

Proceedings
OF THE
Thirty-Seventh Annual Session
OF THE
FRIENDSHIP REGULAR
Baptist Association

HELD WITH
Star City Church
Lincoln County, Ark., September 18th 1909,

.....OFFICERS.....
J. H. W. OVERTON, MODERATOR,
J. W. McPHERSON, CLERK.

Next Session will be held with Tyro Baptist Church,
Lincoln County, Ark., on Saturday before the
Third Sunday in September, 1910, at
10 o'clock A. M.

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PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Friendship Baptist Association convened with the Star City Baptist church, Lincoln County, Arkansas, in its Thirty-Seventh Annual Session, at 10 o'clock a. m., September 18th, 1909.

Called together by singing. Devotional exercises conducted by Eld. L. Tomme. Scripture read, prayer by Eld. E. J. A. McKinney, and after a song prayer by Eld. S. E. Tull.

The former Clerk called the body to order and then called for nominations for temporary Moderator to perfect the organization. Bro. J. H. W. Overton was elected and after a few words we had prayer by C. R. Powell.

The Moderator called for the letters from the various churches and appointed Bros. E. Ryland and J. W. Fish to read them. The following churches were represented by letters and messengers, to-wit:

Bethel No. 1—J. W. Brown.

Bethel No. 2—A. H. Gardnier, A. B. Tucker, J. M. Strait.

Bethlehem—M. Y. Moran, Eli Grumbles, A. S. Tucker, J. A. Owen, J. W. Baily
Center—Not represented

Cornerville—W. M. Crook, C. W. Moran, Will Weatherford,

Concord—Not represented.

Dumas—George S. Rice, Mrs. Rice, Emma Nuckols.

Enon—By letter.

Friendship—T. M. Tabor, J. W. Harris.

Florence—John M. Henly, S. Baker, Sister Mollie Sumerall

Hickory Grove—T. J. Baily, M. M. West, Sister Ollie Miller.

Holly Springs—I. L. Vick, W. D. Chance, J. J. McGregor, T. J. Y. Johnson.

Harmony—J. M. Jacks, H. C. Hunt, Jim Ballew.

Lone Grove—Not represented.

Mt. Moriah—W. J. Caldwell, L. G. Caldwell.

Mt. Zion—J. E. England, R. D. Taylor, J. A. Preston.

Macedonia—G. A. Riggins.

New Hope—Not represented.

New Home—J. W. Fish, W. M. Willis, W. M. Rogers.

Oak Grove—Z. L. Crawford, J. H. Reed.

Ohio St. Pine Bluff—Otto Whittington, G. H. Gammill, A. O. Edwards,
E. Ryland, W. T. Keith,

Pine Bluff 1st.—S. E. Tull, W. H. Fox, W. W. Byrd, U. W. Poss, Chas.
Haycock, Robt. Ryland.

Pleasant Hill—M. A. Littlejohn, H. C. Brockman.

Pleasant Ridge—J. B. Wilson, Charles Ross, Sister Callie Camp.

Pleasant Springs—John X. Smith, J. W. McPherson, T. R. Cloud.

Pleasant Home—J. T. Gathright, B. L. Bridges, E. M. West.

Rison—J. S. McMurtrey, J. H. Henderson, J. W. Elrod.

Salem—Not represented.

Spring Hill No. 1—M. E. Handley, O. A. Jordan, Charles Jordan.

Star City—H. G. Johnson, J. L. Hunter, J. F. Grumbles, A. J. Johnson, W. T. Drake.

Sulphur Springs—By letter.

Tyro—A. B. Nuckols, B. F. McGraw, John Morgan.

Zion—J. H. W. Overton, Sister Overton, W. M. Riffin.

11 a. m.—The hour for the Introductory Sermon, Eld. John X. Smith, the appointee, filled the stand and preached an able sermon.

The Moderator appointed the following Committee on Education: John X. Smith, A. J. Johnson, J. T. Gathright.

Adjourned for refreshments which were furnished on the ground.

• EVENING SESSION, 1:30 p. m.

The Moderator called for petitionary letters to this body. The Baptist church at Union in Jefferson county, Arkansas, organized by missionaries Blackmar and Grumbles, responded with a letter and messengers for membership in the association. It was organized July 22, 1909, and adopted church covenant found in Pendleton's manual. It was received into this body. Messengers C. P. Atkinson, L. D. Owen and sister M. A. Hudson. Also one from Tillar Baptist church in Drew county, Arkansas, organized December 27, 1908 by Eld. L. Tomme, making the same request by her messenger A. M. Sawyer. Both churches received and welcomed by our Moderator.

The Moderator called for brethren to visit sister associations. The following responded:

Bartholomew—Otto Whittington, B. F. Barnes.

Judson—J. W. Fish, J. H. W. Overton, Z. L. Crawford.

Pine Bluff—U. W. Poss, W. P. Keith.

Call for corresponding messengers: Judson—T. H. Speakman.

The Moderator appointed as Committee on Divine Services the pastor and deacons of Star City church.

On motion, S. E. Tuli, the clerk will make membership roll and have committee appointed to arrange and digest the letters.

The Moderator called for visiting brothers. C. R. Powell responded representing Temperance League, Mission Journal and Texarkana Orphans Home; W. M. Webb, Business Manager and Editor of the Arkansas Baptist; E. J. A. McKinney, representing the Baptist Advance; J. N. Williams, representing Monticello Orphans Home.

On motion adjourned to 7:30 p. m. Dismissed by J. W. Fish.

7:30 p. m.—The stand was filled by Eld. Otto Whittington who gave us an able and convincing sermon on missions using as a text Acts 16:9-10. After which the Moderator called the body to order and the Clerk read the following committees as the same were appointed by the Moderator:

Sunday Schools—A. O. Edwards, J. B. Wilson, Charles Ross.

Condition of Churches—H. R. Lucas, Ben L. Bridges, John F. Grumbles.

Obituaries—M. M. West, J. W. Elrod, A. E. Nuckols.

Finance—Charles Haycock, John F. Grumbles, B. F. McGraw.
 Orphans Home—G. H. Gammill, C. W. Moran, I. L. Vick, D. W. Chance
 Foreign Missions—S. E. Tull, A. B. Tucker, J. M. Strait.
 Order of Business—H. R. Lucas, J. W. Brown, A. H. Gardner.
 Home Missions—J. W. Fish, M. Y. Moran, W. M. Crook, T. J. Y. Johnson
 State Missions—E. Ryland, John M. Henly, S. Baker
 Associational Missions—Sam Grumbles, W. J. Caldwell, Geo. S. Rice.
 Nominations—W. M. Willis, Z. L. Crawford, J. T. Morgan.
 Publications—U. W. Poss, W. H. Fox, B. F. Barns.
 Prohibition—H. G. Johnson, J. L. Hunter, O. A. Jordan.

This being the hour set apart for the report on Education, Bro. John X. Smith read the report of the Committee on Education. Then the Board of Trustees of Friendship Normal Academy read their report and the two reports were discussed by the various brethren and adopted.

Report of Committee on Education.

Realizing the great importance of education, for the development of all the faculties of mind, soul and body with which God has endowed us, we submit that we are in hearty sympathy with all our state institutions which have for their object the advancement of the cause of Christian education and the enlargement of the educational opportunities for our young people.

We are especially in sympathy with the Baptist colleges and academies of our state; and approve the excellent work that they are doing.

Realizing further that the initiative in educational enterprises, and institutions, is generally local, and furthermore that our boys and girls cannot enter our Baptist colleges or other advanced Christian institutions unless they are first given the elementary training that the entrance to such institutions require, we earnestly express our interest and sympathy for our Associational school, "Friendship Normal Academy," located at Star City, Ark. We beg to submit that owing to the local conditions of our school our efforts to encourage Christian education should be localized and given to our Associational schools to the end that the youth of our churches and our association be not deprived of the advantages that our Christian society impose upon us to give them. Respectfully submitted,

John X. Smith, J. T. Gathright, A. J. Johnson, Committee.

Report of Board of Trustees F. N. A.

The Board of Trustees of Friendship Normal Academy submit the following report:

With a sensation of profound regret it becomes our painful duty to announce the fact that owing to the loss, by fire of our school building on the night of February 29th last, that the only rational thing to do was to suspend for the term.

Hence we can only make a partial report with reference to the school. School opened September 23rd, 1908, under favorable circumstances, and although somewhat hampered by loss of dormitory mentioned in our last report, the enrollment was quite satisfactory and the very excellent faculty

was doing a fine work.

The entire association had come to realize the real value and importance of maintaining such an institution in our midst, and demonstrated their loyalty to the school by their willingness to make sacrifices in various ways in order to keep it going.

The Board here and now desires to express its gratitude and appreciation for the many expressions of sympathy and words of encouragement that have come to us under these adverse circumstances and conditions. Confronted with a problem for which, seemingly, there was no solution and feeling our entire dependence upon the Supreme Ruler of the universe, we bowed our heads in humble submission to His will, and with hearts pulsating with love for the bright boys and girls with which He has adorned the homes of our Southland, and feeling in some degree our obligation to them, took a firmer grasp upon His promises, gathered new inspiration through the medium of prayer and with enlarged visions of the future, we turned our faces to the front and under God are able to report some things for which we feel very grateful. Since the last meeting of your body we have continued work on the dormitory, as funds were provided, and are now assured that it will be ready for the opening of the school October 4th. The Board, after considering every condition with which we were surrounded, thought it unwise to begin the erection of a new building at present and so changed the original plan of the dormitory so that it will now afford rooms for recitations and also accommodate the boarding pupils. In order to complete the building the Board found it absolutely necessary to secure the loan of \$800, thus increasing the debt upon the property, but feel at the same time that it was a wise investment, for the reason that the work accomplished by this institution cannot be valued in dollars and cents.

After a long delay and much correspondence, we are happy to announce that we have secured Prof. G. W. Brindle as president of the faculty, who comes to us very highly recommended by the Boards of some of our best institutions, and by the leading educators of his section. He is considered one of the leading educators of West Virginia and is noted for his Christian ability, literary attainments and proper appreciation of high ideals. He is in close touch with the educational interests of the country and expects, in a very short time, to secure a strong faculty to aid him in developing the educational interests of our town and community. We bespeak for him the consideration and hearty co-operation which he justly merits.

Notwithstanding the fact that we will be somewhat late in opening, yet we feel that there is a bright future for us and that very soon we will have a school of which we may all feel proud. In this connection we desire to say that if we would take no backward step in developing the educational interests throughout this section, it behooves every one of us to labor and sacrifice as never before. The work is ours and the demand is upon us. Shall we bestir ourselves in this enlightened age of progress and advancement and reap the reward that is so near our door?

The Board is now without funds sufficient to complete and furnish the dormitory and would recommend that a collection in cash and pledges to

be paid not later than December 1st, be taken for this purpose, and also to cover any expenditure that might become necessary in conducting the financial affairs of the institution. We suggest that we undertake to raise at least \$350, but trust that you will exceed this very largely, as we feel that there can be no object, presented at this time, more worthy of your candid and prayerful consideration.

The following financial statement, rendered by our Treasurer, shows the receipts and expenditures for the present year:

To Balance due as shown by last report - - -	\$651.71	
" Amt Loan negotiated - - - - -	800.00	
" Sundry Expenses - - - - -	2195.15	
Total - - - - -		\$3646.86
By Amount of Loan and Investment - - - - -	\$1800.00	
" " Donations - " - - - - -	395.15	
" " In Bank to our credit - - - - -	20.40	
Total - - - - -		\$2215.55
Balance due - - - - -	\$1431.31	

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Trustees

A collection in pledges and money was then taken, as follows:

Pine Bluff 1st. church \$50, W. T. Blackmar \$25, Ohio St. church Pine Bluff \$50, 1st church Baraca class \$25, Star City church \$25, 1st. church P. B. Sunday School \$25, Ben L. Bridges \$10, J. G. Atkinson \$10, Union Baptist church \$10, J. L. Hunter \$10, Bethel No. 2 \$10, Hickory Grove \$10, J. F. Grumbles \$10, Miss Davis \$10, J. N. Williams \$10, R. G. Bowers \$10, Philathea class Pine Bluff \$5, Y. W. Mission Society \$5, Holly Springs \$5, Z. L. Crawford \$5, Ohio St. church Sunday School \$5, Bethlehem \$5, J. M. Strait \$2.50 pd, Prof. Keith \$1 pd, Mrs. Butler \$1 pd, cash collection \$21.57

SECOND DAY—SUNDAY, 9 o'clock a. m.

Assembled in Sunday School mass meeting conducted by State Secretary of Sunday School Board, S. C. Parish. Able speeches made by S. C. Parish, R. G. Bowers, Chas. Haycock and A. O. Edwards.

Recess.

11 o'clock a. m.—The hour for the Missionary Sermon Eld. Sam Grumbles the appointee, filled the stand at the Baptist church and preached an able sermon, and at the same time Eld. R. G. Bowers preached at the Presbyterian church, after which a collection for Associational Missions at this and the Presbyterian church was taken in cash amounting to \$33.20.

3 o'clock p. m.—Committee on Obituaries read their report which was discussed and adopted.

Report of Committee on Obituaries

We your Committee on Obituaries report as follows:

During the past year one of our most beloved preachers, Bro. Ross Moore of Pine Bluff, has been called home. He was Moderator of Association and lived in the hearts of our people. We recommend that a page in our minutes be set apart to his memory with a brief outline of his life. We

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also find that 15 of our brethren and sisters have been called home. We honor their memory and here record their names: Bros Joyeux Collins, — McCullough, T. McKinney, — Vinson and sisters King, Lemons, M. J. Hayes, Margaret Trucks, E. W. Emmerson, Cora E. Thompson, Emaline Glover, Orlena Harris, M. E. Owen, N. P. A. Weatherford and Ella Weatherford.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. West, J. W. Elrod, A. B. Nuckols, Committee.

A memorial service was then held for our beloved Ross Moore which was long, loving and eulogistic.

7:30 p. m.—The stand was filled by Eld. S. E. Tull who fed us on the pure milk of the gospel. Theme: Prevailing prayer.

Committee on Orphans Home report read by G. H. Gammill discussed and adopted, and while pending the following collections were taken in money and pledges: Monticello cash \$17.46, pledges \$359.50; Texarkana cash \$11.15, pledges \$132.85.

Report of Committee on Orphans Home.

We are very grateful to God for the spirit manifested by the brethren of our association in supporting our orphanages at Monticello and Texarkana. There was at Monticello last year about 65 children and 110 there now. The large increase at Monticello makes absolutely necessary that something be done in the way of room to accommodate the children, and we recommend that a Boys Dormitory, a Hospital Department be provided and a school room to meet the needs. There is now in the Home at Texarkana 12 or 15 children. There has been 31 conversions and 20 baptisms at Monticello during the past year. There are two young ladies in Central College and one that has married, and about 20 have secured homes in private families. Brother and sister Williams are in charge of the Home at Monticello. We urge that every church, Sunday school and Ladies Aid Society make at least one offering annually to this work, and we think it would be wise to have the Financial Agents visit them on the occasion and tell them the need of this work. We further recommend that the association make an offering for this work now. We suggest that those who wish to give to the orphanage at Monticello be allowed to do so and those who wish to give to the orphanage at Texarkana be accorded the same privilege.

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. Gammill, I. L. Vick, D. W. Chance, C. W. Moran Committee.
Adjourned to meet at 8:30 a. m. Monday.

THIRD DAY--MONDAY, 8 o'clock a. m.

After Divine services the Committee on Order of Business report read by H. R. Lucas was discussed and approved.

Report of Committee on Order of Business.

Committee on Order of Business reports as follows:

8:30 a. m. Condition of Churches	12 m. Recess
8:45 " Publications	1:30 p. m. Home Missions
9:15 " Nominations	2 " Foreign Missions

9:40	"	Associational Missions	2:45	"	Prohibition
10:10	"	State Missions	3	"	Sunday Schools
10:40	"	Woman's Work	3:45	"	Finance

4 p. m. Adjournment.

On motion, speeches limited to 10 minutes.

Report of Committee on Publications read by U. W. Poss discussed and approved.

Report of Committee on Publications.

We your Committee on Publications beg to report that we have nothing new to bring before you but only to try if possible to make stronger former reports that have been made to this body. We realize the need of putting before our families good, sound literature and keeping from them as best we can all trashy periodicals that tend so much to lead the minds of our children from our God. We ask our brethren to put in their homes good, sound, religious, reading matter so that they cannot pick up anything to read that will lead their minds in an evil direction.

1st. Of all books we recommend the Bible as the Book of books.

2nd. We have two good, sound, Baptist papers published in our State and we recommend that both of them be taken in to our homes and given careful and prayerful reading.

Respectfully submitted,

U. W. Poss, Chairman.

Committee on Prohibition report read by H. G. Johnson discussed and approved.

Report of Committee on Prohibition.

The crime of the licensed saloon is dawning on our people as never before. State after state is taking up the cry of "away with the saloon" and the saloons are going. In this work our Southland is now taking the lead. North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee have followed Oklahoma in this important step. Arkansas has had her first round in the battle and already shows a popular majority of nearly 24,000 against the saloon. With determined purpose we must set ourselves to the next contest, which is now upon us, and support none except avowed state-wide prohibitionists for senators and representatives at the coming primaries; and better still, we should carry this same purpose to the whole list of officers. We are glad to announce also that a movement is now in progress to bring together all temperance forces for this conflict. The Anti-Saloon league has recently adopted a new constitution which removes the objections many had to the former organization and, hence, gives promise of unifying the forces. It also contemplates a reorganization, which, when accomplished, will be the completion of the unifying of the forces. The new organization calls for representation from County Anti-Saloon Leagues; but these County Leagues, in order to have representation in the convention of the State League must be made up of delegates from at least a majority of the local church organizations, of all denominations in the county co-operating with the State League. We would recommend that the Baptist churches in this association take the initiative and secure such County

Anti-Saloon League conventions in every county represented in the constituency of this association and press the work with all diligence.

Signed, H. G. Johnson, O. A. Jordan.

Report of Committee on Nominations read by W. M. Willis discussed, amended and approved.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

We your Committee on nominations submit the following report:

We nominate as Trustees of Friendship Normal Academy brethren H. R. Lucas, J. L. Hunter and John X. Smith. We nominate, as Executive Board of this association brethren W. C. Kimbro, J. F. Grumbles, J. O. Smith, J. K. Smith, J. T. Morgan. We nominate Tyro as the place for holding the next meeting of the Association. We nominate Eld. J. W. Fish to preach the Introductory sermon, alternate, Ben Bridges and Eld. S. E. Tull to preach the Missionary sermon. Signed by committee.

W. M. Willis, Z. L. Crawford, J. T. Morgan.

Report of Committee on State Missions read by Otto Whittington discussed and approved.

Report of Committee on State Missions.

Last year was a glorious year in the cause of State Missions in Arkansas. The State Convention employed 85 men for a part or all the time and these reported 5,342 conversions, 3,411 baptisms, 5,420 additions to our churches, 42 churches organized, and 101 Sunday schools organized. During the year \$20,215 was raised for State Missions and about \$30,000 was expended on the work. The state Association last year reported about 600 additions and had some 10 missionaries and raised about \$3,200 for State Missions. We cannot give exact figures not being able to obtain a minute showing their work. This year has been a good one so far, but there is need of diligent service and liberal giving in order to maintain the work as it ought to be. The State Convention must yet raise some \$20,000 in order to meet its obligations for the year. The State Association also has considerable debt. Now that the campaign for Associational Missions is over, let us all press as one man the most strenuous and far-reaching campaign that has ever been known in Arkansas for enlisting all our people in the great cause of State Missions.

E. Ryland, John M. Healy, Stephen Baker, Committee.

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions read by S. E. Tull discussed and approved.

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions.

Foreign Missions are not different from any other christian missions. Foreign Missions are simply the out-reach of the churches in an effort to cover the world-wide command of Jesus Christ when he said, "Go ye into all the world and make disciples of all nations." We must never forget that the command of our Lord is as binding upon our obedience in preaching the Gospel to other nations as it is in sustaining the Gospel at home. In God's plan we are to "begin at Jerusalem" but we are not to stop until we reach the "utmost parts of the earth." Missions are the expression of the very

spirit of christianity. Every true, obedient child of God, therefore, is essentially a missionary. God's decrees in election and predestination are not in conflict with the command to evangelize all peoples. There are no doctrinal grounds upon which any man can withhold his efforts to fulfill the commission to preach the Gospel to all nations.

New Testament churches are sovereign bodies with no authority over them save Jesus Christ. This is but the greater reason why we cannot disobey our Lord's command. The great aim of the commission is to make disciples of all nations, the means by which this aim is to be accomplished is by preaching the Gospel to them. The method as to how we shall reach the nations with the Gospel is two fold, to go and to send. Those who cannot go must assist in the sending. The New Testament method makes the sender as important a factor in the commission as the man who is sent. The practical work of reaching the nations with the Gospel is a matter to be governed by the wisdom of our sovereign churches. The supreme question as to the method of mission operations is a question of results. That method which accomplishes New Testament results with greatest economy and facility is manifestly the wisest and best. New testament churches are sovereign in all their methods and no man or organization can dictate methods of work to them. Whatever in their wisdom is best, is theirs to choose and adopt.

We are glad to report that the last year of Southern Baptist mission operations has been the best in modern history. 2,905 baptisms were reported by the missionaries of the Foreign Board last year. Southern Baptists now have under the employment of the Foreign Board 231 missionaries and 375 native workers, making a total force of 606 workers. We now have in foreign lands 259 churches, 162 houses of worship with a total membership of 16,596. Southern Baptist churches contributed for foreign missions last year \$460,797.62

In conclusion your committee bespeaks for those to whom the churches have committed the management of our great mission operations, the greatest love and confidence of the churches. Let prayer be made that God will continue to bless and prosper the work of Foreign Missions. Let the pastors of our association bring latest and best information on our mission work to the churches to whom they minister and urgently press the financial claims of missions till all our people shall be intelligent and faithful contributors to the great work.

Respectfully submitted,

Selsus E. Tull, A. B. Tucker.

Report of Committee on Woman's Work read by Otto Whittington discussed and approved.

Report of Committee on Woman's Work.

We your Committee on Woman's Work report the following:

It is with great pleasure that we note the progress of this department of our work. There are thirty-six churches in this association and only four Woman's Missionary Unions. Where these unions exist they contribute to all departments of our work, and we recommend that the ladies in every church organize themselves for this work. We believe this is the most effective way to concentrate the power and work of our ladies. There are also in this as-

sociation three Young Ladies' Societies. These ladies societies have raised for all purposes in this association \$1,539.61. The ladies in attendance to this association met Saturday afternoon and organized an auxillary to Friendship Association which will meet each year with the association. Delegates to be elected by the church societies. Its object is to encourage the organization of other societies in this association and concentrate the power and services of the ladies and to deepen their spiritual and religious life by systematic study of the Bible and missions. The officers of this auxiliary are as follows: Mrs. H. C. Fox, president; Mrs. E. I. Rogers, secretary. Mrs. Lee Fox was also elected as Vice-President. Her duties shall be to encourage the organization of societies by getting information from the pastors regarding the possibility of such organization and to co-operate with the State Organizer, Miss Florence Davis, by giving her the places of possible organization that she may visit such places and perfect their organization. Respectfully submitted

Otto Whittington, Mrs. M. A. Hudson, Mrs. J. S. McMurtrey, Mrs. J. M. Atkinson, assisted by Mrs. E. J. A. McKinney and Miss Florence Davis.

Report of Committee on Associational Missions read by Sam Grumbles, the report of the Executive Board read by H. R. Lucas and the Missionaries read their report, all reports discussed and approved.

Report of Committee on Associational Missions.

We, your Committee on Associational Missions, submit the following report: When Jesus had finished his work upon earth and was about to return to his Father, he gave to us the great commissions; "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo! I am with you always even unto the end of the world." This is a great trust and a great responsibility, shall we be true to it? Jesus also told us his disciples to begin at Jerusalem, to us this is Friendship Association. We find a great deal of destitution in our association. Shall not the cry of need reach our hearts? Elds. W. T. Blackmar and S. D. Grumbles were employed for three months this last summer. Some good work has been done, for which we are indeed thankful, but they were not able to reach all the destitute places on account of the shortness of time. We, your committee, urge that an efficient missionary be employed for full time, and that the churches of this association rally to the support of this missionary. As to work done by the missionaries we refer to the report of the missionaries. Respectfully submitted.

S. D. Grumbles, W. J. Caldwell, G. S. Rice, Committee.

Report of Executive Board

We, your Executive Board submit the following report:

We employed two missionaries, Bros. W. T. Blackmar and Sam D. Grumbles, who began work about the middle of June and continued their work up to the meeting of this body. On account of the extremely wet winter and spring and the funds with which to pay them, we did not deem it wise to put a man in the field for all the time. For their services the Board agreed and have paid them at the rate of \$60.00 each per month. In this connection, with this report, we submit the report of Bros. Blackmar and Grumbles, also,

the report of our treasurer as to the funds received and disbursed by your Board. Respectfully submitted, John X. Smith, Pres. M. M. West, Sec'y

Secretary's Report

As Secretary of your Committee I submit my financial report:

Total moneys paid into my hands during the year	- - -	\$269.82
Total paid to missionaries	- - - - -	221.05
Leaving a balance in my hands of	- - - - -	\$48.77

Missionaries Report

Miles travelled, 1,696; visits made, 348; services held, 94; converts, 60; received by baptism, 33; received by letter, 13; churches organized, 1; Sunday schools organized, 1; collected on field, \$51.11, days labored, 94.

Supplement to missionaries report: Brethren, we find great destitution in this association. Many places are without preaching at all. One place where the Baptist own an interest in the house of worship have not had a Baptist to preach for them in 16 years, to-wit: Watson in Desha county. There are a few faithful Baptists in the town yet. Brethren, our time was so short we could not visit all the destitute places. So we can only ask you to keep some body on the field to attend to the Master's business.

Yours in His service, W. T. Blackmar, S. D. Grumbles.

Report of Committee on Home Missions read by J. W. Fish approved.

Report of Committee on Home Missions

Our Home Mission work was organized in 1845 and it has grown to be the greatest agency for evangelization employed by Southern Baptists. We count all the states in the South east of the Mississippi river together with Missouri, Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and our own state and also Cuba within the bounds of our home mission work. Without going into a detailed report of the work already done by Home Missions, your committee is content to state that no man is able to compute the good that has been accomplished but there are yet great problems to meet. The influx of foreign emigration within our borders is greatly increasing, especially west of the Mississippi river, thus giving the Baptists of the South an increased work. We recommend the hearty support to Home Missions by all our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Fish, M. Y. Moran, W. M. Crook, T. J. Y. Johnson.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools read by A. O. Edwards discussed and approved.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.

We, your committee on Sunday Schools respectfully report follows:

We find by a careful examination of the letters sent by our churches that we have 20 churches that have Sunday schools with an enrollment of 1,715 scholars and 113 officers and teachers making a total of 1,828. Ten of our churches report no Sunday schools. In view of the fact that fully 70 per cent of our Baptist Sunday school scholars become members of our churches. our most efficient and useful members, the consecrated christian men and women who are taking the lead in all our churches and denominational enterprises, are

men and women who received their early impressions and christian training in our Sunday schools, we earnestly recommend that a Sunday school be organized and maintained in each one of our churches. Respectfully submitted.

A. O. Edwards, J. B. Wilson.

Report of Committee on Finance read by Chas. Haycock discussed and approved.

Report of Committee on Finance.

We, your Committee on Finance report the following:

Amount received for associational missions \$215.15; for orphanage, Monticello, \$14.85; orphanage, Taxarkana, \$8.50; state missions \$5; home missions \$0.50; minutes \$49.35.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Haycock, Chairman Committee.

Report of Committee on Condition of Churches read by H. R. Lucas, approved.

Report of Committee on Condition of Churches

We, your Committee on Condition of Churches, make the following report:

There has been added to our churches during the past year, by experience and baptism 162; by letter 147 and by restoration 12. We regret to say, that there has not been the immense progress, generally, in the churches during the past year as during the preceding year. There has been two churches organized, one at Tillar, Ark., by Bro. L. Tomme, State Missionary, and it has sent up a grand report; another four miles south of Pine Bluff on the Pine Bluff and Warren road, was organized by Bros. Blackmar and Grumbles, which has a great prospect. We prayerfully urge that the different pastors of this association earnestly appeal to their churches and urge them to pray to the Master and increase their offerings for missions.

Respectfully submitted,

H. R. Lucas, Ben L. Bridges, Committee.

On motion of Bro. John X. Smith, the Executive Board is requested to write each church in the association and secure from them the amount they will pay for associational missions.

The following resolutions were offered:

1st. By John X. Smith. Resolved that the constitution of Friendship Baptist Association be amended by adding: No person shall be elected and serve as Moderator of this association more than two years in succession.

2nd. By U. W. Poss. Be it resolved, that we extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Star City church and community for their kind hospitality during the session.

3rd. Be it resolved, that the Clerk superintend the printing of the minutes of this meeting, that he have \$25 for his services and that the remainder of the minute fund be used in the printing and distribution of the minutes.

Be it resolved, that we appoint the following as committees to agitate and secure the organization of County Anti-Saloon Leagues in the various counties represented in the territory of this association:

Jefferson—S. E. Tull, Otto Whittington, H. C. Fox
 Lincoln—H. G. Johnson, J. W. Fish, J. F. Grumbles
 Drew—J. H. Owen, F. M. Hanley, J. W. McPherson
 Desha—W. M. Conley, L. Tomme, W. J. Caldwell
 Cleveland—J. H. W. Overton, J. E. Brown, W. H. Cash.

On motion, this body adjourned to meet with Tyro Baptist church Lincoln county, Arkansas, on Saturday before the third Sunday in September, 1910 at 10 o'clock a. m. After which the body arose and sang an old familiar hymn and the parting hand was given, after which Bro. J. W. Fish led the closing prayer.

J. B. W. OVERTON,
 Moderator.

J. W. McPHERSON,
 Clerk

CONSTITUTION.

1. This confederation of churches shall be known by the name of "Friendship Regular Baptist Association."

2. The object of this association shall be to promote the glory of God on earth by the preaching of the Gospel of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior; by aiding in the support of missionaries who first have been called of God to preach the Gospel, and who feel impressed of the Spirit to do mission work and have been set apart to that work of the church to which they belong, (Acts 13:2-3); and by the universal spread of the Bible, the word of the true and living God, and by other and appropriate means in keeping with the Scripture.

3. The association shall consist of messengers from the churches now forming this union, and such other Baptist churches as may hereafter be received as constituent members thereof.

4. Every church shall be entitled to three representatives without regard to the number of their members respectively; and to an additional one for every fifty members exceeding fifty, provided: that no church shall ever be entitled to more than five. A certificate of appointment or letter from their respective churches shall be evidence that they have been so delegated.

5. The officers of this body shall be a Moderator and a Clerk, who shall be ex-officio Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot by a majority of the members present, immediately after the names of the delegates are enrolled; which officers shall perform all the duties usually devolving on such officers, and to continue to exercise their respective functions until they shall be superseded by a subsequent election.

6. The clerk shall preserve a regular record of the association and have it present at the meeting of the body, and when he vacates the office, deliver the same with all other books and papers relative to said office to his successor.

7. The association shall regard the churches as independent bodies in all internal affairs and to exercise no ecclesiastical jurisdiction or claim any legislative or judicial prerogative over them. Nevertheless, the association may exercise authority over its own members, the representatives of the churches and have power to withdraw from and disown all churches which may depart from the gospel as understood and held by this body; by becoming either heterodoxy in faith or disorderly in practice; and should, therefore, regard all the churches united in this association with a vigilant eye for good; and may give, at its own discretion, and in its own way, advice or information when sought, to any church connected with it.

8. The association shall hold annual sessions, to convene on Saturday before

the third Sunday in September in each year and not to adjourn until all the business shall have been regularly finished except circumstances imperiously demand. The place of meeting shall be determined at each previous session and published in the minutes.

9. Baptist churches not before united in the association or those dismissed from other associations may be admitted as members into this union on application by a written petition or letter presented by one or more messengers duly appointed by such church or churches; provided, that they give satisfactory evidence that they are orthodox in faith and practice.

10. Every minister of the gospel, either ordained or licentiate, whose membership is in or who may be a pastor of any church belonging to this association shall be ex-officio a member of this body with the privilege of offering resolutions and speaking, but not voting unless specially delegated by the church of which he is a member.

11. When in session the association shall be governed by such rules of decorum as it may adopt itself.

12. It shall be the duty of the churches respectively, annually to report to the association their general condition, the number of members in fellowship, the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, ex-communicated, restored, dead, amount paid pastor in value during the year, and the names and post-office address of all Ministers whether ordained or licensed designating each, and, also the name and address of their clerks. They shall also report on any special matters required, and send up contributions as they may willingly contribute to aid the body to disseminate more widely the truth as contained in the Holy Scriptures, and the establishment of the Redeemer's kingdom on the earth.

13. The neglect or failure of a church to be represented by a messenger or messengers in the association for three consecutive years shall be cause to withdraw from the church at the discretion of the association.

14. This association may correspond, by letter or messenger, with any other religious body of the same faith and order.

15. A board consisting of five members, any three of whom to constitute a quorum, shall be elected at each annual meeting, whose duty it shall be to devise means to carry forward the benevolent objects of the association, and the officers of this association shall be ex-officio members of the board.

16. The minutes of the association shall be publicly read and corrected, if necessary, and then signed by the moderator and clerk before the association adjourns.

17. Any amendment may be made to this constitution at any meeting of the association by a vote of two-thirds of the members present; provided the same shall have been published in the minutes of the preceding year.



Treasurer's Report.

To Cash received from all sources, - - - - \$347.81

DISBURSEMENTS.

Association Missions paid - - - - \$215.15
 State Missions, General Association - - - - 5.00
 Home Mission - - - - 50
 Foreign Mission - - - - -
 Orphan's Home, Monticello - - - - 32.31
 Orphan's Home, Texarkana - - - - 19.65
 Dormitory - - - - 21.57
 Clerk's Fee - - - - 25.00
 Printing Minutes and Postage - - - - 28.63

Total, - - - - \$347.81

J. W. McPHERSON,
 Clerk and Treasurer.

Ordained Ministers.

J. A. Preston, Kedron	B. L. Bridges, Star City	H. G. Johnson, Star City
J. W. Fish, Palmyra	B. F. Barna, Pine Bluff.	W. C. Kimbro, Tyro
L. Tomme, Pine Pluff	R. F. D. No. 2.	A. M. Sawyers, Selma
E. J. Apling, " "	John X. Smith, Garnett	J. H. W. Overton, Toledo
Otto Whittington, " "	J. E. Brown, Rison	S. E. Tull, Pine Bluff
J. T. Gathright Dble Wells	W. H. Cash, " "	Z. M. Shaw, " "

Sunday School Statistics.

CHURCHES.	No. Schools	Teachers and Officers	No. Scholars	Expenses	Literature	Superintendents	Post Offices
Bethel No. 1....	1	4	41	3.50	A. B. P. S.	B. F. Moody	Rison
Bethel No. 2....	1	3	62	2.90	S. B. C. S.	A. B. Tucker	McKinney
Bethlehem.....	1	8	63	6.00	A. B. P. S.	J. L. Tucker	Palmyra
Cornerville....	1	4	65	7.50	S. B. C. S.	R. G. Reid	Cornerville
Enon.....	1	3	47		S. B. C. S.	J. H. Atkins	Pansy
Friendship....	1	4	40		New Testa.	N. A. Gray	Randall
Hickory Grove..	1	4	30	5.00	S. B. C. S.	T. F. Bailey	Rest
Holly Springs..	1	3	50	4.00	A. B. P. S.	I. L. Vick	Garnett
Harmony.....	1	6	40	6.40	A. B. P. S.	J. M. Jacks	Pine Bluff Route 2
Mt. Zion.....	1	4	30	2.71	A. B. P. S.	P. J. Taylor	Kedron
Oak Grove.....	1	5	60	5.20	S. B. C. S.	L. J. Reed	Calmer
Ohio St. Pine Bluff	1	12	138	52.59	S. B. C. S.	E. Ryland	Pine Bluff
Pine Bluff 1st...	1	21	621	630.41	S. B. & Co.	U. W. Poss	Pine Bluff
Pleasant Hill...	1	3	70	9.45	A. B. P. S.	W. J. Goudy	Garnett
Pleasant Home..	1	6	37			W. N. Bridges	Double Wells
Pleasant Ridge..	1	5	45		A. B. P. S.	J. B. Wilson	Randall
Pleasant Springs	1	3	50	4.00	S. B. C. S.	J. C. Smith	Coleman
Rison.....	1	10	120	61.92	S. B. C. S.	J. F. Swanson	Rison
Star City.....	1	5	60	30.36	S. B. C. S.	H. R. Lucas	Star City
Union.....	1	4	53	6.00	S. B. C. S.	C. P. Atkinson	Pine Bluff

Churches, Pastors, Clerks and Postoffices.

CHURCHES	PASTOR	POST OFFICE	CLERKS	POST OFFICE
Bethel No. 1	J. H. W. Overton.	Toledo	W. L. Moody	Rison
Bethel No. 2	W. H. Cash	Rison	J. E. Hunter	McKinney
Bethlehem	Ben L. Bridges	Star City	J. L. Tucker	Palmyra
Center	(Not Represented)			
Cornerville	H. G. Johnson	Star City	W. M. Crook	Cornerville
Concord	(Not Represented)			
Clio	(Not Represented)			
Dumas	G. W. Bray	Wilmar	I. N. Moore	Dumas
Enon	Joe Daniels	Wilmar	W. E. Reynolds	Rye
Friendship	J. T. Gathright	Double Wells	W. J. Harris	Randall
Florence	I. Z. Kimbrough	New Edinburg	A. L. Owen	Menticello R. F. D. 1
Hickory Grove	Ben L. Bridges	Star City	M. M. West	Rest
Holly Springs	Ben L. Bridges	Star City	D. W. Chance	Garnett
Harmony	B. F. Barnes	Pine Bluff Route 2	H. C. Hunt	Pine Bluff Route No. 2
Lone Grove	(Not Represented)			
Mt. Moriah	E. D. Allison	Selma	W. J. Caldwell	Winchester
Mt. Zion	J. H. W. Overton	Toledo	R. D. Taylor	Kedron
Macedonia	J. F. West		D. Z. May	Rowell
New Hope	(Not Represented)			
New Home	J. W. Fish	Palmyra	W. M. Willis	Randall
Oak Grove	J. H. W. Overton	Toledo	L. J. Reed	Calmer
Ohio Street Pine Bluff	Otto Whittington	Pine Bluff	R. E. Lee	Pine Bluff
Pine Bluff 1st	S. E. Tull	Pine Bluff	Thomas Green Sr.	Pine Bluff
Pleasant Hill	Ben L. Bridges	Star City	F. S. Vick	Garnett
Pleasant Home	J. T. Gathright	Double Wells	W. N. Bridges	Double Wells
Pleasant Ridge	J. H. W. Overton	Toledo	J. B. Taylor	Randall
Pleasant Springs	John X. Smith	Garnett	J. W. McPherson	Calmer
Rison	J. E. Brown	Rison	E. W. Emerson	Rison
Salem	(Not Represented)			
Spring Hill	W. C. Harley	Barcada	Lucas Hanley	Plantersville
Star City	H. G. Johnson	Star City	J. G. Atkinson	Star City
Sulphur Springs	J. B. Harolson	Pine Bluff R.F.D. No. 1	H. G. Hanna	Pine Bluff R. F. D. 1
Tyro	I. Z. Kimbrough	New Edinburg	A. B. Nuckols	Tyro
Tillar	L. Tomme	Pine Bluff	T. W. Gill	Tillar
Union			Mrs. O. P. Atkinson	Pine Bluff
Zion	B. F. Barnes	Pine Bluff R.F.D.No. 2	J. J. Lee	Toledo

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Died	Present Membership	Other Objects	Pastors Salary and	Building and Repairing	Visiting Ministers	Sunday School Expenses	Poor Fund	State Missions	Associational Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	W. M. W.	Other Objects	Orphans' Home	Colleges and Schools	Ministerial Education	Minutes and Clerk's Fund	Value of Church-Property
Bethel No. 1.....	3	1	5	6	1	100						3.50		9.00	5.00		4.00			7.00			1.00	400
Bethel No. 2.....	27	2	1	2	1	103	52.50				19.75	2.90			10.00				1.00	5.00			2.00	750
Bethlehem Center.....	13	4	1	5	3	215	95.80					6.00		19.00	25.00				3.55	4.70			2.50	600
Cornerville.....	14	1		6	2	48			120.00			7.50		36.35					2.50				1.00	800
Concord.....																								
Clio.....																								
Dumas.....	1	2		2		19	200.00							42.00		5.00	5.00						1.50	
Enon.....	1	1	16	1		85									5.19								1.00	500
Friendship.....	6				2	60	25.00	55.00							5.00								.85	600
Florence.....		4		2		69	50.00							4.35	10.00								1.50	500
Hickory Grove.....		1	2			68	55.00				5.50	5.00	8.00	20.00	15.00	16.50	15.50		1.50	18.10			1.50	800
Holly Springs.....	17	2		6		141	100.00					4.00		7.11	10.00	4.60							1.50	700
Harmony.....	1	3		2		49	150.00					6.40		15.00	10.00				6.05	2.71			1.50	500
Lone Grove.....																								
Mt. Moriah.....	6	4		7		30	50.00								3.25				7.00	3.25			1.00	1000
Mt. Zion.....					1	45						2.71		6.90					7.15				1.25	350
Macedonia.....			2		1	18																	1.00	000
New Hope.....																								000
New Home.....	3	3	1		3	38	16.41				5.00			6.50			6.00			5.00			.60	000
Oak Grove.....	9		1	1		90	59.25					5.20		15.00	5.00					19.00			1.50	000
Ohio St. Pine Bluff.....	4	21		21	14	1	380	1014.91	231.20	63.50	52.59	15.73	1022.38	25.00	251.50	253.00	315.90	497.98	40.00	20.00			3.65	2000
Pine Bluff 1st.....	5	41		29		3	814	2880.40	2639.25		630.41	48.00	1078.03	50.00	440.00	670.00	892.71		108.46	575.75	75.00		5.00	55000
Pleasant Hill.....	10	3	1	2		65	48.00					9.45		10.25	1.75				3.25				1.00	400
Pleasant Home.....	1	7	1	1	5	55	72.75			5.00				2.00	15.00					5.00			2.00	800
Pleasant Ridge.....	1			2	2	68	50.00							3.15	5.10					5.00			1.75	600
Pleasant Springs.....	5	4	2	5	1	117	100.00			13.06	4.00	3.30		6.25	2.15				14.00	3.85		.52	2.25	500
Rison.....	18	13		5		122	400.00		26.55			61.92	140.00	37.00	63.50	88.75		122.86	16.36	33.30	15.00		2.00	1700
Salem.....																								000
Spring Hill.....				3	1	16	.50								5.00								1.00	500
Star City.....	7	3		5		158	319.90	30.50				30.36		129.90	40.00	56.25	53.42	62.50	42.37				3.00	1500
Sulphur Springs.....	2	1				18									10.06								.75	000
Tyro.....	3		1	9	2	1	86	120.00			10.95				2.50					2.50			1.55	000
Tillar.....	3	6				15					16.50			71.50		15.25	15.25			10.00			1.50	000
Union.....	6	13				19			112.50			6.00			15.00								1.20	000
Union.....	1					22			12.50						5.00					26.00	5.00		1.00	000

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