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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Howard County Association met with the Baptist Church at Centre Point, in its sixth annual session October 22nd 1898 at 10 o'clock a. m.

Brother C. W. Strickland introduced the services by prayer and praise, and reading and commenting on the 103 Psalm, after which the moderator called the body to order, and announced the association now ready for business. First order of business is the calling for letters from the various churches composing this Association. The delegates proceeded to present their letters. Brethren J. D. Rogers, J. T. M. Holt and W. P. Craig were appointed as a committee to read said letters. The hour for preaching having arrived the association adjourned to come together at 1:30 o'clock p. m. At the time appointed the association met, the call for letters was extended, after the reading of the letters the following delegates were enrolled, to-wit:

Amity Church, A. J. Norsworthy and A. C. McMurrin.
Preachers enrolled—J. D. Rogers and G. C. Bandy.

Oak Hill—W. J. Morgan.

Cedar Hill—J. C. Blackburn.

New Home—Van Payne, John Dodd and James Payne.

Columbus—J. E. Schooley and J. W. Hutchins.

Red Colony—D. W. Elkins, I. N. Borum and Thomas Skinner.

Mount Carmel—Wm. Bust, M. W. Rivers and James Toliver.

Holly Creek—Thomas Westbrooks, W. T. Lovell and J. W. Hagler.

Sweet Home—W. H. Dodding.

Blue Ridge—J. D. Baggett and J. H. Murrey.

Mine Creek—R. D. Neal, R. S. Sypert, L. M. Webb and C. W. Strickland.

Zion—N. R. Lewis, W. A. Crantrell and L. A. Reaves.

County Line—J. T. M. Holt, R. D. Owens, H. H. Ford, E. E. Austin and Rev. E. Merrill.

Unity—W. H. Jones and D. A. Clark.

Antioch—J. F. Compton, J. M. Humphrey and David Atchison.

Pleasant Valley—W. P. Craig, S. B. Ponder and M. C. Morris, Revs. J. M. Copeland and E. S. Dearing.

Providence—A. J. Hosey, L. N. Richardson and H. H. Hosey.

Yellow Creek—W. G. Arnett, T. W. Reed and Rufus Dove.

Centre Point—C. C. Calhoun, J. J. Reeder, R. N. Owens and Rev. E. E. Smith.

Ozan No. 2—J. H. Holt and B. Z. Gathright.

Edon—H. A. Jones.

Star of the West—J. T. Nickles and T. J. Snell.

Brushey Creek—C. Barnes and Rev. J. C. Goss.

Liberty—T. M. Monerief and W. C. Stone.

Fellowship—John Westbrooks and T. J. Reeder.

Mineral Springs—J. W. Cook and C. M. Serles.

Mount Pleasant—G. W. Bright and J. L. Epton.

Mount Zion—J. B. Miller and C. O. Melton.

Hopewell—B. D. Nations and S. E. Choat.

Mountain View—No delegates.

Petitionary letters were called for. Hopewell church presented letter for admission without being lettered from her former association (Ouachita). A motion was made to receive the church into the fellowship of this association. After some discussion an amendment was offered, accepted, and by vote of the body, carried, that the reception of the Hopewell church be referred to a committee appointed by the Moderator, the committee consisting of E. E. Smith, C. W. Strickland and W. P. Craig, said committee to make their report at the night session. Mountain View church asked admission into this body by letter, no delegates being present. By motion the church was received and the hand of fellowship be extended when the delegates present themselves before this association in session.

Mount Zion asked admission into this body by letter and delegates. By motion the church was received and the hand of fellowship extended the delegates. The names of the delegates were then enrolled. Proceeded to organize permanently. Moved by Strickland that the rules be suspended and R. D. Neal be and is hereby empowered to cast the vote of this body for moderator, and that the vote shall be cast for N. R. Lewis for said office, carried, and the moderator was elected, after which the same motion as to the suspension of the rules and that J. D. Rogers cast the vote of the body for clerk and that the vote be cast for R. D. Neal, the present clerk.

After the organization was completed, the Moderator called for corresponding messengers. Brothers J. R. Harden and John Haynes presented themselves from Red River Association; J. P. Henry, from Union, and G. W. Cowling and Judge Vaughn, from Southwestern. An invitation was extended for visiting brethren to take part in the discussion and feel themselves at home with us.

Brothers Gardner, Newell, and Dr. W. A. Clark present.

The following committees were appointed:

Committee on Divine Service—E. E. Smith, R. N. Owens, and W. A. Cantrell.

Committee on Finance—R. S. Sypert, W. T. Lovell, and S. B. Ponder.

Committee on Colleges—J. T. M. Holt, T. M. Monerief and J. E. Schooley.

Committee on Foreign Missions—L. M. Webb, John Westbrooks and H. H. Ford.

Committee on Home Missions—J. D. Rogers, L. A. Reams, and W. H. Dobbins.

Committee on State Missions—C. W. Strickland, T. M. Moncrief and D. W. Cornish.

Committee on Associated Missions—D. W. Cornish, E. E. Smith, and J. W. Cook.

Committee on Prayermeeting—J. M. Copeland, W. A. Cantrell, and J. L. Compton.

Committee on Orphans Home—C. W. Strickland, R. D. Neal, and U. J. Newell.

Committee on Sunday Observance—J. H. Holt, J. L. Epton and E. Merrell.

Committee on Nominations—E. Merrell, D. A. Clark, and H. Jones.

Committee on Sunday Schools—W. G. Bright, R. N. Owens J. C. Blackburn.

Committee on Ministerial Support—D. W. Elkins, F. W. Reed and J. L. Baggett.

Committee on Family Devotion—G. C. Bandy, C. C. Calhoun and T. J. Snell.

Committee on Literature—J. W. Quick, W. C. Stone and M. C. Morris.

Committee on the evils of Intemperance—E. E. Smith, M. C. Serles and J. W. Cook.

Committee on Destitution—J. A. Westbrooks, L. M. Webb and W. T. Lovell.

Committee on Documents—W. P. Craig, J. C. Goss and H. H. Ford.

Committee on Obituaries—W. P. Craig, J. D. Rogers and C. C. Calhoun.

Committee on Divine service submits their report as follows: Brother J. P. Henry will preach this evening at this church at 7:30 o'clock, Prayer services Sunday at 9 a. m. conducted by Brother D. W. Cornish, Sunday School mass meeting conducted by Brother U. J. Newell. Preaching at 11 o'clock a. m. by Dr. W. A. Clark, Brother C. W. Strickland to preach at 3 o'clock p. m.; at 7:30 o'clock by Brother John Haynes, Brother W. W. Gardner will follow the sermon with a lecture on the Orphan's Home. Moved that this body select five delegates to represent it at the state Convention. Brethren N. R. Lewis, J. T. M. Holt, J. D. Rogers, L. M. Webb and J. H. Grumbles were elected. Moved that we select delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention Brother C. W. Strickland was elected. Moved and seconded that the association pay the expenses of delegate to and from the Convention, by motion the moderator ordered a collection, in cash or by subscribing for that purpose.

The cash collection amounting to \$2.35 and in pledges \$16, as follows:

L. M. Webb.....	\$1.00	Pleasant Valley Church....	\$1.00
Holly Creek Church....	1.00	County Line Church.....	1.00
Columbus Church.....	2.50	Mine Creek Church.....	2.50
Ozan Church No. 2.....	1.00	Zion Church.....	1.00
Liberty Church.....	1.00	Mount Zion Church.....	.50
Amity Church.....	1.00	Antioch Church.....	1.00
Centre Point Church...	1.50	Mineral Springs Church,	
		paid by C. M. Serles.....	1.00

Proceeded to elect alternate delegates to Southern Baptist Convention. Brother J. D. Rogers was elected. By motion and second Brother C. W. Strickland was elected as member of State Executive Board to represent this association and it shall be the duty of this association to defray the expenses of said delegate to and from the meeting of said State Board, at least four times in twelve months. Proceeded to select corresponding messengers to sister associations as follows: Red River, E. E. Smith, C. W. Strickland and E. Merrell; Southwestern, C. W. Strickland J. D. Rogers and G. C. Bandy; Union, T. M. Moncrief, R. D. Neal and L. M. Webb; Caddo River, J. C. Goss and T. J. Snell.

Moved and carried that Brother Gardner be and is hereby requested to present to this people Sunday night, the Orphans' Home, located at Monticello, its needs and the good it is doing in caring for the orphans of this state. Moved that the body select a place to hold the 5th Sunday meeting in January. Oak Hill, Mineral Springs and Amity churches called for the meeting to be held with them. After some discussion Amity church was selected for the meeting. Moved and carried that a committee on program be appointed by the Moderator. Brothers L. M. Webb, W. G. Bright and J. T. M. Holt were appointed. The committee on documents was appointed, as follows: W. P. Craig, J. C. Goss and H. H. Ford. By motion the body now stands adjourned to meet at 8:30 o'clock p. m.

NIGHT SESSION

At 8:30 o'clock the association met pursuant to adjournment. Committee on program submits their report. Report received and committee requested to have same published in Arkansas Baptist. Committee on documents submit their report, the report favoring Zion church as the place for the next session of this body. By motion and second the report was adopted unanimously. The committee appointed to investigate the condition of the Hopewell church, of the Ouachita association, now asking admission into this body, submit their report and resolution as follows:

RESOLVED, That in as much as Hopewell church of the Ouachita Association requested a letter of dismission to join the Howard Association and failed on account of delays in the mails, and being favorably received and noted in their minutes and in good standing with the body and praying admission into our body by a duly certified letter from the church, we, your committee, to whom the matter was referred, recommend that this body receive her, and the clerk of this body so advise the clerk of the Ouachita Association, and that the letter of dismission be presented to this body when granted. Signed, C. W. STRICKLAND, } Committee.
E. E. SMITH, }

Adjourned to meet Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

SUNDAY SERVICES 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Prayermeeting conducted by Brother D. W. Cornish at 10 o'clock, Sunday School mass meeting conducted by Brother U. J. Newell, speeches by several of the brethren about how to conduct, and the good results arising from a well conducted Sunday

School. Preaching at 11 o'clock by Dr. W. A. Clark after which Brother C. W. Strickland asked that a collection for foreign missions be taken. The sum of \$21 was collected. Brother C. W. Strickland preached at 3 o'clock p. m. Brother John Haynes preached at 7:30 p. m. after which Brother Gardner presented the needs of the Orphan's Home in a favorable manner. After his speech several of the brethren became enthused and gave some good talks on the line of supporting the Orphans' Home. After the brethren were through with their talks Brother Henry began the collection, commencing at \$5.00, there being several responding to the call as follows: Col. C. L. Haller paid \$5.00 cash; John W. Cook \$5.00 cash and \$5.00 January 1st 1899; D. W. Cook \$5.00, \$1.00 cash balance quarterly; J. M. Copeland \$4.00 to be paid quarterly; Antioch Church \$2.50 to be paid quarterly; C. M. Serles \$2.50 to be paid quarterly; L. M. Webb \$2.00 to be paid quarterly. There was \$33.75 paid in cash by the brethren coming up and laying their several amounts on the table ranging from one to five dollars. A list of the names was kept. Then the basket was passed around and the sum of \$8.00 was collected.

MONDAY, OCT. 25, 1898, 8 P. M.

After the reading of the 43rd Psalm by the Moderator and paryer by brother E. Merrell, the association was, by the Moderator, declared open and ready for business. The roll of delegates was called and absentees marked. Moved by brother Strickland that the annual sitting of the Howard County Association be changed from the Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October to Saturday before the first Sunday in the same month. After the resolution was discussed, pro and con, brother Strickland withdrew his motion.

The committee on ministerial support submit their report, which reads as follows: Only two ministers in this association are giving all their time to the work; others would be glad to do so if their churches would support them. Preaching the gospel of Christ is the most important of all work. This soul saving work needs all the time of all the preachers. God has called, but he will not call more than is needed. It is the plain teaching of the Bible that those who preach the gospel should live of the gospel. The preacher who succeeds in his work must have time to study and pray; time to visit all his members; time to attend his denominational meetings of county and state; he must have money to buy good books and clothing and to avoid the dangerous business of going in debt. This committee recommends that every member who casts a vote for pastor, write on the same paper the amount he or she will pay their pastor for the time for which he was elected. This is a good way to make a business contract and to consecrate our ministers to the services of God. This committee further recommends that all the churches pay their pastors quarterly, as far as can be done.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. ELKINS, Chairman.

A motion and second for its adoption was had. After the report had been discussed by several of the brethren it was moved

by C. W. Strickland that the word "only" be stricken out and insert "good," so it reads "a good way."

The committee on the Orphans' Home submit their report as follows:

"We feel grateful to God for the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ in the human heart, and the charitable institutions resulting therefrom. The Orphans' Home at Monticello is a living monument of the power and grandness of our Christianity. Eighteen happy children are being cared for in this Home, and we hope they will go out from there with their hearts given to God and their lives will be a blessing to the communities in which they may live. Will every pastor and messenger lay this matter before their churches and give us all the aid they can. Brethren, the Home needs our prayers and material support. The greatest need now is more room. So far, the Home has progressed without incurring any debt and it is the purpose of the board not to involve themselves, but to pay as we go. We thank God for the progress we have made, and trust in God and the good people of the state for his guidance, and you for your support."

C. W. STRICKLAND, Chairman.

By motion and second the report was adopted as read, without discussion. By motion the hour of 11 o'clock was set to hear and discuss the reports on different missions—Foreign, Home, State and Associational.

The treasurer submitted his report as follows:

DEBITS:

To amount forwarded by churches at last session	\$68.00
To amount collected during session.....	6.85
To amount collected first 5th Sunday meeting...	24.52
To amount collected second 5th Sunday meeting.	22.05
To amount collected third 5th Sunday meeting...	19.23
To amount from Mount Pleasant church.....	1.00
Total.....	\$141.68

CREDITS:

By amount to H. P. Hook, by order of Board	\$15.00
By amount James Westbrooks by order of Board	7.50
By amount L. M. Webb by order of Board.....	3.50
By amount to T. H. Westbrooks.....	3.50
By printing 600 copies minutes.....	20.00
By Clerk's services.....	10.00
Expense member of board to state convention . .	5.85
Expense member State Board.....	10.00
L. M. Webb.....	3.75
Paid Southern Baptist Convention fund.....	10.05
Expense delegate to Southern Baptist Convention	10.00
L. M. Webb, for mission work	7.19
J. C. Goss, same.....	5.00
L. M. Webb.....	7.08
D. W. Cornish, mission work	3.75
J. C. Goss	5.00
State missions, by order of chairman of board....	14.60
Total.....	\$141.68

Committee on family devotion submit their report as follows:

"Your committee would report that we believe it to be the duty of every family to hold family worship, therefore we recommend that every family among us erect a family altar."

G. C. BANDY, Chairman.

After some discussion the report was adopted as read.

The committee on literature submit their report as follows:

"We recommend the Bible as the best and safest of all literature. We also recommend the Arkansas Baptist, published at Little Rock, and the American Baptist Flag, published at St. Louis, Mo., as being good sound Baptist literature, and we further recommend that the brotherhood subscribe, pay for and read these good papers together with their Bibles. We recommend the Southern Baptist Convention Series as Sunday School helps."

J. W. QUICK, Chairman.

By motion the report was adopted as read.

The hour of 11 a. m. having arrived the Moderator called for the reports on the mission work. The chairman of the executive board submitted their report as follows:

"We have met the demands of the weak churches with one exception; furnished preaching in destitute places as we deemed proper; contributed to the various boards as ordered; paid the traveling expenses of your member to the state board meetings and part of the expenses of your delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention. We have received \$108.23. Paid out as follows: To Providence church, \$12; Mount Zion, \$10; Eden, \$7.50; Star of the West, \$7.50; D. W. Cornish for mission work, \$12.50; contributed to state board, \$24.28; expenses of member to state board meeting, \$15.00; expenses Southern Baptist Convention, \$9.00; minute fund, \$7.15.

"We note a slight decrease in associational missions but an increase in other mission work. This is, I think, as it should be. We recommend a continuation of the quarterly collections and urge our churches to greater sacrifices for the gospel."

C. W. STRICKLAND, Chairman.

It was moved and seconded that the report be adopted.

The committee on associational missions submitted their report as follows:

"We report that our mission work is in a prosperous condition. Nearly all of the churches have enlisted in the work of contributing for the spread of the gospel, for which we are thankful to God, and take courage. We find there is still destitution within our bounds. We therefore recommend a continuation of our 5th Sunday meetings and quarterly collections until the destitution is entirely removed from our association. We further recommend that we aid our weak churches in the support of their pastors when practical."

D. W. CORNISH, Chairman.

A motion and second was made for its adoption.

The committee on state missions submitted their report as follows:

"We, your committee, find that this board is making great efforts to preach the gospel in all our destitute places in town and country, by aiding churches, associations and missionaries throughout the state, keeping up with the tide of emigration and civilization, doing a work much needed in our state. Therefore we heartily recommend co-operation with this board in its great work by this body and urge the pastors to present its claims to all the churches, taking collections for this work, for the field is large,

and the work difficult. Therefore let us aid the state work by our prayers and gifts."

C. W. STRICKLAND, Chairman.

Moved its adoption.

The committee on home missions submitted their report:

"We, your committee on home missions, considering the great importance of our work and the vast amount of unoccupied territory that exists among us, and in view of the fact that our Lord has said, "Lift your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white unto the harvest." It behoves us as Baptists to awaken ourselves to our duty of giving for the spread of the gospel within our bounds. We therefore recommend and urge our churches and pastors to greater efforts and a hearty co-operation in this great work."

J. D. ROGERS, Chairman.

A motion for its adoption was had.

The committee on foreign missions submitted their report:

"We, your committee, regard the subject of foreign missions as one of great practical importance, and something in which every Missionary Baptist should feel a deep interest. We believe the gospel, the power of God to salvation to every one that believes. It is to be our bounden duty as well as a grand privilege to send the gospel to those who have it not. God's blessings have abundantly attended the efforts of our missionaries laboring in foreign fields during the past year. From China, Japan, Africa, and Brazil we have very encouraging reports. Every indication points to a bright future for our Redeemer's cause in the far-off land. We feel glad to know that the board, at the last meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, was out of debt, but we deplore the fact that during this year they have been forced to go in debt. We would urge pastors of the churches to preach more frequently on the subject of foreign missions. We would therefore recommend that the month of December be the time that the subject of foreign missions be presented and a collection taken and forwarded to R. J. Willingham, corresponding secretary of foreign board."

L. M. WEBB, Chairman.

There were several good speeches urging the importance and duty of the Baptists of this association in supporting the different missions by their prayers and contributions. During the discussion there was a motion that a collection be had for home and state missions, which was accordingly done, resulting in the collection of \$12.70, after which the several reports were adopted as read. By motion and second the body adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m.

At 1:30 o'clock the association met pursuant to adjournment. After an appropriate hymn, reading and prayer by the Moderator, the body was opened and ready for business.

The committee on prayermeeting submitted their report: follows:

"Feeling as we do that prayermeetings are great factors in the development of our churches, we therefore recommend that each and every church in this association organize and keep up a weekly prayermeeting, if it be possible for them to do so."

J. M. COPELAND, Chairman.

By motion the report was adopted, without discussion, as read.

The committee on obituaries submitted their report as follows:

"We report that God has been very gracious in sparing our lives through another year. But few of our members have been called away by death, and none of our ministers, so far as we have learned, for which we thank God and take courage."

W. P. CRAIG, Chairman.

The report was, by motion and second, adopted as read, without being discussed.

The finance committee submitted their report as follows:

"We find the following amounts sent up from the different churches: For minutes \$27.45; for foreign missions \$21.00; for associational purposes \$40.65; for home missions \$2.50; for state missions \$1.55."

R. S. SYPERT, Chairman.

The report was adopted as submitted.

The committee on nominations submitted their report which reads as follows:

"We recommend that the executive board be composed of the same brethren that served the past year. We also recommend that Brother E. E. Smith preach the introductory sermon at the session of this association and his alternate shall be T. N. Westbrooks. We further recommend that the hour of eleven on Sunday be filled by the committee on divine services appointed at the next session of this body." E. MERRELL, Chairman.

By motion and second the report was adopted as read without discussion.

The following resolution was offered and adopted that the executive board be instructed to continue the mission work as was done in the year past.

The committee on Sunday observance submitted their report which reads as follows:

"Immediately after the creation of this world God in his great wisdom saw fit to provide for mankind a day of rest, which we believe to be the first day of the week. We are of the opinion that we should observe that day and keep it holy. By so doing we would honor our Father who art in Heaven. We recommend that this the first day of the week should be as nearly as possible devoted in studying God's will concerning us and attending devotional exercises, by so doing we show that we appreciate our Master's works, also observe and keep the day in the way it was ordained by our Lord and Master."

J. H. HOLT, Chairman.

The report was adopted as read.

The committee on Intemperance submitted their report which reads as follows:

"Strong drink in this country costs more than bread. Many whose names are on some church book spend more money for whiskey than they do for religious purposes. Economy forbids any one spending a dime or casting a vote for strong drink, because the whiskey traffic does not give value received. The use of whiskey destroys body, mind and soul. It is the most effective weapon satan is using to advance his kingdom. This committee most earnestly recommends total abstinence. The only safe

side is to touch not, taste not, for observation teaches the folly of tampering with the accursed stuff, and further we recommend that all our members vote for prohibition, and vote for temperate men for officers, because God will not answer the prayers of anyone who will not answer his own prayers in saving his daughters from marrying drunkards and in saving his boys from this great evil of intemperance.”

E. E. SMIEH Chairman.

A motion for its adoption was had. After several of the brethren had spoken elaborately on the subject, the report was adopted as read.

The committee on destitution submitted their report as follows:

“We your committee find the following places without Baptist preaching, to wit: Corinth, Logan Schoolhouse and French Schoolhouse, and Crossreads, forks of Little Missouri River.

J. A. WESTBROOKS, Chairman.

By motion and second the report was adopted as read.

A resolution, offered by Brother Strickland, was adopted that 600 copies of the minutes be printed, and the clerk be allowed \$35, his services included.

RESOLVED, That we extend our heart-felt thanks to this church and community for the kindness and hospitality extended to this body while in session.

RESOLVED, That this association instruct their delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention to use his influence and vote if necessary, for the prompt retirement of Dr. Whitsitt from the chair as teacher of Baptist history.

The committee on colleges submitted their report as follows:

“Whereas, God has created us and endowed us with faculties susceptible of improvement, and, whereas, in our regeneration and adoption into the family of God. Thus becoming his servants, we are brought under obligations to develop for his service all our talents, to the full extent of our ability. Therefore, we, your committee, recommend that we, as a denomination, heartily indorse and foster by our prayers, our influence and patronage, as far as possible, all our institutions of learning in this state, of which we have three of general interest to the Baptists of the state, besides others that are auxiliaries to them, being of local interest. We further recommend that the members composing this association give of their means to the support of the Ouachita Baptist College, it being the leading college, nearer to us, and being peculiar in that it offers special facilities to young ministers, and hence that we take up a collection for the ministerial fund of Ouachita College.”

Respectfully submitted, J. T. M. HOLT, Chairman.

A motion was made for its adoption. After being discussed by several of the brethren, the report was adopted as read, after which proceeded to take the collection recommended in the report, resulting in \$3.50.

There being no further business, by motion and second the association was adjourned to meet with Zion church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1899, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

N. R. LEWIS, Moderator.

R. D. NEAL, Clerk.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. When the delegates of the several churches shall assemble at the place appointed for the session of the Association, the Moderator shall open business by praise and prayer in person, or by proxy. If the former Moderator or clerk be absent, the Association shall appoint one pro tem.

2. Immediately after the opening session the church letters shall be read by persons whom the Moderator may appoint, and the names of the delegates enrolled by the clerk.

3. When the delegates' names are enrolled and called by the clerk, the Association shall then elect by ballot a Moderator and Clerk, the plurality of votes governing the election.

4. All motions and amendments to motions must be seconded before they can be entertained by the Moderator. When motions or amendments to motions are made, the last one made shall be first in order, and so in inverse order to the original motion; but the mover may at any time withdraw his motion.

5. Any person wishing to make a motion or speak on any matter before the Association, shall rise to his feet and respectfully address the Moderator, and if he be in order the Moderator shall signify by calling the person or otherwise, and no one, thus in order, shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject, or for personal reflections; nor shall any member speak more than twice on the same subject without leave from the Association, or to explain some of his former remarks.

6. Whenever sufficient time has been allowed for discussion of any subject before the Association, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association and declare the result, a plurality governing in all cases except those provided for.

7. No member may vacate his seat while the body is in session without the consent of the Moderator.

8. When one member shall speak to or of another, he shall call him brother.

9. The Moderator may have the names of the delegates called whenever it is necessary.

10. The Moderator may speak on matters of debate as other members, by calling some one to fill his seat while speaking, but not until all others have spoken who desire to speak.

11. The Moderator may invite visiting ministers in good standing to seats in the council, who may speak, but not vote.

12. The minutes of the Association may be read as the body may think necessary.

13. The Moderator shall be judge of order; the objector may appeal to the body, a majority of whom shall determine the point of order.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This union shall be known and distinguished by the name and title of Howard County Baptist Association.

ART. II. This Association shall be composed of brethren from the churches in the union. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by their several churches before they take their seats.

ART. III. The brethren when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body by the appointment of a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual association, and continue in office until their successors are chosen.

ART. IV. This Association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which it is composed. It shall regard them as independent in matters of internal government, and shall act as advisory counsel, assuming no authority, except what is expressly delegated to it by the churches, or evidently implied from the nature of the compact. It nevertheless claims authority over its own members, the brethren from churches, and in justice and propriety must have power to withdraw from and disown all churches which depart from the spirit of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice. It should, therefore, regard all churches united under this constitution with a vigilant eye for good. Its principal business shall be to promote the declarative glory of God, by extending the Kingdom of Grace on earth, through the medium of preaching the gospel, and the means in accordance with that gospel to cultivate union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ, especially those united in this constitution.

ART. V. Newly constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this union by sending three delegates to the annual meeting of this association, with petition for admission, and by their delegates agreeing to the abstracts of principles herewith published.

ART. VI. The churches in this union shall transmit to every annual session of the association a written communication, specifying the names of their delegates, their number in fellowship, number baptised, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, restored or deceased since last session, and all other information which the churches may deem important, which shall be read and minuted.

ART. VII. This association shall have a fund to be supplied by voluntary contributions of the churches. All the money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over through the committee of finance, to the treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold his office during the pleasure of the association. He shall retain and manage the funds agreeably to the order of the association, and present annually, for inspection in the minutes, a clear and sufficient statement of all receipts and expenditures.

ART. VIII. This association will furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

ART. IX. The association shall take cognizance of no query sent up from the churches, unless they have endeavored to solve the same and have failed; nor of any difficulty between the churches, unless they have pursued the directions in Matthew 18: and have not been able to settle them. Then the association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at its discretion.

ART. X. It shall be the duty of the clerk of this association to keep a regular file of the printed minutes of each session of this body, and deliver over the same to his successor in office.

ART. XI. This constitution may be altered or amended at regular meetings of this association by the concurring voice of two-thirds of the members then present.

ART. XII. That all Baptist Ministers within the bounds of this association, be and are hereby made members of the same; that they shall have the same rights and privileges as regularly elected delegates, and their names shall be enrolled as delegates from their respective churches.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Clerks and Post-office.	Pastor.	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Restored.
Amity	A. J. Norsworthy, Nashville	J. D. Rogers . .	8	3	..
Antioch	G. F. Tommy, Nashville..	J. M. Copeland.	4	1	..
Brushey Creek .	G. M. Sanders, New Hope..	J. E. Skaggs.....	5	..	..
County Line..	E. E. Austin, Nashville....	E. S. Dearing....	3	6	..
Sweet Home....	J. W. Brewer, Nathan.....	J. M. Copeland.	2	..	1
Hopewell	Daniel Nations, Vandervort	S. E. Choate....	6	8	..
Mountain View.	J. T. Mitchell, Fort Logan .	J. C. Goss	1	..	..
Star of the West	W. F. Beene, Star of the West	"	..	1	1
Mount Zion	J. B. Miller, Picayune	L. M. Webb	4	7	1
Centre Point ...	J. L. Rivers, Centre Point.	E. E. Smith	7	..	..
Columbus	J. W. Huchins, Columbus .	"	13	5	..
Red Colony.....	I. N. Borum, Lockesburg...	Thomas Dulany . .	3	..	..
Fellowship	John Westbrooks, Martha..	J. W. Quick	4	..	..
Mine Creek.....	R. D. Neal, Nashville.....	C. W. Strickland	3	7	1
Oak Hill	W. L. Richardson, Martha.	T. H. Westbrooks	2	4	..
Zion	N. R. Lewis, Clow.....	J. D. Rogers	2	12	..
Liberty	W. C. Stone, Barker.....	E. E. Smith	13	..	..
Eden.....	S. Z. Turner, New Hope ...	J. C. Goss .....	..	..	..
Mineral Springs	H. L. Toland, Mineral Sprgs	E. E. Smith	2	..	..
Pleasant Valley.	W. L. Power, Nashville ...	E. S. Dearing ..	2	1	..
Providence	H. H. Hosey, Mineral Sprgs	L. M. Webb	2	3	..
Mount Carmel..	J. D. Burt, Centre Point...	Thomas Dulany	1	..	..
Blue Ridge.....	J. H. Murry, Minnie.....	D. W. Cornish .	..	..	..
Cedar Hill	S. Baggett, Umpire	W. W. Blanton	..	..	..
Mount Pleasant.	H. S. Keeling, Doyle.....	W. N. Patterson	..	1	..
Yellow Creek..	P. G. Clayton, Saratoga ...	J. J. Mathews ..	8	..	6
Holly Creek....	W. T. Lovell, Martha... ..	H. L. McCarral.	1	6	..
Unity	D. A. Clark, Nashville.....	J. D. Rogers	2	3	..
Ozan No. 2.	F. A. Holt, Bingen.....	E. S. Dearing .	1	3	..
New Home.....	James Payn, Centre Point .	..	2	1	..
Friendship	J. H. Gordon, New Moon..	..	..	..	..
Ozan No. 1.	R. P. Robins, Ozan.....	..	..	..	..

NOTE.—The Ladies' Aid Society of Mine Creek Church expended \$79.00 for missionary purposes.

STATISTICAL TABLE—Continued.

	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Present Membership.	Pastor's Salary.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Associational Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Value Church Property.	Minute Fund.	Sunday School Work.	Ministerial Education.	Incidental.	Repairs.
3				87	\$	\$		\$2.00			\$1.00	\$	\$		\$
4				100	.75			4.00			1.50	4.50			
11	1	1		34				1.00			1.00				
7	4	1		95				3.75		200	1.30				
5		1		78			1.20	1.50		300	1.50	5.85			
1				32	23.75	23.25		1.00	.25		.50				10
				6											
	1			10	10			1.75		200	.75				
3				17	20			.50			.50				
4	1			39	150			1.50	1.00	1000	1.20	5.00		15.00	50
2				101	150	4.25	2.25	6.00	5.00	1000	1.75	10.00	5.00	20.00	
5	2			36						400	.80				
				50				.50							
13				205	650	31.87	15.50	13.45	17.22	1400	3.00	69.95	9.55	106.	25
3				31	22			.80			.45				
14	2			129				1.50		400	1.50				
				33				3.70		500	1.25	2.70		2.50	
1				20				2.10			.50				
2	1			86	100			3.15		500	1.25	7.50		15.00	
22	5	2		121				.15		300					
8				26				1.55		150	.50			1.80	
7		1		19							.30				
				21	12			.60			.25				
		1		21		1.55				120	.75				
6		2		64							1.00				
				62	60			2.50		500	.50	4.00			
3	2			57					1.20		1.00				
3				58				1.50			.75				
2				72				2.50	1.00	500	1.00	3.50			
2				40			.50	.50			.50				

NOTE,—Mount Pleasant Church contributed \$1.15 to the Orphans' Home.

\$982.75 all pastors salaries

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Call for letters.
3. Appointment of committees to read letters.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Roll call for delegates.
6. Election of officers.
7. Call for correspondence.
8. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
9. Appointment of committees.
10. Miscellaneous business.
11. Call for reports of committees.

ORDAINED MINISTERS,

POSTOFFICE.

J. M. Copeland,	-	-	-	-	-	Nashville.
J. D. Rogers,	-	-	-	-	-	Nashville.
C. W. Strickland,	-	-	-	-	-	Nashville.
G. C. Bandy,	-	-	-	-	-	Nashville.
T. H. Westbrooks,	-	-	-	-	-	Centre Point.
J. A. Westbrooks,	-	-	-	-	-	Centre Point.
J. C. Goss,	-	-	-	-	-	New Hope.
H. P. Hook,	-	-	-	-	-	New Hope.
J. G. Baggett,	-	-	-	-	-	Euclid.
P. R. Littlefield,	-	-	-	-	-	Martha.
D. W. Cornish,	-	-	-	-	-	Nathan.
E. Merrell,	-	-	-	-	-	Centre Point.
L. M. Webb,	-	-	-	-	-	Barker.
E. S. Dearing,	-	-	-	-	-	Nashville.
J. W. Quick,	-	-	-	-	-	Centre Point.
E. E. Smith,	-	-	-	-	-	Centre Point.
S. E. Choat,	-	-	-	-	-	Vander Voort.
C. A. King,	-	-	-	-	-	Vander Voort.
D. W. Elkins,	-	-	-	-	-	Lockesburg.
W. L. White,	-	-	-	-	-	Lockesburg.

LICENTIATES.

W. W. Blanton,	-	-	-	-	-	
D. W. Dove,	-	-	-	-	-	Saratoga.
J. B. Mayo,	-	-	-	-	-	New Moon.