



RED RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

51st Annual Session.

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ORPHANS' HOME.....J. V. BROWNING
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OBITUARIES.....O. S. JONES

The Chairman of each Committee will please prepare carefully his report before the Association convenes. If he cannot attend he will please send the report to the Moderator.

Next session to be held with the Arkadelphia Church, beginning at 9:30 a. m., Saturday, before the Second Sunday in October, 1900. Bro. L. H. Hitt to preach the introductory Sermon. D. G. Wells, Alternate.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Fifty=First Annual Session

OF THE

....RED RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION....

FIRST DAY.

SATURDAY, OCT. 9th, 1899.

The Red River Baptist Association assembled at Bethlehem church, Clark county, Ark., at 9:30 a. m.

Brother G. W. Burns was selected to conduct devotional exercises, reading the 61st Chapter of Isaiah. The introductory sermon was preached by Brother J. H. Smart, the appointee, who used as a text, John 14—6. An able and instructive discourse.

After dinner, at 1:30 p. m., the Association reassembled.

The former Moderator, J. W. Conger, called the Association to order.

Letters from the churches were then called for. J. A. Ross, O. S. Jones and W. A. Forbes were selected to read, and names of Messengers, were enrolled. (See table of Churches, Pastors, Clerks, Messengers.) Two letters from Piney Grove Church, representing two factions were read; but L. H. Hitt, Ivan Hawkins and Joe McDonald, representing one party, were by unanimous vote declared to be entitled to seats in the body.

W. A. Forbes, J. J. Haynes and G. W. Burns were appointed as tellers, and the Association went into an election for Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer. J. W. Conger was declared elected as Moderator, and I. F. Welch, Clerk and Treasurer.

The Moderator then appointed a Committee on Divine Service, consisting of the pastor and deacons of Bethlehem Church, and Brethren W. H. Garman, and J. M. Powell.

Call for petitionary letters: Two were presented from Missionary Grove and Murfreesboro churches. (For names of messengers see table.) The churches, holding to our abstract of faith, were received, and the Moderator in behalf of the Association, gave to the messengers the right hand of fellowship and welcomed them to seats in the body.

By motion, the Moderator appointed a special committee consisting of J. A. Ross, J. K. Pace, J. B. Langley, D. G. Wells and W. A. Forbes to investigate the matter of difference in Piney Grove church.

It was moved and carried that corresponding messengers be appointed to sister Associations, Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and Southern Baptist Convention.

The following is the result of said appointment:

To Union Association, L. H. Hitt, L. Jenkins and J. J. Haynes.

To Howard County Association, S. S. Langley.

To Caddo River Association, G. W. Burns, I. F. Welch, J. R. Hardy and W. M. Stephens.

To Saline Association, J. S. Hamilton, and J. K. Pace.

To Baptist State Convention, D. G. Wells, A. W. King, J. J. Haynes, J. W. Conger and J. A. Ross.

To Southern Baptist Convention, W. A. Forbes and I. F. Welch, alternate.

By motion, the Association then adjourned to 8:30 Monday morning. Prayer by Bro. W. I. Gardner.

SUNDAY---MORNING SERVICES:

At 9:30 Brother J. W. Conger conducted a Sunday School mass meeting at the church. Discussions on the various phases of Sunday School work were freely indulged in by Brethren Conger, Burns, Welch, Vinson, Cason and others, all regretting that so few of our churches had reported Sunday schools in the letters to the Association. We believe good was accomplished.

At 10:15 Brother J. J. Haynes led in the prayer service. It was a precious hour spent at the throne of grace.

The hour having arrived for preaching, our Moderator announced the committees appointed on the various subjects, as follows:

PASTORAL SUPPORT—L. H. Hitt, J. W. Key and J. C. Kitchens.

WOMAN'S WORK—D. G. Wells, T. F. Kauffman, T. B. Freeman, T. H. Vinson.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—J. M. Powell, W. J. McAlpine, W. A. F. Wells, J. R. Hardy.

ORPHANS' HOME—O. S. Jones, W. F. Jackson, S. Williams, I. H. Stewart.

LITERATURE—J. J. Haynes, J. H. Smart, J. H. Wisdom, A. W. King.

OUACHITA COLLEGE, GENERAL AND MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—J. A. Ross, S. S. Langley, R. C. Biggadike, Jeff. Norton.

TEMPERANCE—J. B. Langley, George Butler, F. E. Teague, Seth Thompson.

STATE AND ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS—I. F. Welch, E. Delaughter, J. J. Byers, E. A. Jenkins.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS—G. W. Burns, W. H. Garman, W. M. Stephens, Leonard Wright.

OBITUARIES—J. T. Bolt, T. Garner, W. I. Gardner, J. V. Browning.

DOCUMENTS—S. S. Langley, J. M. Powell, John Horton, Fred Vaden.

NOMINATIONS—J. C. Brown, W. H. Stingley, J. H. Scott, J. A. Medlock.

FINANCE—J. A. Ross, G. D. Gathright, R. C. Biggadike.

The large congregation filled every part of the church building, and many not finding room inside, stood at windows and doors, and listened to a wonderful sermon delivered in simplicity and power by J. K. Pace. Text: "Preach the word." A collection was taken immediately after the sermon for Associational Missions. Amount, \$27.47. Individuals and messengers for their churches made pledges for Associational Missions to the amount of \$104.50. (See on another page.)

For further preaching and service, see report of committee on Divine Service. The appointments were all filled. The day was pleasantly and profitably spent by all present.

MONDAY---MORNING SESSION.

Promptly at 8:30, as per adjournment, Moderator Conger called the Association to order. By request of Moderator, Brother O. S. Jones opened the services of the morning by reading 1st. John, 5th chapter, and leading in prayer.

The letter from Gum Springs church was read and messenger seated.

Correspondence from Sister Associations called for. Brethren W. R. Barham and E. L. Meador presented themselves as Corresponding Messengers from Union Association and were welcomed by the body as such.

At the request of Pleasant Grove and Maple Spring Churches letters were granted them to join Howard County Association.

The Moderator then called for reports of committees.

The report on Pastoral Support was read by L. H. Hitt. After brief discussion, the report was adopted. See Appendix A.

Brother D. G. Wells read report on Woman's Work. Adopted. See Appendix B.

Report of committee on Sunday Schools, read by J. M. Powell, discussed by Powell, Ross, Burns, Hardy, Welch, Haynes, and S. S. Langley. Adopted. See Appendix C.

Bro. O. S. Jones read report for committee on Orphans' Home. Briefly discussed by Jones and Conger. Adopted. See Appendix D.

Committee on Literature made their report, read by J. J. Haynes. Adopted. See Appendix E.

Brother J. A. Ross read report on Ouachita College, General and Ministerial Education. Discussed at length by W. N. Davis, Pace, Haynes, Powell, King, Hitt, and Conger. Adopted. See Appendix F.

J. B. Langley read report on Temperance. Discussed by L. Jenkins, Langley and Franklin. The re-reading of the report was called for. It was then adopted, with request that all the newspapers in our bounds publish the report. See Appendix G.

I. F. Welch read report on State and Associational Missions. Spoken to by Welch, D. G. Wells, Jenkins, Hitt, Haynes and Browning. Adopted. See Appendix H.

Brethren Howell and Burns read their reports as Associational Missionaries. Discussed and adopted. See Appendix I.

Adjourned for dinner, till 1:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Reassembled at 1:30 p. m. Prayer by D. G. Wells.

G. W. Burns read report on Home and Foreign Missions spoken to by Jones, Burns and Pace. Adopted. See Appendix, J.

Report of Special Committee on difference in Piney Grove Church, was read by J. A. Ross: Adopted. See Appendix K.

Bro. J. T. Bolt read report for Committee on Obituaries. Adopted. See Appendix L.

Bro. S. S. Langley for Committee on documents made a verbal report that their work was covered by other reports. Motion that this Committee be discontinued. Adopted.

Report on Nominations read and adopted. See Appendix M.

Bro. D. G. Gathright read report of Committee on Finance. Report adopted. See Appendix N.

A Motion was made by Brother E. Delaughter to raise Bro. Howell's Salary as Associational Missionary to \$35. per month. Motion lost.

A letter was read by Moderator from Bro. J. P. Bourland in which he called attention to a letter inclosed from Brother J. T. Holt and one from Brother E. Merrell, setting forth claims for a balance due Brother Merrell as Missionary for services rendered in Red River Association several years ago. By motion of Brother Haynes the matter of the claim of Brother Merrell was referred to Brethren J. B. Langley, L. H. Hitt, J. P. Bourland for adjustment. Motion carried.

A motion was made and carried that a brother of this body be appointed to represent us on the State Board. Brother J. J. Haynes was elected.

Moved by Brother Hitt that the Associational Executive Board be appointed from brethren present, who have heard the discussions on missions. Carried.

Brethren J. B. Langley, D. G. Wells, I. F. Welch, J. M. Powell, J. A. Ross and J. R. Hardy, were elected Executive Board.

A motion was made that the Executive Board supplement the salary of the pastor at Murfreesboro, \$25, and that the State Board be asked to give \$25, also. Motion carried.

Brother Pace moved that the Executive Board have full charge of Mission work in our bounds for the coming year. Carried.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be, and they are hereby tendered the members of Bethlehem church and community for the kindness and liberal hospitality shown us during our stay among them.

Moved that the Clerk have 800 copies of these minutes printed and that he be paid \$15.00 for his services.

Brother Pace moved that the Executive Board be allowed time to make out their report and publish.

A motion was then made and carried that this body now adjourn.

A song was then sung while the messengers and brethren and sisters gave each other the parting hand, amidst tears of joy, hoping to meet again. Prayer by D. G. Wells.

J. W. CONGER, Moderator.

I. F. WELCH, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

A.

PASTORAL SUPPORT.

We submit that the risen Redeemer said to the living Church of the living God: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" and upon the Church must this duty forever rest. There are two parts to this great work. 1st to organize Churches and occupy the home land, and for these Churches to send the bread of life to the nations of earth and isles of the sea. But this feature is left to the committee on Missions. This paper will discuss, Pastoral support. The Lord has ordained, that they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel. The only way that pastors can live of the gospel is to be paid by the Churches. God has ordained that this should be done.

(The pastor should be supported. 1st. With means to live, buy books and papers and other sources of information. 2nd. By constant and regular attendance upon all the Church services. 3rd. By helping to maintain the doctrines and ordinances. 4th. By living so as to commend the truth that he preaches to the world.)

L. H. HITT

J. W. KEY.

J. C. KITCHENS.

B

WOMAN'S WORK.

Your committee to whom was referred the report on woman's work report the following: Eleven years ago, woman's work was organized. Its aim was to bring into hearty co-operation the entire Sister-hood of our Churches in the spread of the Gospel. To accomplish this Woman's Mission Unions were organized in a number of Churches, in each with marked interest and success. We learn from reports sent up something of the magnitude of its accomplishments. (Nine thousand dollars was given the past year as follows: \$4,000, to the Home Board.

\$4.000, to the Foreign Board and \$1.000 to S. S. Board. The work is hardly organized. We earnestly urge the organization of Unions in every Church for the purpose of bringing in close touch the sisters in all the different departments of Church work. Let each pastor speak of the matter, and let us have at the next Association a report from each Church.)

Respectfully Submitted,

D. G. WELLS.
T. B. FREEMAN.
T. H. VINSON.
T. F. KAUFMAN.

C.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We your committee submit the following: (From the letters we find twenty-five churches reporting Sunday Schools, with an enrollment of something over 1400 scholars. Eighteen churches do not report Sunday schools.) We recommend to the churches that have no schools to organize at their earliest convenience.) We find that the blessings of God are attending this work of training the young in the admonition of the Lord. (We recommend the use of the literature of the Southern Baptist Convention. We also recommend that the pastors of this Association preach upon the work of Sunday Schools at least once during the year.)

J. M. POWELL,
W. J. MCALPINE,
W. A. F. WELLS,
J. R. HARDY.

D.

ORPHANS' HOME.

We are glad to be able to report progress in this important Christian work, and feel that we cannot too highly recommend Brother Gardner to the esteem and confidence of the Baptist brotherhood. There are now twenty-six orphans being cared for and educated at the Home. (This family of twenty-six children and the Matrons, have only six rooms, two of which have to be used as kitchen and dining room. This statement of facts presents to you the need of more room to comfortably house the little orphans now in our care. And there are many others known to us who ought to have a home where they can be cared for, educated and led to the Blessed Christ.

We are informed that thirteen of the twenty-six have been converted and baptized into the Baptist church at Monticello during the past year.

We present this work to you as benevolent, missionary, industrial and educational. We learn that the Board has in contemplation the erection of a building containing sixteen rooms; the estimated cost is four thousand, five hundred dollars. They have in hand about half that amount. Your committee desires to express the hope that the Baptists of Red River Association will take this blessed work into their hearts and pocket-books, and be leaders in giving a home and a Savior to every little orphan waif in Arkansas.

O. S. JONES,
W. F. JACKSON,
S. WILLIAMS,
I. H. STEWART.

E.

LITERATURE.

We feel the necessity for a more thorough understanding of God's word. Therefore we recommend, first, as Baptists, a prayerful study of the Bible, taking the same as our guide in all matters of doctrine and practice, obeying its precepts and commandments. Second, we further recommend *The Arkansas Baptist* as a sound Baptist paper that is worthy of a place in every home, and we urge our people to subscribe for and read the paper, it being the only medium of communication through which we can hear from and reach the brotherhood of the state.

Dr. Clark, who has served us so long and so well, has retired from the editorial chair, and Dr. O. L. Hailey, a sound landmark Baptist, is now the editor. We trust and believe the brethren will stand by the paper and its editor, and give them substantial support. Third, we recommend the use in our Sunday Schools, of Baptist literature, and would recommend S. B. series published at Nashville, and the American Publication Society series published at Philadelphia. We also recommend the *Foreign Mission Journal and Home Field*.

J. J. HAYNES,
J. H. SMART,
J. H. WISDOM,
A. W. KING.

F.

OUACHITA COLLEGE, GENERAL AND MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We realize the necessity of the education of all classes of our people, especially our ministers of the gospel. This obligation is binding on the Churches, and also every man who feels himself called to preach the word of God. The Baptists of our State feeling this obligation have provided in Ouachita College ample means for the education of our Ministry. (We urge our young men to prepare themselves for their work. We find last year an average of 24 young ministers in Ouachita College. This year we will have twenty-five or thirty getting their board at a low rate of \$7.50 per month.) We would recommend that the Churches help to sustain these young brethren in Ouachita College, until they have an education, which is a foundation for the work of the ministry.)

We find last year's enrollment of pupils in Ouachita College to be 401, boarders 318, this year up to date there is nearly 300. There are 15 or 20 in the graduating class.

(Since this College was founded it has given free tuition to about 105 ministers. Ouachita is strictly a Baptist College. This is *our College*.) We feel that God's hand planted it here. Therefore, we feel that as lovers of the cause of Christ, we ought to give it all the support possible.

J. A. ROSS.

S. S. LANGLEY.

R. C. BIGGADIKE.

JEFF NORTON.

G

TEMPERANCE.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of Temperance at your last annual meeting find it impossible to obtain accurate figures of all the mischief done by the manufacturing and sale of intoxicating drinks in the United States.

About 500,000 men and women are engaged in this business of dealing out death and damnation to the 75,000,000 people in this country. Over 100,000 people fill premature graves annually as a result of the use of drink in this so called Christian land. Saying nothing about the 25,000 widows and 75,000 orphans, left as a part of the results of the annual work of the liquor sellers of this "land of the free and the home of the

brave." But why report these statements? Time and again they have been spoken about in meetings like this. Yet when we come to vote on these questions, many of us love our political party better than we do our homes, or the eternal welfare of our dear ones, and either vote *for* or play "mum" on election day. We are a set of *moral* cowards, when it comes to the test in the prosecution of the violators of the liquor laws, before the grand jury, or the giving of evidence before the court or trial jury. We are afraid of injuring our business, or our chance of receiving the nomination for office by our party. It is the policy of all politicians to keep the "whiskey question" out of politics, while the agents of liquor and beer associations of this country will not support any one for office who is antagonistic to the whiskey traffic.

The christian voters of the United States, deserve the lasting contempt of the widows, orphans and helpless ones until we show the true spirit of American citizenship, and crush this hydraheaded monster of iniquity, by one blow of the ballot.

We therefore recommend that the Churches make it a test of fellowship, and all members who vote for or sign petitions for the sale of intoxicating liquors or in any way help to screen those who are violating our local option laws, be excluded from their Churches on the charge of unchristian conduct.

JOHN B. LANGLEY.

SETH THOMPSON.

F. E. TEAGUE.

H.

STATE AND ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

If state missions were a complete success it would do away with the need for Associational Mission work as such. (If our Associational Mission Boards were successful in their plans restricting their labors to the destitution in their bounds, there would still be large scopes of unoccupied fields in our state. Both State and Associational Mission work are necessities at present. Our state work was never in so prosperous a condition as at present, and yet it seems that almost nothing is being done, compared with what ought to be done. Can it be possible that there is in the state of Arkansas, a county without a Baptist church, and that too after it has been occupied by the Missionary Baptists for 70 years? Shame! Shame upon a people, with such a name and such a record!

There are quite a number of county seats in the state with

out a Baptist church. In our own Red River Association, until a few weeks ago we had an eye-sore of this kind, but we thank God that through the earnest work of our Associational Missionary, J. T. Howell, Murfreesboro, Pike county, has a Baptist church.] We believe there should be the closest possible co-operation and union in the plans and work of the State and Associational Boards. Their purposes, watchword and determination, under God, should be, to have a real Missionary Baptist Church in every neighborhood in the state at once.

(Brethren, it is alarming to learn of the destitution in various parts of our state, but more alarming to know of the apathy, sloth and anti-missionary spirit that is prevailing among our people. Give us \$1 each from the 70,000 Baptists of Arkansas, and destitution of Baptist preaching and Baptist doctrines will soon be things of the past. We believe that if the 1,200 churches and our 920 ordained ministers in Arkansas were as full of the missionary spirit as the early churches and ministers were, we would have no destitution in the state one year from today. Give us \$5. from each church and we have the beautiful sum of \$6,000 with which to prosecute this work. This would be less than nine cents per member. Brethren, what are we doing? Do we really desire to see the state taken for Christ?) Our Associational Board employed Brethren Burns and Howell to work three months in the destitution of our Association. After working 17 days, Brother Burns withdrew from the field. Brother Howell has worked for the three months. There is still destitution in our bounds. From these destitute fields comes the cry "Come over and help us ere we die." We your committee recommend that the Association continue her co-operation with the State Board, and that the Executive Board of Red River Association be instructed to continue mission work in our own bounds.

I. F. WELCH,
E. DELAUGHTER,
J. J. BYERS.

I.

MISSIONARIES' REPORT.

(I began work July 1, 1899, and worked three months. Traveled 852 miles. Made 165 visits. Preached 93 sermons. Held 121 services. Had 41 conversions. Received 28 by baptism and 17 by letter and three by restoration. Total, 48

additions. Organized one church—Murfreesboro. Collected \$42.90. Respectfully submitted,

J. T. HOWELL.

My work as Missionary, employed by the Executive Board, commenced July 1st. I worked 17 days. Preached 17 sermons. Attended 30 services. Visited 26 families. Witnessed 31 professions. Baptized 23. Traveled 144 miles.)

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. BURNS.

J.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Home Missions are operated by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, F. H. Kerfoot, Secretary, Atlanta, Ga.. The field is the Southern States, Cuba and the Philippines. A large and important work that needs our sympathy, prayers and hearty co-operation. We would recommend that our people inform themselves more by taking and reading the Home Field, a paper published by the Board, and that regular and liberal contributions be made for this work.

Foreign Missions are carried on by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, J. R. Willingham Corresponding Secretary, Richmond Va. The fields are China, Africa, Italy, Brazil, Mexico and Japan. It was resolved, in a mass meeting at the Southern Baptist Convention, to enlarge the work twenty-five per cent. It seems that the Holy Spirit and God's word direct in this matter. Let us realize that the work is ours. We recommend that our pastors keep the work before their charges, the churches to have Mission meetings, and that we pray for the work and the workers. And that we take and read the Foreign Mission Journal, and contribute regularly and liberally to Foreign Missions. "The Lord loves a cheerful giver."

G. W. BURNS,
W. H. GARMAN,
W. M. STEPHENS,
LEONARD WRIGHT.

K.

DIFFERENCE IN PINEY GROVE CHURCH.

Your special committee to whom was referred the question of the differences in Piney Grove Church beg leave to report, that having called before us an equal number of representative

brethren from each party and having heard their statements and answers to questions and after carefully considering the same, we make the following recommendations: That this Association reaffirm the findings of the council of five churches called to consider the difficulties in Piney Grove Church.

J. A. ROSS

W. A. FORBES.

J. K. PACE.

JOHN B. LANGLEY.

D. G. WELLS.

(The finding of this council was that J. C. Kelly and associates are heretics in holding to the modern doctrine of "holiness and divine healing" and the action of L. H. Hitt and associates was regular and baptistic in excluding said Kelly and associates from the fellowship of Piney Grove Church.—I. F. WELCH, Clerk.)

L.

OBITUARIES.



God in his alwise providence has removed from us our beloved and much esteemed brother and minister,

J. O. BROWNING,

who was born May 29th, A. D. 1826. Died July 25th, 1899, entered the ministry in 1857. Was once sent as Missionary to the Choctaw Indians. Brother Browning was highly esteemed as a minister, as a standard bearer in hoisting the banner of truth in the conflict with error in this section. We feel that a great man in Israel is fallen asleep in Jesus.

**DR. G. B. CARTER,**

born Sept. 20, 1838, has also been called home. He united with South Fork Church and was baptized by G. W. Wells in 1872, was a faithful member, Deacon, and Clerk of South Fork. Died June 26, 1899.

**J. R. HARDY, Jr.,**

was born August 1870. Was a consistent member of Pike City Church. Died April 19, 1899.

**T. J. ALLISON,**

long a member of Pleasant Hill Church, died Sept. 5th, 1899.

M. NOMINATIONS.

We your Committee on Nominations recommend that the next session of this body be held with the Church at Arkadelphia. That Brother L. H. Hitt be appointed to preach the introductory sermon, with Bro. D. G. Wells alternate.

J. C. BROWN.
W. H. STINGLEY.
J. A. MEDLOCK.
J. H. SCOTT.

N. FINANCE.

We your committee on Finance make the following report: We have received from the messengers of the different churches represented in our body, and turned over to the treasurer the amounts for the various purposes herein mentioned.

Associational Missions.....	\$54.61
State Missions.....	3.70
Home Missions.....	1.75
Foreign Missions.....	14.15
Printing Minutes.....	41.30
Orphans Home.....	6.96
Sunday Schools.....	30
Total.....	\$122,76

G. D. GATHRIGHT,
R. C. BIGGADIKE.

(NOTE—There was found to be \$124,16 instead of \$122,76 as reported by Finance Committee. The \$1.40 extra I placed to the credit of Associational Mission.

I. F. WELCH, Clerk.)

REPORT ON DIVINE SERVICE.

We your committee make the following report: Preaching Saturday night 7:30 at the Church, I. F. Welch. Sunday School mass meeting, 9 a. m., conducted by J. W. Conger. Prayer meeting 10 a. m., conducted by J. J. Haynes. Preaching at the Church 11 a. m., by J. K. Pace, to be followed by collection for Associational Missions. Preaching at 3 p. m., by J. J. Haynes, again, at 7:30 p. m., by Brother G. W. Burns. Preaching Sunday night at Scoggins School House by L. H. Hitt.

A. W. KING, Chairman.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Dear Brethren: Owing to the fact that the Board found itself embarrassed with an indebtedness of \$81.93, at the beginning of the Associational year, no Missionary was put in the field until July, when Brethren G. W. Burns, and J. T. Howell were employed for three months, at \$25 per month each, with the privilege of retaining charge of the churches of which each was pastor. After working 17 days, Brother Burns resigned, Brother Howell remaining in the field during the three months. For a detailed statement of the work done and the good accomplished reference is made to the reports of our Missionaries. In the opinion of the Board, a short and active campaign, during the summer months has proven very effective.

Our financial exhibit is as follows.

Received from cash collection on Sunday.....	\$27.47
Received from Finance Committee.....	54.61
Collected and Reported by Bro Burns on the field.....	28.60
Collected and Reported by Bro. Howell on the field.....	42.90
Collected and Reported by Bro. Horne Pike City.....	2.81
Total.....	\$156.39

DISBURSED.

Paid Bro. Burns on the field.....	\$28.60
Paid Bro. Howell on the field.....	42.90
Paid Bro. Horne-Pike City Collection.....	2.81
Paid Bro. Burns at Association in full.....	20.30
Paid Bro. Howell at Association in full.....	32.10
Paid Bro. Horne at Association in full.....	6.19
Paid Bro. King at Association in full.....	9.00
Paid Bro. Haynes member State Board.....	14.49
Total.....	\$156.39

Which covers all indebtedness of the Association except a balance of \$9.60, due Bro. Haynes.

Respectfully Submitted,

I. F. WELCH,
J. A. ROSS.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

From Finance Committee.....	\$124.16
Cash collected Sunday.....	27.47
Total.....	\$151.63

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Associational Executive Board.....	\$67.59
State Missions.....	3.70
Home Missions.....	1.75
Foreign Missions.....	14.15
Minute Fund.....	41.30
Orphans Home.....	6.95
Sunday Schools.....	30
J. J. Haynes Member State Board.....	14.49
Amount unaccounted for in treasury.....	1.40
Total.....	\$151.63

Respectfully Submitted,

I. F. WELCH, Treasurer.

PLEDGES FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Arkadelphia Church.....	\$ 15.00	Mount Olive Church.....	\$ 1.60
Bethlehem Church.....	5.00	Mount Carmel Church.....	1.00
Bethel Church.....	1.00	Mount Zion Church.....	1.00
Bethel Spring Church..	2.00	New Home Church.....	2.00
Beirne Church.....	1.00	Pleasant Hill Church....	2.50
Boughton Church.....	1.00	Piney Grove Church.....	1.00
Clear Springs Church....	2.00	Prescott Church.....	2.50
Gum Springs Church....	5.00	Providence Church.....	2.50
Gurdon Church.....	2.50	Richwoods Church.....	3.00
Gethsemane Church.....	1.00	South Fork Church.....	2.00
Horton Springs Church	2.50	Shiloh Church.....	2.50
Hollywood Church.....	2.50	Union Church.....	2.50
Landmark Church.....	1.00	Unity Church.....	15.00
J. S. Hamilton.....	\$ 2.50	W. J. McAlpine.....	\$ 2.50
J. J. Haynes.....	2.50	W. H. Garman.....	2.50
J. A. Ross.....	2.50	E. Smith.....	2.00
J. B. Langley.....	2.50	W. I. Gardner, Sr.....	2.00
J. G. Ingle.....	2.50	W. M. Stephens.....	2.00

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.	POST OFFICE.
Amis, W. T.	Arkadelphia.	Arkadelphia.
Baars, F. D.	Arkadelphia.	Arkadelphia.
Bennett, T. J.	Arkadelphia.	Arkadelphia.
Burns, G. W.	Unity.	Arkadelphia.
Browning, J. V.	Pleasant Hill.	Hebron.
Byers, L. M.	Caney Fork.	shawmut.
Copeland, J. P.	Pike City.	Pike City.
Caldwell, S. W.	Richwoods.	Curtis.
Collins, J. H.	Arkadelphia.	Arkadelphia.
Connell, L. B.	Arkadelphia.	Arkadelphia.
Calaway, F. G.	Gurdon.	Hollywood.
DeLaughter, E.	Boughton.	Boughton.
Davis, W. U.	Bethel.	Okolona.
Ferbes, W. A.	Unity.	Gum Springs.
Franklin, G. A.	Bethel.	Dobyville.
Felts, W. C.	New Home.	Prescott.
Gardner, W. W.	Arkadelphia.	Arkadelphia.
Gardner, W. I.	Landmark.	Hollywood.
Gathright, J. T.	South Fork.	Dobyville.
Horne, H. J. P.	Arkadelphia.	Arkadelphia.
Hitt, L. H.	Piney Grove.	Prescott.
Hamlin, G. L.	Richwoods.	Curtis.
Hamilton, J. S.	Richwoods.	Gum Spring.
Haynes, J. J.	Arkadelphia.	Arkadelphia.
Hall, J. H.	Bethel.	Okolona.
Hardy, J. R.	Spring Hill.	Pike City.
Harris, J. E.	Maple Spring.	Roy.
Howell, J. T.	Arkadelphia.	Arkadelphia.
Ham, R. J.	Richwoods.	Arkadelphia.
King, J. S.	Piney Grove.	Boughton.
King, A. W.	Bethlehem.	Wheelen.
Kelley, J. M.	Bethel.	Okolona.
Lawley, A. E.	Richwoods.	Arkadelphia.
McManaway, A. G.	Arkadelphia.	Arkadelphia.
Patterson, W. M.	Maple Spring.	Roy.
Pace, J. K.	Arkadelphia.	Arkadelphia.
Price, A. J.	Okolona.	Okolona.
Roundtree, J. B.	Liberty Hill.	Bowen.
Rodgers, Z. T.	Missionary Grove.	Prescott.
Smart, J. S.	Bethel.	Okolona.
Smith, E.	Mount Carmel.	Beirne.
Tobey, C. E.	Mount Bethel.	Arkadelphia.
Teague, F. E.	Hollywood.	Hollywood.
Turner, J. H.	Mount Zion.	Arkadelphia.
Vinson, T. H.	Mount Carmel.	Beirne.
Wells, D. G.	South Fork.	Gurdon.
White, J. M.	Mount Bethel.	Arkadelphia.
Williams, W. B.	Union.	Alpine.
Winfield, J. W.	Missionary Grove.	Boughton.
Welch, I. F.	Providence.	Boughton.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	POST OFFICE	MEMBERS	MESSENGERS
Arkadelphia.....	J K Pace.....	R D Hall.....	Arkadelphia.....	Every	J K Pace, J J Haynes, J W Conger.
Amity.....	I F Welch.....	J C Magee.....	Amity.....	4.....	J W Key.
Bethel.....	D G Wells.....	R K Hall.....	Dobyville.....	3.....	J H Smart, W U Davis, John Smart.
Bethel Spring.....	W U Davis.....	J B Vaden.....	Gurdon.....	2.....	Elias Bear, W C Wray, Fred Vaden.
Bethlehem.....	A W King.....	W T Keys.....	Wheelen.....	1.....	A W King, W L Bunch, A J Harper.
Beirne.....	D G Wells.....	Ella Yeager.....	Beirne.....	4.....	George Butler.
Boughton.....	W R Barham.....	Rosa Britt.....	Boughton.....	3.....	E Delaughter, W M Aylor, W A Thomason.
Caney Fork.....	L M Byers.....	R M Lewallen.....	Shawmut.....	3.....	R F Kelley, J J Byers.
Clear Springs.....	F E Teague.....	J T Bolt.....	Clear Springs.....	3.....	J T Bolt.
Curtis.....	T J Bennett.....	J L Stroopes.....	Curtis.....	1.....	T B Freeman.
Degray.....	L H Hitt.....	P T Dunlop.....	Arkadelphia.....	2.....	T F Kauffman, P Dunlop, A Terrell.
Delight.....	I F Welch.....	G B Reed.....	Delight.....	2.....	J M Ross, J P Copeland, Jr.
Durrett.....					Not represented.
Gethsemane.....	F E Teague.....	J T Speakman.....	Leard.....	2.....	W M Stephens, B L Cason.
Oum Spring.....	A W King.....	C G Ham.....	Arkadelphia.....	2.....	W G Mathis.
Gurdon.....	I F Welch.....	A J Nelson.....	Gurdon.....	2 & 4.....	W J McAlpine.
Holly Grove.....	J H Smart.....	A C Biggadike.....	Beirne.....	1.....	R C Biggadike, H West, R Tate.
Hollywood.....	F E Teague.....	B J Kimbro.....	Hollywood.....	1.....	F E Teague, Jas Malcome.
Horton Spring.....	A W King.....	L L Williams.....	Wheelen.....	1.....	J G Ingle, John Horton.
Landmark.....	J H Smart.....	J M Measles.....	Hollywood.....	4.....	B F Malcome, W A Measles, W I Gardner.
Liberty Hill.....	J B Thomas.....	J T Bolt.....	Bowen.....	1.....	S S Langley.
Maple Spring.....	L M Byers.....	W M Cooley.....	Roy.....	2.....	W M Patterson
Missionary Grove.....	W U Davis.....	W H Stockton.....	Boughton.....	4.....	J W Wingfield.
Mount Bethel.....	D G Wells.....	J L Bozeman.....	Arkadelphia.....	4.....	J L Bozeman.
Mount Carmel.....	J T Howell.....	H S Nelson.....	Beirne.....	4.....	E Smith, T H Vinson.
Mount Olive.....	A W King.....	J W Harrod.....	Hollywood.....	3.....	S Thompson, L Thompson.
Mount Zion.....	L H Hitt.....	G G Presson.....	Arkadelphia.....	1.....	J C Wright, L Wright.
Murfreesboro.....	J T Howell.....	T Smith.....	Murfreesboro.....	1.....	J R Chapel, P L Looper.
New Home.....	I F Welch.....	W S Roe.....	Prescott.....	1.....	J C Brown, T J Roe.
Okolona.....					Not Represented.
Piney Grove.....	G W Burns.....	Cora Hitt.....	Prescott.....	1.....	L H Hitt, Ivin Hawkins, J McDonald.
Pleasant Grove.....	L M Webb.....	S F Leslie.....	Meyville.....	1.....	J M Harper, F H Askew.
Providence.....	D G Wells.....	I H Stuart.....	Boughton.....	1.....	I F Welch, I H Stuart, W H Garman.
Pleasant Home.....					Not Represented.
Pike City.....	H J P Horn.....	S B Earle.....	Pike City.....	1.....	J H Scott.
Pleasant Hill.....	T J Bennett.....	J B Langley.....	Hebron.....	2.....	J B Langley, J Norton, J V Browning.
Prescott.....	A G McManaway.....	J M Milburn.....	Prescott.....	1 & 2.....	O S Jones, J M Powell, G D Gathright.
Richwoods.....	L H Hitt.....	B W Toland.....	Gum Spring.....	4.....	W F Jackson.
Salem.....	T Burk.....	T Garner.....	Amity.....	2.....	T Garner.
Shiloh.....	L H Hitt.....	W A F Wells.....	Bradshaw.....	3.....	J A Ross, F M Jones, W A F Wells.
South Fork.....	D G Wells.....	J R Carter.....	Dobyville.....	2.....	D G Wells, J C Kitchens, J R Carter.
Spring Hill.....	L M Byers.....	C T Erwin.....	Lissie.....	1.....	J R Hardy.
Unity.....	W A Forbes.....	J A Medlock.....	Arkadelphia.....	1 & 3.....	W A Forbes, G W Burns, J A Medlock.
Union.....	G W Burns.....	F M Thomason.....	Alpine.....	1.....	J H Wisdom, F M Thomason, W B Williams.
Wellsville.....	I F Welch.....	W H Stringley.....	Wallaceburg.....	3.....	J D Coopwood, W H Stringley.
Wheelen.....	J T Howell.....	E S Sullivan.....	Wheelen.....	3.....	E A Jenkins, S Williams.
Wolf Creek.....					Not Represented.
Washington.....					Not Represented.
Red Land.....					Not Represented.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERSHIP.						Present Membership.	FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.										Value of Church Property.
	Increase.		Decrease.					Missions.				Other Purposes.						
	Baptized	By Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died		Associational.	State	Home	Foreign	Ministerial education	Sunday School work	Pastor's Salaries	Incidental	Orphans Home	Minutes	
Arkadelphia.	24	39	1	52		1	459	\$75 00	150 00		\$160 00	\$50 00		\$1347 00	345 00		\$3 00	\$9000 00
Amity.	5	1		1	2	2	86	1 33			2 37			100 00			1 00	450 00
Bethel.	1			2		1	40	1 60	1 40	1 80	2 55			23 40			1 00	250 00
Bethel Spring.		1		4	1	1	24	1 00						23 30				75
Bethlehem.			2	2	3	1	103	1 25						70 00		11 15	1 00	500 00
Beirne.							11									2 85		35
Boughton.	4	2		4		2	55	2 61	2 50		1 50		7 35	40 00			1 50	500 00
Caney Fork.							16	3 40			4 50							40
Clear Springs.	2	1	1	1		1	81	2 60									1 25	500 00
Curtis.					1	1	42										1 00	
Degray.	20	3		2		1	139	2 75									1 35	
Delight.		9					21	5 65									50	
Durrett.							23											
Gethsemane.		1				1	22	2 15	35		45					25	55	300 00
Gum Spring.	13	4	3	5			41	2 00	3 00				5 00	50 00	1 00	2 50	1 00	300 00
Gurdon.	2	8		1		1	45	10 00		50	2 25		70 00	16 40			75	500 00
Holly Grove.		1	1	2	2		40	40	70		80						1 00	
Hollywood.	2						41	3 40	50	50	50						1 00	
Horton Spring.		5		4	1		28	1 40	30	60	30		24 00				55	20 00
Landmark.	1	1		3			27	2 50					50 00				75	
Liberty Hill.	1	6		2			48	2 15		1 00	1 00					1 00	70	
Maple Spring.	12	4	1	7	1		50	2 00									1 00	
Missionary Grove.	9	2	1			4	55				2 00						75	
Mount Bethel.		1	2	12		2	58	3 00					31 95	4 50	11 20	1 00		
Mount Carmel.	8			4	1		50	9 30	1 45		1 45				1 95		75	
Mount Olive.	7		1				35	3 00									60	
Mount Zion.	3	1		1			61	1 00					40 00				1 00	
Murfreesboro.	5	1					12	8 10									50	
New Home.		3		4	2		84	2 87			4 60		60 00				1 00	250 00
Okolona.							37											
Piney Grove.		6		2	27	4	37								4 40		75	

STATISTICAL TABLE.--Continued

CHURCHES.	MEMBERSHIP.						Present Membership.	FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.										
	Increase.			Decrease.				Missions.				Other Purposes.						Value of Church Property.
	Baptized	By letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died		Associational	State	Home	Foreign	Ministerial education	Sunday School work	Pastor's Salaries	Incidental	Orphans Home	Minutes	
Pleasant Grove	9	1	1	2		2	78	\$ 4 25									1 00	
Providence		4		3	3	1	68	4 15			4 45		60 00	75	3 00	1 00		350 00
Pleasant Home							35											
Pike City	4	8		5		1	46										1 00	
Pleasant Hill	2	11			1	1	79	5 85	7 20			5 00		1 80	3 88	1 25		600 00
Prescott	6	5		6		3	89		24	81	22 22	14 75	300 00	52		1 75		1000 00
Richwoods	9	9	1	17			95		9 40								2 00	400 00
Salem	7	7	1	1			39	1 25									60	
Shiloh	1	3		5		1	51	6 55	5 00	1 70	1 75				14 00	1 00		
South Fork	2	13	1	4	1	5	100		1 00						7 75	1 05		
Spring Hill	1	1					27	1 50								1 00		
Unity	16	4		5		1	68	10 00		4 30	5 25	12 45	1 00	60 00	23 10	10 00	1 00	
Union	6	1	1	2	2		32	4 00									75	
Wellsville	1	6				2	27	86			3 00						60	
Wheelen							19										50	
Wolf Creek							40											
Washington							27											
Red Land							20											
Totals	182	173	18	169	49	40	2821	196 67	206 80	\$91 10	\$ 119 94	\$77 20	\$18 35	\$2389 65	444 55	89 13	\$41 25	\$14920 00

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers	Number of Pupils.	Average Attendance.	Number of Classes	Literature	Cost of Literature	Superintendents.	Postoffices.
Arkadelphia.....	30	451	256	26	S B C S	209 00	J C Wallis.	Arkadelphia, Ark.	
Amity.....	7	50	30	5	S B C S	5 40	W F. Key.	Amity, Ark.	
Bethel.....	5	50	25	4	S B C S	4 00	J M Kelly.	Okolona, Ark.	
Bethel Spring.....	6	24	3	S B C S	.....	J B Vaden.	Gurdon, Ark.	
Beirne.....	5	30	15	3	S B C S	3 50	E D Yeager.	Beirne, Ark.	
Boughton.....	4	45	27	4	S B C S	2 50	J R Parker.	Boughton, Ark.	
Clear Springs.....	9	70	50	5	S B C S	1 75	J T Bolt.	Clear Springs, Ark.	
Gum Spring.....	5	40	20	3	S B C S	2 00	W G Mathis.	Gum Spring, Ark.	
Gurdon.....	6	48	23	4	S B C S	.....	W J McAlpin.	Gurdon, Ark.
Liberty Hill.....	.....	.....	24	.....	.....	.....	S S Langlev.	Bowen, Ark.
Maple Spring.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	W L Manahan.	Roy, Ark.
Mount Zion.....	5	53	28	3	S B C S	3 10	G G Presson.	Arkadelphia, Ark.	
New Home.....	6	52	34	4	S B C S	3 25	J C Brown.	Prescott, Ark.	
Providence.....	5	38	30	4	S B C S	4 50	I H Stuart.	Boughton, Ark.	
Pike City.....	.....	.....	35	.....	S B C S	.....	J P Copeland.	Pike City, Ark.
Pleasant Hill.....	6	40	25	4	S B C S	5 00	J R Hart.	Arkadelphia, Ark.	
Prescott.....	11	106	65	9	S B C S	33 00	J M Powell.	Prescott, Ark.	
Shiloh.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	J A Ross.	Bradshaw, Ark.
South Fork.....	5	35	20	3	S B C S	.....	T J Dillard.	Gurdon, Ark.
Spring Hill.....	.....	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Unity.....	7	60	.....	5	S B C S	5 60	H Edwards.	Arkadelphia, Ark.
Wellsville.....	.....	60	36	.....	S B C S	3 60	W H Stringley.	Wallaceburg, Ark.
Totals	22	112	1406	793	89	\$ 286 20			

RULES OF DECORUM.

When the delegates of the several churches shall assemble at the place appointed for the session of the association, the moderator shall open business by praise and prayer in person or by proxy. If the former moderator or clerk be absent, the association shall appoint one pro tem.

2. Immediately after opening session, the church letters shall be read by persons the moderator may appoint, and the names of the delegates be enrolled by the clerk.

3. When the delegates' names are enrolled and called by the clerk, the association shall then elect by ballot a moderator and clerk, the plurality of votes governing the election.

4. All motions and amendments to motions must be seconded before they can be entertained by the moderator. When motions or amendments to motions are made, the last one made shall be the first in order, and so on in inverse order to the original motion, but the mover may at any time withdraw his motion.

5. Any person wishing to make a motion or to speak on any matter before the association, shall rise to his feet and respectfully address the moderator, and if he be in order the moderator shall signify it by calling the name of the person and no one thus in order shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject, or for personal reflections; nor shall any member speak more than twice on the same subject without leave from the association or to explain some of his former remarks.

6. Whenever sufficient time has been allowed for discussion of any subject before the association, the moderator shall take the voice of the association and declare the result, a plurality governing all cases except those provided for.

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

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

9. The moderator shall have the names of the delegates called whenever it is necessary.

10. The moderator may speak on matters of debate as

other members, by calling some one else to fill his seat while speaking, but not until all others have spoken who desire to speak.

11. The moderator may invite visiting ministers, in good order, to seats in the council, who may speak, but not vote.

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

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



ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in a true and living God.

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

3. We believe in the doctrine of election according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CONSTITUTION.

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

ART. 2. This association shall be composed of delegates from the churches in the union. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by their several churches before they take their seats.

ART. 3. The delegates, when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body by the appointment of a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual association, and continue in office until their successors are chosen.

ART. 4. This association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which it is composed. It shall regard them as independent in matters of internal government, and shall act as advisory counsel, assuming no authority except what is expressly delegated to it by the churches, or evidently implied by the nature of the compact. It nevertheless claims authority over its members, the delegates from churches, and in justice and propriety must have power to withdraw from, and disown, all churches which depart from the spirit of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice. It should therefore, regard all churches united under this constitution with a vigilant eye for good. Its principal business shall be to promote the declarative glory of God, by extending the kingdom of grace on earth through the medium of preaching the gospel, and the means in accordance with the gospel to cultivate union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ, especially those united in this constitution.

ART. 5. Newly constituted churches and churches dismissed from other associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this union by sending three delegates, their number in fellowship, number baptized, received by letter, dis-

missed, excommunicated, restored and deceased since last session, and all other information which the churches may deem important, which shall be read and minuted.

ART. 6. This association shall have a fund to be supplied by voluntary contributions of the churches. All the money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over through the Committee on Finance to the treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold his office during the pleasure of the association. He shall retain and manage the funds agreeably to the order of the association, and present annually for inspection in the minutes, a clear and succinct statement of all receipts and expenditures.

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

ART. 8. The association shall take cognizance of no query sent up from the churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and have failed; nor of any difficulty between the churches unless they have pursued the direction in the xviii chapter of Matthew, and have not been able to settle them; then the association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at its own discretion.

ART. 9. It shall be the duty of the clerk of the association to keep a regular file of the printed minutes of each session of this body, and deliver over the same to his successor in office.

ART. 10. This constitution may be altered or amended at regular meetings of this association by the concurring voice of two-thirds of the members present, provided such alteration or amendment be approved by the churches comprising the association.