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AMERICAN BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY

PROCEEDINGS

BEEBE, ARK., October 7, 1899.

CAROLINE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION called to order by the Moderator, Bro. W. P. Fletcher, at 10 o'clock, a. m. Prayer by Elder J. S. Thomas. Devotional services conducted by Elder Ben M. Bogard.

Brother J. V. Ferguson, clerk, not being present, R. A. Moore was elected clerk pro tem.

Address of welcome by Elder M. T. Webb; responded to by Brother W. P. Fletcher.

Recess till 11 o'clock this a. m.

At 11 o'clock Association called to order by the Moderator, and Introductory Sermon preached by Elder R. L. Cole; text, Exodus 3:10.

Recess to 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

ASSOCIATION called to order at 2 o'clock p. m. by the Moderator. Prayer by Dr. Frank White.

Brothers F. G. Briggs and W. Theo Smith were elected reading clerks.

Letters being called for, the following messengers responded by letter:

ANTIOCH—S. C. Wamic, Dick White and Sister Sallie Barnes.
AUSTIN—W. F. Gibson, and Sisters Carrie Conner and Mattie Thurman.
AUGUSTA—Sisters N. E. Hall and Pearle Gullic.
BALD KNOB—Elder L. L. Boone, G. Connelly and E. A. Sheppard.
BEEBE—Elder M. T. Webb, J. W. Pearcy and J. F. Bass.
BOONE CHAPEL—Represented by letter.
BAYOU METO—J. E. Tanner.
CABOT—W. M. Patton, R. A. Stovall and W. H. Campbell.
CANEY CREEK—J. H. Howard, E. D. Seaton and J. C. Williams.
CARLISLE—Elder C. A. Owens, W. F. Center and Sister M. A. Muzzey.
CENTER HILL—Elder W. A. Crutchfield, T. E. Green, L. S. Redus and D. T. Woodson.
DESARC—W. J. Hall and N. D. Tisdale.

DAVIS CHAPEL—Represented by letter.

ENGLAND—Represented by letter.

EL PASO—J. M. Wright and T. H. Midgitt.

FIRST ARGENTA—Elders J. G. Doyle and R. L. Cole, R. E. Lee, T. Nixon and Sister J. G. Doyle.

FRIENDSHIP—J. O. Granberry, J. Q. Tucker and Sister Ella Red.

GREENWOOD—T. F. Burton and Sister Cora Burton.

GRIFFITHSVILLE—Elder R. H. White.

HARMONY—Elder C. G. Howard and Robert Clark.

HICKORY PLAIN—J. M. Rooker and R. A. Dunkum.

IMMANUEL—Dr. A. B. Miller, J. H. Reynolds, M. N. Harston, J. W. Bailey and Sister Hattie Echols.

JUDSONIA—Elder Robert Best, R. J. Wynne and F. G. Briggs.

KENTUCKY VALLEY—D. W, Holliman and J. R. Belew.

LIBERTY—Sister G. L. South.

LONOKE—Dr. Frank White, Elder D. J. Leak, W. P. Fletcher, H. T. Bradford and Sisters Ella A. Fletcher and Hassie White.

MCRAE—J. D. Birdsong.

MT. VERNON—J. B. Traylor and W. D. Hendrickson.

MT. PLEASANT—S. H. Herron.

MT. ZION—J. F. Walker and C. E. Davis.

NEW HOPE—J. A. Pinson, H. D. Smiley and T. P. Corpier.

OAK GROVE—W. B. Howell, Wilson Lamay and T. J. Childress.

PECAN GROVE—T. F. Landreth and Sister M. A. Landreth.

PLEASANT HILL—J. M. Robinson, T. P. Carroll and J. E. Coleman.

ROSE BUD—J. R. Hulsey and A. L. McKay.

ROYAL HILL—F. C. White and Dick Killough.

SEARCY—Elder Ben M. Bogard, Ben C. Black, J. A. Ford, J. W. Hart and R. A. Moore.

SECOND CHURCH, Little Rock—Dr. M. L. Thomas, Elder J. P. Eagle, W. E. Atkinson, M. F. Locke, A. W. Files, W. Theo Smith, J. E. Daniels, J. J. Doyne and Sister J. P. Eagle.

SHARON—E. N. Davis.

SHILOH—J. C. Vaughan, J. A. Ballentine and A. T. Rodman.

WEST POINT—Sisters Mary Pryor and Lelia Hardy.

WALNUT PLAIN—L. W. Hutson, G. L. Mitchell and W. B. Burnett.

WATENSAS—W. H. Taylor and W. E. Simmons.

ZION HILL—A. J. Boyd and Jessie Hammons.

The Association proceeded to the election of officers, and the regular method of voting being suspended in the election of all the officers; the clerk was ordered to cast the unanimous vote of the Association for Brother W. P. Fletcher for Moderator, which was done and he was declared elected. Brother W. Theo Smith was ordered to cast the entire vote of the Association for R. A. Moore for Clerk, which was done and he was declared elected. The Clerk was ordered to cast all the votes

of the Association for Brother W. Theo Smith for Treasurer, which was done and he was declared elected.

Brother W. Theo Smith tendered his resignation as Treasurer, which was accepted, and the Clerk was ordered to cast the whole vote of the Association for Bro. J. H. Reynolds for Treasurer, which was done and he was declared elected instead of Brother W. Theo Smith, resigned.

Petitionary letters being called for, responses were made as follows:

By Griffithsville Baptist Church, through its representative, R. H. White; and on motion the Griffithsville Church was admitted into fellowship with this Association.

The following Corresponding Messengers then responded:

Brothers R. G. Laughferty and J. M. Carter, from Little River Association.
Elder R. F. Routh, from Grand Prairie Association.
Elder W. B. Holland, Missionary of State Board.
Brother W. Theo Smith, Elder W. B. Holland and M. F. Locke, representatives of Arkansas Baptist Company.
Elder J. S. Thomas, representative of the American Baptist Publication Society.
Elder R. E. Sutton, Brother A. F. Riley, representatives of Central College.
Brother W. E. Atkinson, representative of Ouachita College.
Elder M. E. Hudson, Missionary of this Association.

Committee on Religious Exercises submitted the following report:

That, on tomorrow at 11 o'clock, a. m., Elder R. L. Cole would preach at the C. P. Church; Elder W. A. Crutchfield at the Campbellite Church; Elder C. G. Howard at the M. E. Church; and Dr. A. B. Miller at the M. E. Church South.

The money sent to the Association by West Point church, subject to the will of the Association, was appropriated to Associational Missions.

The subject of Associational Missions was made a special order for the night session, and Associational Mission Board, the Associational Missionary and the Committee on Associational Missions were ordered to report at the convening of the night session, that their reports might be discussed jointly.

Recess to 7:15 p. m.

NIGHT SESSION

ASSOCIATION was called to order by the Moderator. Devotional exercises conducted by Dr. M. L. Thomas.

The Associational Mission Board submitted the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF MISSION BOARD.

The Mission Board of Caroline Association submits the following report:

After organizing, we found that the Association was in debt to former missionaries and no money on hand with which to pay the same. An appeal was made to the churches and pastors of the Association, asking them to raise and forward to the Board the amount that we owed. Failing in this, we employed Brother George W. Thomason for one month, to visit the churches and endeavor to raise the money in that way. Finding that we were still in debt, and the parties that we owed being badly in need of the money due them, the Board, together with some other brethren, borrowed and gave their note for $115.

Notwithstanding the financial condition of the Association and the resolution passed at its last meeting, we felt that we could not afford to let the years pass without having some missionary work done in the bounds of our Association. We employed Brother M. E. Hudson for two months at a salary of $40 per month. As to the work done by him we respectfully refer you to his report.

Following is our financial statement:

Received from—		Paid out—	
W. Theo Smith, treasurer,	$128 60	On former Note - - - -	$118 10
Argenta church - - - -	12 25	To J. D. Fletcher, former Missionary - - - -	115 75
Lonoke church - - - -	30 00	To O. W. Owens, same - -	16 50
Oak Grove church - - -	5 00	To George W. Thomason -	40 00
Wattensaw church - - -	5 25	To M. E. Hudson, Missionary,	15 00
Rosebud church - - - -	1 00	Balance on hand - - - - -	3 00
Harmony church (GR Howard)	1 50		
Judsonia church - - - -	8 85		
Greenwood church - - -	90		
Borrowed and gave our note -	115 00		
	$308 35		$308 35

Outstanding Indebtedness—

Note for $115 and interest - - - -	$121 75
Balance due M. E. Hudson, Missionary,	65 00
Balance due on salary of O. W. Owens, -	18 05
	$204 80
Less amount on hand - - - - -	3 00
	$201 80

Respectfully submitted.

H. T. BRADFORD, Chairman,
W. Y. BRANSFORD, Secretary,
J. V. FERGUSON, Treasurer.

The Associational Missionary submitted the following report, which was adopted, except that part which recommended the appropriation of $50 to Des Arc church; this part of the report being referred to the Associational Mission Board:

MISSIONARY REPORT.

I was employed by the Board and began work August 1st. The field is large and the time was too short to accomplish much more than finding the needy places. I find a great deal of territory undeveloped and the seeds of error are being rapidly sown. From DesArc to Higginson along the line of the DesArc & Northern railway, there is only one Baptist church, and west and northwest of Jacksonville there is a fine field inviting and claiming our attention. I held meetings at Jacksonville, DesArc and Griffithsville. At DesArc a pastor was called for half his time. I would recommend that the Association help this point to the amount of $50. At Griffithsville steps were taken toward building a house. They will call a pastor soon. Following is the summary of the work: Sermons preached, 49; addresses made, 8; collected on salary, $8.78; visits made, 60; received by baptism, 2, and by letter, 1; days of service, 60; miles traveled, 400.

M. E. HUDSON.

Committee on Associational Missions submitted the following report, which was adopted:

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS REPORT.

We, your committee on Associational Missions, submit the following report: The Board began the past year's work with a debt; the pledges from the churches were small; the Board was compelled to carry over an indebtedness of $115, with interest. From this it will be seen that the work of the Board was necessarily limited.

The report read in your hearing shows an indebtedness of $201.80, and we recommend that same be raised tonight. For the future, we recommend that the pastors in charge of the various churches of the Association be urged to keep before their respective charges the pressing need of contributions from them in order that this work may be done, remembering that even a small amount from all will do more good than larger amounts from a few.

We further recommend that each church in the Association make it a point to report definitely in its letter to the Association the amount for which they consider themselves pledged for carrying on the work during the ensuing year. We also ask that during the sitting of this Association each church pledge itself in some amount for the prosecution of this work.

We deem that the best work of this Association can be done only through the agency of a missionary; and we recommend that the Association authorize the incoming Board to employ a missionary for the ensuing associational year and that his services be paid for out of the funds arising from the pledges of the churches and the collections taken on the field for that purpose and such aid as may be secured by cooperation with the State Sunday School and State Mission Boards.

R. L. COLE,
H. T. BRADFORD,
J. J. DOYNE,
JAMES P. EAGLE.

The following cash collection was taken for Associational Missions:

W. P. Fletcher, -	$ 5 00	Elder J. P. Eagle,	$10 00	Sister J. P. Eagle,	$5 00
H. T. Bradford, -	10 00	J. J. Doyne, - -	5 00	W. M. Patton, -	2 00
J. Q. Tucker, - -	1 00	Elder W. M. Davis,	1 00	E. D. Seaton, -	1 00
Elder W. B. Holland,	1 00	Elder R. H. White,	1 00	R. W. Clarke, -	1 00
Elder C. A. Owens,	1 00	L. W. Hutson, -	1 00	Eld. Ben M. Bogard,	1 00
Elder M. E. Hudson,	1 00	J. W. Hart, - -	1 00	S. H. Pettus, - -	1 00
D. T. Woodson, -	1 00	Eld. W.A.Crutchfield,	1 00	Granderson Apple,	1 00
Elder R. W. Cazort,	1 00	C. Deal, - - -	1 00	Elder C. G. Howard,	1 00
J. C. Vaughn, - -	23	E. N. Bailey, - -	25	J. A. Ford, - -	1 00
J. A. Ballentine, -	1 00	H. D. Smiley, -	50	D. Connelly, -	50
A. L. Hatfield, -	50	T. P. Carroll, - -	1 00	C. B. Westbrook,	1 00
S. G. Daniels, - -	50	J. W. Loman, -	2 00	R. E. Sutton, -	1 00
Sister W. M. Patton,	1 00	T. H. Midgitt, -	1 00	Sister Adda Couch,	1 00
Sister M. N. Harston,	1 00	Dr. Frank White,	25	F. C. White, -	50
Boone Chapel, - -	1 00	W. D. Heddrickson,	1 00	Sister W.P.Fletcher,	1 00
R. A. Moore, - -	1 00	Collection from Congregation, - - - - -			2 14

Total, $74.62.

The following pledges were taken for Associational Missions:

Antioch, $2.50; Austin, $5, by W. F. Gibson; Augusta, $3; Bald Knob, $5; Beebe, $10; Boone Chapel, $2.50, by Elder D. J. Leak; Bayou Meto, Col.; Cabot, $10; Caney Creek, $5; Carlisle, $5, by Elder C. A. Owens; Center Hill, Col.; DesArc, $10; Davis Chapel, $2.50, by Elder J. M. Davis; ElPaso, Col.; First Argenta, $25; Friendship, $5; Greenwood, Col.; Harmony, Col.; Hickory Plain, $2.50, by J. M. Rooker; Immanuel, $10; Judsonia, $10; Liberty, $5; Lonoke, $25 and Col.; Mt. Vernon, Col.; Mt. Pleasant, $2; Mt. Zion, Col.; Oak Grove, $5 and Col.; Pecan Grove, $10 and Col., by T. F. Landreth; Pleasant Hill, $5 and Col., by J. M. Robinson; Rose Bud, $5; Searcy, $50; Royal Hill, $2 and Col.; Second Church, Little Rock, $25 and Col.; Shiloh, $3; West Point, $4, by Sister Lelia Hardy; Walnut Plains, $5; Wattensas, Col.; Zion Hill, $2 and Col.; and Griffithsville, $5. Total, $266, and collections promised to be taken.

The Moderator announced the appointment of Committees, as follows:

Associational Missions—Elders R. L. Cole and M. T. Webb; J. J. Doyne, Elder J. P. Eagle and H. T. Bradford.

State Missions—Elders J. P. Eagle and C. A. Owens; W. E. Atkinson, A. W. Files and E. N. Davis.

Home Missions—Elders A. B. Miller and J. C. Vaughan; J. M. Wright and S. C. Wamic.

Foreign Missions—Elders Ben M. Bogard, L. L. Boone and J. B. Swanner; E. D. Seaton and J. E. Coleman.

Colleges and Schools—Elders M. L. Howard, M. F. Locke, G. Connelly, J. H. Howard and J. A. Ford.

Ministerial Education—Elder Frank White, A. L. McKay, L. S. Redus, J. D. Birdsong and H. D. Smiley.

Temperance—Elder J. M. Davis, J. C. Williams, T. E. Green, W. F. Center and J. B. Traylor.

Sunday School—Elder J. G. Doyle, F. G. Briggs, R. J. Wynne, D. T. Woodson, and Elder D. J. Leak.

Obituary—Elder J. P. Eagle, J. F. Tanner, J. R. Belew, J. T. Walker, J. R. Hulsey and W. B. Burnett.

Woman's Work—Sisters J. P. Eagle, N. E. Hall, Mary Pryor, G. L. South, Ella Red, N. A. Muzzey, Pearle Gullic, Sallie Vaughan and Carrie Conner.

Literature—Elder Frank White, W. B. Howard, F. C. White, Jessie Hammons and L. W. Hudson.

Correspondence—Elder W. A. Crutchfield, W. J. Hall, R. E. Lee, J. O. Granberry and W. E. Simmons.

Orphans' Home—Elder M. T. Webb, W. H. Campbell, N. D. Tisdale, T. Nixon and J. Q. Tucker.

Nominations—Elder F. T. Landreth, J. W. Percy, T. H. Midgitt, Robert Clarke and J. W. Rooker.

Finance—W. M. Patton, J. E. Daniels, A. T. Rodman, Dick White and Elder Robert Best.

Committee on Religious Exercises made the following report:

That tomorrow night there would be preaching by Elder Ben M. Bogard at the Baptist Church; by Elder C. A. Owens at the M. E. Church South; by Elder J. P. Eagle at the C. P. Church; by Elder R. F. Routh at the Campbellite Church, and by Elder M. E. Hudson at M. E. Church.

Adjourned until tomorrow at 11 o'clock a. m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH--MORNING SESSION

ASSOCIATION called to order by the Moderator at 11 o'clock a. m. Prayer by Elder Ben M. Bogard. Missionary sermon preached by Elder Frank White; text, Acts 1:8. After which a collection was taken for Associational Missions, and $31.71 was received.

Recess to 3:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

ASSOCIATION called to order by the Moderator at 3:30 o'clock p. m. Prayer by Elder D. J. Leak.

The Obituary Committee submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Obituaries submits the following report: We are again keenly reminded that life is fleeting. Our "days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle." "All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth and the flower fadeth away." "We spend our years as a tale that that is told. The days of our years are three score years and ten, and if by reason of strength they be four score years, yet is their strength, labor and sorrow, for it is soon cut off and we fly away."

A standard bearer indeed has fallen. For many years he unflinchingly fought the battles incident to christian and ministerial life, but he has recently obeyed the summons of the Master: "It is enough; come up higher."

On the 15th day of September, 1899, in the eighty third year of his age, Bro. E. B. Dover was called from labor to rest. For many years he was one of the leading ministers in this part of the State. He stood side by side with his co-laborers, Brothers C. B. Walker, George Thompson, John Carroll, Moses Green, T. P. Boone, R. J. Coleman, T. B. Eshy, — Beavers and J. M. King, in organizing and building up the churches in Caroline Association and in giving the people the pure word of life. Brother Dover was the last of these faithful servants of God to be taken from us. The best of his long and useful life's labor was given to Caroline Association. His memory should ever be fresh and sweet to us.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES P. EAGLE,
J. T. WALKER,
J. E. TANNER,
J. R. HULSEY,
J. R. BELEW,
W. B. BURNETT.

Pending the adoption of the report of the Committee on Obituaries, a memorial service was held in honor of the memory of Elder E. B. Dover, deceased. Remarks very appropriate and precious in reference to the life and character of the deceased were made by Elders J. P. Eagle, W. B. Holland, J. S. Thomas and L. L. Boone, and Brothers J. T. Walker, W. P. Fletcher, A. T. Rodman and Drs. A. B. Miller and Frank White. The meeting was characterized by the most delightful feeling and fellowship. "Let us die the death of the righteous."

Recess to 7:15 p. m.

NIGHT SESSION

ASSOCIATION was called to order by the Moderator at 7:15 p. m. Prayer by

IN MEMORY OF OUR
BELOVED BROTHER
ELDER E. B. DOVER
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER
1899

Elder R. G. Laughferty, and devotional exercises conducted by R. A. Moore. Preaching by Elder Ben M. Bogard.

Committee on Ministerial Education submitted its report, which was adopted, as follows;

Your Committee on Ministerial Education begs leave to submit herewith its report:

By balance on hand October 7, 1898, - - - -	$22 23
By amount received from Lonoke Church for 1899,	10 00
Total amount on hand, - - - - - - - -	$32 23

Brother W. B. Holland was selected by our last Association to attend school, but he reported early that he would be unable to attend school; therefore, we have made no effort to collect the pledges made by the churches for the present Associational year on account of Ministerial Education. We hope that Brother Holland will be able to attend school this next Associational year. If not, we recommend that the Association select some other brother, and we feel sure that the Association can and will give a liberal support to any brother that the Association may adopt.

FRANK WHITE, Chairman,
H. T. BRADFORD, Clerk,
W. P. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

Adjourned to 8:30 a. m. tomorrow.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9TH--MORNING SESSION

ASSOCIATION called to order by the Moderator at 8:30 o'clock a. m. Prayer by Brother W. E. Atkinson.

Minutes of the previous session read and adopted.

Treasurer's report submitted and adopted, as follows:

Your Treasurer respectfully submits the following report for the year 1898-99:

Received from former Treasurer,	$ 25	Amounts paid out—	
Minute Fund - - - - - - -	43 60	For printing Minutes - -	$ 43 60
Associational Missions - - -	124 32	Associational Missions - -	124 32
State Missions - - - - - - -	8 00	State Missions - - - -	8 00
Home Missions - - - - - - -	1 00	Home Missions - - - -	1 00
Foreign Missions - - - - -	70	Foreign Missions - - - -	70
Ministerial Education - - - -	22	Balance on hand - - -	47
Total - - - - - - - -	$178 09	Total - - - - - - - -	$178 09

Respectfully submitted. W. THEO SMITH, Treasurer.

The Committee on Nominations was instructed to assign to the brother who

may be selected to preach the missionary sermon next year the subject: "The Relation between the Support of Missions by a Church and its Right to Fellowship in the Association."

Committee on State Missions submitted report, which was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE MISSIONS.

Among the different systems of cooperative work in our State in which this Association has borne a part, that denominated State Missions has been one of the most fruitful and beneficial. Not one of the strong associations in the state but has within it evidences of this work. It would be profitable for us to bear in mind what we, with our brethren in the other parts of the State, have wrought and are still doing in our borders. We also rejoice that this work is now being done in other and more needy sections of our State. The Lord is now greatly blessing the work of our brethren under our employment in this work for the present year. The field is growing in importance. The coming of new railroads and the building of new towns and the opening of new enterprises and the peopling of new districts, increase our needs and dangers, and put upon us greater responsibilities. There are many fields in which other denominations are so increasing and fortifying themselves that our brethren there are unable to cope with them unaided. The successes and blessings with which God has crowned our efforts in these fields this year, and the increasing demands they make upon us for further help seems to be the finger of God pointing to greater sacrifices and efforts for the future. In no field of labor known to us are such prospects of rich harvests promised as in the unoccupied fields in our State now opening to us. The Lord is opening to us new doors constantly in this field, and a deep sense of our duty to follow where he is so manifestly leading us should be constantly inculcated. Each church in our bounds should make this a special subject of prayer and conversation and our ministry should not fail to do its utmost in this behalf, and some adequate system in each church should be provided for collecting means for this work, so that each, including the poorest, member could be induced to contribute.

This is a part of the great work left by our ascended Lord for His people to do. No one can avoid the obligation and none should slight the work. Moved by love to God and a passion to save the lost, we should consecrate our lives and fortunes to God to be used in this as in other fields in which we are called. In obedience to His command, let us GO, expecting His promised presence and benedictions.

JAMES P. EAGLE, Chairman.

Committee on Home Missions submitted report, which was adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Home Missions would respectfully report as follows: The Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention certainly has a vast and most important field in which to work for the Master, embracing all of the Southern States, part of the Indian Territories and Cuba. The work of the Board has recently been enlarged, and perhaps never before have such successful efforts been made for the extension and permanent establishment of our cause as are now being put forth throughout this vast territory, and never before have the calls for help been more

justifiable. Last year there were 467 missionaries employed, who delivered 49,300 sermons and addresses, and baptized 4,739. Doubtless the reports for the present year will show large increase in the work done and in the success attending the faithful labors of the missionaries.

The Home Board has done so much for Arkansas and for some of the churches in this Association that we cannot but recognize the obligation upon us to do all in our power to help carry forward the work. We are glad to be able to report that the Home Board is furnishing our State Board $1,500 this year to help the work in Arkansas, and, surely, we cannot fail to recognize our obligation to do what we can for the Home Board.

The order of mission work is, first, in our own hearts; next, to those nearest us, and then on, and on, to the uttermost part of the earth. While the efforts to carry the Gospel to the heathen should be encouraged in every way possible, we cannot but feel that if more attention were given to the work in the home field the contributions for the prosecution of the work in foreign fields would be greatly increased. And we would earnestly recommend that regular contributions be made in all the churches to the Home Board at Atlanta, Ga.

A. B. MILLER,
J. C. VAUGHAN,
S. C. WOMACK.

Brother A. F. Riley addressed the Association on behalf of Central College.

Recess to 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

ASSOCIATION called to order at 1:30 p. m. by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder W. M. Davis.

Committee on Printing Minutes of last year submitted report, which was adopted, as follows:

Your committee, to whom was entrusted the printing of minutes, submit the following report:

Received from W. T. Smith, treasurer, - -	$43 60
Received from Oak Grove Church, - - -	75
Received from Carlisle Church, - - - - -	1 10
Received from Advertisements, - - - -	20 00
Total Receipts, - - - - - - - - - -	$65 45
Paid for Printing 2000 Minutes, - - - - -	$46 00
Paid for Mailing and Expressing same, - -	11 60
Paid Clerk of Association, - - - - - -	7 85
Total Amount Paid out - - - - - - -	$65 45

Balance due Clerk, $17.15.

Respectfully submitted.

J. V. FERGUSON.

Committee on Foreign Missions submitted report, and, after some discussion,

It was referred back to the Committee and Dr. M. L. Thomas, H. T. Bradford and R. G. Laughferty were added to said Committee.

The Committee on Sunday Schools submitted report, which was adopted, as follows:

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, submit the following report: Having examined the letters to the Association from the different churches, we find that 26 churches report Sunday schools, with an enrollment of 1938, with an average attendance of 975, and that these churches report $482.96 contributed to missions. We also find that thirteen churches report no Sunday schools, and that they contributed $53.90 for missions. We find that there are about four thousand church members in this Association. It does seem only reasonable that the Sunday school enrollment should be about equal to the church membership.

We recommend that preachers and people be urged to use their best efforts to establish a live Sunday school in every church, and we urge their continued cooperation with the State Sunday School Board, giving it their sympathy and their substantial aid.

J. G. DOYLE,
F. G. BRIGGS,
R. F. WINN,
D. T. WOODSON,
D. J. LEAKE.

The Committee on Ministerial Education made report, which was adopted, as follows:

Brother Moderator and Brethren—We believe in an educated ministry. Those who are called of God to preach the Gospel should, as far as possible, enjoy the advantages of our schools, colleges and seminaries. When God calls a man to preach who is unable to acquire an education, this should be taken as conclusive proof that he means for us to do it. All honor to the men who, without collegiate education, have told the story of the Cross and founded our Christian institutions with their brains, money and muscle! Those who have had to plod their way in the ministry without an education are usually most willing to aid young ministers through school.

We recommend the adoption of Bro W. A. Crutchfield as our Associational beneficiary, and that all our churches pledge him their support to the extent of their ability. We recommend Ouachita College as the proper place for all our young ministry.

FRANK WHITE, Chairman.
L. S. REDUS,
A. L. MCKAY,
H. D. SMILEY,
J. D. BIRDSONG.

A collection of $23 was taken to assist Elder W. A. Crutchfield in going to school at Ouachita College. Also, the following pledges were taken from the churches for the same purpose: Antioch, $2.50; Bald Knob, $5; Beebe, Col.;

Center Hill, $50; El Paso, Col.; First Argenta, $25; Immanuel, Col.; Judsonia, $10; Liberty, $25; Lonoke, $5; New Hope, Col.; Pecan Grove, $5; Pleasant Hill, Col.; Rose Bud, $25; Searcy, $6 per month, so long as he remains in school; Second Church, Little Rock, $25; Walnut Plains, Col.; and Griffithsville, Col.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Be it resolved, That all contributions to Brother W. A. Crutchfield as our beneficiary be as a gift, and not as a loan to him.

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions was again received by the Association, and adopted, as follows;

We, your Committee, beg leave to report: The Lord said, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

This commission was given to the church, as such. It was to "a congregation of baptized believers, united in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel," that Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." It is the church which should do the preaching, and it is the church which should do the baptising.

The method of doing this greatest work should be Scriptural. It is always best, no matter what the risk, to do exactly what the Bible says. We are always safe when we conform to the Scriptures in all things. We recommend a careful study of the New Testament that we may discover the way Jesus and his apostles did their work and then attempt to follow the Lord's plan as closely as possible.

We recommend that the churches in this Association increase their efforts and contributions in Foreign Mission work. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest.

BEN M. BOGARD, Chairman,
J. B. SWANNER,
M. L. THOMAS,
H. T. BRADFORD,
THOS. F. LANDRETH,
L. L. BOONE.

Committee on Colleges and Schools made report, which was adopted, as follows:

In nothing have we come nearer the divine order than in the building up of institutions whose object it is to educate those who are to give their lives to the work of Christ. The college and the seminary, as well as all other means of education, are most essential to our Christian work. Education is not Christianity, but Christians need education. We believe that our children should be educated under spiritual influences. We advise Baptists to send their children to their own schools. They best train for our work. Even ministers of the gospel who are educated in institutions without good religious influences some times show it more or lessin after life.

When a person is called to special Christian usefulness he must make preparation for it. The disciples selected by Jesus were already men of some maturity, but that was not permitted to cut their special training short. Ouachita, Central and Mountain Home are more important to us than any other colleges in the world. Here our future Christian workers are instructed by teachers who are established in the doctrines of the New Testament.

We make our plea for the Baptist school, the Baptist book and the Baptist paper. We need them. Let us patronize and sustain them.

M. L. THOMAS, Chairman.

The Committee on Temperance submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Temperance recommends that all Baptists and Baptist churches stand firmly on the side of sobriety, and that the use of alcoholic liquor as a beverage be made a test of fellowship in all of our churches.

We have reason to believe that there is a continued improvement along this line in our country.

J. M. DAVIS,
J. B. TRAYLOR,
J. C. WILLIAMS,
T. E. GREEN.

The Committee on Religious Exercises report that Elder M. L. Thomas will preach tonight at the Baptist Church.

The Committee on Woman's Work made report, which was adopted, as follows:

Under the influence of certain old English laws and unchristian, if not uncivilized, customs which have obtained, women, for many generations, came to regard themselves as passive and almost irresponsible beings even in matters of religion. Man alone was the active agency. The husband, as head of the family, assumed to meet the church obligations of the entire family. The wife too readily yielded this privilege, and undertook to meet other obligations alone, where the help and advice of the husband were absolutely essential.

The modern effort to awaken woman and place her once more in the position she occupied in affairs of church in the time of the apostles has, beyond question, met with wonderful success, and God has greatly blessed this work.

That there are still Christian women, and perhaps whole churches of them, that have not yet considered themselves capable or obligated to do more than to enjoy the grace of God in their hearts is to be regretted.

The whole purpose of organizing woman's societies in the churches is educational: First, desiring that all may be brought to recognize individual responsibility, and, second, that they may become intelligent with reference to the need and the field for Christian work. Again, the Christian association, thus brought about, is always developing. "They that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them thrt feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name."

If all hearts enlisted under the banner of God could be made to realize that they are called upon by our Lord to give of their substance and of personal service, no missionary enterprise would ever lack for funds and no field would be untouched by missionary effort.

To this end we recommend that each pastor in the bounds of this Association lend his aid and encouragement to the organization of woman's missionary and aid societies where none exist, and that he shall foster and endeavor to enlarge the work of those already organized.

We further recommend to the women of the churches that they cease not their efforts until every one of their number shall become an active contributor and worker for missions and all other church enterprises.

MRS. JAMES P. EAGLE,
MRS. N. E. HALL,
MRS. M. A. MUZZY,
MISS MARY PRYOR,
MISS ELLA REDD,
MISS PEARL GULLIC,
MRS. CARRIE CONNER.

Recess to 7:15 p. m.

NIGHT SESSION

ASSOCIATION called to order by the Moderator at 7:15 p. m. Prayer by Dr. A. B. Miller. Sermon by Dr. M. L. Thomas.

The Committee on Literature made report, which was adopted, as follows:

We would recommend, first of all, a prayerful perusal of the Holy Bible. "Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me." We also recommend that every Baptist in this Association take, read and pay for the Arkansas Baptist. We further recommend the literature published by our Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville, Tenn. Also, the literature of the American Baptist Publication Society of Philadelphia, Pa. And we further recommend to the confidence of our people Brother J. G. Doyle and his work.

FRANK WHITE, Chairman.
L. W. HUTSON,
W. B. HOWELL.

The Committee on Correspondence made report, which was adopted, as follows:

We, your Committee on Correspondence, submit the following report: We appoint as messengers to the following Associations: Little Red River—Elders Ben M. Bogard, M. T. Webb; Grand Prairie—Brother W. J. Hall, Elder C. A. Owen, Brother and Sister W. P. Fletcher; Green Brier—Elders W. B. Holland, R.

L. Cole and M. L. Thomas; Pine Bluff—Brother J. H. Reynolds, Elder A. B. Miller and W. P. Fletcher; Saline—Brother W. E. Atkinson, Elder Frank White.

W. A. CRUTCHEIELD,
W. J. HALL,
J. E. GRANBERRY.

Committee on Orphans' Home submitted report, which was adopted as follows:

Your Committee reports that we have such an institution located at Monticello, Drew county, and since St. James says pure and undefiled religion is to visit the fatherless and the widow in their afflictions, we find these orphans scattered over the State and have prepared a good building for them. We have gathered up 25 of these children; we need more room and clothing; therefore, we recommend that our churches pay liberally to the support of this institution.

Respectfully submitted.

M. T. WEBB,
W. H. CAMPBELL,
N. T. TISDALE,
T. NIXON,
J. Q. TUCKER.

P. S.—All money given to the Orphans' Home should be sent to Brother W. W. Gardner, Arkadelphia, Clark county, Ark.

The Committee on Superannuated Ministers submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Statement Superannuated Ministers Account, by W. F. Gibson, Treasurer:

		Dr.	Cr.
May 13	By Cash and Supplies of Oak Grove Church, - - -		$ 7 13
May 15	By Cash of M. T. Webb of Greenwood Church, - -		1 25
May 20	By Cash of M. E. Hudson of Friendship Church, - -		2 25
May 24	By Cash of Bro. McShaw of Wattensaw Church, - -		1 55
April 18	To Cash paid for printing Circulars, - - - - - - -	$ 50	
April 18	To Cash for Postage Stamps, - - - - - - - - -	80	
September	Balance credited on Brother Sawyer's account, -	10 88	
		$12 18	$12 18

T. J. YOUNG, Chairman.
M. E. HUDSON, Secretary,
W. F. GIBSON, Treasurer.

October 8, 1899.—Received from the Treasurer of the former Board, $14.27; from Lonoke Church, $10. Balance on hand, $24.27.

We would urge the churches to take collections for this work as soon as possible, and pledge themselves to it for the coming year. Brother Sawyer is in actual need at present, and must be made comfortable for the winter months.

T. J. YOUNG, Chairman,
W. F. GIBSON, Treasurer,
M. E. HUDSON, Secretary.

Collection was taken for Elder J. J. Sawyer.

The Committee on Nominations made report, which was adopted, as follows:

We, your Committee, beg leave to make the following report; We recommend that the Association meet with the 1st Argenta Baptist Church on Saturday, at 10 o'clock a. m., before the second Sabbath in October, 1900; and that Brother A. B. Miller preach the Introductory Sermon; alternate, M. T. Webb. We recommend that Brother W. A. Crutchfield preach the Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock on Sunday; alternate, W. B. Holland. We recommend for member of the State Board, Dr. Frank White. We recommend J. P. Eagle as messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention. We recommend as Associational or Executive Board, Brothers W. P. Fletcher, H. T. Bradford, W. Y. Bransford and J. V. Ferguson. For Board on Ministerial Education, W. P. Fletcher, H. T. Bradford and Dr. Frank White. For Board of Superannuated Ministers, W. F. Gibson, T. J. Young and M. E. Hudson. For messengers to State Convention, R. A. Moore, I. L. Boone, H. F. Poe, D. J. Leak and W. Theo Smith.

Respectfully submitted.

THOS. F. LANDRETH,
J. M. ROOKER,
T. H. MIDGITT,
R. W. CLARK,
J. W. PEARCEY.

The Finance Committee made report, which was adopted, as follows:

We, your Committee, beg leave to make the following report:

Minutes Fund, - - - - - - - -	$ 46 80
Associational Missions, - - - -	282 25
State Missions, - - - - - - - -	17 60
Home Missions, - - - - - - - -	5 00
Foreign Missions, - - - - - - -	6 00
Ministerial Education, - - - -	32 00
Total, - - - - - - - - - - -	$389 65

Respectfully submitted.

W. M. PATTON,
A. T. RODMAN.

The Secretary of the Sunday School and Colportage Board submitted, at the request of the Association, the following report of his work for the year just ended:

Days of service, 330; miles traveled, 4.572; sermons and addresses, 161; Sunday schools organized, 44; enrollment of same, 1,894; Sunday schools aided by donation, 59; cost of same, $71.44; traveling expenses, cash fare, $20.35; hotel and bus, $6.75.

J. G. DOYLE, Secretary.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That we instruct the clerk to have fifteen hundred (1500) copies of the minutes printed and distributed according to the contributions which have been sent in by the churches. We further instruct him to retain fifteen ($15) dollars for

his services and that he secure as much advertising matter as possible to increase as much as possible the printing fund.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That we thank the Moderator and Clerk for their faithful and efficient service.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be extended to Beebe Church and her pastor, Brother M. T. Webb, and to the various denominations of the city for the use of their houses of worship, and to the people of the city for the royal way they have served and entertained us during the sitting of this body.

The correction of the minutes was ordered to be made by the Moderator, Clerk and Elder Ben M. Bogard.

The Association adjourned to meet with First Argenta Baptist Church, of Argenta, Ark., at 10 o'clock a. m., on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1900. Closing song, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." Prayer by Elder J. P. Eagle.

W. P. FLETCHER,
Moderator.

R. A. MOORE, Clerk.

APPENDIX

CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Post Office	CLERK	Post Office	SUNDAY OF MEETING
Antioch	WBHolland	Antioch	BenFJones	Antioch	
Austin	MTWebb	Beebe	IsaacMcKinney	Austin	2nd
Augusta	LLBoone	Bald Knob	MMO'Neal	Augusta	4th
Baker's Bayou					
Bald Knob	LLBoone	Bald Knob	JSMBevers	Bald Knob	1st
Beebe	MTWebb	Beebe	JBWalker	Beebe	2nd
Boone Chapel	DJLeak	Lonoke	Mary Darby		1st&3d
Bayou Meto	JDFletcher	Lonoke	HGLegate	Lonoke	1st
Baugh's Chapel					
Brownsville					
Cabot	WVWalls	Benton	JWLowman	Cabot	3d
Caney Creek			AWFry	Pettus	2nd
Carlisle	CAOwens	Carlisle	ANBacus	Carlisle	2&4th
Center Hill	WA Crutchfield	Searcy	JSRedus	Center Hill	1st
Cypress Valley					
Calvary					
DesArc					
Davis Chapel	JMDavis	Austin	C M Granberry	Lecont	1st
England	RESutton	Conway	JSwain	England	
El Paso	MTWebb	Beebe	Allen White	El Paso	4th
First Argenta	RLCole	Argenta	Tom Cotton	Argenta	S, M, W
Friendship	MEHudson	Sylvania	JQTucker	Lecont	2nd
Garner					
Greenwood	MTWebb	Beebe	TJShort	Buttlersville	1st
Griffithsville			BFWhitsett	Griffithsville	
Harmony	RFRouth	Hagen	CGHoward	Cato	2nd
Higginson					
Hickory Plain	RFRouth	Hagen	JWCaskey	HickoryPl'in	4th
Immanuel	ABMiller	Little Rock	THDugger	Little Rock	Every
Judsonia		Judsonia	TBDrake	Judsonia	Every
Jacksonville					
Keo					
Kensett					
Kentucky Vall'y	GHWWright	Joy	FGKing	Romance	2nd
Liberty	WA Crutchfield	Searcy	J R Walker	Walker	3d

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Post Office	CLERK	Post Office	SUNDAY OF MEETING
Lonoke	Frank White	Lonoke	Floy O'Kelly	Lonoke	Every
Lee Grove					
LaBelle's Chap'l					
McRae	J P Linder	Beebe	James Kilman	McRae	2nd
Mt. Olive					
Mt. Pleasant	C G Howard	Cato	A J Patton	Cabot	1st
Mt. Vernon	J P Linder	Beebe	W C Newell	Mt. Vernon	3d
Mt. Zion	J L Milton	Beebe	E L Walker	Beebe	2nd
Oak Grove	J M Davis	Austin	E J Pearson	Austin	4th
New Hope	R F Routh	Hagen	H D Smiley	Wattensas	3d
Pecan Grove	T F Landreth	Toltec	G W Scruggs	Cobb	1st&3d
Pleasant Hill	R E Sutton	Sidon	T P Carroll	Parnell	4th
Panola					
Rose Bud	W A Crutchfield	Searcy	A B Welch	Turnip	2nd
Royal Hill			F C White		
Searcy	Ben M Bogard	Searcy	J A Ford	Searcy	Every
2ndCh.Lit Rock	M L Thomas	Little Rock	J E Daniels	Little Rock	Every
Sharon	C G Howard	Cato	E N Davis		Sat&1
Sherrill					
Shiloh			W M Fuller		1st
Tomberlin					
Walnut Plain	G W Thomason	Wattensas	J T Smith	Carlisle	1st
Watensas	John McKinney	Lonoke	W E Simmons	Wattensas	4th
West Point			J M Garrison	West Point	
Zion Hill	John McKinney	Lonoke	W E Douglass	Warsaw	2nd

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Best, Robert, Judsonia.
Bogard, Ben M., Searcy.
Boone, L. L., Bald Knob.
Cazort, R. W., Mt. Vernon.
Clark, W. A., Little Rock.
Cole, R. L., Argenta.
Cravens, J. R., Butlerville.
Crutchfield, W. A., Searcy.
Doyle, J. G., Argenta.
Fletcher, J. D., Lonoke.
Gammel, J. H., Beebe.
Granberry, R. H., Lecont.
Holland, W.B , Antioch.
Howard, C. G., Cato.
Hudson, M. E., Sylvania.
Kirkland, M.S., Argenta.
Landreth, T.F., Pettus.
Leak, J. D., Lonoke.
Linder, J.R., Mt. Vernon.
Lucardo, R.P. LittleRock.
McKinney, John, Austin.
Melton, J. G., Cabot.
Miller, A.B., LittleRock.
Miles, O. P., Moved.
Nations, W. W., Beebe.
Owens, C. A., Carlisle.
Sawyer, J. J., Austin.
Smith, C. E., Judsonia.
Stone, J. W., Lonoke.
Swanner, J. B., Searcy.
Thomason, G. W., Lonoke.
Vaughan, C. T., Brundidge.
Webb, M. T., Beebe.
White, Frank, Lonoke.
Witherington, W. J., Cato.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

CHURCHES	Superintendents.	Post Offices	No. of Officers..	No. of Teachers'	No. Enrolled.....	Av. Attendance	Cost of Literature
Austin	T J Young	Austin	5	4	64	26	$ 16 00
Augusta	P B Mills	Augusta	....	....	42	....	.....
Bald Knob	R Lewis	Bald Knob	7	5	64	50	16 00
Beebe	R C Walker	Beebe	11	7	.....	60	.....
Cabot	T M Couch	Cabot	6	4	58	25	9 25
Caney Creek	T B Pruitt		....	....	.....	....	.....
Carlisle	B S Muzzey	Carlisle	6	4	49	35	18 00
Davis' Chapel	C M Granberry	Lecont	5	3	34	25	4 00
England	J B Blakeney	England	7	5	60	45	14 80
El Paso	John Foulks	El Paso	....	6	70	.....	9 42
First Argenta	B A Wilson	Argenta	9	6	90	63	24 20
Friendship	C N Granberry	Lecont	8	4	50	20	3 60
Greenwood	J E Burton	Buttlerville	6	5	45	30	6 50
Immanuel	W E Berthe	Little Rock	15	14	156	112	28 14
Judsonia	F G Briggs	Judsonia	15	12	160	90	30 31
Lonoke	W P Fletcher, jr.	Lonoke	13	....	75	60	35 00
McRae	A E Perkins	McRae	5	3	40	25	5 00
Mt. Vernon	J B Traylor	Mt. Vernon	6	....	45	35	.....
Oak Grove	W B Howell	Austin	8	6	91	51	12 75
Pecan Grove	J D Cobb	Cobbs	7	4	41	27	12 00
Pleasant Hill	W M Campbell	Cabot	6	4	50	35	5 00
Rose Bud	J M Burlinson	Rose Bud	6	3	40	15	4 50
Searcy	J A Kimbrough	Searcy	13	11	181	88	101 37
Sec. Ch., Lit. Rock	C E Taylor	Little Rock	30	25	264	136	479 25
Shiloh	J A Ballentine	Brundidge	5	5	40	25	4 00
Walnut Plain	G H White	Barrettsville	5	3	25	25	.....

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the "Caroline Baptist Association," and shall be composed of Baptist Churches representing themselves by accredited Messengers. Its object shall be to provide missions, education and Sunday schools.

Art. 2. Every Church belonging to this Association shall be entitled to three Messengers, and every Church having over one hundred members shall be entitled to an additional Messenger for each additional fifty members over one hundred.

Art. 3. The session of this Association shall be annual, at such time and place as shall be appointed by the body.

Art. 4. Any Baptist Church of the same faith and practice may be admitted as a member of this Association, upon expressing a desire, through Messenger and letters, to work in fellowship with us.

Art. 5. The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot at each annual session, and continue in office until their successors are elected. A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to elect.

Art. 6. This Association has no power to control or in any way interfere with the independence or rights of the Churches, but may advise, when asked by a Church through its letter to the Association, and it may withdraw its fellowship from any Church known to walk disorderly.

Art. 7. This Association may correspond by letter and Messenger with other representative bodies of our denomination.

Art. 8. In the absence of any officer of this Association his place shall be filled pro tempore, by viva voce election.

Art. 9. The Association may, from time to time, adopt such rules and bylaws for its government as may be expedient, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

Art. 10. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular session by the vote of two thirds of the Messengers present in favor of the proposed amendment.

Amendment No. 1. This Association may provide means to aid in the support of their aged, infirm, needy and superannuated ministers who have devoted their lives to the ministry, and who have been engaged in their last regular ministerial work for at least one year within the bounds of the Association. The Association may appoint a Board and adopt such bylaws and regulations as will be necessary for carrying out the provisions of this amendment.

BY-LAWS

FOR DIRECTION OF THE BOARD ON AID TO SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS

SECTION 1. The Association shall appoint a Board on Aid to Superannuated Ministers, consisting of three members, which board shall be located in or near the same locality. Said board shall hold office from the time of appointment until the annual session of the Association. Should a vacancy occur on said board, the ma-

jority may select a member of any Missionary Baptist Church, a member of this Association in good standing to fill such vacancy. The board shall organize once a year by electing a president, secretary and treasurer. Said board shall provide such stationery as will be necessary for their use as a board and any other necessary expenses that may be incurred in carrying on the work intrusted to them, and shall be paid out of the funds in their hands; and they shall be required to make a report to the Association each year of all monies received and disbursed.

Sec. 2. The board provided for in Section 1 of these bylaws may raise means through the churches of this Association, or raise contributions from other sources and in such manner as will be legitimate. They may purchase lands, make improvements under direction of this Association. The title to such lands shall be made to the Moderator of the Association and his successors in office.

Sec. 3. The Association shall at its annual meeting decide who shall be placed upon the list of Superannuated Ministers and direct what amount of aid shall be furnished by the board, and decide whether or not such beneficiary can labor in the ministry, and, if so, to what extent. Provided, that if some minister, within the bounds of Caroline Association, who may come under the provisions of the constitution of this Association, may from continued sickness of himself or his family, or for other good and sufficient causes, become a charge upon the community in which he may at the time reside, the board may render such aid to such minister as the circumstances may require or their ability will admit of. Provided, further, that for good and sufficient cause the board may discontinue their aid to such ministers and report their action to the Association at its next session.

Sec. 4. The board provided for in Section 1 of these bylaws shall in all cases, where it is possible, work in harmony with the mission board of this Association in supplying and giving work to such infirm or superannuated ministers as they find such ministers are capable of performing. And in no case will this board be permitted to make pledges beyond their financial ability as such board, nor shall they involve the Association in debt.

Sec. 5. The Board on Ministerial Education shall aid such ministers as are adopted by the Association for education to the extent of the funds in their hands. Loans shall be made to such ministers, and their individual notes taken to the President of the board of education and his successors in office, with interest at 6 per cent from due until paid. The board shall not loan more than sufficient funds to meet the actual needs of such beneficiaries and not more than will be necessary for five months at any one time. They shall divide the funds in their hands in equal proportions as the demands of the beneficiaries may require. And the board shall provide such stationery and printed matter as will be required to carry out the requirements of the Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

ABRIDGED FROM PENDLETON'S CHURCH MANUAL

1. We believe that the Holy Bible, written by men, divinely inspired, and full of unmixed truth, is a perfect rule of faith and practice. 2 Tim. 3:16.

2. We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Gen. 1:26. 2 Cor. 13:14.

3. We believe that man, once holy, fell by voluntary transgression, from that happy state, and is now utterly void of holiness. Gen. 1:26, 3:17.

4. We believe that sinners are saved by grace alone. Eph. 2:8-9.

5. We believe that men are justified by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Gal. 3:6-29.

6. We believe that salvation is free to all who will accept the Gospel. Isa. 55:1, John 7:37, Rev. 21:6, Rev. 22:17.

7. We believe that, except a man be renewed by the Holy Spirit, he is not qualified or prepared for the Kingdom of Christ on earth, or to enjoy his glory hereafter. John 3:3-8.

8. We believe that repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are duties of every one who hears the Gospel. Mat. 3:2, Acts 18:31.

9. We believe that election is the eternal purpose of God, by which He graciously regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners. Rom. 8:30.

10. We believe that sanctification, begun in regeneration, and ever progressive, is the process by which we are made to partake of God's holiness. John 3:6, 2 Thes. 2:13.

11. We believe in the preservation of the saints, that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation. 1 Peter, 1:5.

12. We believe that God's law is the only, the eternal and unchangeable rule of His Church and moral government. 2 Tim. 3:16-17.

13. We believe that a Church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, united in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel, observing the ordinance and obeying the laws of Christ, and that its officers are pastors and deacons. Acts 2:41-47, 1 Tim. 3:2-8.

14. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, by a properly qualified administrator, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Matt. 28:19, Mark 16:16, Romans 6:3-4.

15. We believe that only such as have been properly baptized and received into the fellowship of a regularly organized Baptist Church should partake of the Lord's Supper. Matt. 26:26-27, 1 Cor. 11:20-23.

16. We believe that the Lord's day or Christian Sabbath should be devoutly observed, and sacredly devoted to religious services. Mark 16:9, Acts 20-7, 1 Cor. 16:1-2, Heb. 10:25.

17. We believe that civil government is of divine appointment, and that the governors of states and nations should be obeyed, when the laws they seek to enforce do not conflict with the Gospel.

18. We believe in the future resurrection of the dead. Dan. 12:2-1, 1 Thes. 4:16.

19. We believe in final judgment; and that, in that day, the righteous and wicked will be separated forever. Acts 17:31, Matt. 25:32-33.

20. We believe that the righteous will be happy forever in heaven, and the wicked miserable forever in hell. Matt. 25:34-46.

Thanking God for the light we have received, and for the revelation of Jesus which we now enjoy, and hoping that God, for Christ's sake, has pardoned our sins, and having been baptised on a profession of our faith in Christ Jesus into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, we do, this day, before God and the world, and with deep joy and great solemnity, enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We therefore covenant and agree, that, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, we will walk together in love and Christian fellowship. We promise to labor for the advancement and final triumph of the Church; to sustain her worship by attending the house of God and supporting the ministry; to guard her ordinances, enforce her discipline, and defend her doctrine.

We also pledge ourselves to walk circumspectly in the world; to be honest, just and faithful in our business relations; and, as God may give us help, we promise to live righteous and holy lives.

We further promise to watch over each other in brotherly love; to visit the sick; to pray for each other and the world; to aid the poor and needy, and to perform such other kind offices as may be well pleasing in the sight of God.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The daily session of the Association shall be opened and closed with religious exercises.

2. All exceptions to the decision of the Moderator shall be by appeal to the body, whose decision as expressed by a majority of the vote, viva voce given, shall be final.

3. In case of a tie vote, the Moderator shall give the casting vote, and he shall not be allowed to vote in any other case.

4. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speaking as other members, but when rising to speak shall call some other member to the chair.

5. No member shall speak but once on the same subject, more than twenty minutes at a time, except by leave of the Association, provided the mover shall have the privilege of opening and closing the debate on his motion or resolution.

6. But one member shall speak at a time, and if more than one rise to speak at the same time the Moderator shall decide who is entitled to the floor.

7. Any member desiring to speak shall rise and address the Moderator, and in speaking shall confine himself to the subject under discussion, and no one shall use any disrespectful or discourteous language, calculated to wound the feelings of any member, or to disturb the harmony of the body, and the appelation of "Brother" shall be used in every reference to a member of the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall absent himself without leave of the chair, and the chair shall grant no such leave except for reasonable cause.

9. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to make and present faithful records of the proceedings of the Association, and to procure and supervise the printing and distribution of the same among the churches.

10. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all monies accruing to the Association, to pay out the same upon the order of the Clerk, or, if Home Mission fund, upon the order of the Secretary of Home Missions, and to report his receipts and disbursements. But the Clerk shall draw no order upon the Treasurer except for appropriations previously made by the Association.

11. Committees shall be appointed by the chair, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Opening of the session by devotional exercises and preaching of Introductory Sermon.
2. Reading letters and enrolling names of Messengers.
3. Election of officers.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Appointment of Committee on Religious Exercises; which committee will be allowed to report at any time.
6. Enrollment of names of Corresponding Messengers from other bodies.
7. Enrolling names of visitors.
8. Appointment of Committees: 1. Associational Missions. 2. State Missions. 3. Home Missions. 4. Foreign Missions. 5. Colleges and Schools. 6. Ministerial Education. 7. Temperance. 8. Sunday Schools. 9. Obituaries. 10. Woman's Work. 11. Literature. 12. Correspondence. 13. Orphans' Home. 14. Nominations. 15. Finance.
9. Report of Associational Mission Board.
10. Report of Missionary.
11. Report of Board on Ministerial Education.
12. Report of Board on Aid to Superannuated Ministers.
13. Report of Treasurer.
14. Reports of Committees in order.
15. Miscellaneous business.
16. Resolutions.
17. Exercises of final adjournment.

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Austin		1		2		3	54	1 50	5 00	1 62	2 3
Augusta	8	14		1		3	34	1 00	2 00	2 00	2 00
Baker's Bayou							10				
Bald Knob	19	9	1	1		2	54	50	2 50	2 00	
Beebe	10	8		7		5	113	1 50	2 50	5 00	2 25
Boone Chapel		2				1	46	1 00			
Bayou Meto						2	39	50	2 50		
Baugh's Chapel							15				
Brownsville							25				
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Carlisle		1		4		2	56	1 00	3 50		
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Cypress Valley							10				
Calvary							25				
DesArc							40				
Davis Chapel	2			2	3	2	23	50	2 10		
England		7	1	6	2		53	1 65	7 00	4 00	6 00
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Royal Hill	8	3	2	3		1	40	50	2 00		
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