

Proceedings

First Day—Morning Session.

The Concord Baptist Association convened in its fortieth annual session Saturday, September 24, 1910, at 10 A. M., with Oak Bower Church, Lavaca, Arkansas.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Moderator, Eld. Firley F. Gibson, who read the seventeenth chapter of John, and requested Eld. J. F. O'Neal to lead in prayer.

On motion by Bro. D. W. Bryan, the Introductory Sermon was postponed until 11 o'clock.

Reading of letters from the churches was begun, Elds. H. E. Marsh, G. W. Owens and Bro. C. F. Spiller acting as reading Clerks.

Eld. Virgil C. Neal delivered the Introductory Sermon, using as a text 2 Tim. 3:16. Prayer by Eld. H. L. Been. Adjourned.

Afternoon.

Reassembled at 2 P. M. After singing and prayer, the Moderator appointed Committee on Divine Service as follows: Eld. A. L. Brown, Bro. D. W. Bryan, Eld. P. C. Mays and the Deacons of Oak Bower church

The reading of the letters was concluded, and the Clerk, Bro. Jno. E. Tatum, called the Roll of Messengers.

Elds. P. C. Mays and H. L. Been were placed in nomination for the office of Moderator. Bros. W. A. Mayfield and C. F. Spiller, serving as tellers, reported the election of Eld. Mays.

Brethren Jno. E. Tatum, D. W. Bryan and M. W. Kelley were nominated for Clerk, and Elds. H. L. Been and V. C. Neal named as tellers.

Eld. C. A. McIlroy enquired as to whether a brother not a member of this body should be considered as entitled to election as one of its officers, stating that Bro. Kelley had not been sent as a Messenger to this Association. The Moderator ruled that only Messengers could be properly admitted to official positions in the Association, and after discussion (an appeal having been taken) the decision was sustained with but one dissenting vote. Another election, therefore, was ordered, and Eld. W. E. Kimbrough chosen Clerk.

Following remarks by the retiring Moderator, Eld. F. F. Gibson, Eld. P. C. Mays, in assuming the chair, addressed the body and offered prayer.

By motion of Eld. J. C. Williamson, Bro Jno. E. Tatum was instructed to cast the ballot of the Association for Bro. E. A. Spiller for Treasurer.

A petitionary letter from Auburn church was received and Messengers seated.

The following brethren responded to call for Messengers from corresponding Associations: Elds. J. W. Ramay, H. E. Marsh and Bro. Sam Ramay, of Buckner; Elds. W. N. Womack, E. H. Gray and A. V. Hogan, of Dardanelle; Eld. J. F. Crawford, of Clear Creek.

Eld. Geo. J. McNew, of Texas, and Eld. Oscar Stallings, of Buckner Association, were recognized as visitors

Eld. F. F. Gibson moved that the appointment of a committee of five, to be known as the "Committee to appoint Committees" be added to the order of business as item number five. Carried; and the Moderator appointed Bros D. W. Bryan, E. A. Spiller, D. N. Guinn and Elds.

V. C. Neal and J. C. Williamson, who prepared lists of the several Committees, which were announced at the evening hour.

Words of appreciation were spoken by Bro. W. A. Mayfield for the confidence and honor received from this body during his long term as treasurer. Adjourned.

Evening 7:30

Eld. C. A. McIlroy led in prayer. Preaching by Eld. Oscar Stallings. Text: Gal. 6:2.

Bro. W. A. Mayfield was appointed to lead a Sunday school Mass Meeting Sunday morning. Adjourned.

Second Day—Morning Session

Called to order at 9 A. M. Eld. H. A. O'Neal led in prayer.

By appointment of the Moderator, Eld. V. C. Neal conducted the Sunday school Mass Meeting, Bro. Mayfield having asked to be released from that service. Addresses were delivered by Elds. Neal, Mays, Gibson, Brewer and Bro. Mayfield.

The Missionary sermon was preached at 11 o'clock by Eld. F. F. Gibson. Texts: Jno. 20:21; Jno. 1:41; Matt. 28:19. Young men impressed to enter the Ministry, and young ladies inclined to become foreign missionaries were extended an invitation to come forward, which was responded to by Brethren A. R. Vance, Arthur Smith, Horace Boone, Walter Hill and Miss _____.

Cash collection for Association Missions, \$100.05. Adjourned to meet at 3 P. M.

Afternoon.

Prayer by Eld. J. F. Crawford. The Moderator delivered annual Prohibition address, quoting as a text Esther 1:8, Eld. F. F. Gibson presiding. Addresses were made by Elds. J. F. Brewer and J. F. Crawford. Adjourned.

Evening.

Prayer was offered by Elder Nathan Kellar. Eld. W. E. Kimbrough delivered a discourse from Daniel 6:10. Adjourned till Monday, 8 A. M.

Third Day—Morning Session

Eld. L. J. Burt led the Association in prayer.

Motion was made by Eld. Gibson and carried, that the 11 o'clock preaching service be omitted and the hour given to business.

Bro. Jno. Nesbitt moved that all speeches be limited to ten minutes. Carried.

The following Corresponding Messengers were appointed:

Dardanelle Association—Elds. T. P. Nelson and W. E. Kimbrough.

Clear Creek Association—Elds. F. F. Gibson, H. L. Been and Bro. O. Echols.

Buckner Association—Bro. Jno. Basinger, J. F. Stewart, Sister G. W. Langston, Bro. Daniel Rowe, Bro. and Sister Guinn.

Arkansas Valley Association—Eld. C. A. McIlroy, Bro. W. G. Wilkerson and L. Been.

Reports of Committees.

Sunday Schools.

In Concord Association there are 21 churches reporting 2,511 scholars, and 20 churches reporting no Sunday schools. In the churches reporting Sunday schools there were 270 baptisms. Those having no schools, 73 baptisms. Of the 73 baptisms in churches having no schools, 53 were reported from churches where our Association Missionary had held meetings. We recommend that wherever possible a Baptist Sunday school be organized and maintained; and we further recommend that our Missionary urge the organization of schools wherever he works. And, further, that all Sunday schools be urged to teach the truth as understood by Baptists.

D. W. BRYAN,

J. F. LAW,

J. H. DORRIS,

A. L. BROWN,

ARTHUR SMITH,

Committee.

Discussed by Bro. Bryan and adopted.

Education

Baptists have always contended for advancement in education. They have considered ignorance a menace to the kingdom of God. But education must be of the complete kind: the development of the whole man. We heartily endorse our public schools; but we recommend the compulsory system of education. After our boys and girls have completed that course, we urge that they be sent to our own Baptist schools for their complete education.

E. A. Spiller, Chairman.

Adopted

State Missions

When we look at the marvelous way in which God has blessed our State in the past year it ought to make our hearts rejoice, and with renewed courage we ought to turn to the future to do greater things for Him. The year just closed was rich with God's blessings. There about 5000 men and women, boys and girls saved through the preaching of the gospel in our State last year. While the past is glorious, the future is glorious also, for the ripening, nodding, whitening harvest invites us on to victory for our Lord and salvation for the lost. Some of these souls were brought to Christ through the efforts of our faithful missionaries. God bless every one of them for their faithful, untiring and unselfish work. Some of these were led to Christ through the efforts of the faithful pastors and their churches. All honor to Christ and these faithful hands, for they are the salt of the earth.

But after all, Paul may plant, Apollos may water, but God must give the increase. We recommend that every church in Concord Association, and every member in every church make an effort at least to do their part for State Missions. Brethren, let us not be satisfied with small things for our God, but as He enlarges our faith and opportunity may we enter in as faithful soldiers and do as great work for our Master. The call comes loud and long; the needs and destitution are great; men and women, boys and girls are perishing. God has made us amply able to reach these with the gospel. With His one word "Go" ringing in our ears, what are we going to do? God grant that we may enter the field with undaunted courage, with unflinching faith, and with every last one of us at our post, march on to victory.

VIRGIL C. NEAL, Chairman.

L. J. BURT,
J. F. BREWER, } Committee
JACK OWENSBY. }

Discussed by Eld Neal and adopted.

A motion by Elder Brewer prevailed that the churches be requested to send the names of their Messengers to the church where the body is to meet at least three days before the annual session.

Obituaries

We find that since our last Association the following named brethren and sisters of the following named churches have died: Sister Joe Jenkins, Greenwood; Sister Nancy McLain, Fidelity; Sisters N. C. Lemley and Clara Williams, Lexington Avenue; Sister Elizabeth Kelly, Brother P. R. Davis, Sister M. J. Hampton, First Church, Ft. Smith; Brothers W. R. Powell, C., J. Inklebarger, W. H. Cone and Sisters Sallie Brown and Iola Inklebarger, Prairie View; J. D. Mizel, Bonanza; Sisters Hester Smith and N. M. O'Neal, Ursula; Sisters J. T. Cromwell, W. M. Law, Booneville; Brothers W. E. Sturgeon and Otto Mshan, Calvary, Ft. Smith; G. W. Gilliam, Center Valley; Bob Yocum, Branch; Birt Boyd, Oak Bower; Martha Alstot, Bloomer; P. B. Cooper, Geo. Hill, Jesse Carolan, Berrie Sanders, Glendale; Addie Burnett, Harmony. Total deaths, 21. Brethren and sisters, let us pray God's blessings on the bereaved, and that he may fill the places made vacant with others who will help in the work of our blessed Lord.

H. L. BEEN,
W. A. GARRETT, } Committee.
M. Z. BROTFERTON,

Adopted.

Prohibition

Believing the liquor traffic in its various forms to be one of the greatest evils of the land, and realizing that we have been greatly benefitted by the local option movement, but thinking that the time has come for a greater and higher move for the suppression of the great evil, we, therefore, recommend that the Baptists of Concord Association totally abstain from the use of liquor in all its forms as a beverage, and that all Baptists inform themselves as to the teachings of God's Word on the subject and be guided by the same; that each pastor in this Association give at least one service during this Associational year to the cause of prohibition and that we all make a united effort with our means if necessary and our earnest prayers to God for the relief of the brethren who are burdened with the saloons in their midst. We further recommend that the Moderator appoint the two committees mentioned in the last report on prohibition for the same purposes mentioned therein, as follows: "That a committee of three be appointed to memorialize Congress to pass a law making it a

penalty for public carriers to deliver intoxicating liquors in prohibition territory; also a law prohibiting the issuing of government license in local option territory. That a committee of five be appointed to look after the suppression of its sale in the local option territory in the bounds of our Association."

D. N. GUINN,
J. C. WILLIAMSON, } Committee,
J. S. JONES,

Discussed by Brethren D. N. Guinn, V. C. Neal, W. N. Womack, R. C. Cumbie, D. W. Bryan, C. A. McIlroy, L. J. Burt, and adopted.

Woman's Work

We, your committee on Woman's Work beg to suggest that inasmuch as God has permitted us to labor for Him in His vineyard, that we beg every woman who is a member of our churches to become a worker in every way they can; that not only the few who now belong to the Aid Society, but all should be workers together because of their membership in the church. Especially, like Dorcas of old, should we look after the children, care for them and help them to come to Sunday-school regularly; also remembering our Orphans Home, visit the sick and relieve the poor, and above all love Christ and each other, and let the poorest of our church feel we need them and that there is something for them to do and that we appreciate them; and let us ever remember the worth of souls and do all in our power to bring them to Christ. Let us be much in prayer this coming year and urge every one to work faithfully for our blessed Master.

MRS. F. M. LONG, NOLA STEPHENS, }
MRS. M. J. NEBBITT, CORA BUCKNER, } Committee
MAGGIE HILL, MAY JOHNSON, }
BERTHA SHELTON,

Adopted

Association Missions

We have reviewed carefully the work done by our Associational Missionary, Jno. E. Tatum, and the Gospel singer, Mark Pierce, and we find that God has greatly blessed their labors. Brother Tatum planned the work so well that one meeting succeeded another without loss of time. It is the greatest year's mission work ever done in the Association, and we heartily commend Brothers Tatum and Pierce and their great work to the brethren. The field was so great that they could not near reach all the places needing work. We

therefore recommend that a missionary be placed in the field for full time, and that each church send in to the Treasurer quarterly their pledges.

J. B. BASINGER,	HENRY CHANEY,	} Committee
W. S. STEPHENS,	J. F. O'NEAL,	
C. P. CUNNINGHAM,		

Adopted.

Report of Jno. E. Tatum, Associational Missionary

We entered vigorously into the work as soon as last Association closed. Have, as nearly as the time would admit, reached every part of the Association, holding meetings in Logan, Franklin, Crawford and Sebastian Counties, reaching the extremities of the Association on every side. We tried holding revival meetings during the winter months in sparsely settled places and found that it would not pay. The revival work can be successfully done in the cities and towns in the cold months.

Miles traveled	1,352
Sermons preached	225
Religious talks	248
Conversions	248
Re-baptized	49

Received by ex-perience and baptism	122
Received by letter and statement	47

Total received 169

Approved for baptism	3
Churches organized	1
Churches reinstated	1
Ladies Aids organized	1

To Jno. E. Tatum's salary for twelve months at \$75 per month	\$900.00
To Mark Pierce's salary at \$25 per month	275.00

By cash from treasury to Tatum and Pierce	\$298.87
By cash on field to Tatum and Pierce	403.00
Due Tatum	353.01
Due Pierce	119.02
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Total amount due Tatum and Pierce	\$172.93
Pledges taken on the field	300.00

We find there are no greater fields of destitution than in our

cities. We held three meetings, one in Van Buren and two in Ft. Smith, continuing three weeks in each meeting, commencing the 3rd of April and ending in June, a time we could not do successful work in the country. The destitution in these two cities alone will equal the destitution in all the remainder of the Association, and the Macedonian cry is coming from these people, "Come over and help us."

We tender our sincere thanks to the Executive Committee for their hearty co-operation, christian fellowship and earnest labors in pushing this work, and especially to the chairman, John B. Basinger. His enthusiasm is so strong and his faith for the success of the work so great that it is a great help in getting over the dark and difficult places.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN E. TATUM, Missionary.

Report of Executive Committee

At the close of last Association we employed Elder John E. Tatum Associational Missionary for full time at a salary of \$75.00 per month, allowing him the privilege of hiring a singer when needed. He employed Brother Mark Pierce for eleven months at a salary of \$25.00 per month. They tried several meetings in the winter and have been constantly engaged in revival meetings since the third of last April.

This has been the most fruitful year of this mission in the history of the Association. For details of same see Brother Tatum's report. We praise God for the great work that has been done and commend Brothers Tatum and Pierce for their zeal, proficiency and earnestness in accomplishing so much for the Master's cause. The old tent was unfit for use, and by consent of the chairman, Brother Tatum took pledges to the amount of \$250.00 and he, together with Brothers Robt. A. Rowe and John H. Holland, signed a note and borrowed \$325.00 and purchased a tent, organ and seats. This is the best equipage in the state for summer work, and we would recommend that a sufficient amount of pledges be taken at the Association to cover balance on tent and fixtures, and that a missionary be employed for full time with liberty to employ a singer when needed.

J. B. BASINGER, Chairman,	} Committee.
G. F. SPILLER,	
W. P. WILLSON,	
NATH KELLAR,	
P. C. MAYS,	

Discussion on Association missions by Brethren W. P. Willson, John Nesbitt, V. C. Neal, John E. Tatum, P. C. Mays, R. C. Cumbie, F. F. Gibson.

At the suggestion of the Moderator, Elder F. F. Gibson took a collection for this work, pledges being received from the following:

Churches

First Church, Ft. Smith, \$175.00	Judson	\$ 10.00
Mt. Zion, 10.00	Spring Hill,	5.00
Webb City, 10.00	Charleston,	30.00
Second Church, Ft. Smith, 6 00	Glendale,	10.00
Pine Mountain, 5.00	Branch,	20.00
Moore's Rock, 5 00	Oak Grove (by Bros H.	
Union Grove, 15.00	L, W. Lee and L. Been)	15.00
Ursula, 5.00	Bloomer,	5 00
Roseville, 5.00	Hurricane,	5.00
Prairie View, 20.00	Jenny Lind,	20.00
Vesta, 15.00	Caukville,	2 50
Oak Bend, 15.00	Union Valley,	5 00
Booneville, 25.00	Oak Bower,	25 00
Lexington Avenue, 50.00	Greenwood,	50.00
Mt Hope, 10.00	Burnville,	5 00
Crescent, 5.00	Calvary,	40 00
Fidelity, 5.00	Auburn,	10 00
	Total,	\$633 50

Increased List

Union Grove,	\$ 5.00
Jenny Lind (by Brother Walter Hill),	2.50
Webb City (by Elder P. C. Mays),	5.00
Oak Bend	5.00
Vesta	5.00
Oak Bower	5.00
Ursula	5.00
Total,	\$32.50

TOTAL FROM CHUCHES, \$666.00

Miscellaneous

Lexington avenue, L. A. S., \$5; Greenwood, L. A. S., \$10; Webb City, L. A. S., \$5; Calvary, L. A. S., \$10; Booneville, L. A. S., \$10; Fidelity, L. A. S., \$5; Vesta, L. A. S., \$5; Charleston, L. A. S., \$2.50; Greenwood, Sunbeam Band. \$5; Booneville, Sunbeam Band. \$5; Calvary, Sunday-school, \$5; Booneville, Sunday-school, \$10; Charleston, Sun-

day-school, \$5; Lexington avenue, Sunday-school, \$5; Vesta, Sunday-school, \$5; Lavaca Sunday-school class (by Elder J. F. Brewer), \$10, Mt. Hope Sunday-school class (by J. F. Law), \$5; Charleston Sunday-school class No. 5, \$3; Calvary, B. Y. P. U., \$5; Lexington avenue B. Y. P. U., \$5; Walter Willson, Ft. Smith, \$10; W. A. Mayfield, Charleston, \$5; C. F. Spiller, Vesta, \$10; H. C. Parker, Vesta, \$5; Calvary; Philathea, \$5; Mrs. Barlow, Charleston, \$5; Sister Spiller, Vesta, \$5; Elder N. Kellar, Charleston, \$5; Amos Carter, Lavaca (paid), \$5; B. R. Townley, Greenwood, \$5; Sim Dicka, Paris, \$5; J. C. Williams, Ft. Smith (paid), \$2; Mrs. Dr. M. L. Perry, Greenwood, \$5; Ernest Spiller, Vesta, \$5; Mrs. W. H. Thompson, Vesta, \$5; Mrs. J. L. Wright, Greenwood, \$5; Sister V. C. Neal, Ft. Smith, \$5; Mrs. T. C. Withers, Lavaca, \$2; C. Brewer, Lavaca, \$5; Elder P. C. Mays, Vesta, \$5; Mrs. R. T. Gorham, Greenwood, \$5; L. O. Jetton, Bloomer, \$2; Mrs. J. B. Basinger, \$5; M. W. Kelly, Lavaca, \$5; W. R. Booker, Ft. Smith, \$2; May Johnson, Webb City, \$5; Sister Grimes, Charleston \$2; W. M. Vance, Ursula, \$2; Elder V. C. Neal, Ft. Smith, \$5; S. W. Williams, Booneville, \$2.50; Mrs. M. J. Townley, \$5; J. B. Basinger, \$5; John E. Tatum, Greenwood, \$5; R. T. Gorham, Greenwood, \$5; Mrs. John Williams, Greenwood, \$5; Miss Pearl Terry, Webb City, \$2; Mrs. S. T. Meadows, Lavaca, \$2; Mrs. M. F. Sasser, Lavaca, \$2.50; Arthur Smith, Meg. \$2; C. P. Cunningham, Effa, \$2; B. Meadows, Lavaca, \$2; J. F. Stewart, Greenwood, \$2; Mrs. J. D. Measles, Lavaca, \$1; Mrs. J. F. Stewart, \$1; G. W. Langston, Charleston, \$5; Mrs. J. F. Nwlin, Ft. Smith, \$5; W. F. Holly, Greenwood, \$2; R. L. Plunkett, \$1; Beatrice Hendrix, \$1. Total, \$325.50.

Total pledges	- - - - -	\$1,001.50
Cash collection	- - - - -	100.05
GRAND TOTAL		\$1,101.55

Adjourned.

Afternoon — 2:00 O'Clock

Prayer by Elder J. F. O'Neal.

Report on Orphans Home.

Orphans Home

We, your Committee on Orphans Home, feel with sympathy and are deeply impressed about the work of the homes, so that the children shall have clothing and food and all necessaries of life. We find that a number of churches take up collections and give generously,

but it is in such a way that it cannot be depended on at any certain time. We believe that some system or plan should be put in operation so the home shall have her portion as all other objects of our church work. We recommend that the Executive Committee, or another, shall confer with our State Board or Committee on Orphans Homes. We also recommend that now, at this time, a collection be taken up for the Homes.

JOHN NEBBITT, Chairman, } Committee.
B. MEADOWS, }

Adopted.

Elder Brewer moved that the offering now to be taken for orphanage work be divided proportionately between the two Homes, which carried.

Pledges for orphanage work were received as follows:

MONTICELLO

Lexington Avenue Sunday-school, \$25; Lexington Avenue B. Y. P. U., \$12; Charleston church, \$2.50; Mrs. T. E. Thompson, Vesta, \$2.50; Lexington Avenue, L. A. S., \$25; J. C. Williams, \$1 (paid); J. B. Basinger's children, \$5; Greenwood, L. A. S., \$5; Charleston, L. A. S., \$2.50. Total, \$80.

TEXARKANA

Prairie View, \$2; L. Been, \$10; Charleston, \$2.50; Bloomer, \$2; J. C. Calvin, \$2; O. Echols, \$5. Total, \$23.50.

Cash collection, \$30.77..

Total, \$134.27.

A vote of thanks was tendered the Arkansas Central Railroad Company for courtesies extended.

Religious Literature

We believe that our future denominational strength and loyalty to Baptist faith will depend largely upon the kinds of literature used in the home and Sunday school. First of all, we would urge careful and systematic study of the Bible, it being the only rule and guide for our faith and practice. For the Sunday-school we have both the Southern Convention series and that of the American Baptist Publication Society. And for further study in the home we would recommend the reading of such of our standard works as Theodosia

Earnest, Grace Truman, Little Baptist, etc., and our denominational papers such as are published in our own state and others.

J. C. WILLIAMSON, Chairman, } Committee.
F. M. FRANKS, }

Adopted.

Ministerial Support

There is no doctrine more clearly and forcibly taught in God's Word than, "They that preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel." "If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?"—I. Cor. 9:11. God's cause has been greatly retarded by the failure of the churches to discharge this duty they owe their ministers. Two former reports of this Association show that the average amount paid the country pastors is \$50.00. Many young men who have felt the call to the ministry have been restrained from entering into the work by this appalling fact. The Hardshells tried not paying their preachers, nor sending missionaries, and they are now almost extinct as a penalty for this awful sin. Who is to blame for our preachers not being properly paid? The preachers and churches: the preachers for not teaching the churches more fully their duty to support the ministry, the churches in not adopting scriptural plans and looking more faithfully after the matter. It is an easy thing for the churches to supply their pastors with all necessary temporal things in these prosperous times, if they will take it up in a systematic and business manner.

We would recommend that the deacons of each church at the commencement of the pastoral year see each member and take their pledges for what they can pay during the year, to be paid in equal installments each time the pastors preach. Paul had this in view when he said, "Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given the order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come."—I Cor. 16:1, 2. Always have the proportionate part of your pastor's salary ready when he comes. If you cannot collect it that way, by all means collect it at the shortest intervals.

We would say to the pastors: If your salaries are not being promptly paid, call your deacons together as a financial committee to devise ways and means for the church to discharge this important duty. It is the duty of the deacons to serve tables. They are the financial committee of the church. They should see after the poor and the pastor's salary. If the church fails in its duty to its pastor

and the poor, it is usually the fault of the deacons. May God awake the deacons to the great and important office they hold, in loosing the hands of the ministers from temporal things, that they may give themselves wholly to the ministration of the Word.

JOHN E. TATUM,
W. LER BEEN,
C. S. THOMSON,
W. P. WILLSON, } Committee.

Discussed by Brethren Brewer, Neal, Tatum, Mayfield, and adopted.

Nominations

Introductory Sermon—Elder H. L. Been; Alternate, Elder J. F. O'Neal.

Missionary Sermon—Elder John E. Tatum; Alternate, Elder J. F. Brewer.

Temperance Sermon—Elder J. C. Williamson; Alternate, Elder Nathan Kellar.

Executive Committee—Brothers J. B. Basinger, W. P. Willson, D. W. Bryan and Elders J. C. Williamson and Virgil C. Neal.

Place of Meeting—Lexington Avenue, Ft. Smith.

FINLEY F. GIBSON,
GEO. HONEYMAN,
H. F. MOWLY,
J. R. REED,
J. B. RAY, } Committee.

Adopted.

Home Missions

He who loves not his own country does not know true Christian duty. Be faithful at home, and you will rule abroad. Christ came first to his own people. A redeemed America, a saved world. A Christ-led Southland—a redeemed America—a saved world. Then it behooves us to be up and doing. Will we go into our inheritance?

HOME MISSION DEEDS: The Home Mission Board supported 1,182 missionaries, which reported last year 27,426 baptisms, with 52,910 additions to the churches—none counted twice. Two-thirds of this number were baptised on this side of the river. It has missionaries among the foreigners of the South Cuba and Panama. It spends in co-operative mission work \$63,700.00, independently \$68,000.00. It sustains a mission among the Indians at a very little cost, where we had several additions last year. It spent \$50,000.00 in helping to build

nearly 200 church houses, ~~\$35,000.00~~ on mountain schools, \$18,000.00 in evangelistic work, ~~\$12,000.00~~ among the Negro race. All this was done at the small cost of less than 5 cents on the dollar. Half of this was spent for interest on borrowed money, because we Baptists held to the dollar to the last moment.

HOME MISSION NEEDS: The blessing and help of the Lord. Daily prayer on our part. A systematic weekly or monthly offering from every church. A \$500,000.00 loan fund to help house the score of houseless churches in our Southland.

HOME MISSION OPPORTUNITIES: To take and hold for Christ and the Baptists the millions of people who are pouring into the South. Help build houses for the 2,000 struggling churches in the rapidly growing towns of the Southwest. Give the Bible to the immigrant as he arrives on our shore. To educate and make of the boys and girls of our Southern Highlands living dynamics for the Baptist cause. To lift up and lead to Christ the Negro race. To save lost souls and strengthen the hold of our people on the fundamental doctrines through evangelism. Bring Cuba and Panama to Christ and the Baptists.

"It becomes us, then, fellow citizens of the South, and fellow servants of the King, to strike hands one with another all over this Southern Baptist Zion, and move forward in the holy effort to take America for Jesus."

G. W. OWENS, Chairman,	} Committee.
R. T. GORHAM,	
J. F. STEWART,	
L. A. WALLER,	
C. G. MCFERRIN,	

Adopted.

Foreign Missions

The facts concerning our world-wide work should be of deepest interest to every loyal hearted Baptist in Concord Association. It is the purpose of your committee to give some facts in this report.

Southern Baptists have now about 250 missionaries and about 300 native helpers, making a total of 550 workers. There were last year 259 churches and 559 out-stations, with a membership of 16,596. We have 162 houses of worship, 325 Sunday-schools, with a total of 10,430 scholars. These churches and Sunday-schools contributed last year \$40,287.00. One result of their labors was the baptism of more than 3,000 converts. This is only a part of the great work, as the leavening power of the Gospel among the people cannot be tabulated.

The Macedonian cry is coming up from the heathen lands, 'come over and help us.' God has opened the door and bids us enter. There are in our Association reported this year 41 churches, 7 of which have reported contributions, leaving 34 non-contributing churches. Your committee would most earnestly commend to the pastors and messengers of this Association the importance of devising some plan to reach the non-contributing churches; that each pastor preach at least one red-hot sermon during the year on Foreign Missions, and that an effort be made to get a contribution from each member of his church or churches.

T. P. NELSON,
JOSEPH CONNELL,
W. G. WILKERSON, } Committee.
E. P. STINSON, }

Adopted

Queries

The following queries have been handed to us, and we respectfully submit them to this Association for earnest and prayerful consideration:

1. Has a man, holding a church letter, the right to vote and help transact the business of the church that granted him the letter?
2. What course should a church pursue with the one of her preachers who fails or refuses to co-operate with his own church in her services and aligns himself with the "Modern Holiness" people, or any other religious schismatics in opposition to his own church?

C. A. McILROY, } Committee.
R. W. AUSTIN, }

Motion carried answering query No. 1 affirmatively. Regarding query No. 2, motion prevailed that such a man should be excluded from church fellowship.

Motion passed allowing the clerk \$10.00 for his services, and setting apart the balance of the minute fund to be spent in printing and distributing copies of the Association proceedings.

Motion carried to amend Article XI. of the Constitution so as to provide for the preaching of the Introductory Sermon at 11 o'clock instead of at 10 a.m., on the first day of the annual session.

Request of the Van Buren church for a letter of dismission to join Clear Association was granted unanimously.

The retiring treasurer, Brother W. A. Mayfield, submitted his annual report, which was adopted.

Finance

Association Missions	\$268.32
Home Missions	1.00
Minutes	51.21
Orphans Home	16.27
Association Missions (personal)	58.50
TOTAL	<hr/> \$395.30

O. ECHOIS, }
J. F. STEWART, } Committee.

Treasurer's Report

Received from all sources \$1,688.54

Paid out in 1910:

Paid to John E. Tatum for minutes	\$ 55.08
“ Texarkana Orphans Home	14.00
“ Monticello Orphans Home	21.05
“ Elder M. P. Matheny for State Missions	3.00
“ J. B. Basinger for printing	5.03
“ G. R. Rcebuck, Foreign Mission	3.50
“ W. E. Atkinson, Foreign Mission	3.50
“ Mark Pierce, gospel singer	14.00
“ J. W. Richardson, ex missionary	40.00
“ Elder John E. Tatum, mission work	485.75
“ For expenses	.75
Total amount paid out	<hr/> \$844.07

Cash on hand \$524.47

W. A. MAYFIELD, Treasurer.

Elder H. L. Been offered the following:

Resolution

RESOLVED, That this Association tender our heartfelt thanks to the Oak Bower Church and good people of the community for the good and royal entertainment given us while here, and that we pray God's blessings on them.

Adopted.

Motion prevailed to adjourn to meet on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1911, at 10 a.m., with Lexington Avenue Church, Ft. Smith, Ark., and after valedictory remarks by the Moderator, "How Firm a Foundation" and "Sweet By and By" were sung, the parting hand given, and the Association was dismissed with prayer by Elder J. F. O'Neal.

P. C. MAYS, Moderator.

W. E. KIMBROUGH, Clerk.

DIGEST OF LETTERS

CHURCHES

Year	Churebes	Member-ship	Value Property	Baptisms	Salary Pastors	Association Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	City Missions
1908	40	3,170	\$72,400	352	\$6,709.00	\$ 542.00	\$1,593.00	\$100.00	\$815.00
1909	43	3,482	75,400	264	7,220.00	316.00	1,796.00	472.00	779.00	\$800.00
1910	41	3,306	85,300	347	9,184.15	1,230.97	1,335.86	733.97	852.61	413.35

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS

Year	No. Schools	No. Pupils	Officers and Teachers	Cost of Literature
1907	19	1,335	225	\$381.00
1908	21	2,280	672.00
1909	19	2,136	..	560.00
1910	19	2,661	137	862.44

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. CUMBIE. E. C. MITCHELL, S. W. WILLIAMS, A. B. VANCE, A. L. LAWRENCE,	}	Committee.
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WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary to Concord Association met in regular business session at Lavaca, Monday evening, September 26, 1910. Devotional exercises were conducted by the President, Mrs. M. L. Melton, Greenwood, after which the following officer was elected:

Mrs. M. L. Perry, Greenwood, Secretary

Written reports came from Lexington Avenue, Greenwood, Calvary, Fidelity and Webb City. A verbal report was given by the delegates from Charleston. One new society was organized this year at Webb City, and this one was given a hearty welcome and we pray that another year may bring into our midst even a much larger number.

After reading of the reports the meeting adjourned to meet at Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, Ft. Smith, on the fourth Monday in September, 1911.

MRS. M. L. MELTON, President.

MRS. M. L. PERRY, Secretary.

Summary of Work by W. M. U., of Concord Association

Pastor's salary	\$ 150.45
Incidentals	438.46
The Poor	28.30
State Missions	142.00
Home Missions	105.50
Foreign Missions	85.80
Orphanage	201.60
Ministerial Relief	67.30
Building and Repairing	1,267.00
Associational Missions	45.00
Ministerial Education	10.00
Missionary Training School	10.00
City Missions	5.00
Colleges and Schools	10.00
Miscellaneous	28.75
TOTAL	\$2,593.71

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, 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.

Section 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.

Section 3.—The Treasurer shall take charge of the funds of the Association, or its Executive Committee, and render an 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.

Section 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 their 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 another 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 this 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. The committee shall report annually at each meeting of the Association. Three members of said committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Upon appointment, said committee shall come together and arrange their meetings and take such other steps as may be to the interest of the cause of Christ.

Section 2.—The regular committees of this Association shall be as follows: Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Association Missions, Sunday-school Missions, Education, 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 quarterly 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 the Association shall embrace the Lord's Day, and shall begin at 10 o'clock a.m. on Saturday 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 in 1882
2. The Constitution shall be published annually in the Minutes of this Association. Adopted in 1893.
3. Missionary sermon is placed in the hands of Committee on Divine Service. Adopted in 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 in 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.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe there is one and only one true and living God, Jehovah, and that in the 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 Testaments 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 hath, according to His infinite wisdom, chosen His people in Christ before the world was, and has predestined them unto the adoption of 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 regen-

erated or born again; that regeneration is effected by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth, and that 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 proper Officers 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 till 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 a general Judgment, and that the felicity of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall open and close with prayer.

2. An 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 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 the consideration of the Association by yeas and nays 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 privileges 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 reprovved 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.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call Association to order by former Moderator; or, if absent, the Clerk or Moderator pro tem.
2. Reading church letters and enrolling Messengers.
3. Appointment of Committee on Divine Service.
4. Roll call.
5. Election of officers by ballot.
6. Appointment of committee to appoint committees.
7. Call for petitionary letters.
8. Call for letters and Messengers from corresponding Associations.
9. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
10. Appointment of Committees.
11. Appointment of corresponding Messengers.
12. Miscellaneous business.
13. Call for reports of Committees.
14. New business.
15. Appointment of place of next meeting.
16. Reading the Minutes.
17. Valedictory by Moderator, parting hymn and prayer.

G. W. HILL,
J. C. CALVIN,
WM. McLAUGHLIN,
JOSEPH HERRIMAN. } Committee.

