

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Twenty First Annual Session

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**Baptist General Ass'n.**

(ORGANIZED 1876.)

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WESTERN ARK & IND TERRITORY;

.....HELD WITH.....

Choat's Prairie Church, Choctaw Nation,

September 12 th, 1896,

Next Session to Convene with Salt Creek Church, J. T. on Saturday at 11 O'clock,  
September,.....1897.



## MINUTES.

The Baptist General Association of Western Arkansas, and Indian Territory, met in its Twenty first Annual Session with the church at Choat's Prairie, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory on Saturday 11 o'clock September 12th 1896. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. M. H. Heathman of the Indian Territory, followed by Eld. N. J. Davis of Oklahoma. Prayer by Eld. R. R. Pace of Arkansas. The Chair being vacant on account of its former Moderator (Eld. E. L. Compere) on motion J. M. Green of Mannsville Chickasaw Nation was called to the Chair.

Committees were appointed as follows:

On Enrollment: A. Frank Ross, H. H. Mouser and J. A. Mathews.

On Divine Services: Pastor and Deacons of church, with S. Goforth, T. H. Henderson and A. C. Stilley.

Adjourned until 2-30 p. m.

The Association assembled at the appointed time. J. M. Green read the 84th Psalm; followed by a season of song and prayer services; the Creek Indian brethren singing in their native tongue.

The committee on Enrollment read report which was received: after which a committee was appointed as tellers of election, consisting of brethren A. Frank Ross, J. W. Hulsey and A. J. Deaton

The Moderator declared the Association ready to enter into election of officers for the ensuing year.

The following is the report of Tellers of election:

Your Tellers of Election for officers would report as follows;

Eld. J. M. Green of Mannsville, Chickasaw Nation, I. T. Moderator; Eld. L. W. Wright, of Kully Chaha, Choctaw Nation I. T., is unanimously re-elected Clerk and Eld. H. H. Mouser of Whitefield, Choctaw Nation, I. T., is also unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

After some very appropriate and feeling remarks by Eld J. M. Green, an address of welcome was delivered by L. F. Patterson of Winfield Ark., also touching remarks by Pastor, J. H. York. A response was delivered by Eld. A. G. Washburn of Hackett Ark., followed by song "The Crowning Day is Coming." sung by sisters R. J. Dewuse and Mary Choat.

The report of the Mission Board was read by Secretary



F. R. Smith, which was received and ordered spread upon the records of the association. The Foreign Mission Secretary read his report which was received and ordered spread upon the minutes.

On motion the following named brethren were elected as the Mission Board, to wit: G. W. Choate, F. R. Smith, Eld Wm. McCombs, Wiley Adams and Elder J. H. York.

Under the same motion and second L. W. Wright was re-elected Superintendent of Missions and Foreign Mission Secretary

Correspondence was called for. Eld. N. J. Davis of Oklahoma Ter., from O. K. State Baptist Convention was seated.

On motion, 8 o'clock, a. m. was the time set for the meeting of the association from day to day until the close of the session; followed by congregation singing "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow". Adjourned by benediction by Eld. B. F. Stamps.

Preaching Saturday night by Eld. W. J. Pinkerton. Text: Jno. 3: 8.

#### SUNDAY SERVICES.

Sunrise prayer meeting conducted by L. F. Patterson.

A large congregation gathered under the arbor at 9 a. m. & engaged in a series of song, prayer and speaking services, conducted by Eld. J. C. Leach. Among those who took special part in these services were two Creek Indians, who sang and prayed in their native tongue; also the Welch brethren sang and prayed in the native tongue.

At 11 o'clock A. G. Washburn, from Matt. 5: 13 14, delivered a very able discourse on the subject of missions, followed by J. W. Hulsey. At close of services a collection was taken for missions, amounting to \$30.35.

At 4 o'clock, preaching by H. H. Mouser, followed by L. F. Patterson. Text: Mark 11: 2. At the close of the services, the Moderator read out the following committees:

#### ON TEMPERANCE.

A. J. Turnbough, W. E. Whitford, J. W. Casteel.

#### ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

T. J. Chambliss, Isaac McGlamary, J. H. Anderson.

#### ON PERIODICALS.

A. G. Washburn, A. F. Ross, H. R. Smith, G. W. Choate.

#### ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

H. H. Mouser, W. J. Pinkerton, F. R. Smith.

#### WORK OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST WOMEN.

A. Frank Ross, L. W. Wright, W. H. Dewuse and D. S. Cromer.

## ON NOMINATIONS.

L. F. Patterson, S. D. Hanley, S. Goforth and G. A. Mathews.

## ON BUCKNER COLLEGE.

J. W. Hulsey, R. R. Pace and James Edmondson.

## APPEAL TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST.

A. G. Washburn, J. W. Hulsey and M. H. Heathman.

## ON HOME WORK.

B. F. Stamps, Wm. McCombs and L. T. Hale.

## ON OBITUARIES.

J. C. Leach, J. W. Tennison and J. G. Harris.

## ON FRATERNITY.

H. H. Mouser, J. W. Hulsey and J. H. York.

## ON FINANCE.

W. D. Smith, J. B. Barnes and F. R. Smith.

## DUTY AND BLESSEDNESS OF GIVING.

M. H. Heathman, S. W. Coleman, A. J. Deaton, J. C. Bethel.

Services Sunday night by J. W. Hulsey, followed by H. H. Mouser. Text: Acts 16: 30.

## MONDAY MORNING SERVICES.

At 8 o'clock the Association came together by singing "How Firm A Foundation." The Moderator read the 103rd Psalm. The minutes of Saturday and Sunday were read and adopted; also the roll called and corrected.

On motion, Fraternal Correspondents were appointed to the following General Baptist Bodies:

## TO OKLAHOMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

R. Shirley, J. M. Green, L. W. Wright A. J. Deaton  
and M. H. Heathman.

## TO BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION---ARK.

A. G. Washburn and B. F. Stamps.

## TO BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION---TEX.

J. M. Green and W. E. Whitford.

## TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

L. W. Wright and A. G. Washburn, Delegates.

The committee on Foreign Missions read its report which was discussed by brethren Washburn, Mouser, Hardin, Deaton, Hoyt and Wilson, after which report was adopted.

On motion speeches were limited to five minutes, except the Chairman. Adjourned to 2 o'clock p. m.



Preaching at 11 o'clock by J. H. Anderson followed by A. J. Deaton. Text: 2nd Cor. 4: 18.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by song service, prayer by Bro. A. Tabor.

A communication from Liberty church, Creek Nation was read before the Association, requesting the Association to ordain one of her members to the full work of the ministry. The request was not complied with as the matter of ordination belongs only to the church.

A communication from Refuge church was also read before the Association, with reference to some church trouble asking the advice of the Association. After some consideration of the matter, Bro A. Frank Ross was appointed to bear the advice of the Association to the church.

The committee on Woman's Work, read their report which was discussed by brethren Ross, Stamps and Washburn, after which it was adopted.

The committee on Home Work read their report and was discussed by Stamps, Wilson, Cromer, Whitford, Crowder, Tabor, Heathman, Washburn, Barnes and Wasson, after which it was adopted.

The committee on Duty and Blessedness of Giving read their report which was discussed by several brethren, after which it was adopted.

The committee on Sunday Schools read their report which was discussed and adopted.

The committee on Periodicals read their report and was discussed by Washburn and Green, after which was adopted.

The committee on Nominations read their report which was discussed by Patterson, York, Wright, Hardin, Barnes, Hulsey, Cromer, Washburn, Maburin, and Coleman, after which it was adopted.

The committee on Finance read their report which was adopted.

Adjourned until 8 o'clock Tuesday a. m.,  
Preaching Monday night by J. W. Tennison.

#### SECOND DAY. MORNING SESSION.

At the appointed time the Association was called together by song; "O For A Closer Walk With God." Prayer by Isaac McGlamary.

The committee on Buckner College read their report which was discussed by brethren Hulsey, Heathman, Wright Green, Whitford and Patterson, after which it was adopted.

On motion, a special committee on Buckner College was

appointed consisting of B. F. Stamps, L. F. Patterson and J. W. Hulsey.

The report on Temperance was read, discussed and adopted.

A report on Fraternity was read by the committee which was discussed and adopted.

The Treasurer read his report, which was adopted as read.

On motion, the Minutes Fund was turned over to the Secretary, and he ordered to have the Minutes printed.

By motion the Mission Funds collected on Sunday was turned over to the Foreign Missions Secretary.

The committee on Appeals to Southern Baptist read their report which was discussed by Stamps and Washburn and adopted.

A report on Obituaries was read, discussed and adopted.

The Special committee on Buckner College read their report and after some discussion was adopted.

Notice was given, to the effect that at the next session (1897) a motion will be made to change the 2nd Article of our Constitution.

A resolution with reference to the statements of W. H. Whitset on Baptist History was read, discussed and adopted. (see resolutions.)

Preaching at 11 o'clock by W. H. Deweese, followed by S. G. Lucas. Subject: "Growth in Grace."

On motion adjourned to meet with Salt Creek church on Saturday at 11 o'clock, Sept. -- 1897.

J. M. GREEN

Moderator.

L. W. WRIGHT

Clerk.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

### ON ENROLLMENT.

Your committee on Enrollment would report at follows: We find the following Associations and Churches represented by messengers, to wit:

Short Mountain Association, located in Choctaw Nation J. W. Hulsey, S. Goforth, L. W. Wright and S. D. Hanley.

Zion Association, located in Choctaw Nation. W. R. Mapperrin, A. J. Deaton, J. H. York, Wm. Johnson and J. C. Vanhorn.

Bethel Association, located in Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, E. S. Horue and W. H. Deweese.

Long Town Association, located in Choctaw, Cherokee and Creek Nations, H. H. Mouser and D. S. Cromer.



Muskogee, Seminole and Wichita Associations (strictly Indian, covering the entire three above named tribes.) Eld. Wesley Smith and James Bird.

Salem Association, located in Chickasaw Nation. J. M. Green and W. H. Boyer.

Buckner Association, located in Ark. L. F. Patterson, James Edmondson, J. H. Anderson and A. G. Washburn.

Ouachita Association, located in Ark. J. P. Faith.

#### FROM CHURCHES.

Double Branch. (I. T.) W. J. Pinkerton.

Poteau. (I. T.) J. G. Horten.

Locust Grove. (I. T.) James Mills.

Prairie Grove. (in Longtown and I. T.) W. B. Robinson.

Panola Hill. (I. T.) Elisha Upton.

Poteau. (Ark.) L. F. Patterson.

South Canadian. (I. T.) W. R. Edwards.

Amity. (Ark.) James Edmondson.

Dayton, (Ark.) R. R. Pace.

New Bethel. (I. T.) R. Shirley.

Mt. View. [I. T.] S. G. Lucas.

Scipio. I. T. S. W. Coleman.

Prairie View. I. T. Wm. Cagle.

Powell. I. T. J. W. Tennison.

Ward Springs. I. T. L. D. Ellwood.

Whitefield. I. T. Isaac McGlamary.

Sulphur Springs. I. T. J. C. Butler.

Earl. I. T. J. A. Mathews.

Ada. I. T. Wm. Wasson.

Elm Grove. I. T. T. N. Deaver.

Buffalo. I. T. E. B. Ratliff.

Salt Creek. I. T. E. M. Bullinger.

Liberty. I. T. W. R. Vanhorn.

Choat's Prairie. I. T. J. W. Lewis.

Markum Valley. I. T. J. M. Bland.

Peachland Creek. I. T. J. W. Hoyt.

Refuge. I. T. J. V. Davis.

Liberty Hill. I. T. W. L. Wright.

The following named brethren were seated on a money basis: A. C. Stille, W. D. Smith, J. C. Leach, E. Collins, J. B. Barnes, A. F. Ross, T. J. Chambliss, L. T. Hale, H. R. Smith, Wm McCombs, M. H. Heathman, C. L. Alexander, N. B. Forrester, T. J. Davis, J. C. Bethel, J. I. Glenland, J. D. Conn, Wiley Adams, A. J. Turnbough, W. F. Choate, W. E. Whitford, L. D. Hendrix, W. J. Crowder, J. M. Angling, F. R. Smith, Geo. Smith, J. W. Casteel, B. F. Stamps, G. F. Wilson and Charley Henderson.

## VISITORS.

G. W. Harris, from Friendship Association, Okla. Ter.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee on Foreign Missions would report as follows:

We feel that God is wonderfully blessing our efforts to spread the gospel in foreign fields; so much so, that there was, during last year 735 baptisms by our Native Missionaries.

We are happy to note that Native Churches in foreign fields have, during the past year, contributed \$5,553.20 for the support of the gospel. Seeing the great success of our Missionaries and realizing the great need of the gospel in those fields, we should use our greatest endeavors to respond to the calls of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Your committee would urge every Baptist in the bounds of this body to make liberal contributions to this work.

Respectfully Submitted.

H. H. MOUSER, Chairman.

## WOMAN'S WORK.

We your committee on Woman's Work in the South, beg leave to report as follows:

We recognize this as being one of the important subjects for our consideration. The success of our Northern Baptist is rightly attributed to the efforts of their women, and the secret of their success is organization.

We of the South have discouraged and held our women down from her blessed duties, instead of loosing them to the work as God intended. She was last at the cross and first at the tomb. and is naturally and divinely qualified to accomplish a work that we cannot do. Her pure love, soft hand, warm heart, sagacious mind, superior zeal and great faith fits her preeminently for this glorious work. Her co-operation is needed now. Her ability is as great in the South as in any land and we only need organization and encouragement to enable her to help us to establish the cross on every hill over our destitute but promising field. We are allowing foreigners to come among us & organize our women and reap the precious fruits of their labor and transport them to other garners, confuse our plans and corrupt our forces.

The great Apolos sat at the feet of Priscill. Dorcas became a heroine for good works and Queen Esther brought freedom to her noble people, but no greater women ever lived than are our Southern women, who can teach, clothe



and give freedom to our millions of souls.

The first Sunday School established in the great state of New York, was organized by an Indian woman; since which time our enthusiastic sisters make the most efficient Sunday School workers, and are doing more toward leading our young people to Christ than all other agencies.

We urge our brethren to organize and encourage our Womans' Aid Societies in every community and have them co-operate with such Societies allied with our Southern Baptist Convention. And we again recommend that each District Association appoint a suitable sister as Vice President for that Association, to co-operate with the Vice President for the General Association, who is to be appointed by the Womans' Missionary Union of Baltimore, Md. Such organization and co-operation will make a new epoch in our work and will stamp success on our beautiful banner, illuminating myriads of souls with divine light.

We should do everything within our power to encourage and build up our Womans' work of the South, especially to aid and encourage the co-operation of our superior sisters of our own territory, utilize our own resources, develop our own women and cultivate our own fields, and God will pour out a most wonderful blessing and the beautiful rose of Sharon will forever bloom all over our Southern land.

A. FRANK ROSS.  
L. W. WRIGHT.  
W. H. DEWEESE.  
D. S. CROMER.

} Committee.

### DUTY AND BLESSEDNESS OF GIVING

Your committee on Duty and Blessedness of Giving would report as follows;

We believe that all the churches in all the world should be encouraged to give to the support of the gospel. There is nothing in the Bible more clearly set forth than the great duty and blessedness of giving to the cause of Christ.

If we ever succeed in taking the Indian Territory, or any other field for Christ, we must give to the furtherance of the gospel.

We believe that God prospers us according to our gifts. God's people are a willing people.

If we love God we will keep his commandments in "Freely ye have received, freely give."--Matt. 10; 8.

We must rally around the standard of the gospel and hold up the hands of those ministers who are promulgating the gospel of Christ.

Not only is it a duty to give, but it is a glorious privilege. The Master himself said: "It is more blessed to give

than to receive." We should teach it to our children and transmit the spirit of missions to our posterity.

M. H. HEATHMAN, Chairman.

#### PERIODICALS.

We your committee on Periodicals would recommend, that we endorse the Indian Baptist Standard as our organ and do what we can to increase its circulation and furnish news items of our work. We regard said paper as being our friend, and as being as ably edited as any other paper published.

Dr. Cranfield has stood as a great bulwark against error, exposing it regardless of consequences. The longer we know him the better we love him, and to that extent circulate & write for the paper and to that extent we are benefited. We hope its visitation will be enjoyed by every family in the bounds of this body.

We also recommend the Foreign mission Journal; by its study, our Zion may become better informed as to the success of our missionaries in foreign fields, as well as keep posted in our home work.

A. G. WASHBURN, Chairman.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sunday Schools would report as follows:

We learn from various churches the great indifference in the interest of Sunday School work; and realizing this interest to be one of the essential auxiliaries to a live church, and knowing the Sabbath School to be one of the true mediums by which are inculcated the true principles and doctrines of God's word and church, we do recommend that this body do advise and earnestly request the pastors of churches within its bounds, to use their most earnest endeavors to awaken this interest and enthusiasm of Sunday Schools, being convinced of this truth, that wherever we find a live Sabbath School, there is a live church.

T. J. CHAMBLESS, Chairman.

#### NOMINATIONS.

Your committee on Nominations have the following to offer:

We recommend that the next session of this body be held with Salt Creek church, on the Choctaw Oklahoma and Gulf R. R. That Eld. J. C. Leach preach the introductory sermon his alternate, J. W. Tennison. And that Eld. H. H. Mouser preach the missionary sermon, his alternate, M. H. Heathman.

L. F. PATTERSON, Chairman.



## OBITUARIES.

Your committee on Obituaries find that since the last session of this body, three of our very dear brethren and co-laborers have been called to their rewards, to wit:

Elds. J. M. Ledbetter, E. L. Compere and A. H. Gordon. Brethren Ledbetter and Compere were at the session of this body at its session at South Canadian, in September 1895 and both were taken sick during the session.

Bro Ledbetter's last work was to write a report on Buckner college. (see page 8 of minutes of last session) He didn't live to get home; he died at his post. He died on Sept. 14th. Bro Compere's sickness was more lingering, he deceased on Nov. 27th, 1895, at his home at Dallas, Ark.

Bro. Compere was Moderator of the General Association of Western Arkansas and Indian Territory at his death. He filled that position at every session of that body except two which was filled by Bro Ledbetter.

Bro Gordon deceased on August 31st, 1896. While Bro. Gordon was young in the ministry, he like the others, was a faithful, uncompromising minister.

While we realize the great loss we sustain in their deaths we too fully realize that our loss is their gain.

May our Heavenly Father give us more such men.

J. C. LEACH, Chairman.

## PLEDGES FOR FOREIGN AND HOME MISSIONS.

J. W. Casteel	\$10.00	Ladies' Aid Societies of	
J. M. Casteel	2.00	Salt Creek and Scipio	
W. D. Smith	5.00	Churches, each	\$5.00, \$10.00
E. B. Welch	5.00	Ladies' Aid Society of	
R. Shirley	5.00	Buffalow Church	5.00
Mrs. Jennie Hamilton	2.50	Mrs. R. J. Deweese	1.00
Mrs. F. A. Casteel	5.00	R. R. Pace	2.50
Mrs. L. A. Henderson	3.00	J. P. Faith	1.00
J. Y. Davis	5.00	Mrs. D. E. Casteel	1.00
A. J. Turnbough	5.00	Geo. York	2.50
Mrs. F. J. Lewis	2.50	M. H. Heathman	2.50
REFUGE Church	5.00	E. B. Ratliff	5.00
E. S. Decker	1.00	Wallis York	10.00
Mrs. R. R. Pace	1.00	H. R. Smith and wife	10.00
Mrs. Mary Choate (Paid)	.50	Mrs. S. J. Chambless (Pd)	2.00
Samuel Bidy (Paid)	.25	Eliza Ringole (Paid)	5.00
R. T. Person	1.00	Mrs. Alice York	10.00
W. H. Deweese	2.50	J. C. Bethel	2.50
W. R. Mahurin	5.00	L. E. Hendrix	2.50
Miss Fawn Chambless (Pd)	.05	M. D Hendrix	2.50
Wm. Boyer	1.00	G. L. Smith	1.00

## Pledges for Foreign and Home Missions Continued.

W. J. Pinkerton	\$5.00	N. B. Forster	\$2.00
A. G. Washburn	25.00	J. G. Harden	5.00
J. H. Anderson	5.00	J. W. Hoyt	5.00
J. A. Mathews	2.50	A. Frank Ross	5.00
J. W. Tenison	5.00	James Mills (Paid)	2.50
S. G. Lucas	5.00	Charles Henderson	10.00
E. Upton	5.00	T. J. Chambless (Paid \$5.)	15.00
J. G. Harris	5.00	J. C. Leach	10.00
J. M. Green	25.00	J. W. Hulsey	25.00
L. F. Patterson	50.00		

## BUCKNER COLLEGE RESOLUTIONS.

Your committee to whom was referred the duty of drafting resolutions, recommend the following:

Whereas: The Buckner College and Campus of twenty acres, at Witcherville, Ark., which had fallen into the hands of the Episcopalians through the treachery of its president, and,

Whereas: This valuable property, the buildings alone, costing \$14,000, can be secured to the Baptist's by the payment of \$1,000, therefore be it

Resolved: That the Moderator and Clerk, J. M. Green and L. W. Wright, are hereby appointed to solicit funds for this purpose.

Resolved 2nd. That they be authorized to represent this institution at the Southern Baptist Convention and in any State Convention they may attend.

B. F. STAMPS, Chairman.

## BUCKNER COLLEGE.

Your committee on Buckner College would report, that while it is a fact that the college is under mortgage, we are still maintaining a school of high order, conducted by Prof. J. B. Williamson, who is a staunch Baptist.

We recommend that immediate steps be taken to regain full control of the property, and we see no better way of doing so than to undertake to raise \$1,000 that is required to redeem it, and now is the accepted time to take the matter into hand.

J. W. HULSEY, Chairman.

## FRATERNITY.

Your committee on Fraternity would report as follows:

We find from the representatives, that all the churches of the Association, that are represented at this session of the Association are in peace and harmony and are in hearty sympathy and co-operation with each other.

H. H. MOUSER, Chairman.



## TEMPERANCE.

We your committee on Temperance submit the following:

Whereas: We believe intemperance is a gigantic evil, and believing that Satan is manufacturing and selling liquor and using it as the greatest weapon against God and His church, and against the christian religion, your committee believe it to be the most disgraceful agent the angel of the bottomless pit has commissioned into the world for the detriment of the cause of Christ; therefore it is the sense of this body that no one should be retained in the fellowship of our churches who supports the liquor in any sense, and believe that church members should abstain from the appearance of evil, and would advise each of our churches to strictly discipline her members who are intemperate.

We condemn the use of alcoholic beverages in toto, and earnestly encourage temperance in the use of all things.

J. W. CASTEEL, Chairman.

## RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Whereas: The brethren and friends of Choat's Prairie Church have been so kindly entertaining the Association for the past few days, and

Whereas: We have received a hearty welcome in each of their homes, therefore be it

Resolved: That this body extend to those noble brethren and sisters our heartfelt thanks for the hospitality shown us during the sitting of this session of the body.

M. H. HEATHMAN, Chairman.

## FINANCE.

Your committee on finance would report as follows:

Received for Foreign Missions,	\$30.30.
Minutes Fund.	30.00.
Total	\$60.30.

Paid to Treasurer of Association:

Foreign Mission Fund,	\$30.30.
Minutes Fund,	30.00.

Respectfully Submitted.

W. D. SMITH, Chairman.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received from hands of Finance Committee:

Minutes Fund,	\$30.00.
Foreign Mission Fund.	30.30.
Paid to Clerk of Association,	\$30.00.
Paid to Foreign Mission Secretary.	30.30.

H. H. MOUSER, Treasurer.

## RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved; that we deeply regret that any one who wears the name of Baptist, much the less one who has been supported, loved and honored by us as has W. H. Whitsett, should ever find time, or inclination to speak, write, or even for a moment entertain the damaging statements lately accredited to him.

Resolved further; that we feel that it is the duty of this body, in the fear of God, and in the defense of the truth, to denounce the statements made by Dr. Whitsett as false, without any creditable foundation in fact and a gross slander upon the Baptist denomination.

Resolved further; that we cannot assist with our prayers sympathies and money, any educational institution that retains in its faculty, a man who will make and publish such slanderous statements as does the Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

Respectfully Submitted.

A. G. WASHBURN.

## OUR HOME WORK.

The results of the work of our Missionaries are very encouraging. We are grateful to God and to His servants who have helped in this great and good work. A detailed statement of which will be found in the report of the Board.

We suggest that the recommendations of the Home Board be adopted; that our collections for Missions be divided equally between the Home and Foreign Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention.

While much has been done the past year, large fields of destitution remain untouched.

We appeal especially to our Home Board to increase its help in supplying this destitution. It is peculiarly the work of Southern Baptists. A large majority of the white residents of our Territory are Southern people, and the men under employment of the Southern Board, according to the amount of money received, have achieved greater results than any other general body of christians working in the Indian Territory.

Our Indian brethren are peculiarly the work of the Home Board.

Notwithstanding the comparatively small expenditure in the Muskogee, Seminole and Wichita Associations, that large body of Indians has remained loyal to the Southern Baptist Convention, and at its annual meeting in 1895, it unanimously requested the Southern Board to send a man to take up the work of the lamented Buckner.

We urgently recommend that the Missionaries of this



body shall, as far as possible, preach the gospel to the full-blood Indians in their respective fields of labor.

We further recommend that our brethren and sisters in the Southern States be requested to join with us in earnest prayer to God that He would send more laborers to carry the pure gospel to the Indians, and to the whites, who are so rapidly building up this great country.

B. F. STAMPS.  
Wm. McCOMBS.  
L. T. HALE.

#### APPEALS TO SOUTHERN BAPTISTS.

Your committee on Appeals to Southern Baptist would respectfully represent that we believe that if the Baptists throughout the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention were thoroughly and fully acquainted with the importance of the work of the General Association of Western Arkansas and Indian Territory, of the difficulties to be surmounted, the hard labor to be performed, and of the character, consecration, faithfulness and self-sacrificing of those engaged in this great work of taking the Indian Territory for the Master, that they would come forward at once with the means so much needed, and that the hearts of the poor hard pressed Missionary would be made to rejoice as he goes forth over these mountains and prairies carrying the glad tidings of salvation to lost souls. We would therefore recommend,

1st, That the request of the Woman's Missionary Union, that we write short, concise articles about the work, to be published in pamphlet form for distribution, be complied with wherever possible.

2nd. That we write regularly to our organ, The Texas Baptist Standard and other Baptist papers in the south, pointed articles on our work, the character of the work &c.

3rd. That we here and now urge upon the Southern Baptist Convention, and our Home Board to make this work more permanent in their appeal for missions, and give more to aid us in our arduous work.

Respectfully Submitted.

A. G. WASHBURN.

#### REPORT OF MISSION BOARD.

The following named brethren have been on our list as Missionaries during part, or the whole of the past year:

J. B. Barnes. L. T. Hale. L. F. Patterson. R. P. Claborn. W. P. Hall. J. W. Miller. J. W. Hulsey. W. J. Pinkertan. S. G. Lucas. J. H. Anderson. James Edmondson. H. C. Ridling. W. M. Wood. H. H. Mouser. L. D. Martindale. C. Henderson.

W. R. Edwards. A. L. Lyon. J. H. York. E. S. James. J. M. Green. N. L. Pound. J. T. Arrington. J. J. Holland. W. A. Ingle. J. P. Faith. T. N. Watkins. W. J. Crowder. H. K. Johnson. N. Butler. R. Shirley. J. F. McLeod. A. S. Robinson. A. J. Deaton. J. H. Elliott. J. M. Wilson. W. D. Smith. W. R. Mapurin. A. G. Washburn. W. S. Worthen. Charles Williams. Wesley Smith. A. E. Mayo. John Jumper. John McIntosh. D. S. Cromer. P. E. Windham. G. W. Evans. J. C. Leach. J. M. C. Foster. W. O. Prince. J. S. Harris. M. H. Heathman. J. W. Tenison. Jasper Manley and G. L. Southerland.

The work of these dear brethren, in a great measure, has been a work of faith and sacrifice. Their reward will be given them when their life work is done. While we have been enabled to help them but little, we have received some clothing or money, or both for most all of them. Following is the amount of work done by these brethren.

Sermons, 4556. Exhortations, 1534. Baptisms 827. Rec by letter, 745. Organized churches, 27. Sunday Schools, 29. Ladies' Mission Societies, 8. Ministers Ordained, 30. Deacons Ordained, 98. Prayer meetings Organized, 26. Church houses built, 2. Cost of same, \$912.25. Religious visits, 1561. Visits to the sick, 705. Prayer meetings held, 1068. Funeral services, 227. Sunday School lectures, 173. Pages Tracts distributed 5090. Days labored, 5,099. Miles traveled, 46,444. Bibles and Testaments sold, 124. Bibles and Testaments given away, 57. Amount collected on field on support, \$2,232.30. Value of clothing in boxes, \$2,325.30.

We have received from the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention up to date, \$1,487.25, all of which has been paid to the Missionaries of the Association.

Amount collected on field on support, \$----- Value of clothing in boxes, about \$2,325.00. Total amount from all sources for Missionaries, \$6,035.55.

Your Board would call attention to the fact of the loss of two of our very dear brethren, E. L. Compere and J. M. Ledbetter. The memory of these two brethren should have a sacred place in our hearts. In their death, not only their families, but the General Association also, has sustained a great loss.

Bro. Compere began his ministerial labor in Northern Arkansas and Indian Territory before the civil war, and he gave his life to the Master's cause in this Western country. Bro. Compere loved the work of this General Association so very much. No man was ever more ready to help the young ministers. He did all in his power with his means and his noble talent to elevate the young preacher and raise him to



higher attainment in the christian life; Bro. Ledbetter too, gave his ministerial life to the Masters cause in West Ark & Ind. Ter. He was present at the last session of this association and taken very sick during the session, he was chairman of the committee on Buckner College, although to sick to attend in person, he wrote up a report on the college and sent it in, in order that the association might act upon it.

Your Board would call attention to the fact, that the last act of his life was, the writing of the report on Buckner College. In his Report. Bro. Ledbetter says; "We reccommend, that at the proper time, this body take steps to regain full control of the property, and that we do all in our power to hold up and sustain this institution by our prayers and patronage." Your Board would ask, has not the time come when the reccommendation in Bro. Ledbetters report should go into affect? Your Board would suggest that a suitable time be set apart during the present session for memorial services to be held for these two brethren. We call attention to the following; 1st. The Foreign Mission question; there was over \$800. pledged at last session, for foreign missions, and not more than one half of the amount has been paid.

2nd. The work of the Home Board of S. B. C. should be well considered, this Board has asked your association to raise funds for Home Missions. 3rd. we call attention to the fact, that the Sunday School Board of S. B. C. is very desirous of aiding our Sunday Schools in furnishing Bibles, Testiments & S. S. Literature at very lowest rates.

We should have a report on Sunday Schools. 4th. mention should be made with reference to the work done by the noble Baptist Women of the South. 5th. would it not be proper to have a report to express our gratitude to God for his wonderful blessings on the work of the General Ass'n? & for the union that has been manifested during it's last meetings? It is the prayers of your Board that the Spirit of God be with you in the present session, and that peace and love may continue to prevail, as it always has heretofore.

G. W. CHOAT, President.

F. R. SMITH, Secretary.

#### REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION SECRETARY.

Receipts for Foreign Missions have been as follows:

Oct. 1895. From Treasurer of Short Mountain Ass'n.	\$8.50.
From Treasurer of Buckner Ass'n.	17.91.
Fifth, Sunday Meeting of Long Town Ass'n. in Dec.	45.
Collections by J. W. Miller, (Jan. 1896.)	
Walter Scott,	55.
James Giffum,	25.
Wm. Ezell,	10.

Amt Brot Foward- \$22.76.		Amt Carried Foward \$138.58.	
John Oliver	10.	Wm. Christerfer	25.
From L. F. Patterson	7.50.	W. O. C. Vasser	05.
Colt'd by L.F. Patterson		Mrs. Emily Jimerson	05.
Thomas Rainwater	1.50.	J. F. Jimerson	25.
Mrs. A. E. Gilbert	1.00.	J. Huffman	50.
Miss Lizzie Long	25.	Mrs. Delphia Huffman	20.
Katy & Mollie Condry	20.	Miss Edna Huffman	10.
J. E. Pluner	50.	R. C. Cook	30.
Mrs. Julia A. Windham	1.00.	S. G. Lucas	30.
Feby Col's by J. M. Green.		J. H. York	25.00.
Mt. Olive Church	1.75.	April Collections	
Powell Church	1.60.	G. W. Choat	10.00.
From Jas Edmondson	5.00.	G. T. Aduddell	50.
A. G. Washburn	10.00.	G. E. Aduddell	35.
Colct'd by H. H. Mouser		Mrs. L. E. Johnston	2.00.
John Tucker	1.00.	Mary Jonnston	25.
Willis Wilcox & Wife	2.50.	Amelia May Johnston	05.
M'ch Col's by J. W. Hulsy		Mertie Johnston	05.
Prairie Grove Church	3.90.	Richard Johnston	05.
Dayton Church	1.85.	George Johuston	10.
L. W. Wright	25.00.	Ada Fulson	05.
New Providence Church	5.00.	Thomas Inge	5.00.
W. J. Pinkerton	1.00.	F. P. Bledsoe	10.00.
J. B. Morris	1.00.	Charles Henderson	20.00.
J. L. Morris	1.00.	P. W. Smith	2.00.
Colt'd by L. F. Patterson		M. J. McClenathar	2.50.
J. M. Granstaff	1.00.	Mrs. E. J. Smith	5.00.
J. W. Condry	2.00.	L. D. Leird	5.00.
H. H. Mouser	25.00.	J. T. Arrington	5.00.
Amity Church	2.41.	J. B. Cranfill Waco Tex	10.00.
W. J Edwards & wife	5.00.	Fifth Sunday Met'g of	
Liberty Hill Church	1.06.	Short Mt. Ass'n in May	
5th Sunday Meeting of		Mrs. S. T. Snipiley	50.
Short Mountain Ass'n	5.70.	Aug. Colt'n by J.M. Green	
Collected by S. G. Lucas		Powell Church	5.25.
S. Goforth & wife	50.	Earl Church	5.35.
S. W. Tucker & wife	50.	A. S. Robinson	5.00.
Carried Foward	\$138.58.	Total Receipts-	\$261.58.

Since last session of this body and previous to his death, Bro. E. L. Compere had received & paid to Foreign Mission Board at Richmond Va. \$87.10. making a grand total of all monies received- \$348.68.

All of which has been paid to Foreign Mission Board leaving no thing on hand.

Respectfully Submitted,

L. W. Wright,  
Foreign Mission Secretary.

