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MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

TEXARKANA

Baptist Association

HELD WITH

PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH

Bowie County, Texas

October 11, 12, and 13, 1901

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Moderator, Eld. N. J. RACHEL, Maud, Tex.

Clerk, Eld. O. L. HAILEY, Texarkana, Ark.

Next session will be held with Center Ridge Church, Maud, Tex.
beginning at ten o'clock A. M., on Friday before the second
Sunday in October, 1902. Introductory Sermon by
Eld. W. M. Bridges; alternate, J. B. Lumbley

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BOWIE COUNTY, TEXAS.
OCTOBER 11, 12, AND 13, 1901.

Moderator, Eld. N. J. RACHEL, Maud, Texas.
Clerk and Treasurer, Eld. O. L. HAILEY, Texarkana, Arkansas.

STANDING RESOLUTION.

Resolved. That any member of this Association in good standing in his own church bearing a copy of the Minutes of this Association be authorized to represent us in any body with which we correspond.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS,

1. Call to order at 10 o'clock a. m.
2. Devotional exercises by Moderator,
3. Collect and read letters from the churches,
4. Introductory sermon,
5. Election of Officers,
6. Call for New Churches,
7. Seat Correspondents and Visitors,
8. Appoint the following committees:
 - (1.) Divine Service,
 - (2.) Associational Missions,
 - (3.) State Missions,
 - (4.) Home Missions,
 - (5.) Foreign Missions,
 - (6.) Orphan's Home,
 - (7.) Sunday Schools,
 - (8.) Pastoral Support,
 - (9.) Education,
 - (10.) Deceased Ministers,
 - (11.) Ministers names and address,
 - (12.) Temperance,
 - (13.) Finance,
 - (14.) Publications,
 - (15.) Historical Committee,
 - (16.) Nominations.
9. Hear Report of Executive Board,
10. Hear Report of Treasurer,
11. Miscellaneous Business,
12. Hear Reports in order,
13. Hear Reports of Special Committees,
14. Miscellaneous Business,
15. Hear and Correct Minutes,
16. Adjourn.



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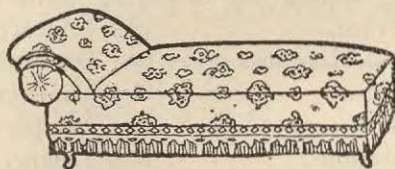
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TEXARKANA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Pleasant Grove Church.

Oct. 11, 1901.

At 10;00 a. m. Rev. N. J. Rachel, former Moderator in the Chair: sang, "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing." Congregation led in prayer by Rev. E. F. Waltmon. Moderator read 65 Psalm and Rev. C. B. Williams led in prayer. "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name."

Letters from the churches called for and brethren B. B. Williams and W. M. Bridges were called on to read them.

Messengers enrolled as follows:

MESSENGERS.

Bethel, W. A. Quillen, J. E. Corzine.

Bethsaida, no representation.

College Hill, J. W. Smith.

Center Ridge, N. J. Rachel.

Dalby Springs, no representation.

DeKalb, O. J. Finley.

Eylau, W. I. Eubanks, R. G. Nelson.

First Texarkana, O. L. Hailey, N. P. Sanderson, C. T. Dod-

son,

Hubbard, M. G. Nelson, W. C. Echols, Peter Burns.
 Malta, J. C. Hyatt, J. H. Hays, Wylie Orr.
 Mt. Pisgah, C. C. Elkins J. C. Kesterson, Anna Rice.
 Myrtle Springs, B. F. Lumbley.
 New Boston, M. R. Moore, J. B. Lumbley.
 New Prospect, L. P. Tidwell.
 Olive Street, C. B. Williams, W. M. Bridges, C. W. Matthews
 Park, W. J. Simmons, J. A. H. Granberry.
 Pisgah, C. C. Turner, Odilia Turner,
 Pleasant Grove, D. T. Meredith, D. C. Meredith, J. R.
 Mitchell,
 Rock Creek, J. K. Walker, T. P. Collins, D. E. Snider.
 Salem, W. P. Hobbs, M. Terrell.
 Sand Hill, no representation.
 Sylvarena, G. W. Yarberry.
 Tennessee, L. Winham, H. H. King, W. P. Bankston.
 Wards Creek, Letter.
 West Bowie, W. A. Terrell.

By motion the Introductory Sermon was deferred to two o'clock this afternoon.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

By motion the Clerk was authorized to cast the unanimous ballot of the body for Eld. N. J. Rachel as Moderator which was done.

Also a motion prevailed to authorize the Moderator to cast the unanimous ballot for Eld. O. L. Hailey for Clerk and Treasurer, which was done.

NEW CHURCHES.

Upon call for new churches, petitionary letters were received from Harmony, and upon motion it was received and J. P. Teegarden, G. W. Lee and J. L. Barker were seated as messengers.

And Magnolia presented a petitionary letter and upon motion it was received and messengers E. F. Waltmon, W. W. Strait and Sister Ella A. Strait were seated as messengers.

CHURCH RESTORED TO THE ROLL.

Antioch church presented a letter and messengers and asked to be restored to the roll. This church had been dropped for non-representation, and they desired to be restored. Upon motion the letter was received and the following messengers seated:

A. P. Littleton, W. H. Davis, J. M. Hodge.

VISITORS,

Upon call for visitors Eld, J. W. Brewer, of Delta Co., Association, representing "American Baptist Flag," Miss Ada Bentley of Henderson, representing the "Cottage Work," G. B. Rogers, representing State Missions and A. B. P. Society, recognized.

COMMITTEE ON DIVINE SERVICE,

Moderator appointed pastor and deacons of Pleasant Grove church a committee on divine service.

HOURS OF MEETING.

The following resolution offered by J. B. Sellman was adopted viz. That we meet at 9:00 a. m., suspend for preaching at 11:00 a. m., adjourn at 12:00 noon, meet at 1:30 p. m., for business, adjourn at 5:00 p. m. Night service fixed by committee on divine service.

BENEFIT OF REV. T. T. MARTIN.

Following resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolved that the Association instruct our Executive Board, to make application to Bro. J. B. Gambrell for some assistance from the ministers relief fund for Rev. T. T. Martin, who is now old and feeble, nearly blind, and has a helpless wife to care for, as well as other helpless ones who are dependent upon him for a support.

J. B. Sellman.

CONCERNING THE MINUTES.

The following resolution unanimously adopted.

Resolved that the Clerk be allowed \$15.00 for his services as Associational Secretary in arranging and printing minutes, and

that he be granted the privilege to arrange with the A. B. P. Society for covers, and that he be allowed to also insert such advertisements in the minutes as he may wish. And that the Clerk have printed and distributed 500 copies of the minutes.

J. B. Sellman.

CHANGE IN CONSTITUTION.

The following amendments to the Constitution were proposed. The change in Article 2. was unanimously agreed to. That in Art. 4. by a vote of 26 to 4.

Resolved that Articles 2. and 4. of the Constitution be changed as follows:

Article 2. Be changed so as to make provision for a financial exhibit of the work done by the churches of the Association.

Article 4, Be changed so as to read. Every church of this Association shall be entitled to three messengers, except such churches as have a membership over 100, these churches shall be entitled to one additional messenger for each 50 members over 100 or for a major portion thereof.

J. B. Sellman.

ASSOCIATIONAL PAPER.

The following resolution was passed unanimously.

Resolved that this body take up, and consider at some time during the session, the propriety of the publication of a neat little paper, to be published in the City of Texarkana, in the interest of the work of this Association.

J. B. Sellman.

Moderator appointed on that committee, L. Winham, W. P. Bankston, W. C. Echols, J. B. Lumbley, W. J. Simmons and the Association adjourned. Benediction by Joel F. Shands.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Song: "Jesus Lover of My Soul." Prayer by J. W. Brewer.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

Chair announced the following committees:

Associational Missions: L. Winham, W. W. Strait, C. C. Elkins.

State Missions: C. B. Williams, W. P. Bankston, J. C. Hyatt.

Home Missions: E. F. Waltmon.

Foreign Missions: W. M. Bridges, J. E. Corzine, D. C. Meredith,

Sunday Schools: W. P. Bankston, J. F. Morris, Anna Rice.

Education: J. B. Lumblèy, J. W. Smith, J. L. Barker,

Publications: R. G. Nelson, L. P. Tidwell, T. P. Collins.

Deceased Ministers; W. C. Echols, G. W. Yarberry, H. H. King.

Temperance: W. J. Simmons, D. E. Soider, M. G. Nelson.

Committee on Orphan's Home inadvertently admitted, and instead of a Finance Committee, the messengers voted to turn over all funds brought to the meeting, directly to the Treasurer.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON.

At this point the body called for the Introductory Sermon, which was preached by Eld. O. L. Hailey, the regular appointee, from Matt. 28;16 to 20, following this a voluntary collection for Associational Missions was taken, amounting to \$4.30,

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The report was read by O. L. Hailey, the chairman. Rev. J. B. Sellman read his report as missionary,

A motion was made to adopt, and after remarks by O. L. Hailey, J. B. Sellman, G. B. Rogers, J. W. Brewer, the report was unanimously adopted as follows;

To the Texarkana Baptist Association:

Dear Brethren: After several efforts, the Board met at New Boston on March 27, 1901, and according to your instruction elected a missionary—Rev. J. B. Sellman at a salary of Fifty (\$50) Dollars a month. He was to begin work April 1st, and continue till the meeting of the Association. He was given the general instruction of this body as set forth in your report on Associational Missions, last year and found on page 7, of your minutes.

We then made application to the State Board of Missions for assistance to the amount of One Hundred dollars, which was promptly allowed. And we desire at this time to publicly express our appreciation of their generous help.

Bro. Sellman has been a diligent, and we believe a valuable missionary from the first until now. He has kept himself in constant correspondence with the Board, through its chairman, and has sought counsel at every important step. We commend him most heartily and his work. For the particular, we refer you to his report, submitted herewith, and made a part of this report.

During the year we have held three successful Fifth Sunday meetings, as follows; New Boston in March, Tennessee in June and Hubbard's Chapel in Sept. If it is the pleasure of the Association that such work be continued, it might be helpful for the body to say so.

At the June meeting, the Board was advised that Bethel Church would find it inconvenient to entertain the Association at this session, and after conference with the Moderator, and upon invitation from this, Pleasant Grove church, we issued a call, changing the meeting from Bethel to this place, believing that the churches would approve of our action.

During the year we have secured copies of the minutes of this Association complete, except the first year, and the years 1891, 1892. And the thanks of the body are due to Rev. J. R. Alexander, of Troy, Bell Co., Texas, for some years the honored Moderator of this body, for most of these minutes. We venture to suggest the advisability of appointing a Historical Committee, who shall write a succinct history of this body, and from time to time print its report in the minutes.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We would respectfully invite the attention of the Association to the following points:

1. That our Executive Board consists of five members together with the Moderator and Clerk of the body, who shall be ex-officio members of the Board, and that it be located so that a quorum may be easily gotten together.

2. That in each church some brother or sister be chosen, by the church to co-operate with the Board.

3. That the Board be instructed to employ a missionary who shall labor within our bounds, and that he be secured with as little delay as possible, so that he may labor during the whole year.

And that the Board be authorized to make application to the State Board of Missions for the sum of \$200.00 to help defray the expenses. And that all our churches be asked to make liberal contributions to the support of an Associational Missionary.

Unanimously approved by the Board.

O. L. Bailey, Chairman.

REPORT OF J. B. SELLMAN, MISSIONARY.

Park, Tex., Oct. 11th, 1901.

To the Texarkana Baptist Association of Miller and Bowie counties.

Dear Brethren: Following is the report of your Missionary for the past 6 months, commencing on April 1st, and closing on Oct. 11th, 1901.

Stations supplied regularly and irregularly,	10.
Sermons preached,	115.
Other addresses,	60.
Total sermons and addresses,	175.
No of conversions,	50.
" Churches organized,	2.
" Charter members,	21.
" Baptized into the churches on my field,	57.
" Received by letter, statement and restoration,	74.
Total received into the churches where I have labored,	131.
Prayer meetings organized,	5.
Sunday Schools "	4.
Ministers ordained,	1.
Deacons,	3.
Religious visits made as follows:	
Baptist families visited,	240.
Methodist, " "	35.
Presbyterian, " "	10.
Canbellite " "	18.
Unchristian and other families,	20.
Total No. families visited,	323.
Pages religious literature distributed,	12,350.
Subscriptions to M. W.	6.
No. miles traveled,	1,700.
Bibles sold and given away,	25.
Value,	\$10.00
Total books sold as follows:	
Sam Jones' Sermons,	1.
Wonderful Answers to Prayer,	1.
C. H. Spurgeon's Sermon Notes,	2.
Historical Illustrations of The Old Testament,	1.
What Baptists Believe,	1.
The Bible a Lamp and Light to Our Feet,	1.
Total value of books sold,	\$5.00.
Days labored,	180.
Salary \$50.00 per month,	\$300.00

Received from State Board,	55.60
Received as collections on the field as follows:	
From New Boston church,	13.00
" Malta "	5.50
" College Hill "	13.80
" Myrtle Springs "	14.00
" Tennessee "	14.00
" Hubbard Chapple "	13.65
" DeKalb "	5.25
" Salem "	7.00
" Pisgah "	10.00
" Oak Grove "	8.00
" Olive Street "	14.00
" Cooley School community	2.15
" Holly " "	2.00
" Sims church,	1.00
" Rev. N. A. Rogers,	2.10
" Bethel church,	2.00
" Pleasant Grove church, .	2.50
" Eylau "	2.15
" Dalby Springs com-	2.50
" Red Water "	50
" Park church,	50
" Ward's Creek church.	50
From O. L. Hailey, Treasurer,	55.00
Total collections received,	\$246.50
Received for the Orphan's Home.	50
Balance due the missionary on salary,	53.50

J. B. Sellman, Missionary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Treasurer's report was read by O. L. Hailey, Treasurer, and adopted.

Texarkana Baptist Association 1901.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

	Dr.
Oct. 13, To am't from Finance Com.	\$70.75.
" 15, " am't Sunday collection,	44.55.
Dec. 3, " Olive St. church,	4.30.
1901,	

TEXARKANA ASSOCIATION.

9.

Feb. 25,	"	First Church, Texarkana,	69.25,	
June 28,	"	Rock Creek church,	2.50,	
"	"	Centre Ridge "	2.50,	
Aug. 1,	"	Eylau church.	2.25.	
Total				\$196.10.

1900.

Cr.

Oct. 13,	By	am't paid Rev. Jno. Winham,	\$20.00.	
" 15,	"	" " " "	94 55.	
Dec. 3,	"	" " " " (B.C.)	4.30.	

1901.

Mch. 15,	"	am't paid Expense Fund,	2.50,	
June 5,	"	" " Rev. J. B. Sellman, Miss'y.	10.00.	
" 29,	"	" " " "	5.00,	
July, 22,	"	" " " "	10.00.	
Aug, 2,	"	" " " "	10.00.	
Sept, 8,	"	" " " "	10.00.	
" 9,	"	" " Expense Fund,	4.00.	
" 9,	"	" " " "	75.	
Oct. 4,	"	" " J. B. Sellman,	10 00,	
Amount on hand,			15.00,	

\$196.10.

191.50.

" 8, Am't collected by J. B. Sellman,
Total for the year,

387.60.

ORPHAN'S HOME.

1900.

Oct. 13,	To	am't from Finance Committee,	\$15.75	
" 13,	"	Public collection,	21.00	
Dec. 3,	"	First church Texarkana S. S.	12.63	
" 25,	"	First church "	13.00	
Total,				\$62.38.

1900.

Oct. 12,	By	am't to R. C. Buckner,	36.75	
1901.				
Sept. 28,	"	" " " "	25.63	

\$62.38,

BIBLE WORK.

1901.

Oct. 12,	To	am't Tennessee S. S.	4.60	
Sept. 28,	By	am't paid S. S. Board,		\$4.60.

STATE MISSIONS.

1900.			
Oct. 14,	To am't Public collection	10.25	
" 29,	" " First church Texarkana,	72.50	
1901.			
Sept. 12,	To Tennessee church,	30.00	
Oct. 1,	" First Baptist church Texarkana	222.00	
	Total		\$341.75.
1900.			
Oct. 14,	By am't paid J. C. Gentry,	10.25.	
" 29,	" " " J. B. Gambrell	72.50.	
1901.			
Sept. 15,	" " " "	30.00	
Oct. 1,	Balance on hand,	222.00	\$341.75

HOME MISSIONS.

1900.			
Oct. 10,	To am't from Finance committee.	2.00	
1901.			
Apr. 29,	To First church Texarkana,	79.00	
	Total		81.00
1900.			
Oct. 15,	By am't paid J. C. Gentry,	2.00	
Apr. 29,	" " " J. B. Gambrell,	79.00.	
	Total,		81.00.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1900			
Oct. 13,	To Public collection,	7.70	
1901.			
Mar. 25,	To First church Texarkana,	30.00	
Apr. 29.	" " " "	70.00	107.70.
1900.			
Oct. 15,	By am't paid J. C. Gentry,	7.70	
1901.			
Mch. 28,	By am't paid J. B. Gambrell,	30.00	
Apr. 29,	" " " "	70 00	107.70

EXPENSE FUND

1900.			
Oct. 13,	To am't from Finance committee,	39.95	
1910.			

Feb. 3,	" B. Chance,	10	
" 28,	" R. T. Fulbright,	25	
Mch. 29,	" Olive Street Church,	1.00	
" 24,	" Hubbard Chapel,	65	
Apr. 2,	" First church Texarkana,	1.50	
" 25,	" Associational Mission Fund,	2.00	
Sept. 9,	" " "	4.00	49 95.
1901.			
Oct. 30,	By am't paid Clerk,	10.00	
" 30,	Stamps and postals,	75	
Nov. 7,	Moore Printing Co.	27.00	
" 25,	Wrapping paper and postage,	2.00	
1901,			
Feb. 25,	Stamps and postals,	50	
Mch 15,	Kaleidoscope Printing,	2.50	
June 10	Stamps and stationary,	2.00	
Sept. 5,	Stamps and stationary,	2.00	
" 6,	Blank Letters,	75	
Oct. 8,	Balance,	2.45	49.95.

O. L. Hailey, Treasurer,

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Upon motion, the following resolution was passed creating the Executive Board for 1901—1902.

Resolved, that the Moderator be authorized, to now appoint the following brethren—as our Missionary or Executive Board for next associational year—1902, and that this board proceed as early as possible to elect a missionary for his full time at a salary of \$50.00 per month, to preach and labor with the weak and pastorless churches, and in the destitute places within our bounds, and take up public and private collections for Associational Missions and look after the good of our cause as his judgment may indicate.

And the following brethren constitute such board, to-wit:

O. L. Hailey, C. B. Williams, J. B. Lumbley, L. Winham, N. J. Rachel and W. M. Bridges.

Also that each church be requested to appoint one messenger to co-operate with the Executive Board in all her meetings.

E. F. Waltmon.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Several churches asked for the next session of this body; Harmony, Centre Ridge, College Hill and Tennessee, Centre Ridge was chosen.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON.

Upon motion Eld. W. M. Bridges was chosen to preach the next Introductory Sermon and Eld. J. B. Lumbley his alternate.

MESSENGER S. B. CONVENTION.

Rev. C. B. Williams was chosen as messenger to S. B. Convention and O. L. Hailey as alternate.

MESSENGERS STATE CONVENTION.

Upon motion a committee consisting of W. M. Bridges, W. C. Echols and J. B. Sellman were appointed to name messengers to the State Convention. They reported as follows: W. M. Bridges, C. B. Williams, J. B. Sellman, N. J. Rachel, W. C. Echols,

NO SERVICES TONIGHT.

Owing to the inclement weather, the committee on divine service reported that there would be no meeting tonight and the Association adjourned.

Benediction by G. B. Rogers.

SATURDAY MORNING.

At 9:00 a. m. the Association met pursuant to adjournment Song, "How Firm a Foundation." W. M. Bridges led in prayer. Minutes were read and approved.

Miss Ada Bentley, representing the "Cottage Work" at Baylor Female College, was presented and spoke of the work in which she is engaged. and a voluntary offering was made, amounting to \$9.35 which was turned over to her at the moment.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Report read by L. Winham and upon motion to adopt remarks were made by L. Winham, W. C. Echols, G. B. Rogers, W. M.

Bridges, O. L. Hailey, J. W. Brewer, J. B. Sellman. Report adopted.

We your committee on Associational Missions, would beg to congratulate our Associational Board and our Missionary on the work done the past year and recommend the continuation of the work on the same lines.

We believe Associational Missions to be the foundation of all missions, and success in it means success to all our work.

Pastors should not fail to press this important work upon their churches, and encourage the missionary in every way possible, we also deem it highly important that the Associational Board attempt to raise funds to purchase a gospel wagon to be used by our Missionary and supply the books and tracts, for sale and distribution and encourage him to keep constantly before the brethren, and people generally—the necessity of the reading of God's Word, and the advantage gained in taking good sound denominational papers.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Report read by W. P. Bankston, and upon motion to adopt, remarks were made by O. L. Hailey, J. P. Teeguarden and the report adopted.

We your committee on Sunday schools report as follows:

The Sunday school work throughout this Association, as shown by the reports, has improved to some extent this year, but not so prosperous yet as should be. The literature is good. The foreign assistance is good, so the fault certainly must rest upon us, in not zealously doing the work in Sunday school capacity, hence we recommend that more leaders and teachers be sought out, and strengthened with that spirit, go.

W. P. Bankston.

PUBLICATIONS.

Report read by R. G. Nelson, and on motion the report was adopted.

In view of the fact of the publication of so much trashy literature that is being scattered through the country, we your committee on publication deem it of the utmost importance that we, as members of the various churches of this Association, make an earnest effort to arrest and counteract this great evil, first by the careful reading of the Bible which should ever be our counselor, then by circulating among our homes and neighbors as much good, moral literature as we can, such literature to be tested by the Bible.

R. G. Nelson,
L. P. Tidwell,
T. R. Collins.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Upon motion of O. L. Hailey, the hour of 11 a.m., was set apart to hear the report of the committee on deceased ministers, with a view to a special memorial of Rev. J. Winham, who died June 13, 1901.

EDUCATION.

The report read by J. B. Lumbley and upon motion to adopt remarks were made by J. A. H. Grauberry, J. B. Lumbley, G. B. Rogers and report adopted as follows.

We your committee on Education report that we are glad to note with much pride, the great success of the Missionary Baptists; in educational work. Our correlated system of schools is without a parallel in history. We have, in Texas, six colleges under our system. Last year about 2,000 pupils were enrolled in these colleges. During the last fifty years 30,000 workers have been sent out to bless this state and other states and foreign countries. This great host of educated men and women, to some extent accounts for the fact, that Baptist people of Texas have a hundred thousand more members than any other denomination. Our success, to a great extent, depends upon the dissemination of the right kind of information. Intellectual and moral training go hand in hand in lifting the human race to higher living. These correlated schools own property to the amount of \$750,000 with but \$52,000 indebtedness. This \$52,000 has not yet matured, but an opportunity is before us to liquidate this indebtedness. Two brethren offer to pay \$10,000 each provided the denomination will raise the other \$32,000. Still another ten thousand dollars has since been provided for, and practically only \$22,000 is to be raised by the denomination to entirely relieve the denomination of this burden of debt after which, our energies can be directed toward the permanent endowment of these institutions. But these three thousand dollars are promised only on condition that the denomination raise the other twenty-two thousand dollars. Shall we see the liquidation of this indebtedness fail and lose this three thousand dollars or shall we raise the twenty-two thousand dollars and free the schools from debt? We recommend that this Association do what she can in paying off this debt.

J. B. Lumbley,

J. W. Smith,

John T. Barker.

On A collection taken in cash and pledges amounting to \$36.00.

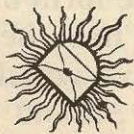
SPECIAL ORDER—DECEASED MINISTERS.

The hour of eleven o'clock having arrived the report on De-

ceased Ministers was read by W. C. Echols, chairman, and pending adoption, remarks were made by N. J. Rachel, W. C. Echols, O. L. Hailey, J. B. Lumbley, W. J. Simmons, W. M. Bridges and C. B. Williams, and report adopted.

We your committee would report as follows: It is with profound sorrow that we have to say that God in his wisdom has seen fit to take from our midst Brother John Winham, one of our grandest and most godly ministers. Yet we thank God that our loss is his eternal gain. And we recommend that this body tender our heart-felt sympathy to his bereaved family.

W. C. Echols,
H. H. King.



REV. JOHN WINHAM,

BORN DECEMBER 1st, 1831.

ORDAINED OCTOBER 13th, 1873.

Fell asleep in Jesus, June 13th, 1901.

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“Hold fast the form of sound words,  
which thou hast heard of me, in  
faith and love which is in Christ  
Jesus.”      Second Timothy 1:13.

Association adjourned. Benediction by G. B. Rogers.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Association met at one o'clock. Sang; "When I Can Read My Title Clear." Prayer by N. J. Rachel.

### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The report was read by W. M. Bridges, and pending adoption, he spoke on the question. And the report adopted,

God's command to go into all the world is still binding upon the churches—our obligation to obey is as great today as when uttered by the Master himself. The field is still the world, and is riper unto the harvest, than ever before—the question of all questions—go ye into all the world is still ringing in our ears—the obligation to give light to those who sit in the region and shadow of death is as pressing as it was when the Savior went back to heaven. The prison doors must be opened—the shackles of bondage must be broken and the liberty wherewith Christ makes free, must come as God has appointed and commanded—no change of purpose or shifting of responsibility has marked the ages for these 1900 years; and it will remain unchanged until the last battle is fought with sin and the last victory won.

### GOD'S METHODS.

God's methods, in his purpose to evangelize the world, are also unchanged. How shall they believe on him of whom they have not heard and how shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall he preach, except he be sent? He who ignores God's methods of grace, ignores his purpose of grace. Consecrated men and women and money will be needed and must be sent by the churches as long as God has a purpose to save. The churches of God must ever remain the pillar and ground of the truth—must hold the truth and send it forth as doors are opened and opportunities are offered—He that refuses to co-operate in this work of the churches, turns his back on 1900 years of history that God has sanctified and smiled upon with his protecting power to save.

W. M. Bridges,

J. E. Corzine,

D. C. Meredith.

### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS,

The report read by C. B. Williams. Pending a motion to adopt C. B. Williams addressed the body. J. W. Brewer indicated that he had something to say that might be calculated to reflect upon some one or something of which he did not choose to tell



the body until the collection should be taken, the following motion was unanimously adopted. That G. B. Rogers, representing the State Board of Missions shall have the privilege of the closing address on this subject. And further remarks were made by J. W. Brewer, J. B. Lumbley, W. M. Bridges and G. B. Rogers. Bro. Rogers took a collection in cash and pledges amounting to \$76, and the report was adopted.

#### STATE MISSIONS.

192 missionaries have been on the Texas field for the last year. This is the largest force on the field of Texas at any time. Last year the work was conducted on a \$50,000 basis; 40 of the missionaries are colporters sowing the state in gospel and Baptist literature, 4 of them are general missionaries, visiting and preaching in different parts of the state.

The State Board aids weak churches, but urges them to become self-supporting as soon as possible. It is beginning to appropriate funds for building new church houses in destitute localities. It conducts the work of Old Ministers Relief. It represents the Home and Foreign Boards in Texas, to which Boards the state gave \$32,000 in 1900 and hopes to secure \$40,000 for 1901.

The State work has pushed the Education Commission, especially in the earlier months of the year, thus giving Texas Baptists the finest Baptist schools in the South.

The total expense of the State Board, including the pay of Superintendent, bookkeeper, stenographer, traveling expenses, postage, interest, etc, is less than 7 per cent. that is, over 93 cents of every dollar given, goes directly to the object specified by the giver.

The past year has been one of universal prosperity in the state work. Many Sunday-schools and churches have been organized and hundreds upon hundreds of souls have been converted on mission fields, and in countless ways the smiles of God have rested on the State work in 1901. Therefore, let us

1. As pastors preach and practice the giving of the truth, as Baptist hold it to the Empire State of the south,
2. As churches of the Texarkana Association let us join heart and hand in spreading the gospel from the Red River to the Rio Grande, from the Indian Territory to the Gulf.
3. As individuals let us follow the example of those liberal souls who are giving their money and influence to sow the state with seeds of truth and make it blossom as the garden of our Lord.



Committee,                    { Chas. B. Williams,  
                                      { W. P. Bankston,  
                                      { John Hyatt.

This Association desires to express its satisfaction concerning the co-operation with the State Board and desire to continue it.

### ASSOCIATIONAL PAPER.

Report read by L. Winham and the report adopted as follows:

Resolved that Bro. Hailey as the Clerk of the Association be requested to change the name of the little church paper which he is now printing from "The Church News" to "The Associational News." That the paper, also be enlarged as it can be done and that the brethren and churches be earnestly requested to both write for and subscribe for this Associational paper, and give Bro. Hailey as its editor every encouragement in its publication.

L. Winham, Chairman.

### REPORT ON HOME MISSION.

Report read by E. F. Waltmon and adopted as follows.

The lagrest public mission ever undertaken by our denomination is the cultivation of the fields under the fostering care of our Home Board. Our success for the last year has been truly gratifying and encouraging, and this should stimulate us to larger efforts. The reports sent to this body do not show much effort on the part of our brethren. Only \$82.25 contributed by our churches. Brethren, will we go? If we cannot go let us send them the gospel of Jesus Christ.

E. F. Waltmon.

### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Report read by W. J. Simmons. Upon motion to adopt, remarks were made by J. W. Brewer and the report adopted.

We your committee on Temperance submit the following:

The great blessing of Temperance in every phase of human life cannot be too highly recommended by every follower of Christ and as there are a great many forces that are tending to intemperance in our country, especially the Liquor Traffic; we recommend that we put forth every effort to put it down.

W. J. Simmons.

### RESOLUTION.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Resolved that a vote of gratitude be tendered to the brethren and sisters of Pleasant Grove church, also to the people of the community for their hospitality and kind treatment, to this body while in their midst. also that we

express our thanks to our Moderator and Clerk for the faithful manner in which they have filled their positions.

J. B. Sellman,  
W. C. Echols.

Resolved,

1. That the thanks of this Association are due, and the same be hereby expressed to Eld. J. R. Alexander, for the file of minutes presented to this body. And that the Clerk be instructed to send a copy of these minutes to Bro. Alexander.

2. That a Historical Committee be appointed by the Moderator of this session, who shall be requested to prepare a short history of this Association to be presented to the next session of this body with the view to having the same printed in the minutes.

3. That the Association commend the plan of the Executive Board in holding Fifth Sunday meetings, and ask the churches to co-operate with them.

E. F. Waltmon.

### HISTORICAL COMMITTEE.

The Moderator was desired to be a member of this committee. He made the following appointments; O. L. Hailey, Chairman; Allen Winham, W. M. Bridges, C. B. Williams and N. J. Rachel.

### FINANCES.

Received from the messengers at the Association the following amounts of cash; Expense Fund, \$42.10, Association Missions, \$30.40; State Missions \$11.55; Home Missions, \$2.50; Foreign Missions, \$8.45; Orphan's Home, \$25.85.

O. L. Hailey, Treas.

### INSTRUCTIONS TO CLERK.

By consent of the body the Clerk was authorized to perfect the reports from the churches as far as he might be able.

Owing to the lateness of the hour the minutes for the day were accepted without reading and the officers authorized to sign the same.

After singing "On Jordan's Stormy Banks," chorus; "I Am Bound for The Promised Land," during which the messengers gave each other the parting hand the Association adjourned. Benediction by W. M. Bridges.

Thus closed a profitable and harmonious session of the body.

O. L. Hailey,  
Clerk.

N. J. Rachel,  
Moderator.



## CONSTITUTION

We, the Missionary Baptist Churches of Christ in the States of Texas and Arkansas, having been baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches in order to perpetuate a union amongst us and preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other. We, therefore, propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of an association according to the following plan:

1. The association shall be composed of members chosen by different churches in our association who, on producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

2. The letters from the different churches are to express their members in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, restored and dead since last association; also inscribe on the backs of their letters the name of church, postoffice, delegates, pastor and clerk, and shall present a financial exhibit of what monies have been expended by them in the Lord's cause.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known as the Texarkana Missionary Baptist Association, who shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage or to infringe on any of the eternal rights of churches in the association, but shall be considered an advisory council in matters respecting their internal concerns, for the benefit of all such churches; but the association shall have power to exclude any church from its body who shall violate or deviate from the rules of the orthodox principles of the gospel.

4. Every church in this association shall be entitled to three delegates or messengers, and such churches as have a membership of more than one hundred, churches shall be entitled to one additional messenger for each fifty members, or major portion thereof, over the first hundred members. And should any church fail to represent herself, she shall state her reasons in her letter to the next association.

5. New churches may be admitted into this association, who shall petition by letter and delegates, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the association, and the reception thereof manifested by the moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

6. This association when convened, shall be governed by regular and popular rules which they are authorized to form for themselves.

7. The association shall elect a moderator from among themselves by ballot, whose duty it shall be to see that the Rules of Decorum be attended to, and take the vote of the association in all questions properly brought before it and to organize the next association; also a clerk, whose duty it shall be to take proper and correct minutes of the proceedings; also a treasurer, whose duty it shall be to receive and disburse all money coming into his hands as directed by the association, giving and taking receipts for the same, and make a report of the same to the association.

8. The association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present except in the reception of new churches, which shall require a unanimous vote.

9. Every query sent by a particular church must be included in her letter, certifying that she has endeavored to settle it, but could not; in which case the association shall take it under consideration and give its advice.

10. Business which immediately concerns the association at large, when



sent by a particular church as from it or handed in by a member shall be taken up and decided as soon as opportunity will admit.

11. The association shall correspond with other associations as may be agreed upon when in session.

12. The association shall elect one of her ministers and his alternate to preach the introductory sermon at the next association.

13. The association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of her proceedings.

14. Amendments to this constitution may be made at any time when two-thirds of the messengers composing the association deem it necessary.

15. The minutes of the association shall be read and corrected (if necessary) and signed by the moderator and attested by the clerk before the association adjourns.

16. The association shall at each annual session appoint a Missionary Board, which shall choose its own officers, which shall consist of a president, vice president, clerk and treasurer. Said board is required to report at each session of the association.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH.

Article 1. We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men Divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction: that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us, and therefore is the true centre of Christian union and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried.

Art. 2. We believe there is one and only one, living and true God, an infinite, intelligent spirit, whose name is Jehovah, the maker and supreme ruler of heaven and earth, inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in every Divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

Art. 3. We believe that man was created in holiness under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from the holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint, but by choice, being utterly devoid of that holiness required by the law of God, positively inclined to evil, and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin without defense or excuse.

Art. 4. We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through the mediatorial office of the Son of God, who by the appointment of the Father freely took upon him our nature, yet without sin, honored the Divine law by his obedience and by his death made a full atonement for our sins; and having risen from the dead he is now enthroned in heaven, and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections he is in every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate and all-sufficient Savior.

Art. 5. We believe the great gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in him is justification, and justification includes the pardon of sin and promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done but solely through faith in the Redeemer, by virtue of which faith his perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God; that it brings us into a state

of most blessed peace and favor with God and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

Art. 6. We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial, penitent and obedient faith; and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, but his own inherent depravity and voluntary rejection of the gospel, which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation.

Art. 7. We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated or born again; that regeneration consists in giving holy disposition to the mind is effected in a manner above our comprehension, by the power of the Holy Spirit, in connection with Divine truth so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel, and that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance and faith, and newness of life.

Art. 8. We believe that repentance and faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God, whereby being deeply convicted of our guilt, danger and helplessness, and of the way of salvation by Christ, we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession and supplication for mercy, at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our prophet, priest and king, and relying on him alone as the only and all-sufficient Savior.

Art. 9. We believe that election is the eternal purpose of God according to which he graciously regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners, that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end, that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely free, wise, holy and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting and promotes humility, love, prayer, praise, trust in God and active imitation of his free mercy, and that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree, that it may be ascertained by its effects in all who truly believe the Gospel; that it is the foundation of Christian assurance, and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves the utmost diligence.

Art. 10. We believe that sanctification is the process by which, according to the will of God, we are made partakers of his holiness; that it is a progressive work: that it is begun in regeneration, and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the sealer and the comforter, in the continual use of the appointed means—especially the Word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness and prayer.

Art. 11. We believe that such only are real believers as endure to the end: the persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special providence watches over their welfare, and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

Art. 12. We believe that the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government; that it is holy, just and good, and that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts, arises entirely from their love of sin; to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the gospel and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.

Art. 13. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the



gospel, observing the ordinances of Christ, governed by his laws, and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by his word; that its only Scriptural officers are bishops or pastors and deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the epistles to Timothy and Titus.

Art. 14. We believe that Christian baptism is immersion in water of a believer, into the name of Father and the Son, and the Holy Ghost, to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Savior, with its effect, in our death to sin and regeneration to a new life; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation and to the Lord's Supper, in which members of the church by the use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ, preceded always by solemn self-examination.

Art. 15. We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day or Christian Sabbath, and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes by abstaining from all secular labor and sinful recreation; by the devout observance of all means of grace, both private and public, and by preparation for that rest that remaineth for the people of God.

Art. 16. We believe that civil government is of Divine appointment for the interest and good order of human society, and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed, except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of conscience and the Prince of the kings of the earth.

Art. 17. We believe there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and sanctified by the Spirit of our God are truly righteous in his esteem; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in his sight wicked and under the curse, and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

Art. 18. We believe that the end of the world is approaching; that at the last day Christ will descend from heaven and raise the dead from the grave for final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment and the righteous to endless joy and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell on principles of righteousness.

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| CHURCHES |                | Days of Meeting | Increase    |        | Decrease  |        | Present Membership | Officers & Teachers | Pupils | No. Baptized | Total Enrollment | Printing Minutes. | Asso'nal Missions | State Missions | Home Missions | Foreign Missions. | Orphan's Missions | Home Expense | Val. Church Prop'ry. | Total Expense |          |
|----------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|--------|-----------|--------|--------------------|---------------------|--------|--------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------|----------|
|          |                |                 | Restoration | Letter | Exclusion | Deaths |                    |                     |        |              |                  |                   |                   |                |               |                   |                   |              |                      |               |          |
|          |                |                 |             |        |           |        |                    |                     |        |              |                  |                   |                   |                |               |                   |                   |              |                      |               | Baptism  |
| 1        | Antioch        | 1               | 6           | 2      | 5         |        |                    | 27                  | 3      | 25           |                  | 28                | 1 00              | \$10 00        |               | 1 00              | 1 00              | 1 50         | 600                  | 4 50          |          |
| 2        | Bethel         | 1               |             |        |           | 4      | 3                  | 1                   |        |              |                  |                   | 1 25              |                |               |                   | 50                | 25 00        | 300                  | 36 75         |          |
| 3        | Bethsaida      | 3               |             |        |           |        |                    | 165                 |        |              |                  |                   | 2 50              |                |               |                   |                   |              |                      |               |          |
| 4        | Center Ridge   | 3               | 1           | 5      |           |        |                    | 59                  |        |              |                  |                   | 2 00              | 13 80          |               |                   | 7 20              | 50 00        | 200                  | 61 50         |          |
| 5        | College Hill   | 3               | 17          | 8      | 1         |        |                    | 93                  | 3      | 47           |                  | 50                | 2 75              |                |               |                   | 2 15              |              |                      | 18 70         |          |
| 6        | DeKalb         | 1               | 3           | 2      | 1         |        |                    | 40                  | 3      | 25           |                  | 28                | 2 00              | 4 40           | 35 00         | 5 00              |                   | 250 00       |                      | 292 00        |          |
| 7        | Eylan          | 2               |             | 2      |           |        |                    | 14                  |        |              |                  |                   | 1 75              | 69 25          |               |                   | 2 70              | 41 00        |                      | 50 85         |          |
| 8        | 1st. Texarkana | 1               | 31          | 73     | 4         | 21     | 2                  | 338                 | 22     | 253          | 18               | 275               | 5 00              | 18 00          | 302 50        | 79 00             | 100 00            | 56 83        | 3348 00              | 15 000        | 3960 58  |
| 9        | Harmony        | 3               | 20          | 14     |           |        |                    | 42                  |        |              |                  |                   | 1 20              | 13 65          |               |                   | 90                | 5 00         |                      | 520 10        |          |
| 10       | Hubbard        | 1               | 1           | 14     |           | 5      | 6                  | 71                  |        |              |                  |                   | 2 00              | 1 25           |               |                   |                   | 75 00        |                      | 90 65         |          |
| 11       | Magnolia       | 3               | 1           | 16     |           |        |                    | 24                  | 3      | 20           |                  | 23                | 1 00              | 6 75           |               | 1 00              | 1 45              | 2 05         | 45 00                |               | 50 75    |
| 12       | Malta          | 4               | 7           | 6      | 2         | 2      | 1                  | 27                  |        |              |                  |                   | 1 60              | 1 00           | 1 25          |                   |                   | 1 50         | 35 00                |               | 46 10    |
| 13       | Mt. Pisgah     | 2               | 23          | 1      | 1         |        |                    | 60                  | 3      | 40           |                  | 44                | 2 00              | 14 00          |               |                   |                   | 50 00        |                      | 53 50         |          |
| 14       | Myrtle Springs | 2               | 10          | 8      | 2         | 1      | 1                  | 64                  | 7      | 45           | 5                | 52                |                   | 13 00          | 9 36          |                   |                   | 3 25         | 10 00                |               | 36 55    |
| 15       | New Boston     | 2               | 1           | 6      | 4         | 4      | 2                  | 67                  | 6      | 60           |                  |                   | 2 00              | 25             | 37 00         | 2 50              | 2 50              | 21 00        | 101 50               | 3 00          | 479 50   |
| 16       | New Prospect   | 1               | 4           | 3      |           | 1      | 6                  | 61                  |        |              |                  |                   | 1 00              | 14 00          |               |                   |                   |              | 800                  | 1 95          |          |
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| 18       | Park           | 1               |             | 10     |           | 3      |                    | 43                  |        |              |                  |                   | 1 70              | 10 00          |               |                   |                   | 1 00         |                      |               | 13 10    |
| 19       | Pisgah         | 1               |             | 1      |           | 1      | 12                 | 29                  | 5      | 60           |                  | 65                | 1 50              |                |               |                   | 2 00              | 37 75        |                      | 41 25         |          |
| 20       | Pleasant Grove | 3               |             |        |           | 3      | 4                  | 42                  | 8      | 50           |                  | 60                | 2 00              | 2 50           |               | 2 50              | 2 00              | 2 70         | 50 00                | 300           | 59 20    |
| 21       | Rock Creek     | 1               | 1           | 2      | 1         |        |                    | 58                  |        |              |                  |                   | 1 50              | 7 00           |               |                   |                   | 3 50         | 37 50                |               | 45 00    |
| 22       | Salem          | 2               |             | 1      |           | 9      | 1                  | 12                  |        |              |                  |                   | 1 00              |                |               |                   |                   |              | 32 50                |               | 40 50    |
| 23       | Sand Hill      |                 |             |        |           |        |                    | 47                  |        |              |                  |                   |                   | 1 10           |               |                   |                   |              |                      |               |          |
| 24       | Sylvarena      | 4               |             |        |           |        | 5                  | 24                  |        |              |                  |                   | 1 50              | 14 00          |               |                   |                   |              | 20 00                |               | 22 60    |
| 25       | Tennessee      | 2               | 12          | 7      | 3         | 7      |                    | 70                  | 4      | 50           | 4                | 34                | 2 50              |                | 30 00         |                   | 3 30              | 9 00         | 1 00                 | 500           | 158 80   |
| 26       | Ward's Creek   | 1               | 2           | 2      | 1         | 4      | 3                  | 68                  | 5      | 55           |                  | 60                | 2 35              | 1 00           |               |                   |                   |              | 50 00                | 500           | 51 35    |
| 27       | West Bowie     | 2               | 2           | 2      |           | 5      | 4                  | 26                  |        |              |                  |                   | 1 50              |                |               |                   | 1 35              | 1 50         |                      |               | 3 85     |
| Total:   |                | 1 62            | 200         | 24     | 70        | 56     | 33                 | 1773                | 93     | 837          | 43               | 869               | 43 35             | 218 15         | 433 05        | 93 25             | 136 95            | 110 43       | 598 625              | 25 200        | 7147 78. |

# Churches, Pastors, Clerks, Etc.

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I have no report from Bethsaida or Sand Hill. I report figures and officers from last year. Dalby Springs has not reported for two or three years, and by constitutional regulation is dropped from the roll of churches. When clerks or pastors are changed during the year, notice should be given immediately to the clerk of the Association.

O. L. Halley, Clerk.

# Historical Table.

|      | PLACE.          | MODERATOR.     | CLERK.           | Introductory Sermon | TEXTS.          | No. Churches | No. Members |
|------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1874 | Mt. Zion,       | J R Alexander, | J M Renfro,      | R T Ridlin          |                 |              |             |
| 1875 | Sand Hill,      | John Winham,   | J M Renfro,      | John Winham,        | Rom. 1:12.      | 14           | 624         |
| 1876 | Sylvarena,      | John Winham,   | J M Renfro,      | J M Renfro,         | Heb. 8:1.       | 10           | 464         |
| 1877 | Rock Creek,     | John Winham,   | J M Renfro,      | J S Thomas,         | Gal. 1:20.      | 11           |             |
| 1878 | DeKalb.         | John Winham,   | J M Renfro,      | J F Shaw,           | 2 Thes. 2:12.   | 9            | 420         |
| 1879 | 1st. Texarkana, | J R Alexander, | J M Renfro,      | J M Renfro,         | Rom. 1:1.       | 12           |             |
| 1880 | Ward's Creek,   | J R Alexander, | J M Renfro,      | J M Renfro,         |                 | 11           | 609         |
| 1881 | Boston,         | John Winham,   | Lewis Alexander, | John Winham,        | Ps. 17:4.       | 15           | 575         |
| 1882 | Sylvarena,      | H B Pender,    | T J Patillo,     | H B Pender,         | Acts 17:3.      | 16           | 763         |
| 1883 | Rock Creek.     | H B Pender,    | T J Patillo,     | H H Echols,         | Acts 9:6.       | 16           | 609         |
| 1884 | Sand Hill,      | John Winham,   | Lewis Alexander, | N J Rachel,         | Neh. 6:3.       | 17           | 665         |
| 1885 | 1st. Texarkana, | John Winham,   | W H Tilson,      | Williams,           | Roms.           | 18           | 614         |
| 1886 | Pisgah,         | John Winham,   | N J Rachel,      | John Winham,        | Luke 12:31,32   | 12           | 790         |
| 1887 | Centre Ridge,   | H H Echols,    | N J Rachel,      | E D Meredith,       | Eph. 3:10.      | 17           | 879         |
| 1888 | College Hill,   | H H Echols,    | N J Rachel,      | J H Cason,          | Mark 16:15.     | 17           | 773         |
| 1889 | Tennessee,      | H H Echols,    | N J Rachel,      | H H Echols,         | 1 Cor. 3:9.     | 15           | 937         |
| 1890 | New Hope,       | John Winham,   | R J Harriston,   | John Winham,        | Josh. 1:2.      | 18           | 1129        |
| 1891 | Rock Creek,     | W A Forbes,    | N J Rachel,      | W A Forbes,         | John 4.         | 24           | 1148        |
| 1892 | Park,           | W A Forbes,    | N J Rachel,      | ED Meredith         | John 6:14.      | 25           | 1215        |
| 1893 | New Boston,     | W A Forbes,    | N J Rachel,      | John Winham,        | Jo. 21:5,6.     | 24           | 1274        |
| 1894 | 1st. Texarkana, | W A Forbes,    | N J Rachel,      | WT Tardy,           | Matt. 21:17.    | 24           | 1266        |
| 1895 | DeKalb,         | R T Fulbright, | N J Rachel,      | MA Gunter,          | Matt. 13:43.    | 27           | 1211        |
| 1896 | Pisgah,         | John Winham,   | N J Rachel,      | E D Meredith,       | Acts 10:38.     | 27           | 1392        |
| 1897 | Tennessee,      | John Winham,   | N J Rachel,      | C W Daniel          | Eph. 3:8.       | 27           | 1197        |
| 1898 | New Hope,       | John Winham,   | N J Rachel,      | E D Meredith,       | 1 Sam. 17:29    | 27           | 1265        |
| 1899 | 1st Texarkana,  | W A Freeman,   | N J Rachel,      | JB Lumbley,         |                 | 27           | 1604        |
| 1900 | Rock Creek,     | N J Rachel,    | O L Hailey,      | W E Neill,          |                 | 27           | 1750        |
| 1901 | Pleasant Grove, | J R Nachel,    | O L Hailey,      | O L Hailey,         | Matt. 28:16-20. |              |             |



## FROM THE CLERK.

Brethren and Sisters:

I have, by dilligence and earnest labor, sought to make the most helpful minute I could. Some of our churches have not made report of all they have done, or the showing would be better still, and yet I don't think we need feel ashamed of our year's work. It encourages us to know that we are doing well. And it is especially encouraging to the weak and struggling churches to know that the Lord is blessing others.

Please keep full account of all that is done for the Lord. And let next year's report show full statistics. Our Association is making most encouraging advancement. Praise God for his blessings, then ask him to give us the best year in our history.

Our Missionary, J. B. Sellman is hard at work, and we must not let him try to go through the winter without his salary. So take collections early. Send to me the treasurer, and I will see that he gets it promptly.

Our Fifth Sunday meetings will be very profitable if we give good attendance. Let us do that, and make them strong centres of influence. The Executive Board will keep you informed.

I call special attention to the Historical Table found in this Minute for the first time. If any can help to perfect it, please notify me.

The Historical Committee will try to have something for the body next year.

And above all let me beg all our churches to remember us here in the city of Texarkana. Just in proportion as we are strong can we be of help and encouragement to you. Let us stand together for the Lord and his cause, crying, "The sword of the Lord and of Gideon."

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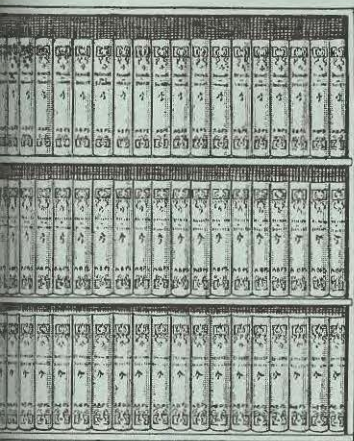
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