

**Proceedings**  
**OF THE**  
**Forty-Second Annual Session**  
**OF THE**  
**FRIENDSHIP REGULAR**  
**Baptist Association**

**HELD WITH**  
**BETHLEHEM CHURCH**  
**Lincoln County, Ark., September 19th, 1914.**

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**..... OFFICERS .....**  
**W. A. FISH, MODERATOR.**  
**J. W. McPHERSON, CLERK.**

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**Next Session will be held with Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church,  
Cleveland County, Ark., on Saturday before the Third  
Sunday in September, 1915, at 10 o'clock, A. M.**

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## PROCEEDINGS

### SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION

The Forty-second annual session of Friendship Baptist Association convened with Bethlehem Baptist church in Lincoln county, Arkansas, Saturday, September 19, 1914, at 10 o'clock A. M.

On account of the death of Moderator J. H. W. Overton, the Clerk, W. A. Fish, called the Association together. Bro. Will Winston conducted devotional exercises, after which Bro. W. L. Compere was called to act as temporary moderator.

Bro. Eugene Winston was nominated to preach the introductory sermon, provided, the original nominee did not.

G. S. Keahey and J. I. Harris were appointed to read the letters. Some of the letters were read, and after a song and prayer by Bro. J. A. Preston, Bro. Winston was called to the stand for the Introductory sermon, who preached from the text, "Lord remember me when thou comest into thy Kingdom."

After prayer by B. G. Ray, the Association adjourned to meet at 1 P. M.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

The meeting was called to order by singing and after prayer by Bro. J. W. Fish, Bro. James Bridges was asked to assist in the reading of letters.

The following delegates were seated:

#### LIST OF CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

Bethel—Albert Gardner, J. M. Strait, W. L. Goggins. Norman Tucker

Bethlehem—M. Y. Moran, J. H. Owen, J. R. Grumbles, J. J. Adams, J. A. Owen

Center—Jasper Miller, Jas. W. Bridges

Cornerville—O. A. Jordan and wife, C. F. Mitcham.

Clio—

Dumas—By letter.

Enon—J. M. McCullough, Miss Eura McCullough

Friendship—Irvin Harris, G. W. Harris, J. W. Hope,  
 Florence—G. A. Sumerall  
 Hickory Grove—Mrs. A. A. West, J. C. Haddox, T. J. Bailey,  
 E. C. Dodd.  
 Holly Springs—D. W. Chance, N. R. Womack, F. S. Vick, I. L.  
 Vick, Miss Grace Vick  
 Harmony—W. Z. Stone, H. H. Mundell  
 Lone Grove—J. J. Morrison, W. J. Evans, Cinthia Gold  
 Mt. Moriah—D. G. Lee, Overton Lee, Belle Caldwell.  
 Mt. Zion—J. A. Preston  
 Macedonia—J. L. Riffin, T. H. Phillips, G. A. Riffin  
 New Hope—J. L. Akins, Veo Reeves  
 New Home—W. L. Austin, T. F. Rodgers, W. M. Rodgers  
 Oak Grove—L. D. Reed, W. A. Winston, G. G. Ray  
 Ohio St. Church—Not represented  
 Pine Bluff 1st.—H. L. Atkinson, Mrs. H. C. Fox, Mrs. W. H.  
 Fox, Mrs. M. A. Hudson, Flossie White  
 Pleasant Hill—  
 Pleasant Home—S. H. Ragsdale and wife, M. L. Kelly  
 Pleasant Ridge—J. B. Wilson, A. F. Coats, Walter Taylor  
 Pleasant Springs—not represented  
 Rison—Mrs. W. T. Ferguson, Mamie McMurtrey  
 Spring Hill—Not represented  
 Star City—J. W. McPherson, W. A. Fish, G. S. Keahey, W. L.  
 Compere, A. O. Vick  
 Smyrna—J. G. Ringo, Claud Ringo, Mrs. T. E. Batchelor  
 Sulphur Springs—Not represented  
 Tyro—J. T. Morgan, J. C. Pool, J. H. Collins, Fay Collins  
 Union—George Wingard, Hilie Dean, J. H. Hankins  
 Zion—W. C. Riggins, Mrs. Fannie Overton, Mrs. H. C. Lindsay,  
 Mrs. Bettie Riggins.

Being ready for permanent organization, nominations were in order. W. A. Fish and H. L. Atkinson were nominated for moderator and J. W. McPherson for clerk and treasurer; which resulted in W. A. Fish being elected moderator and J. W. McPherson clerk and treasurer.

The Moderator called for petitionary letters. None responded.

The pastor and deacons of this church were appointed a committee on Divine service,

Moderator called for visitors and corresponding messengers. Pine Bluff Association was represented by Eld. F. E. Winston and Spring River Association by Eld. Charles B. Lee as visitors.



#### CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS

Bartholomew Association—G. A. Sumerall.

Pine Bluff Association—W. A. Winston, Eld. G. G. Ray, S. H. Ragsdale.

Red River Association—J. W. Bridges.

Motion carried to elect the above named messengers.

Motion carried to have the report of the Missionary Board read and spread on the minutes.

Motion carried to pay Eld. Sam Grumbles (Missionary) \$17.47.

Adjourned to 7:30 A. M.

Stand filled by Eld. Charles B. Lee who preached from text Romans, 5:1, after which the following committees were read and handed out:

#### LIST OF COMMITTEES

Sunday Schools—H. H. Mundell, Walter Taylor, A. F. Coats.

Foreign Missions—J. H. Hankins, J. M. Strait, W. L. Goggins.

Sabbath Breaking—J. A. Preston, J. H. Owen, O. A. Jordan.

Orphan's Home—H. L. Atkinson, J. B. Wilson, T. J. Bailey.

Publications—W. A. Winston, J. R. Grumbles, D. W. Chance.

Prohibition—J. W. Fish, D. G. Lee, O. F. Mitcham.

Home Missions—G. G. Ray, J. T. Morgan, G. A. Riggins.

State Missions—W. L. Compere, W. M. Rodgers, J. J. Morrison.

Associational Missions—W. Z. Stone, J. L. Akins, M. L. Kelly.

Condition of Churches—G. S. Keahey, G. A. Sumerall, W. L. Austin.

Christian Education—J. W. Bridges, Mrs. H. C. Fox, J. G. Ringo.

Obituaries—M. Y. Moran, W. C. Riggins, Belle Caldwell.

B. Y. P. U.—Mamie McMurtrey, Flossie White, Eura, McCullough.

Nominations—W. A. Winston, J. W. Bridges, J. H. Hankins.

Adjourned to 10 A. M. Sunday.

#### SUNDAY—10 A. M.

The house called to order by the Moderator. Sunday School mass meeting conducted by J. B. Wilson. Prayer by J. W. Bridges. Discussions participated in by various school superintendents. Motion carried to take collection after preaching for associational missions.

11 A. M. Stand filled by W. L. Compere who preached the Missionary sermon, Text Philipian 5:1. At the same hour W. A. Winston preached in the school house, Text John 17:18.

Collections taken for associational missions amounting to \$17.33.

2 P. M. Called together by singing. Moderator called for report an Sunday Schools which was read by H. H. Mundell, discussed and adopted.

## REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

"We your Committee on Sunday Schools make the following report: We find by examination of the church letters 19 schools reported. Number of pupils in said schools 1,528; number of officers and teacher 122; number of baptisms 77 ; number of churches which have no schools 9. We are glad to find this much done along the line of Sunday school work. But we have not yet reached the goal. We, therefore, recommend that each church which has no school to organize and maintain one.

Submitted.

H. H. Mundell.

W. H. Taylor,  
Committee.

Report on Sabbath Breaking read by J. A. Preston, discussed and adopted.

## REPORT ON SABBATH BREAKING

We, your Committee on Sabbath Breaking, beg leave to say we are taught in the Bible to "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." We recommend that our pastors and our churches do all in their power to set aside the playing of ball on Sunday. Sad to say, a great many members of our churches, both brethren and sisters, are witnesses of this desecration. This ought not to be. The only remedy we can see for this evil is for our churches to be more interested in Sunday schools, as it seems to be more prevalent where there is no school. It was a wonderful provision of God to set aside a day in which to refrain from secular labor and pleasure and to serve Him. How sweet to spend the day in God's service, but he who stays at home and reads his paper or visits his farm, works hunts or goes visiting in preference to God's service, fails to keep it holy. May God help us to preserve our christian sabbath.

J. A. Preston,  
O. A. Jordan,  
J. H. Owen,  
Committee.

Adjourned until 7:30 P. M.

7:30 P. M. The stand was filled by Dr. R. M. Inlow who gave us a fine lecture on Christian Education.

Adjourned until Monday at 8:30 A. M.

## MONDAY—8:30 A. M.

Called to order by the Moderator after devotional exercises. The Clerk read and corrected the proceedings of Saturday and Sunday, The Moderator called for the report on Condition of Churches

which was read by G. S. Keahey, discussed and approved.

#### REPORT ON CONDITION OF CHURCHES

We, your Committee on Condition of Churches, find from the reports that there are 34 churches on the roll of which eight are not represented at this meeting. We also find that 16 churches have had no pastors. But most of those represented have had very good meetings and seem to be in a very good spiritual condition. We urge that all our churches endeavor to have pastors the coming year. We find on examination of letters that there has been an increase of 263 of which 163 were by experience and baptism. A decrease of 126 shows that we have had a net increase of 137. We are grateful for the increased condition of our churches and urge that we press forward to more spirituality and consecration to our master's cause.

Samuel G. Keahey,  
G. A. Sumrall,  
Committee.

Report on Publications read by the chairman of the committee, discussed and adopted.

#### REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

Realizing that what we read has much to do with the formation of our character, and the usefulness of our lives. Hence the importance of our reading good, sound, wholesome literature. Especially would we commend the prayerful study of the Bible which is the first and best of all literature. There are many good, wholesome papers and periodicals. Especially would we commend the the reading of those of our state.

W. A. Winston,  
J. R. Grumbles  
D. W. Chance,  
Committee.

Report on Home Missions read by J. T. Morgan, discussed and adopted.

#### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

We, your Committee on Home Missions, submit the following report: The time has come when we have been made to realize that not only foreign missions work is important but that home missions should have a good deal of attention. There is great destitution in the bounds of our home-land. There are many churches that have not houses of worship and many places where the gospel is not preached at all. Great progress, however, has been made in the past few years. There are about 1,200 missionaries employed by the Board who last year reported about 35,000 baptisms. The only way for this



work to be continued is for us to give of our means to the support of this great work. The General Association has been working in the same territory and has done a great deal of good work and is fast carrying the gospel to the destitute places. But the work is not yet done. Each year we see a greater task before us. Let us as brethren and as pastors push the work, and let every church not fail to take collections for Home Missions. God expects it of us and we must do the work. Send all moneys collected for this purpose to R. M. Inlow, Little Rock, Ark., or through the General Association to J. A. Smith, Little Rock, Ark.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. T. Morgan, Chairman.

On motion, visiting brethren were invited to take a part in the discussions.

Report on Prohibition read by J. W. Fish, discussed and adopted.

#### REPORT ON PROHIBITION

Your Committee on Prohibition make the following report:

1. The use of intoxicating drink is one of the greatest curses of our country. It has ruined the lives of many of our young men, caused the untimely death of many and destroyed the peace and happiness of many homes.

2. Much has been and is being done to prohibit its use as a beverage. Many states have laws prohibiting its use and even our own state has laws which would go far toward prohibiting its use in our state if our officers would faithfully enforce them.

3. We recommend that our church members cease taking the social drink at any time or place.

4. We also recommend that our church members vote against license and use their influence in every honorable way for the discontinuance of its sale in the state.

J. W. Fish,  
D. G. Lee,  
C. F. Mitcham,  
Committee.

Report on Associational Missions read by W. Z. Stone, discussed, amended and adopted.

#### REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

We, your Committee on Associational Missions, make the following report: We are satisfied that there is territory in the bounds of our association that is destitute of the preaching of the gospel. We are also satisfied that we have churches without pastors and do not have preaching unless some preacher passes that way, and we are aware of the fact that we have no man in the field to do this work. We therefore recommend that this association take this matter up

and discuss it, and devise some plan whereby a man can be put on this work for the next associational year.

W. Z. Stone,  
J. L. Akins,  
M. D. Kelly,  
Committee.

Report on Obituaries read by W. L. Compere and a very eulogistic memorial service conducted with this report to the memory of Eld. J. H. W. Overton. Report adopted.

#### REPORT ON OBITUARIES

Our letters show that 20 of our members have been called home during the year, as follows:

Cornerville—Sisters Mattie Wiggins and Malissa Bush.

Pine Bluff 1st.—R. A. Chestnut, P. R. Callaway, J. H. Ezell,  
Mrs. Tom Green, Mrs. J. P. Hoffman.

Pleasant Ridge—Sister Andrew.

Friendship—Sister Lucy Ann Glover.

Lone Grove—Fayette Reid, Bert Wynn.

Zion—Eld. J. H. W. Overton.

Pleasant Home—Sister Lena Thomas.

Holly Springs—Ed Carrington Jr., Sister Millie Carrington.

Bethlehem—W. N. Collins, M. E. McBryde, R. L. Rodgers, H. F. Chevalier.

New Hope—Sister Mary Lunsford.

We call special attention to the departure of our old Moderator, Eld. J. H. W. Overton, who passed to his reward.

Bro. Overton reached the ripe old age of 83 years and 42 years of his life were devoted to preaching the gospel. He was a faithful gospel preacher, known, honored and loved throughout our Association. He served the Association as Moderator years. He rests from his labors and his works do follow him.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Y. Moran,  
Belle Caldwell,  
Committee.

Report on State Missions read by the chairman, discussed and approved.

#### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

State mission work is being done by the State Association and by the State Conventiou, just as far as their funds will admit. This work is fundamental to all our denominational interests, and should receive a larger place in our prayers and contributions than it does. Its work is to preach and establish churches in new territory and to



help weak churches. Baptists of Arkansas are under obligations to preach the pure gospel in every part of our state, and to help establish aggressive Baptist churches in every community.

Send funds for the State Convention work to Dr R. M. Inlow, Hollenberg Bldg., Little Rock, Ark., and for the State Association to Eld. J. A. Smith, Little Rock, Ark.

W. L. Compere,  
W. M. Rodgers,  
J. J. Morrison,  
Committee.

Report on Christian Education read by G. S. Keahey, discussed and adopted.

#### REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Your Committee on Education submits the following report: We all know the importance of education. The generation that boasted of illiteracy has passed. Not only do we see the need of education along general lines, but of christian education. Christian education has to do with the training and developing of men and women in such a way as to bring out the powers latent within them, and direct them for the greatest possible usefulness in this service and the benefit of humanity in general. As has been said, the churches are demanding an educated ministry and yet many of our churches are not willing to help in this cause. Not only are the ministers to come from these schools but all of our leaders in religious work must come from them as well. If we depend on secular schools and state institutions for our preachers and religious leaders, we may expect their spiritual life to be of a lower order, not only this but we cannot expect to have as many leaders as we need.

The Baptists of Arkansas have two great christian colleges, Ouachita (co-educational) at Arkadelphia and Central, for girls, at Conway. These schools, because of the high order of the work that they are doing, deserve our support. This is a critical time for Ouachita. We have at the head a noble, earnest, consecrated man of God who is doing his best, but who cannot make a school unless Arkansas Baptists help. We must pay the debt of \$20,000 or lose the college. Brethren, if you hav'nt done anything for this cause do it at once.

J. W. Bridges, Chairman

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

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

We, the Committee on Foreign Missions, submit the following

report: The Baptists everywhere should be awake to the situation of Foreign Missions. The call and the needs of the mission field have changed. The cry is no longer for an open field, nor for workers, but for means to support the work. To-day we face the situation of an open field in almost every part of the world, with the heathen even begging for missionaries, and with the men and women at home ready and anxious to go; but with the lack of means to send them.

The Baptists should be awake because all other denominations are busy and as we have the true gospel message and should, above all, not withhold it from a lost world. God has commanded us to "go into all the world;" he has given us a message; he has opened up the way; he has placed it on the hearts of men and women to go and deliver the message; he has placed untold material resources in our hands, but we are withholding the means to forward the work for which Jesus gave his life. The harvest is white. Let us continue to pray that the Master may send reapers, but in that prayer let us surrender the material means with which God has so abundantly blessed us, that we may see the salvation of the world in this generation.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Hankins, Chairman,  
J. M. Strait,  
W. L. Goggins.  
Committee.

Report on Orphans' Home read by H. L. Atkinson, discussed and adopted

#### REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

We, your Committee on Orphans' Homes submit the following report: At the last Convention the Monticello Home raised about ten thousand dollars in pledges for the improvement of the property and the building of a dormitory. This three-story concrete building has been completed, the work being largely done by the boys in the home. We understand all the pledges have not yet been paid and this together with the current expenses make a pressing need that should be presented in all the churches to the end that the 186 children now being cared for there shall receive the necessities of life.

The Texarkana Home was burned in the latter part of the winter, which misfortune greatly crippled them in the work this year. The debt had all been paid on this building, but having to rebuild leaves them with a debt of about \$15,000. They are now caring for about 41 children in the new home and should receive our hearty support.

Brethren, let us remember these institutions in our prayers and give liberally of our means to support them

Fraternally submitted,  
H. L. Atkinson,  
J. B. Winson,  
T. J. Bailey,  
Committee.



Report on Nominations read by W. A. Winston, discussed and adopted.

#### REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

We nominate Pleasant Ridge as the next meeting place of the Association. We nominate G. G. Wray to preach the Introductory Sermon, J. H. Hankins, alternate; Missionary Sermon, Jas. W. Bridges, W. M. Kelley alternate; Associational Board, W. A. Winston, W. T. Reed, W. L. Compere, G. G. Wray, W. Z. Stone.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. A. Winston, Chairman,  
J. H. Hankins,  
J. W. Bridges,  
Committee.

Report on B. Y. P. U. read by Miss Mamie McMurtrey and adopted.

#### REPORT ON B. Y. P. U.

Your Committee on B. Y. P. U. Work recommends that each church have a B. Y. P. U. It is a great help to the young people, in fact, it is a training service for the young people that they may take the place of the older ones as they have to lay down their burdens. We especially urge that each pastor and messenger present go home and organize their young people into a B. Y. P. U.

Mamie McMurtrey, Chairman.

Report on Finance read by H. H. Mundell, as follows:

#### REPORT ON FINANCE

Associational Missions, \$30.50; Orphans' Home, Monticello, \$51.92; Orphans' Home, Texarkana, \$5.32; State Missions, Convention, \$11.00; State Missions, General Association, \$0.90; Minutes and Clerk's Fund, \$32.02; Undivided Funds, \$9.04; Total, \$137.16.

H. H. Mundell, Chairman.

Motion carried to transfer and use the undivided funds (\$9.09) as shown on Financial report to the fund for printing minutes.

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

Your board was unable to secure for the whole year such a man as we understood the Association wanted. We employed Bro. Sam Grumbles to hold meetings two months, agreeing to pay him \$75.00 per month, or \$100.00 per month if he collected it. He collected as follows: Enon, \$16.63; Bethlehem, \$32.90; Florence, \$11.01; Pleasant Springs, \$9.01; Hickory Grove, \$22.06; Holly Springs, \$18.30; Lone Grove, \$10.37; Cornerville, \$20.00; Star City, \$18.00; First church



Pine Bluff; \$24.25; total, \$182.53.

He reports: Miles 500, days 60, sermons 116, Baptisms 16, conversions 26, joined by letter 11, by statement 3, by restoration 3, homes visited 102, Sunday schools organized as result of meetings 3.

He says of his work: "While the visible results are not great, I hope the work which cannot be separated is great. The main object of our hasty campaign was to strengthen the churches and to get individual christians to consecrate themselves to God. I am sorry to say that many of our churches are in a low state spiritually, and church membership means very little. The time has come when we must lay greater stress on personal consecration to God."

Bro. Grumbles worked faithfully, and we recommend that he be paid the \$17.47 which he lacked of collecting \$200.00.

We feel the need of a larger Board, but a quorum should be located at one place. During this year the membership of our Board was cut down to three, Bro. Wood having moved out of our bounds and our veteran, Bro. Overton, having passed to his eternal reward.

We recommend that the Association instruct the Board as to whether or not it shall accept help from the State Convention Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. Compere, for the Board

#### AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 15. Five members elected by the Association, and one member selected by each church composing the Association, any five of whom shall be a quorum; shall constitute the Executive Board, whose duty shall be to devise means to carry forward the benevolent object of the Association. The officers of this Association shall be ex-officio members of the Board.

Proposed for adoption and ordered printed in the minutes.

#### RESOLUTIONS

No 1. Resolved, that the board of this Association be requested to hold a meeting for its work in connection with our Fifth Sunday meeting.

Resolved, that we request each church of this body to elect some one of its members to attend each Fifth Sunday meeting as an advisory counsel to this Board of this Association.

Resolved, that pledges be made here to Associational Missions and that the Board endeavor to put a man in the field for as much time as can be done.

Resolved, that mission work be done in places of real destitution; such as weak, pastorless churches and places where no Baptist preaching is being done.

Adopted.

No. 2. Be it resolved, that the Association extend thanks to the Bethlehem church and community for the delightful hospitality in our entertainment. Adopted.

No. 3. Be it resolved, that the Clerk of the Association be allowed \$20.00 for his services, and the remainder of the minute fund be used in printing and distributing the minutes. Adopted.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with Pleasant Ridge Baptist church in Cleveland county, Arkansas, on Saturday before the Third Sunday in September, 1915.

J. W. McPHERSON.

CLERK.

W. A. FISH.

MODERATOR.

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## CONSTITUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. The association shall regard the churches as independent bodies in all internal affairs and to exercise no ecclesiastical jurisdiction or claim any legislative or judicial prerogative over them. Neverthe-



1000, the association may exercise authority over its own members, the representatives of the churches, and have power to withdraw from and disown all churches which may depart from the gospel as understood and held by this body; by becoming either heretodoxy in faith or disorderly in practice; and should, therefore, regard all the churches united in this association with a vigilant eye for good; and may give at its own discretion, and in its own way, advice or information when sought, to any church connected with it.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



# CLERK'S REPORT

To Cash received from all sources.....\$154 66

## DISBURSEMENTS

By Orphans' Home, Monticello,..... \$51 92  
 " " " Texarkana,..... 5 02  
 Association Missions. .... 41 26  
 State Missions, Convention,..... 10 00  
 " " General Association,..... 90  
 Minutes and Clerk's Fund ..... 43 06  
 Foreign Missions..... 2 50

Total..... 154 66

J. W. McPherson, Clerk and Treasurer.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

CHURCHES	No. Schools	Teachers	Students	Expenses	Literature	Superintendents	Post Offices
Bethel .....	1	4	45	3.00	S.B.C.S.	A. B. Tucker	Herbine
Bethlehem .....	1	4	47		S.B.P.S.	M. Y. Moran	Palmyra
Center .....	1	4	69	4.00	M. & B.	N. E. Johnson	Rowell
Friendship .....	1	4	63	3.50	L. M.	W. J. Harris	Randall
Hickory Grove	1	5	36	5.00	S.B.C.S.	M. M. West	Rest
Harmony.....	1	4	41	9.50	L. M.	H. H. Mundell	Pine Bluff R2
Holly Springs ..	1	4	50	2.50	L. M.	D. W. Chance	Garnett
Lone Grove.....	1	3	41		L. M.	Walter Owen	Feenyville
Oak Grove .....	1	4	80	6.00	L. M.	R. L. Ryburn	Randall
Ohio St. Pine B	3	12	204	37.32	S.B.C.S.	C. D. Guest	Pine Bluff
Pine Bluff 1st...	1	47	578	291.48	S.B.C.S.	T. N. Harper	Pine Bluff
Pleasant Ridge	1	4	44	6.30	L. M.	J. B. Wilson	Randall
Pleasant Home	1	3	62	12.00	L. M.	W. N. Bridges	Double Wells
Rison.....	1	10	160	65.25	S.B.C.S.	W. J. May	Rison
Smyrna.....	1	4	22	1.71	L. M.	Joe Johnson	Avery
Star City.....	1	7	100	50.00	S.B.C.S.	H. R. Lucas	Star City
Union .....	1	4	45	30.95	S.B.C.S.	C.P. Atkinson	Pine Bluff
Zion .....	1	7	45	11.90	S.B.C.S.	W. C. Riggins	Rison

# Statistical Table

CHURCHES	Baptized	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Present Membership	Pastor's Salary	Other Objects	Building, Repairing	Visiting Ministers	Poor Fund	Association Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	W. M. U.	Orphans' Home Monticello	Orphans' Home Texarkana	Colleges and Schools	Ministerial Education	Minutes and Clerk's Fund	S. S. Expenses	Valuation of Church Property
Bethel	2			2	122	125.00	1.00										5.00					3.00	750
Bethlehem	5	4	2	1	4	179	50.76	12.00	2.25			32.90					15.00				2.00		800
Center				3		65	75.00		50.00	5.80												4.00	
Cornerville	1	1	1		2	60						20.00									1.00		800
Concord																							
Clio																							
Dumas	4	4		1		32	180.00					5.00			2.00		5.00				1.00		
Enon																							
Friendship	9	4	3		1	63	100.00	74.00	25.00	10.00							25.90				1.00	3.50	500
Florence	3					60			435.00	20.00		11.50									1.00		
Hickory Grove	1	2		6		83	125.00					22.06	11.00	7.00	7.00		17.00				1.50	5.00	1000
Harmony	2	2	1	5		59	60.00	4.60				2.30					15.45				1.50	19.00	400
Holly Springs		3		5		2	175	50.00				18.30									1.50	2.25	
Lone Grove	1	6	2	2	2	72						10.37									1.25		400
Mt. Moriah	1			1	4	28	53.00					1.00		.90			50.25	16.75			1.00		1000
Mt. Zion	12	1	2	2		58											5.00				2.50		500
Macedonia												5.00									1.50		400
New Home				3		34	26.95											11.25		8.35	1.00		
New Hope	8	1	1		1	44															.75		
Oak Grove	12	6	1	6	5	115	103.13					4.00	25.00				25.00			14.65	1.00		450
Ohio St. Pine B	28	15	1	5	10	4	280	868.28	314.65		85.50	356.20	65.00	51.20	279.92	122.97		17.95			85.08		20000
Pine Bluff 1st	17	29		26		6	964	700.00	1883.92	366.56	1092.56	176.70	24.25	1115.75	300.00	241.15	1634.80	552.75	843.55	13.50	3.66	358.29	52800
Pleasant Hill																							
Pleasant Home	18	4	2	10	2	1	78	72.00		11.00							1.50	1.50			.80		600
Pleasant Ridge	8	1	1	2	1	1	76	87.50	4.50	8.05							6.62				2.00	6.30	500
Pleasant Sp'gs							85	75.00	10.00			9.00									1.00	1.50	600
Rison	18	16		7		144	360.00	74.75	52.80	70.67		25.00	64.47	38.10	40.15	80.05	97.50	4.35			115.95		1000
Spring Hill																							
Star City	9	2		2		1	207	720.00	62.25	133.50	58.00			142.25	65.00	79.00	168.75	98.10	100.75	65.00	2.50	70.35	2400
Sulphur Sp'ng																							
Smyrna	1	1		2		33	75.00		95.85				7.00				4.15				1.30	1.71	
Tyro	1	4		4		114	125.00			17.00		5.35		18.35	27.45	31.50	17.60				2.10		200
Union	20	8		2	1	50	80.00	42.00	50.00	18.00	20.00	20.00	11.00	17.90	17.90		33.50				1.50	43.95	
Zion						27	15.85														1.25	11.46	500



## PROCEEDINGS OF WOMANS' AUXILIARY

The fifth annual session of the Womans, Auxiliary to the Friendship Association was called at 1:30 P. M. on September 19, 1914, at Bethlehem church, with the president, Mrs. W. H. Fox, of Pine Bluff presiding.

Song, "Oh How I Love Jesus." Devotional exercises were led by Miss Myrtle Huffman, our field worker.

The number of womans' missionary societies represented was called for and five out of seven of Friendship Association reported present. They are as follows:

Pine Bluff 1st—Mesdames W. H. Fox and Hugh Fox.

Pine Bluff, Popular St Mission—Mrs. M. A. Hudson.

Star City—Mrs. W. L. Compere.

Rison—Miss Mamie McMurtrey, Mrs. H. F. Ferguson.

The President delivered her annual address which contained many helpful and encouraging suggestions.

### PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

With thankful hearts, we again come together in our annual Association meeting, praying forgiveness for mistakes and giving praise for the measure of success come to us through the blessings of God. Have we measured up to our blessings? Have we followed up impressions made upon us for good? Have we influenced for good those with whom we have come in touch? May God help us in the future to be more efficient in this work.

While our women are more and more hearing the call to active



service and realizing that they have a part in the great work of bringing the world to Christ, yet I believe we are in a crisis. There never was a time when the people were so wild over pleasure and show as to-day. Oh, women of Friendship Association, let me plead with you to help by persistent loyalty to Christ, to the church and to our womens' work—help to keep down the tide that is about to sweep the young people in our churches and, alas! many older ones, into the world. All about us are those who take no part in our work, bright, talented and winsome, God wants them, we want them. They need God and the work He has for them to do. Let us more actively engage in our personal service campaign, trying with all our power to win our women to Christ and His work. "Verily if ye love me, ye will keep my commandments." He says unto us, "Come unto me," and then, when we have come He says, "Go." Can we be true disciples—come to him and receive the assurance of His love and the forgiveness of our sins and not obey when He says, "Go teach all nations, whatsoever I have commanded you." There is large responsibility upon us. By our lives we should help those who are weaker. We are responsible for what the next generation will be. The young women of to-day will be the older women of to-morrow, and we women of to-day are helping or hindering character builders for to-morrow. Just a word about Ouachita college, which deserves and must have the help, support and influence of every Arkansas woman, young woman and child, and we feel sure it must find a warm place in the heart of every man as well. May God give us a vision of what we can do for christian education, and a willingness to go forward in His name to enlist the masses of our women. Some can give largely and some can only give a small amount, but each doing her part, the blessing to the one who gives her mite, will be as great as the one who gives her hundreds. May God bless each one of us of Friendship Association and may our souls be broadened and enlarged and may there go out from our lives a more effective influence for world saving, and because of us, there be hastened the crowning of the King of Kings.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. W. L. Compere of Star City.

Secretary and Treasurer—Miss Mamie McMurtrey, of Rison.

The Associational Superintendent, Mrs M. A. Hudson, made her report. See Table.

Mrs. M. A. Hudson, our Associational Superintendent, offered her resignation which was referred to the Associational Committee.

Miss Myrtle Huffman, our Field Worker, gave a very interesting talk on what Christ does for women, making our hearts burn with

love for our heathen sisters and giving us greater incentive to work for our Master that his kingdom shall be brought to them.

Miss Myrtle is doing a great work among the women, putting her whole soul into the work for her master and helping women everywhere to enlist in the master's cause.

This session of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Friendship Association, while not attended by as many visiting churches as we would have liked, was well up in interest, every meeting being attended well and great interest shown among women in Womans' Work.

A W. M. U. and Sun Beam Band was organized for Bethlehem church which, let us pray, will do great work in the future and be an incentive for us to work harder in our master's vinyard.

MRS. W. H. FOX, President,  
MAMIE McMURTREY, Secretary,

# Report of Associational Superintendent

CHURCHES	State Missions .....	Home Missions .....	Home Mission Boxes	foreign Missions .....	Christmas Offering..	Training School Endowment...	Ministerial Education	Orphanage.....	Ark. W. M. U. Expense Fund	Baptists Schools and Colleges	Church Aid ....	Total .....
Pine Bluff 1st...	26 70	40 00	50 00	30 00	5 00	.....	26 00	208 10	6 00	603 75	250 70	1519 05
Ross Moore M.	.....	3 55	.....	2 50	.....	1 35	.....	.....	.....	23 50	260 00	128 10
Poplar St. Mis.	5 00	51 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	2 00	.....	14 25	53 85	241 02
Ohio St. Pine B	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	290 90
Rison.....	12 25	7 50	.....	7 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00	12 00	150 24
Tyro.....	.....	.....	.....	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80
Star City.....	20 00	7 00	.....	14 00	.....	.....	10 00	28 50	1 00	.....	65 05	115 00

No. of Letters Written During the Quarte 15

No. Packages of Literature Forwarded 12

No. Societies Organized During the Quarter 2

No. Societies Visited During the Quarter 6

MRS. MARION A. HUDSON,  
 Associational Superintendent.  
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