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## FRIDAY MORNING

Dover, Ark., October 2, 1914.

The thirty-fourth annual session of the Russellville Baptist Association met with the church at Dover Friday, October 2, 1914, at 10 a. m. The body was called to order by the former moderator, W. S. Jett, of Clarksville. J. A. Burns acted as clerk, the former clerk being absent.

S. J. Burns conducted devotional exercises. After which the moderator called for the letters from the churches. J. E. Brown and W. E. Atkinson were appointed to read the letters. The letters from the following churches were presented and read, to-wit:

Knoxville, Clarksville, Fair View, Cross Roads, Dover, Russellville, Pittsburg, Caglesville, Lamar, Hopewell, Atkins, East Point, Pottsville, Oakland, Scottsville, Union Grove. Total, 16.

Permanent organization: S. J. Burns was chosen moderator. B. R. Womack, clerk and treasurer.

Called for corresponding messengers. No response.

Called for volunteers to visit other associations. Response: J. E. Brown volunteered to attend the Mount Zion Association, next week; W. E. Atkinson, to Clear Creek, next week; W. O. Reynolds and R. L. Loyd, Dardanelle Association, next year; F. M. Taylor and J. C. Forrest, United Association, next year, and A. C. Thompson, Trace Ridge Association, next year.

Adjourned to hear the introductory sermon, by B. R. Womack. His subject was: Perfection, or "Holiness."

## FRIDAY EVENING

Met at 2 o'clock. J. E. Brown led the devotions. Called for petitionary letters. None.

Hopewell and Scottsville churches were nominated as the place for the next meeting. Hopewell was chosen. The vote was made unanimous for Hopewell. The preacher of the introductory sermon next year was referred to a committee



## Foreign Missions

The report on foreign missions was read by T. T. Thompson, the chairman, who moved its adoption. Remarks were made by the chairman of the committee, J. E. Brown, W. E. Atkinson, S. B. Barnett, B. R. Womack, O. H. Reid, and adopted for record as follows:

The great commission to preach the gospel has never been withdrawn nor changed. It is still in force. Can we make satisfactory proof of our love while we live in neglect of our Lord's parting words?

The Foreign Mission Board reports for last year 2,252 baptisms, and having expended \$649,770 in the prosecution of the work. It closed the year with a debt of \$68,000 to be provided for this year.

Your committee recommend that we strive to inform ourselves as to the needs and prospects of our foreign mission work. We urge that regular contributions be made for this cause by all our churches.

T. T. Thompson, Chairman,  
John Brown,  
B. R. Womack.

At the conclusion of the above report, B. R. Womack arose and said that he had noted down just ten words concerning foreign missions which might be of interest. He presented these "ten words," and W. E. Atkinson moved that the "ten words of Dr. B. R. Womack on foreign missions, with his remarks in connection therewith be reproduced and recorded in the Minutes." This was seconded and carried. The "ten words" without the remarks that accompanied them, are as follows:

The work of foreign missions is,

1. **REASONBLE.** It is but reasonable that Christians should give the Christian religion to that part of the human race which is without this great civilizing and saving power.

2. **HUMANITARIAN.** It is humane to help those who need help; the more so when they ask for help.

3. **ECONOMICAL.** The Christian religion is the greatest economic force in the world. It corrects and chastens civilization more certainly and more quickly than any other force known to man. It is a saving of time for Christians to Christianize the human race in the shortest possible time.

4. **DESIRABLE.** Immensely, unspeakably desirable. There is nothing this side of heaven a Christian should so earnestly desire as the success and victory of foreign missionary work. It is the

greatest and best movement in the world.

5. **IMPORTANT.** This is by far the most important work men can do. The highest interests possible to the human race, nations and men, are connected with and inseparable from foreign mission work. Human progress depends upon the success of foreign missions. Without foreign missions human history will be reversed and civilization will go down in a crash.

6. **NECESSARY.** So necessary is foreign missions that there is no full obedience to God without it and no prosperity of the churches in their work. For foreign missions is their work; and if foreign missions is not their work, then the churches have no work.

7. **IMPERATIVE.** It must be done. The world cannot be evangelized, Baptists can not succeed, Jesus can not come, if foreign mission work is not done.

8. **POSSIBLE.** We know it is possible, for it is being done. Everything is possible which Christ commanded.

9. **PERPETUAL.** It began with the first Baptist; it has continued ever since; it will continue till Jesus comes.

10. **SUCCESSFUL.** Millions of souls have been saved through foreign missions. All around this earth happy hearts rejoice in the salvation of God, all because of foreign missions; you have been saved through foreign mission work. It is successful; it will continue to succeed.

**GOD COMMANDS IT.** We **MUST** obey; we **WILL** obey.

Adjourned till 7:30 tonight.

## FRIDAY NIGHT

Sermon on "The Church," by S. B. Barnett.

This was followed by the report on

## Publications

Remarks were made by T. T. Thompson, chairman, W. M. Phillips, F. M. Taylor, S. B. Barnett and O. H. Reid. The last named brother moved that the report be amended by making mention of the literature published by the American Baptist Publication Society of Philadelphia. The amendment was carried and the report was adopted as follows:

Your committee expresses great delight in the fact that we have a large supply of good books and papers. First and above all, is the Word of God, which, if hid in the heart, will help to avoid sin, and will increase power and usefulness. Happy is the man who has stated hours for reading the Bible, and blessed is the life



that appropriates and practices its teachings. Following this we call attention to our State Baptist paper, to the Sunday school publications of the Southern Baptist convention, Nashville, and of the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, the Foreign Mission Journal, Richmond, and the Home Field, Atlanta. We would urge the use of missionary and doctrinal tracts.

T. T. Thompson, Chairman,  
J. S. Moses.

Adjourned to 8:30 tomorrow.

## SATURDAY MORNING

Met at the appointed hour. O. H. Reid led the devotions.

### Ministerial Education

The Report on this subject was read by J. E. Brown, the chairman, and on motion to adopt was discussed by J. E. Brown, O. H. Reid, R. L. Loyd, W. O. Reynolds, B. R. Womack. It was adopted, as follows:

#### I. Why educate the minister?

Because of the tremendous responsibility that rests on him to rightly interpret the truth, 2 Tim. 2:15. As he is a teacher of the Word of God, he must know how to interpret this Word.

#### II. Where should he be educated?

This is a vital question. Not all institutions of learning are fit places of study for the preacher. Our Baptist schools and colleges are the places where our preaches must go to receive training.

#### III. Who should educate them?

Men of God who love that word and are true to it should teach in the schools where our preachers go. The future of our Baptist churches depends more upon the class of teachers, who teach our preachers, than any one thing. Therefore the teachers of our preachers should not only be men of God, but men who are Baptists.

#### IV. How shall they be educated?

They should educate themselves, if possible; if this is not possible, then the churches should help them to go to school and to stay in school until they finish the course.

W. E. Atkinson,  
J. E. Brown,  
E. B. Greener.

### Temperance

The report on this subject was read by S. B. Barnett, discussed by himself and J. E. Brown, and adopted as follows:

We are glad to note the success that has come to the temperance cause in Arkansas, and all over the country. As never before the people are being awakened to the importance of this great cause. They are seriously investigating the evils of the saloon curse, and are everywhere turning to the support of prohibition. We have more "dry" territory than ever before, and we have better temperance laws than ever before. Let us be glad and join heartily with all the forces in our state which are endeavoring to drive the licensed saloon from among us.

S. B. Barnett,  
R. C. Horton,  
R. L. Loyd.

### Associational Missions

The report on missions within the bounds of the Russellville association was read by W. M. Phillips, discussed by himself, O. H. Reid, R. L. Loyd, J. C. Forrest, M. E. Burgess, W. E. Atkinson, and W. O. Reynolds, and on motion and second was adopted as follows:

Your committee report as follows: We are sorry to report that no work has been done by this association for the past three years. We realize that there is a great destitution in the bounds of our association. We recommend that some steps be taken to remedy this condition. To this end, we recommend that the moderator appoint a committee of three to have oversight of the work. We further recommend that a collection of cash and pledges be taken for this work, and that said committee employ a missionary, or missionaries, for such time as the funds may justify. We further recommend that this committee co operate with the State Board of Missions and ask that board to assist us in the prosecution of this work.

W. M. Phillips,  
O. H. Reid,  
M. E. Burgess.

As instructed in the above report, the moderator appointed the committee on missions as follows: W. E. Atkinson, M. E. Burgess and O. H. Reid.

In further obedience to the recommendations of the above report, the moderator ordered a collection in cash and pledges for associational missions. The cash and pledges taken are as follows:

NAME	PLEDGE
Oakland Church, by J. S. Moses, Lamar	\$ 10.00
Lamar Church, by M. E. Burgess, Lamar	100.00
W. E. Atkinson, Clarksville	25.00



Atkins Church, by S. B. Barnett and A. Beeson, Atkins	25.00
Russellville Church, by J. E. Brown, Russellville	50.00
Fair View Church, by R. L. Loyd, Gumlog, R. 2	10.00
Pittsburg Church, by John Brown, Lamar	5.00
Knoxville Church, by W. M. Phillips, Knoxville	25.00
Clarksville Church, by W. S. Jett, Clarksville	10.00
Dover Church, by J. C. Forrest and Ladies' Aid, Dover	25.00
E. B. Greener, London	5.00
O. C. Alewine, Hopewell Church, Atkins	5.00
J. H. Matthews, Hopewell Church, Atkins	5.00
Scottsville Church, by R. O. Morton, Pottsville	10.00
R. O. Morton, Pottsville	5.00
Caglesville Church, by R. C. Horton, Caglesville	5.00
Scottsville Church, by two ladies, Scottsville	5.00
S. J. Burns, Lamar	5.00
Mrs. Jennie Oates, Russellville	5.00
Mrs. R. O. Morton, Pottsville	paid 1.00
W. L. Hatley, Gumlog	paid 1.00
Mrs. R. L. Loyd, Gumlog, R. 2	paid .50
Amanda Brown, Lamar	paid 1.00
Emma Taylor, Dover	2.50
John Pless, Dover	paid 1.00
Mrs. Johnson, Scottsville	paid 1.00
Mrs. J. G. Jackson, Little Rock	paid 1.00
Mrs. Kirkscey, Dover	1.00
R. L. Loyd, Gumlog, R. 2	paid .50
Mrs. Allie Owens, Dover	paid 1.00
Mrs. Allie Stubblefield, Lamar	paid 1.00
Mrs. R. Webber, Knoxville	1 00
Miss Jessie Choate, Knoxville	1.00
Mrs. Eula Stewart, Knoxville	1.00
Mrs. J. E. Brown, Russellville	1.00
Mrs. H. J. Newhouse, Russellville	1.00
C. W. Austin, Knoxville	paid 2.50
Mrs. R. L. Loyd, Gumlog, R. 2	1.00
R. L. Loyd, Gumlog, R. 2	5.00
Mrs. W. L. Hatley, Gumlog, R. 2	2.00
W. S. Jett, Clarksville	5.00
R. D. Grant, Gumlog, R. 2	paid 1.00
John Moore, Dover	1.00
Russellville Ladies' Aid	5.00
T. B. Friar, Scottsville	5.00
Mrs. T. B. Friar, Scottsville	4.00
Total Cash and Pledges	\$384.00
Sunday Collection, cash	5.21
Grand Total	\$389.21



## RECAPITULATION

Total Pledges .....	\$371.50
Total Cash, not including the Sunday collection .....	12.50
Sunday cash collection .....	5.21
Grand Total .....	\$389.21

## SATURDAY EVENING

Met at 2 o'clock. E. B. Greener led the devotions. J. A. Smith, general missionary of the State Association, was presented and invited to a seat. The ladies are in session in the Cumberland Presbyterian building.

## Our Dead

The report on deceased members was read by W. O. Reynolds, chairman of the committee, and tender remarks concerning our dead were offered by B. R. Womack, J. C. Forrest, W. M. Phillips, R. L. Loyd, O. H. Reid and F. M. Taylor. The report was adopted as follows:

Your committee find that fourteen (14) of our brethren and sisters have ascended since we met last, as follows:

2 from Pittsburg Church: D. D. Pitchford, James Hopper.

3 from Knoxville Church: Mrs. Nannie Utley, C. G. McMurtry, Mrs. Susan Jett.

2 from Dover Church: Mrs. Forehand, George Forrest.

1 from Caglesville Church: F. M. Williams.

1 from Lamar Church: Mrs. Mattie Brown.

3 from Pottsville Church: J. V. Allmon, Mrs. L. C. Parsley, Mrs. Nancy Hunter.

2 from Atkins Church: S. S. Drake, Mrs. Minnie Loyd.

14 in all. They are at rest.

W. O. Reynolds,  
C. M. Gray,  
Charles Austin.

By request, W. E. Atkinson led the prayer suggested in the report.

## Sunday Schools

The report on this subject was read by J. A. Burns, the chairman. It was discussed by the chairman, J. E. Brown, E. B. Greener, W. E. Atkinson, W. M. Phillips, and W. O. Reynolds, after which it was adopted as follows:

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, submit the following report: We find that almost all the churches report thriving Sunday Schools, and we earnestly urge the churches having no schools to organize without delay and begin the work of teaching the children the way of life. From a close study of the methods of maintaining a live, enthusiastic Sunday School, we find that one of the greatest factors is a well-informed corps of teachers. To reach the desired standard in teaching, we heartily recommend the Teacher Training Course and teachers' meetings. We notice that many of the church leaders do not attend Sunday School, and we insist that our churches affiliate themselves more closely with the Sunday School than heretofore.

J. A. Burns,  
E. B. Greener,  
Charles Gray.

### Orphans' Home

The report on this subject was read by J. C. Forrest, chairman. The motion that it be adopted was followed with remarks by J. C. Forrest, W. E. Atkinson, F. M. Taylor, and J. A. Smith. The report was adopted as follows:

The Baptists of Arkansas have two orphanages, one at Monticello and one at Texarkana. In the Monticello Home, there are 170 children; in the Texarkana Home, there are 36 children—206 in all. These Homes need our help, and they need it now. Brethren, we beg you to stand by these children. Pray for these Homes. Send the help they need. We recommend that an offering be now taken for these Homes.

J. C. Forrest,  
J. H. Moore,  
E. E. Jones.

### State Missions

This report was read by W. E. Atkinson. A motion to adopt it was followed by remarks from W. E. Atkinson, W. M. Phillips, B. R. Womack, and J. A. Smith, and the report was adopted, and is as follows:

There are three distinct features of State Mission work, viz.: Destitution, Struggling Churches, Foreign Populations in our State.

1. As to Destitution. There is much of it. To furnish preaching in destitute sections was at first the work of the State Mission Board. It sent out missionaries to preach to the people and to organize churches. They did a great work, and have been doing this all these years. But much destitution yet remains; and an amazing amount of it is in the bounds of this association, right at our doors. We should help the State Board occupy these desti-



tute fields, while it helps us in our own field.

2. As to Weak Churches needing help. There are many such. The stronger churches, which in many instances have been helped by the State Board, are now helping other weak churches by large contributions. We want to have a hand in this great work.

3. As to Foreign Populations. Many foreigners are flocking to our shores, and have been doing so for many years. They settle in great colonies. They speak their foreign tongues. Our missionaries cannot reach them in the English tongue. We must employ men who can preach to these foreigners in their own tongues. This field continues to enlarge, as foreigners continue to come. Many of them are Catholics, not a few of them are Socialists, and some of them are Anarchists. All of them are dangerous to our institutions. All of them need the gospel of Christ. The Baptists are the people to give these peoples the truth. We have neglected our duty in this respect too long. Let us give attention to this work.

It pains us to note that the State Board of Missions was left in debt last year. Let us help pay off that debt. We fully believe that every Baptist should pay and pray for this work. We do not believe that any devout and informed Christian can afford to neglect either to pray or to pay for the success of State Missions.

W. E. Atkinson, Chairman,  
J. E. Brown,  
H. L. Bowers.

## Finance

The finance committee's report was read by Chairman F. M. Taylor, and was adopted as follows:

Your committee report having received from the churches, through their messengers, amounts as follows:

Church	Minutes	Orph. H.	Assoc. Mis.	State Mis.
Atkins	\$ .50	\$	\$	\$
Caglesville	2.00			
Clarksville	2.00			
Cross Roads	.25	1.00	1.00	1.00
Dover	1.00			
East Point	.60	.40		
Fair View	1.50			
Hopewell	1.00			
Knoxville	1.00			
Lamar	1.00			
Pittsburg	1.50	3.25		
Pottsville	1.00			
Russellville	3.50			

Scottsville	.50			
Union Grove	1.05			
Oakland	1.55			
Totals	\$19.95	\$4 65	\$1.00	\$1.00
Total for all purposes, \$26 60.				

F. M. Taylor,  
W. L. Hatley,  
T. B. Friar.

NOTE BY THE CLERK—\$5.65 of the above amount was for the General Association brethren, and was paid over to J. A. Smith, at Dover, as follows: Cross Roads, State Missions, \$1.00, and Orphans' Home, \$1.00; Pittsburg, Orphans' Home, \$3.25; East Point, Orphans' Home, 40 cents;—Total, \$5.65.

Moved that the minute fund of last year, which was not used, together with the minutes, which were not published for lack of sufficient funds, be delivered to the present clerk for use in getting out these minutes. S. B. Barnett was asked to attend to this matter. Adjourned.

## SATURDAY NIGHT

Sermon by J. A. Smith, followed by a public collection for the State Association. Amount received and paid to J. A. Smith, \$4.39.

## Home Missions

The report on home missions was read by S. B. Barnett. Moved that it be adopted. Remarks by S. B. Barnett, B. R. Womack, W. M. Phillips, and adopted as follows:

Mission work is divided into several departments. This is for convenience and efficiency. These departments are co operative, and are known as Association Missions, State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions. Each strengthens the other, and neither can be neglected without hurt to the others. The opportunities of the the home field call loudly to the Baptists to do their utmost in extending their principles and in gathering great multitudes into the Kingdom. Its field includes the southern part of the United States, Cuba and the Canal Zone. The aim of the Home Board is to supply all destitute places with the gospel. Special features of the Home Board work are: Work among foreigners in our country, assist in building houses of worship for new and weak churches, and founding and supporting mountain schools This board co-operates with all the state boards and helps them in their work. Arkansas re-



ceives much assistance from this board, and has been doing so for many years. We recommend that the work of the Home Mission Board share liberally in our prayers and gifts.

S. B. Barnett, Chairman,  
J. E. Brown.

It was moved by J. E. Brown and ordered that space in our Minutes be given for the records of the ladies' annual meeting.

### **Thanks**

Resolved that we extend sincere and hearty thanks to the members of the Dover Baptist church and to the people of Dover in general for the very liberal and hearty manner in which they entertained the messengers of this body, and

Resolved, That we thank the moderator and clerk for their efficient service during the sitting of this association.

W. M. Phillips.

Carried.

### **Change of Day**

Moved by J. C. Forrest that the day of the meeting of this body be changed from Friday to Saturday, giving the body Saturday, Sunday and Monday for business, instead of Friday and Saturday. Remarks were made by J. C. Forrest and W. S. Jett, and the motion was carried.

By order of the association, J. E. Brown was appointed to preach the missionary sermon, next meeting, on Sunday morning.

R. L. Loyd was appointed to preach the introductory sermon next year.

Adjourned to meet with the Hopewell Baptist church Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1915.

"God Be With You Till we Meet Again" was sung, the parting hand was given and a final prayer offered by B. R. Womack, and a successful meeting of the Russellville Baptist Association came to a close.

Note by the clerk: J. E. Brown preached in the Baptist church building Sunday morning, after which a public collection was taken amounting to \$5.21.

### **Information Concerning the Churches**

1. Atkins: No pastor. Members, 116. Good Sunday school.

Superintendent, E. A. Williams; president Ladies Aid, Mrs. Z. D. Fraser. No record of contributions. Ordained ministers, S. B. Barnett, J. C. Hendrick. No letter. S. B. Barnett and A. Beeson represented.

2. Bald Hill: Members, 48. Postoffice, Mill Creek. Not represented.

3. Bayou: Members, 12, in 1909. Postoffice, Scottsville. No representation.

4. Big Piney: Members, 24 in 1909. Postoffice, London. No representation.

5. Blackville: Members, 41. No representation. Postoffice, Blackwell.

6. Clarksville: Members, 72; increase 5. Pastor, T. T. Thompson. Full time. Sunday school, 54. Messengers, T. T. Thompson, W. E. Atkinson, W. S. Jett. Contributed, all causes, \$678.10.

7. Caglesville: Members, 28; increase 1. Pastor, R. L. Loyd, Gumlog. Clerk, W. A. Warren. Messengers, Charles Gray, R. C. Horton, John Trickey.

8. Corinth: Members, 30. Postoffice, Knoxville. No representation.

9. Cross Roads: Members, 23; increase 6. Messengers, A. H. Snow, E. E. Jones, John Hickey. Pastor, S. J. Burns, postoffice, Lamar. Clerk, Mrs. A. E. Burgess, London. Building, \$500. Contributed for building, \$371.75. Changed name from Burgess Chapel to Cross Roads.

10. Dover: Members, 88; no increase. Pastor, R. L. Loyd, Gumlog. Clerk, F. M. Taylor, Dover. Superintendent, J. C. Forrest; Sunday school secretary, Lena Forrest. Sunday school, 44. Paid out, all told, \$67. Messengers, A. Owens, J. C. Forrest, Lou Kirscey.

11. East Point: Members, 88. Decreased, 13. Postoffice, London. Meet 2nd and 4th Sundays. Pastor, E. B. Greener. Clerk, J. H. Wharton. Orphans, 40. Increased in members, 28 since 1910. Messengers, O. H. Reid, E. B. Greener.

12. Fair View: Members, 51; increased 1. Postoffice, Gumlog. Pastor, H. L. Bowers, Gumlog. Clerk, R. D. Grant, Gumlog. Decreased 18 since 1910.

13. Friendship: Members, 20. Postoffice, Dover. Not represented since 1909.

14. Hopewell: Members, 106. Increased since 1909, 19. Postoffice, Atkins. Gave for Orphans' Home, \$7.50. No pastor. Want next meeting of the association. O. C. Alewine, clerk. Messengers, J. H. Matthews, I. C. Reynolds, O. C. Alewine.

15. Knoxville: Members, 142. Increased last year, 7; since



1910, 9. Messengers, C. W. Austin, W. M. Phillips, Jesse Choate. Sunday school, 194 Baptisms from the Sunday school, 12. No pastor. Clerk, Lydia Gerwein; superintendent, W. M. Phillips; secretary Sunday school, Arthur Rietdorf. President B. Y. P. U., J. Burns; secretary, Mrs. J. E. Brown. Building, \$1,000. Paid, all purposes, \$148.

16. Lamar: Members, 66; increase 8. Increase since 1910 is 40. Messengers, M. E. Burgess, Mrs. M. E. Burgess, Miss Ruby Cowan, Miss Ira Hawkins. Pastor, S. J. Burns; clerk, M. E. Burgess; superintendent, Ed Pitman. Sunday school, 65, secretary Sunday school, Elizabeth Hawkins. Given, all purposes, \$425. Building, \$1,000.

17. London: Members, 78 in 1910. Not represented since.

18. Oakland: Members, 54. Increase last year, 10; since 1910, 12. Postoffice, Lamar. Sunday school and weekly prayer meeting. Messengers, J. S. Moses, Thomas Richard. Meet second Sunday. Pastor, S. J. Burns.

19. Piney, German: Members, 43. Not represented.

20. Pittsburg: Members, 69; decreased, 8. Pastor, S. J. Burns, Lamar; Clerk, Miss Urcie Burns. Sunday school, 34; Superintendent, John Brown. Paid out, \$67.51.

21. Pottsville: Members, 90; decreased, 11, last year; since 1910, 37. No pastor. Called W. M. Kelley. Paid out, \$423.50. Building, \$5,000. Clerk, R. O. Morton. Messengers, J. A. McClain, R. O. Morton and Mrs. R. O. Morton

22. Providence: Members, 22, in 1910; postoffice, Lamar. Not represented since 1909.

23. Ross: Members, 23, in 1909. Postoffice, Ross. Not represented.

24. Russellville: Members, 150; increased, 25. Messengers, A. C. Thompson, J. E. Brown, B. R. Womack, W. O. Reynolds. Pastor, J. E. Brown, full time. Given to all causes, \$1,078.54. Sunday school, 128. Superintendent, Joe Faulkner.

25. Scottsville: Members, 52 in 1910. Letter does not give the number now. Messengers, Scinda Johnson, Ida Curtis, Kate Rowland. Meet second Sunday. Ask for next association meeting. Pastor, R. L. Loyd. Clerk, T. B. Friar.

26. Spadra: Members, 38 in 1909. Not represented since then.

27. Trinity: Members, 38 in 1909. Not represented since then. Postoffice, Powers.

28. Union Grove: Members, 43; increase, 2 since 1909. Building \$500. Postoffice, Clarksville. Paid out, all causes, \$13. Pas-

tor, but name not stated. Clerk, Gertha Harkreader. Messengers, J. J. Quick, L. Walker, Gertha Harkreader.

Total members, 1,529

Only sixteen churches represented this year.

### Excerpts from Unpublished Minutes of Last Year

Moderator, W. S. Jett, Clarksville; Clerk, J. C. Hendrick, Atkins.

Minute fund, \$17.40, paid the clerk.

Pledges for associational missions, \$131.00, of which amount fifty (50) cents was cash. No missionary appointed; no money paid; no work done.

Number of letters read, 17.

Nine churches reported having a Sunday school.

No Minutes last year for lack of funds.

Harmony prevailed. Much interest was manifested in associational missions.

The clerk for last year, Rev. J. C. Hendrick, of Atkins, is not to be blamed for not having the minutes printed. He prepared a good record of the proceedings, but did not have enough money to have the records printed. He kept the money and turned it over to the present clerk, who is using it in printing the minutes for this year. The churches will observe that the money they have sent to the association for printing minutes two years is just about enough to print the minutes for one year! O churches of God! Will you see to it that enough money is sent up next year to print a worthy minute!

B. R. W.



# MINUTES

## Of the Women's Missionary Union

The second meeting of the Women's Missionary Union, comprising the Ladies' Aid and missionary societies of the churches in the Russellville Baptist Association, met in Dover in the Cumberland Presbyterian house of worship, in connection with the 34th annual meeting of the Russellville Association, October 3, 1914.

The president and vice president being absent, Mrs. E. Brown, of Russellville, was chosen president for the time. Devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Sue Perry, and prayer offered by Mrs. W. L. Oates.

Mrs. Sue Perry was made president and Mrs. J. H. Newhouse, secretary. Before proceeding to business, the president read before the body the constitution and by-laws. Reports from the societies were called for and read as follows:

1. Dover: Members, 12; average attendance, 6; number of meetings held, 6. Expended, \$30. Mrs. Louise Kirkscey, President.

2. Pottsville: Members, 11; average attendance, 5; number of meetings held, 14; earned, \$101.75. Expended, \$143.03; cash on hand, \$10.26. Mrs. R. O. Morton, President.

3. Clarksville: Members, 14. Expended, \$182.50. Mrs. Harrison, President; Mrs. Johnson, Secretary.

4. Russellville: Members, 27; average attendance, 19; number of meetings held, 30. Expended, \$257.19. Mrs. S. Hays, President; Mrs. H. J. Hewhouse, Secretary.

Total members, 64. Contributed, \$612.72.

The following program of exercises was held.

1. "History of the W. M. U."—Mrs. T. N. Petty.
2. "Bible Study"—Mrs. W. L. Oates.
3. "Tithing"—Mrs. Brown.
4. "The Standard of Excellence"—Mrs. Louise Kirkscey.
5. Address—Mrs. J. G. Jackson, State Organizer.

## Election of Officers

President, Mrs. W. S. Jett, Clarksville.

Vice President, Mrs. Louise Kirkscey, Dover.

Superintendent, Mrs. S. Hays, Russellville.

Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. H. J. Newhouse, Russellville.

Annual reports were made by the superintendent and secretary. A motion was made and carried that we ask for space in the association minutes for our records. To help pay for the printing of the minutes, the following amounts were pledged: Russellville, \$1.00; Clarksville, \$1.00; Dover, 50 cents.

It was moved and carried that a committee be appointed to confer with the association and request enough time be granted that we might read a brief report of the year's work before the association.

Adjourned to meet next year with the Hopewell church, near Atkins.

Mrs. Sue Perry, President.

Mrs. H. J. Newhouse, Secretary.