

MINUTES

OF THE

Forty-Second Annual Session

GAINESVILLE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With

BLOOMING GROVE CHURCH
CLAY COUNTY, ARKANSAS

OCTOBER 21-22-23, 1911

OFFICERS

Moderator, J. D. J. Faulkner

Clerk, C. D. Morrice,

Treasurer, V. A. Phillips

PROCEEDINGS.

Saturday. .

Blooming Grove Missionary Baptist Church, October 21, 1911.

The annual meeting of this Association convened at 11 a. m., at which time we had preaching by Elder T. R. Allen, taking as his text, "I pray that a double portion of thy spirit fall upon me"—2 Kings 2-9. The sermon was ably delivered and elicited the closest attention from the vast congregation. After which the body was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. J. D. J. Faulkner.

Adjournment was then had till 1:30 p. m., being dismissed by Bro. Bearden.

Evening Session.

Body called to order and 'ed in prayer by Bro. J. S. Rogers, after which the Moderator called for the letters from the churches, which were presented by the delegates and read by Bros. Kirkland and Cooper.

The following churches responded:

BLOOMING GROVE—W. C. Wagster, A. Beckley, Munro Pace.

BLACK RIVER—Wm. Iglehart, Daisy Garrett.

BETHLEHEM—J. W. Vowell, Archie Taylor, J. F. Green.

BROWN'S CHAPEL—C. F. Williams, J. L. Rogers, H. J. McDaniel.

BETHEL—E. M. Woodard, M. J. McCain, D. C. Boyd.

BEECH GROVE—I. S. Horn, W. T. Robinson.

BIG CREEK—G. E. Bishop.

CENTER HILL—S. M. Davis, W. F. Davis, T. Grooms.

EPSABY—J. W. Roberts, N. E. Williams.

FAIRVIEW—W. M. Russell, Luther Sammons.

FRIENDSHIP—J. D. J. Faulkner, Fred Walden, W. B. Vanarsdale.

GAINESVILLE—R. L. Kirkland, Bro. Peters, Jno. Church, Clarence Hathcock.

GREENWAY—M. H. Henderson, Zella Hendrix, Lily Bell.

HOPEWELL—Elmer Robertson, Arley Golden, Mary Montgomery.

MT. TABOR—M. W. Neeley, J. W. Hollis, O. E. Vancil, W. S. Mayo, O. E. Neeley.

MARMADUKE—J. R. Hall, J. D. Early, E. J. Cook, Jim Boone.

NEW LIGHT—T. L. Wiley, O. T. Carpenter, W. B. Goodwin.

NEW HOPE—H. C. Nettles, H. Holcomb, W. S. Forrest, W. J. Johnson, W. J. Donaldson.

NEW LIBERTY—R. B. Malin, L. C. Noel.

NUTT'S CHAPEL—Jim Smithwick, F. G. Atchinson.

NEW HAVEN—T. R. Lloyd.

NEW HOME—J. A. Staires, W. N. Staires.

PIGGOTT—J. W. Kinsey, Sister Kinsey, Myrtle Morrow.

MAIN SHORE—O. N. Hammett, G. W. Howard, Sister Howard, R. A. Fletcher, J. T. Campbell.

POST OAK—C. M. Garrett, A. J. Holcomb, R. L. Easley.

PROVIDENCE—H. B. Wright, Dave Brewer.

RECTOR—E. J. Teague, H. Allen, Chas. Reeves.

ROCK HILL—L. B. Rogers, Will Barnhill, W. W. Yopp.

SPRING GROVE—J. C. Swindel, V. A. Phillips.

ST. FRANCIS—R. Palsgrove, Forrest Evans.

SALEM—John Dodd, Wm. Owens, Richard Owens.

UNION GROVE—J. G. Faulkner, H. J. Rowe.

UNITY—J. B. Bateman, J. A. Adams.

WALNUT RIDGE—W. D. and Sister Province.

WANDERER'S HOME—J. T. Brady, J. W. Rochelle, Neely Dillon.

On motion, the body now proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year. On motion our present Moderator, Bro. J. D. J. Faulkner, was re-elected by acclamation. On motion our present Clerk, C. D. Morrice, and our present treasurer, V. A. Phillips, were re-elected by acclamation. Petitionary letters being called for, none responded.

Visiting brethren and corresponding messengers were invited to seats and the following enrolled: Bro. L. W. Russell, Imboden; T. B. Kitchens, B. H. Parrish, Mt. Zion; Sisters Neely and Owens, Paragould; Bro. J. N. Robinson, LePanto; Bro. W. J. Bearden, Memphis; Bro. J. H. Pennock, Black River Asso., Mo.; Bro. W. H. Meridith, Paragould; Bro. H. Patterson, New Madrid, Mo.; Bro. E. C. Butler, Missouri; Bro. J. S. Rogers, Red River Association.

On motion the Moderator appointed the usual committees as follows:

DIVINE SERVICE—Pastor and Deacons of Blooming Grove Church.

ARRANGEMENTS—Jno. Swindel, W. J. Johnson, J. W. Roberts.

PRAYER MEETING—J. R. Hall, I. S. Horn, T. R. Lloyd, H. Allen, F. G. Atkinson.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Wm. Iglehart, Luther Sammons, H. J. Rowe, G. E. Bishop.

TEMPERANCE—Will Barnhill, J. W. Roberts, R. L. Kirkland, L. C. Noel, N. E. Williams.

MINISTERS & P. O.—J. W. Hollis, W. B. Vanarsdale, Forrest Evans, C. D. Winchester, C. F. Williams.

INFIRM MINISTERS—C. M. Garrett, Elmer Robertson, T. J. Smithwick, Chas. Reeves, M. W. Neely.

ORPHANS' HOME—J. B. Bateman, Myrtle Morrow, Daisy Garrett, J. L. Rogers, H. F. Dover.

OBITUARIES—Jno. Dodd, A. Beckley, Lilly Bell, L. F. Maynard, D. C. Boyd.

FINANCE—Joe Rogers, Dave Brewer, W. W. Yopp, J. W. Cole, E. M. Woodward.

STATE MISSIONS—E. D. Cooper, E. J. Cook, Wm. Russell, Wm. Owens.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS—O. N. Hammett.

HOME MISSIONS—V. A. Phillips, W. T. Robinson, H. B. Wright, G. S. Bishop, Bro. Peters.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Bros. Parrish, Grooms, Kinsey, Mays and Wagster.

PUBLICATIONS—Bros. Kitchens, Stairs, McDaniel, Brown, Frye and Palsgrove.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—J. L. Rogers, H. C. Nettles, A. Taylor, W. H. Henderson, G. W. Howard.

The Committee on Divine Service reported as follows:
Saturday 7:30 p. m.—E. C. Butler.

Sunday 11 a. m.—W. J. Bearden.

Sunday 2 p. m.—E. C. Butler.

Sunday 7:30 p. m.—J. S. Rogers.

Sunday 7:30 p. m.—W. J. Bearden at Rector.

On motion the body now adjourned all business till 8:00 a. m. Monday.

Benediction by Bro. Tyler.

On Saturday night Bro. Butler failed to preach owing to the inclemency of the weather.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Sunday school convened in mass meeting conducted by Bro. R. C. Rogers, who, after song and prayer led by Bro. Patterson, assigned the following subjects which were fully discussed by those whose names follow each subject:

1. Benefits of a Sunday School to a Community—Henderson Dover.

2. Is it the Duty of the Church to Maintain a Sunday School?—J. H. Parrish.

3. Should Baptist Doctrine be Taught in the Sunday School?—C. D. Morrice.

4. Sunday School Helps—Bro. J. S. Rogers.

The meeting was then turned over to Bro. W. J. Bearden. It was continued by a song led by Bro. Tyler and prayer led by Bro. Webb. Bro. J. D. J. Faulkner then read the Scripture lesson found in 1 Cor. 3. After which Bro. Parrish led in prayer and Bro. Bearden preached from the words found in 1 Cor. 3-21:22. He was listened to with rapt attention by an attentive congregation.

As Bro. Bearden was ordained by this church and began here his useful career as a minister of the Gospel, his sermon was doubly appreciated, both for the Divine Spirit which prevailed in every utterance and for the good old memories which his presence brought forth.

At the close of the sermon a collection was taken for Associational Missions, for which purpose we received \$42.28 in cash. We now adjourned till 2 p. m.

Benediction by Bro. Butler.

The afternoon service was opened by singing and prayer led by Bro. E. J. Teague, after which Bro. Patterson read the Scripture lesson from Eph. 4-1-18, when Bro. Butler preached from the text found in Eph. 4-4. He handled his subject in a forceful manner and we welcome the brother who fears not to declare the counsel of God, to our midst.

At 7:30 p. m. Bro. J. S. Rogers took the stand and in his usual masterful way presented the subject of churches and preachers, uniting the two texts:

- a. The gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.
- b. How shall they preach unless they be sent?

For Ministerial Education.

At the close a cash collection of \$36.50 was taken and the following pledges made to be paid by the 4th Sunday in December. The following churches promised a worth collection:

Blooming Grove, Black River, Bethlehem, Brown's Chapel, Beech Grove, Big Creek, Center Hill, Epsaby, Fairview, Friendship, Gainesville, Greenway, Hopewell, Jones Ridge, Mt. Tabor, Marmaduke, New Light, New Hope, New Liberty, Mitt's Chapel, New Haven, New Home, Piggott, Pleasant Grove, Post Oak, Providence, Rector, Rock Hill, Spring Grove, St. Francis, Salem,

Union Grove, Walnut Ridge. And in addition thereto the following churches promised the amounts set opposite their names:

Brown's Chapel.....	\$ 5.00
Big Creek.....	5.00
Friendship.....	5.00
Marmaduke.....	15.00
Rock Hill.....	10.00
Salem.....	5.00

The congregation was now dismissed by Bro. Bearden.

MONDAY.

Morning Session.

Body called to order by Moderator at 8:00. Song led by Bros. Boone and Cooper, prayer by Bro. Cooper.

Committee on arrangements reported as follows, and it was adopted as read:

We, your Committee on Arrangements, beg leave to report as follows and recommend this body adopted the following order of business:

1. Call roll and read minutes.
2. Call for petitionary letters.
3. Invitation to visiting brethren.
4. Report of Executive Board.
5. Report of Missionary.
6. Report of Committee on prayer meeting.
7. Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.
8. Report of Committee on Temperance.
9. Report of Committee on Ministers and Postoffice.
10. Report of Committee on Infirm Ministers.
11. Report of Committee on Orphans' Home.
12. Report of Committee on State and Associational Miss.
13. Report of Committee on Home Missions.
14. Report of Committee on Foreign Missions.
15. Report of Committee on Ministerial Education.
16. Report of Committee on Publications.
17. Report of Committee on Obituaries.
18. Report of Committee on Finance.
19. Report of Treasurer.
20. Miscellaneous business.
21. Queries and resolutions.

W. J. JOHNSON,
J. W. ROBERTS,
J. C. SWINDEL,

Committee.

Executive Board.

The Executive Board being in waiting presented their report, which was read and adopted as follows:

We beg leave to make the following report:

Soon after our appointment we organized by electing J. T. Rogers, Chairman, and J. F. Sain, Secretary and Treasurer. We have endeavored to carry out the instructions of the Association by continuing Bro. L. M. Webb as Missionary on the field for all his time at \$75.00 (seventy-five dollars) per month and having him visit as many of the churches as he well could dur-

ing the winter months and preach at as many destitute places as he well could. For what he has done see his report.

The following amounts have been received from churches and individuals:

From Treasurer V. A. Phillips..	\$113.17
Collected State Missions on Last Year's account of	
State Board.....	21.01
W. F. Walden..	5.00
J. B. Walden.....	5.00
J. T. McDaniel..	5.00
F. G. Evans.....	5.00
Sister Emma Barton....	2.50
Sister Roe.....	.50
Borrowed at Bank.....	30.00
G. W. Frye.....	5.00
Leota Jackson.....	2.50
C. D. Morrice.....	5.00
J. J. Kelly.....	1.00
Elmer Burnes.....	1.00
Borrowed at Bank.....	60.00
Big Creek Church....	24.25
Black River Church.....	10.00
New Haven Church.....	5.00
J. M. Brooks.....	2.50
Rock Hill Church.....	30.45
Friendship Church.....	40.50
Fairview Church....	2.88
Unity Church.....	2.25
Union Grove Church.....	9.00
Brown's Chapel Church.....	15.00
New Hope Church.....	3.35
Gainesville Church.....	3.35
Greenway Church....	2.90
Spring Grove Church....	10.05
Wanderer's Home Church....	6.10
Rector Church.....	7.75
Collections at the Fifth Sunday Meeting:	
St. Francis.....	6.67
New Hope Fifth Sunday Meeting..	21.00
 Total collected and borrowed.....	 \$472.33
Paid L. M. Webb on salary.....	\$319.26
Paid on last year's indebtedness.....	\$ 97.50
Balance due Bro. Webb.....	\$260.89
Borrowed money.....	\$ 93.00
Cash on hand....	\$ 91.45
Total indebtedness	\$262.45

Missionary.

The Missionary reported as follows and adopted as read:

Report of Mission work done by L. M. Webb in Gainesville

Association for year 1911:

Days of labor.....	365
Miles traveled.....	2814
Sermons Preached.....	208
Addresses made.....	50
Conversions.....	14
Baptisms.....	6

Number came for prayer.....	237
Visits made.....	370
Collected on field.....	\$74.85
Received of J. F. Sain.....	319.26
Received of State Board.....	155.00

Itemized report of collections:

Dee McHaney.....	\$ 2.00
Friendship.....	1.00
Blooming Grove.....	13.40
Gainesville.....	2.00
Fairview.....	2.00
Salem.....	5.00
C. W. Bradshaw..	5.00
Rock Hill.....	19.50
New Liberty.....	7.55
New Light..	2.00
Union Grove.....	2.55
Spring Grove.....	4.40
Hopewell.....	5.80
Providence.....	.75
Big Creek	3.00
J. F. Sain.....	5.00
Piggott.....	6.79
Black River.....	3.70
Mrs. Coves.....	1.00
Marmaduke.....	15.00
Mt. Tabor..	2.80
Epsaby..	2.15
New Home.....	10.00
J. T. Rogers	5.00
J. T. Nowell..	5.00
Nutt's Chapel.....	2.50
Beech Grove.....	5.00
Post Oak.....	7.00
Wanderers' Home.....	.50
Jno. Church.....	.50
Walnut Ridge	12.00
Jones Ridge.....	5.00
Will Kelley..	5.00

Total.....\$169.89

W. C. Taylor..... 5.00

Total.....\$174.89

Prayer Meeting.

Committee on Prayer Meeting reported as follows. The report was discussed by Bro. Hall and then adopted as read:

We are glad to know that as many of our churches are holding prayer meeting, but we pray God that every church in this Association will take up the prayer meetings, as we think this is a great stimulant to the churches and without it a church is lacking in life and devotion.

We beg each pastor of the Gainesville Association to assist their members in organizing and maintaining a good prayer meeting.

J. R. HALL,
T. G. ATCHISON.

Sunday Schools.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools was now read, discussed by Dr. Christian, Bro. Parrish, and adopted:

We realize that education is one of the most important things and while educating the young mind we ought to be diligent in urging them to a careful study of God's word and in the Sunday School is the place where this can be, as we believe, best accomplished, and while we are glad that many of our churches are maintaining Sunday Schools, we would earnestly urge that all churches who have not a Sunday School would not neglect this great work of the church any longer, as it is as we see it the church at work, and we believe that a large per cent of our young people come through the Sunday School into the church.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. TEAGUE,
M. L. SAMMONS,
GEO. E. BISHOP,
W. J. ROWE.

Committee.

Temperance.

Committee on temperance now presented their report, which, being read, was adopted:

We, your Committee on Temperance, knowing so much evil resulting from the sale of intoxicating liquors, recommend men who stand for the temperance cause to represent us in State and National legislation and for the sake of thousands of debauched homes we recommend only temperate men, men who stand for the cause by word and practice, to interpret and execute the laws of our county and state and nation. We recommend state-wide prohibition and advise that each member of the Gainesville Association lend a hand to their neighboring county or state and help them to rid themselves of this great curse, a curse that affects the church, the community, the home, and sends many a mother's boy to an endless perdition.

R. T. KIRKLAND,
J. W. ROBERTS,
L. C. NOEL,
W. C. BARNHILL,
JOHN CHURCH.

Ministers and Post Offices.

Ministers.

A'len T. R.	Paragould
Butler E. C.	Piggott
Cooper E. D.	Paragould
Crocker G. A.	Gainesville
Estes R. C.	Lafe
Faulkner G. H.	Walcott
Faulkner J. D. J.	Paragould
Farmer W. D.	Rector
Gaskill C. C.	Marmaduke
Gossett Wm.	Marmaduke
Gower W. C.	Piggott
Green P. P.	St. Francis

Post Offices.

Hall J. R.....	Marmaduke
Joiner I. K.....	Piggott
Kerr Ira.....	Pol'ard
Merkland R. L.....	Gainesville
Mowell J. T.....	Marmaduke
Bankston — —.....	Boydsville
Rogers R. C.....	Paragould
Hairs J. A.....	Marmaduke
Tyler G. R.....	Rector
Teague E. J.....	Rector
Underwood — —.....	Piggott
Walker W. L.....	Marmaduke
Webb L. M.....	Paragould

W. B. VANARSDEL

C. F. WILLIAMS,
FORREST EVANS.

Committee.

Infirm Ministers.

Committee on Infirm Ministers beg leave to present for your consideration the following report. This was adopted as read:

We, your Committee, are glad to report that our Association has among our aged ministers none but those who are graciously b'lest with means of support. God has not only blest their labors spiritually but has also blest them financially. Your committee would respectfully recommend that this Association keep a standing committee for the purpose of locating all such worthy brethren who may need our assistance and in the event that they find any that are infirm and in need of help that they proceed to raise funds from the churches for their support and place same in hands of the Executive Board.

J. M. ROCHELLE,

ELMER ROBERTSON,

Committee.

Orphans' Home.

Report of Committee on Orphans' Home was now presented, read, discussed by Bro. E. D. Cooper, and adopted as read:

We, the Committee on Orphanage, respectfully submit the following:

First, we are profoundly grateful to our Heavenly Father for His blessings upon this department of our work through another year. The progress of the children along all lines has been most gratifying.

There are to date one hundred and thirty-eight children in the home, most of whom are attending the school kept in connection with the home. Sixteen of these children have professed faith in Christ and have been baptized into the Baptist Church during the past year. There have been two deaths in the home since the last report.

The home at present is one thousand dollars in debt, and we urge that the different pastors and churches take immediate action in relieving the home of this financial stringency.

The home at present being without a field agent and being entirely dependent on the churches, Sunday Schols, societies and individuals for maintenance, we recommend that all the

churches take monthly contributions for the home, and the different Clerks to forward this money direct to Bro. J. N. Williams. We also recommend that each church have an annual committee composed of small boys and girls to take subscriptions for the Orphans' Gem, and solicit contributions for the home.

We also recommend that the ladies who desire to do special aid individually for the home to give the proceeds of their Sunday eggs to this work. We also re-affirm our allegiance to this noble work and pledge enlarged sympathy, help and gifts to it.

J. G. FAULKNER,
H. F. DOVER,
MYRTLE MORROW.
J. L. ROGERS.

Then the following collection and pledges were taken, after being spoken upon by Bro. Evans:

Blooming Grove....	\$ 10.00
Black River.....	10.00
Bethlehem.....	10.00
Brown's Chapel....	12.50
Bethel.....	5.00
Beech Grove.....	5.00
Big Creek.....	Coll.
Center Hill.....	10.00
Epsaby.....	5.00
Fairview.....	20.00
Friendship.....	15.00
Gainesville.....	5.00
Gainesville Sunday School....	2.50
Greenway.....	5.00
Hopewell.....	10.00
Mt. Tabor.....	5.00
Marmaduke.....	50.00
New Light.....	
New Hope.....	10.00
New Liberty.....	5.00
Nutt's Chapel.....	2.00
Nutt's Sunday School.....	2.50
New Home.....	Coll.
Piggott.....	10.00
Piggott Sunday School....	10.00
Piggott Aid.....	10.00
Piggott, Bro. Butler..	5.00
Post Oak.....	5.00
Providence.....	Coll.
Rector.....	10.00
Rector Sunday School....	Coll.
Rector Aid.....	5.00
Rock Hill.....	15.00
Rock Hill Sunday School.....	10.00
Spring Grove.....	Coll.
St. Francis.....	5.00
St. Francis Sunday School..	Coll.
Salem.....	5.00
Union Grove.....	10.00
Unity.....	
Walnut Ridge....	2.50
Wanderers' Home..	5.00

Main Shore.....	5.00
Main Shore Sunday School.....	2.50

State and Associational Missions.

The committee on State and Associational Missions presented their report, which follows, and upon motion it was adopted as read:

Our Lord said to His disciples, "Ye shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and Judea," and He gave His church the commission to preach the Gospel to every creature. This alone should be sufficient reason for Mission work. We should do the work in the best way possible. We believe in co-operation with our State Board. We are thankful to the Board for the help they have given us this year of \$300. We believe we should help our Mission churches and not leave them to struggle alone. We recommend that we empower our Executive Board to lay out the work for the ensuing year in the way that seems best to them for the cause of Christ, but we would recommend that we have a Missionary only for the summer months to hold meetings in places that are hopeful for organizing churches.

E. D. COOPER,
E. J. COOK,
Wm. RUSSELL,
Wm. OWENS,
DR. O. N. HAMMETT,

Committee.

Dr. J. T. Christian then made a splendid talk and earnest plea for State Missions. The collection resulted in cash \$21.85 and the following pledges to be paid before Nov. 14:

Blooming Grove.....	\$ 2.50
Black River.....	
Bethlehem.....	Col'
Brown's Chapel.....	Coll.
Beech Grove.....	2.50
Big Creek.....	Coll.
Center Hill.....	Coll.
Epsaby.....	Coll.
Fairview.....	Coll.
Gainesville.....	Coll.
Greenway.....	Coll.
Hopewell.....	Coll.
Marmaduke.....	Coll.
New Light.....	Coll.
New Hope.....	Coll.
New Home.....	Coll.
Piggott.....	Coll.
Post Oak.....	Coll.
Providence.....	Coll.
Rector..	15.00
Rock Hill.....	Coll.
Spring Grove.....	Coll.
St. Francis..	Coll.
Salem.....	Coll.
Union Grove..	Coll.
Walnut Ridge.....	Coll.
Wanderers' Home.....	Coll.
Main Shore.....	Coll.

Morning session now adjourned till 1:30, dismissed by Dr. Christian.

Evening Session.

Body convened at appointed time and opened with song and prayer by Bro. J. S. Rogers.

Bros. Christian and McKinney, visiting brethren, were invited to seats in the body.

On motion, the following collection and pledges were taken for Associational Missions:

Cash, \$12.10.

Pledges for Associational Missions, one-fourth to be paid by Jan. 1, 1912:

Churches—	
Blooming Grove.....	\$ 10.00
Black River.....	15.00
Bethlehem.....	
Brown's Chapel....	15.00
Bethel....	10.00
Beech Grove.....	10.00
Big Creek.....	10.00
Center Hill.....	10.00
Epsaby.....	5.00
Fairview.....	10.00
Friendship....	40.00
Gainesville.....	10.00
Greenway.....	10.00
Hopewell.....	10.00
Mt. Tabor.....	
Marmaduke.....	25.00
New Light....	10.00
New Hope.....	10.00
New Liberty....	10.00
Nutt's Chapel.....	5.00
New Home.....	10.00
Piggott.....	15.00
Post Oak....	5.00
Providence.....	10.00
Rector.....	10.00
Rock Hill.....	20.00
Spring Grove.....	10.00
St. Francis.....	5.00
Salem.....	10.00
Union Grove.....	10.00
Walnut Ridge.....	10.00
Wanderers' Home.....	10.00
Main Shore.....	5.00

Home Missions.

The Committee on Home Missions beg to present the following report for the consideration of this body. It was discussed at some length by Bro. J. S. Rogers, Bro. W. J. Bearden, and Bro. A. J. A. McKinney. Moved and seconded that the report be adopted with the word "quarterly" before collection stricken out; carried:

Committee on Home Missions report as follows:

By reference to the Home Board's report we learn the following facts:

Epitome of the Year.

Last year the Home Mission Board conducted mission work in all the States in the Southern Baptist Convention, including New Mexico, and in Cuba and the Canal Zone.

The number of missionaries in service was 1,302. About 150 of these were maintained wholly by the Home Mission Board, and the others by the Board in co-operation with other agencies. Besides work among white Americans, mission activities were conducted among the Negroes, Indians, Italians, Spaniards, Germans, Mexicans, Swedes, Cubans and Panamans.

During the year Home Board missionaries baptized 26,866, received a total number of 49,297 persons into the churches, organized 235 churches, built 289 houses of worship, and held 243 evangelistic meetings. (Twenty-six mountain mission schools had under instruction 4,419 students. A mission school for Cubans was conducted in Havana, one for Italians in Tampa and one for Mexicans in El Paso. The Baptist colleges of Oklahoma and New Mexico were assisted in getting on their feet. A large number of churches were aided in erecting houses of worship.)

The receipts during the year from the various States were \$333,534. From all sources the receipts were \$344,895, as compared with \$339,735 from all sources for 1910, a gain of \$5,160 for 1911.

The average gift per member to Home Missions for 1910 was a fraction more than fifteen cents, and for 1911 a fraction less than fifteen cents. A great awakening to the Home Mission cause is shown to be due by these averages. Fifteen cents a member for the great work of saving America through Home Missions is a pitifully small amount!

Needs and Opportunities.

There was never before so much need of Home Missions in the South as now, and there have never been richer opportunities than those which beckon Southern Baptists to redouble their efforts for saving America.

The larger needs have come from the growth of population, the growth of industrialism and the consequent population changes, from the vast growth in the South of material wealth, and from the recent large movement of people into the Southwest.

The increasing rate at which immigrants are coming into the South is enlarging the tasks of Home Missions, and the new and intenser conditions of living in the cities urge us to more capable city mission endeavor.

These new conditions of living penetrated the far-extending rural districts of the South where 5-6 of Southern Baptists live, and the hold of the country churches on the rising generation is threatened.

The old rural isolation has been largely done away with by rural mail delivery, better roads, telephones, better farming machinery and automobiles.

A new and intenser intellectual atmosphere stimulates the young people. Alas, it so often has not its center as formerly in the churches! It may be that God has allowed this crisis to press upon Baptist efficiency in the country to reprove us for having as a denomination, so long neglected the converts whom we evangelized.

We received the great commission to preach and baptize, but did not read the last part of it, which is to develop, cultivate—"teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have

commanded you."

The 11,000 Southern Baptist churches that give nothing whatever to mission and bennevolent activitiles are a reproach to the denomination; they convince us of not havinw added cultivation to evangelization in our domestic mission enterprises. If we do not arouse ourselves to a greatly enlarged conception of the Home Mission enterprise and rally to its support, there is a danger which is almost tragic in these thousands of uneducated churches.

Baptists have always been great in the country. They can not maintain their greatness and fulfill their mission without their 'arge country constituency. They cannot in the new life which has come to the country hold that constituency, if they continue to neglect to cultivate and train it.

From the reports given in the letters we find that \$50.60 has been paid from this Association during the last year. We would recommend that our churches take collections quarterly for this work.

V. A. PHILLIPS,
W. F. ROBINSON,
H. B. WRIGHT,
GEO. E. BISHOP,
W. C. PETERS,

Committee.

Foreign Missions.

The Committee on Foreign Missions report as follows, after after being discussed by Bro. A. J. A. McKinney, Bro. B. H. Parrish, it was adopted as read:

The command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," is one that knows no bounds and not to favor Foreign Missions is simply to be anti-missionary. By reference to the record of this Association, we find we have been doing very little for this department of our work. The minute of last year shows less than \$50.00 contributed by the entire Association, and the letters this year show less than \$75.00 contributed.

This means serious neglect and lack of interest in this exceedingly important matter, and, brethren, it ought not so to be. The Foreign Mission Board is directing a great work and we call attention to the following taken from last year's report from our foreign fields: We maintain work on seven fields: Argentina, Africa, Brazil, China, Italy, Japan and Mexico.

We have about 365 missionaries and 540 native workers, 289 churches with 539 out-stations; and a membership of 19,239. We have 218 Sunday Schools, with 11,156 scholars. We have 142 day schools with 3,771 pupils; 11 boys' boarding schools with 721 students; 12 girls' boarding schools, with 610 students. We have 8 woman's training schools with 179 students, and 8 theological training schools, with 200 students.

A partial report of this year shows 3,223 baptisms.

The outlook is encouraging and we feel that we are on the threshold of a new era and great opportunities.

We commend that each church take a Foreign Mission collection during the year and that some contribution be made and reported by the church to the Association, be that contribution ever so large or small, and sent to Jno. T. Christian, Little Rock, Ark.

B. H. PARRISH,
W. C. WAGSTER,

Committee.

Ministerial Education.

We, your Committee on Ministerial Education, beg leave to report as follows.

Report discussed briefly by Bro. Christian and adopted as read.

The Subject of Ministerial Education is one in which every real Baptist should be intensely interested. Nothing of more importance before our Associational meetings. It is far from being a secondary or side issue. Baptists will show far-reaching wisdom and denominational statesmanship if we press Ministerial Education after a splendid fashion. We will show our utter folly and lack of leadership if we play with this matter.

Christianity is a preaching religion. No other religion of earth has the preacher. We are afraid of ritualism. It is inevitable that we put the main emphasis on ritualism or preaching. It has been so in the history of the world. Real religion and Baptist interests are very vitally at stake in this matter. Brethren, it is without doubt a call of God that we support Ministerial Education after a worthy fashion.

In Ouachita Baptist College at Arkadelphia there are now some fifty young preachers. Ouachita is our State denominational school. Nearly all of these young preachers have to have financial help to stay in college. Bro. J. S. Rogers is giving all of his time to the Bible Department. The Lord is greatly blessing the work. The Board of Ministerial Education at Ouachita will help each preacher as much as \$7.50 a month if it is necessary, but this Board depends on the churches for the funds used.

We mention with special favor our Theological Seminaries at Ft. Worth and Louisville. Our own Bro. Dallas Faulkner is now in the Ft. Worth Seminary.

Your committee would recommend four things: First, that all of our young preachers who possibly can, go to Ouachita.

Second, that a worthy cash collection be taken tonight.

Third, that all your pastors preach on Ministerial Education at least once each year.

Fourth, that everyone of our churches take a collection for this interest between now and June 1 and send to J. S. Rogers, Arkadelphia.

W. J. JOHNSON,
J. S. ROGERS,
B. TAYLOR,
J. W. HOWARD,

Committee.

Publications.

We, your Committee on Publications, submit our report as follows. Report adopted as read:

As a denomination we as Baptists should strive to be an informed people, especially as to the teachings of the Bible and along all lines of denominational progress.

The Bible, of course, should come first in our reading. It should not be necessary to urge our Baptist people, who make the Bible the base of all their faith and practices, to read its pages; yet we find it necessary, and, therefore, we recommend the daily reading prayerfully of some portion of the Bible.

We further recommend the reading of good religious books.

As Baptists, we need to know what our denomination is doing in our State and throughout the word. This is the mission of our Baptist newspapers. We, therefore, recommend and urge that the membership of our churches all take and read

the Baptist Advance which costs only \$1.00 per year, cash in advance. We recommend that we all take and read the Foreign Mission Journal and the Home Field, each of which costs only twenty-five cents per year.

We would recommend the use of the Sunday School literature of the Southern Baptist Convention published at Nashville.

Respectfully submitted,

T. B. KITCHENS,
J. A. STAIRS,
H. J. McDANIEL,
J. M. BROWN,
ROSCO FRYE,
R. PALSGROVE,

Committee.

Obituaries.

Committee on Obituaries report as follows:

Your Committee on Obituaries find that since our last meeting, quite a number have been taken from their labors on earth to their reward in Heaven.

Rock Hill—2 sisters, Mattie Rogers and Minnie Jones.

Big Creek—Sister Bounds.

Marmaduke—John Cook.

Brown's Chapel—2, Bro. and Sister J. W. Langley.

Union Grove—1.

Blooming Grove—1, James Dennison.

Mt. Tabor—1, Oscar Sorrell.

Bethel—1, T. B. Lam.

Piggott—2, E. Davis, Etta Brown.

Gainesville—2.

Rector—2, Sisters J. T. Tyler and Nancy West.

Hopewell—3, Pearl Wamble, Nancy West, Mary Pruiett.

New Hope—5, Hattie Cochran, W. N. Underwood, Ann Johnson, Mollie Justice, Lauren McDonald.

Providence—2.

Main Shore—2, Nancy Bateman, Laura Pruiett.

St. Francis—1.

Ed Hiatt, Friendship—7, Sisters Burton, Cohill, Grant, G. W. Hiatt, Mosie Walden, John Hoskins.

Greenway—Flora Howard, Paradine Milburn.

Epsaby—J. D. Wright, Mary Hilderman.

New Haven—Nettie Courtney.

New Liberty—J. A. Presson, Hickman Darnall.

Wanderers' Home—Malinda Baker, Pearly Hefner.

Salem—J. B. Watson, Ann Morrow.

J. A. DODD,

A. L. BECKLEY,

Committee.

Finance.

We, your Committee on Finance, report as follows, and report adopted as read:

JOE ROGERS,
D. W. BREWER,
W. W. YOPP,

Committee.

Churches	Associational Missions	Orphans' Home	State Missions	Ministerial Education	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Minutes	Totals
Fairview	\$	\$	\$ 2.50	\$	\$	\$	\$ 1.50	\$ 4.00
Marmaduke							2.50	2.50
Epsaby	2.50	4.00			.35		1.00	7.35
Post Oak		4.70			4.70		1.00	11.00
Blooming Grove	2.96						2.00	4.96
Friendship			13.00				2.50	15.50
Salem	4.00	2.10					2.00	8.10
Blg Creek					23.00		1.25	24.25
Walnut Ridge . . . . .							.50	.50
Brown's Chapel					2.25	2.25	1.25	5.75
Bethel						6.00	.50	6.50
Collection	12.10							12.10
St. Francis		5.00					1.50	6.50
Nutt's Chapel		5.00					.50	5.50
Rock Hill		8.81			4.00	4.00	2.00	18.81
New Liberty		5.45	3.00			2.40	1.00	11.85
New Home		5.00					1.50	6.50
New Hope		13.00					3.00	16.00
Hopewell	5.00	8.50	5.00				2.50	21.00
Bethlehem		5.00					.75	5.75
Piggott							3.00	3.00
Galnesville	3.00	.50					.80	4.30
Providence	2.50	5.00		5.00			1.50	11.50
Mt. Tabor						2.20	1.50	3.70
Black River		10.00			5.00	5.00	1.00	21.00
Spring Grove							1.25	1.25
Collection	42.28							42.28
Rector	2.50	12.50					2.00	17.00
Beech Grove	5.00						1.00	6.00
Union Grove				2.00	1.60	3.26	1.00	7.86
Center Hill	5.00	5.05					1.25	11.30
Main Shore	1.00	5.00	1.75	1.00	1.00	1.25	1.50	12.50
New Light	4.00	2.20					1.00	7.20
Greenway		8.67					1.50	10.17
Collection on O. H. . . .		29.00						29.00
Unity		3.00					.75	3.75
Collection St'e. Mis . . .			21.85					21.85
Wanderers' Home							1.50	1.50
Total	\$89 34	\$147.48	\$47.10	\$8.00	\$41.90	\$26.36	\$49.90	\$409.58

Churches, Pastors, Clerks and Postoffices

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	P. O.	CLERKS.	P. O.
Blooming Grove...	E. D. Cooper...	Paragould...	E. R. Crews...	Rector...
Black River...	R. C. Rogers...	Paragould...	S. Garrett...	Brookings...
Bethlehem...	G. R. Tyler...	Rector...	J. A. Smith...	Marmaduke...
Brown's Chapel...	G. R. Tyler...	Rector...	J. F. Sain...	Paragould...
Bethel...	L. M. Webb...	Paragould...	E. W. Smart...	Leonard...
Beech Grove...	G. H. Faulkner...	Walcott...	Mrs. Nora Lamb...	Beech Grove...
Big Creek...	J. R. Hall...	Marmaduke...	G. H. Bishop...	Lafe...
Center Hill...	Orb Ryan...	Walcott...	Mabel Grooms...	Paragould...
Epsaby...	G. H. Faulkner...	Walcott...	N. R. Cole...	Gainesville...
Fairview...	E. D. Cooper...	Paragould...	J. W. Thomason...	Paragould...
Friendship...	J. D. J. Faulkner...	Paragould...	D. McHaney...	Marmaduke...
Gainesville...	G. A. Crocker...	Gainesville...	C. W. Stevens...	Gainesville...
Greenway...	G. R. Tyler...	Rector...	A. J. Fletcher...	Greenway...
Hopewell...	E. D. Cooper...	Paragould...	W. F. Robertson...	Marmaduke...
Mt. Tabor...	A. G. Cagle...	Piggott...	H. A. Seal...	Greenway...
Marmaduke...	E. C. Butler...	Kennett, Mo.	A. M. Hall...	Marmaduke...
New Light...	J. L. Pinkston...	Boydsville...	W. H. Winderley...	Boydsville...
New Hope...	G. R. Tyler...	Rector...	H. Holcomb...	Piggott...
New Liberty...	J. D. J. Faulkner...	Paragould...	J. S. Noel...	Marmaduke...
Nutt's Chapel...	J. A. Stairs...	Marmaduke...	Ricke Atchison...	Halliday...
New Haven...			E. M. Corbett...	Bethel...
New Home...	J. R. Hall...	Marmaduke...	T. F. Ray...	Marmaduke...
Piggott...	E. C. Butler...	Piggott...	R. H. Dudley...	Piggott...
Post Oak...	R. C. Rogers...	Paragould...	C. M. Garrett...	Boydsville...
Providence...	J. D. J. Faulkner...	Paragould...	C. J. Nowell...	Marmaduke...
Rector...	H. Patterson...	Portageville...	I. B. Winchester...	Rector...
Rock Hill...	F. R. Allen...	Paragould...	S. Lloyd, W. Barnhill	Paragould...
Spring Grove...	Jim Seay...	Walcott...	Joe Rogers...	Paragould...
St. Francis...	G. R. Tyler...	Rector...	Forest Evans...	St. Francis...
Salem...	R. C. Rogers...	Paragould...	C. M. Bradshaw...	Boydsville...
Union Grove...	E. D. Cooper...	Paragould...	L. L. Faulkner...	Walcott...
Unity...	E. D. Cooper...	Paragould...	J. A. Adams...	Paragould...
Walnut Ridge...	L. M. Webb...	Paragould...	Jno. W. Purcell...	Marmaduke...
Main Shore...	G. R. Tyler...	Rector...	Sam Williams...	Piggott...
Wanderers' Home...	W. H. Meridith...	Paragould...	O. N. Hammett...	Paragould...

Statistical Table of Gainesville Association

CHURCHES	MEMBERSHIP.								MISSIONS.				CONTRIBUTIONS.								Total	Value of Church Property
	Meeting	Increase.				Decrease.			Associational	State	Home	Foreign	Ministerial Education	Sunday School	Salary	Incidental	Orphans' Home	Minutes				
		Baptism	Letter	Relation	Restored	Letter	Excluded	Death														
Blooming Grove.	2	8	2				1	112	\$ 12.96	\$ 5.00	\$ 2.55	\$ 2.55		\$ 22.50	\$ 100.00	\$ 26.30	\$ 13.22	\$ 2.00	\$ 187.08	\$ 800.00		
Black River....			2	1			2	42	10.00	25.00	5.00	5.00		40.00	130.00	80.00	10.00	1.00	306.00	1500.00		
Bethlehem.....														9.50	38.30		5.00	.75	53.55	1000.00		
Brown's Chapel..		1					1	2	69	15.00	5.00	2.25	2.25	7.00	100.00	72.00	17.00	1.25	229.73	800.00		
Bethel.....		1	1				1	1	43	6.00					65.00			.50	71.50	500.00		
Beech Grove....		1	2						28	10.00					82.00	10.00		1.00	102.00	1200.00		
Big Creek.....		3	5			11	1	32	24.25			23.00	5.00	5.00	100.00	103.00		1.25	261.50	600.00		
Center Hill....		3	4			7			94	5.00					6.65	100.00	2.00	5.05	1.25	119.95	800.00	
Epsaby.....		3	1	1		8	2	44	4.00			.35		5.10	50.40	102.50	12.00	1.00	130.35	500.00		
Fairview.....	4	2	9			1	2	93	10.00	2.50	3.63	3.63		7.60	91.50	26.10	27.34	1.30	164.33	.....	
Friendship.....		4	7		1	3	9	7	152	42.00	13.00		16.65		175.00	33.00	25.40	2.50	305.05	1000.00		
Gainesville.....		9	16		1				56	5.00		3.75	3.75	5.00	146.65	57.00	.50	.80	222.55	1000.00		
Greenway.....		8	7			4	2	2	56	2.90	2.00				120.00	25.00	8.67	1.50	160.07	250.00		
Hopewell.....	3	28			13	3	3	146	15.80	5.00	2.12	2.12	4.24	6.00	112.00	167.67	12.70	2.50	330.15	900.00		
Mt. Tabor.....			1			4	1	63	2.80			2.50			40.00		5.00	1.50	51.80	500.00		
Marmaduke.....	1 & 3	12	14			8	1	197	15.00					91.00	340.00	129.00	54.00	2.50	631.50	800.00		
New Light.....		8	3		1	3			90	4.00					28.90		2.20	1.00	36.10	500.00		
New Hope.....		15	10			12	3	5	222	10.35	3.40			8.50	120.00	135.00	13.00	3.00	293.25	1150.00		
New Liberty.....							2	41	7.50	3.00	2.40			12.00	72.00	10.00	5.45	1.00	133.35	500.00		
Nutt's Chapel....		9	1	9			1	35	2.50						36.00	14.60	5.00	.50	58.50	.....	
New Haven.....						2	1	6	5.00					2.50			1.00	.50	9.00	.....	
New Home.....		1	2			2	2	2	75	10.00				4.20	100.00	1.50	1.80	1.50	118.00	500.00		
Piggott.....	2 & 4		7			4	2	147		41.41	11.10	11.10	46.60	36.16	624.00	128.35	44.21	3.00	945.33	.....	
Post Oak.....							1	45	7.00				4.60		43.25		4.60	1.60	61.05	.....	
Providence.....	4	8				5	3	2	71	5.00			5.00		75.00		5.00	1.50	91.50	.....	
Rector.....	7 & 3	6	8	2		1		2	148				5.00	53.20	458.90	395.00	12.50	2.00	926.60	5000.00		
Rock Hill.....	1	2	2			4	19	2	117	50.00	16.80	4.00	4.00	10.11	12.00	150.00	134.25	18.00	2.00	400.54	1000.00	
Spring Grove....			2		1	7	2		58	13.55	9.27	1.30	1.30	6.00	8.00	100.00	16.55	20.47	1.25	177.69	1000.00	
St. Francis....		10	2			1	1		80						117.50		5.00	1.50	124.50	.....	
Salem.....		6	1			3	4	2	81	10.75					50.00	23.25	19.30	2.00	105.30	300.00		
Union Grove....		7				7	1	1	62	11.60	7.76	5.71			100.00			.70	115.78	.....	
Unity.....		1							33	2.25					25.00		3.00	.75	31.00	.....	
Walnut Ridge...										12.00								.50	12.50	.....	
Wanderers' Home		6	9			3	1	2	62	6.00				5.17	100.00	131.60		1.50	244.27	400.00		
Main Shore.....		12	15		5	4		45	1.00	1.75	1.25	1.00	1.00			33.50	5.00	1.50	46.00	400.00		
Total.....		174	133	13	9	1	59	47	2659	\$ 270.21	\$ 132.13	\$ 47.11	\$ 72.86	\$ 106.00	\$ 348.06	\$ 3773.40	\$ 1867.17	\$ 362.74	\$ 49.90	\$ 7029.59	\$ 21900.00	