

MINUTES
OF THE
Fiftieth Annual Session of The
Concord Baptist Association
HELD WITH THE
CHARLESTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Charleston, Arkansas

SEPTEMBER 25-26-27, 1920

OFFICERS.

Moderator—B. V. Ferguson.....Fort Smith, Ark.
Vice-Moderator—E. A. Spiller.....Charleston, Ark.
Clerk—W. A. Booker.....Fort Smith, Ark.
Treasurer—C. F. Spiller.....Charleston, Ark.

EXECUTIVE BOARD
(By Virtue of Office.)

B. V. Ferguson, E. A. Spiller, W. A. Booker and C. F. Spiller; W. J. Hinsley,
J. A. Harp, O. O. Davls, Dan H. Cadmus, R. D. Hill.

Member of State Board.....W. J. Hinsley
Messenger to Southern Baptist Convention.....B. V. Ferguson

Next Session will be held at Hackett, at 10 o'clock a. m., on Thursday before
Fourth Lord's Day in September, 1921.

Introductory Sermon—E. A. Spiller; alternate, W. T. Hamor.

Chairmen of Committees for 1921.

Order of Business—W. J. Hinsley, W. A. Booker, J. W. Comer.

Prohibition—J. N. Pennington.

Sunday School—W. A. Booker.

Orphans' Home—C. P. Cunningham.

Religious Literature—J. L. Burt.

Christian Education—O. O. Davis.

Ministerial Education—W. T. Hamor.

Ministerial Support—P. C. Mays.

Obituaries—J. A. Harp.

Nominations—D. W. Bryan.

Finance—D. W. Bryan.

Woman's Work—Mrs. L. W. Hall.

B. Y. P. U.—E. A. Spiller.

Old Ministers' Relief—L. F. Wood.

Committee of Committees—B. V. Ferguson, O. O. Davis, W. T. Hamor.

Associational Missions—W. J. Hinsley.

Home Missions—Hall Wells.

Foreign Missions—W. V. Walls.

State Missions—H. E. Marsh.

Table of Ordained Ministers.

Sterling Hamilton.....	Huntington	A. E. Marsh.....	Fort Smith
G. C. McAtee.....	Fort Smith	F. E. Calvert.....	Fort Smith
Sam Hall.....	Fort Smith	Will Davis.....	Fort Smith
W. J. Hinsley.....	Booneville	J. B. Gooch.....	Fort Smith
J. N. Pennington.....	Booneville	D. M. Bryant.....	Booneville
W. B. Taylor.....	Booneville	O. O. Davis.....	Greenwood
Charles Wm. Finch.....	Booneville	E. F. White.....	Greenwood
J. G. Mabrey.....	Booneville	G. A. Williams.....	Greenwood
Hall Wells.....	Ratcliff	O. M. Stallings.....	Greenwood
E. B. Brown.....	Fort Smith	W. T. Hamor.....	Fort Smith
E. B. Harlin.....	Spiro, Okla.	J. F. Brewer.....	Fort Smith
E. A. Spiller.....	Charleston	A. B. Woody.....	Fort Smith
L. J. Burt.....	Charleston	M. H. Graham.....	Lavaca
P. C. Mays.....	Charleston	H. A. Maples.....	South Fort Smith
Charles F. Wilkins.....	Charleston	Karl McClendon.....	Greenwood
B. V. Ferguson.....	Fort Smith		

Licentiates.

Harris Springer.....	Booneville	Elvin Stem.....	Lavaca
Aaron Scott.....	Fort Smith	Earnest Hogan.....	Bunyen
Lloyd Odom.....	Fort Smith	Earl Rambo.....	Greenwood
Floyd Odom.....	Fort Smith	L. F. Woods.....	Charleston
Z. B. Dooley.....	Lavaca	J. Odom.....	Fort Smith
Charles Main.....	Lavaca		

Rules of Decorum.

1. The Association shall open and close with prayer.
2. The introductory sermon shall be preached by a minister chosen by ballot at the preceding association. In case of absence or failure, the sermon to be preached by an alternate chosen at the same time and in the same way. Some brother shall also be chosen to deliver a temperance address.
3. A committee of arrangements, consisting of five members, besides the moderator and clerk, who shall be ex-officio members, shall be appointed by the moderator to arrange and report the order of business.
4. Visiting brethren who are in good standing may be invited to seats but not to vote.
5. A member not satisfied with any decision of the moderator may make an appeal to the Association on the same day, but at no other time.
6. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise, address the moderator, and upon obtaining leave, shall proceed.
7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject or use words of personal reflection, and then by the moderator.
8. Every motion made and seconded shall come under consideration of the Association by yea and nay or otherwise.
9. A member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the moderator.
10. No member shall speak more than twice on one subject without permission from the moderator.
11. The appellation of "brother" shall be used in the Association by the members in their addresses one to the other. Titles that are unknown to the Scripture, such as "Reverend," "Parson," and the like, shall not be employed nor appear upon the minutes.
12. The names of the members shall be called as often as the Association may direct.
13. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoints another to his seat during the time, but shall not vote on any question unless the Association is equally divided.
14. Any person violating these rules may be reprov'd by the moderator at discretion, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.
15. These rules may be amended or altered at any regular meeting of this Association by a majority vote of the members present.

Constitution.

Article I. This Association shall be known as the Concord Association.

Article II. It shall be composed of Messengers from Baptist churches known to be in good standing. Each church with fifty members or less shall be entitled to three Messengers.. Each additional fifty shall entitle the church to one additional Messenger.

Article III. The officers shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual session and shall continue in office until their successors are chosen.

Article IV. Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the body according to parliamentary usage, and in absence of Moderator, Vice-Moderator to assume said duties.

Sec. 2. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings, attend to the publication and distribution of the minutes, keep a regular file of the printed minutes of the body and deliver the same to his successor in office.

Sec. 3. The Treasurer shall take charge of the funds of the Association, or its Executive Committee, and render account of the same to the annual session of this body.

Article V. The object of the Association shall be to promote fellowship among the churches; to secure unanimity of faith; to encourage concert in operation, and especially to cultivate the piety of the churches; and to aid in this last object, several minutes of each session shall be spent in devotional exercises.

Article VI. Section 1. This Association shall in no case interfere with the internal regulations of the churches, but will act as advisory counsel whenever it shall be necessary.

Sec. 2. It, however, claims authority over its own members, the Messengers from the churches, and will withdraw from and disown all churches that depart from the principles of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice;

Article VII. Newly-organized churches, or churches dismissed from other Associations may be admitted into this body upon application, by letter and Messenger at our annual meeting, and subscribing by our Messengers to the abstract of principles herewith published.

Article VIII. Churches may be dismissed from the Association, upon application at the annual meeting for the purpose of joining other Association, but any church departing from us without being regularly dismissed, shall be regarded as disorderly.

Article IX. Section 1. There shall be an Executive Committee, consisting of the officers of the body with five members chosen by the Association at each annual meeting. The duty of the committee shall be to superintend the missionary operations of the Association, and represent it in all matters requiring their attention when the Association is not in session. Three members of said committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Upon appointment, said committee shall come together and arrange their meeting and take such other steps as may be to the best interests of the cause of Christ.

Sec. 2. The regular committees of this Association shall be as follows: Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Associational Missions, Sunday School Missions, Educational, Ministerial Support, Prohibition, Religious Literature, Digest of Letters, Nominations, Queries, Finance, Order of

Business Woman's Work, Orphans' Home and Obituaries.

Article X. It shall be the privilege of the Association, through its executive committee, in addition to the power already granted, to conduct missionary operations within its limits, and for this purpose to choose a missionary or missionaries as means may allow, and designate the field of labor and pay them monthly through its Treasurer out of any funds in its hands, except the money sent for publishing the minutes of every annual meeting.

Article XI. The annual meeting of Association shall begin at 10 o'clock a. m. on Thursday before the fourth Lord's Day in September. The introductory sermon shall be preached at 11 a. m. on the same day. On each succeeding day the Association shall adjourn at 11 o'clock for preaching.

Article XII. This Constitution may be altered or amended, except as to Article VI, Section 1, at any regular meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members who are in attendance.

Amendments to Constitution.

1. No person shall serve as Moderator of this body more than two terms in succession. Adopted 1882.

2. The Constitution shall be published annually in the minutes of the Association. Adopted 1893.

3. Missionary sermon is placed in the hands of the Committee on Divine Service. Adopted 1894.

4. Each church is expected to send to each annual meeting of the Association, by the hands of its Messengers, a sum of money to be used for printing minutes. Adopted 1895.

5. All moneys collected by the Association during its several sessions shall be under the control of this Association.

6. The introductory sermon shall be preached at 11 o'clock on the first day of the annual session. Adopted 1910.

7. It shall be composed of Messengers from Baptist churches known to be in good standing. Each church with fifty members or less shall be entitled to three Messengers; and all ordained ministers belonging to said churches are Messengers without election. Each additional fifty members shall entitle the church to one additional Messenger. Adopted 1905.

8. That there be appointed a Committee on B. Y. P. U. Work. Adopted 1914.

9. The preaching services on Monday at 11 o'clock be dispensed with. Adopted 1914.

10. Created office of Vice-Moderator. Adopted 1920.

11. Changed meeting to 10 o'clock, a. m., Thursday before the fourth Lord's Day in September.

Articles of Faith.

1. We believe there is one and only one true and living God, Jehovah, and that in unity of the God-head there are three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the words of God, constituting the only all-sufficient standard of Faith, Doctrine, Discipline and Practice.

3. We believe that election is the sovereign exercise of the eternal love by which God has, according to His infinite wisdom, chosen His people in Christ before the word was, and has predestined them unto the adoption of the children through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth, and doth keep them by His power through faith unto salvation.

4. We believe that man was created holy, but by wilful violation of the law of his Maker, he fell into a state of sinfulness and brought death upon his race, who being by natural descent in the unholy image of Adam, are children of wrath by nature, and without natural or spiritual power to live a holy life or attain to a happy state.

5. We believe that sinners are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ and in no other way.

6. We believe that in order to be saved sinners must be regenerated or born again, that regeneration is affected by the power of the Holy Spirit, in connection with divine truth and the conditions thereof are repentance and faith, the evidence thereof love to the brethren.

7. We believe that such only are believers as endure unto the end in holiness of life, and are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

8. We believe the scriptures teach that repentance and faith are sacred duties and also inseparable graces wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God.

9. A Christian church is a congregation of immersed believers who meet stately and have covenanted together to maintain the ordinances of Christ, discharge the duties and enjoy the privileges of the New Testament appertaining to the church of Jesus Christ.

10. The only and proper offices of Christian churches are bishops (or pastors) and deacons.

11. Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit by a regularly ordained Baptist minister in good order.

12. The Lord's Supper is a positive and commemorative ordinance of Jesus Christ, to be observed in the church as such in remembrance of Christ and to show forth His death until He comes.

13. The first day of the week is the Lord's Day, and should be observed as a day of rest from common labor and all worldly business and devoted to religious duties.

14. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and in a general judgment, and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

Constitution and By-Laws of the Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary to the Concord Association.

Article I—Name. This organization shall be known as the Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary to the Concord Baptist Association.

Article II—Object. The three-fold object of the Woman's Missionary Union shall be:

1. To distribute Missionary information and stimulate effort through the local societies.
2. To secure the earnest, sympathetic co-operation of women and young people in collecting and raising money for missions.
3. To encourage organized and definite personal service.

Article III—Officers. Section 1. The officers shall be the Superintendent, First Vice-Superintendent, Second Vice-Superintendent, and a Secretary-Treasurer.

Sec. 2. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the officers of the Union and the President of each society or her substitute.

Sec. 3. The Superintendent and Vice-Superintendents shall be the Program Committee.

Article IV—Annual Meeting. The annual meeting for the election of officers, transaction of business, and the rendering of the annual program shall be held each year at such time and place as may be determined at the previous annual meeting or by the Executive Committee.

Article V—Representatives at the Annual Meeting. The officers of the W. M. U. and delegates duly elected by the local societies shall be entitled to vote. Each society shall be entitled to five delegates and one additional for each organization fostered by the local society.

Article VI—Conduct of Meetings. Every session of the W. M. U. shall be opened and closed with devotional services.

Article VII—Amendments. The Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds majority vote, at any annual meeting, a month's previous notice having been sent through the Secretary to each local society.

BY-LAWS.

Article I—Superintendent. The Superintendent shall preside at the annual meeting of the W. M. U. and at all meetings of the Executive Committee; shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for. She may, through the Secretary, call special meetings of the Executive Committee, when in her judgment needful or at the request of five members of the Committee. It shall be her duty to keep in close touch with all societies by letter, or otherwise, and do all in her power to promote the work of the kingdom in the Association. All reports shall be sent to her from the societies and she shall report quarterly and annually to the State Secretary of the W. M. U. In her absence the First Vice-Superintendent shall preside in her place.

Article II—First Vice-Superintendent. The First Vice-Superintendent shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the Superintendent; shall be

expected to attend the annual meetings of this body. It shall be her specific duty to do the field work and enlistment work of the Association.

Article III—Second Vice-Superintendent. The Second Vice-Superintendent shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the Superintendent and First Vice-Superintendent. She shall be expected to attend the annual meeting of this body. She shall be Superintendent of the Young People's Work in this Association.

Article IV—Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary-Treasurer shall receive all funds paid into the Association for expenses; shall keep accurate records of the annual and special meetings of the W. M. U. and Executive Committee. She shall perform the other duties usual to her office.

Article V—Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee, composed of five members, shall be elected from the floor at the beginning of each annual meeting. Only one member of this committee shall be allowed from any society.

Article VI—Amendments. The By-Laws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds majority vote at the annual meeting, one month's previous notice having been sent through the Secretary to the local societies.

Messengers.

Barber—J. Boydston, Mrs. J. Boydston.

Bethlehem—G. E. McAtee, W. W. Crow.

Bloomer—Lenae Carson, Walter Kaylor, Joe Jetton, Mrs. Lizzie Carson.

Booneville—T. M. Riley, Mrs. T. M. Riley, Dr. W. W. Hornsby, Mrs. Matie Edwards, Charles Stinson, Mrs. Charles Stinson, E. O. Barlow, M. Bryant.

Branch—W. A. Mayfield, P. C. Cunningham, C. H. Thomson, W. A. Garrett.

Burnville—Ben J. Williams, C. S. Williams, Mrs. Pearl Johnson, J. T. Williams.

Calvary—W. A. Booker, J. C. Williams, Mrs. Ed Roberts, Mrs. N. B. Scruggs, Mrs. B. L. Wofford.

Cavanaugh—H. L. Carter.

Charleston—O. A. Swift, Clyde Spiller, W. R. Brotherton, Mrs. E. C. Hunter, D. W. Bryan.

First, Fort Smith—B. V. Ferguson, Mrs. B. V. Ferguson, Della F. Clark, Rosa Wilbon, Mrs. Roy Hambrick, Mrs. J. L. Lavenue.

Glendale—J. A. Harp, J. N. Bryant, L. H. Perry, Roy Bryant.

Greenwood—Gordon Bryant, Mrs. Nannie Deason, J. H. Stinson, Less Been, G. H. Stewart, Miss Dot Hendrix, Mrs. C. W. Hall.

Hackett City—Dan Cadamus, Mrs. Dan Cadamus, Mrs. Oren Hendricks, Mrs. Willie Robinson.

Lexington Avenue, Fort Smith—W. T. Hamor, Lloyd Odem, Floyd Odom, J. F. Brewer, Mrs. N. D. Strong, E. E. Sprinkle, Charles Lowery, Mrs. Charles Lowery.

Moors Rock—Homer Piercy, Tom Webb, Grady Smithson.

Mount Zion—Oscar Neal, Maggie Neal, Jesse Wilkerson, Sarah Bartlett, Nettie Woodford.

Oak Bower—B. Meadows, John Measles, Mrs. Emma Measles.

Oak Grove—Cora Rowe, Will Rambo, Homer Davis, Lee Been.

Prairie View—Olen Brotherton, Virgil King, Everett Sharpe, Mrs. Virgle King.

Ratcliff—J. C. Pettigrew, Wm. E. Terry, Mrs. Anna Terry.

South Fort Smith—L. E. Pettigrew, Robert Millsbaugh, Mrs. Margaret Phillips, Velma Gabbert, H. E. Marsh.

Union Grove No. 1—A. C. Randalph, J. R. Ervin, L. A. Sharp.

Union Grove No. 2—A. D. Cumbie, Jeff McClendon, Mrs. Day Davis.

Vesta—C. C. Barton, Joe Linler, Eva Boone.

PROCEEDINGS

Charleston, Ark., Sept. 26, 1920.

The fiftieth session of Concord Baptist Association of Arkansas met with Charleston Baptist Church, September 26, 27, 28. Called to order at 10 a. m. by Moderator W. J. Hinsley of Booneville.

Devotional services were led by E. Rawlings of the Clear Creek Association.

The order of business submitted by B. V. Ferguson was adopted and the Association organized by electing the following officers: B. V. Ferguson, Moderator; E. A. Spiller, Vice Moderator; W. A. Booker, Clerk; and C. F. Spiller, Treasurer.

W. J. Hinesley delivered a forceful address upon the breaking down of the Inter-Church Movement, and the glorious achievement of the 75 Million Campaign.

By appointment, Brother Wilkins presented the new Moderator, B. V. Ferguson, who addressed the Association in his usual forceful way, impressing the churches that they expected to put the most into the next year's work. They would earnestly and faithfully strive to advance the Lord's work throughout the bounds of Concord Association.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Statistical—W. T. Hamor, O. O. Davis, C. F. Wilkins, J. A. Harp.

Committee on Committees—W. J. Hinsley, E. A. Spiller, L. E. Pettigrew.

Finance—Dan Bryant, R. Volt Hill, J. H. Stinson.

Previous appointees, O. M. Stallings, H. E. Marsh, being absent, O. O. Davis of Greenwood preached the introductory sermon. His discourse was interesting and helpful, full of inspiration, and was greatly enjoyed by the Messengers and visitors.

Committee on Committees, W. J. Hinsley, L. E. Pettigrew and E. A. Spiller, report adopted as follows:

Prohibition—H. M. Wells, chairman; O. L. Brotherton, J. N. Pennington.

Associational Missions—Chairman, W. A. Mayfield; L. E. Pettigrew, E. A. Spiller, W. T. Hamor, J. A. Harp.

Sunday School—Charles F. Wilkins, chairman; Floyd Odom, Mrs. O. M. Stallings.

State Missions—E. A. Spiller, chairman; James Stinson, Tom Webb.

Home Missions—J. W. Comer, chairman; Everett Sharp, Oscar Neal.

Foreign Missions—H. E. Marsh, chairman; O. A. Swift, C. P. Cunningham.

Orphans' Home—P. C. Mays, chairman; A. D. Cumble, Walter Kaylor.

Religious Literature—Roy Bryant, chairman; Homer Piercy, Claud Jetton.

Christian Education—C. F. Spiller, chairman; Mrs. B. V. Ferguson, Mrs.

C. W. Hall.

Ministerial Education—W. A. Booker, chairman; Less Bean, Mrs. W. J. Hinsley.

Ministerial Support—Voyt Hill, chairman; L. J. Burt, Marion Bryant.

Obituaries—L. J. Burt, chairman; Virgil King, C. C. Barton.

Nominations—B. V. Ferguson, chairman; D. W. Bryan, O. O. Davis, Jim Harpe.

Finance—D. W. Bryant, chairman; Voyt Hill, J. H. Stinson.

Woman's Work—Mrs. C. W. Hall, Mrs. B. V. Ferguson, Mrs. H. W. Boone.

B. Y. P. U.—Voyt Hill, Chairman; Ruby Bryan, Jeff McClendon.

Old Ministers' Relief—Homer Davis, chairman; J. N. Pennington, W. R. Brotherton.

Religious History—P. C. Mays, O. M. Stallings, H. L. Bean.

Adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

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SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Called to order by Moderator.

After invocations by W. A. Booker and D. W. Bryan, devotional services were conducted by B. V. Ferguson.

Moderator extended greetings to the following visitors: E. Rawlins, Clear Creek Association; Robert Rennie, Dardanelle Association.

Vice-Moderator E. A. Spiller was called to the chair, and B. V. Ferguson and other Messengers spoke on the subject of the petitionary letter from Hackett Baptist Church, transferring that church from the Buckner to this Association.

Motion to receive the Hackett Church and seat Messenger, J. W. Comer, was unanimously adopted.

After spirited discussion of the proposed organization of a new association in Sebastian County by the following Messengers: B. V. Ferguson, D. W. Bryan, J. W. Comer, W. J. Hinsley, W. A. Booker, P. C. Mays and O. O. Davis, the following resolution, offered by B. V. Ferguson, was unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, There has been an effort to form a county association in Sebastian County; and,

"Whereas, The churches in Sebastian County have been urged to withdraw from the Concord Association for the purpose of forming the said Association; be it

'Resolved, That we urge all the churches in the Concord Association to remain with the Association and hold our present work intact. That we deem the movement to organize the Sebastian County Association untimely, inexpedient and impractical."

Passed unanimously by the Association in session at Charleston.

After motion prevailed, a committee, consisting of W. J. Hinsley, B. V. Ferguson and O. O. Davis, was instructed to write all churches within the bounds of Concord Association not represented in this session, asking that they affiliate with Concord Association.

REPORTS.

Woman's Work.

After discussion by Mrs. C. W. Hall, Mrs. B. V. Ferguson, W. J. Hinsley, H. M. Wells, D. W. Bryan, the following amended report on Woman's Work was adopted:

The Committee on Woman's Work submits the following report:

The Concord W. M. U. Auxilliary to the Concord Association is composed of thirteen societies, two Young Woman's Auxillaries, one Royal Ambassadors, one Girls' Auxilliary and four Sunbeam Bands.

The total contributions this year are \$13,126.15, a gain of \$5,208.00 over that of last year.

During the past year in these thirteen woman's societies there have been held twenty-five mission study classes. Practically all of these societies have regular Bible study. Under the leadership of our personal service superintendent the personal service work has greatly increased.

Our Key Women in the four districts have brought us in closer touch with the churches in our Association, and their needs are brought more clearly before us.

Our churches need a consecrated woman giving her full time in enlisting and developing our women. We recommend, therefore:

1. That as soon as expedient a trained woman be employed to work with our associational missionary among our women and young people, organizing and training them.

2. The expense of this year be paid by the Association instead of being prorated among the societies.

MRS. C. W. HALL.

MRS. B. V. FERGUSON.

MRS. H. W. BOONE.

Prohibition.

Report on prohibition was discussed by H. M. Wells, P. C. Mays and J. S. Compere, and adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Prohibition, beg leave to submit the following report:

Whereas, The results of our State prohibition laws are becoming more manifest to all sound-thinking and God-fearing Baptists each day, it, therefore, becomes the duty of all Christians to, on every occasion, raise their voice against any lack of law enforcement against bootlegging and other illegal means of disposing of the harmful liquors.

We therefore, recommend that all our churches keep constantly before their people the fact that the battle is only half fought in the passage of the Eighteenth Amendment unless we demand the rigid enforcement of laws.

H. M. WELLS.

J. N. PENNINGTON.

O. H. BROTHERTON.

Orphans' Home.

Orphans' Home report adopted, after being discussed by P. C. Mays and J. G. Lyle.

We, your Committee on Orphans' Home, beg leave to report as follows:

We have two Orphans' Home, one at Monticello and one at Texarkana. The Home at Monticello has cared for about 1,000 children. Many of these have gone out into various walks of life, and are making useful men and women, who, but for the kindnesses, might have become a menace to society and the state. At present there are about sixty children in the home. There have been no deaths in the Homes this year, and health of the children has been remarkably good. The children are received into the Home at any age up to 13, and keep none after 18 years of age. The financial condition is good.

We recommend that our churches and Sunday schools contribute more liberally to the support of our Orphans' Home.

We have no data for our Texarkana Home.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. MAYS.

A. D. CURNBIE.

Change of Time of Meeting.

The matter of changing the time for annual meeting was discussed at length by W. J. Hinsley, W. A. Booker, P. C. Mays, B. V. Ferguson and others, and final vote of 46 to 10 prevailed, changing date of meeting to 10 o'clock a. m. on Thursday before the fourth Lord's Day in September.

Old Ministers' Relief.

J. S. Compere made a thorough explanation concerning the 75 Million Movement as it relates to old ministers' relief, and, after further discussion by P. C. Mays and L. G. Lyle, report was adopted as follows:

By taking offering for their needs we have long neglected these dependent soldiers of the Cross; we, therefore, recommend

That this is an additional reason that all Baptists should be prompt in the payment of their 75 Million Campaign pledges, because, under the present plan, the old minister receives his relief from this fund.

J. N. PENNINGTON.

We, your Committee on Ministerial Relief, beg leave to submit the following report:

Ministerial relief should be looked upon in the light of duty and not charity. We find ample proof in the New Testament that the men who preached the unsearchable riches of Christ and ministered unto the people in spiritual things, were highly esteemed by New Testament churches.

W. R. BROTHERTON.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

Devotional services were conducted by E. A. Spiller, after which Moderator called Association to order.

REPORTS.

Religious Literature.

Discussions were made by J. S. Compere, Roy Bryant, W. J. Hinsley and W. J. Hamor. Report was adopted as follows:

It is hardly possible to over-estimate the importance of getting and using the right sort of reading matter. For many years we have been saying that this is a reading age. It becomes more and more so every year. The great war whetted the people's appetites for the printed page, and the reading habit is bound to grow.

The future belongs to the people who produce and read the best literature and the most of it. The country is being sowed down with literature, and a great deal of it is hurtful in the extreme. A very large per cent of the literature that our young people read is shot through with vulgar and profane suggestions as well as infidel teaching. The most senseless and unreasonable heresies are widely advertised in the literature that is being read on all sides. It is not possible to overcome the bad effects of such literature except by circulating the right sort.

The Bible holds first place in our literature. When we know what the Bible teaches on any subject that settles it. There is not the slightest excuse for our people to be in ignorance of the teachings of the Bible. We urge regular, systematic Bible study by all our people, and that parents teach the Bible to their children.

But people are going to read other things besides the Bible. We believe that every home should have a good supply of the best books, including books on subjects of general interest as well as books on religious subjects, and especially on Baptist doctrines. Such books can be had from the Baptist Book House, 405 Donaghey Building, Little Rock, Ark.

Another matter of the very greatest importance is to see that every Baptist home has a Baptist paper. It is estimated that 600,000 Baptist homes in the South are without a Baptist paper. In Arkansas among the Baptists who are in sympathy with the Convention there are not less than 16,000, or possibly 18,000, such homes without a Baptist paper. If the Baptist Advance could be put in all such homes it would be a mighty help to our cause.

A special effort is being made all over the South to put a Baptist paper in every Baptist home. This campaign was approved by the Southern Baptist Convention and it was recommended by 75 Million Commission in its report to the Convention. It is strongly urged by the Conservation Commission that was appointed to go on with the work of the campaign. We believe that if we are to go on through the five years of the 75 Million Campaign with success we must get Baptist papers into the homes of our people.

The Baptist Advance is the property of the Baptist State Convention. It is our paper. It promotes all the work in which we are engaged. It ought to go to every Baptist home in the State. We recommend that special effort be made by pastors and churches to see that every family represented in their resident membership gets the Advance.

On the first of September the Advance had about 9,000 regular subscribers. This number ought to be doubled in a short time.

Also Home and Foreign Fields, published by the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., and Royal Service, published by the Southern Baptist W. M. U., Baltimore Md. are of very great value and we recommend that our people subscribe for and read them.

ROY BRYANT, Chairman.

HOMER PIERCY,

CLAUD SETTON, Committee.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

Song service was conducted by A. B. Kirkpatrick of Lavaca.

J. S. Compere, editor of the Baptist Advance, discussed the 75 Million Campaign, after relating incidents of his early life at his birthplace on the hill near the present meeting place of the Association.

A free-will offering was taken for State Missions.

At 10:15 a. m. the Charleston Sunday school assembled to make class records, and then gave way to work of the Association.

Vice-Moderator E. A. Spiller called the meeting to order, and prayer was offered by W. A. Mayfield of Branch, Ark.

REPORTS.

Sunday School Reports.

Report was adopted after interesting discussion by Missionary C. F. Wilkins, featuring Baptist literature and Baptist teachers. Discussions were

also made by W. A. Booker, W. J. Hinsley, J. W. Comer and State Sunday School Secretary J. B. Mosley. The latter giving splendid description of the work in the State, and calling for 1,000 volunteers for Sunday school extension work.

The Sunday school is the teaching service of the church—teaching is pre-eminent. It is truly the church studying and teaching God's Word.

Baptist have ever been in the forefront in the making of Sunday school history. Just a few facts connected with what they have done in the past and are now doing:

William Fox, a Baptist deacon, organized the first Sunday school for the study of the Bible.

William Gourney, a Baptist, started voluntary teaching in the Sunday school.

Joseph Hughes, a Baptist, organized the work of Sunday school tracts and literature.

Miss Harriet Bishop, a Baptist, organized the first Sunday school in the great Northwest of our own American territory.

B. J. Jacobs, a Baptist, gave birth to the uniform lesson system.

The world never needed to hear the voice of God so much as today. Before we can understand His message, we must learn to abide in His Word. There is a general and growing neglect in Bible study among professed Christians. The home is neglecting to lead the child in Bible study; the public schools can't teach the Bible, hence it is left for the church school to do this work. If our children ever know or appreciate the truths of God's Word, then how important that every church maintain a strong Bible school. How important that every pastor be faithfully engaged in training members of his congregation to do efficient Bible teaching.

There is great need of more effort on the part of the leaders of church work to extend this important kingdom work. Every church should have a Sunday school, and every member of the church should become members of some department of the church school. Let us all work and pray to this end.

We find in our Association:

1. There are several churches without and Sunday school organization.
2. There are many churches maintaining a Sunday school for not more than six months in the year.
3. There are some churches using other than Baptist literature and employing other than Baptists for teachers.
4. That 70 per cent of the reported baptisms for the past year came from our schools.

Your committee would recommend:

1. That every church in the Association maintain a Sunday school twelve months in the year.
2. That only Baptist literature be used and that we connect ourselves with and encourage only Baptist Sunday school organizations.

3. That all possible effort be made to make every Sunday school in the Association a standard school, and that our Sunday school workers attend all Sunday school conferences and institutes that they can in order that they may be efficient workers. Organize a class in the Convention Normal Manual right away. God bless our Sunday school.

CHARLES T. WILKIN,

FLOYD ODOM,

MRS. O. M. STALLINGS, Committee.

B. Y. P. U.

After brief discussion, report on B. Y. P. U. work was adopted as follows:

Just as the Sunday school is the teaching force, just so the B. Y. P. U. belongs to the training department of our kingdom work. The outcome of the B. Y. P. U. participation in the recent 75 Million Campaign demonstrated the value of training such as B. Y. P. U. gives. The purpose of the campaign was enlistment, and enlistment is the keynote of B. Y. P. U. They seek to enlist every member into some activity of the Union, chiefly in taking part in the programs, in reading the Bible daily, in singing, and in systematic and proportionate giving. It is a well-known fact in B. Y. P. U. circles that all A-1 Unions are 90 per cent and up in giving. Many of them reach 100 per cent in giving. The reports of the campaigners from all the States show that the B. Y. P. U. members gave, and gave gladly.

It is gratifying to report a large increase in B. Y. P. U. membership during the past year. We have six B. Y. P. U. organizations in our Association, and only one in a rural church. May the day soon come when a B. Y. P. U. will be maintained in every rural church, upon which the growth of our work largely depends.

We recommend: First, That our associational missionaries devote a part of their time in organizing and enlisting our young people. Second, That a B. Y. P. U. be organized in every church as soon as it is expedient. Third, That representatives be sent to the summer assembly at Arkadelphia, July 5th to 10th. Fourth, That we call upon our B. Y. P. U. workers to assist in institutes and training schools.

R. VOYT HILL.

RUBY BRYAN.

JEFF McCLENDON.

Resolution.

After a spirited discussion a resolution, offered by W. J. Hinsley, relative to separate bathing places in the river at Arkadelphia during B. Y. P. U. assembly, was adopted as follows:

"Since there seems to be a growing tendency to moral lackness in society, and since we believe that the practice of mixed bathing is hurtful to our Christian influence, and tends to immorality; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we ask the authorities at our B. Y. P. U. assembly to arrange separate bathing places for our young people.

"That a copy of this resolution be presented to the Secretary of our Young People's Work, Bro. J. B. Mosley, and also a copy be sent the Baptist Advance.

"That we feel impelled to withdraw our support of the assembly unless this practice of mixed bathing is discontinued."

At 11 o'clock Sunday morning, Rev. J. S. Compere of Little Rock addressed the Association, using the first chapter of Revelations as a text. Brother Compere's sermon was inspiring to the Messengers and large number of visitors.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The meeting was opened by singing "How Firm a Foundation," and devotional exercises held by J. W. Comer, who read the eighteenth chapter of Luke.

REPORTS.

Ministerial Education.

Report adopted as follows:

Approximately one-third of the Baptist churches in Arkansas are pastorless at this time, and yet there are many idle preachers. The demand for educated pastors never was so great. In many villages and country churches preference seems to be given to no pastor at all unless educated. This day of good schools and enlightened communities marks a definite call for educated ministry.

Ouachita College, when free tuition and other courtesies are extended to ambitious young preachers, only forty were enrolled last year, and our Mountain schools had about thirty in attendance.

We recommend that each church in the Association lend all the encouragement and assistance possible to young men who are called to preach, and work out definite plans for those already in the ministry to complete their college and seminary training.

W. A. BOOKER.

LESS BEAN.

MRS. W. J. HINSLEY.

Christian Education.

Report on Christian Education was adopted after discussion by C. F. Spiller, P. C. Mays, W. J. Hinsley, J. G. Lyle and H. G. Thomason. This discussion proved to be one of the most interesting of the Association. Brother Hinsley's plea was for the child, while Brother Thomason discussed Christian education from a standpoint of the country's good, recommending secondary schools and denominational schools for training of teachers injecting into his

remarks a bit of prophecy and warning to Christian parents that our denominational schools be given heartier support.

The following was adopted:

We are what we are very largely, almost entirely, because of the teaching we have had. If we had been brought up in homes of infidels and taught by infidel parents and infidel teachers, not many of us would now be serving the Lord Jesus Christ. In every school in the land we should have Christian teachers. If we are concerned about the spiritual welfare of our children, if it is our purpose to help our young people to become useful Christian men and women, we must stand loyally for our Baptist schools and support them with our means and our patronage.

Every good Baptist in Arkansas rejoices over the prosperity of our educational institutions.

Ouachita College, at Arkadelphia, has property values in buildings, grounds and equipment, worth about \$250,000. The endowment is about \$112,000. New buildings to cost about \$250,000 are now in course of construction.

In Central College, at Conway, we have property worth about \$125,000, and new buildings to cost about \$100,000 are to be constructed right away.

In Mountain Home College, at Mountain Home, our junior college, we have property worth about \$60,000 or more.

The property values of our academies at Maynard, Blue Eye, and Hagarville, average about \$12,000 for each school.

A Baptist college is to be built at Jonesboro soon, and Baptist academies open their first sessions this Fall in Montgomery and Union Counties.

Our colleges and schools are all well patronized, so well that additional buildings are absolutely necessary, and yet only a very small per cent of our boys and girls are attending Baptist schools. We urge upon our people the duty of sending their children to our own schools and colleges.

Never has there been greater need for an educated ministry. Young preachers are given free tuition and additional financial help in Ouachita College and in our mountain schools. Let us call out the called and encourage them and help them to attend college. To fail in this means ruin. Several good friends have recently remembered Ouachita College in their wills—a splendid way to bless mankind.

The most hopeful sign of progress in all our work is the prosperity of our Baptist schools and colleges, and the ever-increasing interest of our brotherhood in this work, manifested by the enlarged patronage and the liberal contributions through the 75 Million Campaign.

Let us pray for our schools and support them.

C. F. SPILLER, Chairman,

MRS. B. V. FERGUSON,

MRS. DOSTON HALL, Committee.

Foreign Missions.

The following was adopted:

We, your committee, submit the following report:

Of all the departments of the Kingdom work, Foreign Missions is the part where the least element can enter. The salvation of our own family, friends or community, is a great incentive to do mission work at home. But in the work of foreign mission it is far different. God calls us to be interested in the salvation of a people whom we, perhaps, never saw, or among a people whom we have regarded as our national enemies, yet the commission of our Lord is to take the message of salvation to the uttermost parts of the earth. In order for us to do most effective work in this large field, we must focus our efforts together.

Our Foreign Mission Board, located at Richmond, Va., affords just such opportunity for every church and every member in those churches to unite their efforts in this great heaven-sent gigantic enterprise. The success of our 75 Million Drive made it possible for August 28, 1920, to be one of the great days in Baptist foreign mission work.

Seventy-five new missionaries sailed that day on one vessel, the largest number that ever sailed at one time in the history of missionary activities. Seven thousand of our young people volunteered for special work in October, 1919. Many of them are preparing for foreign work. There is no excuse for any Baptist anywhere not to have some part in this glorious work. With our well established schools, hospitals and preaching stations on foreign fields, affords ample opportunity to push forward the work of the Kingdom everywhere. Prompt and regular payment of our pledges to the 75 Million Campaign will insure the financial success of our foreign work.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. MORRIS,

C. P. CUNNINGHAM, Committee.

SUNDAY EVENING SESSION

Devotional exercises were conducted by Vice-Moderator E. A. Spiller.

REPORTS.

Home Missions.

Chairman J. W. Comer yielded his time for the discussion of Home Missions to Dr. W. S. Wiley, field secretary of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. Dr. Wiley gave an interesting history of the new Baptist Institute in New Orleans, La., showing its growth in the last few years. This institution now having fourteen buildings valued at more than \$1,000,000. Four hundred men and women matriculated at this institute for the study of mission work last year. All languages are taught at this institute, and a

splendid work has been done for home missions. Dr. Wiley also described the million dollar sanatorium at Mt. McKinley, and told of the great educational work being done in Cuba.

The following report on Home Missions was adopted:

Following the World War and in the midst of reconstruction problems, thousands of our people have made a new dedication of themselves to this Christian Americanism, and in no section more than in the South, where the largest proportion of native Americans reside. They purpose to safeguard American liberties by safeguarding that faith which alone made those liberties possible, and to keep lighted in America a beacon of liberty which shall shine out across the seas to cheer and bless peoples who grope in darkness.

In 1919 the missionaries of our Board baptized one convert for every three received into our churches. Regularly they baptize from twenty to twenty-five per cent as many converts as the entire number who enter our churches. For fifteen years its Evangelists have averaged 450 baptisms per year per worker, a record far out-stripping that of any other similar agency. Its system of Mountain Schools is larger than any other and is the acknowledged standard in adaptability. Its Enlistment work is rapidly bringing a more adequate standard of spiritual instruction and effectiveness in hundreds of churches. Its Church Extension work has grown from infancy to lusty strength in a period of only a few years.

Every loyal Baptist will rejoice in the admirable efforts of our Board to meet the crucial needs of these days by enlarging its work. At its annual meeting in Atlanta in June, after long and painstaking efforts to reduce the appropriations as far as possible, the brethren of the Board found that \$2,875,000 was necessary for work of the present year.

We commend to our people the admirable Mission Study Books of the Home Board, through which a true view is presented of the large problems we confront, and recommend that pastors, superintendents, mission society leaders and others write often for the large and splendid assortment of free tracts about its work and the needs, which our Home Board gladly furnishes on request. We urge the churches to pay up on the 75 Million Campaign.

J. W. COMER,

E. E. SHARP, Committee.

At 7:45 Rev. W. J. Hinsley, Booneville, Ark., preached, using for his text Romans 1:16 to 25. There was one conversion at this meeting.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION

J. W. Comer conducted song service, after which Moderator called Association to order.

REPORTS.

Ministerial Support.

Report on Ministerial Support was discussed by Voyt Hill, P. C. Mays,

W. J. Hinsley, J. A. Harp and D. W. Bryan, after which same was adopted: We, your Committee on Ministerial Support, beg to submit the following:

There is a cause for each effect. What is the cause of so many pastorless churches? We do know that many of our pastors are paid on a minimum living scale, and even some are not paid a living wage. The growing demands for better preachers, and increased costs of living compel us to see that our pastors are paid salaries that will keep them in the service. The scarcity of preachers is co-relative to the scarcity of school teachers. We must pay preachers enough to justify necessary preparation, or else God's cause will suffer.

R. VOYT HILL,

L. J. BURT,

F. M. BRYANT, Committee.

State Missions.

State Mission report was adopted after being discussed by E. A. Spiller, W. J. Hinsley and others.

With Arkansas Baptists one supreme expression of their missionary faith and zeal is found in State Missions. The object of State Missions is to bring all the affairs of all the people of the state under the control of Christ. Our purpose in this work is to get everybody in the state saved and into the Baptist churches, and then get them to give proper support to all enterprises of the Kingdom of God, both for Arkansas and all the world. We believe the great Commission was given to Baptist churches.

The work of State Missions is carried on by the churches through the Executive Board of the Baptist State Convention. The report of this Board to the Convention last year showed the following results: Workers employed for full or part time, 120; days labored, 21,870; sermons and addresses, 15,253; baptisms, 2,281; additions, 3,902; subscriptions to the Baptist Advance, 995; money raised by missionaries, \$50,005.

Surely these wonderful reports set out facts and figures that will stir the churches in our Association to pay up subscriptions to the 75 Million Campaign in order that State Missions may have all obligations paid December 1st. All over the state there is sore destitution. If the destitute sections are to be cared for next year by State Mission workers, if associational boards are to be aided in paying their missionaries, and if weak churches are to be helped in paying their pastors, we must take care of our State Mission obligations. The Association urges all our pastors and churches to do their utmost.

E. A. SPILLER,

J. H. STINSON, Committee.

Associational Missions.

Annual reports of Missionaries O. M. Stallings and Chas. F. Wilkins were received and adopted as follows:

Annual Report of Associational Missionary for Concord Association, Sept. 25, 1920, Charleston, Ark.

Work Done: Time labored, 5 months 8 days; miles traveled, 1,425; sermons preached, 105; talks, 11; funerals, 3; prayers in homes, 5; marriages, 3; religious visits, 71; pastors aided to call, 4; meetings for preachers, 3; institutes taught, 2; diplomas awarded, 28; Bibles sold, 4; other books, 15; pages of literature given out, 1,000 plus; subs. H. & F. Fields, 7; subs. Royal Service, 1; subs. Baptist Advance, 16; organized B. Y. P. U.'s, 2; organized Sunday Schools, 2; ordained Deacons, 3; conversions, 48; baptisms, 33; by letter, 24; total additions, 57; organized W. M. S., 1.

Collected Afield: Building and repairs, \$225.00; other preachers, \$311.00; on salary, \$191.50; periodicals, \$29.75; total, \$758.25.

Expenses: Five months at \$166.65, \$833.25; 5 months car expense, adv., \$63.50; 8 days salary and expenses, \$46.84; total, \$943.59. All of which has been paid in collections or by the treasurer except: On August, \$88.65; on September, \$46.84; total, \$135.49 (balance due).

NOTE: C. E. Goatcher sang for me in two meetings, namely, Barling and Jinyind.

O. M. STALLINGS, Missionary.

To the Brethren of the Board: I do hereby offer my resignation as your missionary in order that I may enter Fort Worth Seminary. Blessings upon you and your labors in the future is my prayer.

Signed: O. M. STALLINGS.

Greenwood, Ark., 9-19-20.

Missionary report for part of September:

Time, 8 days; miles, 50; F. F. subs., 2; B. Y. P. U. organized, 1; S. S. organized, 1; W. M. S. organized, 1; salary plus expenses, \$46.84; Royal Service subscribers, 1.

O. M. STALLINGS, Missionary.

Report of Chas. F. Wilkins to the Association.

Days labored, 227; miles traveled, 1,377; sermons preached, 170; other addresses, 15; professions of faith, 33; additions by baptism, 29; additions by letter, 18; additions by statement, 1; classes taught in Convention Normal Manual, 1; books sold and given away, 7; tracts and other literature given away, 500 (estimated); deacons assisted in ordination, 3; ministers assisted in ordination, 2; number of revival meetings held, 8; collected and raised for other ministers, \$287.

Expenses: Hotel, \$43.25; railroad fare, \$27.55; jitney fare, \$9.00; postage, \$3.25; stationery, \$7.50; telephone and telegraph messages, \$3.65; song books, \$5.60; house rent, \$105.00; total, \$204.80. Salary, \$1,000; collected on field, \$131.84.

CHAS. F. WILKINS, Missionary.

Associational Missions.

Chairman O. O. Davis of the Associational Committee offered the report,

and after same was discussed by numerous messengers, report was adopted in revised form as follows:

Your Committee on Associational Missions reports a good year's work. The Lord has prospered the efforts of the missionaries. It has been an extremely hard year for both of the brethren. They have pushed forward their efforts to win the lost. Many have come to Christ under their ministry. One of the deepest and most permanent emotions of the human soul is the love of native land and the nearer home the deeper the love. This makes a mighty appeal for association missions. When we give God's money to this cause, we are doing that which will help more than anything else to build up the civic, industrial, moral and religious life of our Association. Our work has been along the line of meetings, institutes, helping to locate pastors, baptizing, preaching funerals, organizing B. Y. P. U., etc.

The present method of doing associational mission work will be continued under the direction of the Executive Board, which board will canvass the matter of finances with a view of liquidating the present indebtedness of the Association, and extending the mission work as far as financial conditions will warrant.

O. O. DAVIS, Chairman,
W. T. HAMMER,
J. A. HARP,
E. A. SPILLER,
W. A. MAYFIELD, Committee.

Obituaries.

Report was read by L. J. Burt and adopted after discussion and after special prayer by Brother Rawlings for the bereaved:

"Whereas our Heavenly Father, through His own plan, has taken from our midst the following to take up their abode with Him, we, your committee, recommend that this body express its deepest sympathy to the bereaved friends and beloved ones of these, our dead:

Our Dead.

Bloomer.—Alice Card, Elizabeth Delaney, C. C. Barton, Virgil King.
Booneville.—Russell Baich, J. B. Bailey.
Branch.—J. W. Yocom, P. Burton.
Charleston.—Paul Bryan.
Greenwood.—Lena Edwards, Grace McGee, Irene Stewart.
Hackett City.—Dora Cheek, Emma Crass.
Fort Smith (Lexington Ave.)—Mrs. Robt. Dyer, Mamie Turner, Mrs. A. J. Turner.
Mt. Zion.—Mrs. N. E. Wilkerson.
Oak Grove—Rev. H. L. Beem, R. P. Townley, Ella Townley, Martin Townley, Florence Townley, H. H. Townley.
Ratcliff.—Maud Crow.

South Fort Smith.—J. H. Millsbaugh, Mrs. J. H. Millsbaugh, Jasper Millsbaugh.

Union Grove No. 2.—Mrs. L. G. McClendon.

Vesta.—Mrs. A. A. Rice, Louis Mantooth.

First Baptist Church, Fort Smith.—John Ayers, Mrs. T. C. Gray, T. C. Price, Miss Billie Curtis, Claud Brown, Mrs. Mary Reid, H. C. Edwards, Miss Annie Kohler, Miss Virgie Seibert, Samuel J. Sturges, J. S. Renfro, John Kirkbride.

Finance.

The following report of the finance committee was adopted:

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report that there has been received by us the sum of \$90.55 for minutes and clerk, paid by church according to table attached:

Greenwood, \$10.80; Moore's Rock, \$2.50; Prairie View, \$5.00; Union Grove No. 2, \$3.10; Bloomer, 50 cents; Vesta, \$1.50; Booneville, \$4.00; Union Grove No. 1, \$2.30; Branch, \$2.00; Charleston W. M. U., \$1.50; Oak Bower, \$1.50; Barber, \$1.00; Burnsville, \$2.75; Cavanaugh, \$4.50; Cavalry, \$5.00; Charleston, \$3.50; Lexington Avenue, \$10.00; Fort Smith First, \$10.00; Glendale, \$3.35; South Fort Smith, \$5.00; Bethlehem, \$5.00; Ratcliff, \$1.75; Hackett City, \$4.00.

D. W. BRYAN, R. VOYT HILL, J. H. STINSON, Committee.

Report of C. F. Spiller, Treasurer.

RECEIPTS

1919—

Sept. 30—To amount from D. W. Bryan.....	\$ 254.83
Sept. 30—To amount from Finance Committee.....	567.64
Dec. 19—To amount Note to Bank.....	165.00

1920—

March 8—To amount Note to Bank.....	200.00
March 15—State Board by E. P. Aldredge.....	125.00
April 7—State Board	159.01
May 31—Charleston Church	203.60
June 2—State Board	332.56
June 2—American State Bank	150.16
July 6—State Board	152.05
July 7—State Board	66.62
Aug. 21—State Board	103.60
Sept. 7—State Board	110.48
Sept. 25—American State Bank	16.66
Sept. 27—Finance Committee	90.40

\$2,697.61

2,602.19

Balance on hand September 28.....\$ 95.42

EXPENDITURES

1919—

Sept. 30—Paid note to American State Bank.....	\$ 510.00
Sept. 30—Paid Interest on Note.....	14.90
Nov. 29—Paid P. B. Langley	98.00
Dec. 15—Paid P. B. Langley	42.50

1920—

Feb. 2.—Paid C. E.	83.00
Feb. 2.—Paid E. P. Aldredge	15.00
Feb. 26—Paid W. A. Booker	18.50
Feb. 26—Paid P. B. Langly	90.18
Oct. (1919)—P. B. Langly	125.00
March 8—C. F. Wilkins	150.00
March 10—D. W. Bryan90
March 11—W. J. Hinsly	2.95
March 15—Note to American State Bank.....	165.00
March 15—Interest on Note	4.59
April 7—C. F. Wilkins	125.00
May 31—American State Bank	200.00
May 31—Interest on Note	3.60
June 3—C. F. Wilkins	9.00
June 4—C. F. Wilkins	130.66
June 16—American State Bank, Note	150.16
June 16—Interest on Note46
July 3—C. F. Wilkinson	165.09
Aug. 22—O. M. Stallings	103.60
Aug. 22—C. F. Wilkins	100.59
Sept. 16—C. F. Wilkins	110.48
Sept. 16—O. M. Stallings	152.05

\$2,602.19

Executive Board.

The report of the Executive Board was read and adopted:

The Executive Committee met on Sept. 28, 1919, and elected Brother B. P. Langley missionary for full time at a salary of \$1,500 per year and travelling expenses.

Brother Langley resigned December 15th, 1919.

In December Brother O. F. Wilkins was elected at a salary of \$1,500, house rent and travelling expenses. Brother Wilkins began work February 1st.

On March 9th Brother O. M. Stallings was elected at a salary of \$2,000 per year and \$10.00 per month travelling expenses. Brother Stallings began work April 1st.

On March 9th Brother C. E. Goacher was elected for three months at a salary of \$125 per month and traveling expenses, to begin work July 1st. Brother C. E. Goacher worked two months.

W. J. HINSLEY, Chairman.

C. F. SPILLER, Secretary.

Miscellaneous Reports.

The following matters were discussed and disposed of:

On motion of J. W. Comer the clerk was voted \$20 for preparing minutes for the Association.

The following messengers were appointed to carry greetings to neighboring associations as follows:

Clear Creek—B. V. Ferguson, W. A. Booker.

Dardanelle—W. J. Hinsley.

Buckner—O. O. Davis.

Bible School.

A resolution offered by W. A. Booker was adopted as follows:

"Resolved that the Moderator of the Association appoint a committee to arrange for a Bible school some time after Christmas."

A committee was appointed consisting of B. V. Ferguson, O. O. Davis and W. T. Hamor.

Religious History.

Further time was granted the committee on Religious History at the request of P. C. Mays, chairman, and the following were added to the committee: J. N. Pennington, Troy Bean.

A motion prevailed that the Executive Board canvass matter of finances and ascertain what will be required for associational expenses for next year and notify all churches within the bounds of the Association, and also to urge all churches to send messengers to next association meeting.

Delegates.

Southern Baptist Convention—B. V. Ferguson.

State Board—W. J. Hinsley.

Committees for 1921 and order of business was adopted.

The Committee on Nominations recommended Hackett Baptist Church as the next meeting place, and same was adopted.

Resolution of Thanks.

We heartily appreciate the privilege we have enjoyed at Charleston and therefore, Be It Resolved, That this Association extend to the members of the Church, their good pastor and all those who so generously entertained us, a vote of thanks.

B. V. FERGUSON, Moderator.

W. A. BOOKER, Clerk.

Proceedings Women's Missionary Union.

The Women's Missionary Union of Concord Association met with the Baptist Church of Charleston, Arkansas, Sept. 24, 1920. The following program was rendered:

Morning Session—10 o'Clock.

Opening Hymn....."Jesus Shall Reign"
Devotional.....Mrs. E. A. Spiller
Hymn....."Jesus Calls O'er the Tumult"
Words of Welcome.....Mrs. C. F. Wilkins
Response.....Mrs. Robinson, Branch, Ark.
Reading and Approving of last year's minutes.
Reports from Societies.
Nomination Committee—Mrs. Chas. Wilkins, Mrs. Barlow, Mrs. W. D. Strong,
Mrs. O. M. Stallings and Mrs. J. H. Hinsley.
Prayer.....Rev. Hinsley
Superintendent's address.
Report of Sunbeams.
Reports of Y. W. A. and G. A. and R. A.
Booneville reports all the societies.
Quiet Hour—"Laborers With God".....Mrs. B. V. Ferguson
Hymn....."Blessed Assurance"
Prayer.....Brother Booker

Noon Hour, 12 to 1:30.

Meeting of Nominating Committee.

Meeting of Resolutions Committee.

MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Hymn....."Work for the Night Is Coming"
Prayer.....Mrs. W. T. Hamor
Hymn....."Bringing in the Sheaves"
Prayer.....Mrs. B. V. Ferguson
Report—Mrs. O. M. Stallings. Read and adopted.
Report—Personal Service, Mrs. B. W. Webb.
Personal Service discussed.
Report of Mission Study—Mrs. W. D. Strong. Read and adopted.
Mission Study discussed.
Reports from District Key Women—Mrs. E. A. Spiller and Mrs. H. H. Hinsley.
Discussed.
Report of Enrollment Committee—Elder Delegates, 22; Younger Delegates, 2;
Visitors, 28; total, 52.
Report of Resolutions Committee—Mrs. Ed Roberts.
"The World's Need—God's Call to Christian Women".....Mrs. E. Rawlings
"Here Am I, Send Me".....Mrs. Hugh Johnson

Hymn "Where He Leads Me"
 Prayer Rev. E. A. Spiller

MONDAY EVENING SESSION

Hymn "Beautiful River"
 Prayer Rev. E. Rawlings
 Hymn "Love Lifted Me"
 Prayer W. A. Booker
 Hymn "We're Marching to Zion"

Report of Nomination Committee. Supt. Mrs. C. W. Hall of Greenwood;
 Asst. Supt., Mrs. F. P. Yarbrough, Ft. Smith; Secretary and Treasurer,
 Viola Morvery, Ft. Smith; Young People's Superintendent, Mrs. Chas.
 Stinson, Booneville; Mission Study Superintendent, Mrs. Dan McCarthy,
 Ft. Smith; Personal Service, Mrs. E. A. Spillers, Charleston.

Address to Young People..... Rev. W. T. Hamor, Ft. Smith

Pageant—"Girdling the World With Light"..... 12 Young Women of Ft. Smith

The next meeting will be held with the Hackett W. M. S. on Wednesday and Wednesday evening before the fourth Sunday in September.

MRS. B. V. FERGUSON, Supt.

MRS. JACKSON, Sec'y and Treas., Pro Tem.

CONCORD ASSOCIATION DIRECTORY

NAME OF CHURCH	Pastor and Address.	Clerk and Address.	Sunday School Superintendents	B. Y. P. U. Presidents.	W. M. U. Presidents.
Harber	Houston Grayson, Iode, Ark.	Cornie Camp, Barber, Ark.	J. T. Horne		Mrs. Crow
Bethlehem	W. A. Davis, Fort Smith, Ark.	J. T. Horne, Fort Smith, Ark.	Joseph Harriman		Mrs. E. O. Barlow
Bloomer	B. W. Williams, R. 1, Charleston, Ark.	Claude Jetton, Lavaa, Ark.	J. O. Kincannon	Ross Edwards	Mrs. Gertie Robinson
Booneville	W. J. Hinsley, Booneville, Ark.	Dr. B. Criner, Booneville, Ark.	C. H. Thompson		
Branch	B. W. Williams, R. 1, Charleston, Ark.	C. H. Thompson, Branch, Ark.			
Burnville	Van Moore, R. 1, Huntington, Ark.	Mrs. B. J. Williams, R. 2, Box 21, Greenwood, Ark.	W. A. Booker	Miss Beulah Head	Mrs. Ed Roberts
Calvary, Ft. Smith	E. D. Brown, Fort Smith, Ark.	W. F. Webb, Fort Smith, Ark.			
Cavanaugh	E. H. Harlin, Spiro, Okla.	H. L. Carter, Fort Smith, Ark.	D. W. Bryan	L. F. McAfee	Mrs. Myrtle Spiller
Charleston	E. A. Spiller, Charleston, Ark.	W. R. Brotherton, Charleston, Ark.	Geo. H. Sexton	J. A. Harp	Mrs. Wm. Furner
First, Ft. Smith	B. V. Ferguson, Fort Smith, Ark.	G. T. Williams, Fort Smith, Ark.	R. A. Harp	Miss Nellie Sims	Mrs. Mary Sims
Glendale	J. O. Mabrey, Booneville, Ark.	Kate Bunch, Booneville, Ark.	Oren Hendricks	Dan Cadamus	Mrs. W. Robinson
Greenwood	O. O. Davis, Greenwood, Ark.	Mattie Stinson, Greenwood, Ark.	A. B. Woody	Espey O'Neal	Mrs. J. F. Brewer
Hackett City	J. W. Comer, Hackett City, Ark.	John Balsinger, Hackett City, Ark.	Walter Webb		
Lexington, Ft. Smith	W. T. Hamor, Fort Smith, Ark.	S. B. Dyer, Fort Smith, Ark.	Woodford Bartlett	H. C. Basinger	Emer Dooly
Moore's Rock	M. H. Graham, Lavaa, Ark.	R. L. Harryman, Lavaa, Ark.	H. C. Renfrow	James Brewer	
Mt. Zion	Van Moore, Huntington, Ark.	G. A. Miller, Hackett City, Ark.	Earl Rambo	L. F. Woods	
Oak Grove		Wm. Southard, Lavaa, Ark.	L. Powell	T. Amos	
Prairie View	Carl McClendon, Greenwood, Ark.	Homer Davis, Greenwood, Ark.	W. M. Gattis		Mrs. Beulah Hill
Ratcliff	E. A. Spiller, Charleston, Ark.	L. Powell, Charleston, Ark.	L. E. Pettigrew		
South Ft. Smith	B. W. Williams, R. 1, Charleston, Ark.	Wm. E. Terry, Ratcliff, Ark.			
Union Grove No. 1	H. E. Marsh, Fort Smith, Ark.	Velma Gilbert, Fort Smith, Ark.			
Union Grove No. 2	M. P. Henry, Magazise, Ark.	J. A. Franks, Booneville, Ark.	Doye Davis		
Vesta	Carl McClendon, Greenwood, Ark.	Doye Davis, Greenwood, Ark.	T. F. Staton		
		T. F. Staton, Charleston, Ark.			

STATISTICS OF CONCORD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

NAME OF CHURCH	CHURCH										Sunday Schools		Values Property		EXPENDITURES										BENEVOLENCE									
	Membership Last Year	Baptisms	Restored by Letter	Decrease by Letter	Expelled	*Drop List	Died	Present Membership	Baptisms	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Church	Parsonage	Pastor's Salary	Visiting Ministers	Sunday School	Building and Repairs	Other Expenses	Incidentals	Clerk and Minutes	Total Expenditures	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	State Missions	Associational Missions	Other Objects	Orphanages	Colleges and Schools	Food	TS Mission Campaigns	Total Report	Grand Total		
Barber	23	2	2	1				30						100.00	12.00					1.00	113.00											113.00		
Bethlehem	45	2	2	1				51		6	65	4,000.00	900.00	900.00	47.15	600.00		50.00	5.00	1,802.15												1,802.15		
Bloomer	142	11	2	11				139			45	800.00	90.00	90.00	10.00				5.00	100.50												100.50		
Booneville	400	11	15	25				399		25	350	20,000.00	2,000.00	1,700.00	185.00	162.59	459.08	164.25	370.90	4.00	3,045.80							7.50		3,053.30	3,053.30			
Branch	104	12	2	1				107		5	84	1,500.00	200.00	200.00		15.00			2.00	217.00				21.50								217.00		
Buraville	26	1	1					26				500.00	75.00	75.00	22.50				2.75	100.25												100.25		
Calvary, Ft. Smith	198	13	1	22	4			199		2	195	8,500.00	1,825.00	1,825.00	110.00	103.65	1,002.10	61.25	472.47	5.00	3,574.87							4.50	39.50	1,030.89	1,030.89	3,574.87		
Cavanaugh	76	10	11		1			96		7	75	1,000.00		137.75	58.53		50.00		4.50	5.00	1,565.37											1,565.37		
Charleston	143	14	22	12				167		4	149	1,000.00	1,500.00	750.00	110.00	60.00	560.37		50.00	5.00	1,565.37											1,565.37		
First, Ft. Smith	700	116	137	2	36	5	22	10	882	54	882	125,000.00	5,000.00	2,800.00	620.00	538.06	28,111.92	7,466.97	10.00	29,445.02	10.40	84.84	167.43	1,426.11	221.31	46.50	596.85	10,028.92	18,402.40	91,867.43	91,867.43			
Glendale	112	13	5	25	1			121		12	60	1,000.00		250.00	60.00	24.00			3.35	327.35												327.35		
Greenwood	238	10						222		10	15	140	12,000.00	800.00	1,347.00	141.30	94.77	24.75	190.22	10.80	1,808.84							748.75	1,095.09	2,903.89	2,903.89			
Hackett City	87	11	14	15	1			94		9	65	1,500.00	750.00	437.37	75.00	18.00	124.00		49.32	4.00	707.69							295.50	395.50	1,003.19	1,003.19			
Lexington, Ft. Smith	305	10	25	21				281		3	27	298	12,000.00	1,024.25	667.38	118.47	133.04	551.68	10.00	2,504.82							62.29	110.00	759.39	932.64	3,437.46	3,437.46		
Moore's Rock	102	9		1	1			110		6	80			100.00	50.00	22.17			20.00	2.50	204.67											204.67		
Mt. Zion	91	4						94			62	750.00	200.00	200.00			150.00			300.00											300.00			
Oak Bower	105			2				97		7	88	1,500.00		78.85	52.00	11.10	300.00		51.83	1.50	423.07											423.07		
Oak Grove	85							75		5	83	1,000.00		78.85	52.00	11.10				145.04												145.04		
Prairie View	119	6			2			115		5	88	1,200.00		550.00	78.88	62.64			24.00	5.00	720.32							74.80	465.50	530.30	1,240.62	1,240.62		
Rehoboth	55							50		5	30	1,200.00		150.00		24.19	5.00		15.00	1.75	195.94											195.94		
South Ft. Smith	70	17	10		2			84		11	113	8,000.00		525.82		60.00	1,109.79	28.85		5.00	1,729.37											1,729.37		
Union Grove No. 1	47	2						48				1,500.00		175.50		40.50				2.30	230.10							12.00	58.00	68.00	68.00	230.10		
Union Grove No. 2	97	17						112												2.10	22.75											22.75		
Yates	55							49		4	37								21.25	1.50												21.25		
Total	3,433	292	287	6	248	26	79	3,629	182	222	2,028	\$213,950.46	\$11,050.00	\$12,415.54	\$2,162.63	\$1,499.52	\$32,620.01	\$254.25	\$9,266.58	\$90.55	\$59,419.24	\$10.40	\$84.84	\$167.43	\$21.50	\$1,892.97	\$262.90	\$104.50	\$396.35	\$19,201.87	\$22,400.27	\$151,799.51		

*Church Drop List. All non-resident members out of touch with the Church were placed on Drop List. This revision covers a period of many years.