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of the

**RED RIVER BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION**

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**Held With the South Fork Church,
Clark County, Arkansas,
October 10, 1919**

Proceedings of the Seventy-first Annual Session
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On Friday, October 10th, 1919, the Seventy-first Annual Session of the Red River Baptist Association met, at 10 o'clock a. m., with South Fork Baptist church.

After a devotional service J. D. Bledsoe preached the introductory sermon, his text Rev. III. After the sermon Brother W. A. Forbes took charge. A motion was carried inviting Dr. T. W. McDaniel to speak on the 75 Million Campaign at 3 o'clock. The moderator called for the associational letters.

Letters and Messengers

Arkadelphia—J. D. Bledsoe, Dr. N. R. Townsend and Dr. C. E. Dicken.

Bethlehem—H. A. Lovier.

Beech Street, Gurdon—C. G. Elliott.

Boughton—E. Delaughter, W. D. Sutton and V. A. Beavert.

Mt. Bethel—S. M. Crawford and J. E. Armstrong.

Pleasant Hill—A. J. Stroope.

Missionary Grove—J. J. Wingfield and D. D. Stewart.

Prescott—W. A. Forbes, C. P. Walters and R. E. Strickland.

Richwoods—J. M. Crawford and R. S. Brown.

Unity—Jim Medlock, C. R. Patterson and A. M. Gresham.

Sycamore Grove—Jas. H. Smart, Jno. H. Smart and Dan Peeples.

Whelen Springs—W. E. and Mrs. W. E. Phillips and Mamie Frizell

Harmony—J. T. Cagle.

Emmett Baptist church was received into the Association, Brs. Jim Thomas and E. M. Tompkins were seated as messengers.

The reading of the letters having been finished and the roll having been called, the Association proceeded to

elect her moderator and clerk. Bros. P. T. Dunlop, E. DeLaughter and S. M. Crawford were nominated for moderator and J. D. Bledsoe for clerk. After the ballot was taken the tellers announced that P. T. Dunlop had been elected moderator and J. D. Bledsoe clerk. After a few pointed remarks our newly elected moderator announced that we were ready for business, but just at this point Bro. W. A. Forbes remarked that it was about one hour and a half past dinner time. Hence a motion carried to adjourn and eat.

Friday Afternoon Session

We came together by singing and prayer. It being the hour for Dr. McDaniel to speak he was introduced by Dr. N. R. Townsend. Dr. McDaniel spoke to us out of the fullness and earnestness of his heart. He reviewed the great program of the 75 Million Campaign, giving it's purpose and the many great things that would be accomplished by the Baptist succeeding in this, and last making a strong appeal for every Baptist to do their best to make it a success. At the close of the address, Bro. D. P. Cagle read a communication from Antoine church. The facts showed that the church was in a jeopardous condition. Some members had died, some sick and others moved away, yet they sounded an optimistic note, expressing their gratitude for the assistance rendered them by the Association. They expressed a hope of having their house completed by the next meeting of the Association. Motion carried to refer to the Association board the Antoine situation.

The weather being so unfavorable it was moved to have no evening service, but to meet Saturday morning at eight o'clock.

Saturday Morning Session

The session began by singing. Bro. Walters led in prayer.

(According to the order of business, associational missions was first to claim our attention, so Bro. E. DeLaughter read the report. Motion carried to strike out the recommendation to retain D. P. Cagle until the new board met, because it was stated that it would be done in another recommendation in the report.)

The Missionary's report, the Board's report and the

Treasurer's report were read in connection with the report on Associational Missions. The reports are as follows:

Associational Report

"Association Missions is our base of operations. The Bible plan is to begin at Jerusalem and work outward. It is a great blunder for Baptists to neglect Associational work. We should give first and full attention to the selection of a constructive missionary for the ensuing year, and the points of destitution, as well as the weak and pastorless churches. Therefore we recommend:

"First,, that a missionary be employed for full time, for this entire year.

"Second, that we recognize that the present board has the authority to employ a missionary or transact any other business that might come before them till the regular meeting of the board.

"Third, that the Association Board make apportionments covering the entire expenditures of the year to the several churches of the Association, and urge each church to raise its apportionment."

Yours respectfully,

E. DeLaughter,
John Smart,
J. E. Armstrong.

Missionary's Report

"Dear Brethern:

"As your Missionary for Red River Association, it becomes my duty to render this report. (I began working for the Association December 1, 1918.) In many ways it has been a delightful work, in others, not so encouraging. (The influenza paralyzed many of our churches and Missions for months. During this time we continued our monthly rounds, preaching to what-ever-sized crowds we could get together, visiting the sick and praying in their homes, trying to keep the home fires burning. We thus visited and prayed in many homes. Then during the heavy rain-fall of the spring months, it was difficult to get congregations. But we never missed an appointment because of rain.) One Sunday morning we rode twenty-five miles in the rain only to find it raining too hard for the brethern to attend church 300 yards away.

But off our previous connections with the Association, this has been the most pleasant and profitable.

"Red River Association is a field rich in resources and opportunities. It's resources are it's opportunities. And it is our judgment that these resources have scarcely been touched by the Baptists of the Association. Hundreds, and even thousands in your Association never attend Sunday School or study God's Word in any way. Scores never hear Baptist preaching, and many never hear preaching of any sort. Furthermore, your resources, opportunities, and obligations, as Baptists, present themselves in the form of evangelism; and enlistment. It is not enough to save the soul. The life must be trained and utilized for the glory of God. Too many unsaved, and too many unused. We were unable to visit every needy field. Sodom, Gum Springs, Halfway and Betswell, for instance. We have sought fields where more immediate constructive work could be done; of these, perhaps, Vaden, Gurlefield and Antoine are the most important.

"At Vaden, during the year we completed a house of worship, and on September 28, the church dedicated it to God. They are represented in this body and shall petition you for a seat. With proper leadership, we predict a great future for this church.

"At Gurlefield we held a meeting under the arm of Okolona church with very pleasing results. A permanent arm is extended, a Baptist Sunday School is in progress with a full force of Baptist teachers. Baptists are in the ascendancy, and soon they want a church and a house of worship. This is a fine field for the immediate future.

"At Antoine we have had the hard pull of our life. It remains a rich mission point, and we are still of the opinion that it is yet a fine Baptist opportunity, and at all cost the work should be prosecuted without a break. It might take several years to come into our own. It takes patience and old time Baptist perseverance at this point.

"We have given some assistance to pastorless churches in the Association, of which there are about ten. About 100 sermons have been preached through our appointment.

Summary of Work

Days of labor	316
Miles traveled	2134
Sermons preached	155
Other addresses	10
Professions of faith	60
Baptisms	20
Additions by letter	12
Restoration	2
Total additions	34
Churches dedicated	1
Church houses built, valued at \$1,500 each	2
Sunday Schools organized	2

Financial report of Associational Missions:

6 months @ \$65	\$390.00
4 1-4 months @ \$100	440.00
Total salary	830.00
Paid by Treasurer	\$294.00
Paid by Vaden	100.00
Paid by Gurlefield	21.05
Paid by Hickory Grove	9.10
Paid by Fifth Sunday Meetings	26.80
Paid by Hollywood	2.25
Paid by Sweet Hill	10.50
Paid by Graysonia	82.35
Paid by Graysonia Camps	26.00
Paid by Lakeview	15.00
Paid by Antoine	7.00
Total paid	\$592.35
Total unpaid	237.65
	\$830.00

Respectfully,

D. P. Cagle.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Old balance brought forward	\$105.40
Associational Missions	20.19
Home Missions	2.50
Monticello orphans home	27.11
Texarkana orphans home	7.25

Minutes	39.45
State Missions	39.13
Bethel Springs	5.25
Richwoods	8.85
Hollywood	5.85
Mount Olive	10.00
Arkadelphia First Church	102.67
Harmony	5.70
DeGray	12.00
Vaden (Missionary)	100.00
Gurlefield	21.05
Atlee	9.10
Bethel Springs, District Meeting	10.75
Hollywood (Missionary)	8.10
Graysonia (Missionary)	27.00
Antoine (Missionary)	7.00
Lakéview	15.00
Graysonia	82.35
Sycamore Grove, Fifth Sunday meeting	16.05
Sweet Hill	8.30
By cash from Treasurer	11.24
Total	\$707.79

Expenditures

Check J. S. Rogers, Orphanage	\$ 27.11
Check J. S. Rogers, State Missions	36.13
Check Texarkana Orphanage	7.25
Check J. S. Rogers, Home Missions	2.50
Check State Association	3.00
Check printing Minutes	37.50
Check mailing Minutes	1.95
Check paid D. P. Cagle	294.00
Check charged D. P. Cagle	298.35
Total	\$707.79

Antoine Building Account Receipts

South Fork	\$12.05
Sycamore Grove	5.00
Bethlehem	5.27
Bethel Springs	5.75
Richwoods	10.00

DeGray	22.06	
W. A. Forbes	5.00	
Unity	12.00	
Harmony	2.50	
Mt. Olive	7.75	
Total	\$87.38	
Expenditures		\$175.00
Credit	87.62	
	\$175.00	175.00

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Amount due on note		87.62

J. D. Bledsoe,
Treasurer.

Report of Associational Board

"We, the Missionary Board of Red River Association, report as follows:

"We employed Bro. J. F. Cagle last December 1, at salary of \$65.00 for six months, instructing him to keep in touch with churches that had been organized the year before. Bro. Cagle being in school, could give only part of his time to the work.

"After June we agreed to give him \$100 per month, he to give his entire time. He has worked 316 days, traveling 2134 miles; preaching 155 times; sixty persons professing faith in Christ and 20 were baptised; 12 persons joined the churches by letter, and 2 were restored making 34 additions. Two churches were built worth \$3,000 and two Sunday Schools were organized. He re-

ceived on the field, \$299.35; received from Treasurer, \$294, total, \$593.35. Balance due him, \$236.65.

"Your board also assumed a debt of \$175.00 on church property at Antoine and borrowed same from bank. We have paid on note \$87.38, and \$87.62 interest. The Board has a deed of trust on Antoine church house.

"We had headquarters at Gurdon and have met quarterly and the spirit of all these meetings has been good, and the meetings were well represented. We recommend that the same church representation be continued and that the secretary write a letter to each church requesting that they elect a brother to represent them in these meetings."

Jno. Bledsoe, Sec'y.
W. A. Forbes, Chm.

Motion made asking the Missionary to state places where he held meetings. viz: Gurlefield, Graysonia Camp, Graysonia, Vaden, Okolona, Curtis, etc.

Foreign Mission Report

Bro. J. M. Thomas presented and read the report on Foreign Missions. The report follows:

Foreign Missions differs from our other missions only in the fact that foreign missions is farther removed from those who support the work and that it is dependent on the home field for its support.

This being true the success of foreign missions depends on two factors, namely, information and enlistment.

Our people must know their duty and know the needs of the foreign fields if we expect them to be enlisted. Therefore we recommend that our pastors and churches do their very best to place the means of information in the hands of all our people and endeavor to enlist them in foreign mission work.

We further recommend that every pastor make an effort to place the Home and Foreign Field in every home.

We had last year more than 6000 conversions on our field.

Our folks are planning to spend \$20,000,000 in five years on our seven fields, namely, Brazil, Mexico, Italy,

Argentina, Chili, China and Japan.

We are in hearty accord with the 75 Million drive and we ask our people to co-operate in it.

J. M. Thomas,
J. J. Wingfield,
A. J. Stroope.

Report on State Missions

Bro. A. McPherson read the report on State Missions. After discussions by Bro. McPherson and others the report was adopted. It reads thus:

State Missions work is fundamental in Kingdom work. Our state mission work has grown from small beginnings in 1853. The Arkansas Baptist State Convention was organized at Tulip, Dallas county, in 1853. This organization was organized in 1849, four years before the organization of the State Convention.

"Our State Mission work for many years was not equal to the work of some associations at present. In 1896, twenty-three years ago, we only did \$900.00 worth of State Mission work. Last year we gave \$56,300 to State Missions. Some of the largest churches in the state have been assisted greatly in our State Mission work. We are at present doing more to evangelize the lost than all other denominations in the state.

"We are no yet reaching the lost as we should in our state. We planned to have 20,000 conversions last year. We are having about 10,000 conversions each year.

"The 75 Million Campaign will enable us to double our State Mission forces. Therefore, we recommend that we put ourselves, heart and soul into the campaign to make it a success. Arkansas is a ripe harvest field, and we need to send more laborers into the harvest field."

Alex McPherson,
S. M. Crawford,
Jim Medlock.

Motion passed that we request the State Mission Board to put in or aid as far as practical a missionary in every Association in the state.

Report On Home Missions

Bro. C. P. Walters read the report on Home Missions. Discussed by Bro. Walters and others and adopted. The report is as follows:

"The influence of America in shaping world-ideals

today is unequaled by any other nation. Sound missionary policy requires that we shall really make America Christian. Baptists of the South have in the Home Mission Board an agency of marked efficiency through which they are bringing to bear their combined efforts to that end.

("A great work of soul-winning still confronts us in the South, where about 20,000,000 persons make no profession of religion, though the South is better evangelized than any other section of the country. Our Home Missionaries lead those of all other denominations in the work of soul-winning. 40,000 converts were added to the churches last year through their labors. We rejoice that during the present year the Board's strong evangelistic service is being enlarged still more.)

"The reproach of 3,000 unhoused Baptist churches in the South is being removed by direct gifts and by the 75 Million Loan Fund of our Board. A great service is being rendered through our large system of mission schools to the belated people in mountain districts of the South.)

"One of the greatest tasks before Southern Baptists is the nurturing of many of our churches, through adequate preaching services and pastoral work, whose members are second to none in their sound Americanism and evangelical faith, but who have not been adequately taught in the life of faith. Our Home Board, after six years of effort in this new field, is substantially enlarging the enlistment work.)

"In the field of Indians, Foreigners and Negroes the Board is enlarging its service to meet enlarging opportunities. In its co-operative work with State Boards, especially in the relatively younger states, it is doing the largest work in its history. In Cuba and Panama the Board's work shows a healthy growth, a full return in spiritual fruits for the money we have given to it.

"Adjusting itself to the enlarged effort made possible by the 75 Million Campaign, the Board is expending \$1,500,000 this year, much of it in needy strategic places it was not before possible to enter.)

"We heartily commend our Board for the vigorous and able stand of Dr. B. D. Gray, its corresponding secretary, and his associates, to safeguard the fundamental principles of religious liberty and justice, when these were threatened by forces which used the occasion of the

war to betray our American freedom of faith. The service of our secretary and of our Board in this emergency was invaluable.

"These days of reconstruction are a time of severe testing to the character and Christian faith of our people. With our whole heart we rejoice that the Southern Baptist Convention has in the 75 Million Campaign, provided \$12,000,000 to be used by our home board in evangelizing and Christianizing the South. Let us raise it!

"We have conquered German armies, but German Theology that would take Christ from us, is not yet scourged from the class rooms where many American boys and girls are taught. It has even insinuated its way into some pulpits.

"In our own strength we are unable to cope with these giants of man's learning and with the world's seeming wish to get away from God, but God who is with us is stronger than our enemies, if we shall do our best. The New Theology, which never yet saved a single soul, is a challenge to Baptists to a great home mission program, which will send a preacher of the gospel of redemption into every community in the land.

"While these cunning wiles of the Evil One challenges God's people to clear thinking, importunate praying and great home mission giving, we are still confronted by startling needs and blessed opportunities in the a, b, c field of evangelism. In the South are 20,000,000 souls, our own people, who have made no profession of religion. Through home missions these invite our denomination, which has led America in evangelism, to a far larger support of its home mission board, which has by far, and all the while, led all American home mission boards in soul-winning. These men and women will have more influence on the world's faith and destiny than any equal numbers anywhere in the world.

"While new world-opportunities press upon us in other lands, and the cry for workers for the foreign front grows ever more persistent, Southern Baptists have in the secondary mission schools of the home mission board a seed-bed unsurpassed in America for producing young men and women who devote their lives to the ministry and mission. Thus our strength of impact at the ends of the earth is definitely linked with and dependent on the amount of support we give to the "base

of supplies," to the "training camps" at home for service overseas.

"We have in the enlistment work of the home board the beginning of one of the greatest activities Southern Baptists ever undertook for the releasing of the energies of hundreds of thousands of people who perish for lack of knowledge. We have neglected this work for generations. It is vain and it belittles its worth to think we can correct his long neglect by hasty campaigns. It will require patient thought and unflagging effort.)

"We plead for a new awakening to the great issues now at stake in home missions, and for a greater and sacrificial support to this cause. Every consideration of Christian patriotism and of love for our Master and our own people invites us.

"Each of our churches should order the admirable free tracts of the home mission board, addressing Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia. A larger use should be made of the board's admirable mission study books. These books deal with timely and crucial problems. Every pastor who has not read them should do so. They are sixty cents each, postpaid.)

Respectfully submitted,

C. P. Walters,
W. L. Dillard,
Rich Patterson.

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Christian Education

The report on Christian Education was head by Bro. Elliott. Discussed by Elliott and McPherson. The report is as follows:

"It is no longer necessary to plead for educaion because of the free school system so thoroughly established throughout the country, with laws compelling attendance. But we cannot too strongly urge that our children be given the training furnished by our denominational schools, so that they may be properly equipped for every good work. Those who educate the present generation will control and direct the policies of the future. The Catholics appreciate this, and demand Catholic schools for their children, and for as many more as they can induce to come under their influence.

"We have Ouachita, Central and Mountain Home colleges, Maynard Academy, and Mountrien Institute in our state, while another college is being provided in

Jonesboro.) That we need all of these and more too, is shown by the large number that are being annually turned away from Ouachita and Central colleges, and by the larger number who go from Baptist homes to State institutions, or to other states. We earnestly commend our own schools to our people, as worthy of a place in our prayers and as worthy of our support both by partonizing them and contributing to their support."

Respectfully submitted,

Chas. G. Elliott,
H. A. Lovier,
W. D. Sutton.

Report on Ministerial Education

Bro. W. A. Forbes read the report on Ministerial Education. After having been discussed by Bros. Forbes, Cagle and others the report was adopted. It reads as follows:

"We cannot express too much the importance of education of the coming ministry. The state is spending millions to educate the youth of our country and Baptists must keep pace with the same in our preachers. The call for trained preachers is urgent and almost general. No preacher can tell what he does not know. Long ago a wise man urged a young man to prepare for his work. 2 Tem. 2:15. In Ouachita college there are now 32 ministerial students. In the 75 Million drive it is proposed to give largely for this purpose.

"We recommend that our pastors and people give liberally to this object, and that they seek out among them for those whom God may have called to the work."

W. A. Forbes,
W. L. Dillard.

Report on Young People's Work

Bro. J. M. Thomas read the report on Young People's Work. It was discussed by Bros. Thomas and Cagle. The report is as follows:

"The future hope of our work lies with our young people. If the Baptists of Arkansas and the South are to do greater things for the Master in the years to come than we have done in the past, the young people must have better training for service than we had. We will not be worthy to be called their fathers and mothers, nor

will we be true to our Master if we do not enlist them and give them necessary training.

"Therefore we recommend, First, that every church as far as practicable have a B. Y. P. U.

"Second, That every pastor encourage the young people in their work.

"Third, That we invite Miss Jessie Mae Earle to work in connection with our missionary in organizing a B. Y. P. U. in every church.

"We give here our state workers. Write them for information and help in any way. viz: J. B. Mozeley is our leader in B. Y. P. U. work. Miss Una Roberts of Little Rock, is Sun Beam leader and Miss Elsie Harrison, Conway is leader of Y. W. A.

J. M. Thomas,
J. D. Bledsoe,
B. A. Beavert.

Report on Orphanage Work

Next Bro. Smart presented and read the report on orphanage work. The report was adopted and a collection taken amounting to \$6.15 for Monticello Home and \$5.80 for Texarkana Home. The report is as follows:

"We, your committee on Orphan Homes make the following report. We have two homes in the state. One at Monticello. Bro. W. F. Dorris is in charge of the home at Monticello. We have in this home some 65 children. Bro. T. H. Carter is in charge of the Texarkana home. We have about 28 children in this home.

"Our orphanage work is a work that ought to be very near our hearts. We recomend therefore, that this Association remember hem often in prayer, and that we give of our means liberally for their support."

Jas. H. Smart,
J. M. Crawford.

Report of Finance Committee

Bro. A. M. Gresham came next with the report on finance, read it and the report was adopted. The report follows:

"We, your Finance Committee, beg to submit the attached statement:

Minutes	\$ 38.25
State Missions	12.60
Associational Missions	206.50
Home Missions	5.20
Foreign Missions	5.20
Orphanage	27.00
Total	\$295.25
Cash on hand	\$262.20
To be sent by Mt. Bethel	33.05
Total	\$295.25

E. M. Tomkins,
A. McPherson,
A. M. Gresham.

Report On Nomination

The report on nominations was read by Bro. Jas. H. Smart, and adopted. Boughton was recommended for the next meeting of the Association, but a motion carried to strike out Boughton and insert Emmett. The report follows:

"We your committee on Nominations make the following report.

"We recommend that the next session of this body be held with the church at Emmett, and that Bro. C. P. Walters preach the introductory sermon with Bro. D. P. Cagle alternate."

W. D. Sutton,
W. E. Phillips,
J. H. Smart.

Report On Literature

We had the report on Literature by Bro. Forbes. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

"The committee on Baptist Literature reports as follows:

"First of all books is God's Word, and then our church papers and Sunday School periodicals."

Jno. M. Crawford.

W. A. Forbes,

Motion to adjourn until Sunday morning at 9 o'clock carried.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

Devotional service conducted by Bro. D. P. Cagle. Several prayers were had and a special prayer was offered for Bro. Jeff Dillard, who has been sick for two years or more.

Report On Obituaries

Bro. J. E. Armstrong read the report on Obituaries and upon motion a memorial page was set aside in the Minutes. The report is as follows:

"Since our last meeting of the Association, 25 of our brethren and sisters have died:

Prescott—Mrs. Lester Steed, J. M. Powell and Dan Butcher.

Bethlehem—T. B. Burris, Mrs. J. M. Menton, Miss Vera Hickman and Hurbert Gambell.

Missionary Grove—Mrs. Martha Corneliön, Mrs. Cora Wingfield and Mrs. Ellen Stockton.

Mt. Bethel—Mrs. Ruby Hollingshead.

Arkadelphia—Mrs. Bettie Weeks, J. W. Cook and W. W. Gresham.

Whelen Springs—Mrs. Jesse George and Joseph Guess.

Boughton—R. O. Johnson, Beatrice Billingsly and Elmo Britt.

Richwood—Burnis Johnson.

South Fork—Eugene Williams, Livora Merideth, Mrs. Melicia McMillion, Mrs. Elizabeth Luzader and Mattie Rickett.

Be it resolved: That we extend our sympathies to the bereaved and that a memorial page be set aside in our Minutes.

R. E. Stricklin,
J. E. Armstrong,
J. E. Phillips.

Report On Temperance

The report on Temperance was read by Bro. Forbes. After some interesting discussion by Brethren Forbes, Thomas and the Moderator, the report was adopted. The report is as follows:

"The question of temperance still burns in not only every Baptist heart, but every true Christian's heart.

"The enemies to temperance are not asleep. They are still on the alert—ever planning, scheming and spending in the endeavor to overthrow nation-wide prohibition. And in view of these facts, let us never cease to labor and pray until we have completely stamped out every possibility of imposing intemperance upon our nation.

"Therefore we recommend our endorsement of all temperance efforts in Congress and our state to destroy this monster evil, and give our influence to the officers of the law to enforce the laws on this subject. 'Wild caters' and boot leggers ought to be in the pen, and we recommend their apprehension and conviction, and call upon all of our brotherhood to lend what ever help they can.

Respectfully,

C. P. Walters,
F. I. Marshall.

Report On Sunday Schools

Bro. A. M. Gresham read the report on Sunday Schools. After several speeches were made by superintendents, teachers and number of preachers the report was adopted. The report follows:

"That the Sunday School is of the Lord's past justifiable controversy. And we believe that there should be more attention given to this part of the church work. Therefore we recommend: First, that every church in the Association maintain an evergreen Sunday School.

"Second, that a greater effort be made to enlist all our folks to attend Sunday School.

"That every church arrange for at least one Sunday School institute for the winter months.

Respectfully,

A. M. Gresham,
W. L. Dillard,

Report On Woman's Work

The report on Woman's Work was read by Mrs. C. P. Smith. The report was discussed by Mrs. Smith and others. The report is as follows:

"We, your committee submit the following report. Not having the superintendent's report we cannot give the number of societies. In our annual meeting yesterday we elected Mrs. Jones of Prescott, superintendent, and Mrs. L. C. Patterson of Arkadelphia, secretary. We are looking forward for great advancement in the work this year. Our women are gladly enlisting in the 75 Million Campaign and will pray and work till we go over the top for the Master.

"We recommend that our women take and read the Home and Foreign Field, Royal Service and our State papers; and that they write to our corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. G. Jackson, 410 Donaghey Bldg., Little Rock, for full literature and organize at once where there is no organization."

Respectfully,

Mrs. C. P. Smith,
Mrs. W. E. Phillips,
Mrs. J. E. Cox.

Bro. Walters, who was appointed to preach at the eleven o'clock hour being absent, it was announced that Bro. Elliott would preach.

After a motion was made to take a collection for Associational Missions, Bro. Elliott preached us a good sermon on the theme of Stewardship, his text being I. Cor. 4:1-2. At the close of the sermon the collection was taken amounting to \$37.65. While we sang a song we engaged in a good old-time Baptist hand-shake, thus ending the seventy-first annual session of the Red River Baptist Association.

For the reports on the different W. M. U.'s see appendix.

Report W. M. S.—First Baptist, Arkadelphia

Number meetings held during year	43
Number new members enrolled	11
Total enrollment	95
Average attendance	17

Associational Missions	\$ 71.20
State Missions	584.25
Home Missions	232.00
Florence Wilson Memorial	200.00
Foreign Missions	267.00
Christmas Offering to China, (Lottie Moon Memorial)	45.04
Sunday School Board, Bible Fund	142.40
Christian Education	539.50
Mountain Schools	5.00
French Orphan	36.50
Mary Forbes Home	10.00
Ministerial Education	53.40
Cash to Orphans' Home	162.78
Boxes to Orphans' Home	58.60
Benevolence	53.00
Church Building and Furnishing	5.54
Minute Fund	7.50

Grand Total \$2,473.71

Mrs. C. P. Smith, President.

Mrs. W. C. Pearce, Secretary

Miss Elmira Dickinson, Treasurer.

Number meetings held during year	31
Number new members enrolled	21
Total enrollment	21
Average attendance	10

Associational Missions	\$ 9.15
State Missions	45.60
Home Missions	34.70
Foreign Missions	34.20
Sunday School Bible Fund	18.25
Margaret Fund	5.00
Ministerial Education	6.85
Mary Forbes' Home	5.00
Christian Education	22.85
Cash to Orphans' Home	25.00
Boxes to Orphans' Home	25.00
Benevolence	4.55

Grand Total \$236.15

Mrs. C. D. Johnson, President.

Mrs. P. D. Frisby, Secretary.

Mrs. Geo. O'Baugh, Treasurer.

Report of Y. W. A., No. 3—Arkadelphia

Number members-----11

Given to different objects fostered by the church

Associational Missions-----	\$.70
State Missions-----	3.60
Home Missions-----	2.35
Foreign Missions-----	2.70
Ministerial Relief-----	.55
Christian Education-----	1.80
Bible School-----	1.25
Orphans' Home-----	1.25
Benevolence-----	.35

Grand Total-----\$17.31

State Missions, through Sunday School-----2.76

Given through budget since January 1st, to all ob-
jects-----36.76

Genevieve Tims, President.

Opal Bell, Vice President.

Eunice Mannahan, Secretary and Treasurer.

Report of B. Y. P. U.—Arkadelphia

Average enrollment-----	58
Average attendance, per cent-----	62
Taking Bible Readers' Course, per cent-----	32
Systematic and Proportionate Givers, per cent-----	57
Average collection per week-----	85 cents
Percent enrollment, 9-8-19-----	82
Average attendance, percent-----	83

Pat Biscoe, President.

Amy Fish, Secretary.

Report of W. M. S.—Prescott

Number meetings held during year-----	6
Number new members enrolled-----	6
Total enrollment-----	22
Average attendance-----	9

State Missions-----	\$20.00
Home Missions-----	10.00
Thank Offering for Home Missions-----	10.00
Foreign Missions-----	15.00
Christmas Offering to China (Lottie Moon Me- morial)-----	5.00

Margaret Fund	1.00
Mountain Schools	1.00
Training School Expense Fund	1.00
Training School Scholarship	1.00
Minute Fund	1.00
Mary Forbes' Home	5.00
Central College Loan Fund	50.00
Christian Education	5.00
Old Ministers' Relief	1.00
Cash to Orphans' Home	65.75
Boxes to Orphans' Home	2
Benevolence	12.00
Church Building and Expense	20.00

Grand Total \$288.00

Mrs. W. A. Forbes, President

Mrs. W. E. Cummins, Secretary-Treasurer.

Report of W. M. S.—Shiloh Church

Number meetings held during year	3
Number new members enrolled	4
Total enrollment	9
Average attendance	5

Associational Missions	\$ 1.50
Home Missions	4.85
Foreign Missions	4.85
Christian Education	6.00
Cash to Orphans' Home	.50
Benevolence	41.00
Church Building and Expense	1.50

Grand Total \$60.20

Mrs. McMullen, President.

Mrs. Gaither, Secretary.

Lela Ross, Treasurer.

Ordained Ministers

NAME	POSTOFFICE
Dr. C. E. Dicken	Arkadelphia
J. D. Bledsoe	Arkadelphia
Dr A. M. Croxton	Arkadelphia
H. J. P. Horne	Arkadelphia
Dr. H. L. Winburn	Arkadelphia
M. F. Langley	Arkadelphia
Dr. N. R. Townsend	Arkadelphia
Charles G. Elliott	Gurdon
A. W. King	Gurdon
E. DeLaughter	Boughton
W. D. Sutton	Boughton
J. M. Thomas	Emmett
G. G. Presson	Hollywood
J. W. Wingfield	Prescott
Sidney Smith	Curtis
W. A. Forbes	Prescott
C. P. Walters	Prescott
Ralph Bishop	Arkadelphia, R. 1
J. H. Smart	Gurdon
E. H. Acuff	Arkadelphia
D. P. Cagle	Arkadelphia
T. R. Saunders	Arkadelphia
A. McPherson	Arkadelphia
A. J. Sheets	Arkadelphia
J. L. Price (licensed)	Arkadelphia
L. E. Burns	Arkadelphia, R. 2

Sunday School Statistics

Church	No. Schools	No. of Pupils	No. of Teachers	Kind of Literature Used	No. Btisms
Arkadelphia	1	575	35	S. B. C. Series	13
Beech Street	1	150	9	S. B. C. Series	2
Bethlehem	1			S. B. C. Series	
Blevens	1	55	4	S. B. C. Series	
Boughton	1	116	9	S. B. C. Series	
Emmett	1	70	6	S. B. C. Series	
Hollywood	1	50	3	S. B. C. Series	4
Harmony	1	25	4	S. B. C. Series	4
Lakeview	1	62	4	S. B. C. Series	1
Missionary Grove	1	60	5	S. B. C. Series	26
Shiloh	1	60	5	S. B. C. Series	
Pleasant Hill	1	46	4	S. B. C. Series	
Richwoods	1	81	5	Landmark	
Prescott	1	100	10	S. B. C. Series	
Mt. Bethel	1	50	5	S. B. C. Series	2
Southfork	1		5	S. B. C. Series	
Sycamore Grove	1	52	5	S. B. C. Series	
Unity	1	40	4	S. B. C. Series	7
Sweet Hill	1	195	8	S. B. C. Series	15
Whelen Springs	1	48	3	S. B. C. Series	
Total	20	1833	133		76

Officers of Church and Societies

Church	Pastor and Postoffice	Clerk and Postoffice	S. S. Sup. and Postoffice
Arkadelphia	H. L. Winburn	R. D. Hall	J. B. Meador, Jr.
Beech Street	C. G. Elliott	H. E. Powell	H. E. Powell
Bethlehem	D. W. Cornish	W. F. Rowe	J. R. Horne
Blevins	W. A. Forbes	W. B. Cummings	Edward Edwards
Boughton	F. A. Holt	T. J. Lamb	T. W. McDaniel
Emmett	A. P. Blaylock	Dr. J. E. Cox	E. M. Tompkins
Hollywood	J. D. Bledsoe	J. N. Carter	J. N. Carter
Harmony	Sidney Smith	J. T. Cagle	R. M. Cagle
Lakeview	J. A. Sheets	Greene Wilson	G. Wilson
Missionary Grove	E. Delaughter	Maud Wingfield	J. W. Wingfield
Shiloh	I. D. Bledsoe	M. C. Welch	W. A. F. Wells
Pleasant Hill	J. H. Smart	W. P. Norton	Jeff Norton
Richwoods	J. H. Smart	N. A. Smith	R. S. Brown
Prescott	C. P. Walters	O. J. Stephenson	J. A. Blakeley
Mt. Bethel	S. Smith	W. H. Brown	Bryan Brewer
South Fork	J. H. Smart	Geo. Wells	S. K. Huffman
Sycamore Grove	J. H. Smart	J. M. Gullick	Jno. H. Smart
Unity	M. F. Langley	A. M. Gresham	Jeanette Burns
Sweet Hill	E. H. Acuff	J. W. Webb	M. E. Patterson
Whelen Springs	D. W. Cornish	Stella Keys	J. D. Patterson

Statistical Table

CHURCHES	MEMBERSHIP							MISSIONS				FINANCIAL TABLE												
	Increase—Decrease							Associational	State	Home	Foreign	Ministerial Education	Colleges	Sunday School Work	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairing	Orphanage	Minute Fund	Visiting Ministers	Incidentals	Poor	Other Objects	Total per Church	Value Church Property
	Baptisms	Letters	Restored	Letters	Deaths	Expulsion	Total Membership																	
Arkadelphia	13	81		85	3		779	\$102 67	\$ 750 00	\$1370 85	\$562 50	\$112 50	\$125 00	\$544 23	\$3147 50	\$ 928 21	\$440 59	\$10 00	\$225 40	\$994 76	\$ 8 15	\$585 00	\$ 9907 36	\$50000 00
Beech Street	2	2		10		1	107	41 00	265 79	96 85	107 85	91 10	69 50	30 58	1200 00		20 54	5 00		49 10	4 00	47 40	2023 71	
Bethlehem	2	11		4	4		159			29 85								2 00					31 85	
Blevins		7		2	2		25			20 00				10 00		2000 00	5 00		6 00				2041 00	
Boughton	24	7		3	3		203	20 50	24 10	106 25				49 44	545 70			4 35	33 36				783 45	2000 00
Emmett	12	15	2	3	2		125			60 00	75 00				420 00			3 00	150 00				708 00	
Hollywood	17	5	1	1	1	2	72	19 80	21 75		6 00			12 71	200 00		1 75	1 00	25 00		18 00	1 00	307 01	
Harmony	4	5		18	1		43	16 26		6 50	6 50				65 00			1 85	26 90	2 00			124 95	1200 00
Lake View				3		4	49			11 00				11 18	50 00			1 50	25 00	24 00			137 68	750 00
Missionary Grove	31	3	2	3		3	115		3 00					24 00	50 00	65 00	7 00		75 00				224 00	1500 00
Mt. Bethel	2	4		14	1		115	24 55	9 70	4 85	3 15	28 40		18 00	137 00	28 30	25 55	1 50	76 0	1 00	2 50	17 35	377 85	
Pleasant Hill				6	3		73	10 75	6 00					5 00		52 00		1 00					74 75	
Prescott	19	41		5	3		225	50 00	105 02	76 99	87 74		27 03	107 56	1208 50	85 67	35 00	2 50	47 50	195 12			2029 43	
Richwoods	4	2		7	1		94	40 00						11 88	125 00		15 41		21 35		13 25		226 89	
Shiloh				1	1	10	59	9 00	25 00	16 30	16 30	6 00		22 50	25 00	1 50	10 15		25 00			35 00	192 95	
South Fork				5	5		86	22 15	9 55	5 20	5 20			19 00	150 00	101 50	13 00	1 50					327 10	1000 00
Sweet Hill	23	24	1	10	9		345	21 20	38 20	78 65	78 70	26 45		50 66	385 00	60 00	12 61		140 00	55 40	16 40		963 27	5000 00
Sycamore Grove		1		5		3	77	29 00	6 85	7 61	7 59			6 29	79 50	26 50	15 00	1 95	17 21		21 55		219 25	500 00
Unity	7	4		7	2		109	36 50	57 00	61 19				12 32	135 00		38 63	2 00	58 00	67 50		12 00	485 33	800 00
Whelen		4		6		2	44		31 50					9 00	200 00			1 50	38 00	25 00			303 00	1200 00
Total	160	216	6	196	41	25	2901	\$443 32	\$1353 46	\$1952 08	\$956 53	\$264 45	\$222 33	\$944 25	\$3123 20	\$3348 68	\$640 23	\$40 65	\$989 92	1413 88	\$ 83 85	\$696 75	\$21488 73	\$63950 00

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 deliberate 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 baptised, 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 succinct statement of all receipts and expenditures.

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

Art. 6. 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 matter into consideration and act upon them at its own direction.

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.