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MISSIONARY BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION



HELD WITH THE
PIGGOTT MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
OF CLAY COUNTY, ARKANSAS
SEPTEMBER 22, 23, 24, 1920

Minutes of the Fifty-First Annual Session of the Gainesville Missionary Baptist Association



THE Fifty-First Annual Session of the Gainesville Missionary Baptist Association was held with the Piggott Missionary Baptist Church, in Clay County, Arkansas, September 22, 23, and 24, 1920. The Association met at ten o'clock, and the Moderator being present, the Body was called to order. There being so few present, the Body chose Brother L. W. Russell to preach at the eleven o'clock hour.

After preaching the Body adjourned until one-thirty.

Afternoon of the First Day

At one-thirty, the Association reassembled and after singing and prayer, led by Elder L. M. Webb, the Body began its regular order of business.

Reading clerks were chosen by the Moderator as follows: Elder L. D. Summers and J. G. Lyle, who read the letters presented by the messengers. Messengers from the following churches were enrolled:

Enrollment of Messengers

Saint Francis—F. H. McDonald and Oska Fowler.

Mount Pleasant—E. A. Hinman, J. B. McDonald, Enis C. Johnson, Mrs. Beck, and Clem Fletcher.

Union Grove—H. J. Rowe, L. L. Faulkner, and Flossie Bain.

Hopewell—J. J. Gardner and E. R. Cooper.

New Light—O. T. Carpenter, J. T. Branson, and Nettie Branson.

Piggott—Grant Ward, Arthur Osman, and Mrs. Nancy Brown.

Bethlehem—J. A. Smith, E. C. Johnson, H. Dortch.

Friendship—W. C. Hawkins, John Burns, and Hattie Burns.

Blooming Grove—E. R. Crews, Birdie Mc Niel, and Mrs. Crews.

Brown's Chapel—E. Williams, Edith McDaniel, and Ruby Hopkins.

Providence—G. T. Harrison, W. A. Weatherly, and R. E. L. White.

Pleasant Hill—C. D. Gibson and Geo. Fletcher.

New Hope—W. J. Nichols, W. J. Johnson, J. H. Latta and A. F. Grider.

Bethel—M. E. Clay and Monroe Pace.

Marmaduke—Elder L. W. Russell, W. A. Jones, and Mrs. Dena Jones.

Fairview—John Weaver, Fannie Russell, and I. T. Russell.

Epsaba—John Cole, Fressie Spain, and Bryson Onie.

Post Oak—C. D. Holcomb, A. J. Holcomb, and W. F. Alexander.

Greenway—W. R. Bell, Eula Melton, and Mrs. Bert Bishop.

Rock Hill—J. T. Rogers, J. J. Kelley, and A. Rogers.

Rector—T. B. Rouse, Mrs. E. J. Teague, and F. H. Winchester.

New Haven—Sue Hooker and Luther Watkins.

New Home—J. H. Styers and A. J. Brewer.

Black River—Mrs. S. J. Garrett and Ethel Morris.

Paragould Second—E. R. Alsey, A. J. Limbert, Laura Tyler, Anna Tyler, Chas. Adams, F. Johnson, Hattie Butler, and Sara Simpson.

Gainesville—C. D. Gibson and A. C. Thompson.

Main Shore—G. W. Howard, J. E. Meddock, and R. A. Fletcher.

Wanderers' Home—W. J. Brady and Mrs. W. J. Brady.

A motion was entertained to go into the election of officers of the Association. Motion was made by G. R. Tyler, and met with a second, that T. B. Rouse for Moderator, Carl Bishop for Clerk, and W. L. Wetherford for Treasurer, be elected by acclamation.

After organization, Brother Rouse spoke for a few moments about the points of business which should characterize the messengers.

The Moderator appointed E. G. Ward, A. Osburn, and N. Brown as the Financial Committee.

The Body ruled to have the annual sermon preached at the night services.

Recognition of the corresponding messengers and visitors were as follows: Elder E. L. Liddell, from the Black River Association; Elder L. D. Summers, Financial Secretary of the Jonesboro Baptist College; Elders W. H. Merideth and L. M. Webb, First Church, Paragould; Sister J. G. Jackson of Little Rock, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union; J. G. Lile, of the Ouachita College of Arkadelphia; and Brother Barton of Little Rock, State Secretary.

The Order of Business was adopted as follows:

Order of Business

1. Introductory sermon. 2. Reading of letters and enrolling messengers. 3. Electing officers. 4. Recognition of

corresponding messengers and visitors. 5. Report of the executive board. 6. Report of the associational missionary. 7. Report of associational missions. 8. Report of state missions. 9. Home missions. 10. Foreign missions. 11. Temperance. 12. Orphans' home. 13. Sunday schools. 14. Hospital work. 15. Prayer meetings. 16. Ministerial and Christian education. 17. Publications. 18. Obituaries. 19. Bible schools. 20. Woman's work. 21. Finance. 22. Ministers and postoffices. 23. Infirm ministers. 24. Unfinished business. 25. Miscellaneous. 26. Queries and resolutions.

Reports of the Committees

The following report from the Secretary of the Associational Board was read and adopted:

Report of the Executive Board

We, the Executive Board of the Gainesville Baptist Association, beg to make the following report:

When the Seventy-Five-Million Campaign became a reality and the State Board agreed to make full settlement with the Associational Missionaries, our Missionary, Brother G. E. Holt, made his monthly reports to the State Board instead of the Executive Board, and, for this reason, it will be impossible for your Executive Board to give anything like an accurate report of what has been done; but we do know that owing to ill health on the part of our Missionary, nothing like the amount of work was accomplished that we had planned; and it became necessary for Brother Holt to resign the First of May to seek a higher climate, this putting a stop entirely to our Associational Missionary activities, with the exception to what work has been accomplished by Brother McDonald, which, from reports, has been splendid.

I assure you that no one has felt more keenly the lost opportunities of this year in our Association than your Executive Committee, but owing to the condition of the State Board financially and the almost impossibility of securing a man with sufficient ability to carry out this difficult task, which is ripe unto the harvest, we are yet without a Missionary.

We respectfully suggest that in the future our Associational Missionaries make all reports, financial and all, to your Executive Board; for by this means a much closer relationship will exist between the Board and the Missionary, and to our minds a greater good will be accomplished. In doing this, we do not want to convey that we are criticizing our State Board in the least. Far from it. For we must say that no organization could have stood more loyally behind us than our State Baptist Board this year.

Asking your most earnest co-operation and prayers in this great work, and assuring you that the call to the harvest is greater than ever before,

Respectfully submitted,

G. C. JERNIGAN,

Secretary.

Motion and second that we dispense with the regular order of business and hear a report on Christian Education. The motion was offered by Brother J. D. J. Faulkner and was adopted. The report was as follows:

Report on Christian Education

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.

Quachita College, at Arkadelphia, has property values in buildings, grounds, and equipment, worth about \$250,000.00. The endowment is about \$112,000.00. New buildings to cost about \$250,000.00 are now in course of construction.

In Central College, at Conway, we have property worth about \$100,000.00, and new buildings to cost about \$100,000.00 are to be constructed right away.

In Mountain Home College, at Mountain Home, our junior college, we have property worth \$60,000.00 or more.

The property values of our academies at Maynard, Blue Eye, and Hagarville, average about \$12,000.00 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 Seventy-Five-Million Campaign.

Let us pray for our schools and support them.

Committee:

J. D. J. FAULKNER,

J. G. LILE,

G. A. CROCKER.

This report was discussed by J. G. Lile and L. D. Summers.

Motion was entertained to adjourn until seven o'clock at night.

Evening Session of the First Day

The Association reassembled at seven o'clock, p. m., at which time the annual sermon was preached by Elder G. R. Tyler from the subject of "Pure Religion"; text, James 1:27.

This report was offered by the committee and adopted:

Report on State Missions

The way for a Baptist church to become "a glorious church not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing" is for it to be intensely missionary in doctrine and practice. 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 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; conversions, 3,083; baptisms, 2,281; additions, 3,902; subscriptions to the Baptist Advance, 995; money raised by missionaries, \$50,005.00.

For the first six months of this year the following are some of the items of State and Association Mission work: Workers for full or part time, 262; days of labor, 16,703; institutes and conferences, 986; sermons and addresses, 6,605; conversions, 1,381; additions, 1,481; volunteers for the ministry and mission work, 90.

Surely these wonderful reports set out facts and figures that will stir the churches in our Association to pay up subscriptions to the Seventy-Five-Million Campaign in order that State Missions may have all obligations paid December First. 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. It will take thousands upon thousands of dollars to do this. The Association urges all our pastors and churches to do their utmost. Send all money for the Seventy-Five-Million Campaign (except for Association Missions) to L. E. Barton, 405 Donaghey Building, Little Rock.

God bless the State Missions.

We heartily recommend that all our Baptist Sunday Schools

make a free will offering for State Missions next Sunday, or a week or two later, if necessary, and forward it at once to Brother L. E. Barton, General Secretary.

Committee:

D. M. CARTER,

R. E. L. WHITE.

Report was ably spoken to by Brother L. E. Barton, our State Secretary.

Morning Session of Second Day

On Thursday morning, September 23, 1920, the Association was called to order by the Moderator, at nine o'clock. Song by the Body, and prayer was led by Elder L. M. Webb.

Minutes of first day's sessions read and adopted.

The Report on Associational Missions was read by Brother J. D. J. Faulkner. Just at this juncture the Report of the Associational Missionary, read by Elder McDonald, was embodied into the Associational Missions Report. The Body approved the reports as read and they were discussed by Sister Jackson, and Brethren J. D. J. Faulkner, L. M. Webb, L. D. Summers, and G. R. Tyler. The reports follow:

Report of Missionary Pastor

Report of F. H. McDonald, as Missionary Pastor since January, 1920, is as follows:

Miles traveled in the field	1918
Churches served regular	4
Other churches visited	11
Religious visits made	244
Meetings held	3
Sermons preached	86
Prayers in homes	7
Sinners bowing for prayer	99
Professions of faith	24
Received for baptism	25

Resolved by letter.....	3
By restoration.....	1
Total additions.....	29
Collected on Seventy-Five-Million Campaign.....	\$119.35
Subscribed to Seventy-Five-Million Campaign.....	\$1,225.00
Days spent on field.....	128
Money collected for the poor.....	\$15.00
Deacons ordained.....	1
Preachers licensed.....	1
Other associations visited.....	1
Sunday Schools organized.....	2
Prayer meetings held.....	4

Report on Associational Missions

It is with the deepest possible regret that we are unable to make any report for the past year. We have had much destitution within the bounds of our Association. In many sections there is no Baptist preaching and teaching. We have a number of weak and struggling churches without pastors, and some of them are begging for help. Many fads and isms are abroad in the country, and are being pushed and fostered with a zeal worthy of a better cause. While we have many men and churches who are standing loyally by the work and workers, yet many are indifferent. The field is already white and the workers are few. What shall the outcome be? The answer depends wholly on the response which we pastors and people shall make to the cry for help. If we but clearly see the tremendous responsibility of the churches to Associational Missions and the unlimited opportunities they present, a new day will be ushered in. Associational Missions lies as a supreme obligation upon the pastors and churches, and it behooves them to organize their forces with all wisdom. This is a work of prayers and tears, of unflinching faith and noble sacrifice. We recommend that at least one missionary be employed for full time.

Committee:

J. D. J. FAULKNER,

O. T. CARPENTER.

The Report on Home Missions was read by G. R. Tyler and was adopted. The report follows:

Report on Home Missions

In the Acts of the Apostles, chapter one and verse eight, we read: "And ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

We are taught by these words that the gospel should be preached in all the world, but we must not forget that we must begin at Jerusalem—that is, at our own door. Without a strong missionary force at home we cannot expect to accomplish much abroad. The common expression that "if we do not Christianize the foreigners they will heathenize us" is more meaningful to us than we think. Our country is being constantly flooded with foreign peoples, who speak foreign languages. These are mostly Roman Catholics or of some other foreign religion.

The Bureau of Education, which is the government agency for promoting the teaching of English, is authority for the statement that there are more than 3,250,000 persons over ten years of age in this country who do not understand English. The National Americanization Committee, one of the pioneers in the movement to spread the use of English, states that there are more than 2,000,000 persons over twenty-one who do not understand English. We are informed that 1,275,902 foreign-born men were registered under the first selective draft, and the amazing lack of ability to understand English on the part of thousands of our soldiers has become a matter of common knowledge.

More foreigners could be reached by our Home Mission Board in America than are reached by our Foreign Mission Board in the foreign countries. Wonderful opportunities and glorious possibilities are in the reach of our Home Mission work.

OUR HOME MISSION BOARD

In Nineteen Hundred Nineteen 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 four hundred fifty 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 \$2,875,000.00 was necessary for the 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 Seventy-Five-Million Campaign.

Committee:

G. R. TYLER, Chairman,
J. T. ROGERS,
W. A. JONES.

The subject was discussed by Sister Jackson and Brother Tyler.

At the close of this discussion the Body stood adjourned until one thirty, p. m.

Afternoon Session of Second Day

At one-thirty, p. m., after song and prayer led by Brother Carter, the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

The Report on Foreign Missions was read by Brother L. W. Russell and was adopted by the Association, the same being discussed by the reader. The report follows:

Report on Foreign Missions

The statistics of the Foreign Missions Board, published in May, 1920, show we have 542 churches in foreign lands, one-fourth of which are self-supporting, and more than half of which worship in houses owned either by the Board or by the churches themselves.

The missionaries baptized 6,834 during the year 1919, the largest number yet reported for any single year. This brings our total membership on all the foreign fields up to 57,438.

These native churches contributed last year \$242,460, which represents a gift of \$4.22 per member.

The Sunday Schools now on the foreign fields number 836, with an enrollment of 47,672 scholars.

Our literary school work has had phenomenal growth. The Board had last year 554 schools of all grades, from Kindergarten to Theological Seminary, with an enrollment of 18,514 students. From these schools many of our converts, especially young folk, and all of our native workers come.

We would also mention the great and increasingly important work of our medical missionaries. We have fourteen on our different mission fields, and last year they treated 205,098 patients, an average of 40 patients for each one for each day in the year.

The Seventy-Five-Million Campaign has brought a new day to our Foreign Mission Board, not only in the amount of money raised, but also in the increased confidence and prestige among the churches and peoples of foreign lands. They have all heard of our great success and have been profoundly impressed by it. The foreign churches have responded to our efforts by raising a million dollars on their own account—more than Southern Baptists used to give only a few years ago—and our missionaries have gone about their great tasks with a new vision and a greater zeal. Their splendid success on every field should provoke us to greater consecration and more heroic efforts to meet the demands of this great day here at home.

We are now occupying nine great fields, the Board having the past year added Czecho-Slovakia, a field of great promise and the native land of John Huss, the great Baptist martyr who gave his life for the cause of truth many centuries ago.

The whole Foreign Mission situation of our great Baptist Zion is one to inspire faith, hope, courage, and noble effort on the part of every loyal Baptist. Our Board expects it and has just sent out on the Seventeenth of August 55 new missionaries for China and Japan alone. This is by far the largest number of missionaries ever yet sent out by any mission board at one time.

Let us thank God and take courage.

Committee:

L. W. RUSSELL,
L. L. FAULKNER,
ENIS C. JOHNSON.

The Report on Sunday Schools was presented by Brother F. H. McDonald and he and others commented on it. The Report met the approval of the Body. It was as follows:

Report on Sunday Schools

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.

Baptists 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 what they 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.

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 Schools.

Committee:

F. H. McDONALD,

W. L. WEATHERFORD.

The Report on Infirm Ministers was read by Brother L. W. Russell and was adopted by the Association. After a brief discussion of this subject, a free-will offering of \$25.25 was given by the Association to Brother J. R. Hall of Marmaduke.

Report on Aged and Infirm Ministers

Your Committee on Aged and Infirm Ministers reports as follows:

After careful investigation, we find only one aged and infirm minister in the bounds of our Association, Brother J. R. Hall of Marmaduke. Brother Hall has been one of our ablest and most devoted preachers who gave all that he had to Christ and His cause without stint and has laid up nothing in worldly store for his old age.

He is now sixty-eight years old, seriously afflicted with palsy and no longer able to earn his living.

He is now receiving ten dollars per month from our General Board of Ministerial Relief and this is soon to be increased to \$12.50 per month.

It is expected that when all the funds of the Seventy-Five-Million Campaign are available, this will be sufficient to care for our old and needy ministers in comparative comfort.

Your committee, in obedience to your orders, took up the case of Brother Hall with the pastors and churches of this Association in an effort to raise \$15.00 per month but received no favorable response. The brethren all seemed to be laboring under the impression that the Seventy-Five-Million Campaign relieved them of all further obligations although it should have been clear to all that these funds were not immediately available. Not even now are they available for

Arkansas for the good reason they have not been collected and sent in.

Your committee recommends that no further committee be appointed to raise money in the Association for this purpose, but that the whole matter be turned over to our Relief and Annuity Board at Dallas, Texas, and that all money be sent to our State Secretary at Little Rock.

We would further recommend that each church in the Association make an annual contribution to this worthy cause either through the Seventy-Five Million Campaign or by special offering.

L. W. RUSSELL.

Motion and second to adjourn until seven o'clock, p. m.

Evening Session of the Second Day

The Body came together at the appointed hour. After song service and prayer, led by Brother J. J. Gardner, the Moderator called for the Report on Prayer Meetings. The report was read by Brother Robert Liddell and was adopted by the Body. Good speeches were made on the subject by Elders Liddell and Tyler. The report follows:

Report on Prayer Meetings

We find that but few of our churches have regular prayer services.

Jesus taught us the great necessity of prayer, and we believe that no church can do its best work which neglects this duty and privilege.

It is the praying church and people that have power with God and with men. We would therefore urge the churches to have and maintain regular prayer meetings and that we pray for all our work and workers.

Committee:

E. R. CREWS,

J. J. KELLEY.

After this short session of business, according to the arrangements of the Committee on Divine Services, Brother L. D. Summers preached an excellent sermon on "The Commission," Matthew 28:19,20.

The services closed with praising the Lord, and a free-will offering was made to the Piggott church.

Motion was carried to adjourn until nine o'clock, a. m.

Morning Session of Third Day

The Association met at nine o'clock, a. m. After song and prayer led by Brother Weatherly, the Body was called to order for business, by the Moderator, Brother Rouse.

The Report on Orphans' Home was read by Brother Ernest Forrest, and same was adopted. It follows:

Report on Orphans' Home

Since the establishment of our Orphans' Home at Monticello, approximately one thousand children have been cared for.

These have gone out into the various walks of life making good and useful men and women, many of whom but for your benefactions would in one way or another have become a menace to the social order and a burden to the State.

There are now about sixty children in the Home. They are received at any age up to thirteen and are released at eighteen.

The health of the children has been remarkably good the past year, there being no deaths and no cases of serious illness.

There are enough cows on the farm to furnish milk and butter for one meal each day. There are also a number of cattle and hogs to be slaughtered for food this Fall and Winter.

We understand Mr. Horton is a very practical farmer, and that the farm is in a good state of productivity. This year there will be a good crop of corn, peas, peanuts, sweet potatoes and sorghum harvested. Ample feed stuff is raised on the farm to supply the live stock.

Indications are good that the year will close with a cash balance on hand in the maintenance fund.

The buildings and equipment are sadly inadequate. Our Five Year Program provides for proper construction and maintenance and we recommend that the State Board proceed early to ascertain just what is necessary in the way of reconstructing the plant, and what changes, if any, are needed in the matter of management in view of our enlargement program.

We recommend further that our Sunday Schools continue to contribute one Sunday's collection each month to the Orphans' Home, not only because of the need but for the educational value to our Sunday School pupils in systematic giving.

We commend Brother Dorris and Brother and Mrs. Horton and all who are connected with the management for their faithful labors in behalf of this sacred trust. We urge all the churches to pay their pledges to the Seventy-Five-Million Campaign promptly that our orphans may be cared for properly.

Committee:

ERNEST FORREST,

W. H. NICHOLAS.

The Report on Hospitals was read by Brother Tyler, and was adopted by the Association. It was as follows:

Report on Hospitals

Roman Catholics number 23,000 in Arkansas, white and colored; while the white Baptists alone number 126,000, and the colored Baptists number more than 96,000 or a total of 222,000 Baptists in the State.

The Roman Catholics have six hospitals in Arkansas managed by about seventy five of the Sisters and these hospitals last year treated very near 10,000 patients. The only big Roman Catholic hospital in Little Rock, known as St. Vincent's Infirmary, has 225 beds, nearly always crowded, and treated 4,685 private patients last year, among which were almost 650 Baptists!

Do you recall how the Children of Israel had to go down to the Philistines to get their axes sharpened? What about 126,000 white Baptists in Arkansas allowing 23,000 Catholics to do most of the hospital work for the Baptist sick folks?

One hundred and eleven times the New Testament mentions Christ's care and concern for the sick. Why do Baptists claim to follow Him and leave untouched this great work of healing the sick? It is sinful!

Besides, this neglect of hospital work is very foolish and short-sighted. The Catholics accomplish three things with their hospitals: First, the Roman Catholics use their hospitals to make "converts" or Catholics out of non-Catholic patients which come to them. Second, after the second year, practically all the great hospitals bring in great returns financially, even with paid nurses in charge, whereas,

with the Catholic Sisters working for their board and clothes, and not much of these, all the large Catholic hospitals that are well managed are bound to be small mints of money. Third, the hospital work of the Catholics makes a great opportunity for them to serve a real and deep human need in the name of Christ, which is one of the greatest Christian privileges.

Finally, THERE IS A VERY GREAT NEED OF MORE HOSPITALS IN ARKANSAS. Men who have given their lives to the study of these things tell us that a civilized community ought to have one hospital bed for every 200 persons. If this is anything like correct, then Little Rock alone needs 800 hospital beds and has only about half that number for the people who live in the capital city, to say nothing about the hundreds who go to the city every week from over the state.

The hospital committee of our Baptist State Convention has a well-defined plan for a great central hospital at Little Rock, and when that has gotten under successful operation, we will begin the building of regional hospitals as they are called for and can be financed. This is part of the great work of our Seventy-Five-Million Campaign.

Arkansas Baptists now own and operate the Davis Hospital at Pine Bluff and have an interest in the Baptist Tri-State Hospital at Memphis. The Little Rock Hospital will probably be begun to be erected before many months. The Association would urge our churches to pay their pledges to the Seventy-Five-Million Campaign so this great hospital work may go on as Christ would have it.

Committee:

W. F. ALEXANDER,
ENNIS C. JOHNSON.

The Report on Temperance was read by Brother J. J. Gardner and was adopted by the Body.

Report on Temperance

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg to report as follows:

We believe in temperance in all things, because intemperance causes four-fifths of our criminals, while temperance is the one thing that makes people happier. No nation or people can be happy without temperance.

Therefore, we beg everyone to join us and help to get rid of the great monster Intemperance, and to pray for our leaders in this fight.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. GARDNER,
E. R. COOPER.

The Report on Publications was read and adopted, as follows:

Report on Publications

It is hardly possible to overestimate 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 unreasoning 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 interests 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, Arkansas.

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 the Seventy-Five-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 Seventy-Five-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 into 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, Tennessee, and Royal Service, published by the Southern Baptist W. M. U., Baltimore, Maryland, are of very great value, and we recommend that our people subscribe for and read them.

Committee:

G. C. JERNIGAN,

W. J. JOHNSON.

The speaking on this subject was postponed until the afternoon session.

Just at this juncture announcement was made that Brother Robert Liddell would take the stand and preach.

At the close of preaching the chair entertained a motion for adjournment until two o'clock, p. m. Benediction.

Third Day, Afternoon Session

At two o'clock, p. m., after song service and prayer led by Brother F. H. McDonald, the Association was called to order by the Moderator

Speeches were made to the Report on Publication.

Motion and second was carried that Sister Lura Brown prepare a Report on Woman's Work and send it to Clerk for publication in the Minutes. The report as sent:

Report on Woman's Work

There are in Gainesville Association five Woman's Missionary Societies and Ladies' Aids in the following churches: Rector, Second Baptist Church of Paragould, Marmaduke, Friendship, and Piggott.

These societies are helping their churches in a financial way by contributing to the pastor's salary, building funds, and with the Devout-Five-Million Campaign pledges. They are also having missionary programs and study classes.

It is with an earnest wish that all the churches of the Gainesville Association this year strive to have an active society organized. Let's pray that this may be so.

MISS LULA WEATHERLY,
Y. W. A. Secretary,
Paragould, Arkansas.

MRS. LURA BROWN,
Associational Superintendent,
Piggott, Arkansas.

The Report on Nominations was read and adopted.

His motion and second Brother Potter of Piggott was nominated as a member of the State Board.

Report on Nominations

Your Committee on Nominations beg leave to report as follows:

The Executive Board—W. L. Weatherford, O. C. Grider, J. F. Bishop, J. T. Rogers, and Sherman McDaniels.

Annual Sermon—T. B. Rouse; Alternate, L. W. Russell.

Delegate to S. B. C.—R. C. Rogers; Alternate, G. R. Tyler.

Corresponding.

Mount Zion Association—G. R. Tyler, T. B. Rouse.

Black River Association—Frank Adams, F. H. McDonald.

Committee:

G. R. TYLER,
J. T. ROGERS,
W. E. HARRIS.

The Report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted, as follows:

Report of Committee on Finance

We, your Committee on Finance, beg to submit the following Report on Minutes and Clerk Fund:

Greenway	\$ 2.50
Bethel	1.00
Hopewell	2.50
Post Oak	2.00
Epsaby	2.00
Rector	7.50
Marmaduke	5.00

Rock Hill	6.10
Bethlehem	2.00
Union Grove	2.00
Pleasant Hill	1.21
New Light	1.50
Fair View	1.50
Mount Pleasant	2.50
Friendship	5.00
Brown's Chapel	2.00
Blooming Grove	2.50
New Home	1.80
Black River	1.60
Providence	3.00
New Haven	2.10
New Hope	3.00
Piggott	10.00
Saint Francis	2.00
Paragould Second	5.00
Wanderers' Home	1.50
Total	\$78.81

Committee:

E. G. WARD,
A. OSMAN,
MRS. NANCY BROWN.

J. B. Walden sent in the Treasurers' Report for the past year and same was adopted by Association. It follows:

Treasurer's Report

OCTOBER 24, 1919

RECEIVED FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes and Clerk	\$ 64.15
Foreign Missions	19.50
Home Missions	9.50
State Missions	32.41
Associational Missions	148.95
Orphans' Home	75.75
Ministerial Aid	1.00
Ministerial Education	1.00
Christian Education	12.00
Total	\$364.26

PAID OUT BY TREASURER

Minutes and Clerk, paid to C. H. Bishop, \$	64.15
Associational Missions, to G. C. Jernigan	148.95
Paid to J. S. Rogers — Foreign Missions	19.50
Home Missions	9.50
State Missions	32.41
Orphans' Home	75.75
Ministerial Aid	1.00
Ministerial Education	1.00
Christian Education	12.00
Total	\$364.26

J. B. WALDEN,

Treasurer of Gainesville Association.

The chair entertained a motion to change the time of the meeting of the Association back to the old time, October — Wednesday 19, Thursday 20, and Friday 21, 1921.

The Association voted unanimously to go to Blooming Grove as its next meeting place.

Motion and second that the Clerk be allowed \$15.00 for his services, and have the Minutes printed.

The following Resolution was offered by Brother G. R. Tyler, and same was adopted:

Resolution

Whereas, the Piggott church has so royally and courteously entertained the Gainesville Association during the meeting:

Be it Resolved, That this Body tender thanks and profound appreciation to the members and neighbors for their fine hospitality.

Be it further Resolved, That it is the sense of this body that the Piggott church has the prayers and highest commendation in the construction of their splendid new church building. —G. R. TYLER.

This finished the business session of the Association. The congregation sang a hymn and extended to each other the parting hand, after which we had the benediction by the Moderator, Brother Rouse.

We adjourned to meet at Blooming Grove, Clay County, on Wednesday before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1921.

CARL H. BISHOP, Clerk.

OUR DEAD

Hopewell—Sister Lena McDermitt, Sister Virginia Montgomery, Brother A. J. Gaulden.

New Light—Brother Elgie Smith, Sister Mary Pinkston.

Piggott—Sister Lou Wheeler.

Bethlehem—Sister Alice Burns.

Friendship—Sister M. A. Hagood.

Providence—Sister Ester Weatherly.

New Hope—Z. T. Underwood, Gilbert Grider, John Baker, Nettie Grider.

Epsaby—Brother J. P. Bryson.

Post Oak—Lonnie Sanders.

Rector—H. Allen, Mary F. Pruett.

New Home—Sister Minnie Jackson.

Second Church, Paragould—Sister Louella Bowen, Sister Estella Johnson, Sister Emma Adams, and Brother B. F. Frields.



CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS—NUMERICAL

CHURCHES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS	Last Year	Membership					Valuation of Church Property	Teachers	Pupils	Baptisms	Contributions by Sunday Schools	Number of schools	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES	CHURCH CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	
		Baptism	Incr.		Decr.										Membership
			Letter	Restoration	Letter	Death									
Brown's Chapel	62	1					63		8	74	1		1 L. M. Webb, Paragould, Ark.	J. F. Sain, Paragould, Ark.	
Blooming Grove	111		1				112	\$ 800 00						E. R. Crews, Rector, Ark.	
Bethlehem	47					1	2	44	1000 00	4	50		1 J. L. Pinkston, Boydsville, Ark.	J. A. Smith, Knob, Ark.	
Bethel	48	3	1					52					F. H. McDonald	McHerd, Bethel, Ark.	
Black River	44	16	3	1		1		63	2000 00	5			1 R. L. Lewis, Piggott, Ark.	Mrs. Henry Overby	
Big Creek	47	5	4		4			62	800 00	4	50		1 L. M. Webb, Paragould, Ark.	C. H. Bishop, Gainesville, Ark.	
Epsaby	48				2	1		45	800 00	3	20		1 J. D. J. Faulkner, Paragould	T. F. Cole, Gainesville, Ark.	
Friendship	150	15	13		7	1		170	1000 00	5	50		1 J. D. J. Faulkner, Paragould	Irwin Burton, Marmaduke	
Fairview	40				2	1		37	800 00				F. B. Emmons, Paragould, Ark.	J. W. Thompson, Paragould	
Greenway	49		6		1	1		54	800 00	4	46		1 G. A. Crocker	Sadie Thomas, Greenway, Ark.	
Hopewell	150		1		4	3		144	1000 00	3	30	\$ 6 60	J. D. J. Faulkner, Paragould	Jas. H. Johnson, Rector, Ark.	
Marmaduke	227	14			12	3		226	3000 00	7	120	1	1 L. W. Russell, Marmaduke, Ark.	A. M. Hall, Marmaduke, Ark.	
Main Shore								600 00					1 W. H. Merideth, Paragould, Ark.	R. A. Fletch	
Mount Pleasant	49	7						56		4	35	4	1 F. H. McDonald	Clyde Johnson, Paragould	
New Home	44	3	1			1		47	1000 00				J. L. Pinkston, Boydsville, Ark.	T. H. Hopper, Marmaduke	
New Haven	51	4	5		5		6	49	1200 00	4	68	4	1 W. H. Merideth, Paragould	Lucy Watkins, Paragould	
New Light	82							80	1200 00	4	50			W. H. Wimberley, Boydsville	
New Hope	230		5		1	4		230	3000 00				1 L. M. Webb, Paragould, Ark.	C. E. Grider, Piggott, Ark.	
Piggott	187	13	22		22	1	2	197	12902 23	12	183	13	1 D. M. Carter, Piggott, Ark.	M. H. Potter, Piggott, Ark.	
Pleasant Hill	78	9	5		1			91	1500 00	5	100	11 04	1 W. H. Merideth, Paragould, Ark.	Irwin Elington	
Post Oak	75	16		1	1	1	1	89	2000 00	3	20		1 W. F. Alexander, Pollard, Ark.	C. D. Holcomb, Pollard, Ark.	
Providence	133	7	5		4	1		140		4	50	7	1 J. L. Pinkston, Boydsville, Ark.	G. T. Harrison, Lafa, Ark.	
Paragould Second	216	25	20		5	5	11	240	5000 00	7	120	11	1 G. R. Tyler, Paragould, Ark.	Geo. Rogers, Paragould, Ark.	
Rector	206		6		6	2		204	8000 00	7	250		1 T. B. Rouse, Rector, Ark.	J. W. Winchester, Rector	
Rock Hill	143	9				8		145	1500 00	6	90	9	1 B. L. Bridges, Paragould, Ark.	J. L. Craig, Paragould, Ark.	
Saint Francis	145							145	600 00	5	60		1 W. E. Liddell	J. P. Covey, St. Francis, Ark.	
Union Grove	60					13		47	800 00	3	45	1	1 F. B. Emmons, Paragould, Ark.	L. L. Faulkner, Paragould	
Wanderers' Home	63		2		1			64	600 00				J. L. Pinkston, Boydsville, Ark.	G. L. Settlemoir, Piggott	

CHURCHES

CHURCHES	Building and Repairs	Minutes and Clerks	Pastors' Salary	State Missions	Incidentals	Visiting Ministers	Sunday School Expen.	The Poor	Associational Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Other Objects	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Ministerial Relief	75-Million Campaign	Total
Brown's Chapel		\$1 84	\$1 68		\$13 60	\$85 00	\$28 36									160 00	\$ 353 83
Blooming Grove		2 50				14 00										94 75	108 75
Bethlehem		2 00	76 75				7 00		6 15								91 90
Bethel		1 00	37 70			19 66											61 36
Black River		60	200 00	5 00	50 00	100 00	50 00	75 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	\$3 00	1 00	1 00		570 25
Big Creek		2 00	200 00		40 00							16 00	67 65				256 00
Epsaby		2 00	100 00				6 06			1 00	1 00		3 00				113 00
Friendship	15 00	6 00	200 00		15 00	15 00	20 00									600 00	870 00
Fairview		1 50	60 00			9 70			2 50				3 00				76 70
Greenway	18 90	2 50	77 35		12 00	29 30	8 64		6 50							59 71	212 40
Hopewell		2 50	165 00			18 00	6 60						8 72				198 32
Marmaduke	176872	5 00	715 00	9 24	168 07		169 05		10 00				10 00		29 65	206 50	3092 13
Main Shore		1 00	150 00														151 00
Mount Pleasant		2 50	73 70		8 50	53 70	14 00									30 50	263 90
New Home		1 80	120 00														121 80
New Haven		2 10	67 00	1 20	88 71	3 60	9 55			1 25			16 60				187 91
New Light		1 50				20 00	10 00						5 00			15 00	51 50
New Hope		3 00	600 00		200 00	106 00		10 00								200 00	1119 50
Piggott	332 92	10 00	726 19		218 14	45 00	137 25				17 78	48 00	51 01			280 00	1856 34
Pleasant Hill	73 50	1 00	83 00		19 00	7 00			1 00		1 00		1 21	1 00			187 71
Post Oak		2 00	51 00		5 00	5 00	4 00		2 00				10 00				79 00
Providence		3 00	150 00				18 00										171 00
Paragould Second	45 00	5 00	1500	31 55	322 69		75 00	15 00					64 65	47 59		219 00	2323 18
Rector		7 50	1100		418 64	30 00	241 54	50 00								1017	2857 18
Rock Hill		5 10	153 50		66 91	40 75	17 50	8 53								608 23	901 53
Saint Francis		2 00	600 00										34 15			90 10	726 25
Union Grove		2 00	100 00		20 00	13 50	9 50									106 50	259 50
Wanderers' Home		1 50	150 00		5 00	25 00						1 50					185 50