

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Friendship Baptist Association convened with Harmony Baptist church in Jefferson county, Arkansas, in its Fortieth Annual session at 10 o'clock, a. m., September 14th, 1912.

Called together by singing. The Moderator being absent, the Clerk called the body to order and requested Bro. J. H. W. Overton to occupy the chair and assist in organizing the body. After reading the 1st. Division of Psalms prayer was offered by Bro. W. L. Compere, after which the Moderator appointed Bros. W. L. Compere and H. O. Fox who proceeded to read the letters sent up by the various churches and the names of the messengers were enrolled.

11 a. m., the appointed hour for the Introductory sermon, the stand was filled by Eld. E. A. Dulaney, the appointee, who preached a very able sermon. Text John 17-0.

1:30 p. m. Called to order by the Moderator and finished reading the letters and enrolling messengers.

LIST OF CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

Bethel—W. B. Byrd, J. M. Strait.

Bethlehem—J. W. Fish, Eli Grumbles, Z. T. Stone.

Center—J. W. Johnson, Dr. Adams, Ode Johnson.

Cornerville—C. W. Moran, O. F. Mitcham.

Clio—B. L. Bridges, John P. Huntley.

Concord—Not represented

Dumas—Not represented.

Enon—Claymore Barrett.

Friendship—W. J. Harris, W. J. Harris.

Florence—George Sumerall, E. D. Allison.

Hickory Grove—T. J. Bailey, A. Y. Moran, Mrs. M. M. West.

Holly Springs—D. W. Chance, F. S. Vick, Elbert Vick.

Harmony—S. M. Moore, H. H. Mundell, J. M. Jacks.

Lone Grove—B. B. Wynn.

Mt. Moriah—By letter.

Mt. Zion—J. A. Preston, R. D. Taylor.

Macedonia—T. N. May, G. A. Riggins.

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New Hope—T. D. White. (mail directed to J. A. Preston, Cabool.)
New Home—W. M. Willis, W. M. Edwards, W. L. Austin.
Oak Grove—L. Cope, W. T. Reed.
Ohio St. Pine Bluff—R. M. Weir
Pine Bluff 1st.—C. D. Wood, W. L. Poss, L. O. Saunders, H. C. Fox,
Mrs. H. C. Fox.
Pleasant Hill—Alex. Littlejohn, J. A. Dyson.
Pleasant Home—Joel Thomas.
Pleasant Ridge—O. M. Ross, M. L. Camp, J. W. Glover.
Pleasant Springs—By letter.
Rison—Mrs. S. Ophelia Eberhardt W. J. May.
Spring Hill—Not represented.
Star City—W. L. Compere, Sam G. Keahey, H. R. Lucas, J. W. McPherson, J. F. Grumbles.
Sulphur Springs—G. L. Davis, Mrs. D. M. Davis.
Tyro—B. F. McGraw, R. L. Boren, T. E. King.
Union—J. R. Dean, L. D. Owen.
Zion—J. H. W. Overton.

Being prepared for permanent organization, upon motion, we proceeded to elect a moderator and clerk by ballot, which resulted in the election of J. H. W. Overton moderator and J. W. McPherson, clerk and treasurer.

Upon motion the Moderator appointed a Committee on Divine Services consisting of Bros. W. M. Willis, and the deacons of this church. Also a Committee on Order of Business who were Bros. H. R. Lucas and O. M. Mitcham.

Called for Petitionary letters, none responded.

Called for visiting brethren, whereupon Dr. John T. Christian responded as Secretary of the State Convention, Bro. J. S. Compere representing Ouachita College and Ministerial Education, E. J. A. McKinney representing the Baptist Advance, J. H. W. Overton representing the Baptist.

Upon motion, John T. Christian called to the stand to tell what the Baptists have done for the world, and he delivered a very able address upon the subject

Upon motion, adjourned to 8 o'clock p. m. when the stand was filled by Bro. J. S. Compere who preached a very able sermon. Text Deut. 6-17:

After which a list of the various committees was handed out.

Called for Sunday School report, not ready.

Called for report on Sabbath Observance. Report read by Bro. B. L. Bridges, discussed and approved.

REPORT ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE

The desire of the Lord concerning the Sabbath is told in this command: "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." Many commands the Lord

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gave concerning this sanctified day of rest, the word holy tells it all. This command has a spirit-stirring tone. How anxious is our Lord that this be a day of devotion and reverence and that it be free from the secular toils of life. In this day of invention and discovery, and a day in which business is operated on a large scale, vast multitudes of people seem to have forgotten that God is Lord of the Sabbath day. Drug stores and cold drink stands are kept open, base ball and other games played and numerous other evils in social life, as well as much work done in business. We believe that all christians should endeavor both by precept and example to set the world on this great question of Sabbath observance. Let us do our best to gain devotion to God and remembering on God's day prevails our Sabbath observance.

Respectfully submitted,
Ben Bridges, J. A. Preston.

Adjourned to 10 a. m. Sunday.

SUNDAY MORNING

10 a. m. Assembled in Sunday School capacity, led by Bro. J. W. Fish and able speeches made by Bros. Fish, Dudley, McKinney and Overton.

11 a. m. The stand was filled by Dr. J. T. Christian who preached a very able missionary sermon, text Matthew, 28:19-20.

Collection taken for Orphans' Homes, in cash, Monticello \$10.11; Texarkana \$10.77. Pledges, Monticello, \$474.00; Texarkana, \$23.50

-At the same hour Bro. E. D. Allison preached a very able sermon at the schoolhouse, text John 3:16. subject: "God Loving a Lost World."

2 p. m. Called to order by the Moderator who called for the Sunday School report. The committee not being ready to report, called report on Orphans Home. Report read by H. R. Lucas, discussed and approved.

REPORT ON ORPHANS HOME

We your Committee on Orphans Home beg to submit the following report: As is well known two orphans homes are located in the State, the home at Monticello, under the auspices of the Baptist State Convention, and the one at Texarkana by the General Association. From best information obtainable, the Texarkana Home has about 30 children and on account of sickness and other causes they need immediately about \$300.00 for running expenses. The Monticello Home has something about 150 children and are sorely in need of funds to remodel and make additions to the buildings to properly care for the children. As many as 16 to 18 children in one room. Bro. W. F. Dorris has been selected as Financial Agent and is now in the field trying to raise the necessary funds to properly care for the unfortunate little ones. At least \$25,000 is needed. All who are old enough are members of the church. Brethren, we commend these institutions to you. Take regular collections and send them in. Help the helpless. We further recommend that each pastor bring before their churches the needs of these

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homes and take contributions for same.

Respectfully submitted,
Will Ryrd, J. N. Strait.

ADJOURNED TO 8 P. M.

8 o'clock. The stand filled by J. H. W. Overton who preached a very able sermon, text Hebrew 2-9.

After which the Moderator called for the report on Prohibition. The report read by E. D. Allison, discussed and approved.

REPORT ON PROHIBITION

We, your Committee on Prohibition, beg leave to submit the following report: The State has just gone through a great fight for State-wide prohibition and lost by a small vote. We have learned some great lessons in this fight, and we have found out our strength. We commend not only the denominational papers but all the papers of the State that helped in this fight. Brethren, we must renew our fight two years from now and come with reinforcements to eradicate this monster, the saloon, from our State. We realize we have a hard fight and may God lead and direct us, that we may vote as we pray. The saloon is a curse to the State, and is leading men to destruction, rendering them unfit for the duties of life. We recommend, also, that the pastors preach on the evils of dram drinking so the people might receive more light upon the subject, so they will know just how to vote.

Respectfully submitted,

E. D. Allison, Chairman.

Adjourned to Monday 8:30 a. m.

MONDAY 8:30 A. M.

Called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Bro. Will Fox.

Report on Home Missions read by J. S. Compere, discussed and approved.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

In recent years there has been a great and gratifying advance among Southern Baptists in Home Mission conviction, giving and results.

In 1902 the receipts of our Home Board were \$88,874; in 1912 they were \$366,050, and the apportionment ordered by the Southern Baptist Convention for the present fiscal year ending May, 1913, is \$412,000. So great and pressing are the needs that the Board appropriated the whole \$412,000 except \$97, at its meeting in July.

The results show a corresponding increase during the same period. In 1902 the Board employed 674 missionary workers, who reported 8,150 baptisms and total additions to the churches of 17,201. They reported 231 constituted and 674 Sunday Schools organized. In 1912 the Board employed

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1,309 missionary workers, who report 26,899 baptisms and total additions to the churches of 47,728. Six hundred and eighty-three churches were constituted and 754 Sunday Schools organized. Many of these workers were maintained wholly by the Home Board, though still a larger number worked in co-operation with other missionary organizations.

It is declared that the meeting of the Home Board last July was the most representative it has ever had. We learn that thirteen of the State Vice-Presidents were present and participated in making up the budget for the year and planning the work. Evidently the Vice-Presidents contributed much to the occasion and it was the enthusiastic conviction of those present that to supply the urgent demands for help that came from all over the South the Board could not do less than it was empowered to do, and then put its faith in the brethren everywhere that they will come up to the help of this great cause and raise every dollar of the apportionment, remembering that the work is not the work of the Home board but of Baptist brethren throughout the South.

The watchword of the Home board is Forward! and it has planned a distinctly aggressive campaign for the present year. Besides the regular work steps forward were taken in two ways: The first was in conformity to the instructions of the Southern Baptist Convention that the Board at once should take steps to raise a \$1,000,000 Church Building Loan Fund. It was decided to complete the raising of this Fund within three years and to employ special workers for this purpose at the earliest possible moment. There are 3,000 or more houseless Baptist churches in our territory and in hundreds of these the establishment of strong centers for Christ and his truth only awaits some aid in erecting church houses.

The second large step taken was in response to repeated reports of the Board to the Southern Baptist Convention and repeated committee reports before that body calling for the Home Board to put forth larger efforts to help in training and enlisting backward churches. This note, first sounded in recent years by the lamented Dr. F. H. Kerfoot, has become stronger and stronger until now several of the State Boards have made requests of the Home Board for aid in this work. At its July meeting the Board ordered the establishment of a Department of Enlistment and Co-operation and provided for the election of a special representative to labor in this Department.

We believe that in this movement there are prospective blessings for Southern Baptists and their usefulness that are almost beyond our conception. It looks to, "teaching them to observe all things" as well as to the saving the lost and baptizing the converted. It will provide for helping to train the churches more fully in all the ways of the Lord as well as enlisting them in larger giving.

Our Board is leading Southern Baptists in a worthy way in the great

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and fundamental work of saving the South. Your committee warmly commends it and its work to the prayers and enthusiastic and liberal support of the churches in our Association. We recommend:

1. That clubs of subscribers be raised in every church for The Home Field, the splendid monthly of the Board. Price 35c, single copies, or 25c in clubs of five or more.

2. That pastors and workers secure and read the Board's instructive new book, "The Home Mission Task," price 50c in cloth, 10c extra for postage; 35c in paper, 7c extra for postage.

3. That large use be made of the varied and helpful tracts of the Board which are mailed free on application.

4. That all of our pastors be requested to preach upon this great cause at least once during each year. The Board will gladly furnish material for special study of pastors on request.

The address of the Home Mission Board is 1002 Third National Bank Bldg., Atlanta, Ga. Requests for the magazine, tracts, the book, or other printed matter, should be addressed to the Publicity Department.

The General Association is working faithfully in a great part of this territory and we recommend both agencies as worthy of our support. Send money for Home Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention to J. T. Christian, Little Rock, Ark. and for General Association to J. A. Scarborough, Magnolia, Ark.

Report on Foreign Missions read by W. L. Compere, discussed and approved.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

One after another the barriers which stood in the way of carrying out Christ's command to preach gospel to the world have been removed. Practically all intelligent christians now believe that God wants his people to give the gospel to all the heathen nations. The political relations of the nations make the missionaries' life practically safe almost anywhere on earth. Heathen languages have been learned and parts of the Bible translated into practically all of them. If christians would now furnish the money to pay for printing and distributing Bibles among the heathen, almost every man on earth might now have some part of the Bible which he might now have some part of the Bible which he might read in his own language. Under such conditions shall we withhold the money necessary to give the Bible to the nations?

And there is standing today an army of consecrated young men and women who are willing to go anywhere on earth to tell men the story of God's love for sinners. It takes money to pay traveling and living expenses. Shall we not make the sacrifices necessary to send them?

Thousands of heathen communities are begging that christian teachers

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be sent to teach them the way of life. Shall we turn a deaf ear to their cries and spend our money for good things to eat and wear?.

Wealth is multiplying in the hands of christians, but it is being used mainly to provide better homes and livings. Only one barrier remains to prevent the gospel from being speedily given to the whole world and that is the unwillingness of christians to deny themselves and make the sacrifices necessary to enable them to furnish the necessary money. The progress of Christ's kingdom is arrested in order that christian people may spend their money for their own enjoyment. Let us think and meditate and pray and preach about this final barrier which deprives heathen nations of the glorious gospel of the Son of God, until the grace of God melts our hearts and removes this last barrier, so that the knowledge of God may cover the whole earth.

W. L. Compere, D. W. Chance.

Report on State Missions read by E. J. A. McKinney discussed and approved.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

If Baptists only preach a full gospel then the people of Arkansas will never have the full gospel preached unless Baptists preach it to them. And since the Baptists of no other state will undertake the evangelization of Arkansas when we have so many Baptists in the state, if the waste places in Arkansas have the full gospel we Arkansas Baptists must give it to them or they will not get it. Here is the reason for the "All Judea" of the Lord's last command to his disciples.

This work has its fields in the country, in the cities and towns, among natives and foreigners. In such work some need to be pastors, some evangelists some prophets and teachers for warning souls and training them in effective service.

Both the country and the city problems present fields for earnest thought and prayerful endeavor. The foreign population must be reached and won or it will become a menace to our American institutions and to the principles for which we stand.

Three Baptist agencies have been at work in Arkansas the past year. First, there is the Gospel Mission or direct plan, brethren who have a few men in the field at work. Second, there are the State Association forces that have maintained some seven missionaries and report last year about 250 baptisms and 400 additions. A number of men are at work this year with good results. Then the State Convention reports 118 men employed for a part or all of their time. Last year 2,281 baptisms were reported from this work and a total of 3,898 additions and over \$28,000 was expended on the work. This year's work is laid out on a basis of \$38,000. It will take \$25,000 more than has already been raised to enable the State Board to pay out of debt this year. The State Association also needs considerable mon-

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ey. Funds for the State Convention should be sent to J. T. Christian, Little Rock, and for the State Association to Dr. Echols, Ft. Smith.

G. A. Sumrall, J. M. Jacks.

Report on State Missions read by J. W. Fish and the reports of our missionaries read in connection with the report of Executive Board read by J. F. Grumbles, discussed as a whole and approved.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

Your Committee on Associational Missions make the following report: We still have destitution in the bounds of our Association that needs to be developed and, perhaps, some pastorless churches which need encouragement, and this territory demands our first attention. Therefore we recommends that steps be taken by which these places of destitution may be supplied with preaching, developed and churches organized if practicable. Brethren Reynolds, Joyner and Bridges have done some good work the past associational year, which may be seen by examining their reports which will be annexed to this.

Submitted,

J. W. Fish, Z. T. Stone.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY PASTOR OF CENTER CHURCH

I beg to say that I have preached 30 sermons, made 60 visits in the homes and have held 20 or more services, baptized 7, held one protracted meeting and was assisted by James Bridges and have witnessed during the year 12 professions of faith. The church feels very grateful to the Association for assistance in support of pastor and prays God's blessing on you, asking no further aid at present. I have traveled 1,800 miles. This church has now called Bro. James Bridges as its pastor for the ensuing year. This completes my labors in your midst, praying God's blessings upon you, I kindly ask and interest in all your prayers.

W. D. Joyner,
Missionary Pastor for Center church.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY PASTOR OF CLIO CHURCH

Report for work done from September, 1911 to September 1912,

You will bear in mind that Bro. W. D. Joyner was pastor, and the Association recommended that the work be continued, but in October Bro. Joyner gave up the work and I was chosen as pastor and began the work at once, and must say that I found the work in a very bad condition. Not a record had been kept since the first record of organization when the church was first organized, so it was a difficult task to get the church together and re-organize the work for some had moved away and some sick. So, after much prayer and labor we got in shape at least to make a record. We have had a reasonably good Sabbath school and there has been 25 conversions, 10 received for baptism, 9 baptized and 4 received by letter. Have preached 45 sermons, spent 45 days on the field, made 230 visits and conducted 98

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prayer services in the homes of the people, conducted two funerals and delivered 8 Sunday School talks and Abe Allen, the president of the mill company promised to give us a beautiful lot and build a nice church 30 x 40 feet in size, all complete, and the work to begin not later than October 1st. As to the good morals of Olio a year ago and now we will let the good people of Olio speak. We are proud to say that from now on they are to have full time service and will not have to call on the Mission Board for help. Your missionary has worked himself out of a job and gladly turns the labors of this field over to his successor. May God's richest blessings rest upon you all.

Sincerely, J. H. Reynolds,
Missionary Pastor Olio church.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATION BOARD

The Board agreed to pay brethren Joyner and Reynolds at the rate of \$50.00 per year for the time each one worked,

The Board employed Bro. B. L. Bridges for three months in the summer, agreeing to pay him \$75, the State Mission Board paying \$75. The Association now owes \$14.50 to Bro Bridges and \$100 to Brethren Reynolds and Joyner for this year's work. There is still due Bro. Joyner for last year's work \$16

J. F. Grumbles, Sec'y of Board.

REPORT OF B. L. BRIDGES, MISSIONARY

I, your Associational Missionary, report as follows: Days labored 91, sermons preached 72, professions 53, baptized into pastorless churches 14, additions to churches having pastors, 22, collected on salary as Association Missions \$35.50, as State Missions \$35.50, received from State Convention \$23.50, received from Star City church (by Compere, \$25, amount due from State Convention) \$6, amount due from Association \$14.

Your committee co-operated with the State Convention, and employed me to work in this Association with this understanding, that the Association pay half the salary, and the Convention pay the other half. And that half of my collections go to the Association and the other half to the State Convention. Hence these figures.

B. L. Bridges, Missionary.

Report on Publications read by James Bridges for Elbert Vick, discussed and approved.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

The time has come when Baptist people look largely to publications and to literature as the means of education and enlightenment along religious lines. The reading of good literature tends to upbuild, uplift and elevate the mind of man. Therefore, for this reason, we must be very careful in the selection of reading matter for our homes. We wish to commend the publishers of our state for the good reading matter which they are giving us. God expects that we as followers of Him to use our utmost ability

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In seeing that the very best of literature is distributed throughout the State. Of course, above all things, God's word should be the Book of all Books and the foundation of all other literature.

Brethren, for the sake of those who are in ignorance about God's plans, and for the sake of God, the Great Author, let us use our very best influence in getting the very best of literature and periodicals for our homes. We believe that our denominational papers should be in every Baptist home in our state. May God bless and use the publications of this state for the upbuilding of His cause and kingdom throughout Arkansas.

Respectfully submitted, Committee

Report on Sunday schools read by W. M. Willis, discussed and approved

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools submit the following report:

We find by consulting the letters sent up by the churches that there is 30 churches represented, 18 of which have Sunday schools, a decrease of one from last year with an enrollment of 1,495 students, a decrease of 78 students from last year, with 117 officers and teachers making a total of 1,612, leaving 12 churches without Sunday schools. Brethren, we recommend and urge that you who have no schools to go home and organize one at once, for we think and believe that there is no better place to impart religious and Bible instruction to the young and rising generation. We should endeavor to bring up and train our children in the way they should go so that when they are old they will not depart from it. We are told by the Savior to search the scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life and they are they which testify of me. Respectfully submitted,

W. M. Willis, W. M. Edwards, W. L. Austin.

Motion by E. D. Allison to have the clerk settle with our missionaries in full or as far as the funds will pay.

Report on Christian Education read by J. S. Compere, discussed and approved.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Without Christian Education all our Baptist work would come to a stand-still and soon die. We look to our Baptist schools for trained workers in pulpit and pew as well as on the mission fields. God is distinctly on the side of education and against ignorance. He complains that his people are destroyed for the lack of knowledge, (Hosca 4:6) and declares that ignorance alienates from God, (Eph. 4:18).

Arkansas Baptists have two great Christian Colleges—Ouachita, for boys and girls, at Arkadelphia, R. G. Bowers, C. C., President; Central, for girls, at Conway, J. W. Conger, L. L. D., President. Last year Ouachita had 352 students and Central had 193. These schools have rendered a

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service to the Baptist cause in Arkansas the value of which can never be estimated. The atmosphere of the schools is religious and reverent, and many students who have gone to them strangers to God have gone forth from them consecrated to God.

The property of these schools is valued at \$300,000. During the past four years debts amounting to about \$125,000 have been paid. Ouachita has \$20,000 of interest bearing endowment and a campaign is now on to increase this to \$250,000. An effort is also being made to raise \$12,000 to pay the deficit from last year for running expenses and necessary improvements, and it is hoped that every church that has not already done so will take collection at once for this and send to Rev. J. S. Rogers, Endowment Sec., Arkadelphia. These schools give much more than tuition fees will pay for. Last year they gave something like \$6,000 to the Baptists of the state in free tuition to the children of preachers and to preacher students and their wives.

The education of preachers is one great object in Christian Education. The denomination that fails to provide for the education of its preachers will die as a denomination. Last year there were 51 young preachers in Ouachita College. The Baptist of the State gave something over \$4,000 for their support. They receive free tuition and some help on other expenses when it is necessary. \$75 will keep a preacher in Ouachita a year. The Bible Department is arranged with special reference to the preachers, but the classes are open to all, and Old Testament is required of all who graduate. The New Testament class numbered 72 last year.

Christian Education is just as important as any other general interest of the kingdom and must be put on the same basis. We therefore recommend.

1. That each pastor in the Association preach at least once a year on Christian Education and our duty to support Baptist Schools.
2. That regular collections be taken in every church every year for Christian Education and for Ministerial Education.
3. That we patronize these schools for the education of our young people.
4. That earnest, unceasing prayer be made for this work.

All money for Christian Education, enquiries about the work, or requests for literature should be sent to J. S. Rogers, Arkadelphia, or J. G. Harris, Little Rock. Money for Ministerial Education and information about young preachers who ought to go to college should be sent to J. S. Compere, Arkadelphia. Information about the colleges can be had by addressing either President. Ben Bridges, W. J. Harris, S. Barrett.

Report on Woman's Work read by C. D. Wood, discussed and approved.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

How to enlist the uninterested woman is the greatest problem confront-

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ing the Woman's Work in Friendship Association today. It is estimated that barely 9 out of every 10 women converted ever enter into any active service for the Master. Most of us are familiar with the story of Christ healing the lepers. Only one returned to give thanks unto the Lord and you will remember the Master's first question was, "Were there not healed, where are the other nine?" He is asking that same question of the women of Arkansas today. Where are the nine? If you will examine the female membership of your church well and then the society roll, you will see that there is no doubt as to the existence of this uninterested woman who is to be won. Her name is legion. Our hearts are greatly burdened because there are so many churches in this Association that have no organized Woman's Work. Brother pastors, we pray that you and the deacons will lend the helping hand and encourage the women, young and old, to form little bands or societies of their own. Not to preach, oh no! but to sing and pray and study God's word. What a splendid working force Arkansas would have today if the nine should join the one and go forth winning the world for Christ. The winning of the nine is no easy task but it can be done. "Not by might nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." and now we would say to our sisters, "Come the Master wants you. Unfold your napkin and take out your talent whatever it is and use it. It will be brighter for the using. You may not be able to win the whole world, but you and the world will be better if you can win one. We need every Christian woman in Arkansas to do her part, and to do it now. "Up ye women who are at ease, hear my voice, ye careless daughters; give ear unto my speech." Many days and years shall ye be troubled, ye careless women."

Hath the Lord delivered to thee
One talent, and only one?

Take and use it as he bids thee
E'er the setting of life's sun.

Hear the Master as he calls thee—

Saying. Fields are white, laborers few.

Listen as he calls for workers,

Those he needs and you and you.

Let us then be up and doing,

Lengthening cords and strengthening stakes,

Still achieving, still pursuing

Him who leads thro' Heaven's gates.

Mrs. H. C. Fox Mrs. M. M. West, Mrs. Comper.

Report on Condition of Churches read by G. A. Riggin and approved

REPORT ON CONDITION OF CHURCHES

We your Committee on Condition of Churches submit our report.
Churches represented last year 31; not represented 5; Baptisms total membership 2,750; churches represented this year 30; not represented 3; members received by baptism 136; by letter 137; by restoration 8; increased expulsion 15, death 11; letter 38; total membership last year 2,750.

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present membership 2,815; increase over last year 65.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. Riggin, T. M. May, T. D. White.

Report on Obituaries read by C. M. Ross, discussed and approved.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

We your Committee on Obituaries beg to submit the following report: We have found by reference to the letters sent in that God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to call from us twenty-eight of our members, which is an increase of four over last year's report. The Lord doeth all things well to those who love him. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted, C. M. Ross, Chairman.

Report on B. Y. P. U. read by M. C. Camp, discussed and approved.

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U.

The future of the kingdom of God depends upon the young people of the present time. If these are trained in the work of the kingdom then the kingdom will be strong; if they are neglected and allowed to come to mature years without training our work will suffer loss.

The purpose of the B. Y. P. U. is to meet this need. A well organized Union will give the young people training in the actual work of the church and the doctrines of the Bible and by means of these it will develop their piety and consecration. These things we must have if our work is to prosper. People must be thoroughly consecrated, they must know how to do the work that we have to do, and they must know the doctrines. There is no other department of the work that does this so effectively as the B. Y. P. U. We therefore recommend that this work be encouraged everywhere and that wherever it is possible live, active Unions be kept up.

L. C. Sanders, W. F. Thomas, M. C. Camp, Committee.

Report on Finance read by U. W. Poss, and approved.

REPORT ON FINANCE

We the Committee on Finance make our report as follows:

For Minutes and Clerk	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 41.55
Home Missions	-	-	-	-	-	3.25
State Missions	-	-	-	-	-	5.15
Foreign Missions	-	-	-	-	-	1.75
Orphans Home, Monticello,	-	-	-	-	-	34.20
Orphans Home, Texarkana,	-	-	-	-	-	6.45
Association Missions	-	-	-	-	-	116.80
Unaccounted Fund	-	-	-	-	-	6.93
Total	-	-	-	-	-	\$214.08

Respectfully submitted

U. W. Poss, B. F. McGraw, T. E. King, W. H. Fox.

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Report on Nominations read by G. W. Poss, discussed and approved.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

We your Committee on Nominations submit the following report:

We nominate Holly Springs as the next place of meeting of this Association. We nominate Ben L. Bridges to preach the Introductory Sermon, alternate J. W. Fish. E. D. Allison to preach the Missionary Sermon, alternate W. L. Compere. R. L. Boren, Chairman, W. T. Reed.

A motion prevailed to have the Moderator appoint a committee of three to select an Executive Board of five members. The committee selected were W. L. Compere, J. W. Fish and M. M. West.

The Executive Board selected are W. L. Compere, J. W. Fish, M. M. West, John F. Grumbles, and B. F. McGraw.

A motion prevailed that the Fifth Sunday meeting meet with Holly Springs Baptist church the 5th Sunday in September and the messengers and pastor of that church draft a suitable program and have it published in the Baptist Advance and The Baptist. D. D. Allison.

Resolution No. 1. Be it resolved, that this Association extend to Harmony church and community our thanks for delightful and generous hospitality and entertainment of the delegates and visitors of this Association during this session. E. D. Allison

Resolution No. 2. Be it resolved, that the Clerk of this Association be allowed the sum of \$20 for his services and that the remainder of the minute fund be used for printing minutes, and that each church be furnished minutes in proportion to the amount of money sent for minutes.

On motion we adjourned to meet with Holly Springs Baptist church in Lincoln county on Saturday before the Third Sunday in September, at 10 a. m., 1918.

J. W. McPHERSON

J. H. W. OVERTON,

Clerk.

Moderator.

Subscription to Orphan Homes

	Monticello	Texarkana
Florence	\$ 4.00	\$ 1.00
Holly Springs	5.	5.00
Harmony		10.00
Ohio Street	10 00	
Pine Bluff Ist., probable,	400.00	
Star City	50.00	1.00
Sulphur Springs, G. L. Davis	1.00	
Tyro	5.00	2.50
New home		10.00
W. B. Wilson and wife		5.00
Total	\$474.00	\$23.50

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CONSTITUTION.

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

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

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

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

5. The officers of this body shall be a Moderator and a Clerk, who shall be ex-officio Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot by a majority of the members present, immediately after the names of the delegates are enrolled; which officers shall perform all the duties usually devolving on such officers, and to continue to exercise their respective functions until they shall be superseded by a subsequent election. Provided: No person shall be elected and serve as Moderator of this association more than two years in succession.

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

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

8. The association shall hold annual sessions, to convene on Saturday before the third Sunday in September in each year and not to adjourn until all the business shall have been regularly finished except circumstances imperiously demand. The place of meeting shall be determined at each previous session and published in the minutes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CLERK'S REPORT

To Cash receive from Finance Committee.....	\$215.08
„ Cash received from collection.....	20.88
„ Cash received from W. M Union.....	5.00
Total.....	\$240.96

DISBURSEMENTS

By Printing Minutes and Postage.....	\$28.48
„ Clerk's Fee.....	20.00
„ Association Missions (W. D. Joyner).....	52.00
„ „ „ (J. H. Reynolds).....	46.00
„ „ „ W. D. Joyner on old debt.....	16.00
„ State Missions (John T. Christian).....	4.15
„ Home „ „.....	3.25
„ Foreign „ „.....	1.75
„ Orphans Home, Monticello, (J. T. Christian).....	44.31
„ Orphans Home, Texarkana (Overton) ..	17.22
„ Printing W. M. Union's proceedings.....	5.00
„ Balance in Treasury.....	2.80

Total..... \$240.66

*The unaccounted fund of \$6.45 reported by Finance Committee placed to Minute Fund.

J. W. McPHERSON,
Clerk and Treasurer.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Baptized	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Died	Pres. Members	Pastors Salaries	Other Objects	Building and Repairing	Paid Visiting Ministers	Poor Fund	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	W. M. U.	Orphans Home Monticello	Orphans Home Texarkana	Colleges and Schools	Ministerial Educational	Minutes and Clerks' Fund	S. S. Expense	Valuation
Bethel	1	1	3	6	1	22	150.00	3.00		22.00		4.00	13.85		5.75						2.50	7.65	700.00
Bethlehem Center	2	5	12	4	1	189	83.38	6.10				11.50	13.85		5.75		19.00			2.50	7.65	800.00	
Cornerville	1		2			55	6.00			6.90		1.90		2.25						1.00	8.00	250.00	
Concord							125.00													1.00		800.00	
Clarks	10	4	4	1	24	76.00	5.00	14.00			25.00	8.15	8.10				4.00			.50	9.27		
Dumas																				.50	5.00	500.00	
Enon	1		2	2	97	100.00						8.00								1.00	2.00	400.00	
Friendship					1	56														1.00		800.00	
Florence	1	6	2	11	56	75.00		15.50				10.00	20.09		5.00		11.00			1.50		800.00	
Hickory Grove	6	4			1	63	175.00	5.00	10.00		15.00	10.00			5.00		10.50			1.00		800.00	
Harmony	2	2	2	2	1	63	59.20			11.31			6.05		5.00		14.00			1.00		500.00	
Holly Springs	1	1		4	18	100.00	7.50			5.50		5.00					7.90			1.00		1000.00	
Lone Grove	11		1		1	47											7.50	29.50		1.00		1000.00	
Mt. Moriah			1		1	21	50.25						2.00				6.00			.50		500.00	
Mt. Zion		1	1	3	69	107.45														1.00	4.00		
Macedonia			1		1	28	25.00			9.25							5.00			1.50			
New Hope																							
New Home			1	2	37	22.30				7.25													
Oak Grove	1	2	1	2	5	72		5.00					2.50				10.00			1.00			
Ohio St. Pine Bluff	20	24	3	20	2	1260	1374.09	291.51	267.97	57.50	6.10	45.00	66.09	100.00	281.21	58.46				1.00	2.50	127.80	20000.00
Pine Bluff 1st.	15	33	153	8	13	928	2419.00	1091.97	1884.20	174.00	275.83	50.00	783.85	164.50	467.80	2247.22	46.19		35.00	284.00	1.00	827.84	51500.00
Pleasant Hill	2		1		1	49				7.25							2.55			1.00	4.00	500.00	
Pleasant Home	12	1			1	72	70.50	10.00				7.15	2.15	2.35			5.00	3.78		2.00	3.75	500.00	
Pleasant Ridge	2	2	9	1	62	50.00							6.25				8.00			1.75		500.00	
Pleasant Springs			4		94	75.00		53.35		8.40		5.00								1.50		800.00	
Rison	4	3	7		1	119	340.35	232.29				16.15	117.50	83.75	62.50	153.00	73.75		35.00	1.50	110.30	2100.00	
Spring Hill																							
Star City	6	6	10		1	176	600.00	50.00	50.00			40.00	154.00	80.00	94.00	25.00	77.65			78.55	3.00	70.30	2400.00
Sulphur Springs		4				20									.75					.50		1500.00	
Tyro	3	2	6		1	128	125.00					10.00		10.00	10.00					1.65			
Union	3	3	1	1	30	25.00	24.65						32.00	20.00	31.00		1.55			10.90	1.55		
Zion		4	3		23	18.02							3.00	1.00	1.00					1.00			

Churches, Pastors, Clerks and Postoffices

CHURCHES	PASTORS	POSTOFFICES	CLERKS	POSTOFFICES
Bethel No. 2	J. H. Reynolds	Little Rock	W. L. Goggans	Herbine
Bethlehem	J. W. Fish	Star City	A. S. Tucker	Rest
Center	W. D. Joyner	Little Rock	N. E. Johnston	Rowell
Cornerville	G. W. Bray	Wilmar	C. F. Mitcham	Cornerville
Concord	Not Represented			
Clio	J. H. Reynolds	Little Rock	Grace Dennes	Clio
Dumas	Not Represented			
Enon	— Wayne	Kingsland	W. E. Reynolds	Rye
Friendship	J. H. W. Overton	Toledo	W. J. Harris	Randall
Florence	E. D. Allison	Florence	J. M. Henley	Florence
Hickory Grove	G. W. Bray	Wilmar	W. E. Dodds	Rest
Holly Springs	W. L. Compere	Star City	D. W. Chance	Garnett
Harmony	J. H. Hankins	Pine Bluff	H. C. Hunt	Pine Bluff, Route 2
Lone Grove			J. J. Merrison	
Mt. Moriah	E. D. Allison	Florence	W. J. Caldwell	Winchester
Mt. Zion	J. H. W. Overton	Toledo	H. A. N. Rogers	Kedron
Macedonia	J. W. Fish	Star City	J. S. Puckett	Toledo
New Hope	J. A. Preston		W. L. Tucker	
New Home	A. C. Rodgers	Pine Bluff, R. F. D. 2 B 55	W. M. Willis	Randall
Oak Grove	J. H. W. Overton	Toledo	L. J. Reed	Randall
Ohio Street Pine Bluff			R. E. Lee	Pine Bluff
Pine Bluff 1st.	C. D. Wood	Pine Bluff	J. W. Reap	Pine Bluff
Pleasant Hill			J. A. Dyson	Garnett
Pleasant Home	J. T. Gathright	Double Wells	W. N. Bridges	Double Wells
Pleasant Ridge	J. H. W. Overton	Toledo	H. B. Harding	Randall
Pleasant Springs	E. D. Allison	Florence	W. R. Obryant	Coteman
Rison	E. A. Du'aney	Rison	J. W. Elrod	Rison
Star City	W. Compere	Star City	J. G. Atkinson	Star City
Spring Hill				
Sulphur Springs				
Tyro	W. L. Compere	Star City	H. G. Hanna	Pine Bluff, Route 1
Union			B. F. McGraw	Tyro
Zion	J. T. Gathright	Double Wells	B. G. Bailey	Pine Bluff, Route 2
			A. A. Brown	Toledo

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Sunday School Statistics

CHURCHES	No. Schools	Teachers	Scholars	Expenses	Literature	Super-Intendents	Post Offices
Bethel No. 2	1	4	45	3.00	S. B. C.	A. B. Tucker	Herbine
Bethlehem	1	4	64		Land Mark	W. M. Sackett	Palmyra
Center	1	4	20	3.00	S. B. C.	N. E. Johnson	Rowell
Olio	1	3	60	9.27	S. B. C. S.	P. B. Simpson	Olio
Enon	1	2	40	5.00	S. B. C. S.	J. H. Atkins	Anover
Friendship	1	6	50	2.00		W. J. Harris	Rowell
Hickory Grove	1	5	30	5.10	S. B. C. S.	T. J. Bailey	Rest
Harmony	1	5	50	5.10	Land Mark	H. H. Mundle	Pine Bluff, R D 2
Mt. Zion	1	5	23			P. J. Taylor	Kedron
Oak Grove	1	5	50	7.51		B. L. Riggins	Randall
Ohio St. Pine B.	1	11	140	27.30	S. B. C. S.	E. Ryland	Pine Bluff
Pleasant Hill	1	5	68	4.00	A. B. P. E.	J. A. Dyson	Garnett
Pine Bluff 1st.	2	24	530	406.54	S. B. C. S.	F. B. Ezell	Pine Bluff
Pleasant Ridge	1	5	51		Land Mark	H. B. Harding	Randall
Pleasant Home	1	4	45	3.75	A. B. P. E.	J. T. Gathright	Double Wells
Rison	1	12	112	53.26	S. B. P. S.	W. J. May	Rison
Star City	1	7	60	60.00	S. B. P. S.	H. R. Lucas	Star City
Union	1	4	56		S. B. P. S.	L. Hankins	Pine Bluff R. D. 2

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MINUTES
OF THE
Womens' Missionary Union

The Baptist Women's Missionary Union, auxiliary to Friendship Association, was called to order in its third annual session by the President, Mrs. H. C. Fox, with Harmony church at 2 o'clock Saturday September 14, 1912. The devotional exercises were begun by silent prayer to God for divine guidance, and closed audibly by the President, Mrs. H. C. Fox. Opening hymn, "I need Thee Every Hour." The scripture lesson, John 15, was followed by a helpful talk on the "Fruit Bearing Christians."

Realizing the great need in the association for personal service, the President read a paper on "How to Enlist the Uninterested Sisters," after which the Union went into its business session, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Mrs. Will Fox, President.

Mrs. N. H. Deaver, Secretary and Treasurer,

Mrs. Marion Hudson, Association Superintendent.

The President, Mrs. W. H. Fox, then named the following committees:

Committee on Enrollment - Mrs. L. N. White,

Committee on Women's Work - Mrs. Swanson.

Committee on Y. W. A. Work - Mrs. L. C. Saunders.

Committee on Orphans Home - Mrs. Eberhardt.

The Associational Superintendent then made her yearly report and closed with an earnest appeal to the women present to go home fully determined to organize a missionary society in their home churches.

MINUTES OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL SUPERINTENDENT

Two new societies have been organized this year: one missionary society at the Ross Moore Mission church, Pine Bluff, and a B. Y. P. U. and missionary society combined at Union church. Seventy letters have been written and four societies visited during the year.

Very respectfully submitted, Mrs. M. A. Hudson.

This report was discussed by Mesdames H. E. Williams, Smith, Bobo, Swanson, Eberhardt and others.

The Union then adjourned to meet at 2 p. m. Sunday.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The President being absent Mrs. Lee Fox acted in her stead and presided during the session. The meeting was opened by singing, "Sweet Hour of Prayer," followed by prayer led by Mrs. Duckett. Mrs. Lee Fox conducted the devotional exercises by reading I Cor. 13th Chap., after which she made a very timely and interesting talk on the different departments, and importance of the W. M. U. Work.

The following reports were read, discussed and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WOMAN'S WORK.

The Committee on Woman's work submits the following report:

The motto of our State W. M. U. for this year is, "Behold I have set before thee an open door." Realizing that "Our sufficiency is from God," we, of Friendship Association, are striving, by a strong reliance in God and his promises to enter the open door of opportunity which lies before us. We are praying earnestly that God will open the hearts of the women of this association that they may realize and understand how much more we can accomplish for our Lord and the enlargement of his kingdom by organized effort.

"For the eye of the Master is on every one.

Not a sigh or a struggle is lost,

And it is not the much or the little we bring.

But what has the offering cost.

'Twill not be the stamp of the coin that we bring.

But whether the gift is our best

There are thirty six churches in our association, and only five organized societies. These five have done nobly, and God has blessed their efforts. They have contributed to all purposes \$2,710.48.

Mrs. Swanson, Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON Y. W. A. WORK.

Our committee on Y. W. A. Work submits the following report: Knowing, as we do, that the greatest need in every line of work today is fluency, and that is the safest and best churchcraft in winning souls for

MINUTES OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Jesus, and the efficient W. M. U. of the future depends largely upon the training of the heart, body and soul of our young people of to-day.

Therefore, we beg the help of the W. M. U's. and every mother of this association to encourage and help in the organization of a Y. W. A. Society in your church.

At the present time, there is only one active Y. W. A. in this association, which is at the First church of Pine Bluff. This society has an enrollment of twenty-four, holds four meetings a month, and use the books of the New Testament for their Bible study. For the missionary meeting, the special programs for young ladies as printed in "Our Mission Field" is found to be both interesting and helpful.

Let us, in view of the great possibilities that lie before us, make a greater effort to glorify our Father's name, and say with Paul, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Respectfully submitted,

Mesdames L. C. Saunders, W. A. Bobo; P. N. Smith.

REPORT ON ORPHANS HOME

We believe that no department of our work is of greater importance than that of caring for the orphan children, and we feel sure that the heart of everyone present goes out in tenderest sympathy and an earnest desire to help in this great work. We find that there are at present 149 children in the home. Many of that number have been adopted by the societies over the state and are well provided for by them, as to clothing, but we, who are heads of families, know what it costs to supply only a small family with proper food. What must it cost to supply a family of 150? We earnestly urge all the ladies, whether members of our societies or not, to help in this noble work.

Mesdames Eberhardt and Swanson, Committee

While this session was held under difficulties, in a school house near the church, it was the most interesting one in the history of the Union, and we trust the seed sown will bring forth an abundant harvest.

"Women—women of the Southland,
Do you hear the Master's call?
Lo, ye labor in my vineyard,
Young and old—yes, one and all."

"Let us then be up and doing,
Lengthening cords—strengthening stakes,
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Him who leads thro' Heaven's gates."

Mrs. W. H. DEEVER,
Secretary.

Mrs. WILL FOX,
President.