

MINUTES OF THE SIXTY-
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of the

Red River

Baptist Association

Held With the Bethlehem Baptist Church
Clark County, Ark., Oct. 12-13-14, 1917

Next Session to Be Held With Delight Baptist Church
Beginning on Friday, 10 A. M., Before Second Sunday
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Proceedings of the Sixty-Ninth Annual Session
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At 10 o'clock, a. m., October 12th, 1917, the Sixty-Ninth Annual Session of the Red River Baptist Association met with Bethlehem Baptist Church, Clark County, Ark. Brother J. H. Smart, the Moderator, after a song, read the 37th division the of Psalms, afterwards Bro. G. W. Burns led the Association in a tender and earnest prayer.

After the devotional service the Moderator called for the letters from the churches to be brought to the Clerk's desk. Brethren J. D. Bledsoe and E. H. Acuff were appointed as Reading Clerks. There being but few letters, motion carried to defer permanent organization until after noon.

Motion carried that we have preaching at the 11 o'clock hour. The Moderator appointed a special committee on Divine Service, viz: Brethren J. Horne, Joe Powell and E. Wood, who selected Bro. G. W. Burns to preach. After a song Bro. Burns read John, 10th Chap. Then the congregation was led in prayer by J. D. Bledsoe. Bro. Burns preached a splendid sermon on the thought: "Christ Jesus the Only Savior of Men." At the close of this message the Moderator suggested that we shake hands with Brethren Burns and Horne as a token of appreciation of them for their good work in the Association. We then adjourned until 1:30.

AFTERNOON SESSION—Friday.

After a sumptuous dinner the Association came together by singing, then Bro. E. Delaughter led in prayer. The Reading Clerks read the remaining letters from the churches. Afterwards the roll was called and absentees noted.

The Association being ready for permanent organization, Bros. J. H. Smart and W. A. Forbes were nominated for Moderator, also Bros. J. M. Gullick and J. D. Bledsoe

were nominated for Clerk. On first ballot the nominees for Moderator were tied, and J. D. Bledsoe was elected Clerk. The second ballot was taken and Bro. Forbes was elected.

Motion carried that Bro. John R. Williams, of Arkadelphia, be re-elected for Treasurer. According to the "Order of Business" the preaching of the Introductory Sermon followed the organization, but on request of Bro. Forbes, the appointee, motion carried to postpone the sermon until 11 o'clock Saturday.

Motion that Red River Baptist Association grant Roseboro Church a letter of dismission.

Under the head of Recognition of Visitors, Bro. E. J. Davis was recognized from Cary Association, Bro. J. S. Rogers from Pulaski County Association, and Bro. W. F. Davis from Bartholomew Association. Brethren Forbes and Delaughter were recognized as Corresponding Messengers to be sent to Union Association. Following this Bro. Davis spoke on Work and Needs of the Orphan's Home, and took a collection amounting to \$21.40.

Motion that Bro. Rogers have the Friday evening hour to present to us the work of State Missions.

By motion the Association adjourned until 7:30 p. m.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION.

A song was sung and Bro. Delaughter led us in prayer. Following this Bro. Rogers read us a lesson from 1st Phil. After prayer he took last v. 15th chapter of 1st Cor. He brought us a great message on State Missions.

At the close of the sermon the Moderator appointed the following committees:

Associational Missions—J. M. Smart, G. W. Burne and H. J. P. Horne.

State Missions—E. Delaughter, A. W. King.

Home Missions—Logan Ford, T. F. Terrell and H. Butterfield.

Foreign Missions—H. W. Huffman, Sidney Fomby and Wm. Fulmer.

Sunday School—J. M. Oday, Miss Ollie Robinson and T. H. Horne.

Christian Education—J. M. Measles and J. W. McElhanan.

Woman's Work—Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Marion Measles, Miss Mary Baskin and W. D. Parsons.

Orphan's Home—Tom Thrasher, F. J. Marshall and G. A. Franklin.

Finance—Marion Measles, Jim Gray and W. M. Sublett.

Nominations—H. J. P. Horne, J. H. Smart and J. R. Hart.

Obituaries—G. T. Thompson, E. H. Acuff and Ezra Woods.

Young People's Work—Miss Mary Baskin, Irene Shaver and Mrs. Dr. Bourland.

Ministerial Education—Logan Ford, F. A. Holt and J. A. Williams.

Stewardship—J. B. Swanner, E. H. Acuff and W. E. Collins.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9 a. m. Saturday.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Moderator read the 3rd Epistle of John. Several brethren made talks of thankfulness and praise to God for His goodness and mercy.

The report on Associational Missions was read by Bro. J. H. Smart. After motion to adopt it the report was spoken to by Brethren J. H. Smart and H. J. P. Horne, then adopted.

Report of Committee—Since Associational Missions is the foundation of all the work we foster we, therefore, need the hearty co-operation of all the churches within our bounds, hence as a working basis we recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved 1st. That Executive Committee of the Association consist of the Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer of the Association, together with a member from each of the churches, to be chosen by the churches.

Resolved 2nd. That this Committee meet quarterly at Gurdon, on Thursday after the 1st Sunday of each quarter, elect a missionary and supervise the mission work in general.

Resolved 3rd. That it will be the duty, and expected of those members of the Committee, to take offerings in their respective churches for Associational Missions, and that quarterly payment be made to the missionary for work done in the bounds of the Association.

A Suggestion,—That we have 5th Sunday Mission rallies, Board meetings, etc.

J. H. SMART,
G. W. BURNS,
H. J. P. HORNE,
Committee.

At 11 o'clock Bro. Forbes preached the Introductory Sermon, reading Matt. 24, and taking as his theme "The Second Coming of Christ."

Motion to adjourn until 1:30.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The first item of business was the reading by the Clerk of six church letters to the Association and messengers enrolled.

The report of the Associational Missionary, Brother Swanner, was read and spoken to by him, then adopted. The report is as follows:

We began work with the Association January 5, 1917. My first work was to go to Okolona and see after the tent. My next work was to see after the pastorless churches, to supply for them, and to get supplies for them; in this way I supplied for as many as three places at a time. I helped to get two pastors located. I visited fourteen school-houses, and talked to the students on Christian education, and told them about our good school in Arkadelphia, and especially Ouachita College. The destitution is so great, in the bounds of Red River Association, we could employ 12 men during the summer, and keep them busy three months. Brethren, let us wake up and co-operate with one another, and evangelize the people at our doors. Associational Missions is the foundation of all missions.

SUMMARY OF WORK.

Days of labor, 270, or nine months; Miles traveled, 1396; Sermons preached, 120; Addresses, 53; Professions, 54; Baptisms from meetings, 23; Additions by letter, 8; total additions, 31; one Sunday School organized; subscriptions and renewals to the Baptist Advance, 35, collected for the Advance, \$61.50; Books sold, 85; Tracts given away, 4811 pages; Books given away, 25; Testaments given away, 4.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

I was to receive \$60.00 per month, or \$600.00 until the Association, the 12th of October, 1917

Collected as follows:

Pleasant Hill	\$14 90
Mt. Olive	1 00
Richwoods	1 95

Reader	31	30
Blevins	35	70
Rev. W. A. Forbes	5	00
Gum Springs	18	00
Curtis	13	50
Caddo Valley	1	00
Shiloh	16	35
Mt. Bethel	3	75
Unity	50	50
From John R. Williams, Treasurer	130	10
Total collected	\$323	05
Balance due	276	95

JOHN B. SWANNER.

Report was read on State Missions by E. Delaughter.

After motion to adopt the report Brethren A. W. King, E. Delaughter and B. B. Bailey discussed it, then it was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE MISSIONS.

The way for a Baptist Church to become "a glorious church not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing," is for it to be intensely missionary in doctrine and practice.

State Missions may be defined as the united effort of Arkansas Baptists to get everybody in Arkansas saved and into Baptist churches, and then to get them to give proper support to all enterprises of the Kingdom of God, both for Arkansas and all the world. We believe the Great Commission was given to Baptist churches.

There is great destitution in all the sections of the State. There are a million lost souls in Arkansas. It is perfectly safe to say that sixteen thousand souls go from Arkansas to hell every year. We can save them if we will. What an opportunity this presents to Arkansas Baptists. They will listen to our preaching. Whenever we send the messengers they do listen. And the obligation rests upon the Christian people of Arkansas to give them the gospel. No other either can or will do this work. (See catechism for other facts.)

Last year the churches co-operating through the State Convention put forward State Missions thus:

Missionaries and other workers	65
Conversions	2,134
Baptisms	2,231
Additions	3,010
Amount raised for State Missions	\$25,598

The present year gives promise of being far better than last year. The amount of money we need to raise for State Missions to put us out of debt at the Convention at Jonesboro, December 5, is at least \$30,000.

So your Committee urges the following:

1 That every pastor get all possible information about State Missions to his people and endeavor to secure an offering from every church member and every organization in every church.

2 That the pastors and active laymen, during the meeting of this Association, get together and organize themselves and make plans to reach every church in the Association for an offering to State Missions before December 1.

3. That the churches of this Association do their very best to raise at least the amounts asked of them by the Executive Board.

E. DELAUGHTER,

A. W. KING,

Committee.

Report on Home Missions was presented by Bro. Logan Ford. It was discussed by Brethren Croxton and Bailey. The report was adopted.

HOME MISSION REPORT.

Our Home Mission Board at Atlanta, Ga., has the distinction of reporting yearly more converts and baptisms through the work of its missionaries than any other Home Mission Board in America.

Our Board last year reported 37,724 baptisms, 22,945 came directly through Home Mission work; the remainder through other co-operative agencies.

Total receipts of Board for last year, \$474,792; administrative costs, \$22,638, or 47 per cent. This shows great economy in administration.

We recommend 1st: That earnest prayer be made for the work of the Home Mission Board, and that our pastors be asked to preach at least once a year on Home Missions.

2nd. That our churches be encouraged to form Mission Study Classes, and the two popular Mission study books of the Home Board be used.

Patriotism and true religion calls us to a large support of Home Missions.

LOGAN FORD,

T. F. TERRELL,

H. BUTTERFIELD.

A resolution on food conservation was read by Bro. Bailey and adopted by the Association.

The Resolution:

The entire world is facing the most appalling food shortage known to history. For sometime there was a decline in the food production before the breaking out of the great war; therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the duty, as well as the privilege, of every Baptist in Arkansas to give full and hearty co-operation to the efforts of President Wilson and Food Commissioner Herbert C. Hoover in the work of food conservation.

Be it further Resolved, That the pastors of Red River Association bring this matter, in so far as it may be practicable, before the churches.

B. B. BAILEY.

The Report on Finance was read by Bro. J. B. Horne. Motion carried to adopt it.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, report as follows:

Minutes and Clerk	\$ 49 25
State Missions	7 15
Associational Missions	104 10
Monticello Orphan's Home	17 50
Texarkana Orphan's Home	2 50
Foreign Mission	2 15
Home Mission	3 05
Ministerial Education	2 00
Total	\$187 70

J. M. MEASLES,
J. B. HORNE,
W. B. SUBLETT,
Committee.

The Report on Nominations was read by Bro. H. J. P. Horne. Motion to adopt the report. Motion carried to amend the report by striking out the word "Unity" and inserting "Delight."

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee, recommend that the next session of the Association be held with Delight Church, beginning on Friday, 10 a. m., before the second Sunday in October, 1918.

We further recommend that Dr. Croxton, of Ouachita College, preach the Introductory Sermon, with Bro. F. A. Holt, of Prescott, alternate.

H. J. P. HORNE,
J. H. SMART,
J. R. HART,
Committee.

Motion to adjourn until 7 o'clock.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION.

The Association came together by singing; prayer by Bro. Eskerage.

Motion carried that after the sermon Sunday at 11 o'clock, there be a collection taken to liquidate the indebtedness of the Association.

Bro. Croxton preached for us, using as a text Titus II, 14.

A motion was made and carried to adopt the report of the pastor and deacons on Divine service for Sunday.

Report on Divine Service for Sunday:

From 9 to 10 o'clock, report on Stewardship.

From 10 to 11 o'clock, report on Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. W. Work.

From 11 to 12 o'clock, Dr. C. E. Dickens preach.

From 1 to 2 o'clock, Ministerial Education.

From 2 to 3 o'clock, Woman's Work.

Bro. Sidney Fomby read the report on Foreign Missions.

Moved its adoption.

It was discussed by Brethren Franklin, Croxton, Forbes, Burns, Delaughter and Swanner, then adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Churches organized for the purpose of preaching the Gospel to all nations. This is the main reason for their existence. Baptists, of all people in the world, should let their thoughts be widened to take in the full meaning of the worldwide commission. We would urge that every member of the churches in the bounds of the Red River Association give their prayers and means to the encouragement and support of the Gospel throughout the world. During the year there have been 6,471 baptisms and 77 churches organized. We have 315 Foreign Missionaries, of whom are 133 men and 182 women; 458 churches with 4,716 members; 115 of these churches are self-supporting.

and more than 230 have no houses of worship. There were \$518,323 collected, leaving a deficit, combining it with the old debt, made an indebtedness of \$180,000. During the meeting of the Convention in Ashville a great movement was started for the purpose of paying off this heavy indebtedness, and many have responded to this appeal. In a thousand ways God is calling upon Southern Baptists to make an advance in Foreign Missions. We would plead that sacrificial effort and constant prayer for the success of this year be practiced in all the churches.

H. W. HUFFMAN,
SIDNEY FOMBY,
WM. FULMER,

Committee.

Motion to adjourn until Sunday morning, 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Moderator read the 122 Psalm, and the congregation was led in prayer by Bro. J. H. Smart. After other prayers and several splendid talks from the brethren and sisters, the Association took up the Sunday program.

Bro. Swanner presented the report on Stewardship. After Brethren Swanner, Burns, Croxton and Smart spoke to it, it was adopted.

REPORT ON STEWARDSHIP.

Every human being of sound mind is a steward. The things that we possess are not our own. They belong to God; they are to be used according to God's will and for His glory; and to God each one must give an account of his stewardship. Whether the accounting shall be joyous or filled with disappointment depends on whether or not we have been good stewards. We are born into the world as stewards. We may deny that we are stewards, but that does not change the fact, just as it would not change the fact for us to deny that we are children of our parents.

This doctrine is as old as the human race, and the Bible is full of it. It applies to every single thing that we possess and to everything that we do. "What hast thou that thou didst not receive?" "A man can receive nothing, except it has been given him from heaven."—1 Cor. 4:7 and John 3:27. We are to administer all that we have "as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."—1 Peter 4:10.

We recommend and urge:

- 1 That pastors preach often on stewardship, taking pains to teach the people what the Bible says on this subject.

2. That classes be organized in all our churches to study this vitally important doctrine. Books can be had for such classes, free of cost, from J. S. Compere, 410 Donaghey Building, Little Rock, Ark.

3. That literature on stewardship and tithing be circulated and read everywhere.

4. That every member of every church in this Association strive to be a "good steward of the manifold grace of God."

Respectfully Submitted,

JOHN B. SWANNER,

E. H. ACUFF,

W. E. COLLINS.

Committee.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Report on Sunday Schools was read by Bro. Oday; also the report on B. Y. P. U. work was read by Mrs. Dr. Bourland.

The two reports were read and discussed jointly. After the reports were spoken to by Brethren Collins and Horne, the reports were adopted.

The great admonition of our Lord to observe all things "Whatsoever I have commanded you," cannot be carried out without a Sunday School in every Baptist Church. Every pastor should stress, in his preaching, the need of a Sunday School in every church. It is lamentable to think about, yet it is true, that in many instances the majority of men seem to think there is no Scripture for Sunday School, nevertheless we are taught in the Bible the great importance of studying it. The Sunday School in the church school, therefore all churches should maintain and support one. We believe the teaching side of the commission has not been stressed enough. It is just as important to teach as it is to Disciple and Baptize. The commission contemplates an intelligent Christianity, and under present conditions the Sunday School is a fine way for a church to carry out the teaching side of the commission. The teaching and the preaching should go hand in hand. The work of having more and better Sunday Schools is, not only a legitimate part of our missionary work, but the duty of seeing that this work is carried on. There are responsibilities that are laid on every one of us.

J. ODAY,

F. A. HORNE,

Committee.

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U. WORK.

Six B. Y. P. U's reported, viz: Boughton, Bethlehem, Sycamore Grove, Prescott, Unity and Arkadelphia First Church.

Brethren, are we not neglecting our young people in our churches? Are we not failing to train them for the different duties of church work? Don't you think it would be fitting and proper for each church in this Association to organize and maintain a live B. Y. P. U? We do. You will agree with us that it fits and trains them for church service.

We therefore urge that more stress be put on this department of our work, and that each messenger, on returning home, urge their churches to push this work forward. We further urge that the churches encourage their young people to attend the Assembly held annually at Arkadelphia in July.

MRS. S. N. BOURLAND,
MISS MARY BASKIN,
MISS IRENE SHAVER,
Committee.

At 11 o'clock Brother Swanner preached text—Heb. 2, 3. Following the sermon a collection was taken for Associational Missions, amounting to \$170.38.

Motion to adjourn until 1:30.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled by singing and Brother Swanner leading in prayer.

Mrs. Crawford, of Arkadelphia, read the report on Woman's Work, then spoke to it, using as a text Phil. 4:3. The newly elected officers of the Work were recognized and a prayer offered by Bro. Forbes for their success of the work this year. The report was then adopted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

We, your Committee on Woman's Work, submit the following report:

Of the thirty churches (taken from the statistics of 1916) sending messengers to this Association only eleven make report of any organized Woman's Work. Those eleven societies, with a membership of 425, have reported for all objects fostered by this Association \$19.65. If the collecting of money was the sole object of the organiza-

tion, this would be worth the effort put forth, but the financial part is the least stressed. The increased spirituality and growth in grace that comes from the study of God's word, the interest awakened from missionary information, the teaching and training the children of the church for service, are the ends that are sought by the organization of the women in missionary societies.

In the Providence of God very early in our year's work in December, 1916, our Superintendent, Mrs. A. P. Eliff, moved with her husband to another field of labor, hence for ten months we have labored without a leader. The Vice President of this District, Mrs. J. H. Crawford, has assisted in compiling our reports. At a meeting held Saturday, Oct. 13, Mrs. J. T. McLain was elected Superintendent for the ensuing Associational year. We ask that she have the prayers and sympathy of this body. At this same meeting a Constitution for the government of the Associational Union was adopted. The following resolutions were adopted, which we submit with this report for your adoption and ratification:

We move that the pastor of every church in this Association cooperate with the Superintendent in organizing W. M. Societies in the churches.

2nd. That the Superintendent of Associational Union, elected by that Union and ratified by this Association, be, by virtue of her office, Chairman of Woman's Work, and so recognized by the Association.

MRS. J. M. ADAMS,
MRS. WARREN,
MRS. MARIAN MEASLES,
MISS PARSONS,
MISS BASKIN.

Committee.

I move the adoption of this report.

The officers for 1917-18 are as follows:

Superintendent and President—Mrs. J. T. McLain,
2nd Church, Gurdon.

First Vice President—Mrs. James Arnold, Shiloh
Church, Arkadelphia, R. F. D.

Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. J. M. Measles, Beth
lehem Church, Gurdon, R. F. D.

Bro. Ford presented the report on Ministerial Education. Discussed by Brethren Ford, Horn and King. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

This department of our work is very essential. If a minister is to preach a full Gospel, he must first be called of God. Then he should study either in college or at home. We believe going to college (Ouachita) is a time saver. Therefore we would recommend:

1st. That the Churches of our Association look out for young preachers and urge and encourage them to go to Ouachita.

2nd. That we support them with our prayers, sympathy and money.

LOGAN FORD,
F. A. HOLT,
J. A. WILLIAMS,
Committee.

Bro. Swanner presented and read the report on Orphanage Work.

It was discussed by Bro. Franklin and adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE WORK.

We have two Orphan Homes, one at Monticello the other one at Texarkana. God, who is the Father to the Fatherless, has provided and cared for orphan children by laying this responsibility on the hearts of His children. James says: That visiting the widows and fatherless in their affliction is sure religion.

We have been caring for the orphans at Monticello for 22 years. Therefore we recommend that Sunday Schools take monthly offerings, and amount be sent to the general Secretary. Also that churches and Women's Missionary Societies contribute liberally to this great work.

T. C. THRASHER,
G. A. FRANKLIN,
F. J. MARSHALL,
Committee.

Bro. Acuff read the report on Obituaries, and it was adopted.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Since our last session about thirteen brethren and a like number of sisters have died. Be it

Resolved, That we extend our sympathies to the bereaved. May they, like David, realize they can not bring

them back but can go to them. We recommend that a memorial page be set aside as a memorial page for our deceased.

E. H. ACUFF,
G. T. THOMPSON,
EZRA WOOD,
Committee.

Motion carried to pay the Clerk fifteen dollars for his work, and balance of minute money be expended for the printing of the Minutes.

Bro. Logan Ford presented and read the following resolution of thanks:

We, the messengers from the various churches of Red River Association, desire to thank the people of Bethlehem Church and community for their gracious hospitality to us.

We have been most bountifully fed and most cordially treated by the people of this vicinity. It has been, perhaps, the most successful and most liberally attended of any of the Associations.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet with Delight Church on Friday, 10 o'clock, before the second Sunday of October, 1918.

A song was sung and the "Good-by hand shake" was given to each other, thus closing the Sixty-Ninth Annual Session of the Red River Baptist Association.

Since the Association I received the Treasurer's report.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

John R. Williams, Treasurer of Red River Association, when convened with Bethlehem Baptist Church, Whelen Springs, Ark., makes the following report for the past Associational year:

Orphan's Home, Monticello—Receipts.

Oct. 1916, From Association	\$ 27 70
Oct. 17, Mt. Bethel Church	3 00
Oct. 21, Shiloh Church	3 00
Nov. 1, David Marberry	2 50
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	\$ 37 20

Disbursements.

Jan. 19, By check J. S. Rogers	\$ 37 20
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Associational Missions—Receipts.

Oct. 20,	Mrs. J. T. McLain (Gurdon)	\$	5 00
"	From Association		59 80
"	Beech Street Church (Gurdon)		5 00
"	Boys' Prayer Meeting (Mt. Bethel)		1 05
"	First Church (Arkadelphia)		125 15
"	Pleasant Hill Church		10 00
"	Unity Church		38 00
"	Caddo Valley Church		2 00
"	Unity Church		5 00
"	Paid into Citizens Bank		130 10
	Balance from 1915		2 29
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			\$ 383 39

Disbursements.

Nov. 6,	By check,	S. M. Crawford	\$	24 41
Oct.	"	A. McPherson		37 00
"	"	A. McPherson		100 00
"	"	A. McPherson		12 00
Nov. 7	"	J. H. Summers		33 00
Dec. 22	"	A. McPherson		45 00
Feb. 5	"	J. B. Swanner		54 25
March	"	J. B. Swanner		20 75
May	"	J. B. Swanner		5 00
	"	J. B. Swanner		25 10
	"	J. B. Swanner		25 00
	Balance			1 88
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				\$ 383 39

Home Missions—Receipts.

From Association	\$	9 35
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Disbursements.

Jan. 19, By check,	J. S. Rogers	\$	9 35
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Foreign Missions—Receipts.

From Association	\$	1 25
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Disbursements.

Jan. 19, By check,	J. S. Rogers	\$	1 25
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Minutes and Clerk—Receipts.

From Association	\$	47 90
From additional collections		6 90

\$ 54 80

Disbursements.

Dec. 1916 By check, J. M. Gullick	\$ 54 80
State Missions Convention—Receipts.	
From Association	\$ 10 84
Balance from 1915	1 44
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	\$ 12 28

Disbursements.

Jan. 19, By check, J. S. Rogers	\$ 12 28
State Missions, State Association—Receipts.	
To balance from 1915	1 06

Disbursements.

Balance due	1 06
Orphan's Home, Texarkana—Receipts.	
From Association	\$ 15 50
Oct. 19, Mt. Bethel	2 00
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	\$ 17 50

Disbursements.

Oct. 21, By check, Bro. Sims	\$ 17 50
Total Receipts	\$ 517 72
Total Disbursements	518 89

Balance Due (check)	\$ 3 89
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J. R. WILLIAMS, Treasurer.

Balance Due Associational Missions	\$ 1 88
Balance Due Foreign Mission State Association	1 06

Total	\$ 3 89
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REPORT OF W. M. U's—Sweet Hill, Arkadelphia.

Associational Missions	\$ 3 46
Boxes to Orphan's Home	4 00
Benevolence	30 00
Church Building and Furnishing	143 00

Grand Total	\$ 181 86
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MRS. LOGAN FORD, President.

MRS. G. W. GAMBRELL, Secretary.

REPORT OF W. M. U.—Prescott Church.

Associational Missions	\$ 2 50
State Missions	25 00
Home Missions	15 00

Foreign Missions	15 00
Christmas Offering to China	5 35
Training School Enlargement Fund	7 00
Mary Forbes Home	5 00
Cone Property (Boys' Dormitory at Ouachita)	25 00
Christian Education	20 00
Cash to Orphans' Home Debt	30 00
Boxes to Orphans' Home	50 00
Church Building and Furnishing	1 00

Total \$ 200 85

MRS. W. A. FORBES, President.

REPORT OF W. M. U.—Shiloh Church.

Associational Missions	\$ 5 50
State Missions	6 55
Home Missions	6 37
Foreign Missions	6 38
Christian Education	6 30
Cash to Orphans' Home	10 00
Pastor's Salary	5 00

Total \$ 45 60

MRS. EULA McMULLEN, President.

ESTELLE ARNOLD, Secretary.

LELA ROSS, Treasurer.

MEMORIAM.

This Page is Sacred to Our Dead :

Arkadelphia—G. A. Trigg, Mrs. S. E. Trigg, Mrs. P. E. Ward, Rev. J. W. Bridges, Rev. W. W. Gardener, Hamilton Bunch and N. Cowart.

Bethlehem—J. A. Gills.

Boughton—J. T. Beavert, Mittie Rogers.

Clear Springs—Martha Meeks.

Caddo Valley—Anna Stallings.

Degray—Mrs. Sarah Kauffman, E. W. McBrayer,

Delight—Willie Manwarring.

Harmony—Mrs. Bell Stubblefield.

Mt. Bethel—Roxie Box.

Mt. Olive—Mrs. T. G. Wilson.

Mt. Zion—Mary Collins.

Missionary Grove—Lucy Harris, Annie Rogers, Sarah Jane Cornelious, John Smith.

Pleasant Hill—J. P. Langley.

Prescott—Mrs. Imon Buchanan.

Unity—Mrs. G. W. Burns, P. G. Burns, W. P. Stanford.

Sycamore Grove—S. B. Williams, Nora Stovall.

CONSTITUTION.

Art. 1 This union shall be known and distinguished by the name and title of the Red River Association.

Art. 2. This Association shall be composed of delegates from the churches in the union. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by their several churches before they take their seats.

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

Art. 4. This Association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which it is composed. It shall regard them as independent in matters of internal government, and shall act as advisory counsel, assuming no authority except what is expressly delegated to it by the churches, or evidently implied by the nature of the compact. It nevertheless claims authority over its members, the delegates from churches, and in justice and propriety must have power to withdraw from, and disown, all churches which depart from the spirit of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice. It should, therefore, regard all churches united under this constitution with a vigilant eye for good. Its principal business shall be to promote the declarative glory of God, by extending the kingdom of grace on earth through the medium of preaching the gospel and the means in accordance with the gospel to cultivate union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ, especially those united in this constitution.

Art. 5. Newly constituted churches and churches dismissed from other associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this union by sending three delegates, their number in fellowship, number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, restored and deceased since last session, and all other information which the churches may deem important, which shall be read and minuted.

Art. 6. This association shall have a fund to be supplied by voluntary contributions of the churches. All the money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over, through the Committee on Finance, to the treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold his office during the pleasure of the association. He shall retain and manage the funds agreeably to the order of the association, and present annually for inspection in the minutes, a clean and succinct statement of all receipts and expenditures.

Art. 7. This association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

Art. 8. The association shall take cognizance of no query sent up from churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and have failed; nor of any difficulty between the churches unless they have pursued the direction in the XVIII chapter of Matthew, and have not been able to settle them; then the association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at its own discretion.

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 over the same to his successor in office.

Art. 10. This constitution may be altered or amended at regular meetings of this association by the concurring voice of two-thirds of the members present, provided such alterations or amendments be approved by the churches comprising the association.

Sunday School Statistics

CHURCHES.	No. Officers	No. Pupils.	Kind of Literature	Cost of Literature.	Baptisms.	Superintendents.	Post Office.
Arkadelphia	35	570	S. B. C.	\$ 23 00		J. C. Wallis	Arkadelphia.
Bethel Springs	4	31	"	7 40		T. Ingle	Gurdon.
Boughton	6	90	"	20 00	5	T. W. McDaniel	Boughton.
Beirne	7	32	"		6	Mary Baskin	Beirne
Bethlehem	8	70	"	19 66		J. M. Measles	Gurdon.
Beech Street	7	95	"	72 07		M. A. Keys	Gurdon.
Caddo Valley	4	50	"	10 00	1	B. Stallings	Arkadelphia.
Clear Springs	4	35	"	5 90		R. C. Bruce	Okolona.
Degray	5	120	"	26 59		W. J. Bledsoe	Arkadelphia, R. 2.
Delight	5	60	"	16 00	4	J. C. Brodhurst	Delight.
Harmony	5	25	"	6 80	1	G. W. Deaton	Ellis.
Hollywood	4	39	"	5 65	2	J. N. Carter	Arkadelphia.
Missionary Grove	3	40	"	5 00	8	G. W. Tye	
Mt. Bethel	5	131	"	19 09		W. H. Brown	Arkadelphia, R. 1.
Mt. Zion	4	50	"	5 00	8	Johnny Jones	Arkadelphia, R. 3.
Providence	4	30	"	3 00		Elijah Stockton	Boughton.
Prescott	10	136	"		15	J. A. Blakely	Prescott.
Richwoods	8	52	"	13 32		R. S. Brown	Gum Springs.
Sycamore Grove	4	57	L. B.	10 34	6	John H. Smart	Gurdon, R. 1.
South Fork			S. B. C.	9 25		Frank Marshal	Okolona.
Shiloh	6	63	"	14 00		W. A. F. Wells	Arkadelphia, R. 1
Sweet Hill	14	209	"	42 90		John Boroughs	R.2
Unity	5	56	"	15 00		Mrs. Rosa Burns	"
Whelen Springs	5	60	"	30 00		T. S. Haynie	Whelen Springs.
Total	162	2101		\$658 58:51			

Ordained Ministers

Name	Post Office	Churches
Acuff E. H.	Arkadelphia	Mt. Olive
Bailey B. B.	Arkadelphia	Arkadelphia
Burns G. W.	Arkadelphia, R. 2.	Unity
Berry W. H.	Arkadelphia, R. 2.	Arkadelphia
Burns L. E.	Arkadelphia, R. 2.	Unity
Bledsoe J. D.	Beirne	Degray
Collins W. E.	Arkadelphia	Sweet Hill
Croxton A. M.	Arkadelphia	Arkadelphia
DeLaughter E.	Boughton	Boughton
Dunlop P. D. (licensed)	Arkadelphia	Degray
Dicken C. E.	Arkadelphia	Arkadelphia
Cagle D. P.	Sweet Hill	Arkadelphia
Elliott C. D.	Arkadelphia	Arkadelphia
Franklin G. A.	Gurdon	Bethel Springs
Faulkner G. D.	Arkadelphia	Arkadelphia
Forbes W. A.	Prescott	Prescott
Goucher C. E.	Arkadelphia	Arkadelphia
Ford Logan	Arkadelphia	Mt. Bethel
Holt F. A.	Prescott	Prescott
Horne H. J. P.	Arkadelphia	Arkadelphia
King A. W.	Gurdon	Beech Street
Langley M. F.	Arkadelphia	Arkadelphia
Mizell E. S.	Arkadelphia	Arkadelphia
Presson G. G.	Okolona, R. 4.	Hollywood
Roberson R. A.	Arkadelphia	Arkadelphia
Rucker J. A.	Arkadelphia	Sweet Hill
Smart J. H.	Gurdon, R. 1.	Sycamore
Summers J. H.	Whelen Springs.	Bethlehem
Sutton W. D.	Boughton	Boughton
Saunders T. R. (licensed)	Arkadelphia	Arkadelphia
Swanner J. B.	Arkadelphia	Arkadelphia
Sidney Smith	Ellis	Pleasant Hill
Turner J. H.	Arkadelphia	Mt. Zion
Wingfield J. W.	Prescott	Missionary Grove
Wharton W. K.	Arkadelphia	Arkadelphia

Churches, Pastors, Clerks, Etc.

Churches	Pastors	Clerks	Post Office	Messengers
Arkadelphia	B. B. Bailey	R. D. Holt	Arkadelphia	Dr. B. B. Bailey, H. J. P. Horne, Dr. C. E. Dicken Represented by letter.
Blevins	W. A. Forbes	W. F. Roe	Gurdon	J. B. Horne, J. M. Norman.
Bethlehem	W. E. Collins	L. M. Sitze	Beirne	Mary Baskin, Ollie Robinson, Irene Shaver.
Beirne	J. D. Bledsoe	R. F. Ball	Gurdon	G. A. Franklin, H. C. Stroud.
Bethel Springs	J. H. Smart	T. J. Lamb	Boughton	E. Delaughter, Sidney Fomby.
Boughton	F. A. Holt	H. E. Powell	Gurdon	A. W. King, Walter Stone.
Beech Street .....	.....	Gid Cook	Arkadelphia	Gid Cook.
Caddo Valley	J. W. Scott	R. W. Rollins	Okolona	Sam Hall, J. W. McElhanan.
Clear Springs	J. H. Smart	C. C. Terrell	Arkadelphia, R. 2	T. F. Terrell.
Degray	A. W. King	Mrs. W. D. Parsons	Delight	Mrs. R. C. Warren, Mrs. W. D. Parsons, W. K. Clevenger.
Delight	E. H. Acuff	E. B. Gibbs	Hollywood	W. C. Hudgins, E. B. Tweedle, J. N. Carter.
Hollywood	E. S. Mizell	J. T. Cagle	Arkadelphia	R. M. Cagle, Ben Wells.
Hammonds Chapel .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Missionary Grove	W. C. Felts	W. O. McCargo	Prescott	Represented by letter.
Mt. Zion	J. A. Rucker	J. L. Jones	Arkadelphia, R. 3	Charlie Elliott, Larkin Wright.
Mt. Bethel .....	.....	.....	Arkadelphia, R. 3	Logan Ford, H. Butterfield, Bill Fulmer.
Mt. Olive	E. H. Acuff	Mrs. Maud Williams	Okolona	G. T. Thompson, J. A. Williams, E. H. Acuff.
Okolona	J. D. Bledsoe	G. W. Garrett	Prescott, R. 1	C. C. Dickerson.
Providence	J. D. Bledsoe	Elijah Stockton	Prescott	Represented by letter.
Prescott	F. A. Holt	C. M. Herst	Ellis	W. A. Forbes, T. C. Thrasher.
Pleasant Hill	Sidney Smith	Wilmer Morton	Curtis	Sidney Smith.
Richwoods	J. H. Smart	Arthur Stroud	Arkadelphia, R. 1	W. T. Hollingshead.
Shiloh .....	.....	W. A. Wright	Arkadelphia	W. A. Wright.
Sweet Hill	Logan Ford	T. F. Patterson	Gurdon	J. R. Hart, Mrs. S. H. Bourland.
Sycamore Grove	J. H. Smart	J. M. Gullick	Okolona	Rev. J. H. Smart, W. M. Sublett, John Smart.
South Fork	E. S. Mizell	J. R. Carter	Arkadelphia, R. 2	H. W. Huffman, S. K. Huffman, Frank Marshall.
Unity	C. E. Dicken	W. M. G. Watson	Whelen Springs	G. W. Burns, T. A. Horne.
Whelen Springs	G. B. Hardy	Stella Keys .....	.....	Jim Gray, Ezra Wood, John Fambrough.

Statistical Table

CHURCHES	MEMBERSHIP						MISSIONS				FINANCIAL EXHIBIT													
	Increase—Decrease										Ministerial Education	Schools and Colleges	Sunday School Work	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairing	Orphanage	Minute Fund	Visiting Ministers	Incidentals	Poor	Other Objects	Total per Church	Value of Church Property	
	Baptisms	Letters	Restored	Letters	Expulsion	Deaths	Present Membership	Associational	State	Home														Foreign
Arkadelphia	12	65		55	7	7	742	\$230 35	\$ 9 40	\$305 86	\$557 77		\$ 11 50	\$ 2 30	\$2 000 00	\$ 293 29	\$ 508 04	\$ 7 00	\$	\$548 27	\$ 25 30	\$25 00	\$ 6740 98	\$46000 00
Beirne	8	1		2		1	56	2 50	3 00			1 00			63 00			1 00				16 60	70 50	
Bethel Springs	5		4	9			59			65 00				7 40	68 70		8 95	1 40				2 00	91 02	400 00
Bethlehem	60	9	8	6		1	151	10 35	20 25	5 20	10 00	8 50		19 66	2 10		61 00	2 00	60 00	62 70		2 50	467 66	500 00
Beech Street	4	7	1	3			97	6 00	42 94	24 80	35 00			72 20	421 75	240 10	75 07		66 01		12 66		964 40	800 00
Boughton	5	3		7	1	2	161	13 55		15 00	5 68				2 98	150 00	14 56	3 00		13 75			529 98	1250 00
Blevins							18	34 50																
Caddo Valley	1	1			2	1	94	2 00		3 40	3 45			10 00	25 00		14 57	2 00	6 50				64 92	500 00
Clear Springs		3			3	1	27	3 20						5 00	45 00			1 40	31 00				84 20	600 00
Degray				2		2	215		24 80					65 59	100 00		14 87	1 00			22 00		178 16	750 00
Delight	4	18		8	4	1	69							16 00	200 00			2 00		13 90			229 90	800 00
Harmony	1	4		3		1	63	10 50	4 50		4 50	6 60		6 80	120 00		14 40	1 50	2 00	2 00			168 80	1000 00
Hammonds Chapel															60 00			1 10					61 10	
Hollywood	2	2			4		56	1 50	1 50	1 04	1 57	2 00		5 65	51 53	61 00	10 20	1 00	23 00				159 96	
Missionary Grove	4	1		7	1	4	107	1 00						5 00			7 60	1 40	25 00				40 00	600 00
Mt. Zion	23	17		2		1	87		16 89					5 00	60 00		13 60	2 00			8 00		103 40	
Mt. Olive	5	1	1		5	1	64	5 50	6 00	1 95	65 00	2 00					50 00	1 00	4 00		19 00	10 00	500 00	
Mt. Bethel	9	8	1	10		1	143	15 25	20 00	9 98	9 98	2 54	1 85	19 09	157 00	80 64	123 16	2 00	48 33	7 50		1 14	500 00	
Providence	6					1	40								70 00				45 00				512 14	1000 00
Prescott	15	82		23		1	212			26 00	10 00	23 35	30 85		702 00		41 50		1 72	15 00				
Pleasant Hill			2	3		1	86	12 50	18 00	26 25	21 25	80 15	10 50		39 15	4 80	25 20	2 10	38 56			5 00	190 65	800 00
Richwoods	9	3		8	3		98	2 95						13 32	75 00		25 20	1 70	6 00	5 45			130 52	
Shiloh	3	2		2			76	26 65	17 00	27 24	27 25	19 95		14 00	50 00		51 00	1 80					227 84	1500 00
Sweet Hill	4	4	1	28			320	29 68		40 48	30 20	10 00		42 90	6 00	196 35	73 49	1 50		48 00		1 40	1091 70	
Sycamore Grove	7	4		3		2	88	8 00	11 38	4 00	4 00			10 34	78 57	198 13	30 00		8 40		20 00		344 42	500 00
South Fork	1	6		6	2	1	98	14 25	5 25	4 00	4 75	7 00		9 25	98 00			2 05		5 00			150 10	800 00
Unity		3		4		3	117	50 50	100 00	50 00	50 00		34 20	15 00	195 15		89 37	2 00	17 10	71 16			679 04	800 00
Whelen Springs	28	13	1	5			89							30 00	150 00	110 00	82 00	1 50	50 00		5 00		422 00	1200 00
Total	206	201	19	176	21	33	3455	\$466 13	\$931 39	\$585 35	\$518 05	\$261 09	\$527 40	\$702 70	\$5 944 42	\$1235 89	\$1762 62	\$43 45	\$376 79	\$858 74	\$111 96	\$66 14	\$13702 91	\$60900 00