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OF THE

Red River

Baptist ♣ *Association,*

HELD WITH

Unity Church

Clark County, Ark., October 9, 10 and 11, 1897.

FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL ~~SESSION~~ **SEMINARY**

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-:- OFFICERS. -:-

Moderator, I. F. WELCH, Boughton.

Clerk, J. P. BOURLAND, Curtis.

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Next Session to be held with the Baptist Church at Prescott,
Saturday before the Second Sunday in October,
1898, at 9 a. m.

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Unity Church, Clark County, Ark., Oct. 9, 1897.

The forty-ninth annual session of the Red River Baptist Association convened with the above named church at 9 o'clock a. m., Saturday October 9, 10 and 11, 1897. Devotional exercises conducted by Moderator Larkin H. Hitt, reading Psalms 103. Fervent and earnest prayers were offered by Bros. Collins, Copeland, Welch and others. The singing led by E. B. Miller. J. P. Copeland and J. M. Thomas was well conducted and selections so appropriate, consisting of "Nearer, my God, to Thee," "What a friend we have in Jesus," "Amazing grace" and "Come thou fount of every blessing," after which the moderator announced an intermission of half an hour.

At 11 o'clock the congregation was called together by singing. In the absence of W. U. Davis, who was appointed at the last session of our body to preach the introductory sermon, the duty devolved upon his alternate, H. J. P. Horne, who occupied the stand, with J. P. Copeland, at this hour. Services began with song and prayer, after which H. J. P. Horne read Genesis 28. He then announced his text—the twelfth verse of the chapter read and theme, Jacob's ladder. The sermon was very appropriate, well-arranged and forcibly delivered, furnishing a feast for the earnest thinker. Services concluded by J. P. Copeland and the association adjourned until 1 o'clock for refreshments which were served in abundance by the good folks of Unity and Mt. Zion upon the church grounds.

EVENING SESSION.

At 1 o'clock promptly the association reconvened and after song and prayer by J. J. Mathis, Moderator Larkin H. Hitt called the body to order, requesting the messengers to deposit upon the clerk's table letters of credentials from their respective churches, and appointed J. P. Copeland, I. F. Welch and John L. Bozeman to read same. After the letters had been read the

churches listed and names of messengers enrolled, the roll was called and absentees crossed.

The moderator then advised the body that the next regular order of business was to reorganize by electing moderator and clerk, appointing as tellers J. W. Adams, of Prescott, and R. K. Hall. Result of election: I. F. Welch, moderator; J. P. Bourland, clerk, and immediately upon this announcement Larkin H. Hitt, former moderator, invited the newly-elected to the chair, greeting him with a fraternal shake of the hand and hearty welcome to the seat, praying the God of Heaven to direct, bless and protect him in his presidency and rulings over the Red River Association. Complimentary remarks were in order, after which Moderator I. F. Welch at once assumed the duties of office and called for petitionary letters, and letters were presented by messengers from Beirne, Delight, Horton Springs, Landmark, Pike City and Wellsville. After the reading of the letters from the new churches, the names of messengers enrolled, motion prevailed to receive them into full fellowship. The moderator in behalf of the association extending the right hand of fellowship to the several messengers and giving them a cordial invitation to seats with us in council. The following were received as corresponding messengers: Howard County Association, J. R. Hardy; Saline Association, Rev R. F. Russell; Caddo River Association, P. C. Lindsey.

Motion prevailed to appoint Committee on Divine Service. Moderator appointed W. T. Crowley and John B. Langley, with the messengers from Unity church.

Motion by A. G. McManaway unanimously adopted that the messengers representing the newly admitted churches asking aid of the association; be allowed a time to present their respective claims; responded to by G. W. Burns, missionary, and J. P. Copeland, Sr., in behalf of Delight, Pike county; J. S. Hamilton, in the interest of Landmark, and Sister Ella Yeager for her home church, Beirne.

Prevailing motion offered by J. J. Haynes that the claims as above mentioned be referred to the Executive Board.

By unanimous consent time was granted the moderator until 11 o'clock Sunday morning to announce the names of the several

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committees appointed.

The messengers and visitors were assigned to their respective homes by Rev. W. A. Forbes.

Committee on Divine Service reported as follows: J. T. Howell to preach at Unity church, Saturday night; B. F. Russell of Saline Association, at DeGray, at 11 o'clock on Sunday, and J. P. Copeland at Unity church at same hour; I. F. Welch at Unity at 3 o'clock Sunday evening, and G. L. Hamlin same place at night, and Thos. Whitten at DeGray church at night; Sunday night, J. C. Kelley at Dodd school house, and Larken H. Hitt at Pleasant Hill school-house; prayer meeting at Unity church Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, exercises directed by Bro. Hitt.

W. T. CROWLEY, Chairman.

Motion by E. Cates and unanimously adopted that the association now adjourn to 9 o'clock Monday morning. Song, and benediction by J. I. Haynes.

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE.

Devotional exercises and preaching by J. T. Howell, reading as an introduction to his discourse thirty verses of the fourth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, claiming for a text (as he said, if he had any.) the twenty-ninth verse. Good attention was given to Bro. Howell's discourse, being well delivered and heartily received. Services concluded by G. W. Burns.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE.

The prayer meeting service at 9 o'clock directed by Larkin H. Hitt was well attended. Fervent and earnest petitions by Bros. Welch, Mathis and Burns interspersed with appropriate religious talks by J. C. Kelley, I. F. Welch, Sister Ella Yeager, E. Delaughter, closing with a good spiritual feeling. On account of the large congregation preparations were speedily made for the 11 o'clock services to be held in the grove near by.

At the appointed hour the moderator, I. F. Welch, announced the names of committeemen as follows, giving notice that first named upon each list would please act as chairman of their respective committees:

Pastoral Support—S. S. Langley, E. S. Smith, J. W. Harrod.
Sunday-schools—R. K. Hall, E. Delaughter, E. Cates.

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Temperance—G. L. Hamlin, L. M. Byers, E. A. Jenkins.

Education—Larkin H. Hitt, J. P. Copeland, J. J. Haynes.

Woman's Work—E. B. Miller, J. L. Bozeman, Ella D. Yeager.

Home and Foreign Missions—J. M. Thomas, E. B. Miller, James Smart.

Literature—J. H. Collins, C. F. Sturdivant, T. B. Freeman.

Nominations—J. B. Rountree, J. C. Kelley, J. T. Bolt.

Finance—E. W. McBrayer, W. M. Stephens, W. A. F. Wells.

State and Associational Missions—John B. Langley, J. J. Haynes, J. T. Bolt.

Documents—J. V. Browning, J. M. Harper, S. M. Scott.

Ouachita College—G. B. Carter, W. A. F. Wells, J. W. Adams.

Ministerial Education—W. A. Forbes, E. B. Miller, J. F. Pollard.

Obituaries—L. O. Ross, E. T. Wells, S. W. Caldwell.

Kindly requesting the several committees to prepare their reports at as early hour as practicable on Monday morning. Services as per previous announcement began. J. P. Copeland read twenty-one verses of the fifth chapter of Ephesians. Song and prayer by H. J. P. Horne. Immediately after, Bro. Copeland announced his text: Daniel 2:44, quoting from memory; Matthew 3:1; Matthew 16:18; Luke 22:29 and 1 Cor., 15:24, as proof texts. Subject: "The Church and Its Ordinances." The seating capacity was not sufficient for the large congregation, yet the very best of order prevailed and attention given, while Jim P. Copeland delivered a sermon of grand truths and great power. At the close of this service a collection was taken for Associational Mission amounting to \$16.15. Benediction pronounced, and the people were treated to a bountiful dinner served upon the church grounds.

AFTERNOON SERVICE.

At 3 o'clock the congregation reassembled at the stand and was addressed by I. F. Welch, who read as an introductory the Book of Jude, after which the congregated people joined in singing that good old song, "How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of

the Lord." Singing conducted by E. B. Miller; prayer by J. H. Collins. Bro. Welch announced text, Jude, third verse; theme: "Contending Earnestly for the Bible Faith." The discourse was well arranged, full of truth, ably delivered and well received by a large and attentive congregation. R. F. Russell, of Saline Association, preached an able sermon to a large congregation at 11 o'clock at DeGray church. We have no note of his text.

EVENING SERVICES.

G. L. Hamlin preached at Unity church, Thomas Whitten at DeGray, J. C. Kelley at Dodd school-house and Larkin H. Hitt at Pleasant Hill school-house. Having no notes of the services at the several places mentioned; can not give particulars, except that at Pleasant Hill school-house conducted by Bro. Hitt. His discourse, though not lengthy, was a well selected one—a good lesson, full of truth and very appropriate for the occasion and locality—and thus closed a pleasant and it is hoped a profitable day of religious services.

MONDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The association met at the appointed hour pursuant to adjournment. Religious services conducted by I. F. Welch, moderator, by reading the 27th Psalm, and leading in prayer. He then called the body to order and requested the reports of committees, if ready.

The Committee on Sunday-schools read their report:

From the many church letters to this session of our body, we are thankful to find and report the interest in the work increasing from year to year, with quite a number of our churches; still we observe quite a number of these letters making no mention of the work at all. Believing this to be one of the best means of propagating the gospel of the Son of God, we, therefore, recommend that our pastors inductrate their respective churches along this line; we also advise our churches to use the literature of the Southern Baptist Convention series in their schools; we also recommend "Harvest Bells" as the best song book. Fraternaly submitted, and move the adoption of the report.

R. K. HALL, Chairman.

The report was spoken to by J. C. Kelley, E. Delaughter and J. B. Rountree. Question called for and report unanimously adopted.

Report on nominations read and submitted by the committee with motion to adopt as follows:

We recommend Clear Springs Baptist church the place for holding the next

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annual session of this body, and I. F. Welch to preach the introductory sermon, with W. U. Davis, his alternate J. B. ROUNTREE, Chairman.

W. A. Forbes moved to amend by striking out Clear Springs Baptist church and insert Prescott. J. B. Rountree spoke at length favoring the original report, also E. Delaughter and G. W. Burns in behalf of same. In defense of the amendment, W. A. Forbes and John B. Langley, very nicely, and appropriately too, presented to the body the claims of Prescott. The question being called for, a rising vote was taken, resulting for the amendment by 49 votes; favoring the original report, 7 votes. Motion prevailed to make the vote unanimous for the amendment, and the report as amended was heartily adopted.

The Committee on Pastoral Support read their report, and after being spoken to by J. W. Harrod, W. A. Forbes, Sister Ella D. Yeager and S. S. Langley, was adopted as follows:

In as much as almost all churches have covenanted to support a living ministry to the best of their ability, we believe, therefore, that it is one of the highest duties devolving upon our membership to support their pastors; and from the reading of the letters to this association we are led to believe that the pastors are not all supported as they should be, and we further believe that the prime cause is that the pastors do not teach their churches the importance of liberally giving to the various church causes.

S. S. LANGLEY, Chairman.

The Committee on Education submitted their report, and after being spoken to by Larkin H. Hitt, E. B. Miller, W. A. Forbes, J. P. Copeland, Prof. Dunford and others, was earnestly and unanimously adopted as follows:

When God gives us children, he commits into our hands a trust that is high and decisive; which comes with it responsibilities which are vast in their character and wide in their enormity. He who neglects to educate his son or daughter in this age, with all our facilities, is insensible to his best interests and content for them to grope their way in darkness. But he who sacrifices to educate his children, honors God with his substance and lays up a heritage for them worth more than gold and silver. But in the light of history we are led to the conclusion that to educate the head and neglect the heart is to make a nation of infidels. Therefore we take pleasure in recommending our Baptist schools as the only places for such training and development of head and heart, that will equip our children for usefulness in church and State, and in all the important relations which they sustain to God and humanity.

LARKIN H. HITT, Chairman.

W. A. Clark, of the Arkansas Baptist; J. G. Doyle, State agent for the Sunday-school work, and W. D. Johnson, arrived, were cordially received and invited by the moderator to seats

with us in council. Motion prevailed to consolidate reports on General Christian and Ministerial Education.

The Committee on Ministerial Education read their report and same was discussed with that of the report on education, being heartily endorsed and unanimously adopted as follows:

That it is generally agreed among us that the minister of God should be a well-informed man. Paul said to Timothy: "Study to show thyself a workman that needeth not to be ashamed," etc. Therefore we would urge every man whom God has called to preach, to inform himself upon all subjects the best that he can; we would also urge all young men among us whom God has called to the work of the ministry to attend our schools, Ouachita college in particular. We now have sixteen young men whom the Board of Ministerial Education have promised to help. We have also a home where we can reduce the expense of board, and where we can take care of a few students. But we are needing bedding and furniture to furnish more rooms that we may provide for the help of more; so we ask that the association take steps now to aid the board in their efforts to provide for these worthy young men.

W. A. FORBES,
J. S. POLLARD,
E. B. MILLER.

Immediately following a collection was taken by W. A. Forbes, consisting of a liberal cash contribution, pledges and many articles of usefulness to the young minister's home. Bros. Doyle and Clark were each contributors of a nice Bible.

J. R. Doyle made an announcement and spoke in the interest of the State Sunday-school work. W. A. Clark in a short talk presented to the audience the claims of the Arkansas Baptist.

Motion prevailed to adjourn to 1:25 o'clock for refreshments. Same was served in abundance upon the church grounds.

At the appointed time, promptly, the association reconvened. Prayer by R. K. Hall. Called to order by the moderator, and continued reports of committees was requested. In behalf of the Committee on Woman's Work, John L. Bozeman read their report and moved its adoption as follows:

Since the days of our Lord, when a band of faithful women ministered unto him and his apostles, woman has been a true helper in Christian work. That band of women may be looked upon as a missionary society. While this brief report is intended to include organized work among the sisterhood of our churches, yet we call attention to the encouraging fact that the women of our churches generally are first in every good word and work. And in their work we are gratified to know that they confine their work along lines and within limits appointed of the Lord. All the good these members of the churches have been enabled to do cannot be reported, but some facts and figures may suffice. Through organized work the women of the Southern Baptist Convention gave

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\$28,476.36 to Foreign Missions and to Home Missions, \$29,961.31. The total amount to all purposes cannot be ascertained. The amount would no doubt reach over \$100,000. There are only a few churches within the Red River Association in which the women are doing work in a systematic way. The Ladies' Aid Society at Arkadelphia is in a prosperous condition, numbering sixty-three members, and contributed about \$500 to the various purposes last year. There are various ways in which this work may be done, and there is no church so small but they can do something.

We recommend that missionary meetings be held once a month, even in those churches who feel themselves weak, and take at least one copy of the missionary magazines, for we do believe that it is only through reading and education that women may be constrained to do the work that is pre-eminently theirs, and that in order that this education may be disseminated through the territory not yet occupied, that our associational missionary be requested through our Executive Board to introduce this work.

JOHN L. BOZEMAN, }
 ELLA D. YEAGER, } Committee.
 E. B. MILLER, }

Very earnest and appropriate speeches in support of the report as read were made by E. B. Miller, J. P. Copeland, J. G. Doyle, W. A. Clark, Sister Ella D. Yeager, W. A. Forbes and the moderator, whereupon the report was unanimously adopted.

Report on Temperance presented and read by the chairman of the committee as follows:

We are thankful to the Great Benefactor of all good, that we can say with confidence, that we believe our Baptist people are to a great extent becoming educated on this, one of the most important subjects connected with our Christian work, and that the use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage is losing ground and favor with our membership. Therefore we recommend that our churches and pulpit orators continue to push this educational work with energy and zeal. We also recommend that we by precept, example and educational work, discourage the evil use of tobacco among our membership and more especially the youth of our land and country. Move the adoption of the report.

G. L. HAMLIN, Chairman.

Motion by J. M. Thomas prevailed to amend as follows:

Resolved, by the Red River Association now in session with the church at Unity, that we tender to Bro. W. A. Clark, editor of the Arkansas Baptist, our hearty co-operation, fraternal love and earnest approval for the manly Christ-like position taken and nobly defended upon the temperance question in the past.

The report was spoken to by J. R. Hardy, of Howard County Association; J. P. Copeland, A. E. Jenkins, Larkin H. Hitt, W. A. Clark, Sister Ella D. Yeager, G. W. Burns, S. S. Langley, and last but not least by any means, by the moderator, I. F. Welch. The report being heartily endorsed, was unanimously adopted as amended.

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State and Associational Missions. Report of committee read by J. J. Haynes as follows:

There are new fields continually opening up in our State that need to be cultivated by preaching a pure gospel as none but Baptists do. The rapid development of new towns and communities in our State is amazing. Towns spring up like magic. We refer you to but two in this part of our State—Junction City about two years old with 3,000 or more inhabitants; Mena something over twelve months old with near 4,000 people. We would not fail to mention the fact that in our Red River Association, we have new towns and communities of people located where a year or two ago was occupied by dense forests, and the cry has been heard in this body, "Come with the power of the gospel unto salvation and help us." How shall we heed this call? This is the question paramount for this body to solve. The State Convention with the State Board, desire to meet the demands and supply all the destitution in the State with the co-operation of the associational executive boards. But brethren, the State and Associational boards are helpless unless the churches will co-operate with us, by lending to the cause a helping hand in the way of money to employ men to go and preach in the destitution. Upon this question we beg leave to make one suggestion and urge its wise consideration; that the pastors of the churches of our association preach missions (we mean all of the pastors of all of our churches) to their folks, and take collections for this good work quarterly. The State Board has twelve or fourteen missionaries in the field; one of whom is our own brother, J. P. Copeland, who has supplied the towns of Pike City and Antoine. Bro. Burns, our associational missionary, judging from the new churches received into the fellowship of this body, has done a splendid work. Therefore, in view of the encouraging outlook for our State and associational work, we would recommend that our association through its Executive Board, keep a missionary in the field and enter into a hearty co-operation with our State Board. Brethren, will you not take a collection in your churches and send it to the secretary of the State Board before the meeting of our State Convention? We have about 1,250 churches in our great State, and there are at least 1,000 of them that do not contribute to the good cause of State Missions, and yet we claim to be Missionary Baptists. Your committee would further recommend that this association instruct its Executive Board to supply the new churches asking aid, with preaching as far as possible.

J. B. LANGLEY, Chairman.

Motion to adopt, and after being spoken to and highly commended by J. J. Haynes, W. A. Clark, H. J. P. Horne, J. V. Browning, W. A. Forbes, J. P. Copeland and others, was heartily and unanimously adopted.

Home and Foreign Missions Committee read their report, and after being spoken to by J. P. Copeland, E. B. Miller and G. W. Burns in well-arranged, appropriate and pointed arguments, the report was adopted as follows:

There is no more important work before the denomination than the one in charge of the Home Mission Board. The population of the States in which Baptists are weakest is being rapidly increased by foreign immigration, and

all can see the necessity for making an effort to Christianize these people immediately after their arrival. Not only in our own country, but also in Cuba, do the interests of our denominational work demand attention at the hands of this board. Increased appropriations and renewed activity will be required on that unhappy island as soon as the clouds of war are dissipated from her stormy sky. We desire to express to the Home Board our appreciation of the liberal aid extended in the past to the Baptists of Arkansas, and we hereby pledge to that board increasing contributions for the future. Foreign missions is the spirit of world-wide missions, and is the spirit of Christ. Christianity is the only world-wide religion. All men are by nature and by practice sinners; Christ is the only sin bearer. He alone is the regenerating power that can impart the divine nature to men and women, and sustain that life, saving to the uttermost all that come unto God by him. It was the expressed design of Christ to make the whole earth his mission field. He had the spirit of prophecy which claimed the heathen for his inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for a possession. When preparations for this world-wide conquest were rife, he gave the world-wide order, "Preach the gospel to every creature." And this is what the disciples, ministers and apostles did in the early centuries of the Christian era, as the spirit opened the way and guided them. There is placed upon us by the Lord the evangelization of the world, and we should work to this end with all our might. A pastor who does not teach his people the doctrine of Foreign missions and set them an example in giving to this cause, is disloyal to Christ in the chief work he has committed to the churches. If a church intentionally sets this work aside, Christ cannot be their Lord; for he would sorrowfully say, "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say." The letters from the churches show a sad neglect of the cause of Foreign missions. Many of our churches give nothing to this cause. Your committee would recommend and beg our pastors to lead their churches in the work of Foreign missions. Let no church be satisfied in loudly calling itself a Missionary Baptist church while doing nothing for missions in the regions beyond.

The Baptists of Arkansas gave to this work last year \$1827.96. The Red River Association gave of this amount, \$137.60; this is an average of 5 2-5 cents each for the membership of our association, and 2 3-5 cents each for Baptists, of the State. This shows the average of this association to be 2 4-5 cents above that of the average of the State. There is left to us no reasonable excuse for not giving to the cause of Foreign missions, for we are commissioned to this end and named for this reason. Let every one of our churches, and every one of our members heed the call of our Lord to preach the gospel to every creature, and manifest the spirit of Christ and church. Honor enough to fill in all blanks in our annual church letters to the association, with some amount contributed and reported for each purpose fostered by us. We also kindly request and earnestly recommend that our members, especially heads of families, subscribe for and read the Foreign Mission Journal—send subscription money to R. J. Willingham, Richmond, Va., or E. B. Miller, Arkadelphia, Ark.

J. M. THOMAS, Chairman.

On Ouachita College; in behalf of the committee, Prof. Dunford read their report as follows:

Notwithstanding the continued financial depression, the past year was a very prosperous one. The enrollment reached 280—nearly every county in

Arkansas, and ten other States were represented. The session was one of the most earnest and harmonious in the history of the college. A growing enthusiasm among the students was seen on every hand. Additional furniture and apparatus have been added to meet the necessities of the institution. The faculty has also been enlarged. There are now twenty-two members; eleven men and eleven women in the faculty. The policy of the president is to have specialists in the various departments of the college. The present session opened most encouragingly. The enrollment has already reached 240 or more.

Your Committee would call special attention to the moral and spiritual atmosphere of the student body. Not only do the students engage with the church most heartily in its work, but they keep alive such a fervent spirit of piety that all feel strongly its influence. Ouachita is our college and should be the object of our solicitude, patronage and prayers. The Lord has abundantly shown his approval. Our people throughout the State have given us sympathy. Great responsibility rests upon the Red River Association, because Ouachita College is peculiarly its child. G. B. CARTER, Chairman.

Motion to adopt, and in support of same was spoken to by Larkin H. Hitt and Prof. Dunford, whose addresses in sentiment are worthy the wise consideration of all parents who desire to have their boys and girls brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord:

The Report on Literature was read and adopted as follows:

This is an age of printing and "of making many books," and it is said "The pen is mightier than the sword." With this as an axiom we, as Baptists, should awake to the fact that the pen is, no doubt, one of the greatest means of moulding belief and forming character known to us; and, as our country is flooded with pernicious literature, it behooves us as parents to see that our children are supplied with pure and wholesome reading matter. Therefore, we recommend first of all the study of the Bible—God's book—which is the "power of God," the "sword of the Spirit" in which is imbedded our faith and in which lies our hope of success. We cannot afford to be ignorant of its teachings, and then every Baptist family in Arkansas needs the "old reliable" ARKANSAS BAPTIST, so that we may know what our people are doing in this grand old State of ours and elsewhere. It will pay us to take it and read it. We recommend the Home Field, organ of the Home Mission Board. We recommend the Foreign Mission Journal, the organ of the Foreign Mission Board. We learn through this what Baptists are doing in Christianizing heathen nations. Many of our people, and some of us who are preachers need to read the Journal that the mission spirit may be more fully and more thoroughly developed among us. We recommend the Southern Baptist Convention literature for our Sunday-schools. There are many other publications which we could heartily and would cheerfully recommend, but those mentioned are a necessity, and in order that we keep in touch with the great Baptist brotherhood, we ought to make sacrifices, if necessary, to supply ourselves with these.

J. H. COLLINS,
C. F. STURDIVANT,
T. B. FREEMAN.

The Committee on Finance submitted their report and on

motion was adopted as follows:

We have received from the messengers of the different churches represented in our body and turned over to the treasurer \$143.10 for the various purposes herein mentioned:

Associational missions.....	\$ 73 35
State missions	2 00
Home missions	4 70
Foreign missions.....	17 45
Sunday-school work.....	2 00
Ministerial Education.....	1 00
Minute funds.....	43 10
Total	\$143 60

E. W. McBRAYER, Chairman.

The Committee on Documents submitted their report and was adopted as follows:

We find it very difficult to make a full and correct statistical report, on account of the deficiency in quite a number of the church letters. Therefore, we recommend that our churches all obtain blanks from the Arkansas Baptist Publishing Company for their associational letters. Send a 2-cent postage stamp to the company and the blank forms will be furnished free. We find of the fifty churches belonging to our association only twenty-two have reported Sunday-schools, so we farther recommend that all churches that have not Sunday-schools should organize at once, as we believe that many souls have been saved through the influence of the Sunday-schools. We recommend the Southern Baptist Convention literature, as we believe it to be sound.

J. V. BROWNING, Chairman.

The Committee on Obituaries submitted the following report, which was on motion adopted:

In so far as we have been able to learn, not one of our brethren in the ministry have fallen during the past associational year. In this God has been very good to our people for which we ought to feel profoundly grateful. But then two of our noble brothers and worthy deacons of the First Arkadelphia church have been taken to their reward in heaven, and their places of labor and usefulness in their church, and our association has been vacated in sadness. We note their names and deaths as follows: Bro. Thos. J. Hall was born in Dallas county, Ark., March 8, 1848, and died in Arkadelphia, May 23, 1897, being 49 years of age. Bro. E. C. Humphreys was born in Dallas county, Ark., November 8, 1850, and died July 11, 1897, being 46 years and 8 months of age.

L. O. ROSS, Chairman.

Annual report of G. W. Burns, missionary:

DEAR BRETHREN—I have endeavored to preach the gospel to the best of my ability in the destitutions of our bounds and have visited as many churches as I could helping and encouraging pastors in their great work. The Lord has wonderfully blessed our efforts, as my report will show. There is yet great destitution in the limits of our association. Some very important fields as follows: North of the Caddo river and extending west along the north boundary of Clark county; also, along the Onachita river in the southeast of Clark

County, and the entire field embracing the north boundary of our territory in Pike county. I would kindly suggest that our association earnestly brace the work already begun by putting a strong man in the field and that every pastor shall not be satisfied with a quarterly collection for Associational Missions:

Days worked, 261; sermons preached, 173; baptized, 13; professions, 23; received by letter, 12; visits in families, 358, services, 236; churches organized, 3, to wit: Wallaceburg, Hempstead county; Delight, Pike county; Beirne Clark county; deacons ordained, 2; Sunday-schools organized, 2; churches visited, 27; destitutions visited, 15; books donated, 117; books sold, 150.

G. W. BURNS, Missionary.

A motion prevailed that the annual report of the Executive Board be submitted in connection with the missionary's report.

The Associational Executive Board submit their report and financial exhibit as follows:

At a special meeting of your Mission Board held at Curtis on the 16th day of October, 1896. Present, J. P. Bourland, chairman; Larkin H. Hitt, secretary pro tem.; J. B. Langley, member and proxy for Dr. J. C. Wallis; J. P. Bourland, proxy for J. M. Hardage and W. H. Eley. After prayerfully considering and formulating the plans for conducting the work for this another associational year, a proposition was agreed upon and submitted to Bro. G. W. Burns as follows: That we desire to engage you for all of your time to preach in the destitution of our association, engage in the book and colportage business and solicit contributions for the associational mission fund, for which time we tender you a stated salary of \$400. The proposition was taken under advisement by Bro. G. W. Burns, and after a short while he accepted the work as proposed and tendered by your board. And we have been made to rejoice under the Great Benefactor of all good, for our labors and prayers have been crowned with success as shown in our missionary's report. We have settled with our missionary under contract up to this date, \$310.64; balance due, \$89.36.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

Receipts on hand from last report.....	\$6 53
October 28, 1896, district and missionary meeting at Unity.....	7 96
May 31, 1897, district and missionary meeting at Bethlehem.....	5 35
June 7, 1897, Prescott church.....	4 25
June 12, Pleasant Hill church.....	3 00
October 10, 1897, Sunday 11 o'clock service, cash.....	16 15
“ “ “ Larkin H. Hitt, cash.....	2 10
“ “ “ Reported by G. W. Burns, cash.....	2 45
“ “ “ Sundries reported by G. W. Burns in monthly statements.....	100 35
“ “ “ Treasurer as per report of Finance Committee.....	73 35
“ “ “ G. W. Burns as per report partial settlement book business.....	46 00
“ “ “ G. W. Burns, cash.....	2 75
“ 11 “ Associational contributions, cash.....	8 40
Total receipts.....	\$278 64

DISBURSEMENTS.

Sundry dates—Cash paid G. W. Burns, missionary.....	\$265 64
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October 28, 96, cash paid J. J. Haynes State Board.....	3 95
June 12, 1897, cash paid J. J. Haynes State Board.....	4 00
October 10, 1897, cash paid J. J. Haynes State Board.....	5 05
Total.....	\$278 64
We owe Bro. G. W. Burns balance on contract.....	\$89 36
J. C. Kelley, pastoral work Mt. Carmel.....	25 00
J. J. Haynes, ex. bills in State Board meeting.....	6 20

Total indebtedness.....\$120 56

NOTE.—Two dollars and fifty cents from each of our churches will pay the debt and give us something to start out with for another year. Brethren, send it right quick, and we will pay off our indebtedness; put a good man in the destitution of our territory at once, and by the help of God, hearty co-operation of all our pastors, and a liberal support from all our churches, will do more and better mission work than we have ever done; for the field is ripe unto harvest.

J. P. BOURLAND, Chairman, Curtis.

J. C. WALLIS, Sec. and treas., Arkadelphia.

On motion the Associational Board is hereby authorized and empowered to employ a missionary to preach and labor in the destitute parts of this association, fully assured that they will receive the hearty co-operation and support of this body in their efforts for the spread of the gospel.

On motion the following named brethren were appointed:

Southern Baptist Convention—E. B. Miller; A. G. McManaway, alternate.

Arkansas Baptist State Convention—W. A. Forbes, H. J. P. Horne, E. B. Miller, L. H. Hitt, J. P. Bourland, J. J. Haynes.

Union Association—I. F. Welch, J. J. Haynes, Larkin H. Hitt, A. E. Jenkins.

Caddo River Association—J. P. Copeland, I. F. Welch, G. W. Burns, W. M. Stephens, J. T. Howell.

Judson Association—H. J. P. Horne, J. O. Browning, J. V. Browning.

Howard County Association—J. B. Rountree, S. S. Langley, J. P. Copeland, J. M. Harper.

Columbia Association—J. J. Haynes, J. W. Conger, T. A. Middlebrooks.

John L. Bozeman and H. J. P. Horne were appointed to fill vacancies on Executive Board, and on motion board continued with J. J. Haynes to represent our association in State Board.

By acclamation J. P. Bourland was re-elected treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved first, That the clerk be instructed to superintend the printing

and distributing of the minutes of this association in accordance with the money sent up by the churches, and that he be allowed \$15 for his services.

Resolved second, That the thanks of this body be tendered the brethren and sisters, and also the entire community of Unity, De Gray and Mount Zion churches for their very kind and hospitable entertainment during our sojourn with them.

Resolved third, That the thanks of this body be tendered the officers of this association for their faithful and efficient performance of their duty.

J. M. THOMAS.

On motion adopted.

On motion adjourned to meet with the Baptist church at Prescott, on Saturday before the second Sunday in October A. D., 1898 at 9 o'clock a.m. A parting song was sung while the brethren and sisters extended the parting hand, as we took leave of each other to return to our respective abodes. Thus closed another harmonious session of the Red River Association, and it is to be hoped one of great profit. Prayer by Larkin H. Hitt and benediction by E. B. Miller.

I. F. WELCH, Moderator,

Boughton, Ark.

J. P. BOURLAND, Clerk,

Curtis, Ark.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

On hand from last report.....	\$1 10
Finance Committee.....	143 60
Associational contributions.....	6 50
Total	\$151 20

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Associational Executive Board.....	\$73 35
Orphans' Home.....	6 50
State Missions.....	2 00
Home Missions.....	4 70
Foreign Missions.....	17 45
Sunday-school work.....	2 00
Ministerial Education.....	1 00
Postage and express charges.....	5 00
Clerk's fee.....	15 00
Printing minutes.....	24 20
Total	\$151 20

J. P. BOURLAND, Treasurer.

Financial Exhibit.

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CHURCHES.

	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Sunday School Work.	To Pastors.	Incidental Expenses.	Repairs on Building.	Miscellaneous Expenses.	Value of Church Property.	Minutes.
Arkadelphia.....	\$30 00	\$36 50	\$74 53	\$47 40	\$47 95	\$178 66	\$1000 00	\$497 53		\$944 85	\$8650	\$3 00
Arkadelphia Sunday-school.....	5 00										50	1 25
Amity.....	3 00			1 70			75 00				175	1 00
Bethlehem.....							81 00				600	1 00
Boughton.....	1 10						70 00	5 00			150	1 00
Bethel.....	2 60										300	1 00
Bethel Springs.....	23						23 57				500	95
Clear Springs.....	5 20						24 90	1 75		75	150	50
Caney Fork.....				7 60								40
Caney Creek.....											25	
Curtis.....	11 50				1 00		75 00			3 50		1 25
Durrett.....	11 35						40 00				500	1 75
De Gray.....												1 90
Gum Springs.....	7 50			2 75			50 00				400	1 00
Gurdon.....	2 00	1 00	2 00	2 00			68 50			12 00	500	1 00
Gethsemane.....	1 50										215	50
Holly Wood.....	4 40		1 20	75							275	1 00
Holly Grove.....	1 60											1 50
Liberty Hill.....	4 20	1 00	50	1 75							300	1 00
Midway.....	95										125	40
Mt. Olive.....			1 10								150	40
Mt. Carmel.....	1 90										75	50
Mt. Bethel.....	3 25									5 75	500	1 00
Mt. Zion.....	1 50										300	1 00
New Home.....	5 00										200	1 00
Okolona.....			1 00								500	50
Pleasant Hill.....	3 00						40 00			5 00	650	1 75
Pleasant Home.....			40									50
Pleasant Grove.....	30			2 50							550	1 00
Piney Grove.....	2 35						40 00			4 50	500	75
Prescott.....	4 25	5 00	78 50	27 28	12 50		300 00			24 00	500	1 35
Totals	1 50			2 35							400	1 00

MINUTES OF THE

Richwoods.....	5 00											
Spring Hill.....												
Salem.....												
South Fork.....	5 00											
Shiloh.....	5 50			5 00			54 00			5 00		
Union.....												
Unity.....	13 50	3 95		4 25	11 00		50 00					
Wolf Creek.....												
Wheelen.....							27 00					
New Churches.			2 00									
Beirne.....												
Delight.....	1 05											
Horton Springs.....	3 40											
Landmark.....	2 00											
Pike City.....				5 35			57 00		21 55			
Wellsville.....	4 50											
Totals	155 15	85 45	180 23	541 98	72 45	176 50	2354 57	504 28	21 55	1005 35	20305	843 10

RED RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Churches, Pastors, Clerks, Postoffices, Etc.

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MINUTES OF THE

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICES.	DAY OF MEETING	MESSENGERS.
Arkadelphia	E. B. Miller	J. T. Aaron	Arkadelphia	Every	E. B. Miller, J. J. Haynes, J. M. Hardage.
Amity	I. F. Welch	John W. Key	Amity	Sat. a 4th.	C. C. Henthorne, J. C. McGee, T. A. Hollingshead.
Bethlehem	A. W. King	T. G. Davis	Gurdon	Sat. a 1st.	E. Cates, T. G. Davis, A. J. Harper.
Boughton	T. J. Bennett	T. J. Lamb	Boughton	Sat. a 1st.	F. Delaughter, T. J. Lee, T. H. Venson
Bethel	D. G. Wells	Jas. H. Smart	Okolona	Sat. a 3d.	R. K. Hall, J. H. Smart, J. H. Hall.
Bethel Springs	D. G. Wells	J. B. Vaden	Gurdon	Sat. a 4th.	J. B. Vaden, J. T. Lee, W. T. Lambrough.
Clear Springs	J. J. Mathis	J. T. Bolt	Clear Spring	Sat. a 3d.	J. T. Bolt, C. C. Cash, Ross Barton.
Caney Fork	L. M. Byers	J. J. Byers	Shawmut	Sat. a 3d.	L. M. Byers, J. W. Kelly, J. J. Byers,
Caney Creek	G. L. Hamlin				Not represented.
Curtis	H. J. P. Horne	J. L. Stroope	Curtis	Sat. a 1st.	G. L. Hamlin, T. B. Freeman, J. P. Bourland.
Durrett	J. J. Mathis	W. H. Wingfield	Antoine	Sat. a 1st.	C. E. Andrews, J. J. Mathis, C. Durrett.
De Gray	Larkin H. Hitt	W. D. Cook	Arkadelphia	Sat. a 4th.	E. W. McBrayer, W. P. Owen, A. C. Terrell.
Gum Springs	J. T. Howell	C. Ham	Gum Spring	Sat. a 3d.	J. H. Collins, J. N. Morgan, N. J. Neel.
Gurdon	Larkin H. Hitt	C. F. Sturdivant	Gurdon	Sat. a 2 4.	M. A. Davidson, C. F. Sturdivant.
Gethsemane	Henry Hall	J. T. Sparkman	Leard	Sat. a 2d.	W. M. Stephens, R. R. Wilder, J. W. Sparks.
Holly Wood	F. E. Teague	A. L. Teague	Hollywood	Sat. a 1st.	J. M. Clark, W. N. May, F. E. Teague.
Holly Grove	J. T. Howell	R. C. Biggadike	Bierne	Sat. a 3d.	R. C. Biggadike, R. S. Tate, J. M. Gullick.
Liberty Hill	J. B. Thomas	R. H. W. French	Bowen	Sat. a 1st.	J. B. Moutree, S. S. Langley, J. C. McCulley.
Mountain Home					Dissolved.
Macedonia					Dissolved.
Mt. Olive	A. W. King	J. W. Harrod	Hollywood	Sat. a 3d.	A. J. Thompson, J. W. Harrod, J. Wingfield.
Maple Springs					Not represented.
Mt. Carmel	J. C. Kelley	J. J. Smith	Bierne	Sat. a 4th.	J. J. Smith, P. H. Gleavey, J. M. Garmov.
Mt. Be'el	J. H. Collins	J. L. Bozeman	Arkadelphia	Sat. a 4th.	J. L. Bozeman, C. E. Toby, Jas. M. White.
Mt. Zion	Larkin H. Hitt	Geo. G. Preson	Arkadelphia		J. A. Cupp, Sam Turner, J. C. Carver.
Midway	W. U. Davis	O. N. Thomas	Clear Springs	Sat. a 4th.	S. W. Farlis, C. N. Thomas, J. N. Thomas.
New Home	I. F. Welch	J. W. Nelson	Prescott	Sat. a 1st.	A. J. Price, Jr., B. F. Burthen.
Okolona	No pastor	W. L. Golden	Okolona		F. D. Randle, E. D. Rogers, J. K. Ayler.
Pleasant Hill	T. J. Bennett	J. B. Langley	Hebron	Sat. a 2d.	J. V. Browning, J. B. Langley.
Pleasant Home	J. J. Mathis	Dyer Thomas		Sat. a 4th.	O. G. Cagle, Lee Dowell, Dyer Thomas.
Pleasant Grove	I. F. Welch	J. F. Box	Elyville	Sat. a 3d.	A. J. Daniels, J. M. Harper.
Piney Grove	J. C. Kelley	Ivan Hawkins	Boughton	Sat. a 4th.	L. H. Hitt, J. C. Kelley, Thos. Holcomb.
Prescott	A. G. McManaway	J. M. Milburn	Prescott	Sat. a 1, 3	J. W. Adams, A. W. Moncrief.
Providence	I. F. Welch	S. M. Scott	Boughton	Sat. a 2d.	I. F. Welch, S. M. Scott, W. L. Britt.
Ridgwoods	Larkin H. Hitt	E. S. Smith	Gum Springs	Sat. a 2d.	E. S. Smith, Thos. A. Smith, W. T. Garrett.
Red Lands					Not represented.
Spring Hill	W. M. Patterson	C. T. Irvin	Lissie	Sat. a 1st.	P. M. Davis, J. H. Funderburk, B. J. Ervin.
Salem	J. J. Dwiggins	E. N. Howell	Amity	Sat. a 2d.	W. M. Garner, J. T. Garner, E. N. Howell.
South Fork	D. G. Wells	G. B. Carter	Dobyville	Sat. a 2d.	G. B. Carter, Jessie B. Carter.

Shiloh	Larkin H. Hitt	W. A. F. Wells	Bradshaw	Sat. a 3d.	W. T. Crowley, L. O. Ross, W. A. F. Wells.
Union	J. J. Dwiggins	E. M. Thomason	Alpine	Sat. a 3d.	S. W. Caldwell, J. A. Wisdom, W. R. Williams.
Unity	W. A. Forbes	J. A. Medlock	Arkadelphia	Sat. a 1st.	W. A. Forbes, E. A. Waldrop, W. H. Trigg.
Wolf Creek	No pastor	J. T. Pollard	Wolf Creek	Sat. a 2d.	A. A. Stell, J. S. Thomason, J. T. Pollard.
Wheelen	J. T. Howell	B. P. Williams	Wheelen	Sat. a 2d.	S. B. Williams, E. A. Jenkins, B. P. Williams.
Washington					Not represented.
Zion					Not represented.
New Churches.					
Bierne	No pastor reported.	W. E. Yeager	Bierne		W. E. Yeager, Sister Ella E. Yeager, A. Ricketts.
Delight	No pastor	G. B. Reed			J. P. Copeland, Jr., G. B. Reed, Isaac Cubit.
Landmark	J. S. Hamilton	W. J. Rowe	Hollywood	Sat. a 4th.	J. S. Hamilton, W. J. Rowe.
Horton Springs	J. T. Howell	L. L. Williams	Gurdon	Sat. a 4th.	L. L. Williams, E. Bear, J. G. Ingle.
Pike City	J. P. Copeland	J. M. Thomas	Pike City	Sat. a 4th.	J. P. Copeland, Sr., J. M. Thomas.
Wellsville	By State Board				
	I. F. Welch	W. H. Stingley	Wallaceburg	Sat. a 4th.	E. T. Wells, W. D. Johnston.

RED RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERSHIP.						Total Membership.
	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter	By Relation.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	
First Arkadelphia.....	53	57	1	43	1	4	420
Amity.....	4	5		13		3	92
Bethlehem.....	19		1		1	2	109
Boughten.....	7	4		8		2	52
Bethel.....		8		4	1		35
Bethel Springs.....				11	2		27
Clear Springs.....	6	3	2	14	2	1	93
Caney Fork.....		2		5	3	1	24
Caney Creek.....							26
Curtis.....	8	1		2	1		52
Durrett.....	2	1		8		1	18
DeGray.....		1		3	1		103
Gum Springs.....	5	10	1	6	1		37
Gurdon.....	4	2	1	7	2		33
Gethsemane.....		2		6			23
Hollywood.....	5			13			24
Holly Grove.....	7	4		13	4	3	56
Liberty Hill.....		2		6	2	1	44
Midway.....		2		4			21
Mt. Olive.....		6					40
Maple Springs.....							46
Mount Carmel.....	10	4		4	2		35
Mount Bethel.....	5	6	5	4		1	57
Mount Zion.....	5	2					52
New Home.....	4	7	2	3	5	1	89
Okolona.....		4		3		2	35
Pleasant Hill.....	5			2	2		66
Pleasant Home.....	2	3					34
Pleasant Grove.....				8	1	1	73
Piney Grove.....	15	2	1	2	2	4	59
Providence.....	6	4	1	3	3	3	78
Prescott.....	3	7		2			66
Richwoods.....	14	17	1	2			85
Red Land.....							45
Spring Hill.....	1			5			21
Salem.....		3		4			27
South Fork.....		2	2	7	2	1	97
Shiloh.....		1					50
Union.....	4	7	1	3			24
Unity.....		3		2	1		56
Wolf Creek.....		4		17			35
Wheelen.....	1	4		9	1		39
Washington.....							24
Zion.....							19
New Churches.							
Belrne.....	2	11	1				14
Delight.....	2	13					15
Horton Springs.....	13	16		2			37
Landmark.....		23					23
Pike City.....							21
Wellsville.....	3	6	2				24
Totals.....	225	227	5	17	250	40	2678

NOTE.—Caney Creek, Maple Springs, Red Land, Washington and Zion churches not represented. The total membership, as reported, is from former minutes. Glenwood, Mountain Home and Macedonia churches reported dissolved.—CLERK.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.	POSTOFFICES.
Haars, F. D.	First Arkadelphia.	Arkadelphia.
Hennett, T. J.	First Arkadelphia.	Arkadelphia.
Hewer, J. T.	First Arkadelphia.	Arkadelphia.
Hrowning, J. O.	Mount Bethel.	Arkadelphia.
Hrowning, J. V.	Pleasant Hill.	Hebron.
Hurns, G. W.	Unity.	Arkadelphia.
Myers, L. M.	Caney Fork.	Shawmut.
Collins, J. H.	Gum Springs.	Arkadelphia.
Opeland, J. P.	Pike City.	Pike City.
Helaughter, E.	Boughton.	Boughton.
Davis, W. U.	Bethel.	Okolona.
Dean, J. M.	Salem.	Amity.
Hewiggins, J. J.	Union.	Alpine.
Franklin, G. W.	South Fork.	Dobyville.
Hamilton, J. S.	Landmark.	Hollywood.
Hamlin, G. L.	Curtis.	Curtis.
Harris, J. F.	Maple Springs.	Lissie.
Haynes, J. J.	First Arkadelphia.	Arkadelphia.
Hitt, Larkin H.	Piney Grove.	Prescott.
Horne, H. J. P.	First Arkadelphia.	Arkadelphia.
Howell, J. T.	First Arkadelphia.	Arkadelphia.
King, W. A.	First Arkadelphia.	Arkadelphia.
Kelley, J. C.	Piney Grove.	Boughton.
Kelley, J. M.	Amity.	Amity.
Mathis, J. J.	Durrett.	Antoine.
Miller, Dr. E. B.	First Arkadelphia.	Arkadelphia.
McManaway, Dr. A. G.	First Arkadelphia.	Arkadelphia.
McMillan, J. A.	Amity.	Amity.
Middlebrooks, T. A.	First Arkadelphia.	Arkadelphia.
Patterson, J. W.	Maple Springs.	Lissie.
Mountree, J. B.	Liberty Hill.	Bowen.
Mrs. S. S.	First Arkadelphia.	Arkadelphia.
Smith, E.	Mt. Carmel.	Beirne.
Taylor, William.	Spring Hill.	Lissie.
Teague, F. E.	Hollywood.	Hollywood.
Toby, C. E.	Mount Bethel.	Arkadelphia.
Welch, I. F.	Providence.	Boughton.
Wells, D. G.	South Fork.	Gurdon.
White, J. M.	Mt. Bethel.	Arkadelphia.

UNORDAINED MINISTERS.

Anderson, John.	First Arkadelphia.	Arkadelphia.
Caldwell, S. W.	Union.	Alpine.
Hopkins, L.	Curtis.	Curtis.
Ham, R. J.	Richwoods.	Gum Springs.
Jones, O. S.	Prescott.	Prescott.
Lawley, A. E.	Richwoods.	Arkadelphia.
Mathis, S. M.	Pleasant Grove.	Elyville.
King, Bro.	Prescott.	Prescott.
Haddock, Samuel.	South Fork.	Dobyville.
Stephens, W. M.	Gethsemane.	Leard.
Thomas, J. M.	Pike City.	Pike City.
Turner, J. H.		
White, W. M.	Prescott.	Prescott.

MINUTES OF THE RULES OF DEGORUM.

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 opening session, the church letters shall be read by persons the moderator may appoint, and the names of the delegates be 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 the first in order, and so on 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 to 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 all cases except those provided for.

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

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

9. The moderator shall 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 else 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 order, to seats in the council, who may speak but not vote.

12. The minutes of the association may be read as it may think necessary.

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

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in a true and living God.

2. We believe that the Scriptures, comprising the Old and New Testaments, are the words of God and the only rules of our faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election according to the foreknowledge of

God, the Father, through sanctification of the spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin by the fall of Adam.

5. We believe in man's inability of his own free will and ability to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imparted righteousness of Christ only.

7. We believe that the saints shall be preserved in grace and never fall finally away.

8. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of Baptism, and that immersion is the apostolic mode.

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

10. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the gospel but one who has been regularly baptized, called and comes under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.

11. We believe that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's supper.

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

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This union shall be known and distinguished by the name and title of the Red River Association.

ART. 2. This Association shall be composed of delegates 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. 3. The delegates, 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. 4. 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 by the nature of the compact. It, nevertheless, claims authority over its members, the delegates 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 the gospel to cultivate union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ, especially those united in this constitution.

ART. 5. Newly constituted churches and churches dismissed from other associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this union by sending three delegates, their number in fellowship, number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, restored and deceased since last session, and all other information which the churches may deem important, which shall be read and minuted.

ART. 6. 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 on 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 succinct statement of all receipts and expenditures.

ART. 7. This association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

ART. 8. 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 direction in the XVIII. chapter of Matthew, and have not been able to settle them; then the association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at its own discretion.

ART. 9. It shall be the duty of the clerk of the 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. 10. This constitution may be altered or amended at regular meetings of this association by the concurring voice of two-thirds of the members present, provided such alteration or amendment be approved by the church composing the association.

Sunday-School Statistics.

	No. of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	No. of Pupils.	Average Attendance.	No. of Classes.	Literature Used.	Cost of Literature.	Other Contributions.
1	28	260	200	9	S.B.C.S.	.....	\$15 00	
1	8	50	30	5	S.B.C.S.	\$5 75	.....
1	3	24	16	3	S.B.C.S.	4 00	.....
1	5	20	12	4	S.B.C.S.	2 00	.....
1	7	45	30	5	S.B.C.S.	3 50	.....
1	6	40	35	3	S.B.C.S.	5 00	.....
1	7	51	28	4	S.B.C.S.	4 24	.....
1	7	93	75	5	S.B.C.S.	.....	.....
1	5	50	25	4	S.B.C.S.	3 00	.....
1	6	37	18	4	S.B.C.S.	8 00	.....
1	2	.....	.....	.....	Bible	.....	.....
1	4	.....	30	.....	S.B.C.S.	.....	.....
1	5	26	20	.....	S.B.C.S.	.....	.....
1	7	24	18	3	S.B.C.S.	2 40	.....
1	6	35	20	4	S.B.C.S.	3 00	.....
1	8	60	45	8	S.B.C.S.	25 00	.....
1	7	48	56	4	S.B.C.S.	4 50	.....
2	8	57	38	6	S.B.C.S.	5 50	.....
1	6	30	20	4	A. B. P.	6 50	.....
1	6	40	31	4	S.B.C.S.	5 50	5 25	
1	5	35	25	3	S.B.C.S.	2 50	
1	20	S.B.C.S.	
23	146	1045	753	82		\$90 39	\$20 25	

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