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OF THE

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OFFICERS

W. H. GREGORY, Moderator	Hazen, Ark.
W. J. JOHNSON, Vice Moderator	Hazen, Ark.
W. G. MATHIS, Clerk	DeWitt, Ark.
J. H. ROUNSAVALL, Treasurer	Hazen, Ark.

Next session to be held with the Cross Roads Baptist church, Carlisle, Ark., beginning on Thursday night, before the third Sunday in October, 1918, at 7:30 o'clock.

ANNUAL SERMONS FOR THE NEXT SESSION

Introductory Sermon on Thursday at 7:30 o'clock, Rev. J. T. Fowlkes; Alternate, Rev. D. A. Gregory.

Missionary Sermon on Sunday at 11:00 a. m., Rev. W. G. Mathis; Alternate, Rev. H. Y. Morris.

OPENING SESSION, THURSDAY

7:30 P. M.

After a season of songs and touching prayers by many brethren of the Association, the Forty-Third Session of the Grand Prairie Association was convened by Moderator Brother H. B. Dudley, who, after devotional service introduced Brother L. H. Dodson, who had been appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. Brother Dodson read the 23d Psalm, called Brother C. W. Fox to lead in prayer. Text: I. John 4:8. After a short and helpful sermon by Brother Dodson, the Moderator appointed a

COMMITTEE ON DIVINE SERVICES,

which consisted of Rev. J. T. Fowlkes, the deacons of the DeVall's Bluff church, Brethren C. W. Fox, and W. H. Gregory. Said committee reported that Rev. G. W. Bray of Almyra, would preach Friday 11 a. m., and Rev. H. Y. Morris of Hazen, to preach at night. It was then moved and carried that the Association adjourn till 9 a. m. Friday morning. Benediction by Rev. Carl Sager of Gillett.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

9:00 A. M.

The Association was re-convened at 9 a. m. by singing "Jesus Lover of My Soul," prayer by Brother LaCotter, visiting from Tennessee. A committee on

ORDER OF BUSINESS WAS APPOINTED,

consisting of Brethren W. G. Mathis and J. W. Rhoads. Motion carried to set time for the Womans' Work to the first hour in the afternoon.

The Moderator called the new and visiting brethren to the front to give them a welcome to our midst. The following were called: Editor E. J. A. McKinney, of the Baptist Advance; Dr. J. W. Conger, President Central College, Conway; Rev. R. P. LaCotter, Covington, Tenn.; Rev. G. W. Bray, Pastor Almyra and Gillett; Rev. R. P. Bain, Corresponding Messenger from Caroline Association; Rev. J. W. Rhoads, Missionary for Grand Prairie Association; Rev. Carl Sager, Gillett; Rev. H. Y. Morris, Hazen Pastor; and Rev. J. L. Brown, of Walnut Grove, Ark. After announcements were made the Association went into

ORGANIZATION.

The following churches were enrolled, and their messengers seated: Almyra, G. W. Bray, Mrs. Anna Bray; Bellview, P. K. McSwain; Bethel, by letter; Big Lagrue, B. K. Adams, Miss Docia Parker; Center Point, Geo. Martin, Mrs. Martin, Jim Parris; Corinth, B. L. McMullen; DeValls Bluff, G. W. Cooper, Mrs. Hardeman, Bessie Beckham; DeWitt, C. W. Fox, Mrs. H. B. Dudley; David's Chapel, M. M. Martin, T. A. Cox; Gillett, Carl Sager, Mrs. Dono; Hebron, by letter; Cross Roads, Arthur Mask, J. M. Harrison; Hazen, J. R. Sanders,

Mrs. Hazen, Mr. Kenyon; New Hope, W. M. Freeman, Mrs. W. M. Freeman; Oak Grove, W. L. Cole, C. L. Boyt, A. F. Lisenby; Pleasant Ridge, W. D. Holden; Rising Sun, R. L. Ragan, Florence Norris, Winnie Word; Roe, Mrs. Sauls, W. E. Tilman; Stuttgart, Mrs. L. E. Catchum, Suda Rhoads, R. A. Henderson; New Bethel, B. F. House; Prairie Chapel, J. S. Owen, W. H. Wheeler, Mrs. Lively Gossum.

It was moved and seconded that we now receive petitionery letters; motion carried. The following petitionery letters were received: St. Charles, Beatrice Crabtree; Rochell Chapel, James Lumkins; New Bethany, by letter. Motion to adjourn till 1:30; motion carried, and recess was taken, after which Brother G. W. Bray of Almyra preached an able and inspiring sermon, reading Is. 53, and a few verses from Heb. 12th chapter, taking for his text Mark 2:5.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was re-convened by songs, and prayer by Rev. R. P. Bain.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Moderator—By a brief introductory, Rev. J. T. Fowlkes moved to suspend the rules and that the Clerk be instructed to cast the vote of the body for Brother W. H. Gregory of Hazen; motion carried, and the vote was cast. Brother Gregory was then introduced, and after a brief acceptance, took the chair.

Vice Moderator—Motion by J. T. Fowlkes to suspend the rules and ask the Clerk to cast the vote of the body for Rev. H. Y. Morris for Vice Moderator was carried, and the Clerk cast a unanimous vote for Brother Morris.

Clerk—It was moved by Brother Fowlkes to suspend the rules and the Moderator cast the vote of the body for W. G. Mathis for Clerk; motion carried, and the vote was cast.

Treasurer—It was then moved by Brother H. B. Dudley, and motion carried, to suspend the rules, and the clerk cast the vote of the body for brother J. H. Rounsavall for Treasurer.

The Moderator then called the Vice Moderator to the chair till he should prepare the Committees. The following Committees were then announced, each Chairman's name appearing first:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—J. T. Fowlkes, Dr. J. W. Conger, G. W. Bray, J. L. Parris.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS—W. G. Mathis, H. Y. Morris, W. J. Johnson, B. F. House, J. W. Rhodes and R. P. Bain.

RESOLUTIONS—W. J. Johnson, W. G. Mathis, B. F. House.

HOME MISSIONS—H. Y. Morris, H. B. Dudley, C. W. Fox, J. R. Sangster.

STATE MISSIONS—W. J. Johnson, J. L. Brown, E. J. A. McKinney, J. T. Fowlkes, Carl Sager.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—G. W. Bray, B. F. House, R. P. Bain, H. B. Dudley.

FINANCE COMMITTEE—J. H. Rounsavall, R. A. Henderson, J. R. Sangster, Brother Walters, Brother Mask.

TEMPERANCE—B. F. House, Brethren Owen, Wheeler and J. L. Brown.

ORPHANS HOME—H. B. Dudley, B. F. House, L. T. Cagle.

PUBLICATION—J. L. Brown, E. J. A. McKinney, L. T. Cagle, H. Y. Morris.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. Y. P. U.—Carl Sager, Brother Ragan, W. D. Holden.

OBITUARY—D. R. Whitley, L. T. Cagle, J. M. Harrison, B. K. Adams, Brother Cooper.

STEWARDSHIP—W. G. Mathis, W. J. Johnson, C. W. Fox, J. T. Fowlkes.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—W. A. Rochell, E. J. A. McKinney, W. G. Mathis.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Committee on Christian Education asked to report, and report spoken to by Dr. J. W. Conger, and E. J. A. McKinney, both making strong speeches. Motion prevailed to adopt the report as read. Report follows:

Your Committee on Christian Education would report as follows:

Without well equipped schools all 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 came 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. Dicken, President; Central, for girls, at Conway, J. W. Conger, President. Last year Ouachita had 287 students, and Central had 205. These schools have rendered a service to the Baptists in Arkansas, the value of which can never be estimated.

We now have two mountain schools. One 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 forty young preachers in Ouachita College, and several in the Mountain Home and Maynard schools. They receive free tuition, and some help on other expenses when it is necessary. The Bible is required of all who graduate of both colleges.

This committee recommends that all of our preachers preach often each year on the needs and benefits of Baptist schools, that every church in the Association will make a good offering for our schools and for the education of young preachers this year, and give to the Loan Fund for our girls in Central College, and that our people will send their children to our Baptist schools.

Signed:

J. T. Fowlkes,
J. W. Conger,
G. W. Bray,
J. L. Parris.

Committee.

TEMPERANCE.

The report on Temperance was read by Brother J. L. Brown, and spoken to by himself. Report adopted, and follows:

We, your Committee on Prohibition, submit the following as our report. We are glad to say that the Baptists as a people have always stood against the whiskey traffic, and have had no small part in the fight that has been waged against it through the years that have gone, and that we as a people rejoice in the fact that after the long drawn-out battle—the serpent—the whiskey traffic—with his trail of slime and death, has been driven from both our State and Nation. No longer can the black-winged Vulture of hell—the saloon traffic—roost, or build its nest beside our American Eagle with the Stars and Stripes of Old Glory floating over it for protection.

With prayers and shout
We've driven it out,
From both our state and nation;
No more can rum in ruin come
With licensed regulation.

In conclusion we recommend that this Association of Baptist churches petition President Wilson to do all in his power to prevent the manufacture and sale of all intoxicants during this war.

Signed by the Committee,

B. F. HOUSE, for the Committee.

Motion to adjourn till 7:15 in the evening; Motion carried. Benediction by W. J. Johnson.

EVENING SESSION

Convened at 7:15 by singing, "Count Your Blessings," and prayer by E. J. A. McKinney. Rev. D. A. Gregory, Pastor of Stuttgart church, was then introduced and acknowledged a member of the Association.

Request by Brother Morris, that he be excused from preaching at this hour, and that Rev. J. L. Brown be appointed to that place, request was granted, and Brother Brown was introduced, and read the 13th chapter of First Cor., and used for his text the 13th verse, and preached a very strong sermon.

The report on Associational Missions was then called for, and was read by W. G. Mathis, and spoken to by himself, and Brother R. P. Bain. It was then moved and seconded to amend the report by inserting a resolution of the Executive Board, read by the Clerk, removing the restrictions on the Missionary which did not allow him to go to the churches of the Association, except where such were pastorless. The amendment was never called up, and the vote was not taken on the amendment.

The Divine Service Committee announced at this time the Rev. E. J. A. McKinney should preach at the 11:00 o'clock hour Saturday morning.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS REPORT.

We, your Committee on Associational Missions, beg to submit our report. Associational Missions is doing mission work in the bounds of a given Association. The cause for Associational Missions is destitution. Until we reach that point when there is a Baptist church in every community in the bounds of Grand Prairie Association, and every church has a pastor, then and not until then should we consider letting up on Associational Missions.

Our destitution is great. We have our great waving rice fields, our cotton and corn acrages, and the various well developed enterprises which are prospering to a remarkable degree; the various other denominations of our district are prospering, and many of them are rapidly spreading their doctrines over our bounds; but we, as Baptists, are doing less according to our ability and advantages for our Master than many of them.

We need and recommend the employment of an efficient missionary for full time. We need co-operation of the churches and preachers in forwarding the doctrines of Christ as taught by Baptists. We recommend also, that each pastor preach regularly on Associational Missions, and appeal to their churches to pray for and pay to this work. We further recommend that each church insert in their letters to the Association just what amount they can be depended on to give to Associational Missions for another year.

Signed by the Committee:

W. G. Mathis, Chair.
H. Y. Morris,
W. J. Johnson,
B. F. House,
J. W. Rhoads,
R. P. Bain,
Committee.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

9:00 A. M.

Reconvened at 9 a. m. by songs and prayer. After reading of the Minutes for Friday's session, and necessary corrections, the report on Associational Missions was taken up, and the report of the missionary, Rev. J. W. Rhoads was called up. Report was read and spoken to by Brother Rhoads, and follows:

I submit herewith my report of work done as missionary for the Grand Prairie Association beginning July 30, and ending Oct. 18, 1917:

Revival meetings held	4
Churches visited	6
Sermons preached	50
Other religious services	1
Conversions	6
Baptisms	3
Additions	9
Homes visited	50
Collections taken	6
Days spent at home	14
Days of labor	81
Miles traveled	350
Amount collected on Associational Missions and applied on	
salary	\$ 81.71
Balance due	\$134.29

J. W. Rhoads, Missionary.

Motion was made and carried to defer further discussion of this report till 3:30 in the afternoon.

ORPHANAGE REPORT.

This report was read by Brother H. B. Dudley, and spoken to by H. B. Dudley, J. T. Fowlkes, W. G. Mathis, Mrs. Emma Ketchum, J. L. Brown, E. J. A. McKinney, W. H. Gregory, Mrs. Nicholson, and Brother LaCotter. Report adopted and follows:

God, who is a "Father to the fatherless," has provided for the care of the orphans. "Visiting the widows and the orphans in their afflictions" is declared to be "Pure and undefiled religion." In accord with God's plan we have been caring for the orphans at the Montecello Home for 22 years. More than 600 of these unfortunate children have shared a place in this Home while a large number of others have been cared for in the Texarkana Home.

Since January 1, 1916, there have been secured homes in good families for more than 160 of these children from the Montecello Home, and there are now 65 children in the Home. It is hoped to reduce this to 50 by the meeting of the Convention in December. In the Texarkana Home there are some 40 children now.

The debt on the Montecello Home July 1, 1917, was \$12,000. The campaign to pay the debt by the Convention gives promise of success. All of the current expenses of this Home amounts to about \$750 per month. About \$2,000 is needed by January 1, in order to pay all debts on the Texarkana Home, besides current expenses.

The present management of the Montecello Home is entirely satisfactory; the farm has been well worked and a fine crop has been produced; the premises are clean and sanitary; and the children are, with probably the fewest exceptions in the history of the Home, well and happy. A strong religious sentiment prevails. Most of the children are Christians, a number of them having been received into the church last year. At Texarkana the children are reported to be in excellent health and well cared for in every way. We recommend,

(1). Regular monthly offerings in every Sunday school, and the amount forwarded promptly to J. S. Rogers, General Secretary, 410 Donaghey Building, Little Rock, for the Montecello Home, and to J. W. Sims, Marvel, Ark., for the Texarkana Home.

(2). That every church take as large an offering as possible and forward it as per the wishes of the donor.

(3). That every Woman's Missionary Society join in this debt-paying campaign and send their offerings in promptly to the proper authorities.

(4). That offerings be taken in every church for this purpose. Every Baptist is expected to do his part for the orphans.

Respectfully submitted,
H. B. Dudley, Chairman.
B. F. House.
L. Thos. Cagle.
Committee.

PUBLICATIONS.

This report was read and discussed by E. J. A. McKinney, and J. L. Brown. The report was adopted as read, and follows:

The Bible, of course, stands first and highest of all books with Baptists. It is not only our duty to read it, but to seek to get a copy of this, THE BOOK OF ALL BOOKS, into the hands of all the people in every land.

More than this, Baptists need to wisely use the printed page for tracts, books and papers to set forth their distinctive doctrines with Scriptural proof and to keep our people informed as to all our work. As servants of our Lord each of us needs to know all he possibly can about the work of our people so as to wisely use our means and energy to the highest glory of our Lord. In Arkansas we have two State wide bodies doing mission work, and each has its own State paper.

Those desiring to know about the work of the State Association, the Baptist and Commoner is printed at Little Rock at the price of \$1.50 per year. The Baptist Advance represents the work of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and is published at Little Rock, also at the price of \$1.50 per year. The Baptist and Commoner also carries a stock of Bibles and books, while the Baptist Book House, owned and controlled by the Arkansas Baptist Convention with the Baptist Advance carries a full line of Books and Bibles. We would urge the patronizing of our own book houses and Sunday school literature.

Signed:

J. L. Brown, Chairman.

L. Thos. Cagle.

H. Y. Morris.

Committee.

Letters from Oak Grove, New Bethel and Harmony churches were read, and their messengers seated in a body. These appear in the regular list of churches and messengers.

Motion and seconded to adjourn till 1:30 p. m. was carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:30 P. M.

In the absence from town of Moderator Gregory, we were reconvened with J. T. Fowlkes in the chair. The letters of New Hope and Humphrey were then read, having arrived since last reading, and messengers seated, and appear in the list of churches and messengers. Later Corinth, by letter.

HOME MISSIONS.

Report read by E. J. A. McKinney, and spoken to by himself, and J. T. Fowlkes. Report adopted as read. Report follows:

Our Home Mission Board at Atlanta, Ga., has the distinction of reporting more converts and baptisms through the work of its missionaries than any other Home Mission Board in America, though several of these expend more money than our Board does.

This Board last year reported 37,724 baptisms, 22,945 of which were creditable directly to Home Missions, while the rest were creditable to co-operative agencies. Last year the total receipts of the Board for all objects were \$474,792, while the administrative costs were \$22,338, or only 4.7 per cent. This suggests great economy in administration.

The great world war is a challenge to every moral and spiritual resource in America. Hundreds of thousands of homes will experience a new soul-hunger, a new sense of need, in giving of their sons to fight in the nation's armies for justice and democracy. Southern Baptists must do their full share to save and serve the religious needs of our American boys in the camps, and to protect them from the temptations that gather in the wake of every army.

Realizing that new and heavier burdens must in this crisis be borne by Baptists of the South in the Home Mission Field, the Southern Baptist Convention at New Orleans instructed the Board to pursue

its work on the basis of an apportionment of \$505,193, and the annual meeting of the Board in June planned the year's work on that basis. Our Baptist people are prosperous. They can enjoy their prosperity without deterioration only by serving God and men with their substance. Patriotism and true religion call us to a larger support of Home Missions.

In Evangelism and Church Building and Enlistment, in Cuba and Panama and the Southern Highlands, among Foreigners and Negroes and Indians, through co-operative Missions in needy States, in cities and towns and countryside, our Board has done a great work, and the pressing needs which grow out of the war are in addition. We recommend:

(1). That earnest prayer be made for the work of the Home Missions, and that pastors be asked to preach at least once a year upon Home Missions.

(2) That this Association approve the action of the Southern Baptist Convention, which increases the apportionment for Home Missions by approximately 25 per cent, and do our part toward raising it.

(3). That we urge every church to contribute to Home Missions.

(4). That our churches be encouraged to form Mission study classes in "Baptist Missions in the South," and "Country Church in the South," also, - that our churches order and make a larger use of tracts telling of each phase of Home Missions. The tracts are free on application. The books are, each, cloth 60 cents, paper 40 cents. All orders for literature or books should be directed to Baptist Mission Rooms at Little Rock, or C. C. Winters. The State Association has several Home Missionaries. Funds for its Home Mission work should be sent to C. C. Winters, Treasurer; McNeill, Ark.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed by the Committee:

H. Y. Morris.

H. B. Dudley.

C. W. Fox.

J. B. Sangster.

Committee.

OBITUARIES.

The report on Obituaries was read by D. R. Whitley, and spoken to by himself and E. J. A. McKinney. It was moved that the report be adopted, and that Brother L. H. Dodson write an obituary of Brother Parker. Motion carried, and a special collection was taken for this obituary of \$3.60, the obituary to be printed in the Minutes. The report follows as read:

We, your committee, find that there were eleven deaths in the bounds of Grand Prairie Association. We mourn their loss, but God in His infinite wisdom knows best. Be it

Resolved, That we remember their loved ones and pray God to bless them.

Our dead are: Brother R. H. Parker, Big LaGrue church; B. F. Housen, New Bethel; Sister Beckie Rowe, Pleasant Ridge; Sister Minnie Cunningham; Sister Allie Byers; and Brother Edward Bowers, of DeWitt; Brother Edward Maghey,

Lone Hickory; Sister Lokey, Bethel, Brother Geo. Rhoads, Stuttgart; Brother Charles A. Thompson, Hazen; Sister Gertrude Moncrief, Big LaGrue.

We, your committee, ask that each member of this Association remember the bereft of the deceased saints in their prayers. Respectfully submitted,

D. R. Whitley, Chairman.

L. Thos. Cagle.

J. M. Harrison.

B. K. Adams.

Committee.

It was moved and carried that the names of the Moderators and Clerks of the Association be printed in the Minutes from time to time. Brethren B. F. House, W. J. Johnson, and H. B. Dudley were appointed to get up a list of these names as far back as obtainable.

OBITUARY OF BROTHER R. H. PARKER.

Brother R. H. Parker was born in Talbert County, Ga., April 13, 1839, and moved to Arkansas while a young man and settled in Arkansas County, lived there and raised his family on what is now known as the Parker Place. He donated or gave the ground for the Big LaGrue Baptist Church, on which it now stands.

He was a consecrated Christian, and was Moderator of the Association for 12 or 15 years in which he lived. In his last days he refused to be Moderator and asked that the Association elect another in his place.

He was a beloved citizen in his county, both in moral, political, social and religious life. He has served his county, as Representative; he has served his county as Judge; he never missed the attending of Grand Prairie Association while he lived but once, then he was County Judge, and County Court was in session. The church to which he belonged was Big LaGrue. The church has lost a consecrated working member; the county in which he lived was Arkansas, and it has lost an honorable, noble citizen; the community in which he lived has lost a man much beloved, a friend that has been much regretted. If he had an enemy it was because his life out-shown theirs. "Owls and bats don't like the rising sun." Brother Parker is gone but not forgotten.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

Written by his pastor and friend,

L. H. DODSON.

STATE MISSIONS.

The report on State Missions was read and adopted, and discussed by Brothers L. H. Dodson, J. L. Brown, R. P. Bain, W. J. Johnson, Sister H. B. Dudley, W. G. Mathis and J. T. Fowlkes. Report follows:

We, your committee on State Missions, submit the following report: By State Missions we mean the mission work carried on by our two Baptist State bodies, the State Convention, and the State Association. It is the purpose of these two bodies of Baptists to supply all the destitute parts of our State with Baptist

preaching. To do so they must have the co-operation of our Baptist churches throughout the State. Every Baptist is a freeman, and as such has a right to put his money where he thinks it will accomplish the most good; and no man or set of men has any right to tell him not to do so. Therefore we recommend every Baptist embraced within this Association to do all they can to push forward the State work of evangelization until the communities now mantled with darkness may see the light of Baptist truth. All funds contributed to the State Convention, send to J. S. Rogers, 410 Donaghey Bldg., Little Rock. All funds contributed for the State Association, Brother J. A. Smith, Little Rock.

W. J. JOHNSON,
For the Committee.

Moved and seconded that we limit all speeches to ten minutes; motion withdrawn by consent of second.

After a warm yet friendly discussion of State Missions, it was moved by Brother W. J. Johnson that we take a collection for the soldier boys at Camp Pike; motion carried, and a collection was taken, amounting to \$25.00, and the Treasurer was instructed to send same to J. S. Rogers, Little Rock.

It was then moved and carried that we offer a special prayer for the soldiers at Camp Pike, and for the Nation. A season of warm-hearted prayers followed.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The report on Foreign Missions was then read by Brother B. F. House, and spoken to by Brother R. P. Bain and Sister J. T. Fowlkes. Report adopted as read and follows:

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, submit the following report: The Southern Baptist Convention and the General Association are both engaged in Foreign Mission work and both report progress in their work. For full information concerning their work, we refer you to the Minutes of these two bodies. No man can believe and obey the Commission of our Risen Lord without taking part in sending the Gospel to the nations of the earth. Therefore, we recommend, the churches of this Association to aid in supporting by prayers and contribution the Gospel in foreign fields.

B. F. House, Chairman.
R. P. Bain.
H. B. Dudley.
Committee.

Motion carried that the report on Sunday School Work be read Sunday morning at 9 o'clock.

B. Y. P. U.

Report on B. Y. P. U. was read by Brother Carl Sager, spoken to by Brother L. H. Dodson, B. F. House and Carl Sager.

Motion by W. G. Mathis to recommit the report and have it rewritten; motion carried. Motion carried to adjourn till 7:15 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

7:15 P. M.

We were reconvened by songs and prayers. Brother R. P. Bain, who was appointed to preach, read the first fourteen verses of the 18th chapter of Matt., using for a text the 3rd verse, and preached a great sermon.

After the sermon the Moderator called up the report on Associational Missions. Report of Finance Committee was called for and read by Brother J. H. Rounsavall. Report follows:

Oct. 20, 1917, Grand Prairie Association now in session. We, your committee on Finances, beg leave to report as follows:

Received for Minutes and Clerk	\$ 55.34
Received for Associational Missions	61.46
Received for Texarkana Orphans Home	29.84
Received for Montecello Orphans Home	39.84
Received for Home Missions	5.45
Received for Foreign Missions	1.00

Total

\$ 182.93

Mistake in addition by Committee Should be \$192.93, (Clerk)

Special collection for soldier boys

\$ 25.00

Total

\$ 207.93

Should be \$217.93, (Clerk)

Partial statement of Executive Board; Receipts since Association in 1916:

H. B. Dudley	\$ 25.00
Hebron Church	3.70
Past Treasurer	5.00
Collection at Hazen Board Meet	21.43

Total, all received by Treasurer

\$ 55.13

Amount due Brother Carter, and unpaid

\$ 52.75

Amount due Brother Rhoads, and unpaid

71.79

Total amount due Missionaries

\$ 123.54

The above amounts were provided in special collection at the Association, and will show in another report.

REPORT OF BROTHER CARTER, JUNE 30, 1917.

With deep regret for my physical inability to continue with you as missionary to the end of my third Associational year, I herewith submit my report for a period of eight and a half months, beginning with the close of the last session of our Association at New Hope last October, and ending with my resignation, July 1, 1917.

Revivals held	4
Sermons preached	76
Conversions	28
Baptisms	20
Additions	47
Religious services in homes	23
Funeral services	1
Other religious services	21
Churches visited and preached to	16
Sunday schools organized	2
Young People's Unions	2
Churches supplied with pastors by missionary	5
Church houses built by missionary	1
Religious tracts distributed on field	650
Religious visits by missionary	75
Miles traveled on field	2289

FINANCIAL.

Collected and paid to Baptist Advance (new)	\$ 13.50
Collected and paid to Baptist Advance (renewals)	12.09
Fourteen new subscribers to Home and Foreign	
Field	7.50

Amount collected on field and applied on salary:

For supplying as pastor at Gillett and all	\$ 150.00
For services in building Humphrey church	46.00
December 10, 1916, received of treasury	39.91
December 5, 1916, received of State Board	100.00
December 30, 1916, received of Mrs. Mary Black	25.00
June 13, 1917, received of treasury	5.00
Jan. 20, 1917, received of L. T. Cagle	2.50
Jan. 20, 1917, received of C. W. Fox	25.00
Jan. 21, 1917, received of Almyra church	1.75
Jan. 28, 1917, received of Gillett church80
Feb. 8, received of Brother Britt	3.30
March 26, received of Lone Hickory church	
for Revival	26.75
May 27, Revival at Hostetter's schoolhouse	7.30
June, Bethel church by Brother Moncrief	3.45
March 5, 1917, from State Board	75.00
May 1, 1927, from State Board	75.00
Eight days lost time, at salary rate	26.66

Total salary received to date .. \$ 638.42

Balance due in salary\$211.58

Amount collected on field for other purposes, to-wit:

Visiting ministers, State Missions, church building, etc.	\$ 479.93
Total collections on field for all purposes	801.78
(or about \$100 a month)	

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. CARTER, Missionary.

Since the above report was made there have been several payments made to Brother Carter, which are not available just now for the Minutes.

After the reports of the Treasurer and Board, the following amounts were pledged and paid at the Association. for the deficit of the Board:

H. B. Dudley	\$ 5.00	B. K. Adams	\$ 5.00	W. H. Gregory	\$ 5.00
W. M. Freeman	5.00	W. G. Mathis	5.00	W. D. Holden	2.25
C. W. Fox	5.00	W. M. Freeman	5.00	D. R. Whitley	2.50
Bro. Sanders	10.00	J. W. Rhoads	5.00	W. L. Cole	5.50
Bro. Cooper	5.00	H. Y. Morris	5.00	J. A. Henderson	2.50
Bro. Wheeler	2.50	Sister N. J. Holden70	Bro. Parris	1.00
Carl Sager	1.00	Bro. Martin	1.00	Sister Ketchum	1.00
R. A. Henderson	1.00	J. H. Rounsavall	1.00	J. T. Fowlkes	1.00
Bro. Word	1.00	W. G. Mathis	1.00	W. M. Freeman	1.00

Total, \$82.95

At this time Brother J. T. Fowlkes offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that Article 13 be changed to read: The messengers assembled shall elect the missionary, and the moderator shall appoint, at each session an Executive Board, consisting of at least one member from each church, whose duty it shall be in case a vacancy occurs between the sittings of the Association, to elect and employ a missionary or missionaries.

It was moved and seconded in this connection, that the Clerk be instructed to cast the vote of the body for H. Y. Morris for Associational missionary. Motion was unanimous, and the Clerk cast such for Brother H. Y. Morris. Along this line W. G. Mathis and W. H. Gregory made speeches.

The matter of salary for the missionary was then taken up, and it was unanimously voted to give Brother Morris \$100 per month. It was then moved by Brother Fowlkes, and motion carried, to ask the State Board for \$300 for next year, for supplement salary for the missionary.

Brother J. T. Fowlkes was appointed member of the State Board. Corresponding messengers to Caroline Association were then appointed, consisting of B. F. House, W. G. Mathis and W. J. Johnson.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The committee on Ministerial Education then asked to report, and the report was read by the Clerk, and adopted without discussion. Report follows:

Our young preachers need to be trained. They need to study to equip themselves to do their highest and best service. Ouachita college was founded with one of its purposes the education of young preachers. We have quite a number of young preachers in college now, and we have a large number who should be in school who are not. Many of these young men need our financial help. Let us give them our financial help, our prayers and our encouragement.

W. A. Rochell, Chairman.

E. J. A. McKinney.

Motion to adjourn till 9 a. m. Benediction.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

9 A. M.

After songs and prayers, the Association was called to order by the Moderator who then announced the completion of the Executive Board.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. Y. P. U.

The report on Sunday School Work was read by W. A. Rochell, and B. Y. P. U. report was read by Mrs. J. T. Fowlkes, and spoken to by Brothers LaCotter, R. A. Henderson, B. F. House, and W. G. Mathis. Reports adopted as read, and follow:

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

We, your committee on Sunday School Work, beg to submit the following: The Sunday School is the teaching service of the church, hence it should be under church control, and its officers should be chosen in like manner as are the officers of the church, and that every Baptist church should have a Sunday School, and use Baptist literature. Its officers should be Christians and members of the church, for the thing most needed in Sunday School work is good teaching, a study of God's word, and methods of instruction is required of every teacher, a knowledge of what to teach and how to teach is very important. We recommend to our officers and teachers the custom of holding weekly meetings and workers councils.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Sager.

W. A. Rochell.

Committee.

B. Y. P. U.

We, the committee on B. Y. P. U. work, submit the following report: That the B. Y. P. U. as the training department of the church work can be very helpful to the people, both young and old, and be a great strength to the church. We would recommend that each church, if it is practicable and convenient, have a Baptist Young Peoples' Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. Fowlkes, for Committee

NOMINATIONS.

Place of Meeting—The following places were nominated for a meeting of 1918: Hazen, Cross Roads, Gillett and Hebron. Cross Roads carried.

ANNUAL SERMONS.

Introductory Sermon—Rev. J. T. Fowlkes was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Rev. D. A. Gregory, Alternate.

Missionary Sermon—Rev. W. G. Mathis was chosen to preach the Missionary Sermon, and Rev. H. Y. Morris, Alternate.

At this time Miss Docia Parker was given time to make a statement relative to the St. Charles outlook, and a voluntary contribution was made to help in the erection of a church building at that place to the amount of \$11.65.

Motion carried to recess till after the sermon.

Brother W. J. Johnson, who was to preach the Missionary Sermon was introduced, and after reading the 16th chapter of Mark, took as a text Dan. 12:3, preaching a helpful sermon.

AFTER RECESS.

Report on Stewardship was called for, and read by W. G. Mathis, and adopted without discussion, and follows:

Every human being of sound mind is a steward. The things that we possess are not our own. They belong to God. They are to be used according to God's will and for His glory; and to God each one must give an account of his stewardship. Whether the accounting shall be joyous or filled with disappointment depends on us, whether we have been good stewards. We are born into this world as stewards. We may deny that we are stewards, but that does not change the fact, just as it would not change the fact for us to deny that we are the children of our parents.

This doctrine is as old as the human race, and the Bible is full of it. It applies to every single thing that we possess and everything we do. "What hast thou that thou didst not receive?" "A man can receive nothing except it has been given him from heaven;" I Cor. 4:7 and John 3:27. We are to administer all that we have "as good stewards of the manifold grace of God;" I Pet. 4:10.

We recommend and urge,

(1). That pastors preach often on Stewardship, taking pains to teach the people what the Bible says on this subject.

(2). That classes be organized in all our churches to study this vitally important doctrine. Books can be had for such classes free of cost from J. S. Compere, 410 Donaghey Building, Little Rock, Ark.

(3). That literature on Stewardship and Tithing be circulated and read everywhere.

(4). That every member of every church of this Association strive to be a "good steward of the manifold grace of God."

Respectfully submitted by the Committee,

W. G. Mathis, Chairman.
W. J. Johnson.
C. W. Fox.
B. F. House.

Brother Morris came forward, and in a brief speech accepted the Associational work. Pledges were then taken for Associational Missions. Following are the pledges:

H. B. Dudley	\$ 25.00
W. H. Gregory	25.00
DeValls Bluff Church	50.00
W. J. Johnson	10.00
Big LaGrue	10.00
Oak Grove	10.00
St. Charles	10.00
Center Point	10.00
W. A. Rochell	5.00
J. H. Rounsavall	5.00
J. E. Bogard	5.00
W. M. Freeman (Paid to Treasurer)	10.00
New Bethel	5.00
Rochell Chapel	5.00
New Salem	5.00
Brother Lumpkin	5.00
W. E. Tillman (Paid to Treasurer)	5.00
Roe Church	5.00
Total Subscription	\$205.00

The Moderator then called a meeting of the new Executive Board to convene at Stuttgart, Saturday, November 3, at 2 p. m.

Time for the next session of the Association was set by motion and second Thursday night before the third Sunday in October, 1918.

It was moved and carried to allow the Clerk \$20.00 for his services.

It was also moved and carried to have 500 copies of Minutes printed. A collection was then taken to raise more Minute fund, which collection amounted to \$5.55.

At this time Brother Morris tendered his resignation as Vice Moderator, and Brothers W. M. Freeman and W. J. Johnson were nominated for the place, but Brother Johnson was elected.

Committee on Resolutions read the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we, the messengers and visitors of the Grand Prairie Association, met with DeValls Bluff, Oct. 19, 20, 21, beg leave to return our sincere gratitude to the members of the church and all the good people of the town for the royal entertainment accorded us during our sojourn in their midst.

Signed by the Committee,

W. J. Johnson.
W. G. Mathis.
B. F. House.

Motion was made then to adjourn to meet again on Thursday night before the third Sunday in October in 1918, at the Cross Roads Baptist church. Motion carried, and the Association was adjourned by song and handshake.

W. H. Gregory, Moderator.
W. G. Mathis, Clerk.

CHURCHES, THEIR PASTORS, CLERKS, AND THEIR POSTOFFICE

Name of Church	Pastor	Address	Clerk	Address
Almyra	G. W. Bray	Almyra	Lenord Fuller	Almyra
Bellview	L. H. Dodson	DeValls Bluff	Caro. McSwain	Ethel
Big LaGrue	L. H. Dodson	DeValls Bluff	Arthur Allen	DeWitt
Bethel	D. R. Whitley	England	Nellie Moncrief	Brummit
Center Point	H. Y. Morris	Hazen	Not Given	
Corinth	C. R. Stine	Humphrey	B. L. McMullen	Humphrey
Cross Roads	W. A. Rochell	DeValls Bluff	M. Miles	Hickory Plains
Davids Chapel	W. J. Johnson	Hazen	M. M. Martin	Not Given
DeValls Bluff	J. T. Fowlkes	DeValls Bluff	Bessie Beckham	DeValls Bluff
DeWitt	W. G. Mathis	DeWitt	J. W. Burnett	DeWitt
Gillett	G. W. Bray	Almyra	Mrs. L. E. Thomas	Gillett
Harmony	W. J. Johnson	Hazen	W. W. Lancaster	Carlisle
Hebron	J. P. Burroughs	DeWitt	A. J. Simpson	DeLuce
Humphrey	C. R. Stone	Humphrey	Mrs. D. Harlon	Humphrey
Hazen	H. Y. Morris	Hazen	R. H. Hazen	Hazen
Lone Hickory				
Macadonia			Maggie Ross	Hazen
Magby				
New Bethany	L. T. Cagle	DeLuce	Ella Rowland	Tichnor
New Bethel	B. F. House	Hazen	Geo. Gerren	Carlisle
New Hope	L. T. Cagle	DeLuce	W. M. Freeman	Hagler
New Salem	W. A. Rochell	DeValls Bluff	Mrs. Doll Shelton	Casco
New Zion				
Oak Grove	W. A. Rochell	DeValls Bluff	Rufus Carter	Not Given
Pleasant Grove				
Pleasant Ridge	W. A. Rochell	DeValls Bluff	L. E. Buchanan	Carlisle
Prairie Chapel	W. J. Johnson	Hazen	Carrie Owen	DeValls Bluff
Rising Sun	L. H. Dodson	DeValls Bluff	W. C. Henderson	Almyra
Rochell Chapel	W. A. Rochell	DeValls Bluff	Not Given	
Roe	L. D. Hodson	DeValls Bluff	Mary E. Tillman	Roe
Stuttgart	D. A. Gregory	Stuttgart	Mrs. J. R. Coldwell	Stuttgart
Sweet Home				
St. Charles	L. T. Cagle	DeLuce	Lula May Dunn	St. Charles
Union Chapel	C. R. Stone	Humphrey	J. T. Harrell	Humphrey

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1.—This body shall be known by the name of the Grand Prairie Baptist Association, and composed of members chosen by the different churches in the union, who, on producing letters, shall be entitled to seats; also the ordained ministers in good standing, retiring Moderator and all Committees appointed at one session to report the next.

ARTICLE 2.—The motto of this Association shall be: "The truth in its purity, preached in every section of our bounds."

ARTICLE 3.—The letters from the churches must state the number of members baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excluded, the name and postoffice of pastor and clerk.

ARTICLE 4.—The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to infringe on any of the rights of the churches, but may act as an advisory council for the common good of all the churches and advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom, and have power to exclude any church from her fellowship which may depart from the gospel of Christ, either in faith or practice.

ARTICLE 5.—Every church composing this Association shall be entitled to three delegates.

ARTICLE 6. Should any church fail to represent herself for two consecutive years, she may be dropped from the list of churches, should a satisfactory reason be not given.

ARTICLE 7.—New churches may be admitted into this body who petition by letter and delegates, if found to be sound in faith and in good order, the reception to be manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to the messengers.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Churches	Names	Addresses as far as could be gotten
Almyra	G. W. Bray	Almyra
Big Lagrue	B. K. Adams	DeWitt
Bellview	Mr. Nobles	Ethel
Center Point	W. J. Johnson	Hazen
Corinth	Lewis McMullins	Humphrey
Cross Roads	Arthur Mask	P. O. not given
David's Chapel	J. C. Pearson	Hickory Plains
DeVall's Bluff	R. H. Sanderson	DeVall's Bluff
	J. T. Fowlkes	
DeWitt	C. W. Fox	DeWitt
Gillett	L. F. Maynard	Gillett
Hazen	Prof. H. F. Dial	Hazen
Harmony	W. W. Lancaster	P. O. not given
Hebron	S. E. Thigpen	LeLuce
New Bethel	B. F. House	Hazen
New Bethany	W. H. Rolland	Tichnor
New Hope	W. M. Freeman	Hagler
New Salem	Mr. Jones	Casscoe
Oak Grove	W. L. Cole	Stuttgart, Route 1
Pleasant Ridge	W. D. Holden	Carlisle
Prairie Chapel	W. H. Wheeler	P. O. not given
Rising Sun	W. B. Word	Almyra
Roe	W. E. Tillman	Roe
Rochell Chapel	J. F. Lumkin	DeVall's Bluff
	W. A. Rochell	DeVall's Bluff
Sweet Home	J. H. Roach	DeVall's Bluff
St. Charles	R. A. Whiteside	St. Charles
Stuttgart	D. A. Gregory	Stuttgart
	R. A. Henderson	
Union Chapel	Mr. Huie	Humphrey
		W. H. Gregory, Chairman.
		W. G. Mathis, Clerk.
		J. H. Rounsavall, Treasurer.

ARTICLE 8.—This Association shall annually elect a Moderator from among themselves whose duty it shall be to see that the Rules of Decorum are observed, and take the voice of the Association on all questions properly brought before it; also, a Vice Moderator, and a Clerk, whose duty it shall be to keep a correct record of all the business of the Association; also a Treasurer, to receive and disburse the funds sent up to the Association, as directed by the body, or churches sending the same.

ARTICLE 9.—It shall be the duty of the Clerk of this Association to retain in the Minutes the names of all churches admitted to membership, until such are dropped by action of the Association; and in cases of non-representation; it shall be his duty to write: "Not Represented," in the proper place opposite their names in the statistical table.

ARTICLE 10.—This Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception and dismissal of a church, which shall be unanimous.

ARTICLE 11.—This Association may correspond with other Associations and conventions as may be agreed upon while in session.

ARTICLE 12.—It shall be the duty of the Association to appoint a minister to preach an introductory sermon, with an alternate; also one with an alternate to preach a missionary sermon at each succeeding session; and to fix the time and place for the next meeting of the body.

ARTICLE 13.—The messengers assembled shall elect the missionary, and the moderator shall appoint, at each session, an Executive Board, consisting of at least one member from each church, whose duty it shall be in case a vacancy occurs between the sittings of the Association, to elect and employ a missionary or missionaries.

ARTICLE 14.—This Constitution may be altered or amended at any time, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, except that clause in the fourth article which prohibits interference with the internal rights of the churches, which shall forever remain intact.

ARTICLE 15.—The Minutes shall be signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

RULES OF DECORUM.

ARTICLE 1.—The Association shall be opened by singing and prayer.

ARTICLE 2.—The Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot by the members present.

ARTICLE 3.—The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal to the body.

ARTICLE 4.—The Moderator shall be entitled to the privilege of speaking as other members, but not to vote, unless it is a tie.

ARTICLE 5.—All questions shall be introduced by motion, and if seconded, shall be open for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been discussed a reasonable time, the Moderator shall, when the question is called for, proceed to take it by calling for the yeas and nays, and if a call for a division is made, he shall call for a standing vote.

ARTICLE 6.—Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one shall speak at the same time, and shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject or make personal reflections.

ARTICLE 7.—No person shall speak more than once upon any subject until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity, nor more than twice without permission.

ARTICLE 8.—Every subject introduced for discussion shall be decided before another is offered, unless it be laid over by motion, with the consent of the mover and the Association.

ARTICLE 9.—The names of messengers shall be called whenever the Association shall direct, and absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.

ARTICLE 10.—The appellation of "brother" shall be used in addressing each other.

ARTICLE 11.—Any member violating the rules shall be subject to reproof by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 12.—Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules when a majority may deem it necessary.

ARTICLE 13.—Any case coming before the Association not provided for in these rules shall be governed by general parliamentary rules.

STATISTICAL TABLE

	MEMBERSHIP						Present Membership	MISSIONS				Ministerial Education	Schools and Colleges	Sunday School Work	Pastors' Salary	Building and Repairs	Orphans' Home	Minutes and Clerk	Value Church Property	Incidentals	Other Objects	Total to All Purposes
	Increase			Decrease				Associational	State	Home	Foreign											
	Baptisms	Letter	Restored	Death	Expulsion	Letter																
Almyra	7	5				2	44	\$ 84 00	\$		\$	\$	\$ 5 00	\$	\$ 300 00	\$	\$36 00	\$ 2 00	\$	\$	\$	\$ 427 00
Bellview	y																					
Big LaGrue		3		1	2		48	5 00							100 00			2 00			17 85	124 85
Bethel	x	2			1	2	27	3 69	6 25	2 13	1 00				25 00					23 02		61 09
Center Point		10	8	1	2	6	223	13 46									12 08	4 40	1500 00			29 94
Corinth	x	6	7				41	10 00									5 00	1 50				16 50
Cross Roads			3		2		67	5 00							50 00			1 00				56 00
Davids Chapel							34							6 00	30 00			1 00				37 00
DeValls Bluff			1		2	1	128	37 50	70 00	35 00	35 00			64 42	400 00		30 00	2 50	4000 00		60 00	734 42
DeWitt			4		3		123	127 50		149 28	92 55	11 28	13 40	58 08	900 00	93 60	257 53	3 25	4000 00	135 20	80 78	1922 48
Gillett		10	7				33	87 50	6 00	4 25	1 75	12 50		25 00	300 00	5 00	121 29	2 00		60 00		625 29
Harmony		6				1	32										5 00	1 50				6 50
Hazen		2	7		1	1	143	21 43	1 82					52 00	400 00		9 09	3 00	2000 00		84 00	571 34
Hebron	x	2	1	4			80	3 70							72 00			1 00				76 70
Humphrey	x	3						18 00														18 00
Lone Hickory	y																					
Macedonia	y																					
Magby	y																					
New Bethany	x						30											1 00				1 00
New Bethel		16	22		1	1	72										5 00	1 96		2 50	24 00	33 46
New Hope							69	29 36							27 00				1000 00			56 36
New Salem		4					27								67 39	11 00		1 25			8 05	87 69
New Zion	y																					
Oak Grove		16	3	3	1		61	5 00										1 50				6 50
Pleasant Grove	y																					
Pleasant Ridge		7	8		1	9	78							1 60	27 40			2 00		5 00	25 25	61 25
Prairie Chapel		2					37								75 00		6 00	1 93	600 00			82 93
Rising Sun		6					66	2 45						12 00	115 00		5 00	1 50			80 00	215 95
Rochell Chapel		22	16				52	10 85						2 50	43 89	244 00		2 70		15 95		319 89
Roe							20	1 35	1 00				1 00		66 00	318 60		1 00	368 66			388 95
Stuttgart		32	22	4	1	1	228	37 00	145 00	29 50	58 45		52 80	131 05	1000 00		78 12	5 00	15000 00	430 50		1968 42
Sweet Home	y																					
St. Charles							35											1 00				1 00
Union Chapel	x																	1 15				1 15
TOTAL		156	64	13	17	21	1798	502 79	230 07	220 16	188 78	23 78	72 20	352 65	3998 68	672 20	570 11	47 14	28468 66	649 15	402 95	7930 66

x—Represented by Letter.

y—Not Represented.