

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Greenbrier Baptist ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

THE CONWAY CHURCH

October 20th and 21st, 1899



Next Session to be Held with Bristol Baptist Church
Commencing on Friday Before the Fourth
Sunday in October, 1900



EXECUTIVE BOARD

JNO. G. B. SIMMS, Conway J. G. LILE, Conway
L. E. BEARD, Conway J. J. STEPHENS, Greenbrier
W. J. SLOAN, Wooster



G. W. BRUCE, Moderator, Conway
R. F. ADAMS, Clerk, Conway
W. J. SLOAN, Treasurer, Wooster.

CONSTITUTION.

Article I. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches of our union, together with the ministers, who, on producing their credentials, shall be entitled to seats.

Art. II. This Association shall be known as the Greenbrier Baptist Association.

Art. III. Each church composing this Association shall be entitled to three delegates until the church numbers one hundred, and then one for every additional fifty.

Art. IV. The object of this Association will be to devise measures to promote the Redeemer's kingdom on earth; and meet at such times and places as she may appoint.

Art. V. This Association shall be considered an advisory council, and shall have no power to legislate for the churches or lord it over God's heritage.

Art. VI. Other churches may be admitted into this body when they signify a wish to do so by letter and delegates, provided they be deemed orthodox, which shall be determined by their abstract of faith and church government.

Art. VII. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by ballot at each session, and hold their offices until their successors are properly qualified; the Treasurer shall also be a member of the Executive board.

Art. VIII. The Clerk shall keep a regular file of minutes of the Association and turn the same over to his successor in office.

Art. IX. It shall be the duty of each church composing this body to send up such contributions in money to each annual meeting as shall be necessary to defray the expenses of this Association, and each church shall be furnished with minutes in proportion to the amount thus furnished.

Art. X. It shall be the duty of each church to send up to each annual meeting of this body a letter containing a brief history of her progress since the last session, with the following particulars, to-wit: Her prosperity or adversity; the names of delegates, pastor, deacons, ordained or licensed ministers; her increase by baptism; by letter; by voucher; restored; her decrease by letter; by exclusion; died; total membership; her contribution for pastor's salary; other home expense; Associational Missions; State Missions; Home Missions; Foreign Missions; ministerial educations; number of Sunday School pupils; number of officers and teachers; name and post-office of the Superintendent; amount contributed by the Sunday schools; value of church property; time of regular Conference meeting.

Art. XI. Any church may send any query asking advice of the Association.

Art. XII. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a full and fair record of the proceedings of this Association and to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes; for his services he shall receive such remuneration as the Association may from time to time think proper.

Art. XIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and account for all moneys paid to him for the use of the Association, according to its order.

Art. XIV. Amendments to this constitution may be made at any session of this Association, when two-thirds of members present shall deem it necessary.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

Article I. We believe that there is only one true and living God, revealed to us under the personal and relative distinction of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Art. II. We believe that the scriptures comprising the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only correct rule of faith and practice.

Art. III. We believe in the doctrine of election, as founded in the foreknowledge of God, through sanctification of the Spirit into obedience and belief of the truth.

Art. IV. We believe that man was created upright, but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy state, and consequently became dead in trespasses and in sin.

Art. V. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, through faith in his name.

Art. VI. We believe in the final perseverance of the saints in grace.

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

Art. VIII. We believe that a Christian church is a congregation of baptized believers who meet statedly and have covenant together to maintain the ordinances, discharge the duties and enjoy the privileges set forth in the New Testament as pertaining to the church of Christ.

Art. IX. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the gospel unless he has been regularly baptized, called, and comes under the imposition of the hands of a proper presbytery.

Art. X. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are both positive institu-

tions and the only ordinances of the church of Christ, and that believers are the only proper subjects, and that immersion alone is baptism.

Art. XI. We believe that regularly baptized believers only have a right to commune at the Lord's table.

Art. XII. We believe that the Lord's day should be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. The officers of this Association shall be chosen by a majority of the members present by ballot.
3. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to see that order is kept according to the Rules of Decorum.
4. Any member being dissatisfied with the decision of the Moderator may appeal to the Association, provided it be done on the same day.
5. One member shall speak at a time; he shall address the Moderator, and on obtaining the floor shall proceed without interruption, unless he depart from the subject or use personal reflections.
6. No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject without obtaining leave of the Association.
7. No practice shall be allowed that is calculated to interrupt a member while speaking.
8. Every motion made and seconded, after time given for debate, shall be put to the Association unless previously withdrawn, and the Moderator shall announce the decision of the Association, unless a division is called for.
9. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present.
10. No appellation but that of "brother" shall be used by members in addressing each other during the session of this Association.
11. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled; and also vote in case of tie to give the casting vote.
12. The names of the members may be called as often as the Association may deem necessary, and no member shall withdraw himself from the Association without leave of the Moderator.
13. These rules shall be read at the opening of each session and oftener if necessary.
14. These rules may be amended at any session of this body by a majority of the members present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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| 1. Read Letters from the Churches. | 7. Reports of Committees. |
| 2. Election of Officers. | 8. General Business. |
| 3. Reception of New Churches. | 9. Appointment of Correspondents. |
| 4. Invite of our faith to seats. | 10. Time and place of next meeting. |
| 5. Call for Correspondents. | 11. Appointment of ministers to preach |
| 6. Appointment of Committees. | Introductory and Missionary sermons |
| | 12. Adjournment. |

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

W. B. Peeples.....	Conway	S. P. Davis.....	Conway
R. W. Davis.....	"	J. A. Crye.....	"
W. M. Mills.....	Greenbrier	H. P. Glover.....	Guy
P. H. Glover.....	"	H. Sanders.....	Enola
J. O. Cantrell.....	"	J. A. Batson.....	Wooster
Vines Turner.....	"	Eri Livingston.....	Conway
W. C. Kelso.....	"	G. W. Ford.....	Wooster
E. Loveless.....	"	B. N. Brown.....	Mt. Vernon
C. B. Parsons.....	Linder	J. W. McPike.....	Cato
C. H. Cheek.....	Preston	D. H. Halley.....	Cato

LICENTIATES.

J. M. C. Vaughter.....	Conway	J. M. Baker.....	Mt. Vernon
T. L. Ingram.....	Farmet	J. H. Christenberry.....	Saltville

MINUTES.

The Greenbrier Baptist Association met in its Sixteenth Annual Session with the Baptist Church at Conway Oct. 20, 1899, at 11 o'clock, and was called to order by the Moderator, Eld. J. A. Batson. Introductory sermon was preached by Bro. R. L. Cole, of Argenta, who took for a text, Ezekiel, 37: 3.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock, p. m., the Association was called to order by J. A. Batson, Moderator, who read for a scriptural lesson the third Chapter of Matthew after which the Association was led in prayer by Bro. B. N. Brown.

The Clerk being absent, R. F. Adams, was elected Clerk, pro tem.

Letters from the several churches were then called for and read by Bros. J. M. C. Vaughter and R. N. Foulkes, and the delegates enrolled as follows:

Macedonia—T. I. Matthews, B. F. Spires, J. J. Dickens.

New Liberty—L. S. Brawner, N. A. Brawner, J. R. Paul.

Cash Springs—J. I. Duncan, J. G. Fielder, J. C. Lee.

Chadwick—John Gray, Robert Andrews.

Mt. Olive—J. P. Kissenger, S. P. Mount, Wiley Glover.

Spring Hill—E. W. Wilcox, N. C. Wilcox, G. W. Ball.

Mt. Pisgah—Henry Price, Mack Baty, G. Z. Stead.

Sulphur Springs—E. B. Loveless, N. J. Keller, R. T. Blackwell, A. Reed.

Pleasant Grove—R. F. Adams, J. H. Hovis, R. L. Turner.

Marcus Hill—H. Sanders, J. N. Reedy, J. A. Ingram.

Bristol—D. A. Thornton, N. M. Richards, R. W. Fowlkes.

New Home—J. W. Smith, W. M. Grable.

Pleasant Valley—W. J. Sloan, J. S. Ball, L. A. Patton.

Old Liberty—A. Hay, W. O. Durham, G. W. Southerland.

Palestine—E. M. Garrett, J. H. Lewellyn, W. W. Lovil.

Cadron Ridge—G. B. Evans, E. Kuykendall, D. D. Johnson.

Oak Bowery—R. L. George, E. F. Park, J. H. Christenberry.

New Bethel—A. F. Middleton, R. B. Garrett, T. A. Mabry, D. L. Bryant.

Conway—J. M. C. Vaughter, John Dunaway, G. W. Bruce, G. E. Hilliard.

Needs Creek—J. B. Kirby, N. M. Mills, E. Loveless.

Damascus—J. B. Morrison, — Williamis.

The body then proceeded to a permanent organization by

electing Col. G. W. Bruce Moderator, R. F. Adams Clerk, and W. J. Sloan Treasurer.

On motion of Bro. Turner all money collected during the year was turned over to the Treasurer.

All visiting brethren were allowed a seat in the Association by unanimous vote.

The body then went into an election for delegates to the State Convention and the following were chosen: Elders Cantrell, Turner, and Peeples, and Bros. Hilliard and Simms.

Bro. Simms was unanimously elected member of the State Board.

Bro. J. G. Lile was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Moderator then called Bro. J. M. C. Vaughter to the chair and proceeded to appoint the usual committees.

The devotional committee, consisting of Bros. Vaughter, Dunaway and Davis, announced preaching to-night at 7:30 by Elder Frank White.

While the Chair was arranging the committees Bro. Doyle, of the State Sunday School Board, was introduced, who made an address on Sunday School and the work of his board. He brought the encouraging report that most of the Sunday Schools organized during the year were alive and doing a vigorous work.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Bro. Simms read the following report from the Executive Board, which was received and ordered printed with the minutes.

To the Greenbrier Baptist Association:

Your Executive Board appointed one year ago submits the following report of their doings:

We met first on Nov. 16, 1898, in Conway, with a quorum present, and divided the churches of this body into four districts as follows:

No. 1. Mayflower, Preston, Conway, Pleasant Grove, Cadron Ridge, Liberty and Sulphur Springs.

No. 2. Mt. Pisgah, Oak Bowery, New Liberty, Vilonia, New Bethel, Sharon, Bristol and Palestine.

No. 3. Mt. Zion, Smyrna, Marcus Hill, Bethany, Cadron Valley, Barney, New Home, Harmony.

No. 4. Pleasant Valley, Bethlehem, Cash Springs, Macedonia, Shady Grove, Spring Hill, Providence and Needs Creek.

The following brethren were appointed as sub-committees, using this Board in their respective places of residence:

No. 1. J. G. B. Simms, J. G. Lile, L. E. Beard.

No. 2. J. A. Mabry, B. Lovell, John Fultz.

No. 3. H. Sanders, Henry Glover, Thos. Hoggard.

No. 4. J. A. Batson, Wash Ford, J. J. Stephens.

In dividing the churches into districts we endeavored first to locate each on the county map, and then so arranged them as to make them as compact and convenient as possible.

On Nov. 22 our chairman wrote each one of the brethren above named, calling attention to the action of this body at its last session, and urged that they visit the churches and endeavor to get a collection of cash, cotton, corn, cattle, coon-skins, or any other commodity which could be converted into cash, and send the same, as fast as received, to our Treasurer, Bro. H. Sanders, of Enola.

As to what responses were made and what work done will best be made known by the report of the Treasurer.

Early last Spring we endeavored to arrange for work at the following places :

Bro. M. E. Hudson was employed to preach at Mayflower, which he did for three months, and has been paid \$10. He was to receive \$35 for seven months and hold six meetings there. We are without Bro. Hudson's report.

Bro. H. P. Glover at Martinville. He has done some work and has been paid \$15. He was also to receive \$35 for seven months and hold a meeting. We have no report from him.

Bro. B. N. Brown' at Stanley School House. He has since moved to Little Rock. He did some work and has been paid \$7.65. We owe him \$12.35. He made eight trips at \$2.50 each, including a meeting of four days, with nineteen accessions to different churches in all.

Bro. C. G. Howard at Vaughan's School House. He has been paid \$10. He was to work seven months for \$35 and hold a meeting. We have no report from him.

Bro. J. M. Davis was recommended to the State Board for appointment at Plum Orchard, where he has done valuable work, under their employment.

We are without more detailed information from these appointees, but feel assured that important steps have been taken by us in inaugurating this work, and, if it is adhered to, we believe rapid and lasting development in our churches will follow. We feel that it is much more desirable that some plan shall be followed through a series of years so that the brethren may get hold of and understand it, than that any particular plan shall be adopted. We therefore recommend that this one be continued, and all the churches urged to fall into line heartily and make it a success. In District No. 1 nearly all the churches have been visited by some member of the Board, and collections taken or urged.

We think when the amounts in the hands of delegates are paid in, we can settle in full with the above named brethren.

JNO. G. B. SIMMS, Chairman.

COMMITTEES.

The Moderator then announced the following committees:

Finance—B. N. Brown, R. A. Clements, E. F. Parks.

Associational Missions—H. Sanders, Jesse Thompson, J. A. Mabry.

State Missions—J. A. Batson, G. W. Ball, L. S. Brawner.

Home Missions—Jno. G. B. Simms, J. P. Kissinger, Whit Foulkes.

Foreign Mission—L. E. Beard, C. H. Cheek, Dan Johnson.

General Education—J. G. Lile, G. L. Kilpatrick, J. W. Smith.

Publications—John Dunaway, G. B. Evans, J. H. Lewellyn.

Sunday Schools—J. G. Doyle, B. H. Gunter, John Foulkes.

Temperance—Wm. Richard, G. Ed Hilliard, W. J. Sloan.

Obituaries—J. M. C. Vaughter, T. I. Matthews, J. B. Davis.

Queries—Vines Turner, J. L. George, J. H. Christenberry.

Orphans' Home—J. A. Batson, — Abrams.

The Association then adjourned until Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 8:30 o'clock and was led in prayer by Bro. Gardner, representative of the Orphans Home at Monticello.

On motion of Bro. Batson a committee on Orphan's Home was created, and the Moderator appointed Elder J. A. Batson and Bros. Hilliard and Abrams to serve on the same.

The Moderator then called for correspondents. Brothers Frank White, D. L. Cole and M. L. Thomas responded from Caroline Association.

Bros. J. M. C. Vaughter read a letter from the Ladies Missionary Society at Palestine, and on motion of Bro. Hilliard the letter was ordered printed with the minutes. The letter is as follows:

Holland, Ark, October 18, 1899.

Sisters of Zion Christian Aid Society send greetings to the Greenbrier Baptist Association convened with the Conway Baptist Church. We contribute one dollar for Associational Missions. A small box which we trust will be sent to the Orphans' Home at Monticello. We send our contributions by delegates of Palestine Baptist Church, E. M. Garrett, W. W. Lovil and J. H. Lewelling. Dear Brothers and Sisters, may the great Shepherd of souls preside over your deliberations. Pray for us.

MRS. N. M. TRUMP, Pres.

AGNES STOBAUGH, Sec.

Bro. Hilliard suggested that the churches should use printed forms in making their reports.

STATE MISSIONS.

Bro. J. A. Batson read the following report from the committee on State Mission.

To the Moderator and Brethren of the Greenbrier Association:

We, your committee on State missions, submit the following report: We believe that the spirit of missions is one and the same whether the land to be possessed is Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, or the uttermost parts of the earth. From the best information obtainable there must be many places of spiritual destitution in the bounds of Arkansas. And whereas

We believe our Savior was preeminently a Missionary—one sent of God—"Though he was rich yet for your sake he became poor that ye through his poverty might be made rich."

"God sent not his son into the world to condemn, but that the world through him might be saved."

"He came unto his own and his own received him not."

And since it is written, "If any man will come after me let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me."

Again, "Whosoever will not deny himself and take up his cross and follow me *can not be* my disciple."

Furthermore, Paul says, "Now if any man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of his. Also whosoever hath this world's goods and seeth his brother in need thereof, shutteth up his bowels of compassions against him; how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

We have the blessings of Light, Life, Truth, the open Bible, preaching of the Gospel; therefore, will we with all these blessings close our eyes, slacken our energies and allow those precious souls for whom Christ died, to live in darkness, die in sin and sink at last into a devil's hell. O, may God speed the day when neighbor shall not say to neighbor know the Lord, but when all shall know him whom to know aright is life eternal. Yes, it is our duty to send them the Gospel.

As to methods, we know of none better than the old plan.

Let the church or churches set apart the Pauls and Silases and send them. But as every church is not able to do so separately, we recommend the co-operation of the churches and associations with the State Board. We emphatically believe that it is the duty of the Baptists of Arkansas to preach the gospel to destitute places in Arkansas.

J. A. BATSON,	} Committee.
G. W. BALL,	
L. S. BRAWNER,	

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Bro. White moved that the report of the Committee on Associational Missions be read also, and the two reports discussed together, which motion was carried. The Committee on Associational Missions reported as follows:
To the Greenbrier Association:

Your Committee on Associational Missions report that a good deal of work has been done during the last year and much more, indeed, than has been done for many years past. A good many destitute places have had preaching, and more of our churches have contributed than ever before. The plan on which we have proceeded for the last year, we think, is a good one, and we recommend that it be continued. We also recommend the retention of the old board.

We earnestly urge all our churches to fall into line and do what they can, whether little or much, and not to despise the days of small things. In addition to the work reported by the Executive Board, we find that Bro. H. Sanders at Sharon church preached four months as a volunteer missionary, and a good interest was excited. Bro. Cheek also preached eleven sermons, held one prayer-meeting, distributed 100 tracts, traveled 66 miles and collected \$1.00 therefor. We hereby commend the example of these brethren, and hope that others will do likewise.

T. A. MABRY,
Chairman.

The two reports were then discussed at length by Bro. White. A collection was taken for State Missions, resulting in a contribution of \$2.90, after which the reports were severally adopted.

At this juncture Bro. Lile announced the Finance Committee was ready to settle with the delegates.

OBITUARIES.

Bro. Vaughter read the following report from the Committee on Obituaries, which was adopted:

We, your Committee on Obituaries, would report that we find by reference to the various letters from our churches that there have been 29 deaths in our fellowship since our last Association. We have great reasons to be thankful to God for his mercies toward us in not calling a greater number from our ranks.

J. M. C. VAUGHTER, }
T. I. MATTHEWS, } Committee
J. B. DAVIS, }

The Devotional Committee announced preaching at 11 o'clock by Bro. M. L. Thomas of Little Rock.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Bro. Doyle read the following report from the Commit-

tee on Sunday Schools, which was discussed at length by Bros. Doyle, Matthews and Foulkes.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools submit the following report: We find from the reports sent up by the churches that the Sunday School work in many parts of the Association has been sadly neglected, only one-third of our churches reporting any Sunday School work at all. We find from the reading of the minutes that this Association has frequently put itself on record as being in favor of Sunday Schools. We therefore recommend that vigorous efforts be made to organize and maintain living Sunday Schools in all the churches.

1. *Because it is right.* Early impressions are the most lasting. If we do not make good impressions on our children the devil will make bad ones.

2. *Because it is Scripture.* We are not only commanded in the Bible to study God's word, learn his will and obey his commands, but we are admonished to teach them to our children. There is no place where this can be so well done as in the Sunday School.

3. *Because it is expedient.* Children taught the word of God in Sunday Schools are more easily led to Christ and make better church members than those who are not. Paul accounts for the early conversion of Timothy on the ground that "from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation."

The minutes show that seven-eighths of all the contributions to our denominational work in this Association is paid by one-third of the churches, and that the churches maintaining Sunday Schools pay this amount.

We further recommend that the Association continue its co-operation with the State Sunday School Board; that we give to it our prayers, our sympathy and our substantial help.

J. G. DOYLE.

The Association adjourned until 2 o'clock without adopting the report.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock the Association reassembled and after a song was led in prayer by Prof. J. M. C. Vaughter.

The report of the Sunday School Committee was then taken up and adopted.

HOME MISSIONS.

Bro. Simms read the report of the Committee on Home Missions, which was discussed and adopted as follows:
To the Greenbrier Association:

The mission work in which we as Baptists are engaged, is divided, for convenience of operating, into different departments, each of which is conducted by separate sets of of-

officials. The Home Mission work is co-extensive with the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention, and its headquarters are at Atlanta, Ga. The Board having charge of this work is dependent for its maintenance upon the churches of our Southland. For many years past Arkansas has been regarded as a somewhat needy field and we have received each year generous help in money in carrying on our state Mission work. Without exercising any control whatever over the appointment of Missionaries, thousands of dollars have been expended by the Board upon our own field. The Island of Cuba, which has long been a part of this field has lately been opened by the Divine hand, so that hundreds of men and multiplied thousands of dollars are badly needed there to evangelize the people. There are many large and rapidly growing towns all over the South and vast reaches of country where only the Home Board can do the work. Our denominational papers which should be read by all the brethren, give, from time to time, detailed information concerning this mighty work, so that we deem it unwise to burden this report with statistics. We beseech our brethren to extend their vision, to enlarge their hearts, and to reach out with their hands and help as they can in this important work; remembering that the earth is the Lord's, and all its people. No dollar given to the cause of Missions any where on earth, if from a right motive, can ever fail of a double reward. And the Master said that as between the two, he who gave was more blessed than he who received.

JNO. G. B. SIMMS, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer here brought in the following report and on motion of Bro. W. J. Sloan the same was adopted:

Nov. 17, 1898.		Dr.	Cr.
"	To cash from old Treasurer	\$5.45	
"	" " apr. for Foreign Missions	10.60	
"	" " for minutes	19.80	
"	" " from Conway church ass. m.	2.25	
"	" " from Bethany church	4.65	
"	" " from E. L. Sanders and W. T. Williams	20	
"	" " Collection at District Meeting	1.00	
"	" " Barney Brown (Barney church)	.50	
"	" " E. J. Fultz (Bristol church)	1.25	
"	" " Smyrna church	.61	
"	" " Oak Bowery	3.10	
"	" " Palestine church	.75	
"	" " New Bethel	.40	
"	" " Greenbrier church	2.40	
"	" " Providence church	1.00	
"	" " Bethlehem church	.25	
"	" " Bethany church (in produce)	2.65	
"	" " B. Lovel for New Bethel	.80	
"	" " B. Lovel for Palestine	.35	
"	" " B. Lovel for Palestine	.25	
"	" " N. A. Clements	1.00	
"	" " T. I. Matthews	1.50	
"	" " Bristol church	5.00	
"	" " J. R. Davis for minutes	.55	
"	" " J. R. Davis ass mission	4.45	
"	" " Pleasant Valley for minutes	.60	
"	" " Pleasant Valley for Missions	.10	
"	" " Pleasant Valley for Home Missions	.10	
"	" " Pleasant Valley for State Missions	.10	

Nov. 17, 1898.	To cash,	New Liberty church (ass. m.)	1.50
"	"	Ladies Aid Soc'y Palestine ch. (ass. m.)	1.00
"	"	A. F. Middleton	50
			<u>\$74.67</u>
"	"	Received from other sources	15.66
Total			<u>\$90.33</u>
"	By Cash paid for	Missions	1.61
"	"	Minutes (P. H. Glover)	19.80
"	"	Missions	10.61
"	"	State Missions	7.30
"	"	C. G. Howard	10.00
"	"	Postage	21
"	"	P. H. Glover	15.00
"	"	B. N. Brown	7.65
"	"	Hudson	10.00
"	"	J. A. Davis church clerk	1.50
			<u>\$73.68</u>
"	"	to Finance Committee	16.65
Total			<u>\$90.33</u>

H. SANDERS, Treasurer.

The Moderator then read a letter from Preston church asking that it be received into Association, consideration of which was postponed.

ORPHANS' HOME.

Your Committee would submit the following: We are glad to report to you that the Arkansas Baptist Orphans' Home is doing well. We now have 26 children in this home. Brethren, our home is crowded, eight children in a room; the main building is going up and when completed we will be able to take care of one hundred. We hope to have a part of the building completed by January 1900. Thirteen of the number have been baptized and are members of the church at Monticello; the children are being educated in the home, all of which is being done without any cost to you. Your Committee would urge all the churches during the year to take up collections for this great work. Pray for that noble woman who is doing so much to take care of the orphan children of our state.

J. A. BATSON,
C. W. ABRAHAM, } Committee

Bro. Batson, Chairman of the Committee, yielded to Bro. Gardner, representative of the Orphans' Home at Monticello, who made quite an interesting talk on the work of that Institution, and called for a collection which resulted in a cash contribution of \$7.00. The Clerk took Bro. Gardner's receipt for the same. Bro. Batson urged that we interest our children in this work, after which the report of the Committee was adopted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The report from the Committee on Foreign Missions was read by Bro. Cheek and adopted as follows:

We your Committee on Foreign Missions beg to submit the following: Christianity is distinctively a missionary re-

ligion. It was founded by a foreign missionary—even Christ Himself. Its end is the giving of the Gospel by means of missionaries to all who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. To be unmissionary in spirit is to be unlike Christ, unlike the Apostles and out of harmony with the genius of Christianity. “Go ye therefore and teach all nations.”

It is the sense of this body that no Church should bear the name of Missionary Baptist if it gives nothing to missions and is not really missionary in spirit. God has entrusted us with the Gospel. He has given us the means to send it to others. He has opened the doors of the nations that they are willing to receive it. He has greatly blessed every effort we have so far put forth. He has put it into the hearts of others to go. Shall we send them?

We recommend that the pastors inform themselves on all phases of our mission work.

We further recommend that regular and frequent collections be taken for the work.

L. E. BEARD, Chr. } Committee
C. H. CHEEK, }

TEMPERANCE.

Bro. G. E. Hilliard on behalf of the Temperance Committee reported the following which was adopted:

We your Committee on Temperance submit the following report:

We believe that God's word disparages intemperance in all its forms. The use of tobacco is no credit to the professed followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore spend your money for that which is not bread. Be it resolved,

That we will use our influence against the use of alcoholic beverages. We hold that the Bible teaches that God's children cannot indulge in the use of intoxicating drinks nor sign petitions for the sale of the same, that we as ministers and lay members composing the churches of Jesus Christ can not indulge in the evil, but we should lift up our voices against it in the pulpit and elsewhere; and we urge our churches throughout the Associations to continue no one in fellowship who publicly advocates the licensing of the drinking saloons or who invests money in the saloon business or those who indulge in it as a beverage.

G. ED HILLIARD,
W. J. SLOAN.

The Committee on Queries had nothing to report.

Bro. Christenbury made a report concerning the church at Preston, which was received and the church admitted into the Association.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Prof. Lile read the report of the Finance Committee and

moved its adoption, which was done. The report is as follows:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report as follows:

We have received from your former Treasurer and from the delegates for

Home Missions	-	-	-	\$	1	25
Associational Missions	-	-	-		39	25
State Missions	-	-	-		4	85
Foreign Missions	-	-	-			75
Orphans' Home	-	-	-		7	00
Minutes	-	-	-		17	15
Total	-	-	-	\$	70	25
Paid to Bro. Brown	-	-	-		13	10
				\$	57	15
Paid to Bro. Gardner	-	-	-		7	00
Turned over to Treasurer	-	-	-	\$	50	15
Of this amount there is for						
Home Missions	-	-	-		1	25
Associational Mission	-	-	-		26	75
State Missions	-	-	-		4	85
Foreign Missions	-	-	-			75
Minutes	-	-	-		17	15
Total	-	-	-	\$	50	15

R. A. CLEMENTS, Chairman.

PUBLICATIONS.

The following report from the Committee on Publications was read by Brother Lewelling:

We, your Committee on Publications submit the following:

We recommend as literature the Bible, with an earnest, careful and daily study of the same. It reveals to us that eternal life for which our souls pant. Its first three chapters tell of our creation, temptation and fall into sin, and the last three reveal our restoration and exaltation through Christ to a higher State than we lost; and all the intermediate pages tell of Christ and the great work now in progress.

For publications, we think the Arkansas Baptist should be supported by our denomination as it is in touch with all our religious work.

JOHN DUNAWAY,	} Committee.
J. H. LEWELLING,	
G. B. EVANS,	

On motion of J. A. Batson the report was amended recommending the American Publication Series and the Southern Baptist Series and as amended was adopted

GENERAL EDUCATION.

The Committee on General Education recommended the following which was adopted :

Your Committee on General Education beg leave to report as follows: We are glad to note that our denomination is awakening to the necessity of educating the youth. We now have three well-established colleges, Ouachita, Mountain Home and Central, and at least four Baptist high schools, Star City High School, Buckner College, Bodcaw and Judson. We recommend that our churches take collections for ministerial education, and that these collections be sent to the Board of Ministerial Education at Ouachita to be used according to the discretion of the Board. As Central is within our own bounds we believe it should receive our first consideration, and that those of us who have daughters to educate should send them to Central in preference to any other institution.

J. G. LILE.

The following correspondents were elected to the various Associations :

Bro. Vines Turner to the United ; Bros. Simms, Riley, Bruce and Batson to the Caroline ; Bro. Batson to the Fourche Valley ; Rev. P. H. Glover to the Little Red River.

Bristol was unanimously selected as the next place to hold the Association. Bro. Davis moved that the time for holding the next Association be changed to Saturday instead of Friday. The motion was lost.

Bro. G. W. Ford was elected to preach the introductory sermon for the next Association and Rev. P. H. Glover the missionary sermon.

Bro. Matthews moved to allow \$8 for the Clerk's services. Bro. Lile offered an amendment allowing \$5. The amendment was adopted.

Bro. J. A. Batson offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That we tender our sincere thanks to the good people of Conway for their kindness and hospitality to the delegates during our stay with them.

After prayer by Rev. M. L. Thomas, the Association adjourned to meet with the Missionary Baptist Church at Bristol on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, A. D., one thousand nine hundred.

G. W. BRUCE, Moderator.

R. F. ADAMS, Clerk.

GREENBRIER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	DELEGATES	POST-OFFICE
Bethlehem	O. A. Cantrell	Howard	J. B. Davis, R. A. Clements	Wooster
Bristol	S. Anderson	M. R. Stone	D. A. Thornton, W. M. Richards, R. W. Fowlkes	Bristol
Chadwick	J. H. Christenberry	D. G. Hanson	John Gray, Robt. Andrews	Chadwick
Conway		Frank Jones	J. M. C. Vaughter, John Dunaway, Sr., G. E. Hilliard, G. W. Bruce	Conway
Cash Springs	G. W. Ford	J. A. Oliver	J. I. Duncan, J. C. Lee, J. G. Fielder	Greenbrier
Cadron Ridge	J. F. Ford	E. Kuykendall	G. B. Evans, D. D. Johnson, E. Kuykendall	Conway
Damascus	J. M. McGee	W. F. Farmer	B. E. Herring, J. B. Marrion, Williams	Damascus
Mt. Olive	P. H. Glover	J. P. McKenzie	J. P. Kessenger, S. P. Mount, Wiley Glover	
Marcus Hill	J. O. Cantrell	J. A. Ingram	H. Sanders, J. H. Reedy, J. A. Ingram	Enola
Mt. Pisgah	J. H. Christenberry	J. A. Kaufman	H. Price, Mack Baty, G. Z. Steel	Cato
Macedonia	P. H. Glover	J. J. Dickens	T. J. Matthews, Spires, J. J. Dickens	Greenbrier
N w Bethel	E. Loveless	D. L. Bryant	A. F. Middleton, R. B. Garrett, T. H. Mabry, D. L. Bryant	Holland
Needs Creek	Sims	W. M. Mills	G. B. Kirby, W. M. Mills, E. Loveless	Greenbrier
New Liberty	J. G. Melton	J. H. Hall	L. S. Brawner, W. A. Brawner, A. B. Jeffries, J. R. Paul	Hamlet
New Home	G. T. Kilpatrick	J. F. Grable	J. W. Smith, W. M. Grable	Quitman
Old Liberty	G. G. Howard	A. Hay	A. Hay, W. O. Durham, G. W. Southerland	Conway
Oak Bowery	G. G. Howard	A. S. Sowell	R. L. George, E. F. Park, J. H. Christenberry	Saltillo
Palestine	P. H. Glover	J. M. Thompson	E. M. Garrett, J. H. Lewelling, W. W. Lovell	Greenbrier
Pleasant Grove	J. M. Davis	R. L. Turner	R. L. Turner, R. F. Adams, J. H. Hovis	Conway
Pleasant Valley	J. O. Cantrell	J. S. Ball	W. J. Sloan, J. S. Ball, L. A. Patton	Wooster
Sulphur Springs	E. B. Loveless	R. D. Blackwell	R. F. Blackwell, A. Read, N. T. Keller	Conway
Spring Hill	J. A. Batson	J. W. Rhea	E. W. Wilcox, W. C. Wilcox, G. W. Ball	Linder

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES

MEMBERSHIP

FINANCIAL

	Rec by Baptism	Rec by Letter	Restored	Dis by Letter	Excluded	Died	Present Membership	Elders	Licentiates	S. S. O. and T.	S. S. Scholars	Church Expenses	Sunday School Expenses	Minute Fund	Associational Fund	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Total Contributions	Value of Church Property	Ministerial Education	Orphan's Home
Bethlehem		2			1	2	78	1				\$	\$	\$ 55	\$6 00	\$	\$	\$	\$ 6 55	\$	\$	\$
Bristol	10	5	1	3			99	1						1 50	1 67		5 00		8 17	300 00		
Chadwick	3	7					10	1						55					55			
Conway	6	10		24			154	2	1	15	192	542 94	17 40	1 50	10 00	28 83	15 47	21 85	632 99	3300 00	5 00	
Cash Springs		2		2	2		36	2				35 00		1 00	1 50		25		37 75	400 00		
Cadron Ridge		1					28	2							65				65	150 00		
Damascus				9			47	1		4	36	18 00		1 00	2 00			25	21 25	300 00		
Mt. Olive	2	4	2	8		1	102	1		4				1 80	2 00		70		3 50			
Marcus Hill	2				2	4	66	1	1					1 00	1 00				2 75	200 00		75
Mt. Pisgah	9	3		6		1	56	1						65					65			
Macedonia		1		2	1		69	2		7	40	30 00		90	5 55	2 50	1 10	1 00	9 95			
New Bethel		6		7			22	1				18 95		60	60	10	20		20 45			
Needs Creek						7	71	1						60					60			
New Liberty				4	1	2	40	1						1 00	1 50				2 50			
New Home	4	8			1	2	61	1				15 65		90	85				17 40			
Old Liberty				2		2	49	1						50					50	200 00		
Oak Bowery	2			1	2		66	2						1 00	50				1 50	300 00		
Palestine		2			2		62	1						1 00				20	1 25	150 00		25
Pleasant Grove				2		2	60	1				75 00		80		1 85			77 65	300 00		
Pleasant Valley		2	1	2		3	64	1						60	1 10	10	10	10	2 00	200 00		
Sulphur Springs	2					2	33	1						50					50			
Spring Hill		3		3		1	87	1						1 00	10 00				11 00			
Total	40	56	4	75	12	28	1360	27	3	30	268	735 54	17 40	18 95	44 92	33 38	22 72	33 30	860 11	5800 00	5 00	1 00