

MINUTES

25th Annual Session

Concord Baptist Association,

1895.



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Concord Association met at Prairie View Church, Franklin county, Arkansas, at 10 o'clock, a. m., September 21, 1895. W. P. Throgmorton, Moderator, being absent, R. A. Rowe, Clerk, acted.

Song and prayer. J. T. Watson, who was to preach the introductory not having arrived and J. N. Pennington, alternate, asking to be excused on account of his health, N. Marshal was elected. Whereupon J. T. Watson arrived and preached the introductory sermon, after which the Association adjourned till 1:30 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 o'clock the Association was called to order by R. A. Rowe. Song and prayer. L. Quinn, J. E. Tatum and W. H. Evans were appointed reading clerks and the following letters read:

Oak Bower—Jerry Weaver, Eld. H. G. Johnson.

First Baptist Church, Fort Smith—Eld. W. P. Throgmorton, Miss J. Annie Amos, W. H. Evans.

Burnville—J. J. McAlester, Wm. Crow.

Pine Mountain—James Smith, D. W. Bryan, A. H. Marr.

Planter—Eld. J. T. Watson, G. L. Williams.

Booneville—H. M. McCaslin, Elds. J. N. Pennington, O. H. Gregory.

Mt. Zion—J. M. Raburn.

Mill Creek—J. E. Grimes, F. A. Valandingham, David Logue.

Bloomer—N. B. Dearmore, Joseph Herrimon, A. M. Head.

Prairie Grove—P. A. O'Neal, J. L. O'Neal.

Center Valley—Elds. J. W. Nobles, A. J. Henson, J. T. Kersey.

National Springs—T. B. Hairston, O. C. Paschal, W. A. Mayfield.

Elm Vale—E. O. Thompson, S. E. Thompson.

Judson—Represented by letter.

Shiloh—B. F. Sumner, Wm. J. Kincannon.

Grand Prairie—R. W. Austin, G. W. Tigner, Miss Nora Tigner.

Corinth—J. A. Patterson.

Vesta—C. S. Price, Willie Owens, Eld. E. M. Beals.

Union—C. W. Bryan, J. B. Francis.

Sulphur—J. T. Thames, J. K. Oldham, T. C. Gee.

New Harmony—M. B. Harris n, Levi Shelby, Clinton Brewer.

Pilgrim's Rest—Eld. J. B. Flynn, R. W. Powell, Z. L. Richerson.

Union Grove—L. Acuff, F. M. Ervin, W. M. Burges.

Mt. Hope—Eld. J. F. O'Neal, W. K. Jackson, H. F. Moseley.

Oak Bend—J. T. Harkins.

Spring Hill—A. J. Watson, W. H. Edwards.

Huntington—J. A. Finney, L. A. Elea.

Greenwood—J. E. Tatum, R. A. Rowe.

Oak Valley—J. A. Winford.

Providence—W. B. Schultz.

Prairie View—W. D. Darr, W. R. Powell, R. D. Hill, — McBroom
Oak Grove—L. Been, L. W. Dearen, B. R. Townley.

Caulksville—F. M. Hickerson, J. W. Oglesby, J. R. Richey.

O. H. Gregory, H. G. Johnson, J. T. Kersey, Frank Spiller, Willie Hill, and John Nesbitt were appointed tellers.

J. F. O'Neal was elected Moderator; R. A. Rowe, Clerk; and G. N. Spradling Treasurer.

Following petitionary letters were read and churches on motion received: Charleston—Elds. L. Quinn, L. J. Burt, Wm. Holder. Friendship—P. H. Cole and Sister Angeline Cole. Rocky Ridge—Eld. C. A. Heathcock. Webb City—J. T. Tolleson, G. T. Staton.

The following resolution introduced by Eld. A. H. Antry was adopted:

Inasmuch as it has come to our ears that certain tattlers and designing persons, wishing to hurt and destroy the influence of our beloved brother, Eld. N. Marshall, charging him with sebastism, and, inasmuch, some years ago that matter was investigated and Bro. Marshall exonerated from said charge, and being acquainted with his record. Therefore,

Resolved, That we, as an Association, denounce such a charge as a slander upon our worthy and faithful brother, and,

Resolved, That we recommend Eld. N. Marshall to the brotherhood everywhere as a faithful minister of Christ, in good standing, and worthy of the confidence of all true ministers. Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be given Bro. Marshall and also one to the church of which he is a member, signed by the Moderator and Clerk of Concord Association.

On motion the following corresponding messengers were admitted from the following Associations and churches: Clear Creek Association—Eld. John E. Cox; Arkadelphia church—Eld. R. E. Reed; Russellville Association—J. C. Mayfield; Canadian River Association—Eld. R. L. Towrley; Dardanelle—J. D. Moore; Macedonia Association—Eld. N. Marshall; Paris church—Eld. J. F. Brewer; Alma Association—Eld. F. L. Kregel; Dardanelle church—Eld. A. H. Autrey; Vesta—Henry Karr; Mill Creek—Eld. J. W. Truelove; Pleasant Valley—A. R. Hill; Mt. Hope—A. S. Jackson.

The following corresponding messengers were appointed to the following Associations and Conventions: State Convention—Elds. O. H. Gregory, J. N. Pennington, R. A. Watson. Clear Creek Association—Frank Spiller, Elds. Henry Karr, O. H. Gregory, G. T. Staton. Buckner Association—Elds. J. N. Pennington, J. W. Nobles, J. A. Finney. Dardanelle Association—L. Been. Eld. W. P. Throgmorton moved that a member of any church in the Association be authorized to represent this Association at any other Association, a copy of these minutes to be the credentials. Motion Carried.

On motion of Eld. W. P. Throgmorton, R. A. Rowe was appointed corresponding messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention to be held in May at Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Report of committee on Divine service for Saturday night: Prairie View—Elds. N. Marshall, J. E. Cox. Friendship Hall—Elds. J. W. Truelove, J. B. Flynn. Mass-meeting Sunday at Prairie View conducted

ated by Eld. L. Quinn.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22.

Sunday School mass meeting, led by L. Quinn. Song. Prayer. Talks by J. A. Finney, John E. Tatum, R. A. Watson, A. H. Autrey.

Eld. W. P. Throgmorton preached at 11. Collection at service \$11.95.

Report of committee on Divine service for Sunday night: Pine Mountain—D. M. Bryant. Friendship Hall—Bros. Renfro and J. W. True-love. Prairie View—A. H. Autrey. Monday at 11: prairie View—R. A. Watson. Sunday 2 p m—Temperance lecture by F. L. Kregel. After which Eld. W. P. Throgmorton was called and discussed the subject.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23.

Association called to order at 8. Song. Prayer. Roll call.

The following reports were read and adopted:

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT—We find some members of our churches reported small sums paid their pastors this year and others nothing. This is to be regretted, as it opposes the teaching of the New Testament. We, therefore recommend that pastors keep promptly before the people the duty imposed by the New Testament and that the deacons of the churches co-operate with the pastors. J. N. Pennington, J. T. Tolleson, P. H. Cole, John Cope.

CONSTITUTION.—Your committee on constitution appointed last year report as follows: Amend Sec. 3 of Art. 4 by inserting the word "and" just before the word "render." Amend Art. 5 by correcting punctuation and changing the word "days" to "minutes." Amend Sec. 2 of Art. 9 by striking out the words "Associational mission." Amend Art. 10 by inserting after the word "Association" in the first line the words "through its executive committee." Instead of "their treasurer" insert "its treasurer." Strike out all after the words "any funds," and insert "in his hands for that purpose." We propose Amendment No 4 as follows: "Each church is expected to send to each annual meeting of the association by the hands of its messengers, a sum of money to be used for printing minutes." W. P. Throgmorton, J. F. O'Neal, J. T. Watson, John E. Tatum.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—Preparation of both heart and mind are essential to the success of a minister. The first is of the Lord, the second of the man. Of all men the minister should be the most efficient. Therefore, we strongly recommend an educated ministry and exhort the churches to be vigilant on this line and further recommend our own Ouchita College to the patronage of the churches and Baptist families of Concord Association. J. T. Watson, L. Been, L. W. Dearen, A. J. Henson.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—Your committee on Sunday schools report: That every Baptist church ought to have a Sunday School, but nevertheless a very large number have none: and we believe their influence is lessened thereby. If it is for want of money the American Baptist Publication Society, through Brother J. S. Thomas, will furnish literature free until the school becomes self-sustaining. Bro. Autry truly said in his address that "a Sunday school was the church at work." Resolved that every church be urged to organize and maintain a Sunday school. We heartily endorse our state Sunday school work done, and especially the work done by Bro. R. C. Medaris, State Sunday School Evangelist, and would respectfully ask every church to contribute to support this branch of our denominational work.

J. A. Finney, W. R. Powell, J. A. Winford, E. M. Beals.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE—We think next to the Bible, the Arkansas Baptist should be read by all our people and every preacher should use his influence and energy to put it in every family. Every Baptist should take it and do what

he can to have others do so. It is indispensable as an organ of communication. We recommend the Home Field and Foreign Mission Journals. The two will be soon consolidated and will give the home and foreign mission news. We warn all against the poisonous literature that is being scattered broadcast over our land. We think it should be shunned and guarded against the same as a contagious disease, for as disease destroys the body so the bad literature our children read will destroy the soul. L. Quinn, C. A. Heathcock, J. T. Harkins, W. B. Sheltz, R. W. Austin.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS—That after 30 years mission work in this Association we find there is a vast amount of destitution. We commend the brethren for past efforts and feel the need of more determined efforts in future. God calls for us to labor in his vineyard but there are too many standing idle. We fear that the brethren do not feel as they should the responsibility resting upon them concerning this important work. We recommend: 1. That all our ministers whose time is not wholly employed in pastoral work spend their time in holding meetings in destitute places and that they report the amount and result of their work to the next Association. 2. That a suitable member in each church be appointed to take collections for mission and that they begin collecting funds immediately. 3. That the Board employ one or more missionaries as soon as practicable and instruct them to labor in destitute places. A. J. Henson, J. Calvin, C. F. Spiller, John Nesbitt, W. A. Hill.

DISCUSSED BY W. P. Throgmorton, A. J. Henson, O. H. Gregory, J. A. Finney. **TEMPERANCE**—The temperance sentiment in our state is increasing. The drink habit and the liquor traffic are becoming more and more disreputable. We understand that about sixty counties in Arkansas are to-day without licensed dram-shops, while in many of the licensed counties saloons are confined to one or two townships. Certainly we ought to thank God and take courage Sebastian county is the only territory within our bounds that has saloons, and the greater part of it is under prohibition. Fort Smith is the enemy's stronghold, but we believe that the good people there by the aid of the country vote will yet gain a complete triumph. We are for the home and against the saloon and that in this we join hands with all good citizens of whatever name or order: Resolved that we reaffirm the past record of this association on the temperance question and that we advise our churches to continue in membership no person who publicly advocates the saloon business; or who invests money in it; or who suffers his property used for it in any way. W. P. Throgmorton, A. H. Antry, J. A. Finney.

HOME MISSIONS—Resolved, That we recommend that each church in this Association take at least one collection for the work of the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. W. P. Throgmorton, C. S. Price, R. B. Hill, H. G. Johnson, R. L. Townley.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Soon after your meeting one year ago we agreed with your missionary, Eld. J. N. Pennington, that his salary should be forty dollars per month, provided that amount could be raised—he to take collections on the field, we to aid in such way as to us seemed best. On account of the hard times we advised him in the spring to discontinue the work, but in his zeal for souls he was unwilling to take such a course except so far as compelled by circumstances. He worked all told during the year 140 days, which he reports to us as follows: Miles traveled, 1251; sermons preached, 136; prayer-meetings attended 78; religious addresses, 103; conversions witnessed, 43; baptisms witnessed, 25; receptions by letter witnessed, 15; churches organized, 1; Sunday schools organized, 2; ministers ordained, 1; families visited, 282; churches visited, 22; congregations visited, 52, contributions received on the field, \$22.70. From all these figures it appears that our mission work during the year has not been a failure, as nearly one-third of the total number of baptisms reported from all the churches, was in connection with the work of our missionary. Especially do we commend him for his faithful and persevering devotion. A great deal of

the time he has been sick, and there has been much sickness in his family during the year. Just recently he was bereaved by the death of a loved daughter. In the judgment of your committee he deserves our praise for his work and our hearty sympathy for his misfortunes. Contributions from various sources have been as follows: Booneville church, \$3.35; Booneville Ladies Aid Society, \$4.00; Mill Creek, \$1.35; Pilgrim's Rest, \$1.05; Oak Bower, \$.55; Friendship Hall, \$1.00; Vesta, \$2.50; National Springs, \$.65; Pine Mountain, \$4.75; Ladies Aid Society, \$2.50; E. A. Seely, \$1.; Prairie View, \$.5.; Fort Smith, \$40.; New Harmony, \$1.; Greenwood, \$5.65; Sulphur, \$.5.; Grand Prairie, \$.85, all of which we order paid to Bro. J. N. Pennington. We recommend that the associational mission work for the coming year be done during the summer and fall months, as many evangelists being put in the field as the financial outlook will permit. W. P. Throgmorton, Pres., R. A. Rowe, Sec., John Nesbitt, J. A. Finney, L. Been.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Your committee considers this not the least among the subjects that need our attention. It is as important for the gospel to be preached to those in foreign lands as it is to the people of our own country. God says "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Think how we are blessed here with the gospel! Ought not we be doing our very best to send light into the lives of those that are in darkness. We insist that it is our duty to work and pray for the cause of foreign missions. W. H. Evans, W. P. Throgmorton, J. B. Francis, J. E. Grimes, J. M. Raburn.

STATE MISSIONS—We find but five churches have reported state missions. Our state board is now composed of one member from every Association. If we do our part we must make contributions to the state work. We recommend that our association continue to co-operate with the State Convention, and that every church of this Association do something for state missions during this Associational year. We further recommend that each pastor preach a sermon on state missions and also take up a collection during the year for that purpose. J. W. Nobles, W. A. Mayfield, N. B. Dearmore, J. A. Patterson.

OBITUARIES—The following brothers and sisters have died since our last meeting: Sisters Mary Ann King, Sarah Pope, Nealie Hearn, M. J. Amos, Mamie Cole, Nerva Sykes, Anna Colquitt, and M. E. Beals, and Brothers E. M. Pettigrew, L. M. Loving, and S. H. Owens, and three of Fort Smith church, and one each of Charleston, Greenwood, Oak Bower, Sulphur, and New Harmony churches whose names are not given. Resolved, That the sympathy of this body be extended to the bereaved relatives and pray the blessings of the Great Head of the Church to rest upon them. We request churches hereafter to give names of the deceased and date of death. A. J. Watson, W. K. Jackson, F. M. Ervin, J. B. Flynn.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered this church and community for the kind manner they have entertained us. L. QUINN.

Aside from parental and church training there is nothing of greater importance than the education of our daughters. And, inasmuch as we have an institution for the education of females only, known Central Baptist College, at Conway, Ark., whose faculty is unexcelled perhaps in the south. Therefore,

Resolved, That we commend Central Baptist College to the confidence of our people; and we recommend that our people, if possible, send their daughters to Central Baptist College, and that we pray for and as far as practicable foster this institution.

WOMEN'S WORK—We find from the church letters that a majority of the members of the churches composing this Association consists of women and we learn that in a number of the churches they have organized Ladies Aid and other societies which greatly assist the churches in raising funds for missions and other purposes. We would therefore recommend that all pastors encourage the organization of these societies. Realizing the strong influence for good exerted by the sisters of our churches, and as Paul has said "I entreat the true yoke-fellow, help those women which labored with me in the gospel," we would rec-

commend that the sisters be encouraged to take part in all public worship except the ministry of the word. O. H. Gregory, Jno. E. Tatum, Jennie Amos, N. Summers, E. O. Thompson.

NOMINATIONS—That H. L. Been preach the introductory sermon, J. W. True-love alternate. L. Quinn preach the missionary sermon, R. A. Watson, alternate. That W. A. Hill deliver the temperance address, L. J. Burt alternate.

We further recommend that the executive board in addition to the officers of the Association, consist of J. C. Stalcup, J. T. Watson, J. A. Finney, L. Been, and L. H. McClendon. We recommend Greenwood for the next place of meeting. J. J. McAlister, L. Been, J. L. O'Neal, M. B. Harrison, D. W. Bryan.

Report amended by inserting Vesta as place for meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR.

To amount received from all sources	\$ 223.25	
By cash paid H. L. Been.		\$ 66.45
By cash paid clerk for minutes.		35.20
By cash paid J. N. Pennington, Missionary.		115.75
By cash paid clerk for minutes, Greenwood church ..		1.90
By amount on hand to balance.....		3.95
	\$ 223.25	\$223.25

To amount on had to balance..... \$ 3.95

G. N. SPRADLING, Treasurer.

On motion the clerk was instructed to have 600 minutes printed and he be allowed the remainder of the minute fund for his services.

T. W. Kerr, of Antioch church, and S. W. Franks, of Hickory Grove church, were admitted as corresponding messengers.

Song, parting hand, prayer.

On motion adjourned to meet at Vesta Church, Franklin county, Arkansas, Saturday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1896.

J. F. O'NEAL,

R. A. ROWE, CLERK.

MODERATOR.



CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This association shall be known as the Concord Association.

Art. 2. It shall be composed of messengers from Baptist Churches known to be in good standing. Each church with fifty members or less shall be entitled to three messengers. Each additional fifty members shall entitle the church to one additional messenger.

Art. 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual session and shall continue in office until their successors are chosen.

Art. 4. Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the body according to parliamentary usage.

Sec. 2: The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings, attend to the publication and distribution of the minutes, keep a regular file of the printed minutes of the body and deliver the same to his successor in office.

Sec. 3. The Treasurer shall take charge of the funds of the Association, holding them subject to order from the Association or its executive committee, and render an account of the same to the annual session of this body.

Art. 5. The object of this Association shall be to promote fellowship among the churches; to secure unanimity of faith; to encourage concert in operation; and especially to cultivate the piety of the churches, and to aid in this last object several minutes of each session shall be spent in devotional exercises.

Art. 6. Sec. 1. This Association shall in no case interfere with the internal regulations of the churches, but will act as advisory council whenever it shall

be necessary.

Sec. 2. It, however, claims authority over its own members, the messengers from the churches, 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.

Art. 7. Newly organized churches or churches dismissed from other Associations may be admitted into this body upon application by letter and messengers at our annual meeting and subscribing by their messengers to the abstract of principles herewith published.

Art. 8. Churches may be dismissed from this Association upon application at annual meeting for the purpose of joining a new Association but any church departing from us without being regularly dismissed shall be regarded as disorderly.

Art. 9. Sec. 1. There shall be an executive committee consisting of the officers of this body with 5 members chosen by the Association at each annual meeting.

The duty of this committee shall be to superintend the missionary operations of the Association and represent it in all matters requiring their attention when the Association is not in session.

The committee shall report annually at each meeting of the Association. Three members of said committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Upon appointment said committee shall come together and arrange their meetings and take such other steps as may be to the interest of the cause of Christ.

Sec. 2. The regular committees of this Association shall be a committee on foreign missions, documents, religious literature, ministerial support, Sunday schools, ministerial education, nominations, temperance, obituaries, queries and finance.

Art. 10. It shall be the privilege of the Association, through its executive committee, in addition to the power already granted, to conduct missionary operations within its limits, and for this purpose to chose a missionary or missionaries as means may allow and designate the fields of labor and pay them quarterly through its treasurer, out of any funds in his hands except the money sent for publishing the minutes of every annual meeting.

Art. 11. The annual meeting of the Association shall embrace the Lord's day and shall begin at 10 o'clock, a. m., on Saturday before the fourth Lord's day in September at which time the introductory sermon shall be preached. On each succeeding day the Association shall adjourn at 11 o'clock, a. m. for preaching.

Art. 12. This constitution may be altered or amended, except as to Art. 6, Section 1, at any regular meeting of the Association by the two-thirds vote of the members who are in attendance.

Amendment 1. Art. 13. No person shall serve as Moderator of this body more than two terms in succession. Amended 1882.

Amendment 2. The constitution shall be published annually in the minutes of this Association. Amended 1893.

Amendment 3. Missionary sermon is placed in hands of Divine service committee. Adopted in 1894.

Amendment 4. Each church is expected to send to each annual meeting of the Association by the hands of its messengers, a sum of money to be used for printing minutes. Adopted in 1895.



ARTICLES OF FAITH.

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

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, constituting the only and all-sufficient standard of faith, doctrine

and discipline or practice.

3. We believe that election is the sovereign exercise of the Eternal Love by which God hath, according to His infinite wisdom, chosen his people in Christ before the world was, and has 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 wilful 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 and children of wrath by nature and without natural or spiritual power to live a holy life or attain to a happy state.

5. We believe that sinners are saved by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ and 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 power of the Holy Spirit in connection with the divine truth and the proper evidences thereof are faith, repentance and obedience to God.

7. We believe that such only are 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 the scripture teaches that repentance and faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces wrought in our souls by the regenerating spirit of God.

9. A Christian church is a congregation of immersed believers who meet steadily and have covenanted together to maintain the ordinances of Christ, discharge the duties and enjoy the privileges of in the New Testament appertaining to the church of Jesus Christ.

10. The only proper officers of Christian churches 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 order.

12. The Lord's Supper is a positive commemoration ordinance of Jesus Christ to be observed in the church as such, in remembrance of Christ and to show forth His death till 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 felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal



ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call of Association to order by former Moderator, or, if absent, by the Clerk or Moderator pro tem. 2. Reading church letters and enrolling messengers. 3. Election of officers by ballot. 4. Call for petitionary letters. 5. Appointment of committee on Divine service. 6. Call for letters and messengers from corresponding Associations. 7. Visiting brethren invited to seats. 8 Appointment of committees. 9 Appointment of corresponding messengers. 10. Miscellaneous. 11. Calling the roll. 12. Call for reports of committees. 13. New business. 14. Appointment of place for next meeting. 15. Reading the minutes. 16 Valedictory by Moderator; prayer and parting hymn.

RULES OF DECORUM.

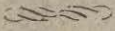
1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. An introductory and missionary sermon shall be preached by ministers chosen by ballot at the preceding Association. In case of absence or failure the sermon on either to be preached by an alternate chosen at the same time and in the same way. Some brother shall also be chosen to deliver a temperance address.
3. A committee of arrangements consisting of five members, besides the Moderator and Clerk, who shall be members ex-officio, shall be appointed by the Moderator to arrange and report the order of business.
4. Visiting brethren who are in good standing may be invited to seats but not to vote.
5. A member not satisfied with any decision of the Moderator may make an appeal to the Association on the same day, but at no other time.
6. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise, address the Moderator and upon obtaining leave shall proceed.
7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject or use words of personal reflection, and then by the Moderator.
8. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless withdrawn by him who made it. Every case taken up shall be decided or withdrawn before another is introduced.
9. When a question is taken up, after allowing time for debate, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association by yeas and nays or otherwise.
10. A member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.
11. No member shall speak more than twice on one subject without permission from the Association.
12. The appellation of "brother" shall be used in the Association by the members in their addresses one to another. Letters that are unknown to the scriptures, such as "Rev," "Parson" and like shall not be employed or appear on the minutes.
13. The names of members shall be called as often as Association may direct.
14. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoint another to his seat during the time, but shall not vote on any question unless the Association be equally divided.
15. Any person violating these rules may be reprovod by the Moderator at discretion, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.
16. These rules may be amended or altered at any regular meeting of this Association by a majority vote of the members present.

STATISTICAL TABLE.


CHURCH.	PASTOR.	CLERK.
Bloomer	A. J. Henson	L. B. Ellis
Booneville	R. A. Watson	L. B. Carolan
Burnville	J. T. Watson	W. M. Crow
Corinth	D. M. Bryant	J. A. Patterson
Caulksville	J. F. O'Neal	J. R. Richey
Center Valley	J. W. Nobles	J. T. Kersey
Charleston	L. Quinn	J. A. Robertson
Elm Vale	E. O. Thomson
First Baptist Church Ft Smith	W. P. Throgmotton	John Ayres
Friendship Hall	W. A. Hill	T. Metcalf
Greenwood	J. H. Amacker	R. E. Kennard,
Grand Prairie	W. A. Hill	G. W. Tigner
Huntington	J. T. Watson (resigned)	J. L. Finney.
Judson	T. A. Rippy	W. N. Morrow
Mt. Zion	J. Miller	J. H. Izell
Mt. Hope	J. F. O'Neal	H. M. O'Neal
Mill Creek	E. M. Beals	A. L. Lawrence
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Planter	J. W. Nobles	G. L. Williams
Prairie View	J. W. Nobles	J. N. Gilliam
Pilgrim's Rest	L. J. Burt,	Z. L. Richerson
Rocky Ridge	C. A. Heathcock	E. B. Heathcock
Union Grove	J. F. O'Neal	C. H. Franks
Union	W. P. Martin	C. W. Bryant
Spring Hill	J. W. Nobles	H. L. Newman
Shiloh	J. W. Truelove	F. M. Shaw
Sulphur Springs	A. J. Henson	Arnes Oldham
Vesta	E. M. Beals	John Nesbitt
Webb City	H. L. Been	J. T. Tolleson

	Additions.			Decrease.			Total Membership		Finance			Days of Meeting	S. S.	
	By Baptism	By Letter	Restored	Died	Dis. by Letter	Excluded			Associational	Pastor	Minutes		Officers and T'ch	Scholars
Bloomer			3		1	6	3	64	90		70	2		
Booneville	7		4	1	3	10	1	93	35	\$360	1 00	all	12	70
Milltown			4			6	3	29			50 1 00	2		
Booneville	2		5					31	1 00	25	50	2		
Caulksville	5		7			4		27	5 40	25	1 00	4		
Auburn	8		4		1	2	6	62	1 35	40	50	1	10	65
Charleston	1		3		1	3		36	4 50		1 50	4		
Donald								23			50	3		
Fort Smith	19	30	2	3	30	4	403	408	1600	3 00		all	20	283
			3					11	4 00		25	2		
Greenwood			1			4	3	81	5 65	175	1 90	3	6	58
Dahoma				2		1		28	85	20	30			
Huntington	1	1	4			18	8	77	2 30	70	1 50	1 3	13	90
Jenny Lind	2	2						37			1 00	3		
Excelsior			3			7	2	55	2 25		75	1		
Etna	2	5				12	13	86	3 05		1 00	2		
Dorietta	1	4	1			6	9	31	2 25		40	3		
Donald	1	1			2	9		54	8 00	50	1 00	1	8	50
Beverly	25			5	1	2	1	45		40	1 40	2	4	45
Lavaca	2			1	1	6	8	104	4 15	75	1 15	3	9	65
Lavaca							3	27			25	2		
Greenwood			1			7	4	75	1 00		1 50	1	9	75
Sub Rosa						3	2	63				1		
Charlesron				1		2	1	40	6 50	24	1 00	3		
Etna	1	2					1	11				1		
Bloomer	2					4	4	27	3 00	18	1 00	1		
Greenwood					1	2		55		50	1 00	3		
Ella	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	115	6 90	60	2 00	4	8	78
Bloomer					1			25	1 05		5	3		
Fort Smith								12				4		
Booneville	7		1	1		5	7	61	1 45		75	1		
Chismville			1			1		11			50	1		
Chismville			1	1	1	13		32			1 10	2		
Pauline	8				1	1		37			50	4		
Auburn			1	1		4		66	5 00		1 00	2		
Vesta	5	8	1		4	3	3	52	4 30	40	35	4	6	50
Webb City	1	7	1					13			50	1		
Totals	99	110	21	23	170	94	2099						105	924

ANNOUNCEMENTS.



The next meeting will be held with Vesta Church, Franklin County, commencing on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1896.



SPECIAL SERMONS.

Introductory Sermon—H. L. BEEN.


Alternate—J. W. TRUELOVE.

Missionary Sermon—L. QUINN.

Alternate—R. A. WATSON.

Temperance Address—W. A. HILL.

Alternate—L. J. BURT.




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Moderator—J. F. O'NEAL, Etna, Ark.

Clerk—R. A. ROWE, Greenwood, Ark.

Treasurer—G. N. SPRADLING, Greenwood, Ark.



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