the appellation, "Brother Moderator," and while speaking shall confine himself strictly to the subject in question, and he shall in no wise reflect on any other speaker so as to make remarks on his failings or imperfections, but shall fairly give his own views of the case without sophistry or adverse criticism.

3. No person shall speak more than three times upon any one subject without special permission from the Association.

4. No person shall absent himself from the sessions of the Association without obtaining leave from the Moderator.

5. No member of the Association shall address another by any other term or appellation than that of "Brother."

6. The Moderator shall not interrupt a member, or prohibit him from speaking, until his speech is finished, unless he violate the Rules of Decorum.

7. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and the roll called as often as the Association may require, or is deemed necessary.

8. Any member who shall willfully violate any of the foregoing rules may be reprovved by the Association in any way deemed proper and right.

9. In case of a difference of opinion over any matter of parliamentary usage, either Mell or Kerfoot shall be deemed sufficient authority.

10. Each annual session of the Association shall adopt an Order of Business as circumstance may require, said order of business or programme to be suggested by a committee for that purpose.

11. All sessions of the Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

STATISTICAL TABLES

SUNDAY SCHOOL

MEMBERSHIP										Attendance				CONTRIBUTIONS					
Name of Church	Name of Clerk and Postoffice	Church							Supt. and Postoffice	Enrollment	Average Attendance	Number Teachers	Baptism From School	Subscribed to the 75 Million Campaign	Paid on the Campaign Pledges	Raised For Local Expenses	Paid on Minute Fund	Total Cash Expended	Value of Church Property
		Baptism	Letter	Relation Statement	Letter	Exclusion	Death	Present Members											
Alma	C. H. Fischer, Alma	19	15	0	15	2	2	125	I. L. Cale, Alma	130	95	15	18	\$ 5,000	\$ 568	\$ 2,244	\$10.00	\$ 3,011	\$ 6,000
Altus	Mrs. J. N. Adams, Altus	0	2	0	3	0	0	39	C. L. Lucas, Altus	85	60	6	0	295	59	250	1.50	311	750
Concord	Turner Rogers, Van Buren	0	4	0	0	0	0	70	Turner Rogers, Van Buren	40	30	4	0	150	29	100	0	129	0
Center Grove	W. A. White, Mulberry	1	0	0	5	0	1	43		0	0	0	0	0	15	0	3.50	19	108
Dyer	D. C. Cottrell, Dyer	0	0	0	6	0	1	70	D. C. Cottrell, Dyer	0	0	0	0	715	102	75	0	177	1,000
Fine Springs	M. C. Cowert, Alma	0	1	0	3	0	0	23	M. C. Cowert, Alma	35	15	4	0	175	59	60	1.00	120	1,000
Hartman	Mrs. Ruby Brown, Hartman	0	0	0	7	0	1	20	J. A. Brown, Hartman	46	27	4	0	325	65	106	3.00	172	1,000
Haroldton	Grady Puttman, Van Buren	16	7	0	2	0	0	65	J. S. Moses, Van Buren	50	40	5	0	626	102	239	4.00	344	0
Macedonia	G. W. Jones, Union Town	0	0	0	3	0	0	37		0	0	0	0	191	44	57	2.10	58	300
Mulberry	E. B. Ferrell, Mulberry	11	15	0	11	6	1	128	C. R. Counts, Mulberry	115	85	8	2	2,632	252	1,804	11.00	2,057	3,000
Ozark	L. O. Fisher, Ozark	6	6	0	3	0	1	48	G. W. Barham, Ozark	45	30	5	6	1,335	417	960	3.00	1,378	3,500
Red Hill	S. L. Isaacs, Mountainburg	10	20	2	0	0	0	32	M. L. Risner, Mountainburg	56	48	4	6	0	0	30	2.50	33	0
Rudy	S. E. Bryan, Rudy	47	17	0	5	0	1	103	J. G. Wofford, Rudy	75	50	6	18	1,133	215	495	2.50	711	1,000
Sweet Home	E. E. Boatright, Van Buren	13	0	0	3	0	1	145	J. N. Baxter, Van Buren	110	60	5	10	1,248	141	175	3.43	355	1,000
Shady Grove	J. W. Fry, Cedarville	8	3	0	4	0	0	47	C. B. Coble, Union Town	40	25	4	8	0	12	2	2.50	13	1,000
Union Chapel	H. A. Whinery, Cedarville	0	0	0	0	0	0	132		0	0	0	0	82	16	21	3.00	38	0
White Oak	James Anderson, Ozark	6	0	0	0	0	0	37		0	0	0	0	613	148	59	3.50	168	150
Van Buren	Mrs. J. J. Izard, Van Buren	34	47	3	19	16	1	259	J. J. Izard, Van Buren	250	200	18	24	9,000	1,237	4,036	10.00	5,274	12,000
Totals		171	137	5	89	24	10	1423		1077	765	88	90	\$23,520	\$3,481	\$10,713	\$66.53	\$14,368	\$31,808

(NOTE: Not represented—Alix, Coal Hill, Denning, New Hope, Pleasant Grove and Shiloh; Dyer by letter only; Zoar no letter).