

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Forty-Fifth Annual Session
OF THE
Friendship Regular Baptist Association
HELD WITH
DUMAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Lincoln County, Arkansas

Wednesday and Thursday, September 12 and 13,
1917

OFFICERS

W. A. WINSTON.....Moderator
C. M. ROSS.....Clerk

Next Session will convene with Pleasant Springs Baptist Church,
in Lincoln County, Arkansas, on Wednesday before the Third Sun-
day in September, 1918, at 10 o'clock A. M.

PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY—Morning Session.

The Forty-fifth Annual Session of Friendship Baptist Association convened with Dumas Baptist Church in Desha County, Arkansas, on Wednesday, September 12, 1917, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Called together by singing, prayer led by Elder E. J. A. McKinney, after which the organization was commenced by the Moderator appointing Elders Chas. B. Lee and E. J. A. McKinney to read the letters as they were presented.

LIST OF CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS

- Bethlehem.—V. C. Tucker and wife, W. T. Reed Jr., W. B. Milhollen and C. A. Haligan.
Bethel.—W. B. Byrd and A. B. Tucker.
Center.—Not represented.
Cornerville.—C. M. Jordon, O. A. Jordon and B. J. Smith.
Dumas.—J. R. Moss J. E. Allman and Sister Frank Edington.
Enon.—By letter.
Friendship.—Elder A. Calvert, A. G. Favors and J. W. Hope.
Florence.—Elder E. D. Allison, Stephen Boker and J. M. Henley.
Hickory Grove.—T. J. Bailey.
• Holly Springs.—J. J. Dean, Sister J. J. Dean and D. W. Chance.
Harmony.—W. Z. Stone and J. M. Jacks.
Lone Grove.—By letter.
Mt. Moriah.—D. S. Lee, Harvey Conrad, and Sister M. E. Lee.
Alternate, W. J. Caldwell.
Mt. Zion.—Elder W. A. Winston, Chas. Hobson and Elder Chas. B. Lee.
Macedonia.—J. D. Cash and Sister Anna Cash.
New Hope.—T. D. White, V. E. Bonner and I. B. Hudson.
New Home.—W. C. Dean and W. J. Rodgers.
Oak Grove.—W. T. Reed Sr. and Earley Favors.
Ohio Street, Pine Bluff.—J. W. Duckett and Elder W. C. Wood.
Hazel Street, Pine Bluff.—By letter.
Pine Bluff, First.—Elder W. J. E. Cox, Theo Wollerman, U. W. Poss, H. R. Lucas and Mrs. W. H. Fox.
Beech Street, Pine Bluff.—D. W. Bolin and W. P. Keith.
Pleasant Hill.—Not represented.
Pleasant Ridge.—J. B. Wilson, C. M. Ross and Elder G. G. Wray.
Pleasant Springs.—T. R. Cloud, J. H. Smith and Sister Fannie Edwards.
Rison.—Not represented.
Star City.—D. W. Bolton, J. W. McPherson, A. O. Vick and J. G. Atkinson.

Sulphur Springs.—Not represented.

Spring Hill.—Elder A. D. Jacks.

Smyrna.—J. G. Ringo, E. E. Harris and Sister T. E. Batchelor.

Tyro.—J. T. Morgan, R. B. Tiner, T. E. King and J. D. Watts.

Union.—J. H. Dean.

Whiteville.—Mrs. Tennie Hart.

Zion.—Not represented.

At 11 o'clock, the time for the introductory sermon, Elder E. D. Allison, the appointee, being present, filled the stand and choosing as his text Dan. 2-24, preached a very acceptable sermon. Subject, "Monarchy Will Be Destroyed."

Adjourned for refreshments, which were bountifully supplied at the homes of the good people of Dumas.

WEDNESDAY—Afternoon Session.

Called to order at 2 p. m. by the Moderator, prayer by Elder U. W. Jarrel.

All business being completed, the Association went into permanent organization.

A motion was made to authorize Bro. J. W. McPherson to cast the ballot of the association for Elder W. A. Winston for Moderator and C. M. Ross for Clerk and Treasurer. Motion Carried.

The Moderator then appointed the following Brethren to assist the Chairman of the following Committees, who were appointed last year:

Foreign Missions.—D. W. Bolton, C. B. Lee and E. D. Allison.

State Missions.—B. J. Smith, P. H. Favors and W. B. Byrd.

Christian Education.—W. J. E. Cox, W. T. Reed Jr. and W. Z. Stone.

Upon a call for petitionary letters one responded—Beech Street Church of Pine Bluff. After reading their letter, a motion was made to receive them into this body. Motion carried and Delegates W. P. Keith and D. W. Bolin were welcomed by the Moderator. The Church was organized May 26, 1917.

A motion was made to limit the chairmen of the committees to 10 minute speeches in which to discuss their subjects, and to limit all others to five minute speeches. Motion carried.

At the call for visiting Brethren and Messengers, the following responded: N. C. Denson from Bartholomew, U. W. Jarrel from Columbia, J. A. Smith editor of the Baptist and Commonor, J. S. Compere representing the executive board and A. L. Aulick Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. secretary.

At this time the moderator appointed the Pastor and Deacons of Dumas Church as a Committee on Divine Service.

RETURN MESSENGERS

E. D. Allison to Bartholomew; C. B. Lee and W. A. Winston to Judson Association.

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

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Your Committee on Christian Education would report as follows:

Without well-equipped Baptist schools all of our Baptist work would suffer and come to a standstill. We look to our Baptist schools for most of our trained workers in pulpit and pew, as well as on mission fields. Ninety-five out of every hundred of our foreign missionaries come from Baptist schools. So Christian Education and its support must be put on the same basis with missions.

Arkansas Baptists have two great Christian colleges—Ouachita, for boys and girls, at Arkadelphia, C. E. Dickens, D.D., president; Central, for girls, at Conway, J. W. Conger, LL.D., president. Last year Ouachita had 287 students and Central had 202. These schools have rendered a service to the Baptist cause in Arkansas, the value of which can never be estimated.

We now have two mountain schools. One of these is at Maynard, with W. A. Cummings as principal, and the other at Mountain Home with H. F. Vermillion as principal.

The education of preachers is one great object in Christian education. The denomination that fails to provide for the education of its preachers will die as a denomination.

Last year there were 40 young preachers in Ouachita College and several in Mountain Home and Maynard schools. They receive free tuition, and some help on other expenses when it is necessary. The Bible department in Ouachita is arranged with special reference to the preachers, but the classes are open to all, and Bible is required of all who graduate.

This committee hopes that all of our preachers will preach each year on the needs and benefits of Baptist schools, that every church in the Association will make an offering for our schools and for the education of young preachers this year, and that our people will send their children to our Baptist schools.

Committee: W. J. E. Cox, W. Z. Stone, W. T. Reed.

Report on Foreign Missions read by E. D. Allison; discussed by E. D. Allison, U. W. Jarrell, A. L. Aulick, J. S. Compere, and approved.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Last year was the greatest year in the Southern Baptist Convention's history of Foreign Mission achievement. A total of \$961,970.48 was raised, which included \$180,000 debt, amount contributed to Judson Centennial and to current support. This is the greatest advance ever made by any denomination in the south in contributions to Foreign Missions in a single year. If Southern Baptists had raised \$38,092.52 more, they would have reached the round million dollar mark.

The above record was made possible by the large number who contributed, and the large gifts of a few who recognized the extreme necessities of our Foreign Mission work.

The expenses of the work were reduced by nearly \$10,000—90.7 per cent of the money given was applied to the foreign field and only 9.3 per cent was required to meet all home expenditures.

There were 6,347 converts baptized, 12,930 students were enrolled in our schools, and missionary doctors treated 67,556 patients.

We have at present 458 churches with 47,161 members. One hundred and fifteen of the churches are self-supporting. The members contributed last year \$132,371.05.

There is immediate and urgent need of a large number of missionaries for evangelistic, medical, school and other departments of the work. To meet this need the board was able to send out but twelve missionaries at its annual meeting. This number is not one-fourth of the number needed. Of the 458 churches most of them have inadequate houses of worship, and more than one-half of these have no houses at all.

Obeysing the wish of the convention which met in New Orleans in May, the Board has been compelled to assume obligations which amount to \$165,000 more than Southern Baptists contributed to current support last year, and this amount leaves more than \$200,000 in urgent needs unprovided for.

States, associations, churches and individuals are earnestly besought greatly to increase their contributions to this work in order to save it from the peril of growing obligations and enable the board to enter new fields to which Providence has thrown the doors wide open and waving harvests invite us.

Some devoted friends are giving the Board Liberty Bonds which they purchased to help their country, and others are investing in the Board's Annuity Bonds which pay good dividends. Such examples are recommended to all our people.

The General Association of America has only just begun its Foreign Mission work of which we can only mention the work of Elder Absalom George among the Persians in Chicago, until the war be closed. Contributions for his support should be sent to the Treasurer of the General Association, C. C. Winters, McNeill, Ark. For the Convention, send to J. S. Rodgers, Little Rock, Ark.

By Committee: D. W. Bolton, E. D. Allison, C. B. Lee.

At this time the Committee on Divine Service reported as follows:

From 7:15 p. m. to 7:30 p. m., song and prayer service; from 7:30 p. m. to 8:15 p. m., an address by Elder A. L. Aulick; and at 8:15 p. m. a sermon by Elder U. W. Jarrel.

At this time a motion was made to adjourn until 7:15 p. m. Motion carried.

During the afternoon recess the Moderator appointed the following committees:

Sunday School.—A. B. Tucker, V. E. Bonner, W. T. Reed Sr.

Obituaries.—D. W. Bolton, R. B. Tiner and T. J. Bailey.

Condition of Churches.—E. D. Allison, T. E. King and Chas. Hobson.

Home Missions.—D. G. Lee, W. C. Dean and G. G. Wray.

Temperance.—Theo Wollerman, D. W. Bolton and J. H. Smith.

Sabbath Breaking.—J. T. Morgan, C. M. Jordan and J. D. Cash.

Nominations.—C. B. Lee, D. W. Chance and V. C. Tucker.

B. Y. P. U.—H. R. Lucas, D. W. Bolton and J. W. Duckett.

Finance.—U. W. Poss, W. C. Wood and J. W. Hope.

Orphans' Home.—J. B. Wilson, A. O. Vick and T. R. Cloud.

Publications.—A. Calvert, T. D. White and J. R. Moss.

WEDNESDAY—Night Session.

At 7:30 the Association was called together by singing. Prayer by Elder A. D. Jacks, after which letters from Spring Hill and Enon were read and the delegates seated. Elder A. L. Aulick took the floor and delivered an instructive address on Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. work. At 8:30 Elder U. W. Jarrel took the

stand and preached an able sermon, using as a text, Eph. 3-8 to 11. Subject, "Worldwide Missions." After the sermon, a freewill offering was taken for the home mission work of the General Association, amount collected turned over to U. W. Jarrel—\$12.85.

By motion, the Association adjourned till Thursday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

THURSDAY—Morning Session.

Called together at 8:45 by singing. Devotional service conducted by Elder N. C. Denson. Prayers by J. S. Compere and E. J. A. McKinney. At 9:15 the Report on Sabbath Breaking was read by J. T. Morgan. Discussed by E. J. A. McKinney and J. S. Compere, and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH BREAKING

We, your Committee on Sabbath Breaking, beg leave to say that we should by all means remember the command of our Heavenly Father to keep the Sabbath day holy; that on this day we should lay aside all secular affairs and worship our Heavenly Father in deed and in truth. We would recommend that the churches and their pastors become more interested in the Sunday school work. We are sorry to say that in some places in our Association they still continue in playing of baseball on Sunday, and in keeping cold drink stands open, and thereby hinder the cause of God in its progress. We pray God that this may soon be a thing of the past, and that the boys who are now engaged in such, may become Sunday school students, and that the word of God may reach their hearts and lives. May God help us to live and teach the young people to remember the Sabbath day and keep it more holy in the future than we have in the past.

J. T. Morgan, C. M. Jordon, J. D. Cash, Committee.

The Report of the Mission Board was read by W. J. E. Cox; also the Missionary's Report. A motion was made to pay the missionary (W. A. Winston), the balance of the money left after paying his last year's salary. Discussed by W. J. E. Cox. Report adopted and motion carried.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

At the last meeting of the Association we elected Elder W. A. Winston as missionary. He was to give three-fourths of his time to mission work, within the bounds of the Association. We agreed to pay Bro. Winston \$45.00 per month. Most of this amount has been paid him, but the greater part of the amount received by him was received near the close of the associational year. We earnestly recommend the employment of a missionary for another year, the new board to make such arrangement as they think best. We also earnestly recommend that the churches pay to the missionary or the treasurer of the board the amount pledged for their work in at least quarterly payments.

W. T. Reed, Chairman Pro Tem.

W. J. E. Cox, Secretary Pro Tem.

The following report was made to the board by Bro. Winston:

Dear Brethren: In making my report to you as your missionary, I will say that I have been so hampered by the sickness and

affliction of my wife that I have only done a small work. I have visited about 30 churches and places, making as many as four visits to some points. I have held and helped hold meeting at Gould, Furth, Pleasant Hill, Crow School House, Union, Cornerville, Pleasant Springs, Florence, Clio and Mt. Moriah. And to do this, I have put in about 155 days, preached about 155 sermons, traveled about 1,200 miles.

The visible results of the meetings were about 18 professions, of which I only baptized three, the rest being baptized by the pastors. My collections paid me on the field, and by the Treasurer, Bro. G. G. Wray, were \$453.29.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. Winston.

Report on Publication read by A. Calvert, and adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

Right development depends on right thinking and acting. Therefore, we should read our Bibles first of all books. We should also read devotional doctrinal and inspirational works. We need all of these. In this state we have two papers, The Baptist and Commonor, representing the State Association, and the Baptist Advance, representing the State Convention. We urge every member of this Association to subscribe for one or both of these papers.

A. Calvert, Chairman.

Report on B. Y. P. U. read by H. R. Lucas. Discussed by H. R. Lucas, J. S. Compere, and adopted.

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U.

Brethren, there is no greater work than our B. Y. P. U. for it is the training service of our young people in our churches, without which we will fail to accomplish fully and completely what God requires at our hands. We have our Sunday schools to teach, and train our children to know and love God and thus be ready to help carry forward the great work of the church. If we expect to maintain our place in the world as a great soul-winning people we must begin to train our young people for service along all lines of our denominational work. There is no better way to do this than through our B. Y. P. U. organizations. Let us co-operate with our Brethren throughout the State in this great work of training our young people for service in God's cause. We earnestly urge each pastor and church in our Association to orgtnize and encourage a B. Y. P. U. in your church.

H. R. Lucas, D. W. Bolton, J. W. Duckett, Committee.

Report on Temperance, read by E. J. A. McKinney. Discussed by E. J. A. McKinney, N. C. Denson, W. P. Keith, B. J. Smith, W. J. Caldwell, and adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

The Bible enjoins Temperance in all things; but this report has come to apply more to the question of strong drink. Our much loved Brother and former Moderator, J. H. W. Overton, was fond of calling it a Committee on Prohibition. Your committee rejoices in the advancement of the cause of temperance in all parts of the world.

Prohibition laws are proving more effective under both State and National legislation. Officers of the law are doing better and better law enforcement work. Financially, morally and religiously, prohibition is being recognized as good for any State and people.

The United States Senate has already voted to submit a constitutional amendment forbidding both the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. Only the action of the House remains necessary for the submission of this question to the States for ratification. If submitted, we believe the necessary number of States will ratify the amendment. We hereby urge our congressman to use his best endeavors to pass this amendment through the House.

We also wish to endorse strongly the war department's efforts to suppress vice, and the sale or giving away of liquor at or near the encampments for our soldier boys.

Committee: Theo Wollerman, D. W. Bolton, J. H. Smith.

Report on Nominations read by C. B. Lee. Discussed by T. R. Cloud, H. R. Lucas, and adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

Place for the meeting of the next Association, Pleasant Springs.

The Introductory Sermon to be preached by D. W. Bolton.

Alternate, W. J. E. Cox.

The Missionary Sermon to be preached by B. J. Smith. Alternate, G. G. Wray.

The time of meeting to be on Wednesday, at 10 o'clock a. m. before the third Sunday in September, 1918.

We nominate on the Missionary Committee: Brethren B. J. Smith, W. Z. Stone, D. W. Bolton, U. W. Poll and W. T. Reed Sr.

Committee: Chas. B. Lee, D. W. Chance, V. C. Tucker.

Resolution to amend Article 8 of the Constitution, and fix permanently, the time of meeting of this Association, read by W. Z. Stone.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION

Be it Resolved, That this Association amend Article 8 of the Constitution so as to set Wednesday before the third Sunday in September of each year as its regular meeting time.

Offered by C. M. Ross and W. Z. Stone.

Report on State Missions read by B. J. Smith. Discussed by B. J. Smith.

Motion made to defer further discussion until afternoon on account of the Mission Sermon at 11 o'clock. Amended to not have the Mission Sermon and go ahead with the discussion. Motion carried.

Further discussion by J. S. Compere, W. P. Keith, J. A. Smith, E. J. A. McKinney, and adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

By missions we mean evangelization and enlistment, preaching the gospel to the lost and enlisting our brotherhood to higher ideals, greater spiritual development, and more co-operative work and sacrifice.

By State missions we mean missions within the bounds of Arkansas.

Every Baptist in all the world certainly believes in world-wide missions, therefore, State missions. There is much destitution in our great State. Our responsibilities are greater than ever before; our opportunities are infinite. The commission was given to missionary Baptist churches, and as churches, we are responsible to Jesus Christ for the fulfillment of the requirements of the commission.

The State Association of Baptist Churches of Arkansas as churches are associated in Mission work contending for the Faith, exposing and opposing errors, and heresies, and preaching the gospel to the lost. We have several God-fearing men on the field, under the auspices of the churches doing a good work.

The Executive Board of the Arkansas State Convention also have several men on the field as missionary pastors, building missionaries, missionaries on enlistment and general missionaries.

We insert no statistics, but refer the Brethren to the minutes of the respective bodies. We recommend that all the churches do more State mission work, that the pastors be requested to take regular contributions for the support of missionaries, that all the people study the Bible on this great subject, and recognize the New Testament as the only law governing the work.

Committee: B. J. Smith, W. B. Byrd, A. G. Favors.

A motion was made to read Resolutions sent in by some churches against disorderly practices that were being practiced by some of the churches in the Association. Motion carried. The Moderator appointed B. J. Smith to read the Resolutions.

Resolutions sent in by the following churches: Pleasant Ridge, Friendship, New Home and Mt. Zion.

Motion made for the Moderator to appoint a committee to take up the matter of these protests and investigate and to report immediately after noon. Motion carried. Appointed: C. B. Lee, chairman; A. Calvert, W. T. Reed Jr., D. W. Bolin, D. W. Chance and J. B. Wilson.

The report on Sunday schools read by A. B. Tucker. Discussed by A. D. Jacks, and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, submit the following report: The Sunday school is indispensable to the livelihood and development of our churches; it is the teaching factor of the church, hence the importance of Sunday schools. Every church should maintain a growing school. Statistics show that most of our great men were once boys in Sunday school. The Sunday school should be organized and governed by the church. Good literature is essential to the lasting success of a school. The Bible should be the main text book. The literature of the Sunday School Committee of the General Association is equal to the best, and, is strictly Homiletic. The literature of the American Baptist Publication Society, and the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is used by many of the churches. We recommend that the pastors of the churches take up this work and inspire a greater interest in Sunday schools.

Committee: A. B. Tucker, V. E. Bonner, W. T. Reed.

It now being 12 o'clock, a motion was made to adjourn till 1:30 p. m. Motion carried.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

We, your Committee on Home Missions, by leave, report the following:

The General Association of America have on the field eight Missionaries who are doing an efficient work in several states of the South. This is comparatively a new work. It has in view the evangelization of the world along purely gospel lines, viz., the associational co-operation of the churches as the only divinely authorized agencies for the work. We find that the report of the Southern Baptist Convention claims 1,507 Missionaries on the various fields of the South. A great work is being done, the need is great, and the call is loud for more workers on the field.

Committee: D. G. Lee, C. A. Halligan, W. C. Dean.

Report on Obituaries read by J. S. Compere, discussed by J. S. Compere, and H. R. Lucas who spoke in memory of James and Frank Bridges. Report was then adopted.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

Our letters show that 37 of our members have been called home during the past year, and we give below the names of 33 of these:

Bethlehem.—Bro. R. L. Moore, Bro. H. W. Lindzey, Sister M. M. Reed, Bro. D. R. Wray and Bro. J. M. Owen.

Lone Grove.—Sisters Marie Morrison, Rachel Doris, F. M. Wynn.

Pine Bluff, First.—Misses Nina Barnes, Viola Price, Marie Westfall; Brethren A. J. Stewart, E. H. Saunders, W. J. Perrings and J. E. Pitman; Sisters J. E. Elder, B. J. Mann and Frances Ledbetter.

Star City.—Bro. A. C. Cogbill, Sisters Iva Virdue and Leta Fish.

Hazel Street, Pine Bluff.—Bro. Frank Bridges.

Hickory Grove.—Sister Nora Owen.

Enon.—Bro. Jeff Thomas.

Ohio Street, Pine Bluff.—Sisters Ora Wallace and Minnie Benson.

Bethel.—Sister Lizzie Morgan.

Pleasant Springs.—Bro. Billy Carr.

Macedonia.—Sister Lucy Puckett.

Tyro.—Dr. W. C. Vimbrow and Sister Della Walls.

Pleasant Ridge.—Sister Terry.

The following churches report four deaths, but the names are not given: Friendship, 1; Dumas, 1; Oak Grove, 2.

The committee requests that these churches furnish the clerk of our Association with these names so that they may be enrolled in our minutes.

The committee requests that Bro. J. S. Compere say some words of appreciation of the life of Bro. Frank Bridges.

D. W. Bolin, Chairman.

Report on Orphans' Home read by A. O. Vick, discussed by A. O. Vick and E. J. A. McKinney, and adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME

We, the Committee, beg to report on Orphans' Home, the following:

Bro. T. H. Carter is the manager of the Texarkana Home, with Bro. Sims as treasurer. There are 38 children in the home. The home is entirely paid for. The collections and expenditures for the past year were \$6,000.00. There is now a debt of \$1,200.00 for running expenses. We recommend that the churches make pledges to pay this debt and also to take care of the home for this year. We recommend that pastors lay this matter before their churches and put emphasis upon this important cause.

During the past 18 months the number of children in the Monticello Orphans' Home has been reduced from 190 to 65 by the Convention having authorized the placing of the children in private homes, but still subject to Convention oversight as a protection for the children, and during the past year the debts of the home have been reduced from \$19,000 to \$8,000, and the campaign is on to entirely wipe out this amount and come to the Convention clear of debt. With the pledges already made and with liberal offerings this is entirely possible.

Mr. Horton is now manager of the farm, and the home is giving good satisfaction. Superintendent W. F. Dorris has the general oversight of the home, raises money for it, and looks after placing the children in private families. All funds should be sent to J. S. Rodgers, 410 Donaghey Building, Little Rock, Ark.

Committee: J. B. Wilson, A. O. Vick, T. R. Cloud.

Report of the Special Committee read by C. B. Lee, chairman. Discussed by C. B. Lee, U. W. Poss, B. J. Smith, W. J. Caldwell, J. G. Atkinson, G. G. Wray. Second reading called for by C. B. Lee. Motion made that Dr. W. J. E. Cox be requested to make a statement in regard to the charges made against his church. Motion carried. Statement made by Dr. Cox. Discussed further by G. G. Wray. Report read second time and adopted.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

We, your Committee to whom was committed the affairs brought into this Association by Pleasant Ridge, New Home, Friendship and Mt. Zion churches report that we find on investigation that only the First Baptist Church is involved in the meeting in question, and probably it not as a whole, or officially. Therefore, we feel that the Association should not be too radical about that matter and that if any church has charges to make before this body, they should take gospel steps of discipline. However, we feel that the so-called union meetings are detrimental to the purity and prosperity of Baptist churches and therefore should be restrained from by the churches, and would be glad if in the future, that our churches hold aloof from such meetings. However, we feel that anyone personally has the liberty to co-operate in any meeting wherein souls are being saved.

By Committee, C. B. Lee, Chairman.

Resolution offered by W. J. E. Cox. Read and adopted.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, The Friendship Association believes in and advocates the great work of giving the Gospel to the whole world; and

Whereas, There are churches in the Association that gave nothing to Foreign, Home or State Missions during the past year,

and are in the habit of giving nothing to world-wide missions;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That it is the sense of this body that these churches are living in plain disobedience of the last and greatest command of our Lord to His churches, and that we call upon these churches to repent of their sins and walk henceforth in the path of obedience.

Report of the Committee on Finance read by U. W. Poss, and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report the following amounts sent up by the churches:

Associational Missions	\$103.30
Ministerial Education (Convention).....	9.53
Ministerial Education (General Association).....	.55
State Missions, (General Association).....	2.00
Texarkana Orphans' Home.....	20.91
Monticello, Orphans' Home.....	17.00
Minutes and Clerks' Fund.....	57.24

Total.....\$210.53

Committee: U. W. Poss, W. C. Wood, J. W. Hope.

Report on Condition of the Churches read by E. D. Allison, and approved.

REPORT ON CONDITION OF THE CHURCHES

We, your Committee on Condition of the Churches, wish to make the following report: We notice from examining the letters that some of the churches make only partial reports. Some of them are poorly gotten up. We would recommend that all the churches make a full report on printed forms, prepared for that purpose. We find the following reported:

Pastors' Salary	\$5,907.64
Visiting Ministers	1,019.84
Orphanage	1,268.84
Schools, Colleges and Education.....	281.68
Associational Missions	359.34
State Missions	1,643.45
Home Missions	655.07
Foreign Missions	1,659.73
Members of Churches.....	3,445
Baptisms	202
Sunday Schools reported.....	19
Number of pupils.....	1,608

The churches have made some advancement during the year along most lines, but we hope and pray that greater work along all lines will be done during the next Associational year.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee: E. D. Allison, T. E. King, Chas. Hobson.

Resolution read by W. C. Wood, and approved.

RESOLUTION

Resolved, That we, the messengers of the Friendship Association, extend our hearty thanks to the Dumas church and the good people of Dumas for their generous hospitality to us while w

were in their midst.

The report of the new Executive Board was made orally by B. J. Smith, in which he stated that they had employed Elder W. A. Winston as missionary, for one-half of his time, at a salary of \$30.00 per month and traveling expenses.

The following pledges were then made for Associational missions:

Bethlehem	\$40.00	Pleasant Ridge	10.00
Cornerville	15.00	Pleasant Springs	10.00
Friendship	10.00	Smyrna	25.00
Florence	10.00	Tyro	15.00
Hickory Grove	20.00	Bethel	15.00
Harmony	10.00	W. T. Reed Sr.	5.00
Holly Springs	15.00	Union	10.00
Mt. Moriah	10.00	Dumas	15.00
Mt. Zion	25.00	Whiteville	5.00
Macedonia	10.00	Mrs. V. C. Tucker's Sun-	
New Hope	10.00	day School Class.....	5.00
Oak Grove	10.00		
Pine Bluff, First.....	75.00	Total.....	\$375.00

A motion was made to authorize the clerk to have printed 800 copies of these minutes, and further, to pay the clerk \$20.00 for his services. Amended to allow the clerk to have as many minutes printed as he can with the remainder of the money, after deducing the amount allowed him for his services. Motion carried.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with Pleasant Springs Baptist church, in Lincoln County, Arkansas, on Wednesday before the third Sunday in September, at 10 o'clock a. m., 1918.

W. A. WINSTON, Moderator.

C. M. ROSS, Clerk.

The following is the report of the Treasurer of the Mission Board, which was delivered to the Clerk after the Association adjourned:

TREASURER'S REPORT

Paid out of treasury.....	\$32.46	Macedonia	5.00
Tyro church	21.50	Florence	28.00
Pleasant Spring	28.08	Holly Springs	10.00
Harmony	11.91	New Home	10.15
Oak Grove	15.00	Smyrna	10.00
Friendship	10.27	Pine Bluff, First.....	75.00
Bethel	2.80	Cornerville	18.05
Pleasant Ridge	6.25	Union	18.95
Bethlehem	40.00	Mission Point, Furth.....	8.30
Hickory Grove	24.65	Gould	1.80
Fifth Sunday Meeting—		Clio	80.00
Cornerville	4.75	Mt. Moriah	30.90
Bethel	8.70		
Mt. Zion	22.77	Total.....	\$453.29

CLERK'S REPORT

Cash received from all sources.....\$210.53

Disbursements.

Associational Missions (Paid to W. A. Winston).....\$103.20

Ministerial Education (Convention), sent to J. S. Rodgers....	9.53
Ministerial Education (General Association), sent to C. C. Winters ..	.55
State Missions (General Association), sent to C. C. Winters	2.00
Texarkana Orphans' Home, sent to J. W. Sims.....	20.91
Monticello Orphans Home, sent to J. S. Rodgers.....	17.00
Minutes and Clerk's Fund.....	57.24
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Total.....	\$210.53
C. M. ROSS, Clerk and Treasurer.	

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES

Churches	Pastors	Postoffices	Clerks	Postoffices
Bethelhem	W. A. Winston	Palmyra	V. C. Tucker	Palmyra
Bethel	B. J. Smith	Palmyra	N. L. Guggins	Herbine
Center .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cornerville	B. J. Smith	Palmyra	C. M. Jordon	Cornerville
Dumas	E. J. A. McKinney	Little Rock	I. N. Moore	Dumas
Enon	Not given .....	.....	W. E. Reynolds	Rye
Friendship	G. G. Wray	Palmyra	A. G. Favors	Rison Rt. 1
Florence	E. D. Allison	Florence	E. Y. Rodgers	Florence
Hickory Grove	D. W. Bolton	Star City	W. E. Dodds	Rest
Harmony	F. E. Winston	Sheridan	S. M. Tucker	Pine Bluff Rt. 2
Holly Springs	B. J. Smith	Palmyra	D. W. Chance	Garnett
Lone Grove	None .....	.....	J. J. Morrison	Feenyville
Mt. Moriah	None .....	.....	W. J. Caldwell	Winchester
Mt. Zion	J. A. Brown	Rison Rt. 1	Henry Rodgers	Kedron
Macedonia	J. W. Fish	Star City	J. D. Cash	Rowell
New Hope	T. D. White	Not given	J. R. Leopard	Not given
New Home	G. G. Wray	Palmyra	T. F. Rodgers	Kedron
Oak Grove	R. W. Glover	Prattsville	R. L. Ryurn	Rison Rt. 1
Ohio St. P. B.	W. C. Wood	Pine Bluff	R. M. Ware	Pine Bluff
Hazel St. P. B.	A. McPherson	Pine Bluff	Clyde Vowell	Pine Bluff
Pine Bluff 1st	W. J. E. Cox	Pine Bluff	Wm. L. Matthews	Pine Bluff
Beech St. P. B.	A. McPherson	Pine Bluff	B. W. Langford	Pine Bluff
Pleasant Hill .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Ridge	G. G. Wray	Palmyra	W. H. Taylor	Kedron
Pleasant Springs	E. D. Allison	Florence	W. R. O'Briant	Coleman
Rison .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Star City	D. W. Bolton	Star City	Clyde E. Fish	Star City
Spring Hill	A. D. Jacks	Comminto	M. E. Handly	Plantersville
Sulphur Springs .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tyro	B. J. Smith	Palmyra	Not given .....	.....
Union	None .....	.....	J. H. Dean	Pine Bluff Rt. 2
Whiteville	F. E. Winston	Sheridan	Dr. T. L. Adams	Faith
Smyna	B. J. Smith	Palmyra	W. Holland	Dumas Rt. 1
Zion .....	.....	.....	.....	.....

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Baptisms	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Died	Present Members	Pastors Salary	Other Objects	Building and repair	Visiting Ministers	Poor Fund	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	W. M. U.	Orphans Home at Monticello	Orphans Home at Tontahana	Colleges and Schools	Ministerial Education	Ministerial and Chrs. Fund	Sunday School Expenses	Value of Church Property
Bethel					1	1	121	\$125.00	\$ 13.05	\$ 93.00	\$ 25.00		\$ 4.69	\$ 8.75								\$ 1.50		\$700.00
Bethlehem Center	14	8	1	7		5	229	71.83			48.50		41.95	8.40	4.00	4.00			15.00			2.00	8.34	
Cornerville	1	5		1			76	85.00	1.50				25.07	10.25					5.30			1.00	5.00	800.00
Dumas	4	9				1	61	200.00			125.00		15.10		11.00	11.00		55.75			2.00			
Enon	3			4		1	105		5.00		22.50		10.00									8.00	500.00	
Friendship	20		3			1	84	75.00			29.00		10.00								1.25	6.00		
Florence	14		1	1			83	100.00	5.00				29.00						9.33		2.00	15.00		
Hickory Grove	4					1	84	100.00	10.75	11.60		40.00	28.50	25.85	12.55	12.50	110.12	52.40	5.00	8.40	2.20	5.00	100.00	
Holly Springs		7					176	100.00	2.00		15.75		15.00	5.00				1.00	3.25		1.50		1000.00	
Harmony	10	3		3			76	110.00		38.00			11.91	13.25							2.00	15.83	400.00	
Lone Grove	11		2			3	106				10.50		5.00						2.20		1.35		500.00	
Mt. Moriah											7.30		30.90	2.35							9.55	1.00	1000.00	
Mt. Zion	8			6	1		58	34.00	5.00		24.00	13.85	21.75	4.50					10.75		1.55	4.47		
Macedonia	19	2		2	2	1	67	35.00	15.55				5.00						5.11		2.65			
New Hope	25	6	2				86	52.00												.55	1.00	7.50	275.00	
New Home	4						62	63.70		96.65			10.15	3.90					13.41		1.10			
Oak Grove	21	1	2	2	2	2	125	150.00	6.00		53.00		15.00	12.00	16.70				12.00		2.00	6.00		
Ohio St. P. B.	6	21	2	14	1	2	335	540.00	303.67	64.65	89.50		22.50	229.05	52.15	60.52		171.35		10.00	17.75	3.00	125.97	20000.00
Hazel St. P. B.	12	15				1	99	223.35	90.65		114.80	27.55	20.00	96.27	36.12	27.06	44.15	68.06		2.50	14.53	2.40	77.97	2000.00
Beech St. P. B.		5					39	100.00							50.00	50.00		125.00		30.00		26.50	2500.00	
Pine Bluff 1st	20	46	7	74	1	10	791	2500.00	1473.23	1875.01	487.49	137.56	7.00	1074.20	48.74	1386.25		690.99		196.58	82.05	10.00	940.06	
Pleasant Hill																								
Pleasant Ridge	16		1	1		1	99	74.41	75		28.40	9.05			2.70						2.00	3.77	580.00	
Pleasant Sp'gs	7					1	68	100.00	70.00				27.50								1.75			
Rison																								
Spring Hill	14	6					50	54.55			50.00		1.16	1.25				5.40	4.50		1.25			
Star City		10		7		3	209	600.00		65.75			27.00	175.95	166.50	66.50	85.25	98.15			3.00	41.30	3750.00	
Sulphur Sp'gs																								
Smyrna	4	3					48	150.00		20.00	33.66		10.00						5.00		2.54		1000.00	
Tyro				1		2	117	125.00			28.10		20.00	23.35				22.80	10.00		2.10	8.00		
Union	3			7	2		40				18.85	25.00									.50	5.00		
Whiteville	7	2					30	75.00					5.00								1.00			
Zion																								

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

CHURCHES	No. of Schools	No. of Teachers	No. of Students	Expenses	Literature	Superintendents	Postoffices
Bethlehem	1	4	63	\$ 8.34	Landmark	W. T. Reed, Jr.	Palmyra
Cornerville	1	4	30	5.00	S. B. C. S.	C. W. Moran	Cornerville
Friendship	1	4	64	6.00	Landmark	J. A. Anderson	Rison Rt. 1
Florence	1	4	54	15.00	General Association	E. Y. Rodgers	Florence
Harmony	1	4	69	15.83	Landmark	H. H. Mundell	Pine Bluff Rt. 2
Mt. Zion	1	4	56	4.47	Not given	J. A. England	Kedron
Macedonia	1	4	25	6.00	A. B. P. S.	Billie Riggins	Rison
Oak Grove	1	4	64	6.00	Landmark	J. T. Glover	Rison Rt. 1
Hazel St. P. B.	1	15	160	77.97	S. B. C. S.	C. C. Payne	Pine Bluff
Beech St. P. B.	1		125	26.50	S. B. C. S.	D. W. Bolin	Pine Bluff
Ohio St. P. B.	1	14	225	125.97	S. B. C. S.	E. Ryland	Pine Bluff
Pine Bluff First	1	39	390	340.06	Pastor's S. S. Board	L. N. Harper	Pine Bluff
Pleasant Ridge	1	4	56	3.77	Landmark	J. B. Wilson	Pine Bluff Rt. 2
Pleasant Springs	1		35		Not given	Not given	Not given
Spring Hill	1		40		Not given	Not given	Not given
Tyro	1	4	50	8.00	Not given	J. T. Morgan	Tyro
Union	1	4	30	5.00	S. B. C. S.	Not given	Not given
Star City	1	8	85	41.30	S. B. C. S.	A. O. Vick	Star City
Hickory Grove	1	5	37	5.00	S. B. C. S.	J. C. Haddox	Rest

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 to 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 delegates.

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

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

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

8. The time and place of meeting of each session of this association 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 delegates 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, ex-communicated, restored, dead, amount paid pastor 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 establishment of the Redeemer's kingdom on the earth.

13. The neglect or failure of a church to be represented by 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. 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.

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.

PROCEEDINGS OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

In the absence of the president, Mrs. W. L. Compere, who had moved from the bounds of the association, the Eighth Annual Session of the Woman's Auxiliary to Friendship Association was called to order by Mrs. J. T. Jackson, Corresponding Secretary of the State W. M. U., who was with us only for the afternoon of September 12th. She came with a message for the women and the time to adjourn came before we could hold a business session.

However, there were four societies represented:

Pine Bluff, First.—Mrs. Will Fox.

Star City.—Mrs. Leek.

Tyro.—Mrs. Dr. Watts.

Hickory Grove.—Vera A. Moran, Mrs. R. A. Moran.

On the second day a committee from the association used the room given to the ladies and the session closed without electing a president for the ensuing year.

Report of the Associational Superintendent follows on next page.

VERA A. MORAN, Secretary.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL SUPERINTENDENT FROM SEPT. 1, 1916, TO SEPT 1, 1917.

	Pine Bluff 1st ..	Ohio St. P. B.	Rison.....	Star City	Hickory Grove	Hazel St. P. B.
Totals	1523.93	247.02	117.74	85.25	110.12	44.15
Value of Boxes to Orphan's Home...	---	43.02	---	---	---	---
Charity and Other Objects.....	109.85	---	---	---	35.75	---
Judson Memorial.....	15.10	---	---	---	---	---
Minute Fund.....	2.00	.50	---	---	---	---
Old Ministers Relief	8.46	---	---	---	---	---
Army Treatment Fund.....	7.00	---	---	---	---	---
Native Bible Woman	7.50	---	---	---	---	---
Church Repairs, Incidentals, etc.	95.90	130.50	82.48	38.25	36.65	26.95
Mary Forbes Home...	10.15	---	---	---	---	---
Ouachita Endowment	3.50	---	---	---	---	---
Training School.....	68.81	2.50	11.00	---	---	---
Orphans Home Expense, Debt, etc.	438.09	10.00	10.00	15.00	5.00	---
Cone Property (Boys Dormitory)....	112.82	5.00	14.50	---	---	---
Christmas Offering to China.....	103.03	2.50	---	---	---	---
Christian Education for Ministers, etc.	112.06	10.00	---	---	7.60	7.50
Foreign Missions.....	7.42	---	5.00	12.50	3.50	2.00
Home Missions.....	91.61	15.50	5.00	12.50	3.50	2.70
State Missions.....	293.84	25.00	10.00	---	11.87	15.00
Association Mission	2.50	---	---	7.00	4.75	---
CHURCHES						
Grand total	\$2128.21					