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W. P. FLETCHER, Moderator, Lonoke. J. V. FERGUSON, Clerk, Lonoke, Ark.

Lescher Shoe Company

-Leaders in-

FINE FOOTWEAR

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Lonoke, Ark., December 1, 1896.

To the Baptist Churches and friends of the Caroline Baptist Association:

I have taken great pains in soliciting advertisements for this issue of the Minutes, and it is with pleasure that I commend to you the parties in their different lines whose advertisements appear it these Minutes as being trustworthy and reliable.

Cordially yours,

J. V. FERGUSON, Clerk.

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PROCEEDINGS.

El Paso, Ark., October 8, 1898.

Caroline Baptist Association called to order by the Moderator, W. P. Fletcher, at 10 o'clock a. m. Prayer by Eld. R. L. Cole. Devotional services led by Eld. W. A. Crutchfield. Prayer by Elder O. P. Miles.

Brother W. F. Blackwood, clerk, being absent J. V. Ferguson was

elected clerk pro tem.

Recess ten minutes.

Called to order by Moderator.

Introductory sermon preached by Dr. Frank White, text 1 Corinthians 3:23. Address of welcome by Eld. M. T. Webb; responded to by Bro. W. P. Fletcher.

Recess to 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order at 1:30 p. m. by the Moderator. Prayer by Eld. M. T. Webb. Bros. W. Theo. Smith and J. V. Foreman elected reading clerks.

Letters called for when the following messengers responded by letter:-

Antioch-W. P. Jones.

Augusta-Sisters N. E. Hall and Pearl Gullic.

Bakers Bayou-Not represented.

Beebe - Eld. M. T. Webb, W. B. Battle and Sister Fannle Lewis.

Boons Chapel-By letter only.

Bayou Meto-By letter only.

Baughs Chapel-M. A. Melton and J. A. Chaplain.

Cabot-M. G. Bowers, R. A. Stovall and Wm. Campbell.

Caney Creek-J. B. Blassingane and J. H. Howard.

Carlisle-By letter only.

Center Hill-Eld. W. A. Crutchfield, J. F. Redus, M. P. Jones and J. S. Redus.

Cypress Valley-Not represented.

Calvary-Not represented.

Des Arc-Not represented.

Davis Chapel-Not represented.

England-Not represented.

El Paso-T. Z. Warren, Allen White, M. L. Booth, J. A. Melton and J. G. Rievely.

First Argenta-Eld. R. L. Cole, Elder and Sister J. G. Doyle.

Friendship-R. N. Wilkins and Sister M. L. Wilkins.

Garner-Not represented.

Greenwood-W. A. Harris.

Harmony-G. G. Howard and J. H. Gray.

Higginson-Not represented.

Hickory Plains-J. W. Caskey and Sister Mamie Caskey.

Immanuel-By letter only.

Judsonia-Eld. O. P. Miles, R. V. Gray, W. P. Winn and Sister Nanna Nolen.

Jacksonville-Not represented.

Keo-By letter only.

Kinsett-Not represented.

Kentucky Valley-Not represented.

Liberty-J. T. Walker and R. H. Branch.

Lonoke-Dr. Frank White, W. P. Fletcher, J. B. Beard, R. E. L. Sanders and J. V. Ferguson.

Lee Grove-Not represented.

La Beils Chapel-By letter only.

McRae-A. E. Perkins. and W. B. Hubbard.

Mount Olive-Not represented.

Mount Vernon-W. C. Newell.

Mount Pleasant-Henry Melton and Eld. J. G. Melton.

Mount Zion-Robert Linder, B. C. Achlin and J. T. Walker.

New Hope-Not represented.

Oak Grove-Eld. M. E. Hudson and Eld. John McKinney.

Pecan Grove-Not represented.

Pleasant Hill-Eld. G. W. Thomason and J. E. Coleman.

Panola-Eld. John McKinney.

Rose Bud-J. V. Foreman.

Royal Hill-Not represented.

Searcy-By letter only.

Second Church Little Rock-W. Theo Smith.

Sharron-P. E. Bryant, J. W. Wilson and E. N. Davis.

Sherrill-Not represented.

Shiloah-W. A. Hodges, J. C. Vaughan and A. T. Rodman.

Tomberlin-Not represented.

West Point-Not represented.

Walnut Plains-J. H. Benson and J. T. Bogard.

Wattensas-Not represented.

Zion Hill-Thomas Anderson and Jessie Hammons.

Election of officers resulted as follows: W. P. Fletcher Moderator, J. V. Ferguson Clerk and W. Theo Smith Treasurer.

The pastor and delegates of El Paso Baptist Church appointed a committee on divine services.

Petitionary letters called for-no respone.

The following Corresponding Messengers then reported:-

Green Briar Association-J. G. Fulks.

Little Red River Association-J. M. Carter and Eld. J. B. Swanner.

Ouachita College-Eld. J. N. Hartley.

Central College-J. G. B. Simms.

The Mission Board submitted the following report which was adopted:—
We, the Missionary Board of the Caroline Baptist Association, submit
the following report:

We elected Eld. R. L. Cole as missionary at a salary of \$50 per month, beginning with the present Associational year. He served us until January 1, 1898, and resigned, having been elected to the pastorate at Argenta, which resignation the board reluctantly accepted, his work having been highly satisfactory. From January the 1st until March the 1st we had no missionary in the field. Owing to the amount of territory to be covered, the board deemed it best to put two missionaries in the field—each for one-half of their time. March the 1st we elected Eld. O. U. Owens to serve in the north end and Eld. J. D. Fletcher in the south end of the association. They agreeing to accept as part pay for their services \$50 worth of books each, which books were donated to the association by the State Sunday School Board.

Following is our financial report:	
R. L. Cole:	
By two and two-thirds months work\$	133 20
To amount collected 24 20	
To balance due the board 109 00	
\$133 20	133 20
J. D. Fletcher:	
By 71/3 months work for 1/2 time\$	183 35
To literature 50 00	
To collections	
To balance due	
\$183 35	183 35

O. U. Owens:	
By 7 r-3 months work ½ time	\$ 183 35
To literature	50 00
To collections	25 00
To balonce due	108 35
	\$183 35 183 35
Recapitulation—	
Expense of work	\$500 00
Interest on note for borrowed m	oney 9 10
Total expen	se \$509 10
Cr	
By literature	\$100 00
To collections	42 60
To balance due	366 50
	\$509 10
Respectfully	submitted,
V	V. Y. BRANSFORD, Pres
P	H. WHEAT, Jr., Treasu

Eld. R. L. Cole, missionary, submitted the following report, which was

J. V. FERGUSON, Secretary.

adopted:-

From the last association until the last of December, 1897. Visited Lee Grove, Des Arc, Bald Knob and Augusta. Held meeting at Des Arc. Miles traveled 556. Religious visits made 52. Collected and used on salary \$31.02. Sermons preached 34. Accessions to church by letter 6, by baptism 1.

The following resolution presented by Eld. M. T. Webb, was adopted:—
Resolved, That the collection of Sunday be paid to the Association Mission of Caroline association.

M. T. Webb.

The committee on divine services reported that Eld. J. G. Swanner would preach to-night. Eld. J. G. Doyle preach the missionary sermon Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. Eld. O. P. Miles at Methodist church Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. Eld. J. N. Hartley at Baptist church Sunday at 7:30 o'clock p. m. Eld. W. A. Crutchfield at Methodist church Sunday at 7:30 o'clock p. m. Eld. R. E. Sutton at Baptist church Monday at 7:30 o'clock p. m. Sunday School mass meeting, Sunday at 9:30 o'clock a. m., conducted by Bro. R. V. Gray.

Recess until 7:30 p. m.

7:30 p. m. Called to order by the Moderator. Singing. Prayer by Eld. R. E. Sutton. Eld. J. B. Swanner then preached from Daniel 12:3.

Moderator took the chair and announced the following standing committees:

Associational Missions-Elders Frank White, M. T. Webb, G. W. Thomason, R. L. Cole.

State Missions—Eld. O. P. Miles, W. Theo Smith, J. W. Caskey, W. B. Battle, Robert Linder.

Home Missions—Eld. W. A. Crutchfield, M. G. Bowers, M. P. Jones, J. H. Howard, Eld. M. E. Hutson.

Foreign Missions-Eld. J. G. Doyle, R. N. Wilkins, M. L. Booth, J. H. Gray, E. N. Davis.

Colleges and Schools-Eld. O. P. Miles, Eld. Frank White, T. Z. Warren, J. A. Mills, R. H. Branch.

Ministerial Education—Eld. Frank White, Eld. G. G. Howard, T. G. Rievely, A. E. Perkins, A. T. Walker.

Temperance—Eld. John McKinney, M. A. Melton, William Campbell, J. B. Blassengane and W. T. Hubbard.

Sunday Schools-Eld. J. G. Doyle, J. F. Redus, Allen White, W. A. Harris and Henry Melton.

Obituaries-Elders J. G. Doyle, Frank White, G. W. Thomason, M. T. Webb and J. G. Melton.

Womans Work—Sisters N. E. Hall, Pearl Gullic, Fannie Lewis, J. G. Doyle, M. L. Wilkins, Nannie Caskey, Anna Nowlen.

Literature—W. Theo Smith, R. A. Stovall, J. S. Redus, B. C. Acklin, J. V. Foreman.

Correspondence—Eld. M. E. Hudson, J. C. Vaughan, Isaac McKinney, J. A. Champlain and Thomas Anderson.

Nominations-Eld. G. W. Thomason, J. G. Bogard, J. H. Benson and J. E. Coleman.

Finance—R. V. Gray, J. T. Walker, W. C. Newell, A. T. Rodman. Orphans Home—Eld. M. T. Webb, W. P. Jones, Jesse Hammond, P. E. Bryant and W. A. Hodges.

Adjourned until 9:30 o'clock a. m. Sunday.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

9:30 o'clock a. m. Association called to order by the Moderator. Sunday School mass meeting conducted by Bro. R. V. Gray. Recess 10 minutes.

Eld. J. G. Doyle then preached from Psalms 60:4. Cash collection for associational missions \$23.42.

Eld. O. P. Miles preached at the Methodist Church, text Luke 24:38. Cash collection for associational mission \$6.80.

7:30 o'clock p. m. Eld. J. N. Hartley preached at Baptist Church, text John 1:25.

Eld. W. A. Crutchfield preached at Methodist Church, subject—Lazarus and the rich man.

2 o'clock p. m. Association called to order by Eld. M. T. Webb, the Moderator W. P. Fletcher being absent on account of sickness.

The rule was suspended and committee or obituaries submitted the fol-

lowing report which was adopted:-

We close the year in sadness. Truly two mighty men in Israel have fallen—one in the evening twilight ébbing away sweetly to the bosom of God—the other in the prime of life enjoying the full vigor of manhood, was suddenly taken from affliction to glory. We refer to the death of Bro. R. J. Coleman, long loved and revered by our people, who passed away to his reward on the 6th day of December, 1897. Also Bro. O. U. Owens, who on the 18th day of September, 1898, fell on the field of battle like a brave soldier obeying the order of his Chief Commander "Go ye into the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." While we bow in humble submission to this sad dispensation of divine providence yet we feel the loss of these two ministers keenly. There is scarcely a church, school-house, brush arbor or district in this association where these men have not labored for the Master. We pray the Divine blessing upon the relatives, friends and brethren who mourn their loss. May the Lord raise up others to take their places.

J. G. DOYLE, FRANK WHITE, GEO. W. THOMASON, M. T. WEBB, J. G. MELTON.

Pending the adoption of the report of the Committee on Obituaries a memorial service was held in honor of Elders R. J. Coleman and O. U. Owens. A letter from Eld. J. P. Eagle was read to the association. Addresses were made by Elders M. T. Webb, Frank White, J. G. Doyle, R. L. Cole, G. W. Thomason, J. G. Melton and others.

Adjourned until 8:30 o'clock Monday.

IN MEMORY OF OUR

Beloved Brother

ELD, O. U. OWENS,

Who departed this Life

The 18th day of September, 1898.

Since our last report in the providence of God, our dear Bro. O. U. Owens, chairman of this board, has been called from labor to refreshment. We certainly can truly say that in his death we have lost one of our best and most faithful christian workers in every department assigned him.

H. T. BRADFORD, Clerk, W. P. FLETCHER, Treas.

Following pledges were taken for Ministerial Education:-

Antioch \$2.50, Austin \$5.00, Beebe \$2.50, Lonoke \$10.00, Cabot, Center Hill, El Paso, Argenta, Liberty, collection All other churches represented agreed to take up a collection for this purpose.

Board on aid to Superannuated Ministers submitted the following report

which was adopted:-

Oct. 8, 1897, By balance in hands of treasurer\$ Oct. 15, 1897, To cash to T. J. Young for								
Bro. Sawyer	10 00							
To cash to Bro. Coleman	10 00							
Oct. 6, 1898, By cash Argenta Baptist Church.		2 11						
Oct. 7, 1898, "Lonoke Baptist Church.		IO 00						
To balance	14 27							
	34 27	34 27						
Oct. 7, To balance on hand Treasurer		14 27						

We urge the Churches to take collections during the winter months and forward to the board in order that we may be able to meet the required demands that are made upon us for aid. Our dear Bro. Coleman while not in actual need of help appreciated in the fullest degree that he should be remembered in substantial way by his brethren whom he had served so long and faithfully. The Lord has called him from us. We cherish his memory. Bro. Sawyer is old and feeble and is a just charge upon our bounty. Bro. T. J. Young who has charge of the funds furnished by this board for Bro. Sawyer, kindly aided him by request of the board to the amount of \$25.00 during the past year. We beg you to meet this obligation and raise sufficient funds to care for him during the winter months.

J. P. EAGLE, Chairman, J. J. DOYNE, Clerk, W. P. FLETCHER, Treas.

The following pledges were taken for Superannuated Ministers—Lonoke Church \$10.00. The churches represented agreed to take up a collection for this purpose.

J. H. Reynolds, Treasurer of Association, submitted the following report which was adopted:—

To the Caroline Baptist Association. I would respectfully submit the following as my report for the year 1807 and 1808.

nowing as my report tor the year 1097 and 1090.			
Amounts Received—			
Minute fund \$	66	50	
Associational missions	200	65	
State missions	9	25	
Home missions	5	00	
Foreign missions	9	75	
Ministerial education	15	00	
Superannuated ministers	3	00	
Total	309	15	
Amounts paid out—			
Paid Clerk of Association	15	00	
For mailing minutes.	9	00	
For printing minutes	46	00	
For stamps and paper,		50	
Bro. R. L. Cole Associational Missionary	207	50	
Board Ministerial Education	14	75	
Dr. E. B. Miller Foreign Missions	9	75	
Dr. A. G. McMannaway Home Missions	5	00	
J. H. Reynolds Treasurer of State			
Convention for Missions	I	40	

Sespectfully submitted, J. H. REYNOLDS, Treas.

The present Treasurer, W. Theo Smith, was requested to make an immediate settlement with the old clerk and treasurer. Committee on Associational Missions not being present, this order was passed.

Total.....\$ 300 15

Balance on hand for Ministerial Education

Committee on State Missions reported as follows which was adopted:-We heartily endorse the action of the State Board in making special efforts for the evangelization of the State during this conventional year. Appropriations to mission points to the amount of \$2,000. In addition to this the Board employed a state evangelist in the person of Eld. C. F. J. Tate for his full time. He has traveled and preached in many destitute places and from the accounts we have. Bro. Tate, under God, has been the means of accomplishing much good for our blessed Redeemer. We urge upon the Association necessity of helping this work just now, as the conventional wear closes on the 15th of November.

> O. P. MILES. W. THEO SMITH.

The committee on Associational Missions submitted the following report which was adopted:—

This department of our work is the great foundation of all the mission questions. While our people are doing their duty to Associational Missions, they will give liberally to all our denominal enterprises; as each county is to the state government, so is our Associational Missions to the State Board; also the Home and Foreign Mission Board. We regard it as a sad calamity when our people almost ignore Associational Missions, even though they may give largely to other enterprises, such a policy is only spasmodic and can never produce that growth brought about by Christian giving and commended by the Holy Scriptures. We recommend that every church in this Association pledge something immediately to this work and that the brethren and sisters in regular conference send their pledges to the next Association, for all our denominational enterprises, beginning with Associational Mis-We also recommend the continuance of an Executive Boardliving as near together as possible—that the Executive Board may employ one or more Missionaries at a salary not to exceed \$40.00 per month and that they make no contracts for Missionaries unless they have reasonable prospects in pledges etc., for the payment of the same, and it shall be their duty to require monthly statements of labor performed by the Missionaries and discharge them at any time for cause.

FRANK WHITE, GEO. W. THOMASON, R. L. COLE, M. T. WEBB.

Recess until 1:30 o'clock p. m.

MONDAY EVENING SESSION.

Called to order by the Moderator at 1:30 o'clock.

The following pledges were taken for Associational Missions:-

and the same		
Antioch	5 00	Judsonia\$10 00
Austin	5 00	Liberty 2 50
Augusta	3 00	J. T. Walker 2 50
Beebe	2 50	Lonoke 25 00
Cabot	5 00	Mt. Pleasant call
Caney Creek	2 50	Oak Grove 5 00
Center Hill	call	Pleasant Hillcall
El Paso	call	Rose Bud 5 00
First, Argenta	call	Second, Little Rock 25 00
Friendship	2 50	Shiloh call
Greenwood	call	Walnut Plains 5 00
Hickory Plains	call	
Center Hill El Paso First, Argenta Friendship Greenwood	call call call 2 50 call	Pleasant Hill

J. D. Fletcher, Missionary, submitted the following report which was adopted:—

Having been employed for one half my time by the Associational Board, I commenced work March first. Three points have been regularly supplied during the year, viz., Flyn Bridge, Buffalo's School House and Tanner's Chapel. The following is a summary of the work:—

Sermons preached 39, addresses made 8, religious 'visits made 53, collections \$9.10, from Associational Board \$11.00, State Sunday School Board (in books) \$50.00, bibles sold 3, \$6.75; Story of Yatee 4, \$4.00; other literature \$1.00, miles traveled 600. Respectfully submitted,

J. D. FLETCHER.

By consent the regular order was passed and Committee on Sunday Schools submitted the following report which was adopted:—

While we do not find the modern sunday schools in the bible we find the principle abundantly taught in both Old and New Testaments. We are commanded to provoke not our children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. We regret to note that there are yet some churches in our association which report no Sunday Schools and we recommend that the work be pushed by preachers and people until every church shall report a living vigorous Sunday School. To assist in bringing about this desired result as soon as possible, we recommend the organization of a Sunday School Convention in the bounds of the Association for the purpose of gathering statistics, discussing means and methods for creating additional interest in fayor of the work. We recommend the continued cooperation of the church with the State Sunday School Board and bespeak for it both sympathy and substantial aid.

J. G. DOYLE, J. F. REDUS, ALLEN WHITE; W. A. HARRIS.

The following committee on Sunday School Convention was appointed by the Moderator:—

Elders J. G. Doyle, Frank White, O. P. Miles, M. T. Webb, W. A. Crutchfield, W. Theo Smith.

Committee on Home Missions made the following report which was adopted:—

The Home Board has always been a liberal contributor to our mission cause in Arkansas hence we owe the Southern Board our hearty sympathy

and cooperation. Let us pray for greater success and contribute more liberally to its support.

M. G. BOWERS,
M. T. JONES,
J. H. HOWARD,
M. E. HUDSON,
W. A. CRUTCHFIELD,

Eld. J. G. Doyle, Eld. J. G. Melton, Bro. J. E. Coleman and sister J. G. Doyle were excused by the Moderator.

The committee on Foreign Missions submitted the following report which was 'adopted:—

The spirit of missions is the spirit of the Master. "If ye have not the spirit of Christ ye are none of His." The work of Christ will not be done until the gospel is carried into all the world and preached to every creature. But few of us—perhaps none—can ever hope to go in person and preach the gospel on a foreign field but already God has given us an army of workers in China, Japan, Africa, Italy, Mexico and Brazil, and still the fields are widening, the harvests are whitening and new doors are constantly opening for the reception of the gospel and God is raising up men who are saying "here am I send me." We therefore recommend that our people read more extensively our Foreign Mission Journals, that our preachers preach more about missions and that regular collections be taken in all the churches for this great work.

ELD. J G. DOYLE, J. H. WILKINS, M. L. BOOTH, J. H. GRAY, W. P. WINN, E. N. DAVIS.

The committee on Ministerial Education submitted the following report which was adopted:—

Your committee to whom was referred this department of our work believe that those who are called of God and set apart by the churches to break the bread of eternal life to the children of men should as far as possible enjoy all the advantages of classical education and biblical instruction we recommend to our young ministers Ouachita College, also our Theological Seminary at Louisville, after the resignation of Dr. Whitsett has been accepted by the Board of Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK WHITE, T. G. RIEVELY, J. T. WALKER. Committee on Orphans Home submitted the following report which was adopted:—

Realizing that orphans are unavoidable the Baptists of Arkansas have an Orphans home at Monticello, Drew county, Arkansas, for such children. The home has nineteen children in it now, which children have to be fed and clothed. We therefore recommend that our brethren contribute to this home.

M. T. WEBB, W. P. JONES, JESSIE HAMMOND, E. P. BRYANT, W. A. HODGES.

Committee on Temperance made the following report, which was adopted:-

We believe intemperance to be one and perhaps the greatest evil of the age, that its tendency is to destroy both soul and body. Therefore we earnestly urge our brethren to be temperate in all things and especially to abstain from alcoholic drinks as a beverage.

JOHN McKINNEY, M. A. MELTON, WM. CAMPBELL, J. B. BLASSENGANE, W. T. HUBBARD.

Committee on Womans Work submitted the following report which was adopted:—

To give the gospel to a perishing world is the mission of the church. To help in this great work the Baptist Sisterhood esteems it a great privilege to do what they can, pressed, as most of our women are, with domestic cares and hindered with life's burden it is difficult for most of us to know how or what we can do. We recommend to our sisters, first, an extensive reading of the word of God and of our denominational literature especially our home and foreign mission journals; second, that womens missionary and aid societies be organized in all the churches of the Association and regular collections be taken for the spread of the gospel at home and abroad. We bespeak for this work the hearty support, sympathy and encouragement of our preachers and pastors to the end that we may so work that when our labors are finished it may be said of each, "she hath done what she could."

MRS. N. E. HALL,
MRS. J. G. DOYLE,
MRS. M. L. WILKINS,
MRS. FANNY LEWIS,
MISS PYRL GULLIE,
MISS NANNIE CASKEY,
MISS ANNA NOWLEN.

Committee on Literature submitted the following report which was adopted:—

First. Above all we commend the bible as the most important literature to be had and urge upon our people the duty of a dilligent and prayerful study of same.

Second. No Baptist in the association should be without a copy of their state paper, the Arkansas Baptist, of Little Rock, as it is a medium through which we may not only keep in touch with the brotherhood but learn what we, as Baptists, are doing in Arkansas. Take, pay for and read the Baptist.

Third. We further recommend our Southern Baptist Convention series of Sunday School Literature of Nashville, Tenn., also the American Baptist

Sunday School literature.

W. THEO. SMITH, R. A. STOVALL, J. S. REDUS, B. C. ACKLIN, J. V. FOREMAN.

Committee on Correspondence submitted the following report which was

adopted:--

We recommend that Bro, J. P. Eagle go as messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention. We also appoint as messengers to the following associations—Red River Association, Bros. R. E. Sutton, W. A. Crutchfield. Grand Prairie Association, Bros. John McKinney, C. G. Howard and W. Theo. Smith. Green Brier Association, J. G. Doyle, R. W. Cazort. Pine Bluff Association, Dr. Frank White, W. P. Fletcher. Saline Association, Bros. W. V. Walls, Geo. W. Thomason. Respectfully submitted,

M. E. HUDSON, THOMAS ANDERSON, J..C. VAUGHAN, ISAAC McKINNEY.

Committee on Nominations submitteed the following report which was adopted:—

We recommend that the Association meet with Beebe Baptist Church in White county, Arkansas, on Saturday at 10 a.m. before the second Sunday in October, 1899, and that Rev. A. L. Powell, preach the introductory sermon with R. L. Cole alternate, and Dr. Frank White preach the missionary sermon Sunday at 11 a.m. with O. P. Miles alternate. We nominate Dr. Frank White as member of State Board. And as Associational Executive Board, J. V. Ferguson, W. Y. Bransford and H. T. Bradford. And as Board on Ministerial Education, Dr. Frank White, W. P. Fletcher, H. T. Bradford. And as a Board to Superannuated Ministers T. J. Young, W. F. Gibson and M. E.

Sutton. And as Delegates to State Convention, J. P. Eagle, W. A. Clark, Geo. W. Thomason, J. D. Cobb, W. Theo. Smith and J. W. Caskey.

GEO. W. THOMASON, J. T. BOGARD, J. H. BENSON, JOHN E. COLEMAN.

Committee on Finance Submitted the following report which was adopted:—

Received from Form	mer Treasurer \$				25
For Associational I	day Collection }	30	19		
	nes	84	II '		
Received from Eld.	J. P. Eagle	IO	00		
" " Myr	tle Doyle		02	124	32
	Missions			I	00
" " State	Missions			8	00
	gn Missions				70
" " Minu	te Fund.			43	60
" " Minis	sterial Education				22
Total amoun	t received \$			178	09

Amount turned over to Treasurer \$178 09.

Respectfully submitted.

R. V. GRAY, W. C. NEWELL, A. T. RODMAN, J. T. WALKER.

Recess until 7:30 o'clock p. m.

7:30 o'clock p. m. Association called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Eld. O. P. Miles. Preaching by Eld. R. E. Sutton, text, Ephesians 6, 14-17. The Moderator then took the chair. Eld. G. W. Thomason pledged \$10 for Ministerial Education for benefit of Bro. W. B. Holland.

The following resoulutions were introduced and adopted:-

Resolved that we endorse Bro. W. B. Holland as a worthy minister of the gospel and entitled to our confidence. We therefore endorse him by this Association as a Ministerial Beneficiary and recommend that the Board on Ministerial Education render him such aid as they can.

M. T. WEBB.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Association be extended to the El Paso church and the Methodist people for the use of their house and to this community for the royal way they have received and entertained us during the sitting of this body.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. COLE.

Resolved, that we pay the clerk of this Association the sum of \$25.00 for his services and that he let the contract for publishing the minutes to the best advantage.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. THOMASON.

Resolved, that the thanks of this association is hereby extended to the Moderator for the faithful and impartial manner in which he has discharged his duty.

M. T. WEBB.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet with Beebe Baptist Church, White county, Arkansas, at 10 o'clock a. m. on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1899. Song "God be with you 'till we meet again." Prayer by Dr. Frank White.

W. P. FLETCHER, Moderator, J. V. FERGUSON, Clerk.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

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W. B. Holland	Antioch	M. T. Webb	Beebe
R. E. Sutton	Beebe	G. W. Goodman	Beebe
	Beebe	W. W. Nations	Beebe
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	Argenta	J. H. Graves	Argenta
	Argenta	J. G. Doyle	Argenta
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	Butlerville	W. I. Witherington.	Cato
G. G. Howard	Cato	C. G. Howard	Cato
		W. A. Clark.	
	Judsonia	Robert Best	Judsonia
	Judsonia	Frank White.	Lonoke
J. D. Fletcher	Lonoke	W. M. Kelley	Wampoo
	Cabot	J. P. Linder	Beebe
	Beebe	G. W. Thomason	
	Little Rock	J. P. Eagle	
G. T. Kilpatrick	Ward	R. W. Cazort	
E. B. Dover	Warsaw	M. E. Hudson	Sylvania
T. F. Landreth	Toltec	John McKinney	Austin
A. L. Powell	Searcy	J. S. Thomas	Searcy

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

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APPENDIX

CONSTITUTION.

- Article 1. This Association shall be called the "Caroline Baptist Association," and shall be composed of Baptist Churches representing themselves by accredited Messengers. Its object shall be to provide missions, education and Sunday Schools.
- Art. 2. Every Church belonging to this Association shall be entitled to three Messengers, and every Church having over one hundred members shall be entitled to an additional Messenger for each additional fifty members over one hundred.
- Art. 3. The session of this Association shall be annual, at such time and place as shall be appointed by the body.
- Art. 4. Any Baptist Church of the same faith and practice may be admitted as a member of this Association, upon expressing a desire through Messenger and letters, to work in fellowship with us.
- Art. 5. The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot at each annual session, and continue in office until their successors are elected. A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to elect.
- Art. 6. This Association has no power to control or in any way interfere with the independence or rights of the Churches, but may advise, when asked by a Church through its letter to the Association, and it may withdraw its fellowship from any Church known to walk disorderly.
- Art. 7. This Association may correspond by letter and Messenger with other representative bodies of our denomination.
- Art. 8. In the absence of any officer of this Association his place shall be filled pro tempore, by viva voce election.
- Art. 9. The Association may, from time to time, adopt such rules and Bylaws for its government as may be expedient, not inconsistent with this Constitution.
- Art. 10. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular session by the vote of two-thirds of the Messengers present in favor of the proposed amendment.

Amendment No. 1. This Association may provide means to ald in the support of their aged, infirm, needy and superannuated ministers who have devoted their lives to the ministry, and who have been engaged in their last regular ministerial work for at least one year within the bounds of the Association. The Association may appoint a Board and adopt such Bylaws and regulations as will be necessary for carrying out the provisions of this amendment.

BY-LAWS

For Direction of the Board on Aid to Superannuated Ministers.

Section 1. The Association shall appoint a Board on Aid to Superannuated Ministers consisting of three members, which Board shall be located in or near the same locality. Said Board shall hold their office from the time of their appointment until the annual session of the Association. Should a vacancy occur on said Board, the majority may select a member of any Missionary Baptist Church, a member of this Association in good standing, to fill such vacancy. The Board shall organize once a year by electing a President, Secretary and Treasurer. Said Board shall provide such stationery as will be necessary for their use as a Board and any other necessary expenses that may be incurred in caprying on the work intrusted to them, and shall be paid out of the funds in their hands; and they shall be required to make a report to the Association each year of all monies received and disbursed.

- Sec. 2. The Board provided for in Section 1 of these By-laws, may raise means through the Churches of this Association, or raise contributions from other sources, and in such manner as will be legitimate. They may purchase lands, make improvements under direction of this Association. The title to such lands shall be made to the Moderator of the Association and his successors in office.
- Sec. 3. The Association shall at its annual meeting decide who shall be placed upon the list of Superannuated Ministers and direct what amount of aid shall be furnished by the Board, and decide whether or not such beneficiary can labor in the ministry, and if so, to what extent. Provided, that if some minister, within the bounds of Caroline Association, who may come under the provision's of the constitution of this Association, may from continued sickness of himself or his family, or for other good and sufficient causes, become a charge upon the community in which he may at the time reside, the Board may render such aid to such minister as the circumstances may require or their ability will admit of. Provided further, that for good and sufficient cause the Board may discontinue their aid to such ministers and report their action to the Association at its next session.
- Sec. 4. The Board provided for in Section 1 of these By-laws shall in all cases where it is possible work in harmony with the Mission Board of this Association in supplying and giving work to such infirm or Superannuated Ministers as they find such ministers are capable of performing. And in no case will this Board be permitted to make pledges beyond their financial ability as such Board, nor shall they involve the Association in debt.
- Sec. 5: The Board on Ministerial Education shall aid such Ministers as are adopted by the Association for education to the extent of the funds in their hands. Loans shall be made to such Ministers and their individual notes taken to the President of the Board of Education and his successors in

office, with interest at 6 per cent from due until paid. The Board shall not loan more than sufficient funds to meet the actual needs of such beneficiaries and not more than will be necessary for five months at any one time. They shall divide the funds in their hands in equal proportions as the demands of the beneficiaries may require. And the Board shall provide such stationery and printed matter as will be required to carry out the requirements of the Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

Abridged From Pendleton's Church Manual.

1. We believe that the Holy Bible, written by men, divinely inspired, and full of unmixed truth, is a perfect rule of faith and practice. 2 Tim. 3:16.

2. We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Gen. 1:26, 2 Cor. 13:14.

3. We believe that man, once holy, fell by voluntary transgression from that happy state, and is now utterly void of holiness. Gen. 1:26, 3:17.

4. We believe that sinners are saved by grace alone. Eph. 2: 8-9.

5. We believe that men are justified by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Gal. 3:6-29.

6. We believe that salvation is free to all who will accept the Gospel. Isa. 55:1, John 7:37, Rev. 21:6, Rev. 22:17.

7. We believe that, except a man be renewed by the Holy Spirit, he is not qualified or prepared for the Kingdom of Christ on earth, or to enjoy his glory hereafter. John 3: 3.8.

8. We believe that repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are the duties of everyone who hears the Gospel. Mat. 3:2, Acts 16:31.

9. We believe that election is the eternal purpose of God, by which He graciously regenerates, sanctifies, and saves sinners. Rom. 8:30.

ro. We believe that sanctification, begun in regeneration, and ever progressive, is the process by which we are made to partake of God's holiness. John 3:6, ch. 17, 2 Thes. 2:13.

II. We believe in the preservation of the saints, that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation. I Peter 1:5.

12. We believe that God's law is the only, the eternal and unchangeable rule of His Church and moral government. 2 Tim. 3;16-17.

13. We believe that a Church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, united in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel, observing the ordinances and obeying the laws of Christ, and that its officers are pastors and deacons. Acts 2: 41-47, I Tim. 3: 2-8.

- 14. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, by a properly qualified administrator, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Matt. 28:19, Mark 16:16, Romans 6: 3-4.
- 15. We believe that only such as have been properly baptized and received into the fellowship of a regularly organized Baptist Church should partake of the Lord's Supper. Matt. 26: 26-27, I Cor. 11: 20-33.
- 16. We believe that the Lord's day or Christian Sabbath should be devoutly observed, and sacredly devoted to religious services. Mark 16:9, Acts 20:7, I Cor. 16: 1-2, Heb. 10:25.
- 17. We believe that civil government is of divine appointment, and that the governors of states and nations should be obeyed, when the laws they seek to enforce are not in conflict with the Gospel. Rom. 13: 1-5.
- 18. We believe in the future resurrection of the dead. Dan. 12: 2-1, 1 Thes. 4:16
- 19. We believe in final judgment; and that, in that day, the righteous and wicked will be separated forever. Acts 17:31, Matt. 25: 32-33.
- 20. We believe that the righteous will be happy forever in heaven, and the wicked miserable forever in hell. Matt. 25: 34-46.

Thanking God for the light we have received, and for the revelation of Jesus which we now enjoy; and hoping that God for Christ's sake, has pardoned our sins and having been baptized on a profession of our faith in Christ Jesus into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, we do, this day, before God and the world, and with deep joy and great solemnity, enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We therefore covenant and agree, that, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, we will walk together in love and Christian fellowship. We promise to labor for the advancement and final triumph of the Church; to sustain her worship by attending the house of God and supporting the ministry; to guard her ordinances, enforce her discipline, and defend her doctrine.

We also pledge ourselves to walk circumspectly in the world; to be honest, just and faithful in our business relations; and, as God may give us help, we promise to live righteous and holy lives.

We further promise to watch over each other in brotherly love; to visit the sick; to pray for each other and the world; to aid the poor and needy, and to perform such other kind offices as may be well pleasing in the sight of God.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The daily session of the Association shall be opened and closed with religious exercises.

- 2. All exceptions to the decision of the Moderator shall be by appeal to the body, whose decision as expressed by a majority of the vote, viva voce given, shall be final.
- 3. In case of a tie vote, the Moderator shall give the casting vote, and he shall not be allowed to vote in any other case.
- 4. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speaking as other members, but when rising to speak shall call some other member to the chair.
- 5. No member shall speak but once on the same subject, more than twenty minutes at a time, except by leave of the Association, provided the mover shall have the privilege of opening and closing the debate on his motion or resolution.
- 6. But one member shall speak at a time, and if more than one rise to speak at the same time, the Moderator shall decide who is entitled to the floor.
- 7. Any member desiring to speak shall rise and address the Moderator, and in speaking shall confine himself to the subject under discussion, and no one shall use any disrespectful or discourteous language, calculated to wound the feelings of any member, or to disturb the harmony of the body, and the appelation of "Brother" shall be used in every reference to a member of the Association.
- 8. No member of the Association shall absent himself without leave of the chair, and the chair shall grant no such leave except for reasonable cause.
- 9. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to make and present faithful records of the proceedings of the Association, and to procure and supervise the printing and distribution of the same among the Churches.
- ro. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all monies accruing to the Association, to pay out the same upon the order of the Clerk, or, if Home Mission fund, upon the order of the Secretary of Home Missions, and to report his receipts and disbursements. But the Clerk shall draw no order upon the Treasurer except for appropriations previously made by the Association.
- 11. Committees shall be appointed by the chair, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1. Opening of the session by devotional exercises and preaching of introductory sermon.
 - 2. Reading letters and enrolling names of Messengers.
 - 3. Election of officers.
 - 4. Call for petitionary letters.
- 5. Appointment of Committee on Religious exercises; which committee will be allowed to report at any time.
 - 6. Enrollment of names of Corresponding Messengers from other bodies.
 - 7. Enrolling names of visitors.
- 8. Appointment of Committees: (1) Associational Missions, (2) State Missions, (3) Home Missions, (4) Foreign Missions, (5) Colleges and Schools, (6) Ministerial Education, (7) Temperance, (8) Sunday Schools, (9) Obituaries, (10) Woman's Work, (11) Literature, (12) Correspondence, (13) Orphans Home, (14) Nominations, (15) Finance.
 - 9. Report of Association Mission Board.
 - to. Report of Missionary.
 - 11. Report of Board on Ministerial Education.
 - 12. Report of Board on Aid to Superannuated Ministers.
 - 13. Report of Treasurer.
 - 14. Report of committees in order.
 - 15. Miscellaneous business.
 - 16. Resolutions.
 - 17. Exercises of final adjournment.

APPENDIX.

DEAR BRETHREN:-

The Missionary Board for the Association appointed at Elpaso organized by electing H. T. Bradford Chairman, W. Y. Bransford Secretary, and J. V. Ferguson Treasurer.

We find that the Association owes to the Missionaries employed by the Board last year a balance of one hundred and sixty dollars. This amount we owe to Bro. J. D. Fletcher and to the family of our lamented Brother, O. U. Owens, who was stricken down while actively engaged in the work and who died away from home upon the field of his labor. These brethren were employed by your board with the full expectation that the money with which to pay their salaries would be on hand when the Association met but were disappointed and we now make this appeal to you.

These brethren did the work assigned them by your board, they need their money now and are entitled to it, some of the churches owe on pledges made for this work at Cabot in October, 1897, others who did not pledge anything have failed to pay. Will you not ask yourselves the question.

Have we done our duty in this matter?

Under the report and resolution adopted by the Association at Elpaso the Bard is not authorized to employ a Missionary until this debt is paid and they see their way clear to pay him, there are destitute places within our bounds that ought to be supplied and the people who live in these places will in a

short time be appealing to us for help.

Now brethren will you not help us at once by taking collections and sending us the money to enable us at least to pay what we now owe, we beg you for the sake of the cause in which we are engaged to do this now and thus place the board in a condition that we may go forward with the work that is so much needed. Send contributions to J. V. Ferguson, Treasurer, Lonoke, Ark.

Respectfully,

H. T. BRADFORD, Chairman, W. Y. BRANSFORD, Secretary, J. V. FERGUSON, Treasurer.

ST. ATISTICAL TABLE.

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