

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Thirty-fourth Session

—OF THE—

Caroline Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH—

Judsonia Church, White County, Ark.,

OCTOBER 12-14, 1889.



OFFICERS:

W. P. FLETCHER, Moderator,	-	-	-	Lonoke.
JOHN G. HOLLAND, Clerk,	-	-	-	Searcy.
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R. J. COLEMAN,	-	-	-	-	Cabot.
L. R. CORDER,	-	-	-	-	Jacksonville.
W. L. DALE,	-	-	-	-	Little Rock.
I. R. B. DAVIS,	-	-	-	-	El Paso.
J. M. DAVIS,	-	-	-	-	Higginson.
E. B. DOVER,	-	-	-	-	Cabot.
J. G. DOYLE,	-	-	-	-	Beebe.
J. P. EAGLE,	-	-	-	-	Little Rock.
L. ELLEGE,	-	-	-	-	Judsonia.
J. B. ENGLISH,	-	-	-	-	Little Rock.
J. D. FLETCHER,	-	-	-	-	Lonoke.
J. W. HARRISS,	-	-	-	-	Searcy.
W. H. HODGES,	-	-	-	-	Beebe.
G. G. HOWARD,	-	-	-	-	Faulkner Gap.
J. R. HUGHES,	-	-	-	-	Searcy.
J. M. KING,	-	-	-	-	Lonoke.
I. P. LANGLEY,	-	-	-	-	Beebe.
D. LEWIS,	-	-	-	-	Faulkner Gap.
A. I. MARLAR,	-	-	-	-	Jacksonville.
J. G. MELTON,	-	-	-	-	Cabot.
A. B. MILLER,	-	-	-	-	Little Rock.
O. U. OWEN,	-	-	-	-	Wattensas.
J. W. PENDERGRASS,	-	-	-	-	Little Rock.
ELIAS SOESBEE,	-	-	-	-	El Paso.
J. J. SAWYER,	-	-	-	-	Austin.
G. W. THOMASON,	-	-	-	-	Lonoke.
WM. TUCKER,	-	-	-	-	Little Rock.
F. M. WINBURN,	-	-	-	-	Floyd.
W. I. WITHERINGTON,	-	-	-	-	Cato.

MINUTES.

The Caroline Baptist Association convened with Judsonia Church, White county, Ark., on Saturday, October 12th, 1889, at 10 o'clock a. m., and was called to order by A. W. Files, Moderator, and prayer was offered by Eld. J. M. King.

The churches composing the Association were then called by the Clerk, and the messengers therefrom enrolled as follows:

[This list also includes such messengers as appeared afterwards during the session of the Association.]

Austin—John T. Harston, W. H. Lewis.

Baker's Bayou—J. C. Rogers.

Beebe—Eld. J. G. Doyle, Eld. I. P. Langley, Grant Taylor.

Bethel—S. G. David, Jacob Cox.

Bethlehem—T. H. Hodges, W. A. Hodges.

Cabot—Eld. R. J. Coleman, James Lowman.

Cane Creek—J. A. Chumley.

Carlisle—W. C. Morrison, O. T. Muzzy, J. S. Wood.

Centre Hill—J. W. Smith, L. S. Redus.

Cypress Valley—Grandison Apple.

Des Arc—Not represented.

Elon—Not represented.

El Paso—W. W. Nations, T. Z. Warren, D. C. Blankinship, A. W. Morton, M. Y. Harston.

- Friendship*—Eld. A. I. Marlar.
Garner—D. W. Chumley, J. S. Hodges, Mrs. A. Briggs.
Greenwood—W. A. Harris, J. W. Turnage.
Harmony—T. J. Robbins.
Hepzibah—J. W. Starkey.
Hickory Plains—R. A. Dunkum, James Rooker.
Higginson—L. E. Beard, W. A. Crutchfield, T. H. Beard.
Indian Bayou—Not represented.
Jacksonville—G. W. Granberry.
Judsonia—Eld. L. Ellege, W. H. Woodall, R. J. Winn.
Kensett—J. K. Whitney, R. B. Sangster.
Ky. Valley—J. F. Hodges, D. W. Holiman, J. R. Belew.
Liberty—Not represented.
Little Flock—George Irwin, D. Shelton.
Lonoke—Eld. J. M. King, R. R. King, W. P. Fletcher.
Mt. Pleasant—C. T. Beasley, C. H. Clement.
Mt. Vernon—W. C. Newell, Y. J. Garrett.
New Hope—P. S. Deal, J. S. Johnson, W. Landrum.
Orion—Not represented.
Pecan Grove—Letter, but no messengers.
Plateau—J. M. Hacker, J. S. McDearmon, Chas. Linsley.
Pleasant Hill—Eld. G. W. Thomason, R. M. Driskill, J. M. Robinson.
Prospect—A. N. Tygart.
Providence—Not represented.
Rose Bud—T. H. Davis, D. Hewitt.
Sardis—Not represented.
Searcy—Eld. J. R. Hughes, John G. Holland.
Second, Little Rock—Eld. A. B. Miller, Eld. Wm. Tucker, A. W. Files, J. S. Hutchinson, Miss Ella Miller.
Sharon—E. N. Davis, S. M. Bryant.
Shiloh—A. T. Rodman, J. A. Balentine, S. P. McKown.
South Antioch—O. M. Quattlebum, S. C. Womack.
Wake Forrest—Not represented.
Walnut Plains—J. T. Smith, L. W. Hutson, Jr.
Wattensas—Eld. O. U. Owen.

West Point—J. E. Valentine, J. J. Crow, C. K. Williams.

Zion Hill—Letter, but no messengers.

Before the conclusion of the call of churches, a recess was taken until 2 o'clock p. m., and the Introductory sermon was preached by Eld. O. U. Owen, from Isaiah 55 chapter and 4th verse.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order at 2 o'clock p. m., pursuant to adjournment, and prayer was offered by Eld. A. B. Miller.

The call of the churches was then concluded, and the messengers enrolled.

The Association then proceeded to a permanent organization, by the election of the following officers: W. P. Fletcher, Moderator; John G. Holland, Clerk; Ben. C. Black, Treasurer.

A call was made for petitionary letters, and

First Church, Argenta, responded, and was, on motion, received into the Association, and the hand of fellowship extended to the messenger, W. H. McPherson.

Corresponding messengers were invited to seats. Elds. M. T. Webb and R. G. Lafferty, from Little Red River Association; Elds. W. S. Griffin and J. J. Stevens, from Central Association—accepted the invitation.

Visiting ministers and others were invited to seats, and Eld. R. E. Sutton, of Good Spring church, Eld. D. L. Redditt, of Shady Grove church, and Sister W. A. Clark, of Little Rock—accepted the invitation.

Eld. R. J. Coleman was called to the Chair, and a time was spent by Bros. Miller, Hewitt, Ellege and others in behalf of the Arkansas Baptist.

The Moderator resumed the chair, and announced the following standing committees:

Associational Missions—Eld. O. U. Owen, Eld. Geo. W. Thomason, Eld. J. M. King.

State Missions—Eld. J. G. Doyle, Eld. L. Ellege, L. S. Redus.

Home Missions—Eld. A. B. Miller, W. C. Morrison, A. N. Tygart.

Foreign Missions—Eld. R. J. Coleman, J. J. Crow, M. Y. Harston.

Colleges—Eld. J. R. Hughes, W. H. Woodall, G. Apple.

Publications and Religious Literature—D. Hewitt, R. M. Driskill, J. F. Hodges.

Temperance—Eld. A. I. Marlar, W. A. Harris, Mrs. A. Briggs.

Sunday Schools—P. S. Deal, W. W. Nations, J. S. McDearmon.

Obituaries—T. H. Hodges, Geo. Irwin, Jno. T. Harston.

Woman's Work—A. W. Files, J. W. Starkey, C. H. Clement.

Correspondence—W. C. Newell, O. M. Quattlebaum, A. T. Rodman.

Finance—L. W. Hutson, Jr., J. C. Rodgers, D. W. Chumley.

Nominations—G. W. Granberry, R. B. Sangster, Chas. Linsley.

The committee on Religious exercises reported services as follows:

At Baptist church—Saturday, 7:30 p. m., Eld. J. M. King. Sunday, 11 a. m., Eld. R. J. Coleman. Sunday, 7:30 p. m., Eld. I. P. Langley.

At Methodist church—Sunday, 11 a. m., Eld. A. B. Miller, Sunday, 7:30 p. m., Eld. Wm. Tucker.

On motion, the Association took a recess until after evening services, at which time, an adjournment was had till Monday 9 o'clock, a. m.

SUNDAY.

The Missionary sermon was preached, at the Baptist church house, at 11 o'clock, a. m., by Eld. R. J. Coleman from————— to a large and appreciative

congregation. After which a collection was taken up for associational missions. At the same hour, Eld. A. B. Miller preached an interesting sermon, to a good audience, at the Methodist church house; at the close of the sermon, a collection was taken for associational missions.

MONDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met at 9 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Moderator, and prayer was offered by J. W. Conger.

The minutes of Saturday's proceedings were read and adopted.

The committee on Home Missions made its report, which was adopted, as follows:

The Home Mission Board, at Atlanta, Rev. I. T. Tichenor, D. D., corresponding secretary, has for its field of operation all the Southern states, the Indian Territory and Cuba; and the past has been a year of unusual prosperity; especially has this been true of the work in Cuba, where Diaz and his assistants have been so wonderfully successful. A great deal has been done also towards supplying the destitution throughout the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention. And here in Arkansas our people are under special obligations to do what they can to assist in carrying forward the work of the Home Board, aid having long been extended to the work in this State; and the proposition of the Home Board is that if the Baptists of Arkansas will raise \$2000 for the work this year the Board will give \$1,000 in addition, thus securing \$3,000 to be expended on the work in Arkansas. So your committee would suggest and urge the importance of this association doing all in their power for the work of the Home Board.

A. B. MILLER,
W. C. MORRISON,
A. N. TYGART.

A collection was taken for Home Missions, and \$13.90 raised.

The Board of Missions made the following report, which was adopted:

DEAR BRETHREN: In pursuance to the authority vested in us as a Board, and in order that the work for our Blessed Master might be carried on as directed by you, we met at Lonoke, Oct 29th 1888, and organized, by electing Bro. J. M. King, Chairman; W. H. Eagle, Treasurer; and W. P. Fletcher, Secretary. Bro. Owen was present and it was agreed, that we allow him the sum of \$40.00 per month for his services, for the time actually spent in the field. The Board has held nine regular meetings during the year; Bro. Owen was present at most of these meetings, and made verbal reports of his labors, &c. Bro. Owen has been fully alive to the work, and much good has resulted from his labors, which is more fully set forth in his report to this association. Bro. Owen has worked in perfect harmony with the Board; we have deemed it best, not to restrict his labors to any special field, but we have requested him to go into the most destitute sections, where he had promise of the best results. Our efforts as a Board has been greatly restricted, on account of limited means; we have been unable to respond to the many calls made upon us, for laborers, from destitute sections; also from partially occupied fields.

On the 1st day of July, 1889 we issued a circular letter, calling upon the churches and brethren of the association, to assist us in this work. We received some remittances from churches and other sources, an itemized report of which is hereto attached, which contains a full financial statement of the treasurer of the board.

BRETHREN: In order that this good work, so effectually established and peremptorily ordered by our Blessed Saviour, and through trials, privations, imprisonment and death, put into successful operation by the Apostles, perpetuated by Paul and the Brethren, in fetters, in prison, in death, with all the land marks, stained with blood, pointing down the stream of time to this good day—we say, in order that this work of the Master, so well begun by you, be made more effectual, we recommend, and prayerfully submit, that the churches ought, in conference assembled, to instruct their messengers, through their letters to the Association, to pledge so much to the Association for associational missions as they, with the blessing of God, feel able to pay, for the ensuing associational year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. KING, Chairman,

W. H. EAGLE,

W. P. FLETCHER.

W. H. Eagle, Treasurer of the Missionary Board of the Caroline Association.

DEBITS.

Nov.	26,	Eld. J. D. Fletcher, Pledge.	\$ 5 00
Dec.	6,	P. S. Deal,	24 35
"	"	B. C. Black, Treasurer Association,	89 55
Jan.	8,	R. J. Coleman,	7 20
May	1,	Lonoke Church,	25 00
July	1,	E. A. South, Dist. meeting,	20 25
Aug.	19,	Rose Bud church,	8 00
Sept.	9,	Walnut Plains church,	3 95
"	17,	Eld. J. M. King, pledge,	5 00
"	27,	West Point church,	10 00
Oct.	11,	Pecan church,	20 00
"	"	E. A. South, Dist. Meeting,	15 05
"	"	Baker's Bayou church,	10 00

\$243 35

CREDITS.

Paid Bro. O. U. Owen,	\$240 35
" For circular letters,	2 00
" Stationery and stamps,	1 00

\$243 35

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. EAGLE, Treasurer.

The Associational Missionary made the following report, which was adopted:

DEAR BRETHREN:—I herewith submit my report as Missionary for the past year. I entered upon my labors, Nov. 1st, 1888, with some misgivings and fears as to what the results would be. But with willing hands and prayerful heart I labored, and I feel that God has attended my efforts, and called many men and women from darkness to light. I took for a field of labor, the following stations: Hill's Lake, Brushy Island, McAlmont, Oak Grove and Argenta, in Pulaski county; and England, Richwoods and South Bend, in Lonoke county—with the following results:

Organized 3 churches—Lee Grove and Brushy Island, in Pulaski county, and Richwoods, in Lonoke county. Revived 2 churches—First church, Argenta, and England church,—the latter being a reorganization and removal of Gumwoods church. Miles traveled, 2640; sermons preached, 160; families visited and prayers offered, 100; conver-

sions, 52; baptism, 28; standing over for baptism, 15.

Eleven months' services—less 1 1 2 months
deducted for lost time—at \$40, \$380 00

Collected at England, \$ 8 00

“ “ Richwoods, 15 00

“ “ Greenwood, 5 00

Rec'd from Board, 240 35—168 35

Balance due, \$111 65

I also raised about \$600.00, at England, to build a house of worship there.

Respectfully submitted,
O. U. OWEN, Missionary.

The Committee on Foreign Missions made the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee on Foreign Missions report the following:

First—When we remember, that two-thirds of Earth's population is in heathenish darknesss, without a knowledge of the true and living God; but are bowing to stocks and stones of their own devising, by which they can never reach the Glory-land; and

Second. When we remember the obligations resting on us, to spread the Gospel of Christ, and circulate the Scriptures, which lead to salvation, we do not see how we can excuse ourselves, or be acquitted in the court of Heaven, from guilt in the matter, if we do not do all in our power to circulate the Scriptures and proclaim the Gospel to them. Therefore we urge upon the churches the importance of acquitting ourselves in the matter as obedient recipients of God's blessing.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. J. COLEMAN,
J. J. CROW,
M. Y. HARSTON.

The Committee on Colleges and Schools made its report, pending discussion on which,

The Association took a recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

MONDAY,—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association assembled at 2 o'clock P. M., and prayer was offered by Eld. J. R. Hughes. The report of

the Committee on Colleges and Schools was taken up and adopted, as follows:

We, your committee on Colleges and Schools, report as follows:

In our effort to meet the multiplied influences of the world, the flesh and the devil, we believe that no one interest, aside from the direct preaching of the Gospel, deserves more thoughtful, earnest and prayerful consideration than that of education. We are justly proud of the success of our Baptist College at Arkadelphia. We have there an institution of high order possessing advantages second to none. That the necessity for such an institution has been felt is fully demonstrated by the unanimity with which the denomination have rallied to its support, with their prayers, their patronage, and their money, and we urge it upon the brethren as a christian duty to continue their support; especially should their donations be liberal, that the payments upon the magnificent building just completed may be met as soon as due. We call the attention of the brethren to the fact that we have in the bounds of Caroline Association, the Judson University, a regularly chartered Baptist institution, in successful operation under competent Baptist teachers, and we endorse it as worthy of the prayers and patronage of the Baptists and of all desiring a broad liberal education. We earnestly recommend that every church and individual in this Association use all the means in their power to advance the interests of education, for only through the combined force of education and religion can we hope most successfully to meet the influences of infidelity, ignorance and superstition.

J. R. HUGHES,
W. H. WOODALL,
G. APPLE.

The committee on Associational Missions made the following report, which was adopted:

We, your Committee on Associational Missions, report the following:

We find an extensive territory bordering on White river between West Point, in White county, and Des Arc, in Prairie county; also in the south eastern part of Lonoke county, and the northern part of Pulaski county—including Argenta—the same being a field of almost entire destitution of Baptist preaching, there being but one preacher in

the entire field.

We therefore recommend to the Association, to place a Missionary in the field his entire time, beginning the 1st day of March, 1890. And we further recommend, that fifty dollars be given to the State Board, provided said Board will use the same in supporting a missionary at Argenta. We further recommend, that the regular missionary be required to preach once a month at Lee Grove church. And we recommend the election of a Mission Board, to direct the work.

Respectfully submitted,

O. U. OWEN,
G. W. THOMASON,
J. M. KING.

The Committee on State Missions made the following report, which was adopted:

We, your committee to whom was referred the subject of State Missions, beg leave to submit the following report:

From the best information that we can gather, there is a wide spread and growing demand for Mission work, in almost every part of the State. The Macedonian cry comes to us from cities and towns, from hamlets and villages, and from destitute neighborhoods, in almost every part of our grand and growing state. The question that confronts us is, how shall we heed the cry, and how shall these be supplied with the bread of life? Shall we, as Baptists, by enlarged and liberal contributions, by *consecrated* and *consolidated* efforts, give to them the pure gospel of Christ? Or shall we by caviling over plans, and by withholding our corrupting abundance, leave them to the mercies of others who shall go in and feed them with mixtures of truth and error? That it is our duty, as a denomination, to cultivate this vast and growing field for Christ, there is no doubt. The only question is, how shall the work be done? Your committee knows of no better plan, than to suggest a hearty co-operation with the work of the State convention.

J. G. DOYLE, Chairman of Com.

The committee on Publications and Religious Literature made the following report, which was adopted:

We your committee on Publications, respectfully submit the following as our report:

"Search the Scripture," is a Divine injunction, which

we should not lose sight of, and we would urge upon the churches of this Association the great importance of the daily study and reading of God's Word. We further recommend the reading of good, sound religious literature; and while there are many publications that are well edited, and sound in faith, by the reading of which we may be edified and strengthened, still we feel that duty and necessity demand of us, that we recommend first, and above all others, the "ARKANSAS BAPTIST," which is so faithfully and ably edited by Bro. W. A. Clark, with Bro. J. N. Hall as associate editor, and which is sound in doctrine, and comes to us every week as a welcome messenger, bearing "Glad tidings of great joy" to every christian heart, telling of the mighty works that the Lord is doing for his people, throughout our own beloved state, as well as other states; and we would urge upon the churches of this Association the importance of rallying, at once, to its support, and of making one grand and united effort to place it in every Baptist family within the bounds of the Association. We also recommend the Arkansas Baptist Book House to those desiring to purchase religious books and publications of various kinds, as being worthy of our patronage and support. We also heartily endorse and recommend, for use in our Sabbath Schools, the publications of the Home Mission Board, of Atlanta, Ga., as being sound in faith and doctrine, and worthy of our hearty support and co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

D. HEWITT,
R. M. DRISKILL,
J. F. HODGES.

The committee on Temperance made the following report, which was adopted:

We, your committee on Temperance, submit the following. In view of the fact, that intemperance has made great inroads upon the human family, both in high circles and low ones, we would do well to heed the Scriptural injunction—"be temperate in all things," and avoid every appearance of evil. Especially abstaining from the use of all intoxicating drinks as a beverage, as drinking leads to drunkenness, and no drunkard shall inherit, or enter the kingdom of heaven.

A. I. MARLAR,
W. A. HARRIS,
MRS. A. BRIGGS.

The committee on Sunday Schools made the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee on Sunday Schools respectfully submit the following:

Notwithstanding the recommendations and actions of this body, concerning district Sunday School Conventions, we have to report an entire failure in that direction. We are therefore constrained to say that this plan of work is impracticable and might as well be abandoned. While this feature has proven abortive, we are pleased to observe, from reports made in the letters sent up from the churches, that the interest in this important branch of our work is increasing not only among the churches within the bounds of this Association but all over the state. Such an interest has arisen that a movement is on foot to establish a State Sunday School Convention to be held in connection with our State Convention, and that a preliminary meeting is to be held at the 2d Church in Little Rock, beginning on Wednesday the 30th proximo. We recommend the approval of the movement and that delegates be appointed by this body to attend said meeting.

P. S. DEAL,
W. W. NATIONS,
J. S. McDEARMAN.

The Committee on Woman's Work made the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee on Woman's Work submit the following: No argument need be adduced, no facts stated, to prove the power of woman as a coadjutor to man in the great work of evangelization. That she is not only qualified, but peculiarly adapted, for the performance of great good in this, the greatest and grandest work of all, will not, at this advanced and enlightened age, be denied. We can but wonder, that her great power and influence have lain dormant so long. This non-action can, we suppose, be attributed, chiefly, to her modesty, certainly one of her most commendable virtues, because we fully realize that she is never indifferent in regard to any work or enterprise for the amelioration of mankind. Whenever invited to participate in enterprises that tend to the improvement of the morals, and the elevation, of mankind, she has been found ready and willing to respond and take as active a part as her modesty and high sense of propriety would permit. To constitute her a potent factor in the work of

dispensing the gospel of Jesus Christ, she only needs to be encouraged by man. To obtain this invaluable aid and assistance of woman, we should insist upon her taking an active part in the work now in hand. We conceive that it is her province and duty to second the efforts of man in advancing the banner of our great leader, Immanuel, and suggest, that the greatest need, to make women efficient and invincible, is organization, and therefore not only, again urge them to go forward in that direction, but as earnestly recommend that the men render them all the assistance they can in helping and encouraging organization, believing that, when once thoroughly prepared, their zeal and wisdom will carry them to success. We cordially invite them to unite with us in all the works of the denomination in which their position will admit them to engage, and promise a cordial and hearty recognition of their merit, worth and work.

Respectfully,

A. W. FILES,
J. W. STARKEY,
C. H. CLEMENT.

The committee on nominations made the following report, which was adopted:

We your committee on nominations, respectfully submit the following:

For Associational Mission Board:—Eld. O. U. Owens, W. H. Eagle, Eld. R. J. Coleman.

To preach the Introductory Sermon:—Eld. J. R. Hughes; Alternate, Eld. J. W. Harriss.

To preach the Missionary Sermon:—Eld. L. Elledge; Alternate, Eld. A. B. Miller.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. GRANBERRY,
R. B. SANGSTER,
CHAS. LINSLEY.

Centre Hill church, White county, was selected as the place, and Saturday before the 2d Sunday in October, 1890, as the time, of holding the next meeting of the Association.

The Treasurer made his report, which was adopted:

B. C. BLACK, Treasurer,

In account with CAROLINE ASSOCIATION.

Dr.

Balance on hand last year,
To contributions and collections—

\$ 19 35

" Associational Missions,	135 20
" State "	80 90
" Foreign "	44 20
" Minute fund,	66 15
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	\$345 80

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By Eld. Cravens, Missionary,	50 00
" J. G. Holland, Clerk,	15 00
" A. W. Files, State Missions,	80 90
" Tupper, Foreign "	44 20
" W. H. Eagle, Asso. "	89 55
" Holland & Jobe, printing & postage,	43 30=322 95
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Balance on hand,	\$22 85

Respectfully submitted,

B. C. BLACK, Treasurer.

The committee on correspondence made the following report, which was adopted:

We your committee on correspondence, would recommend, that we correspond with "Little Red River," "Central and Grand Prairie" Associations. Also our State Convention, and Southern Baptist convention.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. NEWELL, Chairman,

O. M. QUATTLEBAUM,

A. T. RODMAN.

The Association then proceeded to the election of a missionary for the ensuing year, resulting in the election of Eld. G. W. Thomason.

On motion, the matter of the Missionary's salary was left to the Mission Board.

Pledges for Associational Missions, for the ensuing year, were then made, as follows:

CHURCHES—Lonoke, \$25.00; El Paso, \$15.00; Watten-sas, \$10.00; Judsonia, \$10.00; Austin, \$10.00; Centre Hill, \$10.00; Mt. Vernon, \$5.00; Carlisle, \$5.00; Sharon, \$5.00; Lee Grove, \$5.00; Friendship, \$5.00; Richwoods, \$5.00; England, \$5.00; Cabot, \$5.00; Mt. Pleasant, \$5.00; Plateau, \$5.00; Shiloh, \$3.00; Prospect, \$2.50; Harmony, \$1.75.

INDIVIDUALS—J. M. Robinson, \$10.00; J. R. Hughes, \$5.00; P. S. Deal, \$5.00; Wm. Tucker, \$5.00; J. F. Hodges,

\$2.00; J. S. Johnson, \$1.50.

Eld. L. Ellege offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, that this Association recommend, that each church elect one solicitor, of its own membership, to solicit funds with which to pay our Associational Missionary in the bounds of the Caroline Association, who shall be ex-officio members of the Missionary Board; said money to be paid Quarterly.

On motion, A. W. Files was selected as Messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that the Board shall have power to employ such help as they deem necessary, and feel able to, to co-operate with the Missionary elected by the association. In the event of the refusal, death or resignation of said Missionary—or if said Board be convinced of the inability of the Missionary or assistant to perform the duties assigned them, they are empowered, and it shall be their duty, to discharge him or them—and fill such vacancy or vacancies for the unexpired term.

Messengers to the Baptist State convention were selected, to-wit: Elds. R. J. Coleman, A. I. Marlar, J. M. King and J. G. Doyle and G. W. Granberry.

To the State S. S. Convention: P. S. Deal, D. Hewitt and Eld. I. P. Langley.

The Finance committee made the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee on Finance, report the following amounts sent by the churches and collected during this session:

Contributions from the churches—	
Minute fund,	\$ 54 70
Associational Missions,	110 45
State Missions,	2 45
Home Missions,	50
Foreign Missions,	21 95
Mexican Missions,	2 50
Collections—	
Associational Missions,	35 75
Home Missions,	13 90
Judsonia church, Asso. Missions,	2 00
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	\$244 20

Respectfully submitted,
D. W. CHUMLEY,
L. W. HUTSON, JR.

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized and directed to pay Eld. O. U. Owen, \$111.65, the balance due him for services as Missionary for last year.

Eld. R. J. Coleman offered the following, which was adopted:

In view of the necessity of fostering our educational interests, and from the fact that there is already at Judsonia a worthy school, in possession of a valuable property which can be secured for the Baptists, if action be taken at once—but may be lost, if the opportunity now presented be not embraced—

Resolved, that this Association adopt Judson University, and gave it her fostering care.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, that the thanks of the Association be tendered to the good people of Judsonia and vicinity for their hospitality during this session.

Recess until 7 o'clock p. m. Prayer by Eld. M. T. Webb.

MONDAY—EVENING SESSION,

The Association met at 7 o'clock p. m., and prayer was offered by Eld. R. J. Coleman.

On motion of Eld. J. R. Hughes, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, that this Association tender to the Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer a vote of thanks for the impartial and faithful manner in which they have performed their duties.

Resolved, that the Clerk of this Association be allowed the sum of fifteen dollars for his services, and that he have twelve hundred copies of the minutes printed and distributed, pro. rata., according to money sent by the churches

The following corresponding messengers were appointed to sister Associations:

Central—Elds. J. R. Hughes and L. Ellege.

Little Red River—Elds. L. Ellege and J. W. Smith.

Grand Prairie—Elds. O. U. Owen, I. P. Langley and
L. Ellege, and Grant Taylor.

Independence—D. Hewitt.

Greenbrier—A. I. Marlar and Y. J. Garrett.

Eld. J. B. Brewer, of Judsonia, was received as a visitor, and presented the claims of the Arkansas Baptist College, an institution started at Little Rock, by the colored Baptists of the State; after which a collection was taken for the same, and \$10.35 raised.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet at time and place appointed for the next session. Singing—How firm a foundation, and the parting hand extended.

W. P. FLETCHER, Moderator.

JOHN G. HOLLAND, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the "Caroline Baptist Association," and shall be composed of Baptist Churches representing themselves by accredited messengers. Its object shall be to provide missions, education and Sunday schools.

ART. 2. Every Church belonging to this Association shall be entitled to three messengers, and every Church, having over one hundred members, shall be entitled to an additional Messenger for each additional fifty members over one hundred.

ART. 3. The sessions of this Association shall be annual, at such time and place as shall be appointed by the body.

ART. 4. Any Baptist Church of the same faith and practice may be admitted as a member of this Association, upon expressing a desire through Messengers and letter, to work in fellowship with us.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, at each annual session, and continue in office until their successors are elected. A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to elect.

ART. 6. This Association has no power to control or in any way interfere with the independence or rights of the Churches, but may advise, when asked by a Church through its letter to the Association, and it may withdraw its fellowship from any Church known to walk disorderly.

ART. 7. This Association may correspond by letter and Messenger with other representative bodies of our denomination.

ART. 8. In the absence of any officer of this Association his place shall be filled, *pro tempore*, by *viva voce* election.

ART. 9. The Association may, from time to time, adopt such rules and by-laws for its government as may be expedient, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

ART. 10. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular session by the vote of two thirds of the Messengers present in favor of the proposed amendment.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICES.	Days of Meeting.	Rec'd by baptism.	Received by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Now in Membership.	Minute Fund.	Mission Fund.	Contributed previously.
Antioch	J A Chamblee	J R Edwards	Antioch	1	12	10		9	3	1	66	1 50		
Austin	R J Coleman	N D Sanders	Austin	3	6	5		8	1		53	1 00	10 00	88 85
Baker's Bayou	J M King	R L Sawyer	Lonoke	3	2	2		4			43	1 25		10 00
Beebe	I P Langley	C E Langley	Beebe	Every	5	13	1	3	2	3	99	2 00	5 40	503 40
Bethel	B F House	S G David	Butlerville	1		2		7	7	3	24	1 00		
Bethlehem	W H Hodges	W A Hodges	Beebe	4				10			13	40		
Cabot	J W Harriss	T M Couch	Cabot	3				4	1	2	33	1 00	6 00	97 75
Cane Creek	D W Chumley	J A Chumley	Garner	4	2			5	1	1	17	50		
Carlisle	P A Haman	O T Muzzey	Carlisle	1-3				2	6		47	2 90		460 00
Centre Hill	M T Webb	H D Mullens	Centre Hill	1		1		2	1	4	136	2 50	8 25	
Cypress Valley	J J Sawyer	G Apple	Ward	1	1					1	36	1 00		
El Paso	J G Doyle	Allen White	El Paso	2	9	12	1	3	1	4	220	2 50	15 00	276 55
First—Argenta		C J Humphreys	Argenta		1	4					9			
Friendship	J J Sawyer	E M Granberry	Jacksonville	2	9	5		11	1		42	1 00	3 40	89 00
Garner	D L Redditt	S Elliott	Garner	2	2	4			1		17	75	1 30	100 00
Greenwood	J G Doyle	T J Short	Butlerville	4	8		3	3	3	2	80	1 50		105 10
Harmony	G G Howard	H A Lloyd	Faulkner Gap	2		4		3	3		42	1 00	1 75	
Hepzibah	J A Chamblee	J W Starkey	Rose Bud	4		1			1	1	31	1 00	2 65	
Hickory Plains	J G Doyle	J W Caskey	Hickory Plains	2	2	2					18	1 00		100 00
Higginson	R J Coleman	L E Beard	Higginson	2		8					20	1 00		
Jacksonville		J M Stovall	Jacksonville	1				3			20	50	1 10	66 75
Judsonia	L Ellege	D C Young	Judsonia	Every	4	9		5	3	1	82	2 25		744 00
Kensett	J W Harriss	J K Whitney	Kensett	1				5	1		27	75	1 25	201 45
Ky. Valley	J A Chamblee	D W Holiman	Romance	2	7	3	2	5	3		43	1 25	5 00	
Little Flock	J J Stevens	Geo Irwin	Judsonia	2							13	1 00		39 50
Lonoke		G M Chapline	Lonoke	Every	8	5		10	2		144	2 50		1773 00
Mt. Pleasant	J G Melton	A J Patton	Cabot	3	3	3		4	1	2	38	1 00	4 00	
Mt. Vernon	B M Brown	W C Newell	Mt. Vernon	3	4			14			86	1 50	6 95	107 50
New Hope	J G Doyle	J W Landrum	Wattensas	3	19	2		14	1	2	118	1 20	12 50	19 04
Pecan Grove	J D Fletcher	L M Cobb	Cobb's	3	1	3		5	3		109	1 00		51 50
Plateau	J J Stevens	C Linsley	Judsonia	4				4	2		32	1 50		
Pleasant Hill	R J Coleman	O C Carroll	Cabot	1-4	20	1	1	4	3	8	115	1 75	8 55	244 25
Prospect	P L Butler	K C Priest	Ward	3	12	2	2	2	2	1	40	1 00		4 75
Rose Bud	M T Webb	S J Thomas	Rose Bud	2	9	3		3	1		80	2 09	10 00	141 30
Searcy	J R Hughes	John G Holland	Searcy	Every	4	2		7	2	1	133	1 50	23 05	252 00
Second—Little Rock.	A B Miller	C E Taylor	Little Rock	Every	31	28		20	5		238	3 00		1614 84
Sharon	P L Butler	P E Bryant	Cabot	1					1		27	1 00	1 00	11 40
Shiloh	D L Redditt	A T Rodman	Searcy	3				26	2	1	47	1 00		
Walnut Plains	J M King	J T Smith	Walter's Chapel	4				6	3		33	1 00	1 05	
Wattensas	J J Sawyer	W S McShau	Wattensas	4	5	8		1	2		71	1 60	4 15	
West Point		B B Hardy	West Point	2				5			52	1 50	5 50	53 47
Zion Hill	J G Melton	A J Stobaugh	Cabot	2		1		2	3		36	1 00		1 60
				188	143	10	219	63	51	2690	\$54 70	137 85	\$7165 90	

NOTE—The eight churches not included above, at latest reports, had an aggregate membership of 333. In the last column, "contributed previously," are the amounts shown by the letters to have been raised previously during the year for all purposes.