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OF THE

CONCORD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

OF THE

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

HELD AT

Booneville, Logan County, Arkansas

1899

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1002 Garrison Ave.,
Fort Smith, Ark.

ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

- Moderator.....J. E. Tatum, Greenwood
Clerk.....D. M. DeWitt, Fort Smith
Treasurer.....W. A. Mayfield, Donald
Executive Board—L. Quinn, J. A. Finney, L. Been,
J. N. Pennington and C. F. Spiller; together with
the officers of the Association State Board.
Introductory Sermon—H. G. Johnson; alternate, A. L.
Brown.
Lecture on Temperance.....R. A. Rowe
Place of Next Meeting.....Huntington
Time of Meeting—Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in
September, 1900.

CONSTITUTION.

Art. I. This Association shall be known as the Concord Association.

Art. II. 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. III. 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. IV. Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the body according to parliamentary usage.

Section 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.

Section 3. The Treasurer shall take charge of the funds of the Associations, or its Executive Committee, and render an account of the same to the annual session of this body.

Art. V. The objects 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. VI. Section 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.

Section 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. VII. 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. VIII. Churches may be dismissed from this Association upon application at the 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. IX. Section 1. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the officers of this body with five 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 as follows: Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Associational Missions, Sunday School Missions, Education, Ministerial Sup-

port, Prohibition, Religious Literature, Digest of Letters, Nominations, Queries, Finance, Order of Business, Woman's Work.

Art. X. 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 choose 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. XI. 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. XII. This constitution may be altered or amended, except as to Article VI, Section 1, at any regular meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members who are in attendance.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE XIII.

1st. No person shall serve as Moderator of this body more than two terms in succession. Adopted in 1882.

2nd. The Constitution shall be published annually in the Minutes of this Association. Adopted in 1893.

3rd. Missionary Sermon is placed in the hands of Divine Service Committee. Adopted in 1894.

4th. 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.

ARTICLE 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 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 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, are 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 regener-

ated or born again; that regeneration is effected by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth and the proper evidences thereof are Repentance, Faith 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 Scriptures teach 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 statedly and have covenanted together to maintain the ordinances of Christ, discharge the duties and enjoy the privileges of 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 and commemorative 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

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. An introductory sermon shall be preached by ministers chosen by ballot at the preceding Association. In case of absence or failure the sermon 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 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 Moderator.

12. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used in the Association by the members in their addresses one to another. Titles that are unknown to the Scriptures, such as "Rev.," "Parson" and the like, shall not be employed nor appear upon the Minutes.

13. The names of members shall be called as often as the Association may direct.

14. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoints 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.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call 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 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 business.
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.



PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

Concord Baptist Association.

The Messengers composing this Association, met with the Booneville Baptist church at Booneville, Ark., on Saturday, September 23, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m. Called to order by Elder L. Quinn, acting Moderator.

Devotional exercises conducted by Elder Quinn.

In the absence of the appointees, Eld. O. L. Hailey, was chosen by the body to preach the Introductory Sermon, which he did in meekness and in the fear and admonition of the Lord. Text: Rev. 3:10.

On call the following church letters were presented: Burnville, Boonville, Bloomer, Center Valley, Charleston, Corinth, Caulksville, First Church (Fort Smith), Glendale, Greenwood, Grand Prairie, Huntington, Judson, Mt. Nebo, Mt. Hope, Mt. Zion, National Springs, Oak Bend, Oak Grove, Prairie View, Pleasant Valley, Pilgrim, Planter, Roseville, Six Mile, Sulphur Springs, Union, Vista, Webb City.

The chair then appointed Bros. O. L. Hailey, J. E. Tatum and J. A. Finney as reading clerks.

After the reading of letters the messengers were enrolled.

On motion the body adjourned until 2 p. m

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The house was called to order by Bro. L. Quinn.

After song and prayer by Bro. Been, the body proceeded to elect officers, which resulted as follows: Moderator, J. E. Tatum; Clerk, D. M. DeWitt; Treasurer, W. A. Mayfield

THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

Devotional Exercise- Committee—The Pastor and Deacons of Booneville church, with Bro. J. A. Finney to assist.

Resolutions Committee—Bros. L. Quinn and J. T. Hollingsworth.

On motion, the resolutions offered by O. L. Hailey were referred to the resolutions committee.

Visiting Brothers were then invited to seats with us, whose names are: A. S. Jackson of Buckville, Eld. L. E. Finney (State Missionary) C. O. Meacham, Waldron church and others.

On motion, Corresponding Messenger was enrolled as follows:
Bro. W. C. Reynolds

Appointment of Messengers to correspond with other Associations, was as follows:

Dardanelle—Bros. L. Quinn, J. T. Watson, H. L. Been and W. L. Puckett.

Clear Creek—Bros. H. L. Been, L. Quinn and C. F. Spiller.

General of Indian Territory—Bros. O. L. Hailey and J. T. Watson.

Buckville—Bros. Jno. E. Tatum and L. Quinn.

Short Mountain—Bros. H. G. Johnson, L. Quinn and H. L. Been

MINISTERS' INSTITUTE.

Committee on Ministers' Institute reported as follows: Joint meeting of Clear Creek and Concord Associations. Brethren, we your committee appointed to co-operate with a like committee from Clear Creek Association in holding one or more Ministers' Institutes, beg leave to report:

After considerable correspondence we arranged a meeting at Dyer, Ark., for July 25th and 27th, 1899. While the audience was not large from other Associations, we believe the meeting was a profitable one, and it was the sense of that Institute, that the co-operation should be continued. We therefore recommend the appointment of a committee from this Association, consisting of five members, who shall seek to co-operate with a like committee to be appointed from the Clear Creek Association; and that our Corresponding Messengers to that body convey to them a copy of this report and signify our readiness to co-operate with them another year, and this committee is authorized to arrange with the Clear Creek Association for a permanent co-operation in this kind of work.

O. L. HAILEY,
H. L. BEEN,
W. A. HILL } Committee.

Adopted by Concord Association, this 23d day of September, 1899.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

*We, your committee on Divine Service beg leave to report:

Bro. J. W. Nobles will preach at Union Grove to-night.

Bro. O. L. Hailey will preach the Missionary sermon to the Association here Sunday at 11 a. m.

Bro. L. Quinn will preach at the M. E. church, S., at 11 a. m. tomorrow.

Bro. J. T. Watson will preach at Union Grove Sunday night

Bro. H. G. Johnson will preach at Mixon Saturday night.

Bro. Nobles will preach at Mixon Sunday night.

On motion, report was adopted.

Bro. H. G. Johnson was then appointed as Engrossing Clerk.

On motion, the chair appointed a committee on Orphan's Home. A motion for a committee to investigate the spiritual condition of the churches, was lost.

On motion, a Sunday School mass meeting was announced for 9:30 o'clock Sunday morning.

After which the body adjourned to 7:30 p. m.

Body in session 7:30 p. m. Saturday. The following committees were appointed: Executive, Order of Business, Home Missions, Edu-

cation, Foreign Missions, Women's Work, Sunday School Work, Queries and Resolutions, Ministerial Support, Nominations, Orphan's Home Work, Associational Missions, Temperance, Literature, State Missions, Finance, Digest of Letters.

On motion, the body adjourned to meet at 8:30 o'clock Monday morning.

The Sunday School mass meeting was addressed by the following Brothers: Prof. Puckett, E. G. Woodward, H. G. Johnson and O. L. Hailey; after which a collection of \$3.24 was taken for Booneville Baptist Sunday School.

Sunday 11 a. m., Missionary sermon by O. L. Hailey; after which a collection of \$13.74 was taken for missions.

Sunday 3 p. m., address on Temperance by J. E. Tatum, followed with some little discussion by the brethren.

Monday 8:30 a. m., the house called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Bro. L. Quinn, after which roll call.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Report of committees was then called for.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Executive committee would report as follows: After failing to get a quorum the first call, the former chairman then called a meeting of the Board to meet with Sulphur Springs church the 5th Sunday in October, 1898. At this meeting four were present and organized by electing L. Quinn, chairman, and O. W. Bryan, secretary. The secretary was instructed to write a card to the churches, asking them to take a collection at once and send it either to Eld. J. T. Watson our former Missionary or W. A. Mayfield, treasurer, to pay balance due for mission work, which was \$13.00. We find \$46 20 has been paid, leaving a balance due Bro. Watson, of \$69.80.

On motion, it was agreed that we would not put out a Missionary during the winter months.

In the spring, small pox was raging in the Territory, where we expected to work, and so nothing has been done, except that done by Bro. Henry Karr, who was informally appointed by some of the members of the Board, and that he has done some work, but we do not know how much.

L. QUINN,	L. J. BURT,	} Committee.
T. C. GEE,	J. T. WATSON,	
O. L. HAILEY,	J. N. PENNINGTON.	

On motion, was adopted.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Committee on Order of Business, reported as follows:

1. Call Association to order by former Moderator; or, if absent, by the Clerk or Moderator, pro. tem.
2. Introductory sermon.
3. Reading Letters and enrolling Messengers.
4. Roll call.
5. Election of officers.
6. Call Petitionary Letters.
7. Appointment of Committee on Divine Services.

8. Call for Corresponding Messengers.
9. Invite visiting brothers to seats.
10. Appointment of Committees.
11. Appointment of Corresponding Messengers.
12. Miscellaneous business.
13. Report of Committees.
14. New business.
15. Reading the Minutes.
16. Valedictory by Moderator; prayer and parting hand.

R. M. JOYCE, L. QUINN,
W. C. STEELMAN, } Committee.

On motion, was adopted.

HOME MISSIONS.

Committee on Home Missions reported as follows: By this is meant the general mission work of the States composing the S. B. C. together with the Islands of Cuba, Porto Rico and Hayti. This Board is located at Atlanta, Ga., H. F. Keerfoot is secretary. Last year the Board employed 634 missionaries. Received by baptism, letter and restoration, 11,000 members. There are 315 Sunday Schools, 196 Churches; built 125 houses through their efforts; expended nearly \$100,000.00 in the total work.

The possibilities for Baptists are great in the Islands above named. Bro. Diaz is leading the hosts in Cuba. The Board is doing good work among the colored people. We would suggest that our churches help in this good work. We suggest the Home Field, published at Atlanta, Ga., for information. We recommend that churches appoint a standing committee to work and take collection for Home Missions.

W. L. PUCKETT, T. C. GEE,
J. E. ELLINOR, W. L. MAY, } Committee.
W. F. RAMY, WILL YELVERTON.

On motion, adopted.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

Committee on Devotional Exercises reported as follows: Bro. J. T. Watson will preach at 11 a. m. Monday to the Association.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Committee on Education, reported as follows: To assist in accomplishing this, we have three institutions, namely: Ouachita, Central and Buckner colleges. We recommend that we pledge our moral support to Ouachita for ministerial education, and to Buckner for the education of our girls and boys.

J. T. WATSON, D. M. BRYANT,
N. B. DEARMORE, J. E. ELLINOR. } Committee.

On motion, was accepted.

After reading of report a collection of \$7.00 as follows, was taken for Buckner college: R. N. Joyce, \$5.00; J. T. Watson, \$1.00; Charleston church, \$1.00.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported as follows: The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, embracing the countries of Mexico, South America, Africa, China and Japan, now have in total, of churches, 100; of outposts, 130; of missionaries, 82; of ordained natives, 27; of members, 5,347; of baptisms in the past year,

845. The total contribution for the past year, \$7,110.20, and of this amount, Arkansas Baptists gave \$1,714.44. By these figures we find this to be a very small per cent. for each Baptist of the State, and as some give nothing, we recommend that the pastor of each church be requested to preach a missionary sermon and take up collection at least twice each year, for the benefit of Foreign Missions, and that a special committee be appointed to solicit funds for this purpose.

E. G. WOODWARD, JOSEPH HERRIMAN, }
J. C. ERWIN, W. L. HOLDER, J. S. WOOD. } Committee.

On motion, was adopted.

WOMEN'S WORK.

Committee on Women's Work reported as follows: We believe the utilization of all the forces in church to be essential to the greatest results, that the exercises of these forces in every good work, is the best means of utilizing these forces. The Ladies Aid is an organized force for good and we see from reports that it is doing a good work, therefore we recommend it to all the churches and ask the churches to give their Aids cordial support and encouragement.

SARAH ELLINOR,
W. M. MAYFIELD, } Committee.
J. A. FINNEY }

On motion, was adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Committee on Sunday Schools reported as follows: The work of the Sunday Schools makes the impressions and brings the tender plant unto the Lord, therefore we urge upon the churches a fervent and consecrated effort on this line, and we recommend the Southern Baptist Convention Series of literature as our standard works

W. H. YELVERTON, J. T. HOLLINGSWORTH, }
J. F. HARKINS. } Committee.

On motion, was adopted.

On motion, adjourned for preaching services. After preaching adjourned until 2 p. m. At 2 p. m. body in session.

QUERIES AND RESOLUTIONS.

Committee on Queries and Resolutions, would report that the second Article in Rules of Decorum be amended by striking out the words "and missionary," and make it harmonize with Amendment No. 3 in the Constitution of 1894.

Resolved, That we give thanks to God for such a noble people as the Brethren, Sisters and Friends as we have met at this place, whose nobility has been manifest in the very kind way they have taken care of us during this session.

Resolved, That the Clerk be authorized to have printed 600 copies of the Minutes of this body.

Resolved, That he be allowed to print on leaves and the back of the Minutes, such advertising matter as would be acceptable, and that the Clerk be allowed for his services whatever funds may be left after paying the expenses of printing the Minutes.

Is it Scriptural for a church to exclude a member for a public offence, when said member makes acknowledgment of the same? We answer, Yes. Amendment. Yes; where repentance is not plainly manifest in the acknowledgement of guilt. No; where evidence is apparent of repentance.

L. QUINN, A. J. WILLIAMS, }
H. L. BEEN, ALFRED YARBOROUGH. } Committee.

On motion, was adopted.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Committee on Ministerial Support, reported as follows: By this we understand the temporal needs of our pastors and we believe it is according to the will of our Savior, that the men who give themselves to the preaching of the Gospel, should receive in return therefor the supply of their temporal needs.

We believe that God calls men to preach and that He has ordained that they preach the Gospel and we understand by that that it is God's plan, that the man who devotes himself to preaching God's word, should be supplied with his temporal needs without having to provide them as other men do. And Jesus said: "The laborer is worthy of his hire."

We would therefore urge the churches to study the best means of thus carrying out the Lord's will and to provide as speedily as they can, the support for their pastors so that they may be able to give their time and thoughts to the preaching of the Gospel.

We would suggest to the preachers the importance of teaching the churches what is the revealed will of God on this question, and then in convention with the deacons of their churches arrange some wise plan of pastoral support which will be adapted to the particular field in which they labor.

O. L. HAILEY,	} Committee.
D. M. JETTON,	
L. ACUFF.	

On motion, was adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Committee on Nominations reported as follows: We, your Committee on Nominations would recommend the following to preach the Introductory Sermon: H. G. Johnson; alternate, A. L. Brown.

Temperance Lecture—R. A. Rowe.

Messengers to State Convention—O. L. Hailey, L. Quinn, J. E. Ellinor, R. F. Hooper, Granville Ingrahm; alternate, R. T. Little.

Members of Executive Board—L. Quinn, J. A. Finney, L. Been, J. N. Pennington, C. F. Spiller.

Messengers to Southern Baptist Convention—O. L. Hailey; alternate, L. Quinn.

The place of next meeting of this body—Huntington.

L. BEEN,	C. F. SPILLER,	} Committee.
A. R. HILL,	O. L. HAILEY,	
J. C. MAYFIELD,	W. M. CROW.	

On motion, was adopted.

ORPHAN'S HOME WORK.

Committee on Orphan's Home Work, reported as follows: We, your committee on Orphan's Home Work, beg leave to submit the following: We find that the Baptist State Convention now owns the Home and it is now open to all orphan children in the State, to the extent of our ability, but room is limited. We now have twenty-six children in the Home and twelve applicants we can't accommodate, therefore, we ask that a collection be taken to build another addition.

The Home is at Monticello and was given by Miss Hanna Hyatt, now Mrs. Hanna Gardner, who is the matron of the Home.

L. QUINN,	J. M. SMITH,	} Committee.
F. A. VANLANDINGHAM.		

On motion, was adopted.

After reading, a collection was taken for the Home of \$4.11.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Committee on Associational Missions reported as follows: We, your committee, find that there is a great deal of territory in the bounds of our Association that is unoccupied by Baptists. Running west from Greenwood, Sebastian county, to the State line, then north to Fort Smith, is destitute of Baptists.

We learn that at Bonanza there are several Baptists though they have no organization. At old Jenny Lind there is a Baptist church, but they have no preaching, and at new Jenny Lind there are several Baptists, but no church and no preaching. We have been informed that they want to organize a church at that place. There is Spring Hill and Central City, on the Arkansas Central railroad, between Lavaca and Fort Smith, that we ought to occupy. There is also a destitution down the Arkansas river, from Lavaca to Webb City, that we ought to work. In view of these fields, we recommend that the Association through its Board, employ one or more Missionaries and put in the field, and that they ask the Sunday School and Colportage Board to co-operate with them in sustaining such Missionaries. And we also recommend that Messenger and Pastor composing this body use their efforts in their home churches to meet these demands.

We recommend that the Treasurer be instructed to pay Bro. J. T. Watson the balance due him for work as Missionary for 1898.

H. L. BEEN,	M. M. HENDERSON,	} Committee.
L. J. BURT,	H. T. GARNER, JAMES CARROL.	

On motion, was adopted.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Committee on Temperance reported as follows: We, your committee, would submit the following: We believe owing to the common acceptance of the word temperance (which is the moderate use of) that the word is misleading, therefore, we recommend that the word "temperance" in Section No. 2 of Constitution be stricken out, and the word "prohibition," be supplied.

We recommend further, that the Frederick resolution, which was adopted last year, be incorporated in this report, which is as follows:

"Your committee regards the sale and use of intoxicants as a beverage to be a great sin against mankind; to be the greatest evil now threatening our homes, our social institutions and our churches. It is Satan's weapon for the destruction of humanity. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Concord Baptist Association, That it is wrong and a violation of God's law to vote at any election for license to sell intoxicating liquors; that it is wrong and a violation of the laws of God for any professed christian to give his assent by vote, signature or otherwise, to aid, encourage or tolerate the manufacture or use of intoxicating liquors."

A. L. BROWN,	W. A. HILL,	} Committee.
L. BEEN,	W. G. GARRETT,	

On motion, was adopted.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Committee on Religious Literature reported as follows: We believe that our people ought to be encouraged to read good books and papers. The Bible comes first and we ought to stimulate the people in reading it regularly, then our Sunday Schools ought to be kept supplied with suitable helps. We ought also read our State paper.

J. F. O'NEAL,	O. L. HAILEY,	} Committee.
G. W. LANGSTON,	W. B. MILLS,	

On motion, was adopted.

STATE MISSIONS

Committee on State Missions reported as follows: Your committee would report that this department of our work is taking on new life, as our people take hold, work, and give of their means for this purpose. It is the aim of the Board to work in concert with the churches and help occupy the ground now hold.

New fields are now open along the new railroads that are being built in our part of the State. Bro. L. E. Finney now working the Choctaw railroad is doing a good work. Many souls have been saved and the mission cause made stronger. We recommend that the churches collect money regularly and send to the Board to push this cause.

L. QUINN,

J. W. CURTIS,

J. A. CORD,

R. W. AUSTIN,

} Committee.

On motion, was adopted.

FINANCE

Committee on Finance reported as follows: We, your committee beg to submit the following:

Sunday's Collection.....	\$ 15 65
Associational Mission.....	62 90
State Mission.....	1 50
Home Mission.....	2 05
Foreign Mission.....	9 95
For printing Minutes.....	30 70

122 75

We recommend that the churches specify in their letter the purpose for which they send contributions.

E. O. THOMPSON,

Z. L. WRIGHT,

H. M. McCASLIN,

} Committee

On motion, was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Treasurer's report was as follows:

Received from all sources.....	\$ 119 75
Paid out Orphan's Home.....	10 70
Paid J. T. Watson for Minutes.....	37 50
Paid State Missions.....	15 15
Paid Home Missions.....	5 10
Paid Foreign Missions.....	17 15
Paid J. T. Watson, Missionary.....	30 40
Paid for register.....	30
Total paid out.....	116 30
Balance on hand.....	3 45

W. M. MAYFIELD, Treasurer.

On motion, adopted.

On motion, the collection taken Sunday for missions was divided equally between Home and State missions.

DIGEST OF LETTERS.

On motion, the report being incomplete, was ordered place in the Minutes without being read. Report is as follows:

We, your committee, find thirty-one churches represented in this

body, and only thirteen Sunday schools. It seems that there is very little interest in Sunday school work. We would recommend that each church give the average attendance at their meetings.

We find that there has been a decrease of sixty-nine in membership since our last annual meeting.

We would further recommend that each clerk give the names of deceased members

R. L. LAVENDER, N. A. WILLIAMS, }
J. D. CORLEY, R. M. MCGEE, J. E. WATSON, } Committee.

After the business was all finished the body adjourned to meet Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, A. D. 1900, at Huntington, Ark.

J. E. TATUM, MODERATOR.

D. M. DEWITT, CLERK.



STATISTICAL TABLE, 1899

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	MESSENGERS	CLERKS AND P. O. ADDRESS.	ADDITIONS.	DISMISSALS.	Total Membership.	MISSION WORK.				Total Contribution.	CHURCH WORK.				Value of Church Property.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					Cost of Literature.														
				By Letter. Baptized.	Restored. By Letter.		Excluded. Dismissed.	Died.	Associational.	State.		Home.	Foreign.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidental.		Repair on Buildings.	Printing Minutes.	Officers and Teachers.	Average Attendance.	Number of Pupil s.		Number of Classes.	Kind of Literature.												
Bloomer.....	A. L. Brown.....	A. M. Head, J. W. Jetton, Joseph Herrington...	E. D. Spain, Bloomer.....		4	53	\$1 50			\$	\$ 40 00		\$	\$ 45	\$ 600 00	8	5	50	35	S. B. C. S.	\$															
Booneville.....	Kimbrough, Sr.....	H. M. McCaslin, J. D. Corley, D. G. Garner.....	(Letter misplaced) Booneville.....			7	3 00				3 00			1 25																						
Burnville.....	H. L. Been.....	R. M. McGee, W. M. Crow, M. A. Mastin.....	R. M. McGee, Greenwood.....	2	1 4	19	1 20				1 20			50																						
Center Valley.....	J. F. O'Neal.....	J. W. Noble, W. T. Rainey.....	J. T. Kersey, Auburn.....			1	56	1 50			2 50			40																						
Charleston.....	P. C. Mays.....	L. Quinn, L. J. Burt, D. M. Jetton.....	J. A. Robertson, Charleston..	2	1 7	30	1 00				3 15			1 00	500 00																					
Corinth.....	D. M. Bryant.....	D. M. Bryant, W. B. Mills, Alfred Yarbrough..	W. F. Hall, Magazine.....			1	33	1 25			1 25	20 00		50	Rebuild																					
Caulksville.....		J. R. Richey, W. L. Holder, R. L. Lavender, L.	O. C. Paschaal, Caulksville.....		2 2	28	1 00				1 00			50	ing exp.																					
Fort Smith (note)	O. L. Hailey.....	O. L. Hailey, M. DeWitt, J. S. Wood.....	John Ayers, Fort Smith.....	13	27	1	3 38	16	342	17 60	58 73	94 20	15 95	326 94	1400 00	424 95	5	00	14885 00	21	18	202	128	S. B. C. S.	38 50											
Glendale.....	D. M. Bryant.....	W. L. Mays, D. G. Dilda, A. J. Hicks.....	A. L. Manus, Glendale.....			3	40	75						75																						
Greenwood.....	H. L. Been.....	J. E. Tatum, H. G. Johnson.....	J. E. Hodges, Greenwood.....	2	2	3	64	2 00	1 00	1 00	5 00	100 00		1 50	500 00	6	4	45	30	S. B. C. S.																
Grand Prairie.....	J. T. Watson.....	E. D. Thompson, W. G. Garrett, R. W. Hustin..	R. W. Austin, Bahama.....	3	1	21					3 85	30 50		1 00																						
Huntington.....		E. G. Woodward, J. E. Ellinor, Sister S. Ellinor.	J. L. Finney, Huntington.....			2	6	3	70	3 85				2 00	1200 00	13	8	70	60	A. B.	20 00															
Judson.....	D. L. Moore.....	W. A. Yelverton, Miss Lucy Johnson.....	T. D. Jones, Greenwood.....			2	23				75	1 40	2 15	50																						
Mt. Nebo.....	J. F. O'Neal.....	Z. L. Wright, W. C. Steelman.....	T. F. Blaylock Excelsior.....	4	1	3	27							50																						
Mt. Hope.....	H. G. Johnson.....	J. F. O'Neal, H. F. Mosley, W. L. Puckett.....	H. M. O'Neal, Etna.....	3	1	4	85				35	35	40 00	10 50	1 05	600 00	9	10	50	38	10 00															
Mt. Zion.....	J. T. Watson.....	Jessie Edwards.....	Jessie Edwards, Excelsior.....	1	2	2	50							75	50 00	9	4	75	40	A. B.	8 00															
National Springs.....	J. T. Evans.....	J. T. Watson, W. A. and J. C. Mayfield.....	T. B. Hearston, National.....	5	4	1	1	40			6 10	6 10	50 00	1 50		8	4	76	35	S. B. C. S.	7 20															
Oak Bend.....	A. L. Brown.....	J. T. Harkins.....	Charley Deavenport, Meg.....			1	1	26						50																						
Oak Bower.....	H. L. Been.....	A. J. Cord, A. L. Brown and G. C. Ingram.....	W. H. Thomas, Oak Bower.....	2	6	1	4	85	2 65		2 65	20 50	4 50	1 00																						
Oak Grove.....		R. M. Joyce, R. L. Been, H. L. Been.....	W. H. Been, Greenwood.....	2	2	1	3	95	3 45		2 00	5 45	60 00	2 00	630 00	9	7	63	40	S. B. C. S.	5 00															
Prairie View.....	R. T. Little.....	R. D. Hill, T. C. Gee, J. W. Curtis.....	H. B. McMath, Effa.....	1	7	3	2	104	3 50	3 00	48	2 05	9 03	2 00	600 00	8	5	60	38	A. B.	6 16															
Pleasant Valley.....	A. L. Brown.....	A. R. Hill, J. A. Owens, G. F. Gildewell.....	J. A. Owens, Booneville.....	3	1	1	53							1 00	300 00	8	4	57	32	S. B. C. S.	8 00															
Pilgrim's Rest.....	H. L. Been.....	N. B. Dearmore.....	T. J. Flynn, Lavaca.....			2	24					10	8 00	40																						
Planter.....	Frank O'Neal.....	M. B. Autery, A. J. Williams, Will Harrow.....	A. J. Williams Jr. Greenwood.....			9	44	15				25	20 00	1 00																						
Roseville.....	M. M. Henderson.....	J. E. Watson.....	J. E. Walton, Roseville.....			2	17																													
Six Mile.....	J. T. Watson.....	M. M. Henderson.....	I. Q. Metcalf, Six Mile.....			2	10							23 10																						
Sulphur Springs.....	D. M. Bryant.....	O. P. Pennington.....	E. B. Ripple, Greenwood.....			1	2	66			1 00			50																						
Union.....	J. F. O'Neal.....	J. M. Smith.....	J. M. Smith, Chismville.....	4	1	3	26	1 00		2 00				65																						
Union Grove.....	J. C. Mays.....	T. J. Cabe, L. A. Cuff, J. C. Ervin.....	J. A. Frank, Booneville.....	2		3	39	2 00						85																						
Vesta.....	J. F. O'Neal.....	J. F. Spiller, James Carrol, F. A. Vanlandingham.	I. T. Spiller, Vesta.....	1	1	6	26				30 00	13 00		1 00	500 00	Un ion	S. S.		Union.																	
Webb City.....	J. F. O'Neal.....	G. W. Lancaster, N. A. Williams.....	J. T. Tollerson, Webb City.....	4	4		26																													
				36	63	3	43	102	35	1622	48	70	64	23	96	43	30	40	379	22	1886	10	444	20	40	50	30	70	5480	00	108	74	841	532	1148	71

First Church at Fort Smith.....

Ministerial Education.....	\$ 58 50
Orphan's Home Work.....	12 77
Relief of Poor.....	60 19
Charity work, total.....	140 46

This amount is included in total column of Missions.

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