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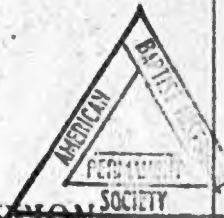
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PROCEEDINGS.

HEMPSTEAD COUNTY, ARK., }
October 2d, A. D., 1886. }

The messengers composing the Fifteenth Annual Session of the Union Baptist Association met with the church at Providence No. 1 on Saturday before the first Sabbath in October, A. D. 1886.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. J. J. Haynes. Text—Exodus, 14th chapter, 15th verse. Theme—"Obedience." The sermon was delivered with earnestness, and was full of rich gospel thought. After preaching, the congregation was dismissed till 1:30 o'clock, at which time the Association met for permanent organization. After devotional exercises, was called to order by Bro. James E. Askew, the former Moderator. The letters from the different churches were then called for and read by Brethren W. B. Wilson and L. J. Haynes, who were appointed reading clerks. After reading the letters, the body proceeded to election of officers, which resulted in the re-election of Bro. James E. Askew, Moderator, and R. H. Mitchell, Clerk.

On motion, the order of business of last session was adopted.

Called for petitionary letters. A letter was presented by messengers from Bethany church, asking admittance into the body, and being found orthodox, on motion, was received into the Associational compact, and the right hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator. Also a letter

from Pleasant Grove church No. 2 was presented, asking admittance into the body, and being found orthodox, on motion, was received into the Associational compact, and the right hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator.

Invited visiting ministers to seats.

The following committees were appointed, viz :

On Divine Service—L. A. Reece, J. R. Sullivan, with the delegates from this church.

Foreign Mission—J. W. Harris, W. T. Box, S. C. Middlebrooks.

Documents—W. T. Box, W. H. Talley, W. R. Johnson.

Education—W. T. Box, Aaron Crane, W. J. Wallthall.

Pastoral Support—J. J. Haynes, W. C. Dickson, M. M. Baxter.

Literature—J. J. Haynes, B. J. Drake, T. H. Boswell.

Finance—S. T. Bailey, A. R. Buffington, John Nichols.

Destitution—J. N. Acker, W. F. Kirby, J. W. Hudson.

Temperance—A. J. Sullivan, A. T. Bailey, W. T. Hood.

Sabbath Schools—S. C. Middlebrooks, J. W. Moses, T. A. Middlebrooks.

Call for correspondence—None present.

Returned correspondence :

To Red River Association—J. J. Haynes, J. W. Harris, W. T. Box, J. N. Acker.

To Columbia Association—H. C. Dickson, J. E. Askew, J. W. Harris, A. R. Buffington, W. R. Johnson, O. G. Quinn and A. J. Sullivan.

On motion, suspended the regular order of business to elect a Treasurer. Bro. T. J. Haynes was re-elected Treasurer by acclamation.

Called for reports from committees :

The committee on divine service report that Eld. John Landes would occupy the stand to-night and Eld. W. T. Box on Sabbath, at 11 o'clock, and Eld. J. W. Harris at 3 p. m.

On motion, adjourned tili Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

SABBATH.

At the hour announced Bro. W. T. Box preached to a large and attentive congregation.

Text—1st Corinthians, 15th chapter, 58 verse.

The theme of the speaker was "Christian Steadfastness." Truly many hearts were made glad on the occasion. At the close of the sermon a collection was taken for home mission amounting to \$27.20.

Bro. J. W. Harris filled the stand at 3 o'clock and preached a very interesting sermon.

Text—Romans, 14th chapter, 7th and 8th verses. At night Bro. J. J. Byers filled the stand and preached an excellent sermon. Text—63d Psalm, 1st verse. On Sabbath Bro. J. J. Haynes preached at Sister Beavers. Text—Romans, 5th chapter, 1st verse.

MONDAY MORNING.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Religious services by the Moderator and prayer by Eld. J. J. Byers.

Roll called and the names of absentees erased.

Called for report of committees.

The report on education was read and, after some appropriate remarks by Brethren W. T. Box and J. J. Haynes, was adopted. See appendix A.

The report on documents was read and adopted. See appendix B.

The report on destitution was read and adopted. See appendix C.

The report on literature was read and adopted. See appendix D.

The report on Sabbath School read and adopted. See appendix E.

The report on obituaries was read and adopted. See appendix F.

The report on temperance was read and adopted. See appendix G.

The report on pastoral support was read and adopted. See appendix H.

The report on foreign missions was read and adopted. See appendix I.

The report on finance was read and adopted. See appendix J.

On motion, the body adjourned to hear a sermon from Eld. John Landes. Text—Romans, 1st chapter and 16th verse.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and resumed business.

The report of the Treasurer was read and adopted. See appendix K.

The report of the home mission board was read and adopted. See appendix L.

The report of the missionary, J. N. Acker, was read and adopted. See appendix L.

Called for reports from district meetings.

The 1st district will hold its next meeting at Shady Grove church, commencing on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in August, A. D. 1887.

Report of 2d district—The 2d district will hold its next meeting with the Antioch church, commencing on Friday before the third Sabbath in July, A. D. 1887.

BUSINESS PROGRAMME FOR SECOND DISTRICT.

The introductory sermon by W. N. Hereford, and I. R. B. Davis his alternate. Subject, "The Kingdom."

ESSAYS.

A gospel church. What is it?—J. J. Haynes.

Election as understood by the Baptists—I. R. B. Davis.

The Christian's Hope—L. A. Reece.

Christian Faith—R. H. Mitchell.

The Duty of all Christians to Support the Missionary Work—M. M. Baxter.

Who are the Baptists, and Whence Came They?—J. N. Acker.

R. W. LOWERY, Moderator.

R. H. MITCHELL, Clerk.

The next meeting of the Union Association will be held with the Mt. Zion church, Nevada county, Ark., three miles northeast of Rosston; commencing on Saturday before the first Sabbath in October, A. D. 1887, Bro. W. T. Box to preach the annual sermon and W. R. Barham his alternate.

On motion, it was agreed that the Clerk shall superintend the printing and distributing of the minutes, and that he be allowed fifteen dollars for his services.

Called for miscellaneous business.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed to report on the Ouachita College at the next session of the Association.

1. Statistics.
2. Work.
3. Progress.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Committee—J. W. Harris, J. J. Haynes, W. T. Box.

On motion, it was agreed that the amount of funds remaining in the hands of the executive board be placed in the hands of the Treasurer of Foreign Mission funds, etc.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to use all the money in his hands for printing and distributing of the minutes after deducting his salary.

On motion, it was ordered that the abstract of princi-

ples, constitution and rules of decorum be printed in the minutes of the present session.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to give the printing of the minutes to the Arkansas Evangel, provided that the Evangel will do the printing as cheap as any other press.

Adopted resolution No. 1. See resolutions.

Adopted resolution No. 2. See resolutions.

On motion, adjourned to meet at Mt. Zion church, on Saturday before the first Sabbath in October, A. D. 1887.

This closed another harmonious meeting of the Union Association. At the close an appropriate hymn was sung while the Brethren extended to each other the parting hand, and after a fervent prayer offered by Bro. J. J. Haynes the Messengers left for their homes with countenances beaming with joy and hearts filled with desire to labor for the Master.

JAMES E. ASKEW, Moderator.

R. H. MITCHELL, Clerk.

NOTE: It was agreed by the body that no missionary be placed in the field this Associational year, there being no funds on hand, and that each church be requested to send up their contributions for home missions to the next Association. See resolutions.

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX A.

Your Committee on Education takes pleasure in reporting, that, in our opinion, the importance of education is no longer a question among the Baptists of Arkansas. All along our lines the demand is being made for more education in our ranks. The laity as well as the ministry is taking advanced ground on this subject. The happy result of this sentiment is the Ouachita College, located at Arkadelphia. This institution is under the control of our State convention and the efficient presidency of Bro. J. W. Conger. No institution of learning in the South ever opened with greater prospects of success. But this, our dear college, is yet in its incipency, and in order to insure its success must have the unqualified support of our people. Therefore, we most earnestly recommend that this Association give it their prayers, their sympathy and their hearty patronage and co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. BOX,

W. H. TALLY,

W. R. JOHNSON,

Committee.

RESOLUTION No. 1.

Resolved, First, That Union Association endorse the action of the Board of Trustees in locating and in the successful inauguration of our Baptist college.

Second, That this Association promise its hearty support and co-operation in this grand denominational enterprise in giving to it our patronage and kind words, and, so far as possible, our means.

Third, That we endorse the late action of the Board in placing in the field an agent who shall secure a building fund, and that we hereby urge upon the Board the necessity of prosecuting this work of erecting a building as soon as possible.

APPENDIX B.

We, your Committee on Documents, beg leave to report that we have examined the letters sent up from the various churches to the Association, and find them generally in good form, with the exception of some, in which the Messengers' names were not enrolled, and we also find them of unnecessary length. We would most respectfully urge the churches to be more brief in forming their letters to the Association. We would also recommend that the letters to the Association be written after the forms laid down in minutes of the past meetings of this body. (Which see in the present minutes.)

W. T. BOX,

W. J. WALLTHALL,

AARON CRANE,

Committee.

APPENDIX C.

We, your Committee on Destitution, beg leave to make the following report. After due examination, we find a very great destitution on the Caney's, thence to the Missouri river, thence to Dorcheat, thence between White Oak Grove and Washington, and to the line of the Red River Association. These destitutions we ought to fill with a missionary,

and could do so by making a small sacrifice, and may the Lord help us to do this for Christ's sake.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. ACKER,

W. KIRBY,

J. W. HUDSON,

Committee.

APPENDIX D.

We, your Committee on Literature, submit the following: That we deem it of the utmost importance in the selection of books and periodicals that we should use great care in obtaining a sound religious literature. In view of this fact, we, your committee would heartily recommend, first of all, the Bible, or Scriptures of Divine Truth, as a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, and, second, the works of our standard writers published by the American Baptist Publication Society, at Philadelphia; third, we heartily recommend our State paper, the Arkansas Evangel, to the favorable consideration of our Brethren, that they subscribe for and support this enterprise of our denomination in the State; fourth, we recommend the International Lesson Helps for our Sunday schools.

Respectfully submitted

J. J. HAYNES,

B. J. DRAKE,

T. H. BOSWELL,

Committee.

APPENDIX E.

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, report that there seems to be but little interest taken in this important work of the church. We believe that the future progress of our beloved Zion greatly depends upon our obedience in raising our children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and that every church should realize that she is a

school of instruction for our children, yes, for the world. We would therefore recommend that the several churches composing this body take their children (not send them) to their several places of worship and teach them the Scriptures of Eternal Truth, which is able to make them wise unto salvation as the testimony of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. MIDDLEBROOKS,

J. W. MOSES,

T. A. MIDDLEBROOKS,

Committee.

APPENDIX F.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, report that since the last session of our Association no ministers belonging to our Association have died, but that Bro. J. M. Weeks, of Prescott, who was in the bounds of this Association, died last May.

Resolved, That the sympathy of this Association is hereby tendered to his bereaved family.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. HARRIS, Chairman.

APPENDIX G.

We, your Committee on Temperance, make the following report: That after some thought on the subject, we conclude that temperance in all things is necessary, but more particularly on the subject of intoxicating drinks: which is but the crying sin of our day. Not only in our own communities, but sometimes its deformed head rises in the churches of this Association. Brethren these things ought not so to be. The remedy we suggest now is, that every member of the great brotherhood of Baptists turn their influence against this very great evil.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. SULLIVAN, Chairman.

APPENDIX II.

We, your Committee on Pastoral Support, beg leave to report as follows: First. We feel assured that the churches in our Association do not appreciate the real office of the pastors in the church work. For this, no doubt, there is a cause. We suggest that our people have been educated to carelessness, and the probabilities are that neglect of pastoral support has been handed down from our forefathers; for in the dark days of tyranny and political bondage Baptists were taxed, whipped and imprisoned to support a State church and priesthood. Our churches and pastors revolted against this unscriptural tyranny and went to the other extreme. We suggest that the Scriptures are plain on the subject, "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn." It is an ordination of God that they that preach the gospel shall live of the gospel, that this is a matter of debt (and not a gift) that churches owe their pastor. Another cause of this neglect is for want of a system in our churches in order to reach the membership. In view of this fact a few of the Brethren have to bear the entire burden of the church, and are poorly cared for. Therefore, we would recommend that each church before calling their pastor shall see how much financial support they can make for their pastor.

J. J. HAYNES,
H. C. DICKSON,
M. M. BAXTER,
Committee.

APPENDIX I.

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, would report that no department of our work is in a more flourishing condition than that which extends beyond the seas. Reports from our boards and missionaries in foreign fields show that God's blessings are attending our labors in

foreign lands. This should not only encourage but stimulate us to greater efforts in giving the Gospel to nations that have it not. We therefore most earnestly urge our Brethren to put forth greater efforts still in the departments of our work, and that a contribution be taken before the adjournment of the body for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. HARRIS, *Chairman.*

APPENDIX J.

We, your Committee on Finance, report as follows: That the amount sent up by the churches for minutes is \$50.00.

S. T. BAILEY,

JOHN NICHOLS,

A. R. BUFFINGTON,

Committee.

APPENDIX K.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

T. J. Haynes in account with Union Association :

To amount received from Finance committee.....	\$50.55
To amount of Foreign Mission fund last Association	52.25
To am't of Foreign Mission fund raised this session	15.60
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Total amount received.....	\$117.80

CREDIT.

By amount paid Clerk.....	50.55
By amount paid Corresponding Secretary of Foreign Mission Board as per voucher... ,	51.95
Premium on postoffice order and postage.....	.30
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	\$102.80
Remaining in my hands	15.00
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	\$117.80

APPENDIX L.

Your missionary would report that he began work by the direction of the Executive Board May 1st, 1886, and has continued according to the agreement up to the present time, with the exception of ten days caused by sickness, during which time he labored to the best of his ability, and the following is a summary of the work performed: Sermons preached, 106; exhortations, 32; prayer meetings attended, 55; family visits, 92; miles traveled, 740; baptisms, 19; assisted in ordaining deacons, 2; amount of money collected for the Board, \$7.50; received from the Board, all the amount promised as per contract.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. ACKER, *Missionary.*

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We, your Executive Board, beg leave to make the following report: At a Board meeting held at Mt. Pisgah church on the fourth Sabbath in April, A. D. 1886, we employed Bro. J. N. Acker for five months at \$35.00 per month, commencing the 1st of May and continuing to the 1st of October, A. D. 1886. We have received the amounts as below:

From the different churches.....	\$149.85
From the field by Bro. Acker.....	6.50
Public collection on Sabbath.....	27.20
Amount paid at last Association.....	3.00
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Total amount received.....	\$186.55

CREDIT.

By amount paid to missionary.....	\$175.00
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Remaining in our hands.....	\$ 11.55

J. M. GARNER, *Treasurer of Board.*

CLERK'S REPORT.

R. H. Mitchell, Clerk, in account with Union Association.

To amount received from Treasurer.....	\$50.55
To amount remaining in his hands.....	2.45
Total.....	<u>\$53.00</u>

CREDIT.

By amount for his services.....	\$15.00
By amount for printing and distributing minutes	38.00
Total.....	<u>\$53.00</u>

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the churches of this Association be requested to send up contributions at the next Association for the employment of a missionary the following Associational year.

Resolved, That this body tender to the Brethren and citizens in this vicinity its thanks for the hospitality manifested by them towards the messengers and visitors during the session of the Association.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call for credentials.
2. Election of Moderator and Clerk.
3. Call for petitionary letters.
4. Invite visiting Brethren to seats.
5. Appointment of committees.
6. Receive correspondence.
7. Return correspondence.
8. Call for reports of committees.
9. Election of Treasurer.
10. Call for reports of district meetings.
11. Appointment of a minister to preach the annual sermon.

12. Appointment of a person to superintend the printing of the minutes.

13. Miscellaneous business.

**NAMES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR
POSTOFFICES.**

- J. W. Landes, Falcon, Nevada county, Ark.
J. W. Harris, Hope, Hempstead county, Ark.
W. N. Hereford, Hope, Hempstead county, Ark.
I. R. B. Davis, Buckner, Columbia county, Ark.
J. J. Haynes, Hope, Hempstead county, Ark.
T. J. Butcher, Prescott, Nevada county, Ark.
W. R. Barham, Prescott, Nevada county, Ark.
A. Patterson, Chidester, Ouachita county, Ark.
A. M. Tennison, Chidester, Ouachita county, Ark.
S. C. Middlebrooks, Hope, Hempstead county, Ark.

LICENTIATES.

- O. S. Jones, Prescott, Nevada county, Ark.
W. M. White, Prescott, Nevada county, Ark.
B. W. Bourland, Bourland's Store, Nevada county, Ark.
W. H. Harris, Prescott, Nevada county, Ark.
G. W. Baxley, Woodlawn, Ouachita county, Ark.
W. J. Sexton, Woodlawn, Ouachita county, Ark.
C. J. Wallace, Hope, Hempstead county, Ark.
A. J. Meador, Bluff City, Nevada county, Ark.
J. Purifoir, Chidester, Ouachita county, Ark.
W. J. Wallthall, Bluff City, Nevada county, Ark.
H. Hays, Guerensey, Hempstead county, Ark.
J. W. Ervin, Lanesburg, Nevada county, Ark.
J. R. Hardy, Prescott, Nevada county, Ark.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1. We believe in the existence of one only living God, and that He has made Himself known to His people under the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence and divine in perfection.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe that God hath chosen us in Christ Jesus, before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ.

4. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin.

5. We believe in man's inability to recover himself from his fallen state.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

8. We believe that true believers will be kept by the favor of God, and that they will never finally fall away.

9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are New Testament ordinances; that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances; that immersion only is baptism, and that it is pre-requisite to the privilege of the Lord's Supper.

10. We believe in the Resurrection and General Judgment.

11. We believe the punishment of the wicked and the joy of the righteous will be everlasting.

12. We believe that no person has the right to administer the ordinances except such as are called of God as was Aaron, and come under the imposition of hands by a Presbytery, and in fellowship with the church of which he is a member.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This union of churches shall be known and distinguished by the name and title of the Union Association of Regular United Baptists.

ART. 2. This Association shall be composed of messengers sent up by the churches belonging to the same, and each church be allowed three (3) representatives, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by their respective churches before they are allowed their seats.

ART. 3. The messengers, when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body by the appointment of a Moderator and a Clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot, at each annual session, and shall continue in office until their successors are chosen.

ART. 4. This union of churches shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which it is composed, but it shall regard them as independent bodies in all matters of internal government, and shall act as an advisory council, assuming no authority, except what is expressly delegated to it by the churches, or evidently implied by the very nature of the compact; nevertheless, this Association claims authority over its own members, the messengers from the churches, and the right to withdraw from any church when found heterodox in faith, or disorderly in practice.

ART. 5. Any church of the same faith and order may be admitted into this union by petitionary letter and mes-

sengers to the annual meeting, by said messengers agreeing with the Abstract of Principles as set forth by this body.

ART. 6. The churches in this union shall transmit to every annual session of the Association a written communication, specifying the names of their messengers, their number in fellowship, number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, ex-communicated, restored, or deceased, since the last session, and any other information that the churches may deem important.

ART. 7. This Association shall, at each session, appoint a Treasurer, whose duty it shall be to hold all funds sent up by the churches or otherwise collected, also to disburse them as ordered by the Association, and shall present annually for insertion in the Minutes a clear and succinct statement of all the receipts and expenditures.

ART. 8. This Association shall furnish the churches with the Minutes of each session.

ART. 9. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Association to keep a regular file of the printed Minutes of each session of this body, and deliver the same to his successor in office.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. When the Messengers of the several churches shall assemble at the place appointed for the session of the Association, the Moderator shall open the business by praise and prayer, in person or by proxy. If the Moderator or Clerk be absent, the Association shall appoint one pro tem.

2. Immediately after the opening of the session the church letters shall be read by persons whom the Moderator shall appoint, and the names of the Messengers enrolled by the Clerk.

3. When the Messengers' names are enrolled and called by the Clerk, the Association shall then elect by ballot a Moderator and Clerk, a majority of votes governing the election.

4. All motions and amendments to motions must be seconded before they are entertained by the Moderator. When motions for amendments to motions are made the last one made shall be the first in order, and so on in inverse order to the original motion, but the mover may, at any time withdraw his motion.

5. Any person wishing to make a motion, or to speak on any matter before the Association, shall rise to his feet and respectfully address the Moderator. If he be in order, the Moderator shall signify the same by calling the name of the person so rising, or otherwise, and no one, thus in order, shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject, or use personal reflection, nor shall any

member speak more than twice on the same subject without leave from the Moderator, except to explain some of his preceding remarks.

6. Whenever sufficient time has been allowed for the discussion of any subject before the Association, the Moderator shall take the vote of the Association, and declare the result, the majority governing in all cases.

7. No member shall vacate his seat without the consent of the Moderator while the body is sitting.

8. When one member shall speak to or of another, he shall call him "brother."

9. The Moderator shall have the names of the Messengers called whenever it may be necessary.

10. The Moderator may speak on matters of debate as other members, by calling one to fill his seat while speaking, but not until others have spoken who may desire to speak.

11. The Moderator may invite visiting ministers, in good order, to seats in council, who may speak but not vote.

12. The Moderator shall be the judge of order, subject to an appeal to the Association.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE CHURCHES OF UNION ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	MESSENGERS.	POSTOFFICE.						Membership.	Contributions for Minutes.	Contributions Home Missions.	Contributions Foreign Missions.	Sunday Schools.	Days of Meetings.	
					Baptisms.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.							Dead.
Antioch.....	W. N. Hereford.	J. B. Wilson....	Wm. Watson, N. M. Martin, W. L. Parker	Hope.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	36	\$1 50	\$17 45	.....	.....	1
Bethany.....	J. M. Huckabee	J. M. Huckabee	M. Baxter, J. H. Hubbard, J. M. Huckabee	Hope.....	13	12	.....	.....	1	76	1 25	10 00	.....	.....	1
Bodeaw.....	J. Landes.....	W. H. Talley.....	A. Crane, J. H. Pickard, W. H. Talley	Bodeaw.....	19	4	.....	.....	.....	52	1 50	5 00	\$1 40	.....	.....
Bois d'Arc.....	SC Middlebrook	A. M. Hanchey..	J. L. Lane, J. Pilkinton, F. M. Coon..	Guereusey.....	5	.....	.....	.....	5	43	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
College Hill.....	D. N. Mullin....	W. S. Tuck.....	J. E. Askew, J. R. Sullivan, A. R. Buffington	College Hill.....	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Falcon.....	J. W. Landes....	J. S. Pelt.....	S. Beavers.....	Falcon.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	44	1 50	14 50	.....	.....	.....
Hope.....	W. T. Box.....	J. W. McDonald	W. T. Box, J. W. Harris.....	Hope.....	1	21	.....	10	1	44	1 00	6 00	.....	.....	1
Harmony.....	J. J. Haynes....	W. A. McKee....	S. F. Snell, W. T. Hood, W. E. Lemly	Emmet.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	24	1 00	6 65	.....	.....	1
Macedonia.....	W. N. Hereford.	W. J. Hinton....	W. J. Hinton, W. A. Porterfield.....	Sardis.....	1	1	.....	9	.....	51	1 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....
Melrose.....	R. H. White.....	G. W. Bowden..	J. M. Bowden.....	Hope.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	28	1 00	50	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Olive... ..	A. W. Tiffin....	J. W. Keeling..	A. T. Bailey, T. A. Middlebrooks.....	Bourlands Store	1	6	.....	5	.....	45	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Pisgah.....	J. J. Haynes....	J. T. Crain.....	L. C. Purtell, Thos. Purtell, J. W. Hudson	Prescott.....	6	.....	3	14	.....	72	1 50	23 00	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Zion.....	T. J. Butcher....	L. M. Gammage..	J. C. Daniel, L. M. Gammage.....	Bourlands Store	2	5	.....	4	1	39	1 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....
New Salem.....	W. R. Barham..	J. M. Gilleck..	Jno. Nichols, W. J. Wallhall, J. M. Gilleck	Bluff City.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Providence No. 1	SC Middlebrook	J. W. Moses....	W. A. Phillips, R. Taylor, J. W. Moses	Hope.....	.....	.....	.....	4	1	51	1 50	5 10	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Grove No. 1	W. R. Barham..	T. N. Turner....	W. F. Kirby, J. R. Moses.....	Bluff City.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	50	1 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....
Pilgrims Rest..	T. J. Butcher....	A. J. Sullivan..	A. J. Sullivan, W. C. Vinyard.....	Prescott.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	1	10	.....	.....	.....	.....
Round Oak.....	A. W. Tiffin....	O. G. Quinn....	W. P. Sexton, W. R. Johnson.....	McNell.....	10	5	1	9	6	1	60	1 75	3 00	.....	.....
Pleasant Grove No. 2	I. R. B. Davis..	G. H. Sanford..	G. N. Strange, R. L. Strange, A. C. Tucker	Buckner.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shiloh.....	S. C. Edwards..	G. B. Agan.....	G. B. Agan.....	Buckner.....	86	75	.....	64	.....	1	114	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salem.....	T. J. Butcher....	Geo. Oliver....	J. F. Brit, Geo. Oliver.....	Prescott.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shova Springs..	J. J. Haynes....	T. J. Haynes....	J. J. Haynes, L. A. Ruce, H. C. Dickson	Hope.....	19	.....	1	.....	.....	74	2 50	10 15	.....	.....	.....
Shady Grove.....	W. R. Barham..	J. B. Hannah....	W. R. Barham, J. S. Davis.....	Prescott.....	9	4	.....	2	1	97	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union.....	L. H. Hill.....	J. T. Boswell..	T. H. Boswell, S. T. Baily, R. H. Mitchell	Bourlands Store	3	4	1	16	7	3	81	2 70	8 00	.....	.....
Providence No. 2	J. J. Haynes....	J. C. Acker.....	H. Scott, G. L. Webb.....	Hope.....	.....	9	1	.....	.....	45	1 50	10 00	.....	.....	.....
Union Grove.....	J. M. Lee.....	J. M. Lee.....	Wm. Holwell, P. J. Almond.....	Prescott.....	.....	14	.....	.....	.....	32	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Nebo.....	SC Middlebrook	J. A. Powell....	J. A. Powell, G. C. Powell, C. C. McLellan	Lewisville.....	5	1	.....	1	.....	26	1 40	.....	.....	.....	.....
White Oak Grove	I. R. B. Davis..	J. J. Osteen....	T. J. Hartsfield.....	DeAnn.....	.....	13	.....	.....	.....	41	1 50	5 00	.....	.....	.....
Total.....					200	207	9	157	54	1806	\$47 70	\$117 85

Bethesda, Bethel, Bellview, Lebanon, Prescott and Yellow Creek were not represented.

FORM OF ASSOCIATIONAL LETTER.



The Church of Christ worshipping at.....
 to the Messengers composing the Union Association, convened with the church at.....

Greeting:

DEAR BRETHREN:—We send as Messengers to aid you in your deliberations our beloved Brethren, A, B, C, and D as alternate.

Our statistics are as follows:

Received by examination and baptism.....	.....
Received by letter.....	.....
Received by restoration.....	.....
Dismissed by letter.....	.....
Dismissed by exclusion.....	.....
Dismissed by death.....	.....
Total number in fellowship.....	.....
Number enrolled in Sunday School.....	.....
Amount for Minutes.....	.....
Amount for Home Mission.....	.....
Time of meeting.....	.....
Post-office.....	.....

Remarks.....

Done by order of the church in conference on the
day of..... A. D. 1886.

B. D., Moderator.

A. B., Clerk.