



Minutes of
Clear Creek Baptist Association

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION.

1893.



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Clear Creek Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH—

Red Bird Church, Crawford County, Ark.,

—ON—

OCTOBER 7, 8, AND 9, 1893.

Eld. D. C. HARDIN, Moderator, Ozark, Ark. :: :: ::

Eld. JOHN E COX, Secretary, Lonelm, Ark.

 : : : *Bro. B. W WEBB, Treasurer, Ozark, Ark.*

The next session will be held with Dyer Baptist Church,
Crawford County, Ark., commencing on Friday before
the second Sunday in October, at 9 A. M.

CONSTITUTION.

SEC. 1. This Association shall be known as the Clear Creek Association of Missionary Baptists.

SEC. 2. It shall be composed of messengers from Missionary Churches known to be in good standing. Each Church with fifty members or less, shall be entitled to three messengers; and each additional twenty-five members shall entitle the church to one additional messenger.

SEC. 3. The officers of the Association shall consist of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual session of the body, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the body according to parliamentary usage.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a correct record of the proceedings of the body, to tend to the publication and distribution of the minutes, keep a regular file of the printed minutes of each session and deliver the same to his successor in office.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to take charge of the funds of the Association, holding them subject to the order of the body, or her Executive Committee, and render an account of the same to each sitting of the body.

SEC. 7. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship among the Churches, to secure unanimity of faith, and concert of action in mission work, and also to cultivate the purity of the Churches.

SEC. 8. This Association shall, in no case, interfere with the internal regulations of the Churches but will be requested to act as an advisory council when necessary. It, however, claims authority over its members, and will withdraw from and disown all Churches that depart from the principles of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith, or disorderly in practice.

SEC. 9. Newly organized Churches, or Churches dismissed from other Associations, may be admitted into this body upon application by letter and messengers, at any annual meeting, by their messengers agreeing to the abstract of principles herewith published.

SEC. 10. Churches may be dismissed from this Association by application at an annual meeting, for the purpose of joining any body that we recognize, or for the purpose of forming a new Association, but any Church departing from us without being regularly dismissed shall be regarded as disorderly.

SEC. 11. There shall be an Executive Committee appointed at each annual meeting, consisting of one member from each Church, and the officers of this body by virtue of their relation thereto, be members of said committee. This committee shall have direction of the missionary operations of the Association, subject to its control, and shall be required to make an annual report of its proceedings. This committee shall have the authority to represent the Association in all matters requiring attention while the Association is not in session. Each member of this committee shall constitute a missionary agent for his respective church to collect funds for mission work, and shall report the same to each meeting of the committee, which meetings shall be regularly on the Saturday preceding each fifth Lord's Day in the year. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 12. The territory of the Association shall be divided into four districts, to be numbered in regular order, and a district meeting appointed to be held in each district in the order in which they are numbered, on Saturday, at 10 o'clock A. M., preceding each fifth Sunday in the year, in connection with the Executive Committee, at which time and place there shall be delivered a sermon subject to criticism, and also the reading of essays or exegesis, subject to criticism, on subjects previously given.

SEC. 13. The moderator of the Association, when present, shall preside at each district and board meeting. The clerk of the Association shall keep a record of the proceedings of each district and board meeting, and report the same.

SEC. 14. The annual meeting of the Association shall begin at 11 o'clock a. m., on Thursday before the fourth Lord's day in October of each year, at which time the introductory sermon shall be delivered.

SEC. 15. This constitution may be altered or amended, except section eight, at any regular meeting of the Association, by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe there is one, and only one living and true God, Jehovah, and that in the unity of the God-head, there are three persons, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, are the inspired words of God, constituting the only and all sufficient standard of Faith, Doctrine, Discipline and Practice.

3. We believe that election is the sovereign exercise of that Eternal love, by which God hath, according to his wisdom, chosen his people in Christ before the world was, and hath predestinated them unto the adoption of children, through sanctification of the spirit, and belief of the truth, and doth keep them by his power through faith unto salvation.

4. We believe that man was created holy, but by a willful violation of the law of his Maker, he fell into a state of sinfulness, and brought death upon his race, who being by natural descent in the unholy image of Adam, are children of wrath by nature, and without natural or spiritual power to live a holy life, to attain to a happy state.

5. We believe that sinners are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, and in no other way.

6. We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated or born again; that regeneration is effected by the Holy Spirit, in connection with divine truth, and the proper evidences thereof are repentance, faith, and obedience unto Christ.

7. We believe that such only are true believers as endure unto the end in holiness of life, and they are kept by the power of God, through faith unto salvation.

8. We believe that the Scriptures teach that repentance and faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces, wrought into our souls by the regenerating spirit of God.

9. The Christian Church is a congregation of immersed believers, who meet stately, and have covenants together to maintain the ordinances of Christ, discharge the duties, and enjoy the privilege in the New Testament pertaining to the Church of Jesus Christ.

10. The only officers of a Christian Church are Bishops or Pastors and Deacons.

11. Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, by a regularly ordained Baptist minister in good standing.

12. The Lord's Supper is a positive and commemorative ordinance of Jesus Christ, to be observed in the Church as such, in remembrance of Christ, and to show forth his death until he comes.

13. The first day of the week is the Lord's Day, and should be observed as a day of rest from common labor, and all worldly business, and devoted to religious duties.

14. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the misery of the wicked will be eternal.

RULES OF DECORUM.

RULE I. Each session shall be opened and closed with prayer.

RULE II. After the delivery of the introductory sermon, the Association shall proceed to business in the following order:

1. Hear the reading of the letters from the Churches and enroll the names of their messengers.
2. Give an opportunity for other Churches to become members of the body, and extend the hand of fellowship to their messengers.
3. Elect officers.
4. Receive corresponding messengers and other visiting brethren.
5. Appoint the following committees, to-wit: On Divine Service, on Finance, on Mission Work, on Sunday Schools, on Temperance, on Queries, on Religious Literature, on District Meetings and Programme for the same.
6. Hear report of Executive Committee.
7. Elect a missionary and assign him his work.
8. Elect Executive Committee.
9. Provide for correspondence.
10. Hear reports of Committees.
11. Determine place of holding next session and who shall preach the introductory sermon.
12. Provide for publishing minutes of proceedings.
13. Resolutions and other miscellaneous matter.

RULE III. A member not satisfied with any decision of the moderator may appeal to the Association on the same day, but not at any other time.

RULE IV. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise, and in a respectful manner, address the moderator and on obtaining the floor proceed:

RULE V. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject under discussion, or use words of personal reflection, or otherwise gets out of order, when he shall be called to order by the moderator; and, on yielding to order, may proceed again.

RULE VI. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to postpone to a certain time, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall take precedence in the order in which they are stated. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, provided the previous question has not been ordered, or vote is being taken.

RULE VII. When a debatable question is before the Association, any member may move the previous question, but before it is put it shall be seconded by at least three members. After the previous question has been moved and the motion prevailed, no further debate shall be allowed only by the mover of the main question, who shall be allowed ten minutes on which to close the debate.

RULE VIII. Any member desiring to absent himself, shall obtain leave of the Association; and the name of any member absents himself without leave, shall be dropped from the minutes.

RULE IX. These rules shall apply to District and Board meetings, as well as to Association meetings, except rule No. 2 on order of business. After the delivery of the sermon on Saturday, 10 o'clock a. m., for criticism, the meeting shall proceed to business in the following order:

1. Invite all visiting brethren, known to be in good standing, to seats in council.
2. Appoint the following committees, to-wit: On Divine Service, on Programme for next meeting and other committees as occasion may require.
3. Hear reports from the Churches through their member of the Executive Committee.
4. Hear report from missionary.
5. Take up programme from committee.
6. Hear reports of committees.
7. Resolutions and other miscellaneous business.

RULE X. These rules may be altered or amended by a two-third vote at any regular meeting of the Association.

PROCEEDINGS.

THE CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION assembled in its twenty first annual session, in the meeting house of the Red Bird Baptist Church, Crawford County, Ark., on the Saturday before the Second Lord's day in October, 1893, and was called to order at 11 o'clock by the Clerk, John E. Cox. Elder M. A. Gunter, who had been appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, being absent, by request of Eld. T. R. Eiply, alternate, Eld. J. W. Harris preached the Annual Sermon for the Association. Subject of the discourse, The Establishment and Perpetuity of the Baptist Church. Bro. Harris proved by the Scriptures that the Missionary Baptist Church was set up or established by Jesus Christ himself.

Bro. M. F. Locke was chosen Moderator until a permanent organization could be effected.

A Committee on Devotional Exercise was appointed, consisting of the pastor and deacons of Red Bird Church, and Eld. C. R. Johns and Bro. C. U. Waters.

On motion, the Association adjourned to 1:30 o'clock P. M. Prayer by Eld. Harvey Beauchamp.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 1:30 o'clock, and was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Eld. C. A. Gowin. Elds D. C. Hardin, H. Beauchamp and Bro J. S. Renfroes were appointed to read the letters from the Churches. Letters were read from twenty-eight Churches, and names of Messengers enrolled, as found in Table of Statistics.

The Committee on Devotional Exercise reported Eld. C. A.

Gowin to preach at Graphie tonight; Eld. W. M. Hicks at Fine Springs; M. A. Pillars at New Hope No. 2; Eld. T. Hudson at the Church.

Sunday 9 A. M.—Sunday School Lecture by Eld. D. Hewitt, 11 A. M.—Preaching by Eld. D. C. Hardin.

The Association then proceeded to organize. Bros. J. W. Cain, J. W. Harris and David Reed were appointed to count the vote.

While the vote was being counted, Eld. D. Hewitt presented the claims of the *Arkansas Baptist*. Eld. D. C. Hardin presented the claims of the *Baptist Gleaner*. Bro. M. F. Locke also spoke in the interest of the above named papers.

The brethren reported the result of the election as follows: Eld. D. C. Hardin, Moderator; John E. Cox, Secretary, and Bro. B. W. Webb, Treasurer.

Bro. Hardin took the Chair and thanked the Brethren for the confidence in him and the honor bestowed upon him by his election.

Petitionary letters were then called for and Mount Olivet Church presented a letter by her Messenger, Bro. J. H. Wedge. The letter was read and after some remarks, the Church was received. Dyer Church presented a letter by her Messengers, J. N. Patton, John O. Love and John Manuel. Letter read and Church received, and the right hand of fellowship extended to the Messengers by the Moderator.

On motion, the Clerk was ordered to have the Constitution, Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum, printed in the Minutes of this Session.

Correspondence called for. Eld. J. G. Evans was received from Concord Association.

The following Committees were appointed by the Moderator
Finance.—B. W. Webb and T. R. Early.

Associational Missions.—J. S. Renfroe, J. N. Patton and G. W. C. Lasater

State Missions.—M. F. Locke, C. M. Partin, W. T. Morris and R. C. Merrell.

Foreign Missions — Thomas Hudson, J. W. Harris and H. W. Blaylock

Education — H. Beauchamp, J. W. Cain and C. R. Johns.

Sunday Schools — William Hicks, C. A. Gowin and R. H. Thompson.

Temperance — C C Waters, D. B. Loyd and A. L. Lemley.

Religious Literature — M. A. Pillers, O W White and H W. Moore.

On motion, Committee on Nominations was discontinued and it was agreed that the place of holding the Association and the brother to preach the introductory sermon, be decided by a vote of the body.

On motion, Bros. M F. Locke, J. W. Harris, Charles Faber and Sisters A. L. Crudup and M. F. Locke were appointed a Committee on Woman's Work.

On motion, Eld. D. Hewitt was received as a representative of our State Sunday School Board and the *Arkansas Baptist*.

On motion, the Association adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M. Sunday. Prayer, by Eld. C M. Partin.

Eld. Thomas Hudson preached to a large and attentive congregation at 7 P. M. Text, Matt. 28: 19-20

SUNDAY.

MORNING SESSION

The Association engaged in devotional exercise, led by Bro. D. Hewitt, after which the report on Sunday Schools was read. It was moved that the report be adopted. Bro. D. Hewitt delivered a good lecture on Sunday Schools; the importance of the Sunday School as a means of training the youths of our country, and closed by giving some practical suggestions as to how the Sunday School should be conducted. Bro. M. A. Pillers also spoke on the report, after which the report was adopted, as follows:

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, would respectfully submit the following for your consideration: At this time, when

there are so many false teachers abroad in the land who are seeking to deceive if possible the very elect; we are made to feel the importance of prosecuting more vigorously than ever our Sunday school work that the young may be more perfectly instructed in the teaching of God's word

We regret to see so few of our Churches reporting any Sunday schools. "Go teach all nations" is the divine injunction, and we recognize in our Sunday schools an important factor in the training of the young in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Therefore we would most earnestly request the pastors of the several Churches to urge them to organize Sunday schools in every Church that the young and old may be gathered together on every Lord's day for the purpose of studying God's word.

We would further recommend, that at least one Sunday school institute be held every year in the bounds of this Association for the purpose of bringing all the Sunday school workers together and to devise ways and means for creating greater interest in the work. We would also recommend that this body co operate with the State Sunday School Board and urge upon our Churches, to do all in their power for the prosecution of the work within our bounds, and that each Church send up a report of Sunday school work next year.

WM. HICKS,
C. A. GOWIN,
R. H. THOMPSON

The following brethren were appointed Committee on Sunday School Institute: D. T. Bryan, J. W. Fry, A. A. White, W. M. Mason, J. B. Foster, A. M. Fleming, J. W. Hatfield, J. P. Cole and David Reed.

On motion the Association took a recess until 11 o'clock.

Bro. D. C. Hardin preached at 11 o'clock to a large and attentive congregation. Subject of discourse. The importance of strictly obeying the requirements of the gospel. Text, Galatians 1: 6-10. At the close of the sermon a collection was taken for State Missions, to the amount of eleven dollars.

The Association reassembled at 2:30 o'clock, Prayer by Bro Loyd.

The report on Associational Missions was read, and on motion was laid over to 8 o'clock Monday morning.

The hour having come that was appointed to consider the interest of Woman's Work, Sister M. F. Locke took charge of that work, and called on Bros. Hardin, Hewitt and Locke to make short talks. The brethren responded with some very appropriate remarks on the subject.

At the close of their remarks, the brethren vacated the house while the sisters held a meeting to themselves; after which the Association was called to order, and on motion adjourned to 8 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by Bro. John Burnett.

Eld. J. T. Evans preached at night to a large congregation. Text, Romans 6: 2.

MONDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

Reassembled according to adjournment at 8 o'clock. Song by the congregation and prayer by Bro. G. W. C. Lasater.

Minutes read and approved.

The following committee were appointed on Digest of Church Letters: Charles Faber, W. M. Hicks, G. W. C. Lasater, John Burnett and C. A. Gowin

The report on Associational Missions was taken up and re-read, and after remarks by several brethren, on motion, the report was amended by striking out that part of the report that recommends the consolidating of the Missionary Work of this Association. The report was adopted as follows:

The command of our blessed Savior is, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," and believing that it is our duty to preach this blessed gospel with our means, your committee would recommend some systematic method of raising money for advancing the cause of the Master in destitute fields. That the pastors of the Churches be requested to preach a sermon on missions, at least once a quarter, and take up a collection, and let each give as the Lord has prospered him. We further recommend that our Board co-operate with the Sunday school work in the Association.

Brethren, the destitution in our Association is going to be occupied, either with error or truth. Are we going to sit idly by and permit error to go on? We believe the Baptists hold the truth and therefore pray you to arouse yourselves out of your lethargy and go forth as one man into the destitute fields of the Clear Creek Association with your means, preaching that truth as it is in our Lord Jesus Christ.

J. S. RENFROE,
J. N. PELTER,
G. W. C. LASATER

On motion Eld J. B. Swanner of the Arkansas Valley Association, Indian Territory, was selected as a Corresponding Messenger from that body.

The report on State Missions was read by Bro. Locke. It was moved that the report be adopted. The report was spoken to by Bros. M. F. Locke and T. Hudson. Pending the adoption of the report, a collection in pledges and cash was taken for State Missions.

Alma.....	\$5 00	Pleasant Grove.....	5 00
Coal Hill.....	5 00	Rehobeth.....	5 00
Cedar Creek.....	5 00	Red Bird.....	5 00
Center Point.....	1 00	Shiloh.....	2 00
Mount Zion.....	1 00	Van Buren.....	10 00
New Prospect.....	5 00	White Oak.....	2 00
New Hope No. 1.....	2 50	Zoar.....	5 00
New Hope No. 2.....	1 00	Macedonia.....	4 00
Ozark.....	Paid 10 00	D er.....	5 00
North Liberty.....	1 00	Cash collection by Association	12 50
Prairie Grove.....	5 00		

At the close of the collection prayer was offered by Bro. M. F. Locke. Report was adopted.

Bro. Moderator, the Committee on State Missions ask leave to submit the following report: The question of Missions is the paramount question of this Association. It is the question that is to save the world from death, if saved it be. It is the one question for the enforcement of which all others should bend, and it is the only question that would probably justify the assembling of this body together and yet, strange and sad as it may seem, the actual work of preaching the gospel to the needy and dying world, has been given but little consideration and less means for a series of years, within our bounds.

Brethren seem to have forgotten or never learned God's plan of saving souls and they seem to entertain the erroneous and

inuous opinion and belief that to give to God's cause in the matter of saving souls is to starve their ministers and themselves, forgetful that our God has said that such a course is to rob God and impoverish themselves; and that it is more blessed to give than to receive. And experience comes to the aid of revelation and teaches us that the liberal soul shall grow fat. For the selfish or covetous man or woman is ever found in straightened circumstances financially and religiously, if they fail to trust God and do something for his cause, while the cheerful giver God loves, honors and prospers.

Twelve hundred dollars paid by the State Mission Board, will keep twenty-four Missionaries in our State field for twelve months and will result in the salvation perhaps of 500 souls. Then dear brethren we come to you with the all important proposition. Will you, or not contribute say five dollars from each church in this Association for the benefit of those noble spiritual heroes who are sacrificing their means, their comfort, their time, the societies of their families and friends to give the destitute of our State the bread of life. This would probably cost us fifteen cents each. Brethren, will you weigh fifteen cents in the side of the scales against immortal souls? I ask will you, or will you do something worthy of a Christian who loves God and His cause, something that will try our God, and as He has commanded us to do, praise Him and see if he will not pour out a blessing upon us such as we have not witnessed in the history of this Association.

And let us by our deeds, which are said to be the fruit we bear, while empty promises are mere leaves which cause us to falsify our profession and disgrace the name we bear as Missionary Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,

M. F. LOCKE.

The report on Finance was read as follows:

We, your Committee on Finance, report that there was sent up from all the Churches represented in the Association for all purposes a total sum of \$60 25.

Respectfully submitted,

B. W. WEBB,
T. R. EARLY.

Report on Sunday School Institute was read and on motion the report was amended by striking out "August" and inserting "January." The report was then adopted.

We, your Committee on Sunday School Institutes, make the

following report: Whereas, we believe the Sunday school to be of very great importance. Therefore we recommend, that we organize a Sunday School Institute, the first meeting to be held with Mulberry Church, Franklin county Friday before the first Sunday in January, 1894, at 10 o'clock; and that each Sunday school be entitled to three delegates and its Superintendent

D. T. BRYAN, Chm'n.

The Committee on Religious Literature made their report as follows:

Your Committee on Religious Literature would submit the following. That we make a class study of the Bible, and as a help we would recommend the *Arkansas Baptist* and the *Baptist Gleaner* as good sound papers; and such books as the *Baptist Succession* by D. B. Ray, *The Little Baptist*, *Theodosia Earnest*, *Grace Truman* and *Southern Baptist Sunday School literature*; and all such literature as has truth for its matter and supported by the Bible.

M. A. PILLARS,

O. W. WHITE,

H. W. MOORE.

After remarks by Elds. M. A. Pillars and O. W. White, the report was adopted.

The report on Foreign Missions was read. It was moved to adopt the report. Pending the adoption of the report the claims of Foreign Missions was ably presented by Bro. Hudson.

The report was adopted as follows: Your Committee on Foreign Missions report as follows: Whereas, we recognize our duty and privilege to support Missionary and the institutions connected with our *Foreign Mission work*, we respectfully and earnestly recommend that one Sunday in the year be set apart, on which every Church and Sunday school of the Association take up a collection for Foreign Missions, and that each one of the 1700 of the brethren and sisters composing the Association, lay by, when convenient, a certain sum of money, and if they cannot personally attend, forward it to the Church on the day on which the collection will be made.

We feel encouraged and thankful to the Lord for the many thousands of members composing our Foreign Mission Churches.

THOS. HUDSON, Chm'n.

The report on Woman's Work was read and, on motion was adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Woman's Work have had the subject under consideration and would respectfully submit the following report: Since the cause of Christ is always most successful where his love is most felt, and since woman possess in a much greater degree Christian sympathy and love and her nature, inclination and genial qualities adapt her to the work of winning souls; while the regard in which a lovely Christian woman is held by men, gives them a hold upon the sterner sex, that man can't approach unto. As a number of the good sisters in our Association desire to do something worthy of them and to serve their God in such manner as comports with his word, and does not contravene your plans and meets your own idea of co-operation, therefore, the following recommendations are made for the adoption of this body, viz:

That the sisters of the different Churches are requested to organize Ladies' Aid Societies at their early convenience in all such Churches as have not organized such societies.

2. We recommend that the Association endorse such lady officer or officers as are appointed by the Ladies' State Central committee or will make other recommendations.

3 We recommend that the following ladies be appointed for the purpose of visiting among the ladies at their respective Churches and assisting them in their work of organizing and other work, supplying them with necessary literature, etc., etc., to-wit: Mrs J. L. Locke Mrs. A. L. Crudup, Mrs. Frank, Misses Mary Williams, S. C. Howston and B. A. Cole

4 That these ladies be requested to make a report of the work done at our district meetings and a full report of the year's work to the meetings of the Associations.

M. F. LOCKE, Chm'n.

On motion the Association adjourned to 1 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met according to adjournment at 1 o'clock.

The report on Education was read and after motion to adopt the report was spoken to by Bro. M. F. Locke and Eld. Thomas Hudson. At the close of the remarks the report was adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Education beg leave to report as follows: We recognize that the day of ignorance is no longer winked at, and to keep from being ignorant, we must educate; whatever

may have been said as to our ignorance can no longer truthfully be said. Education and truth on one side have raised us to our now honored position. Again, to be able to cope with atheism, infidelity and all the ism and eism of the world we must educate. Education is of vast importance both in public and private life, but it is more necessary in this advanced age of the world than ever before. Ignorance is the tyrant monster that keeps its victims chained in spiritual darkness, having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof.

Hence, we your committee insist that parents should educate their children to the full ability that God hath given them. We further insist that our young ministers avail themselves of the opportunities now offered them in many of our schools and colleges to get an education free of tuition. While there are many good schools in our State, we would recommend the Ouachita College as our State denominational college as the best equipped and the most suitable place to educate our children and our young ministers. Hence we insist that it be given our hearty support and patronage, which is humbly submitted.

H. BEAUCHAMP,
J. W. CAIN,
C. R. JOHNS.

Committee.

On motion the Association went into an election of the place of the next Association, and the brother to preach the Introductory Sermon, which resulted in the choice of the Dyer Baptist Church, as the place for the meeting, Friday at 9 o'clock before the second Sunday in October, 1894, as the time, and Eld. D. C. Hardin to preach the Introductory Sermon.

The Committee on Digest of Letters read their report, which was on motion adopted as follows:

The Committee on Digest of Letters beg leave to report that owing to insufficiency of some of the letters sent, we are only able to make a partial digest.

Pleasant Grove Church held a protracted meeting and added five to its membership, and the church again is in full fellowship. Mount Zion reports a lukewarmness and requests the prayers of the Association. Coal Hill Church held a meeting of days, which resulted in reviving the church and adding eight by baptism; also has an average Sunday school with fifty seven members. Mulberry Church deploras her lukewarm condition, but has been somewhat

revived in spirit during her protracted meeting. Zoar Church has an interesting Sunday school and otherwise in good condition. Macedonia Church regrets the loss of their venerable brother, Henry Thompson and Sisters Marie Burriss and Dillie Wyett; the church has a weekly prayer meeting and has a Sunday school with a regular attendance of sixty-four. Altus Church says for lack of co operation with their pastor, and not maintaining a Sunday school, has fallen into a cold state of spirituality. Center Point Church asks the prayers of the Association in her behalf. Ozark Church reports a flourishing Sunday school with an average attendance of forty; has no connection with the so called Union Sunday School Convention and recommends that all Baptist Sunday schools withdraw from it. An interesting weekly prayer meeting and a Ladies' Missionary Society which has done noble work for missions and have raised \$68 during the year. Alma Church reports progress; has a well attended prayer meeting, has a Baptist Sunday school with thirty scholars. Also Young People's Society in connection with the church. Dyer Church has a Sunday school and doing well; has built a good house. Van Buren Church reporting progress in all church work; has a Sunday school and maintains a Mission Sunday school, has a Baptist Young People's Union and the Ladies' Missionary Society has done grand work in raising funds for Missions and Church.

The letters of the other Churches have reported nothing of interest except statistic

We, your Committee therefore, recommend that all the Churches comprising this Association, do report at their next session of this body, all items of interest and progress of their Church work.

CHAS FABER,
C. A. GWIN,
G. W. C. LASATER,
W. M. HICKS,
L. D. ROOTS.

The following resolution was offered by Bro D. C. Hardin and adopted:

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with Eld. J. N. Hall in the loss of the printing press and property of the *Baptist Gleaner*.

Resolved, That we will do all we can consistently to assist Bro. Hall in building up and setting up the *Gleaner* again.

The Report on Temperance was read, amended and adopted as amended:

We, your Committee on Temperance ask to submit the fol-

lowing as our report: We believe the use of ardent spirits to be a great barrier to national prosperity. It destroys human happiness, causing the innocent to suffer, and the guilty to go unpunished. We ask our Churches to deal promptly with members who drink, as a beverage. "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

R. E. JACOBS, Chm'n.

The following resolution was offered by Bro. Locke and adopted:

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this body are eminently due, and they are hereby tendered to the brethren and sisters of Red Bird Church, for their liberal and cordial hospitality as exhibited at this meeting.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Association have 600 copies of the Minutes of this Association printed and mailed to the Churches of this body according to the amount of money sent up for that purpose, and that the Clerk retain \$10 for his service.

The following brethren were appointed Correspondent Messengers: Southern Baptist Convention, D. C. Hardin; alternate, M. F. Locke. State Convention, M. F. Locke, T. Hudson, William Hicks, D. C. Hardin, J. W. Harris Fayetteville Association, C. A. Gowin. Concord Association, O. W. White, J. E. Cox and A. L. Lemly. Russellville Association, D. C. Hardin. Dardanelle Association, M. F. Locke Arkansas Valley Association, I. T. O. W. White, C. C. Johnson and J. E. Cox.

On motion, Eld. D. C. Hardin was recommended to the Convention as a suitable man for a member of the State Board.

The report of the Executive Committee was read by Bro. Charles Faber as follows, and adopted:

Your Executive Board submit the following: Eld. M. A. Pillars was employed as a missionary for the Western District and preached thirteen discourses, made five religious visits, all at Chester

Received from Treasurer, John Houston.....	\$15 25
Received from Pleasant Grove Church.....	1 60
Collected on Field.....	1 15
Total	18 00

Our Treasurer reports for Western District \$8.45 on hand.

Bro. Webb reported \$13.90 on hand from book fund of four

year's standing, and on motion it was decided to divide said fund equally between the two districts to be used for Associational purposes. Bro. L. A. Gwin reported \$9 30 due him for services from last year, and by motion the Treasurer was authorized to pay said account.

M. A. PILLARS, Chm'n.

Chas Faber, Sec'y

The Eastern Division employed Eld. C. M. Partin for part of his time and reports work as follows:

Travel 942 miles; worked 58 days; witnessed 7 conversions, baptised 5; organized one Sunday school; received from the Board \$32.75; yet due up to beginning of fourth quarter, \$18 92.

JOHN E. COX, Sec'y.

The following is the report of the Treasurer:

Received for State Missions.....	\$19 40
Foreign Missions.....	11 35
Total for year.....	30 75

The amounts have been forwarded to the Secretaries of their respective boards.

B. W. WEBB, Treas.

The following brethren were appointed members of the Executive Board for the year 1894.

Alma—Charles Faber.
Altus—John Heath.
Coal Hill—C. H. Walker.
Cedar Creek—C. R. Johns.
Center Point—W. M. Mason.
Fine Spring—John Standard.
Mt. Zion—R. C. Merrell.
Mulberr—A M. Fleming.
New Prospect—D. P. Loyd.
New Hope, No. 1—John Houston.
New Hope, No. 2—J. W. Hatfield.
Ozar—B. W. Webb.
North Liberty—W. A. Donald.
Oak Grove—M. L. Wilson.

Prairie Grove—John Burnett.
Pleasant Grove—J. W. T. Jones.
Rehobeth—W. B. McLane.
Red Bird—John W. Cain.
Shiloh—J. W. Blaylock.
Vine Prairie—David Reed.
Van Buren—H. Beauchamp.
White Oak—R. E. Jacobs.
Zoar—J. N. Henderson.
New Concord—C. C. Waters.
Macedonia—T. H. Deauy.
Dyer—John O. Love.
Mount Olive—J. H. Wedg.
Union Chapel—J. W. Fry.

The sisters of New Hope Church No. 1, presented a quilt to the Association. The proceeds to be applied to Church and Associational Missions. The brethren contributed \$5 50 for the quilt and on motion the quilt was returned to the sisters who donated it.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with the Dyer Baptist Church, Crawford County, Ark., on Friday at 9 o'clock A. M., before the second Lord's Day in October, 1894.

The congregation sang, "God be with you till we meet again" and extended the parting hand. The Association was then led in prayer by Bro. M. F. Locke.

Thus closed one of the very best and most pleasant Associations, that it has been my privilege to attend for the last thirteen years. May the blessings of God rest upon the work of this Association, is the prayer of your brother in Christ.

D. C. HARDIN, MODERATOR.

JOHN E COX, *Secretary*

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

John L. Allen, Coal Hill; Mathew Adams, Ozark; J. H. Bourland, Lonelm; J. F. Brewer, Alma; John E. Cox, Lonelm; J. C. Crudup, Ozark; Harvey Beauchamp, Van Buren; T. R. Early, Belmont; C. A. Gowin, Cedar Creek; M. A. Gunter, Mulberry; W. M. Hicks, Mulberry; Thomas Hudson, Alma; M. P. Henry, Altus; D. C. Hardin, Ozark; J. W. Harris, Ozark; T. M. Jackson, Ozark; G. W. C. Lasater, Dyer; D. W. Chambles, Van Buren; W. R. McLane, Ozark; A. J. Norton, Coal Hill; T. N. Parker, Hunts; M. A. Pillars, Alma, C. M. Partin, Cravens; C. R. Johns, Lee's Creek; R. M. Small, Altus; W. T. Sallings, Mountainburgh; R. V. Thompson, Union Town; M. L. Wilson, Mulberry; O. W. White, Van Buren.

PASTORS, CLERKS, AND THEIR POSTOFFICES

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICES.
Alma	J. S. Renfro, M. F. Locke, T. Hudson, Charles Faber.....	T. Hudson	Chas. Faber.....	Alma.
Altus	H. W. Moore	J. E. Cox	P. C. Moseley.....	Altus.
Coal Hill ..	David T. Bryan, James S. Barger.....	T. J. Woodard.....	E. H. Walker	Coal Hill.
Center Point.....	W. M. Macon	M. Adams	D. C. Moon.....	Mulberry.
Cedar Creek.....	C. A. Gowin, C. R. Johns, William Morris	C. R. Johns.....	John Morris.....	Lee's Creek.
*Dyer.....	J. W. Patten, John Manuel, John O. Love	T. Hudson	J. N. Patten	Dyer.
Five Spring	John Stanrod, J. B. Foster, G. H. Montgomery.....	T. R. Earley	M. C. Convert.....	Lancaster.
Mulberry.....	A. M. Fleming, John Swafford, William Hicks.....	M. A. Gunter	G. W. Roberts.....	Mulberry.
Mc Zion	R. C. Merrell .....	.....	R. C. Merrell.....	Ozark.
Mac-donia	John F. Thompson, J. W. Duty.....	D. A. Squires.....	J. W. Duty.....	Spier.
*Mount Olive.....	J. H. Wedge	G. A. Lasater.....	J. H. Wedge.....	Dyer.
New Prospect.....	A. L. Lemley, D. P. Loyd	M. A. Pillars	D. P. Loyd.....	Van Buren.
New Concord.....	C. C. Waters, W. A. Kelley, G. A. Ingram	C. R. Johns	G. A. Ingram.....	Zenobia.
North Liberty.....	W. A. Donald, H. D. Glaspay	C. M. Partin.....	W. Ramsey	Barnes.
New Hope No. 1.....	M. A. Pillars, John Houston, James Houston, J. K. Roberts	M. A. Pillars	Ansell Dunn	Alma.
New Hope No. 2.....	J. P. Morgan, Walter Hatfield	J. F. Brewer.....	Walter Hatfield.....	Mountainburg.
Ozark.....	D. C. Hardin, J. W. Harris, B. W. Webb	D. C. Hardin.....	F. J. Allen.....	Ozark.
Oak Grove.....	G. M. Gregg	M. Adams	G. M. Gregg.....	Mulberry.
Prairie Grove.....	J. H. Burnett, G. A. Henry, J. E. Arbaugh.....	J. E. Cox	Wallace Horger.....	Altus.
Peasant Grove.....	J. P. Cole, R. T. Bevins, T. Bridgewater.....	M. A. Pillars	Joseph Burhart.....	Alma.
Rehobeth	John E. Cox, C. M. Partin	W. R. McLane.....	W. A. Travis	Lonelm.
Red Bl d	J. S. Smith, G. S. Stokes, Josiah Bird.....	T. R. Earley.....	J. W. Cain.....	Belmont.
Shiloh.....	H. W. Blaylock, J. M. Williams	J. E. Cox	A. B. Baser.....	Ozark.
Union Chapel.....	E. R. Fears, W. R. Allen, J. W. Fry	G. F. Tohm	S. J. Davis.....	Cedarville.
†Unity.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Union Grove.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Van Buren.....	Harvey Beauchamp, W. H. Dunlap, O. W. White	H. Beauchamp.....	.....	Van Buren.
Vine Prairie.....	David Reed .....	.....	J. J. Littleton.....	Mulberry.
White Oak.....	R. E. Jacobs, J. W. Miles, J. H. Blaylock	J. T. Evans.....	Edgene Anderson.....	Ozark.
Zoar	C. C. Johnson, W. J. Meadors, A. A. White	C. S. Gowin.....	W. T. Campbell.....	Van Buren.
†Mountain Top.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Mountain Home.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

*N w Churches.

†Not represented.

STATISTICAL.

CHURCHES.

MEMBERSHIP.

Sunday Schools.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERSHIP.							Sunday Schools.		CONTRIBUTIONS.							Total Contributions.	Value of Church property.	Days of Preaching.		
	By Baptism.	B. Letter.	By Resto at'n.	By Relation.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total Membership.	Officers.	Total Enrollment.	Paid for Literature.	Minute fund.	Pastor's Salary.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.				Home Missions.	Church Repairs.
Alma	2	9	..	..	12	..	..	55	4	30	\$12 50	\$1 50	\$300 00		\$ 15	\$5 00	\$ 75		\$322 65	\$1,200 00	1 3
Altus	2	8	..	..	2	3	1	56	3	12	3 25	1 50	95 00	\$2 25					99 75	600 00	3 4
Coal Hill	8	8	..	..	1	3	..	80	10	57	5 75	3 05	115 00		2 00				125 80	800 00	1 3
Center Point	5	..	..	1	2	1	..	23				1 00									2 2
Cedar Creek	4	1	..	..	1	2	..	33				1 00									4 4
Dyer	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	38				1 00								800 00	2 4
Fine Spring	5	..	..	1	4	1	..	50				1 35	15 00			2 10	18 85				2 2
Hulberry	3	1	..	1	5	1	1	102	7	49		1 00	300 00	1 60		1 00			329 75	1,500 00	1 2
Mt. Zion .....	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	83				1 00									1 1
Macedonia	4	2	..	..	..	1	3	70		64		1 00	30 00				\$20 00	51 00			2 2
Mount Olive .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5				50									1 1
New Prospect .....	..	..	..	1	18	7	2	122	9	95	16 00	2 00	100 00		2 50	5 00			124 00	600 50	3 3
New Concord .....	..	..	..	..	8	3	..	44				50				75			1 25		1 1
North Liberty	5	4	..	..	..	..	..	18				1 00									1 1
New Hope No. 1	4	3	1	..	2	1	..	66				1 50		4 50							2 2
New Hope No. 2 .....	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	20				35									4 4
Ozark	3	9	..	..	..	..	..	66		50		1 25	500 00	13 25		5 00		59 60	615 95	2,500 00	1 2 3
Oak Grove	2	..	..	..	3	..	1	23				50									4 4
Prairie Grove	7	6	..	..	2	5	..	78	9	46	8 50	2 00	50 00	2 50				70 00	147 50	300 00	2 2
Pleasant Grove	5	2	2	..	9	..	..	56				1 50	31 50	4 30					38 30		4 4
Rehobeth	4	1	1	..	6	4	..	92				2 00	5 50					15 00	24 50	500 00	4 4
Red Bl d .....	..	..	1	..	4	4	..	41				1 00	21 20	2 60	2 20		3 00		33 25		3 3
Shiloh	6	..	1	..	6	3	..	38	9	25	4 50	1 75	35 00	30				47 00	87 90	550 50	1 1
Union Chapel .....	..	1	..	..	2	1	3	39				80	50 00	2 00					52 50		3 3
Unity .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31													
Union Grove .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16													
Van Buren	44	30	..	..	3	..	..	154	10	165	48 00	1 50	500 00	3 50	10 00	5 00		35 00	680 00	2,000 00	1 2 3 4
Vine Prairie .....	..	..	..	..	30	2	..	41													1 1
White Oak	16	2	..	..	9	5	..	70				1 5		2 85					4 30		1 1
Zoar	3	1	5	..	4	3	..	112	5	44		1 50		1 25							3 3
Mountain Top .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16													2 2
Mountain Home .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8													
Total	127	93	8	9	135	50	13	1696	63	613	\$97 75	\$34 00	\$1018 70	\$47 20	\$22 60	\$24 50	\$22 60	\$246 00	\$2736 30	\$10 550 00	