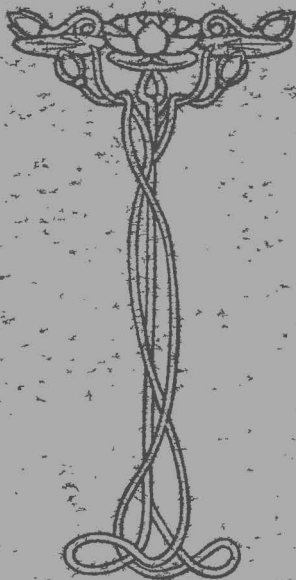


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OFFICERS

J. D. J. FAULKNER, Gainesville.....Moderator
C. D. MORRICE, Paragould.....Clerk
V. A. PHILLIPS, Paragould.....Treasurer

Marmadauke Missionary Baptist Church, October 22nd, 1913.

The forty-fourth annual session of the Gainesville Missionary Baptist Association opened by singing led by Bro. Lawrence and devotional exercises led by Bro. E. D. Cooper, and after prayer by the old soldiers of the cross, Bros. G. H. Faulkner and E. J. Teague, Bro. G. R. Tyler delivered an able and inspiring discourse, from words found in John 15-14. Theme: "Friends of Jesus."

The body was then called to order by the Moderator, Bro. J. D. J. Faulkner, and upon motion adjourned to 1:31 p. m. Benediction by Bro. J. R. Hall.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Resuming work at 1:30 the body was led in singing by J. H. Boone and in prayer by Bro. Chappel Rogers, after which the following churches presented their letters which were read by Bros. G. O. Light and V. A. Phillips:

- BIG CREEK—C. J. Bell, T. E. Shelly, C. H. Bishop.
 BETHEL—G. W. Hopper, Sister Sachs, E. Woodward.
 BLOOMING GROVE—Edna Hooks, E. R. Crews, B. F. Wagster.
 BEECH GROVE—I. S. Horne, W. F. Robinson.
 BETHLEHEM—W. T. Smith, J. F. Green, Eugene Thomas.
 BLACK RIVER—Ida Holmes, Mrs. E. S. Mizell, E. S. Mizell.
 BROWN'S CHAPEL—W. A. Branch, Gracie McHale, Ruth Barton.
 CENTER HILL—W. L. Emmert, Edna Cammon, Cora Gay.
 EPSABY—N. R. Cole, J. W. Roberts, Thomas Harvil.
 FAIRVIEW—J. W. Hicks, Vester Baldrige, Roger Cole.
 FRIENDSHIP—Ennis Johnson, W. F. Walden, J. C. Valentine.
 GAINESVILLE—Perry Norton and wife, W. C. Hathcock.
 GREENWAY—W. E. Harris, Rebecca Stuart, Sadie Thomas.
 HOPEWALL—J. A. Coffee, L. M. Clarida, J. O. Montgomery.
 MT. TABOR—C. E. Neely, Mary Neely, James Davis.
 MARMADUKE—E. P. Holt, W. L. Walker, A. M. Hall.
 MAIN SHORE—G. W. Howard—Frances Howard, Ethel Howard.
 NEW LIGHT—O. L. Carpenter, Walter Rogers, May Rogers.
 NEW HAVEN—T. R. Lloyd, Mrs. T. R. Lloyd.
 NEW HOME—W. N. Stairs, A. J. Brewer, Arthur Brewer.
 NUTT'S CHAPEL—No tidings.
 NEW LIBERTY—J. S. Noel, Mrs. McGowan.
 NEW HOPE—J. T. Branson, J. M. Brown, H. C. Nettles.
 PARAGOULD (2nd)—F. B. Emmons, B. F. Fields, Al Alsey.
 PIGGOTT—J. K. Browning, Mrs. J. P. Potter, Mrs. Dora Williams.
 PLEASANT GROVE—W. D. Hester, Taylor Fletcher, Tom McMillan.
 WANDERER'S HOME—J. F. Brady, N. J. Gossett, Louis Winton.
 PILOT GROVE—A. G. Cagle, Lester Underwood, Sam Haygood.
 PLEASANT HILL—C. B. Gibson, P. M. McNeil.
 PROVIDENCE—Will Hill, Chas. Beliew, E. J. Nowell.
 PEACH ORCHARD—Media Emerson, Sister E. Essary, M. A. Ponder.
 POST OAK—C. K. Griffin, C. M. Garrett, Lillie Garrett.
 ROCK HILL—Blanche Dyer, Gertie Rogers, Neal Taylor.
 Rector—J. S. Newscm, G. R. Tyler, E. J. Teague.
 SPRING GROVE—Mrs. E. D. Cooper, J. M. Rogers, V. A. Phillips.
 ST. FRANCIS—J. B. Smart, Jno. R. Jones, Tom Snow.
 WALNUT RIDGE—No tidings.
 SALEM—J. W. Dobbins, L. L. Cate.
 UNION GROVE—G. H. FAULKNER, T. J. Faulkner.
 STONEWALL—Albert Williams, Lester Wilson, Mrs. Byrd McMurty.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

On motion the body now went into the election of officers for the ensuing year, resulting in the re-election of J. D. J. Faulkner as Moderator, C. D. Morrice, Clerk, and V. A. Phillips, Treasurer.

Invitation was now extended for delegates with petitionary letters, to present same, and the following responded. Petitions were read and delegates duly seated:

PEACH ORCHARD—Media Emerson, E. Essary, M. A. Ponder.

STONEWALL—Albert Williams, Lester Wilson, Mrs. Byrd McMurdy.

ALEXANDER—W. H. Meredith.

According to custom all visitors were asked to enroll and invited to seats and granted the privilege to assist us by their counsel, and the following enrolled:

J. T. Christian, State Missions.

J. S. Compere, Ouachita College.

E. J. A. McKinney, Baptist Advance.

W. F. Dorris, Orphans' Home.

T. B. Kitchens, Mt. Zion.

F. M. Carter, Jonesboro (2nd.)

W. H. Meridith, Paragould (2nd.)

On motion the usual committees were now appointed by the Moderator:

DIVINE SERVICE—Pastor and deacons of Marmaduke church and Bro. J. R. Hall.

ARRANGEMENTS—E. D. Cooper, G. R. Tyler, W. Walker.

PRAYER MEETING—E. D. Cooper, T. R. Lloyd, E. M. Stuart, Thomas Harvil.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—O. L. Hopper, Will Hill, J. S. Newsom, Ida Holmes.

TEMPERANCE—J. W. Roberts, Lester Wilson, Neal Taylor, Al Alsey.

MINISTERS AND POSTOFFICE—J. B. Smart, J. M. Rogers, P. M. McNeill, W. L. Emmert.

INFIRM MINISTERS—J. W. Hicks, J. W. Garrett, E. R. Crews, Martin Clay.

ORPHANS' HOME—Sister E. D. Cooper, Sister T. R. Lloyd, G. H. Faulkner, Sister Sachs.

OBITUARIES—E. P. Holt, Thomas Igleheart, Monroe Pace, Sister Essary, Albert Williams.

FINANCE—G. O. Light, Ed Rogers.

STATE MISSIONS—A. M. Hall, F. B. Emmons, J. D. Noel, C. E. Neely.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS—G. R. Tyler, W. L. Walker, T. J. Faulkner, C. B. Gibson.

HOME MISSIONS—G. A. Crocker, W. T. Walden, J. M. Brown, E. S. Mizell.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—E. J. Teague, Chas. Beliew, E. J. Nowell, Tom McMillan.

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PUBLICATIONS—J. K. Browning, Sister J. P. Potter, J. S. New-som, B. F. Fields, E. J. A. McKinney.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—H. C. Nettles, J. H. Boone, W. D. Hester, Sister McGowan.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—J. S. Compere.

Divine Service.

Committee on Divine Service reported as follows:

1. Wednesday night—G. A. Crocker.
2. Thursday, 7 p. m.—J. T. Christian.
3. Friday, 7 p. m.—E. J. A. McKinney.

Dismissed by the marriage of Lee Bertie Foster to A. T. Fitzgerald, Bro. E. D. Cooper officiating.

At 7:30 Bro. G. A. Crocker spoke on the "Power of Jesus." Those who missed this sermon missed a treat. Those who were there were well repaid for their trip through the rain.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Services opened by singing led by Bro. J. H. Boone, after which Bro. J. T. Nowell invoked the Divine blessings upon the deliberations of the body.

Arrangements.

Committee on Arrangements reported as follows, which was adopted as read:

1. Roll call and reading previous minutes.
2. Presenting petitionary letters.
3. Invitation to visiting brethren.
4. Report of Executive Board.
5. Report of Missionaries.
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 Associational Missions.
13. Report of Committee on State Missions.
14. Report of Committee on Home Missions.
15. Report of Committee on Foreign Missions.
16. Report of Committee on Ministerial and Christian Education.
17. Report of Committee on Publications.
18. Report of Committee on Obituaries.
19. Report of Committee on Finance.
20. Report of Treasurer.
21. Miscellaneous business.
22. Queries and Resolutions.

State Missions.

The Committee on State Missions being ready, presented their report, and after being spoken to by Bro. J. T. Christian, it was adopted as read and the following pledges taken to be paid by Nov. 21, 1913:

Second Church Paragould	\$100.00
Epsaby	10.00
Marmaduke	20.50
Stonewall	5.00
Piggott	25.00
Pilot Grove	5.00
Mt. Tabor	Coll.
Black River	Coll.
Fairview	Coll.
Hopewell	Coll.
Main Shore	Coll.
New Liberty	Coll.
Pleasant Grove	5.00
Wanderer's Home	5.00
Pleasant Hill	5.00
Post Oak	5.00
Spring Grove	Coll.
St. Francis	5.00
Union Grove	Coll.

State Missions.

The prime purpose of our fathers when they organized the convention sixty-five years ago was the evangelization of Arkansas. If it were not that Arkansas needs the Gospel there would be no necessity for this association. This work of State Missions is fundamental. Any church that does not give to State Missions is dead and has only a name to live. We urge that every church shall at once take a collection for this important object. The Convention Board has about 90 missionaries in the field and have done one of the largest year's work in its history.

F. B. EMMONS,
A. M. HALL,
O. E. NEELY,
J. T. CHRISTIAN.

Prayer Meeting.

The Committee on Prayer Meeting now presented their report. After being ably discussed by Bros. G. O. Light, G. R. Tyler and F. B. Emmons and Mrs. E. J. Teague, it was adopted as read:

Prayer is a blessed privilege as well as a duty. We find in the Bible many instances of the ancient people praying to God and God answering prayers. We have a good example given by our Savior while here on earth, in that He prayed many times all night. We believe that our churches should have prayer meeting as often as once a week and more often if possible.

COMMITTEE.

Home Missions.

The Committee on Home Missions presented their report as follows, which, after being spoken to by E. J. A. McKinney, was adopted as read:

It is highly important that every Baptist should have a good understanding both of the faith and the work of the denomination. He can not be a very valuable member of a Baptist church if he is ignorant of either our faith or our work. These associational meetings ought to enlighten our people on Baptist faith and Baptist work, and the messengers present ought to carry that enlightenment back to their respective churches.

Of all the work the denomination is doing, none is more important and immediately imperative than that department we call Home Missions. How many of the messengers understand fully what is meant by Home Missions, and can go home and explain this work to those members of their churches who do not understand what it is?

Home Missions, in a word, signifies the work done by the Southern Baptist Convention to save the lost in the homeland, to organize churches, Sunday Schools, etc., and in other ways to develop and strengthen those who are saved, so that they may be effective agents in saving others.

The agency through which Southern Baptists do this work is the Home Mission Board, located at Atlanta, Georgia, B. D. Gray, D. D., Corresponding Secretary. For the convenience of the brotherhood West of the Mississippi River, and for greater efficiency in the work, an office is maintained in Dallas, Texas, J. F. Love, Secretary.

The work of the Board is manifold, including missionary, evangelistic, educational and church building departments, and work among the immigrants, foreigners, negroes, etc. As it would make this report too long to explain and emphasize this work so that all could understand it as they should, your committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That every pastor in the association get at least one good book on Home Missions, and prepare himself to enlighten his people on the subject.

2. That pastors, churches and missionary societies make full use of the leaflet literature of the Board, which can be had for the asking of J. F. Love, No. 717 Slaughter Building, Dallas, Texas.

3. That an agent be appointed in each church in the association, to solicit subscribers for the Home Field, the monthly magazine published by the Board.

These three recommendations are essential to an understanding of this great work.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. CROCKER,
J. M. BROWN,
W. F. WALDEN.

Ministers and Postoffices.

The Committee on Ministers and Postoffices now presented their report, which on motion was adopted as read:

Ministers.	P. O.	Ministers.	P. O.
J. R. Hall.....	Marmaduke	R. L. Kirkland	Paragould
W. L. Walker	Marmaduke	W. H. Merideth	Paragould
A. G. Cagle	Piggott	C. Watkins	Paragould
W. R. Underwood	Piggott	G. H. Faulkner	Walcott
J. L. Pinkston	Boydsville	C. C. Gaskill	Lafe
R. C. Estes	Lafe	R. C. Rogers	Paragould
W. F. Alexander	Pollard	P. P. Green	St. Francis
I. N. Settlemoir	Pollard	E. D. Cooper	Paragould
J. D. J. Faulkner....	Gainesville	E. C. Butler	Piggott
E. J. Teague	Rector	J. K. Joiner	Piggott
G. R. Tyler	Rector	Ira W. Kerr.....	Piggott
W. C. Gower	Piggott	W. D. Farmer	Rector
E. S. Mizell	Brookings	J. T. Nowell	Marmaduke
G. A. Crocker	Paragould	A. A. Ryan	Walcott

P. N. McNIEL,
J. P. SMART,
JOE M. ROGERS, Committee.

Temperance.

The Committee on Temperance presented their report as follows. After being discussed by E. J. A. McKinney, was adopted as read:

We, the Committee on Temperance, present this report after being discussed by the Committee:

"Woe unto him that causes another to stumble;" "woe unto him that puts the cup to his neighbor's lips," is the declaration of God's Word. Realizing the great evil of intemperance over our land, we can hardly be strict enough in our dealings with members in our churches who favor whiskey and talk against state-wide prohibition. We believe all Christians should pledge themselves against the liquor traffic in every form. Notice when an issue is before the people concerning state-wide prohibition, how the saloon men will work for local option. Which crowd did you vote with, brother? Who of you are afraid to vote for state-wide for fear your taxes would be higher or that you could not get whiskey for medical use or that if you voted out whiskey it would be sold by bootleggers? See how the saloon men contradict themselves in their argument against state-wide prohibition.

We should know that where there are saloons taxes are higher from every standpoint. Money, life, morals, peace and safety are all taxed where the saloon exists. We, your Committee, would recommend that preachers and churches fight a good warfare against the use of intoxicants as a beverage, and that the churches withdraw fellowship from all who use and talk in favor of whiskey and license.

J. W. ROBERTS, NEIL TAYLOR
L. P. WILSON, E. R. ALSEY.

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On motion body now adjourned till 1:30. Benediction by Bro. J. T. Christian.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The afternoon session opened by singing led by Bro. E. D. Cooper and prayer by Bro. F. B. Emmons.

Sunday Schools.

The Committee on Sunday Schools presented their report as follows for the consideration of this body, and after discussion by Bros. J. T. Christian, J. K. Browning, G. O. Light and E. J. A. McKinney, it was adopted as read:

We realize that education is one of the most important things and while educating the young minds we ought to be diligent in urging them to 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 School, we would earnestly urge that all churches that 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,

J. S. NEWSOM,

G. W. HOPPER,

W. J. HILL.

Executive Board.

The Executive Board presented their report as follows, which was adopted as read:

We beg to report as follows:

Amounts received from the various churches and the balance on hand at the commencement of this year:

To balance on hand	\$ 54.89
Rector Church	20.45
New Friendship	41.15
Brown's Chapel	15.45
Spring Grove	5.15
New Hope	8.21
Gainesville, 5th Sunday Meeting	16.38
Bethel	6.35
Rock Hill	11.00
Wanderer's Home	5.00
Blooming Grove, 5th Sunday Meeting	9.88
Union Grove	4.60
St. Francis	2.70
E. D. Cooper	1.00

Total\$203.21

We have paid same as follows:

W. H. Merideth for preliminary work at Bar Camp.....	\$ 20.00
T. R. Allen, help to Greenway	10.00
W. H. Merideth, Bar Camp	5.00
W. H. Merideth, Pleasant Hill	6.00
A. G. Cagle	20.00
W. H. Merideth, Bar Camp, Big Island, Tokio, Nutt's Chapel....	15.00
T. R. Allen, Greenway	10.00
J. D. J. Faulkner, at Cotton Belt	20.00
A. G. Cagle	10.00
J. W. Seay, New Haven	25.00
W. H. Merideth, for holding revivals at Wall's Chapel, Bar Camp and Main Shore	45.00
V. A. Phillips	2.60
Total paid out	\$188.60
Balance on hand	14.61
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	\$203.21

Infirm Ministers.

This Committee present the following report for your consideration, which report 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 blest 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. W. HICKS,
E. R. CREWS,
MARSTON CLAY, Committee.

Moved, seconded and carried that we suspend the rules and take up the work of Christian Education.

Moved, seconded and carried that all lady messengers consider themselves a separate body for the consideration of all ladies' work in our churches. Mrs. J. T. Rogers was appointed chairman.

Ministerial and Christian Education.

The report of the Committee on Christian Education was now presented and read by Bro. J. S. Compere, who spoke at length about our schools and the great responsibility resting upon the fact that no school can give a well rounded education but a Christian school.

Bro. Compere then asked for pledges for the support of our young

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preachers in Ouachita College and the following responded to be paid during the year:

Bro. A. M. Hall	\$ 10.00	Union Grove	Coll.
Marmaduke Aid	5.00	Black River	Coll.
Piggott	Coll.	Epsaby	Coll.
Rector	Coll.	Wanderer's Home	Coll.
Marmaduke	Coll.	Pilot Grove	Coll.
Friendship	Co'l.	Blooming Grove	Coll.
Piggott W. M. U.	Coll.	Post Oak	Coll.
Rock Hill	Coll.	Rock Springs	Coll.
Brown's Chapel	Coll.	Main Shore	Coll.
Hopewell	Coll.	And cash collection amount-	
Hopewell Sunday School.	Coll.	ing to \$12.47.	

Christian education is scriptural. It is one of the three phases of all denominational work. The three phases of denominational work are Christian Missions, Christian Education and Christian Benevolence. These interests cover the work of our churches aside from all local matters. No New Testament church ought to fail to contribute annually to each of these three interests in all they mean.

At the Baptist State Convention in Hot Springs last November an Education Board was created. This Board consists of twenty-four members, and is put exactly on the same level with the State Mission and the Orphans' Home Boards. The Education Board elects annually an Education Secretary whose duties for Christian Education are similar to those of Missionary Secretary for Missions. The Education Board has authority to raise and disburse money for the running expenses and improvements of the schools fostered by the convention, and to raise money for endowment. This Board through its Secretary asks and urges that every Baptist church in the state make an offering annually to Christian Education.

It is as inevitable as death that if Arkansas Baptists neglect their colleges, we will suffer untold loss in leadership for both pulpit and pew, and in missionary and aggressive denominational spirit generally.

These schools are doing a great service to the denomination in the education of preachers. It is of the greatest importance that our preachers get all the education they possibly can get. No other set of men have such immense tasks to perform. The preacher must know God and His word; he must know men and their affairs; he must know the affairs of the Kingdom of God unto earth's remotest bounds; he must be an authority on Missions, Sunday Schools, B. Y. P. U., women's work and general church work; and he must be able to preach to intelligent congregations. He must be able to meet the same congregation two or three times a week and preach to them in such a way as to instruct and edify them. He must be able to meet and counteract the many incoming heresies by proclaiming the plain teachings of the pure word of God.

No other class of men has such great tasks, and yet all others must now be educated if they are to succeed. Doctors, lawyers, teachers, commercial men, etc., must be educated. The preacher has greater

tasks to perform and hence has greater need for education. He must have education if he accomplishes what he may accomplish.

Ouachita College, at Arkadelphia, gives preachers free tuition, and the Board of Ministerial Education gives additional help to those who must have it. This help usually amounts to \$7.50 per month for each student. The Board is dependent on the Baptists of the state for money with which to do this work. Every dollar contributed to help educate a preacher helps every sort of work in the Kingdom of God because the preacher will be made more effective in every line of good work by his education. We recommend that all our churches take collections for these preacher boys and send it to J. S. Compere, Sec. Board of Ministerial Education Arkadelphia.

We further recommend:

1. That all our people and churches give our Baptist schools their rightful place in their hearts and prayers.
2. That each pastor in the Association preach regularly on Christian and Ministerial Education and otherwise keep the matter before his people.
3. That our people patronize our Baptist schools for the education of our young people and take collections for the support of such schools.

H. C. NETTLES,
J. H. BOONE,
W. D. HESTER,
OLLIE McGAUSLIN,
J. S. COMPERE, Committee.

On motion the work on Orphans' Home was passed over, in view of the fact that Bro. Dorris would be here Friday.

Associational Missions.

The Committee on Associational Missions now presented their report and after being discussed by Bros. G. R. Tyler, E. C. Butler, A. G. Cagle, G. O. Light, E. J. A. McKinney and G. A. Crocker, was adopted as read.

We find that our Executive Board during the year just closed employed no regular missionary, but sought to reach the points of destination in our association by special missionaries and have reached the points of real destitution in that way. We find that our places of destitution are overshadowed almost completely by the propaganda of Holy Rollerism, Nazareneism and one or two other isms that have so far by compact organization under the whip of Fanaticism been able to block the efforts of our missionaries and have so hindered their efforts that we have not been able to prevail against them as it seems we should. We must meet this awful condition, in our opinion, by sending into that territory ministers armed and equipped with the Gospel of Love, and with abilities sufficient to withstand these errors to the face.

We, your Committee, recommend that this association supply these weak points as far as possible with efficient preachers to take care of the work in those places where we have already established

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Baptist churches. By this method only can we hope to have more strong churches in Gainesville Association.

We further recommend that each church in this association take regular collections in order to take care of the great destitution just mentioned.

Last of all but not least, we recommend that each lover of the Lord and His Kingdom pray that the Lord of the Vineyard may send more laborers into His field.

Respectfully submitted,
G. R. TYLER,
W. L. WALKER ,
T. J. FAULKNER,
C. B. GIBSON.

On motion, body adjourned to 9 a. m. Benediction by Bro. J. S. Compere.

THURSDAY NIGHT.

At 7:30 Bro. J. T. Christian preached a soul stirring sermon from the text found in Rev. 1-12-16. Benediction by E. J. A. McKinney.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Session resumed work at 9 a. m. by singing led by E. D. Cooper and invocation by E. C. Butler.

Orphans' Home.

The Committee on Orphans' Home now presented their report, which, after being ably discussed by Bro. W. F. Dorris, was adopted as read, after which cash collection of \$29.66 was received and the following pledges taken for 1914:

Bethel, monthly col.	Piggott S. S., monthly col.
Blooming Grove, monthly col.	Piggott Ch., monthly col.
Bethlehem, monthly col.	Marmaduke Ladies, box clothing and sheets.
Black River, monthly col.	Wanderer's Home, col.
Brown's Chapel, monthly col.	Pilot Grove, col.
Epsaby, monthly col.	Pleasant Hill, col.
Fairview, monthly col.	Providence, col.
Friendship, monthly col.	Post Oak, monthly col.
Friendship, monthly col.	Rock Hill, monthly col.
and \$10.00	Rec S. S., col.
Hopewell S. S., monthly col., church 15.00	Rector Ch., spl. col.
Big Creek S. S., col.	Rector Ladies' Aid 85.00
Marmaduke, for Ch. and S. S. 100.00	Spring Grove, monthly col.
Main Shore, col.	Union Grove, monthly col.
New Light, col.	Stonewall, monthly col.
New Liberty, col.	Alexander, monthly col.
New Hope 10.00	Peach Orchard S. S., month- ly col.
2nd Paragould 100.00	

We, your Committee on Orphans' Home, would call attention to the fact that the Home at Monticello now has 169 orphan children to be

clothed and fed and cared for. We also call attention to the debt that is now against the new building of 700.00. We believe this work is a gracious work that our Lord would have us do. To care for the orphans in our state certainly is a work that we should delight in doing.

We, your Committee, recommend that a collection be taken now and pledges made for the Home. We are glad to know that many boxes were sent last year during Christmas week to gladden the hearts of the children who have no one to give them tokens of love by giving them presents. We hope each church in our association will send a box this year.

MRS. E. D. COOPER,
T. R. LLOYD,
G. H. FAULKNER.

Committee.

Woman's Missionary and Aid Society.

PIGGOTT—RELLA S. DUDLEY, Secretary.

Orphans' Home	\$ 35.00	Amt. rec'd....	95.00
Church expense	14.00		
Church building and rep.	54.50	Total	\$216.00
Members ..	.30	Amt. expended	\$ 46.72
Av. Att.....	12	Bal. on hand	169.28
Amt. on hand	120.50		

PARAGOULD (2nd)—MRS. F. B. EMMONS, Secretary.

State Missions	\$ 5.00	Charity	8.60
Home Missions	2.50	Ministers	17.00
Foreign Missions	2.50	Building & Furnishing ..	226.67
Minutes ....	.50	Bal. on hand	29.00
Orphans' Home	12.00	Meetings during quarter	12
Church expenses \$2.00 per month.		Members	33
		Av. Att.....	12

RECTOR—MRS. J. A. SNOWDEN, Secretary.

State Missions	\$ 2.50	Ministers	7.50
Orphans' Home	31.00	Members	31
Church building & rep..	100.00	Av. Att.....	9

PRESIDENTS OF AID.

Piggott—Mrs. Rachael Win. Rector—Mrs. E. J. Teague.
Paragould—Mrs. G. A. Gifford. Marmaduke—Mrs. W.T. Williams.

MARMADUKE—MRS. MATTIE BRADSHER.

For sidewalk to church	\$52.98	To Orphans' Home	5.00
For papering church....	71.02	Bal. on hand	21.23
To Missions	5.00	Membership	33
From sale of quilt	8.00	Deaths	1
Children's mite boxes....	13.85		

Woman's Work.

Committee on Woman's Work reported as follows, which was adopted as read:

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We, your Committee on Woman's Work, report as follows:

We find there were only four W. M. U's. represented in this session of the association, as follows: Piggott, Rector, Marmaduke and 2nd Church of Paragould.

We find the work done by them as stated in their reports is as follows:

State Missions	\$ 7.50	Church expenses	566.27
Home Missions	2.50	To pastor's salary	7.50
Foreign Missions	2.50		
Minute fund .....	.50	Total	\$671.77
Orphans' Home	80.00	Total membership	127
Associational Missions ..	5.00		

G. R. TYLER, Chairman Committee.

Foreign Missions.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported as follows, which, after being discussed by Bros. J. R. Hall and E. J. Teague, was adopted as read:

We, your Committee, report as follows:

Our Foreign Mission Board reports a year of success and great progress on our foreign fields. A note of confidence and triumph runs through the reports of the missionaries. The only exception is Mexico, where the unsettled conditions have hindered the work. In Brazil and China the success of the work is great and the opportunities are marvelous. In Italy and Japan the long siege is beginning to tell and the outlook brightens. In Argentina and Africa the success of our workers is gratifying. From all around the world the call of God is voiced in the progress of its large needs bids us go forward. This year there has been 4,532 baptisms and a total membership now of 27,545.

We recommend that our association pay at least one hundred and fifty dollars for Foreign Missions this next associational year and that the churches all take part in raising and paying said amount; and we further recommend that all of our churches earnestly consider the question of raising our mission funds in a systematic way so that the money can be sent forward regularly all through the year.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. TEAGUE,

C. C. BELIEW, Committee.

Publications.

The Committee on Publications now presented their report as follows and was ably discussed by Bros. J. K. Browning, E. J. A. McKinney, J. F. Nowell and G. O. Light, the latter showing conclusively that our Baptist convention series of literature was not suitable for Baptist needs because it has no word of doctrine, even Christ Himself being entirely left out. After which the report was adopted as read.

The circulation of books and papers is so nearly universal, and many of them are of such doubtful character, or so positively harmful in character, as to give us cause carefully to consider our duty in the matter. It is undoubtedly true that the early surroundings of children

largely influence their lives, and in nothing is this so conspicuously true as in the influence of the literature with which they are surrounded. We earnestly urge all Christians to censor the reading matter which enters their homes, barring out not only the "yellow back," but the alleged high-class novel which has for its mission an insidious and dangerous so-called liberal propaganda.

We urge a wider reading and circulation of those papers and books which teach reverence to God and to His Holy Word, and which have for their purpose the uplifting of mankind morally and spiritually.

We urge the use of the literature published by the Southern Baptist Convention for Sunday Schools, Home Study, B. Y. P. U. and Teacher Training Classes, and we especially urge the reading and encouragement of our state papers, the Baptist Advance, published in Little Rock, at \$1.50 a year; the Orphans' Gem, published at Monticello, Arkansas, at 25 cents a year; and the Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Virginia, at 35 cents a year, and the Home Field.

J. K. BROWNING, Chairman.

J. S. NEWSOM.

Body now stood adjourned till 1:30. Benediction by Bro. W. F. Dorris.

Friday Afternoon.

Pursuant to adjournment the association resumed its labors at 1:30, led in singing by C. H. Bishop and prayer by Bro. E. J. A. McKinney.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator appoint the Executive Board for the ensuing year.

Moved in amendment that the Moderator select a committee of three who in turn shall select the Executive Board.

Moved in amendment to the amendment that the present Executive Board be re-appointed by acclamation. This was carried and the following compose the Executive Board for the ensuing year:

J. F. SAIN—Paragould.

J. B. WALDEN—Gainesville.

J. M. BROWN—Piggott.

ROYAL CREWS—Rector.

G. O. LIGHT—Paragould.

Obituaries.

The Committee on Obituaries presented the following report, which was adopted as read:

We, your Committee on Obituaries, would make the following report:

We find that since our last association, the Almighty Father has seen fit in His Infinite Wisdom to call from their labors the following brothers and sisters:

NEW HOPE—Sister Elizabeth Pollard and Sister Alexander, Sister Minnie Payne and Sister Mattie Brown.

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BLOOMING GROVE—Brother B. F. Gatewood and Sister J. A. Hooks.

FAIRVIEW—Sister Ada Hicks.

HOPEWELL—Brother Johnson and Sister Martha Cudd.

BIG CREEK—Willie White and D. Dungan.

POST OAK—Brother Jake Holcomb and Brother J. N. Batton and Sister Frances Steward.

MOUNT TABOR—Brother Wm. Edwards and Bradford Mangrum, and Sister Mollie Reyer.

ROCK HILL—Sister Effie Taylor.

ST. FRANCIS—Brother W. H. Newcomb.

NEW HOME—Sister Allie McDaniel.

E. P. HOLT, Chairman.

ALBERT WILLIAMS,

E. D. ESSERY.

G. O. Light at this time asked for pledges for Associational Missions for the ensuing year and the following churches responded:

Bethel	\$ 5.00	Wanderer's Home	10.00
Blooming Grove	10.00	Pilot Grove	5.00
Bethlehem ..	5.00	Pleasant Hill	Col.
Black River	Col.	Providence	5.00
Brown's Chapel	15.00	Post Oak	5.00
Epsaby	5.00	Rock Hill	15.00
Fairview	Col.	Rector	20.00
Friendship	35.00	Spring Grove	10.00
Hopewell	10.00	St. Francis	Col.
Big Creek	15.00	Walnut Ridge	Col.
Marmaduke	25.00	Salem	5.00
Main Shore	10.00	Union Grove	10.00
New Light	5.00	Greenway	Col.
New Liberty	5.00	Alexander	Col.
New Hope	10.00	Peach Orchard	Col.
Paragould (2nd)	40.00	Stonewall	5.00
Piggott	25.00		
Pleasant Grove	Col.	Total	\$310.00

Officers' Post Offices by Churches.

MAIN SHORE—Pastor, W. H. Meridith, Paragould; Clerk, Ben Patrick, Paragould, Rt. No. 4; S. S. Supt., Ed Fletcher, Paragould, Rt. No. 4; S. S. Sec., Louis Campbell, Paragould, Rt. No. 4.

MT. TABOR—Pastor, A. G. Cagle, Piggott; Clerk, H. A. Seal, Greenway; S. S. Supt., H. A. Underwood, Piggott; S. S. Sec., Ella Thompson, Greenway.

HOPEWELL—Pastor, E. D. Cooper, Paragould; Clerk, J. H. Johnson, Rector; S. S. Supt., L. M. Clarida, Marmaduke; S. S. Sec., Viola Clarida, Marmaduke.

GREENWAY—Pastor, T. R. Allen, Paragould; Clerk, Leota Jackson, Greenway; S. S. Supt., Leota Jackson, Greenway; S. S. Sec., Sadie Thomas, Greenway.

FRIENDSHIP—Pastor J. D. J. Faulkner, Gainesville, Rt. 2; Clerk, D. McHaney, Gainesville, Rt. 2; S. S. Supt., J. B. Walden, Gainesville, Rt. 2; S. S. Sec., Sallie Faulkner, Gainesville, Rt. 2.

SALEM—Pastor, R. C. Rogers, Paragould; Clerk, T. L. Cate, Boydsville.

FAIRVIEW—Pastor, E. D. Cooper, Paragould; Clerk, A. T. Fitzgerald, Paragould; S. S. Supt., T. I. Duncan, Paragould; S. S. Sec., Roger Cole, Paragould.

EPSABY—Pastor, G. H. Faulkner, Paragould; Clerk, W. E. Williams, Gainesville; S. S. Supt., A. H. Helderman, Gainesville; S. S. Sec., Albert Powers, Gainesville.

CENTER HILL—Pastor, E. D. Cooper, Paragould; Clerk, Roy Emmert, Paragould; S. S. Supt., F. M. Hampton, Paragould; S. S. Sec., Edna Edmonson, Paragould.

BLACK RIVER—Pastor, E. S. Mizell, Brookings; Clerk, Ida Holmes,, Brookings; S. S. Supt., Jennie Brown, Brookings; S. S. Sec., Helen Throgmorton, Brookings.

BIG CREEK—Pastor, T. R. Allen, Paragould; Clerk, C. H. Bishop, Lafe; S. S. Supt., C. H. Bishop, Lafe; S. S. Sec., Hadie Bishop, Lafe.

PARAGOULD (Second)—Pastor, G. A. Crocker, Paragould; Clerk, F. B. Emmons, Paragould; S. S. Supt., G. O. Light, Paragould; S. S. Sec., Maybel Massey, Paragould; Ladies' Aid, Sister Gifford, Paragould; Sec. Ladies' Aid, Mary Emmons, Paragould.

NEW HOME—Pastor, C. C. Gaskill, Lafe; Clerk, W. D. Brewer, Marmaduke.

NEW LIGHT—Pastor, J. R. Hall, Marmaduke; Clerk, N. H. Wemberly, Boydsville.

NEW HOPE—Pastor, T. R. Allen, Paragould; Clerk, H. Holcomb, Piggott.

NEW HAVEN—Pastor, J. W. Seay, Walcott; Clerk, Flora Miller, Bethel; S. S. Supt., T. R. Lloyd, Bethel; S. S. Sec., Flora Miller, Bethel.

MARMADUKE—Pastor, E. C. Butler, Piggott; Clerk, A. M. Hall, Marmaduke; S. S. Supt., J. H. Boone, Marmaduke; S. S. Sec., E. J. Cook, Marmaduke; Pres. Ladies' Aid, Mrs. W. T. Williams, Marmaduke; Sec. Ladies' Aid, Mrs. Mattie Bradsher, Marmaduke.

BETHEL—Pastor, R. C. Rogers, Paragould; Clerk, J. A. Smith, Marmaduke; S. S. Supt., J. A. Smith, Marmaduke; S. S. Sec., Ora Dorth, Marmaduke.

WANDERER'S HOME—Pastor A. G. Cagle, Piggott; Clerk, Thos. Pollock, Piggott; S. S. Supt., Lennie Pollard, Piggott; S. S. Sec., E. A. Helton, Piggott.

UNION GROVE—Pastor, E. D. Cooper, Paragould; Clerk, L. L. Faulkner, Walcott; S. S. Supt., L. L. Faulkner, Walcott; S. S. Sec., R. H. Farley, Walcott.

ST. FRANCIS—Pastor, G. R. Tyler, Rector; Clerk, John Jones, St. Francis; S. S. Supt., Thos. Snow, St. Francis; S. S. Sec., Mary Shoemaker, St. Francis.

STONEWALL—Pastor, J. F. Clark, Jonesboro; Clerk, E. H. Mc-

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Murty, Stonewall; S. S. Supt., Albert Williams, Stonewall; S. S. Sec., Miss Alice Vanover, Stonewall.

SPRING GROVE—Pastor, J. W. Seay, Walcott; Clerk, Joe Rogers, Paragould; S. S. Supt., V. A. Phillips, Paragould; S. S. Sec., Judson Cooper, Paragould.

ROCK HILL—Pastor, R. C. Rogers, Paragould; Clerk, E. D. Rogers, Paragould; S. S. Supt., E. D. Rogers, Paragould; S. S. Sec., Miss Gertie Rogers, Paragould.

RECTOR—Pastor, G. R. Tyler, Rector; Clerk, J. B. Winchester, Rector; S. S. Supt., J. L. Dodd, Rector; S. S. Sec., Ola Winchester, Rector; Pres. W. M. U., Mrs. E. J. Teague, Rector; Sec. W. M. U., Mrs. J. H. Snowden, Rector.

PLEASANT GROVE—Pastor, R. C. Rogers, Paragould; Clerk, Tom McMillan, Paragould; S. S. Supt., Z. T. Fletcher, Paragould; S. S. Sec., Josie Edwards, Walcott.

PLEASANT HILL—Pastor, W. H. Meridith, Paragould; Clerk, O. H. Payne, Paragould; S. S. Supt., J. E. Thompson, Paragould; S. S. Sec., Mollie McNeil, Paragould.

POST OAK—Pastor, J. L. Pinkston, Pollard; Clerk, C. M. Garrett, Pollard.

PILOT GROVE—Pastor—————; Clerk, Lester Underwood, Piggott; S. S. Supt., Lester Underwood, Piggott; S. S. Sec., Lovie Underwood, Piggott.

PROVIDENCE—Pastor, C. C. Gaskill, Lafe; Clerk, E. J. Nowel, Marmaduke.

PEACH ORCHARD—Pastor, E. S. Mizell, Peach Orchard; Clerk, Waris Emerson, Peach Orchard; S. S. Supt., Waris Emerson, Peach Orchard; S. S. Sec., Gay Toler, Peach Orchard.

PIGGOTT—Pastor, E. C. Butler, Piggott; Clerk, R. H. Dudley, Piggott; S. S. Supt., J. K. Browning, Piggott; S. S. Sec., A. Osman, Piggott; Pres. W. M. U., Mrs. R. Minton, Piggott; Sec. W. M. U., Rella S. Dudley, Piggott; Pres. B. Y. P. U., Miss Flossie Templeton, Piggott; Sec. B. Y. P. U., Grace Williams, Piggott.

BROWN'S CHAPEL—Pastor, R. C. Rogers, Paragould; Clerk, J. F. Sain, Paragould, Rt. No. 3; S. S. Supt., H. J. McDaniel, Paragould, Rt. No. 3; S. S. Sec., Gracie McHale, Paragould, Rt. No. 3.

BLOOMING GROVE—Pastor, E. D. Cooper, Paragould; Clerk, E. R. Crews, Rector; S. S. Supt., J. D. Wagster, Rector; S. S. Sec., J. H. McCrady, Rector; Pres. W. M. U., Cora McCrady, Rector; Sec. W. M. U., Lula Gatewood, Rector

BETHEL—Pastor, G. R. Tyler, Rector; Clerk, G. W. Hopper, Rector.

NEW LIBERTY—Pastor, J. D. J. Faulkner, Paragould; Clerk, J. S. Nail, Marmaduke; S. S. Supt., J. R. Elkins, Marmaduke; S. S. Sec., J. S. Nail, Marmaduke.

ALEXANDER (BAR CAMP)—Pastor, W. H. Meridith, Paragould; Clerk, Laura Wood, Paragould, Rt. 6; S. S. Supt., G. W. Wood, Paragould, Rt. 6; S. S. Sec., Laura Wood, Paragould, Rt. 6.

Treasurer's Report.

This report was now read and adopted as read:

V. A. Phillips in account with Gainesville Association,

Oct., 1913\$ 2.70

Brought forward—

To amount for As. Missions sent in by churches	\$156.77	
To amount for As. Missions, cash collections.....	76.52	
By cash to J. F. Sain, Treas. Board.....	.	\$233.29
To amount for State Missions sent in by Churches..	49.30	
By cash to Jno. T. Christian		49.30
To amount for Home Missions	15.06	
By cash to Jno. T. Christian		15.06
To amount for Foreign Missions	16.20	
By cash to Jno. T. Christian		16.20
To amount for Ministerial Education	9.00	
By cash to J. S. Rogers		9.00
To amount for Minutes and Clerk	50.70	
By Cash to C. D. Morrice		50.70
To amount for Orphans' Home sent in by churches	128.59	
To amount for Orphans' Home, cash collection.....	56.50	
By cash to W. F. Doris		185.09
By balance in Treasury.....		2.70
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	\$561.34	\$561.34

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Finance.

The Committee on Finance presented their report as follows, which was adopted as read:

Churches.	Associa'tl Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Ministerial Education	Ministers	Orphans'	Home
Brown's Chapel ..	\$	\$ 7.00	\$	\$	\$	\$ 1.00	\$	\$ 8.00
St. Francis						1.29		1.29
New Home						1.00		9.52
Spring Grove	5.00	1.00	.45	.45	1.62	1.50		1.50
Wanderer's Home						1.00	5.00	11.00
Mt. Tabor	5.00					1.50	5.50	7.00
Post Oak						3.00	13.10	20.60
New Hope	5.50					.50	2.55	3.05
Greenway						2.55		2.55
Rector .....						.75	5.15	17.90
New Liberty	10.00	2.00				3.00		47.35
Marmaduke	16.30	20.00		2.35		1.00		1.35
Bethel .. ....	.35					2.50		16.25
Friendship		13.75				1.55	2.50	6.55
Fairview		2.50				1.00	6.00	16.00
Main Shore	5.00	1.50	1.00	1.50	1.00	1.00	2.50	17.52
Hopewell	10.00	4.02				1.00		1.00
Pilot Grove						2.00	5.25	12.06
Blooming Grove .	2.40	2.40				1.00		1.75
Epsbay .. ....		.25	.25	.25		2.00	8.00	16.70
Rock Hill		6.70				.50		2.40
Pleasant Grove ..	1.90					.50		.50
Pea'h Orchard ...						.50	1.53	5.13
Pleasant Hill .. .	1.60		1.50			1.00		2.00
Center Hill	1.00					.50		10.50
Black River			2.50	2.50	5.00	1.00		5.00
New Light	4.00					1.00	2.50	14.50
Providence	10.00			1.00		.50		.50
New Haven						1.00	10.50	11.50
Bethlehem								26.30
Big Creek	10.50	5.00		9.80		1.25		5.46
Union Grove		4.41				3.00		28.00
Piggott	25.00					2.50		2.50
Paragould						1.00	4.50	5.50
Salem .. ....						.50		5.55
Beech Grove		5.05						
								\$316.43
Special collection								29.66
Big Creek								25.30
								\$371.39
Bark Camp .. ..						.50		.50

F. B. EMMONS,
E. D. ROGERS.

Miscellaneous.

Nominations were now declared in order for selection of next place of meeting. The following churches were placed in nomination: Paragould (2nd), Post Oak, Bethel, and upon vote being taken, Paragould (2nd) was chosen.

Moved and seconded that we meet next year on Wednesday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1914, at 10 a. m. Carried.

Upon Motion Bro. E. C. Butler was nominated to preach the annual sermon; also Bro. E. D. Cooper. Bro. Butler was chosen, with Bro. Cooper alternate.

On motion Bro. G. O. Light was elected as messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention and Bro. G. R. Tyler was chosen alternate.

Resolutions.

We, the messengers and visitors of Gainesville Association, at its present session, be it

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt thanks to the generous and hospitable people of Marmaduke church and community for so royally entertaining us in their splendid homes during our stay with them.

G. R. TYLER.

(Resolution carried.)

Be it resolved, That the constitution of the association and the articles of faith be printed in our minutes and the church covenant also be printed.

E. C. BUTLER.

(Carried.)

Upon motion Clerk was instructed to superintend printing and distributing the minutes, he to receive \$15.00 for his services.

Upon motion any brother visiting a sister association might consider himself a messenger.

Upon motion this body now adjourned to meet with Paragould (2nd) Wednesday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1914. Benediction by Bro. E. C. Butler.

CONSTITUTION.

Art. 1st. This association shall be known as the Bethlehem Association of United Effort Baptists.

Art. 2nd. This association shall be composed of delegates, duly appointed and certified to by the churches composing this body and such churches as may hereafter unite with it, who shall meet annually at such time and place as the association may appoint.

Art. 3rd. The churches of this body shall address this association by letter, which shall contain the general state of religion in the churches, the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excluded, restored, dead, and the total membership each church contains. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates whose names shall be enclosed in the letter.

Art. 4th. This association shall hold inviolate the independency of each church, in its own internal discipline and government, disclaiming all authority over the different churches of this body, or the private right of conscience. But should any church in this body become cor-

rupt in its doctrine or disorderly in practice, it shall be the duty of this association to labor with the offending church. After which, if the labor proves unsuccessful, the said offending church shall be dropped from our union.

Art. 5th. At each annual meeting the association shall appoint a moderator and clerk, who shall hold their office till another appointment be made. The clerk shall be treasurer. The association at each meeting shall be opened by a sermon. The former moderator shall preside until a new one is appointed. But if he is not present the one that preaches shall preside for the time being.

Art. 6th. The moderator shall preside in the meeting and keep order according to the rules of decorum. The clerk shall keep regular file of the proceedings of each meeting which shall be for the inspection of the association when sitting; and to which each member of the churches shall have free access. The treasurer shall take care of the funds and pay them out only by order of the association, to which he shall render an annual report of receipts and expenditures, which shall be audited by a committee.

Art. 7th. The business of this association shall be decided by a majority of the members present; except in reception of churches, where if any objection be made, the association upon hearing the reason offered may take such means as it may think proper to ascertain the standing of the churches, and if found orthodox and orderly it may be received by a unanimous vote of the members present.

Art. 8th. The funds of this association shall be raised by voluntary contributions of the churches or individuals, out of which shall be supplied the expenses of printing the minutes, the expenses of the clerk, and the corresponding messengers to other associations, and the surplus, if any, shall be applied in the best way to promote the spiritual benefit of Zion in the limits of the association, or its vicinity. The association may adopt plans for the purpose of raising contributions, which shall be added to the surplus funds for the purpose of enabling ministers to preach to the destitute churches of this body or where the association may direct.

Art. 9th. New churches may be admitted into this body by letter and delegation and upon examination if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the association, which shall be manifest by the moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

Art. 10th. Queries may be taken up, discussed and answers given, when coming before the association, by the letter of a church, or by a motion seconded in the association. But churches are advised to send by letter such queries that embrace important subjects which have been previously discussed in the churches.

11th. Alterations may be made in this, upon a petition from one or more churches, by vote of two-thirds of the members present.

I shall now insert in this history the articles of faith adopted by Gainesville Association in its organization in 1853, fifty-eight years ago, which doctrines it has advocated and rigidly adhered to for over one-half a century. Notwithstanding the advertisilies and persecutions this

body has been confronted with, by their strong contentions for what they believe inspiration to teach, and by the labors of the unflinching defenders of the faith, this grand old Baptist body has advanced by leaps and bounds until today it is one of the greatest Baptist associations in the state.

Some object to having a written confession of faith; they are pleased to call it a creed. Why object to a creed? A man's creed is simply what he believes, and he usually acts in harmony with his creed either written or unwritten. If a man believes anything in regard to the teaching of the Bible it is his church creed. If he has a creed, should he be ashamed to write it? He would not be ashamed to tell it. If he will tell it, why not write it?

The following declaration of faith is in substance what all orthodox Baptists believe and teach, and was framed many years ago by J. Newton Brown, D. D.:

ARTICLES OF FAITH ADOPTED BY GAINESVILLE ASSOCIATION. OF THE SCRIPTURE.

Art. 1. We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction. That it has God for its author, Salvation for its end and Truth without mixture for its matter. That it reveals the principles by which God will judge the world, and therefore is and shall remain until the end of the world, the centre of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions shall be tried.

OF THE TRUE GOD.

Art. 2. We believe there is one, and only one living and true God, an infinite intelligent spirit, whose name is Jehovah the Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and Earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love, that in the unity of the God-head there are three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct, but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

OF THE FALL OF MAN.

Art. 3. We believe that man was created in a state of holiness, under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state in consequence of which all mankind are sinners; not by constraint but by choice. Being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, wholly given to the works of Satan to gratify their own sinful passions and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin without defense or excuse.

THE WAY OF SALVATION.

Art. 4. We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly by grace, through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God, who took upon Himself our nature yet without sin; honored the law by His personal obedience, and made atonement for our sins by His death, being risen from the dead, He is now enthroned in Heaven, and uniting in His wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection. He is every way qualified to be a suitable, compassionate and an all sufficient Saviour.

OF JUSTIFICATION.

Art. 5. We believe that the great Gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in Him is justified, that justification includes the pardon of sin, and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood, by virtue of which faith His perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God and secures every other blessing, needful for time and eternity.

OF THE FREENESS OF SALVATION.

Art. 6. We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial, penitent and obedient faith, and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth but his own inherent depravity and voluntary rejection of the Gospel, which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation.

OF GRACE IN REGENERATION.

Art. 7. We believe that in order to be saved we must be regenerated or born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind; that it is effected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy Spirit, in connection with divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel; and that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance and faith and newness of life.

OF GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE.

Art. 8. We believe that election is the gracious purpose of God according to which He regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely free, wise, holy and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting and promotes humility, love, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of His free mercy; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it is the foundation of Christian assurance; and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves our utmost diligence.

OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS.

Art. 9. We believe that such only are real believers as endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special Providence watches over their welfare, and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

HARMONY OF THE LAW AND GOSPEL.

Art. 10. We believe that the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of His moral government; and that it is holy, just and good, and that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts, rises entirely from their love of sin to deliver

them from which, and to restore them through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the Gospel and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.

OF A GOSPEL CHURCH.

Art. 11. We believe a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ, governed by His laws, and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His word; that its only Scriptural officers are Bishops or Pastors and Deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the Epistle to Timothy and Titus.

OF BAPTISM AND LORD'S SUPPER.

Art. 12. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer in the name of the Father and Son and Holy Ghost, to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Saviour with its effects, in our death to sin, and resurrection to new life; that it is a prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation; and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church by the sacred use of bread and wine are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ, preceded always by solemn self-examination.

OF CHRISTIAN SABBATH.

Art. 13. We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's day, or Christian Sabbath; and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes, by abstaining from all secular labors and sinful recreations; by the devout observance of all the means of grace both private and public and by preparation for that rest that remaineth for the people of God.

OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

Art. 14. We believe that civil government is of Divine appointment, for the interest and good order of human society; and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed; except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the Prince of the Kings of the earth.

OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED.

Art. 15. We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked. As such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and are sanctified by the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in His esteem, while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked and under the curse; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

OF THE WORLD TO COME.

Art. 16. We believe the end of this world is approaching; that at the last day, Christ will descend from Heaven, and raise the dead from

the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy, and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in Heaven or Hell, on principles of righteousness.

The foregoing declaration of faith is what the Baptists of Gainesville Association have taught and contended for more than half a century. I will remind the reader that Art. 15 and 16 were added at the third annual meeting of the association while convened with Salem church October, 1855.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERSHIP.						MISSIONS.				CONTRIBUTIONS.						Orphans' Home.						
	Increase.			Decrease.			Associational	State	Home	Foreign	Ministerial Education	Sunday Schools	Salary	Visiting Ministers	Incidental	Church							S. S.	Aid	Minutes	Total	Value of Ch. Property
	Baptism	Letter	Relation	Restored	Letter	Death											Excluded	Total					
Bethel ..	9	3			4	1	1	44							\$ 45.00						1.00	\$ 46.00	\$ 800
Blooming Grove ..					4	3	1	115	2.40	2.40	2.80			4.00	100.00		10.00		2.50		2.00	128.10	700
Brown's Chapel ..	5				1	4		66	15.00	7.00	4.00			5.00	115.00	25.00	8.00				1.00	216.59	1000
Big Creek		2			2	2		36	10.50	5.00				5.00	125.00		12.50				1.00	167.80	600
Black River		1			8	3		32		2.50		2.50	5.00	25.00	150.00		15.00			.50	236.00	1000	
Center Hill	6	5			1			41	1.00					6.72	16.00		11.25			1.00	35.97	1000	
Epsaby	8				1	7		42	2.80					6.00	50.00		18.00			1.00	85.00	700	
Fairview ..	2	2			1			78	2.50	2.50				4.50	92.15	10.50	19.50	7.43		1.50	147.58	800	
Friendship ..	10	5			5			161	41.15	13.75	4.50	4.50	25.16	3.60	175.00	16.59	31.59	8.75	3.65	2.50	306.25	1000	
Greenway ..					7	2		39							95.00		2.55			.50	98.05	200	
Hopewell ..	17	5	1		4	2		167	10.00	4.00				8.00	120.00	21.00	20.00		13.93	2.50	185.50	1000	
Mt. Tabor					2	1		51	5.00					3.58	20.00		5.00			1.00	34.58	500	
Main Shore ..	2	2			1			63	5.00	1.50	1.00	1.50	1.00	12.00	100.00		15.00			1.00	142.00	650	
Marmaduke ..	15	17		2	9	2	5	212	16.30	20.00				97.63	500.00	60.00		7.35	70.16	12.28	3.00	1013.77	850
New Haven	3	1			2	1	8	16			.50	.75	1.30	5.00	75.00	14.70	1.25	1.00		.50	98.90	...	
New Hope	2	3		1	5	4	7	212	8.25						180.00	15.75	25.00	13.10		3.00	245.10	1000	
New Light					5			60	4.00						100.00	20.00				1.00	125.00	600	
New Home					2	2		70												1.29		500	
New Liberty	7				1	7		39	10.00	2.00			3.00	5.00	79.00		5.15			.75	104.90	500	
Paragould (2nd) ..	51	63		2	7	1	1	193	31.00	100.00	12.50	12.50	3.28	32.28	720.00	69.00	90.00	5.00	5.00	2.50	1261.96	2500	
Piggott	8	15		1	1		1	181	25.00					53.77	620.00	60.00	196.38	68.15	16.00	35.00	3.00	1074.30	1600
Peach Orchard ..	8	4						20					23.36	13.00	75.00		5.00			.50	118.86	...	
Providence ..					2	4	1	103	10.00		1.00							2.50		1.00	14.50	...	
Pilot Grove ..					1			22	3.75						25.00	10.00				1.00	39.75	...	
Post Oak	14	1			3			48							27.00		6.00	5.00		1.50	40.00	800	
Pleasant Hill ..	5				1			36	1.60		1.50				60.00		75.00	1.50		.50	140.10	800	
Pleasant Grove ..	3				8			107		3.50	2.50	5.00	9.60	66.50				4.60	1.40	.50	93.60	750	
Rector ..	7	13		8	29			137	10.00	114.50		875	50.00	325.00		185.80	15.00	5.00	5.00	2.55	719.05	5000	
Rock Hill	12	2	1		6	1		121	11.00	6.70	7.70	7.75	1515	10.00	200.00	75.00	28.30	20.00		2.00	423.60	1200	
Spring Grove	5				2	1		66	12.67	2.00	1.00	1.00	2.52	7.00	55.00		22.00		10.64	1.00	100.83	1000	
Stonewall	9	1		1				13						6.50	41.50	2.50	12.60			1.00	64.10	...	
St. Francis	4	6			2	1	3	104	5.00					35.16	140.00	9.00	127.50	2.10	20.36	1.50	340.12	...	
Union Grove					4	1	1	60	4.60	7.56	1.85	2.35		4.21	100.00	14.00	4.05	3.10	11.74	1.25	154.76	600	
Wanderer's Home ..					1	4		60							100.00	15.00	14.19			1.50	135.69	500	
Bethlehem ..	2	3			3	29		11	4.25		7.00			7.50	102.50	17.50		10.50		1.50	146.00	1000	
Alexander ..								11						2.70						.50	7.45	...	
Salem ..					4	1		80		5.05					41.70	9.70		4.50		1.00	57.90	300	
Beech Grove	1							40							150.00		2.65			.50	158.20	1200	
Gainesville ..								22.32	.60	1.10	1.70			11.81	125.00		25.65	.10	27.09	10.00	1.10	227.47	750