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Rev. T. D. Penn, Moderator.....Rogers. Ark.
J. T. Bowen, Clerk,Rogers, Ark.
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T. D. Penn, President.....Rogers, Ark.
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C. M. Rice.....Bentonville, Ark.
W. B. Brogdon.....Springdale, Ark.
R. J. Alfrey.....Siloam Springs, Ark.
A. J. Deason (Pleasant Hill church).....Rogers, Ark.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Carter, J. C., Bentonville	Phillips, I. M., Springdale
Downing, T. F., Sulphur Spg.	Pritchard, W. R., S.-W.City,Mo.
Hardy, C. E., Sulphur Spgs.	Rice, J. F., Siloam Springs
Harris, G. C., Rogers	Rutherford, W. H., Gentry
Moffitt, W. A., Bentonville	Scroggin, J. A., Decatur
Herod, J. S., Garfield	Smith, M. M., Siloam Springs
Little, J. F., Rogers	Thomas, U. S., Rogers
Little, L. T., Huntsville	Voyles, M. L., Bentonville
Penn, T. D., Rogers	Walters, C. P., Springdale

NAMES OF MESSENGERS.

Bentonville—Rev. W. A. Moffitt, Dr. W. C. Moody,
Rev. J. C. Carter.

Brush Creek—I. L. Lowe.

Decatur—No messengers.

Dug Hill—C. E. Jackson, C. M. Howard.

Garfield—Miss Mamie Haswell.

Gentry—No messengers.

Logan—W. A. Henson, Carl Willis.

Mount Zion—Rev. W. R. Pritchard.

Pleasant Hill—A. J. Deason, H. N. Renfro, H. W.
Capps, F. B. Wolf.

Pleasant Site—Rev. G. C. Harris, Dr. M. W. Higgin-
botham.

Rogers—Rev. U. S. Thomas, Rev. T. D. Penn, E. W.
Homan, J. K. Stephens, J. W. Bowen.

Siloam Springs—Rev. M. M. Smith.

Springdale—Rev. C. P. Walters, Dr. D. Christian, W.
B. Brogdon.

Sulphur Springs—No messengers.

Temperance Hill—I. A. Hankins.

MINUTES.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1914.

Morning Session.

The Benton County Baptist Association convened in its twenty-eighth annual session with the Second Baptist Church of Springdale, Ark., Thursday, October 15, 1914, at 11 a. m.

This being the hour for the introductory sermon there was no business transacted at the morning session.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. I. M. Phillips from a part of the eleventh verse of the first chapter of the Acts, "Ye men of Gallilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven?"

Adjourned to 1:30 p. m. Prayer by Rev. M. M. Smith.

Afternoon Session.

Opened by singing, and prayer by Dr. R. M. Inlow.

In the absence of the clerk, the moderator, Rev. T. D. Penn, appointed J. W. Bowen clerk pro tem.

With Rev. U. S. Thomas and Rev. W. A. Moffitt as reading clerks, letters from the following churches were read and messengers enrolled:

Pleasant Hill, Logan, Rogers, Siloam Springs, Mount Zion, Gentry, Pleasant Site, Bentonville, Temperance Hill, and Decatur.

On motion the Association proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, resulting in the election of Rev. T. D. Penn, Moderator, J. W. Bowen, Clerk, and E. W. Homan, Treasurer.

A letter from Brush Creek church was then read, asking for membership in the Association.

The matter was referred to a special committee. After a favorable report from the committee, the church was received, and their messenger, I. L. Lowe, was welcomed by the Moderator.

The following committees were announced :

Religious Exercises—Rev. C. P. Walters, E. W. Homan, W. C. Moody.

Religious Literature—Rev. U. S. Thomas, F. B. Wolf, Rev. W. R. Pritchard.

Women's Work—Mrs. W. A. Moffitt, Mrs. A. M. Buckley, Miss Margaret Moody.

Old Ministers' Relief—I. M. Phillips, E. W. Homan, Carl Willis.

Obituaries—Rev. J. A. Hall, Dr. W. C. Moody, W. R. Pritchard.

Sunday School and Colportage—Rev. G. C. Harris, Rev. Lloyd T. Little, A. J. Deason.

B. Y. P. U. Work—C. P. Walters, Lloyd T. Little, Carl Willis.

Associational Missions—I. M. Phillips, J. K. Stephens, F. B. Wolf.

Orphans' Home—A. J. Deason, I. A. Hankins, U. S. Thomas.

Christian Education—Dr. D. Christian, F. B. Wolf, M. M. Smith.

Home Missions—Rev. J. C. Carter, Dr. M. W. Higginbotham, H. W. Capps.

Sunday Observance—H. N. Renfro, G. C. Harris, W. A. Henson.

Temperance—A. J. Deason, W. R. Pritchard, Dr. M. W. Higginbotham.

Nominations—E. W. Homan, W. A. Moffitt, I. M. Phillips.

Finance Committee—H. N. Renfro, W. A. Moffitt, W. B. Brogdon.

Resolutions—I. A. Hankins, F. B. Wolf, J. A. Hall.

State Missions—M. M. Smith, I. M. Phillips, J. K. Stephens.

Foreign Missions—W. A. Moffitt, I. A. Hankins, J. C. Carter.

The following visitors were announced: Dr. R. M.

Inlow, Secretary of the State Board, 412 Hollenberg Building, Little Rock; Mrs. J. G. Jackson, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, State W. M. U., 413 Hollenberg Building, Little Rock; Rev. J. N. B. Hepler, Fayetteville Association, and J. H. Berry and Kit Phillips, New Temperance Hill; Dr. M. P. Hunt, Pastor First church, Fayetteville, was present during the morning session on Thursday, but was called home at noon.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Our State Mission Board was reorganized last year at Monticello on a basis of one member for each association of the state, making seventy-five men who represent us, not only along the line of State Missions but every other matter of interest in the Kingdom of God in the bounds of the state. This gives each section of the state an opportunity to know of the great needs of the whole state and the privilege of cooperation as the forces gives them the ability.

We have this year 45 missionaries to be paid in part or in full by our State Mission Board.

Then we have a debt of \$11,500.00 left over from last year, while the amount asked for by the Board this year is \$20,800.00 and this association has been asked to raise \$800.00

We recommend that the association raise the above amount for this great work.

To raise this \$20,800.00 we must have the hearty cooperation of all of our churches and of each individual Baptist in the state. The pastors and deacons of the churches should see that each church and each individual shall have an opportunity to give and to give now to this great work of the Kingdom in our midst.

M. M. Smith

I. M. Phillips

The report was spoken to by I. M. Phillips, G. C. Harris, M. M. Smith, U. S. Thomas and R. M. Inlow.

Dr. Inlow took a list of what he termed probable pledges for the State Mission work, amounting to \$805.50

The report was adopted.

The hour from 4 o'clock to 5 was given to the Women's Work. Mrs. W. A. Moffitt read the report as follows:

REPORT ON WOMEN'S WORK.

It is the belief of the women of your committee, that women can do more for Missions at home and abroad, organized into W. M. U.'s, Y. W. A.'s and G. A.'s than in any other way, and for

that reason we urge all our churches to organize such societies.

Our Supt. Mrs. W. A. Moffitt has tried to visit every church in the Association, and with the help of others has organized two societies among the women and one among the girls.

We would recommend that all of our societies take the Mission Journal, Royal Service, Home Field and Baptist Advance.

We also ask that all our pastors encourage women's work along all lines.

Mrs. W. A. Moffitt

Mrs. A. M. Buckley

Miss Margaret Moody

Report of work done by the Associational Supt., Mrs. W. A. Moffitt: Letters written, 42; visits made, 7, letters and cards received, 12; societies organized, 2; Y. W. A., 1; G. A., 1; meetings attended, 37; talks made, 7; paid out for stamps and railroad fare, \$2.52.

Mrs. W. A. Moffitt

The report was spoken to by Mrs. Moffitt and Mrs. J. G. Jackson, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of State W. M. U., 413 Hollenberg Building, Little Rock.

The report was adopted.

The committee announced that Bro. U. S. Thomas would preach tonight.

Adjourned to 7:30. Prayer by J. A. Hall.

Night Session.

Opened by singing "At the Cross" and prayer by Dr. W. C. Moody, followed by a short song and prayer service, then some precious testimonies to answered prayer.

Bro. Thomas then preached the sermon of the evening. His theme was the evangelism of Benton county. Text, 2 Chron. 7:14.

The committee announced that M. M. Smith would preach tomorrow at 11 o'clock.

Adjourned to 9 a. m. tomorrow. Prayer by Bro. W. R. Pritchard.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16.

Morning Session.

Devotional services led by the Moderator.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

We as Baptists believe in Christian Education; there is a clause in our church covenant to that effect.

We promise to religiously educate our children.

According to the great commission of Jesus, we are not only to evangelize but to teach the disciples to observe all his commandments. In doing this we are bound to educate those who are saved.

Baptists have in this state two colleges, Ouachita and Central. Ouachita is for co-education of the sexes and is located at Arkadelphia. Dr. S. Y. Jameson is its president. Central, under the presidency of Dr. J. W. Conger, is our female college.

These Baptist institutions stand for the whole Bible as the word of God.

There come from these schools every year scores of young men and young women educated and equipped with a knowledge of God's eternal truth.

We must stand by these schools financially, as Ouachita is in debt and needs the immediate and liberal assistance of every Baptist in the state. We urge upon our pastors and the messengers of this association that as soon as they return home that an offering be taken for this school and forwarded to the General Secretary, Dr. R. M. Inlow, of Little Rock.

M. M. Smith

F. B. Wolf

The report was spoken to by M. M. Smith, G. C. Harris and U. S. Thomas, and adopted.

REPORT ON OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF.

In most callings of life provisions are made for those who have given the best of their lives to any given profession, even in the days when horses were used on street cars, in many instances, provisions were made for "worn outs." How much more should provision be made for worthy men who have worn out their lives in the service of Christ.

Therefore be it resolved that we think some action ought to be taken looking to the relief of our old ministers; and that this association appoint a committee to press this matter before the next State Convention.

I. M. Phillips

E. W. Homan

Carl Willis

The report was spoken to by I. M. Phillips, J. C. Carter, T. D. Penn and G. C. Harris, and adopted.

For the above committee, I. M. Phillips, W. A. Moffitt and U. S. Thomas were appointed by the Moderator.

On motion the report on Associational Missions was made a special order for 9:30 tomorrow morning.

Report on Sunday Schools and Colportage was read and spoken to by J. C. Carter, G. C. Harris and L. T. Little, and adopted.

The report on Sunday Schools and Colportage was lost.

At this time the letters from Second church of Springdale and Sulphur Springs were read and messengers enrolled.

On motion the report on Religious Literature was made a special order for 3 o'clock this afternoon.

REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

We find there are at present about 182 children at our Home at Monticello. We believe that God will hold the Baptists of the Benton County Association responsible for their part in the support of these helpless ones. They must be fed, clothed, educated and instructed in the teachings of God's Word.

We recommend that every church and every Sunday school in this association make an offering to this home of ours at Monticello.

A. J. Deason
U. S. Thomas
I. A. Hankins

The report was spoken to by W. A. Moffitt, and adopted.

This brought us up to the time for the 11 o'clock sermon, which was preached by Bro. M. M. Smith.

Adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

Opened with prayer by Lloyd Little.

Letters from Garfield and Dug Hill were read and messengers enrolled.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

By Home Missions we mean the work done by our churches through the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Con-

vention. Our territory is the southern part of the United States, Cuba and the Canal Zone.

The departments of the work are: Evangelism, work among the Negroes, work among the Indians, work among Foreigners, Mountain schools and Church Building. The Home Board co-operates with several State Boards in the evangelistic work.

The importance of Home Missions is exceedingly great. Our work among the foreigners alone would justify the outlay of all the money expended by our Board. It is a work of self defense, for if we do not take the foreigners they will take us.

Evangelism is an exceedingly important feature of our work. The cities are centers of influence either for good or bad. Except we reach the centers, our work is badly crippled in the towns and country.

Perhaps there is no more important field in the world than the Canal Zone and Baptists must occupy it at once or suffer by their neglect. Indeed every department of this work is worthy of our consideration, prayer and support.

We therefore urge all of our churches to make regular contributions to Home Missions. Our Baptist people should inform themselves in regard to this work by reading the Home Field, Home Mission Monthly and tracts on the work.

J. C. Carter

H. W. Capps

M. W. Higginbotham

The report was adopted without discussion.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission Board is located at Richmond, Virginia, and is composed of nineteen local members and eighteen members at large, representing each state in cooperation with the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Board conducts work in Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, Japan, China and Africa. In these countries we have 380 churches, 833 out stations and 30,000 church members and 542 Sunday schools with 22,000 scholars enrolled.

We have also 9,376 students in Mission Schools, of whom 420 are Theological and Training School students.

We have 300 missionaries and 635 native workers. There were 5,252 converts baptized last year.

The work prospers everywhere but this prosperity places upon us heavy demands. Every field is calling for enlargement; the schools are full to running over; the people are crowding the

preaching places, and our hospitals can hardly touch the multitudes that are crowding to them for relief, and thousands of young Christians are in need of training.

In addition to the obligations coming from the field, the opportunities which our position as a Christian nation and a peace loving nation, not now at war, calls loudly to us to send the gospel from a nation that illustrates the principles of peace.

We should meet these opportunities, (1) by completing the Judson Centennial Fund, (2) by the enlistment of more than half of our churches which are not now giving, (3) by the development of present givers into larger givers, (4) by the inauguration of a plan of systematic giving.

Then we should inform ourselves by reading the Foreign Mission Journal, take up study class work, and read the tracts sent out free by our Board.

W. A. Moffitt

I. A. Hankins.

The report was discussed by W. A. Moffitt, I. M. Phillips, U. S. Thomas, G. C. Harris and adopted.

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U. WORK.

The B. Y. P. U. is a very important part of our work. Its office is not so much to teach as to train or bring out the gift of God in our young people. Every church needs this organization if they get the best from our young people.

Any member of the human body not in action will wither; so a young convert not trained and put into service will be of little use to the church.

We recommend that every society possible take the course of study laid down by the Home Board.

Your committee beg to say that the Young People's work is in fairly good condition.

That the falling through of the Monte Ne Assembly movement has retarded our work considerably. This failure was because of the lack of funds to finance the movement.

The executive committee was compelled because of these conditions to call the Assembly meeting off, leaving a note of \$374 in the bank which will be due Nov. 23rd.

A part of the Monte Ne Assembly committee have become responsible for this deficit by signing the above named note.

We recommend that the churches give the Monte Ne Assembly committee an opportunity to present this deficit and take a free will offering to cover same.

We further recommend that our churches give more attention

to the advancement of this department of our work.

C. P. Walters

Lloyd T. Little

The report was spoken to by Lloyd Little and C. P. Walters, and adopted.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Your committee on Religious Literature is fully convinced that the Baptists of the Benton County Association are not giving enough attention to reading good literature.

The quality of our reading tells largely upon our theology and upon our Christian activity. No Baptist can afford to fill his mind with Russellism or any other pernicious literature. Such a one is worthless to his demonination.

As churches and pastors let us place in reach of all our people good sound Baptist literature. The progress of the kingdom demands it.

We recommend, therefore, a more prayerful study of the Bible; that the Baptist Advance, and state papers be placed in every home. Also the Foreign Mission Journal and the Home Field. We also recommend that we use freely good Baptist tracts.

F. B. Wolf.

W. R. Pritchard.

U. S. Thomas.

The report was discussed by U. S. Thomas, G. C. Harris, J. N. B. Hepler, T. D. Penn, C. P. Walters, J. A. Hall, M. M. Smith, I. M. Phillips and Lloyd Little and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY OBSERVANCE.

We regard it both as a duty and a privilege to observe the first day of the week as a day of rest and worship. This appears to have been the custom of the churches of Christ in the New Testament times as seen in Acts, the 20th chapter. Also the beloved apostle was in the spirit on the Lord's day when he received the vision of the book of Revelations.

We recommend that it be a day observed as a Holy day, a day of rest from the world and worldly things, and should be a day of prayer, Sunday school, preaching and any form of worships, that we may serve Jesus, and not a holiday or a day of picnics.

H. N. Renfro.

G. L. Harris.

W. A. Henson.

Report was spoken to by H. N. Renfro, and adopted.

The committee announced that Bro. W. A. Moffitt will preach tonight and Bro. J. A. Hall will preach tomorrow at eleven o'clock.

Adjourned to 9:00 a. m. tomorrow.

Prayer by moderator.

At 7:30 Bro. W. A. Moffitt preached from Rev. 1:5-6.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17.

Morning Session 9:30.

By special order the reports on the Associational Mission work was called for and the following reports were read and adopted:

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Your committee appreciates the fact that this is the most vital question before us.

We believe that the only way to do a thing is to do it.

Therefore we recommend that trial pledges from churches and individuals be taken here and now. That we ask the state board to cooperate with us to the amount of \$600.00.

That we recommend that our board employ an evangelist to visit and encourage our weaker churches, look after the general interests of the kingdom and hold meetings in the most destitute parts of the field.

We further recommend that in case of pastorless churches, regular appointments be made until these churches can secure pastors.

We also recommend that churches having full time preaching release their pastors for at least two weeks time to hold meetings in cooperation with the evangelist and take a collection for the support of the work.

I. M. Phillips.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

April 4th the board met and employed Bro. J. A. Hall as missionary at a salary of \$60.00 per month, allowing him to retain the pastorate of the Temperance Hill church, and that the salary from said church should not apply on his salary from the board.

Bro G. L. Harris began work Jan. 1st as missionary colporteur, he agreeing to take what he could make out of it for his pay.

He continued under said contract during January, February and March.

At the Fifth Sunday Meeting at Springdale in March another agreement was entered into with Bro. Harris, viz.: that he should receive \$25 per month; and the board purchased a horse for \$50 and gave to Bro. Harris by which he might be bet'er equipped for the work.

Bro. Harris worked under the last contract three months and Bro. Hall worked three months.

Bro. Harris was paid in full. Of Bro. Hall's salary, \$180, he collected on the field \$32.46, leaving the board owing him \$147.54. The State Board agreed to pay \$100, leaving a balance due Bro. Hall from the Association of \$47.54.

The board ordered books from the American Baptist Publication Society to the amount of \$27.60 and has paid \$14.00, leaving a balance of \$13.60 yet due on the books.

E. W. Homan, Sec. of Board.

Clerk's Note.—At a meeting of the Executive Board on Monday following the meeting of the Association, an arrangement was made by which the above books were taken off the hands of the board and paid for.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY.

Days labored, 68; sermons preached, 44; homes visited, 206; homes prayed in, 40; miles traveled, 500; amount collected on field, \$32.46; number of conversions, 1.

J. A. Hall, Missionary.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY COLPORTEUR.

Report for first three months: January, February and March: Days of labor, 38; sermons preached, 38; sold books, Bibles and other things, \$30.00. Smallpox greatly interfered with my work.

Report for April, May and June: Days of labor, 30; miles traveled, 450; sermons preached, 70; addresses, 5; Sunday schools organized, 2; homes visited 278; services in homes, 20; tracts distributed, 104; collected on field, \$8.92; Bibles sold, 6; Testaments sold, 39; Grace Trumans sold, 6; Church Manuals, 3; Little Baptist, 4; received on books sold, \$9.62; owe on books sold, \$13.60; owe on horse, \$5.00; received in settlement from Bro. Hatler, \$47.48.

G. C. Harris, Missionary Colporteur.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received for minutes from the churches.....	\$23.00
Received from Mr. Doke for advertising	11.50
Received from executive board	2.50
Received from Springdale church	12.60
Total	\$49.60
Paid for printing minutes.....	\$23.00
Paid on horse for colporter.....	12.60
Paid to clerk.....	10.20
Paid for distributing minutes.....	1.30
Paid P. M. Kokanour for printing (old account).....	2.50
Total.....	\$49.60
Supplemental report of new treasurer; cash received during the meeting of the association, \$37.55.	
As per report of Executive Board, due J. A. Hall, missionary.....	\$47.54
Paid missionary.....	37.55

Balance due missionary.....\$ 9.99

E. W. Homan, Treas.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your Finance Committee, have examined the above reports and find them correct.

H. N. Renfro

W. A. Moffitt

The reports were spoken to by I. M. Phillips, who took pledges for the work as follows:

Temperance Hill, \$2.50; Decatur, \$10.00; Logan, \$4.00; Pleasant Hill, \$5.00; Pleasant Site, \$5.00; Siloam Springs, \$30.00; Springdale, \$75.00; Woman's Union, Springdale, \$5.00; Springdale Sunday school, \$2.50; Rogers, \$250.00; Bentonville, \$100.00; Garfield, \$6.00; Brush Creek, \$15.00; total, \$510.00.

J. A. Hall as alternate.

At 11 a. m., Bro. J. A. Hall preached on "The Judgment," from Rev. 12:20.

Afternoon Session.

Devotional service was a season of short prayers.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee on nominations recommend that the next meeting of the association be held with the Pleasant Hill church.

That Bro. M. M. Smith preach the introductory sermon, with J. A. Hall as alternate.

That the time of the meeting of the association be changed to Thursday before the first Sunday in September.

That Bro. U. S. Thomas represent us at the Southern Baptist Convention and Bro. C. P. Walters alternate.

We also recommend for the Executive Board for the ensuing year:

R. J. Alfrey.....	Siloam Springs
C. M. Rice.....	Bentonville
A. J. Deason.....	Pleasant Hill
W. B. Brogdon.....	Springdale

The report was adopted.

Bro. W. B. Brogdon moved that the Moderator visit all of the churches of the Association not represented and encourage and stimulate them to greater activity.

The motion was carried.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We are pleased to note that there has been some advancement made in the cause of prohibition, not only among the preachers and good women, but among the railroads and large business concerns.

In recent elections, Virginia voted dry by about 30,000 votes. In the last election in our own state a number of counties that have been wet passed into the dry column; and in our own county the majority this year was 1,200 against 500 at the last election.

We recommend that every member of this association use every opportunity to aid the cause of State Wide and Nation Wide prohibition.

A. J. Deason

The report was spoken to by A. J. Deason, W. B. Brogdon, J. C. Carter, I. L. Lowe, J. N. B. Hepler, and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Resolved that this association stands ready to cooperate in any way that is honorable, to bring about peace and fellowship among the churches of Benton county, and that a committee be appointed to do what in their judgment is best to bring this to pass, and report at the next meeting of the association.

Resolved that the constitution be so changed as to make the treasurer of the association an ex-officio member of the executive board.

Resolved that the thanks of this association are extended to

this church and community for the splendid way in which they have entertained this association.

I. A. Hankin

F. B. Wolf

J. A. Hall

The report was spoken to by W. A. Moffitt, I. M. Phillips, M. M. Smith, T. D. Penn, U. S. Thomas and C. P. Walters, and adopted.

M. M. Smith, U. S. Thomas and J. A. Scoggins were appointed as the committee looking to the union of the two Benton County Associations.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

It has pleased our Heavenly Father to take from among us the following named brethren and sisters since we last met.

Decatur 3; Gentry 2; Mount Zion 1; Pleasant Hill 1, Eliza Garret; Rogers 4, Mrs. L. M. Fee, Mrs. R. M. Phillips, N. W. Little, Jewell Doby; Brush Creek 1, Bro. Collins; Garfield 2, Sister M. A. Brisco and Sister Florence Leming.

We extend to the bereaved ones our sympathy, and humbly bow in submission to Him who doeth all things well.

J. A. Hall

Dr. W. C. Moody

W. R. Pritchard

The report was spoken to by W. A. Moffitt, I. L. Low, G. C. Harris, J. N. B. Hepler, A. J. Deason, J. C. Carter, I. M. Phillips, T. D. Penn, U. S. Thomas, M. M. Smith and Miss Mamie Haswell, and adopted.

The Clerk was instructed to have printed 300 copies of the minutes and distribute to the churches of the Association.

The Clerk was allowed \$10.00 for his services.

On motion the Association was adjourned to meet with Pleasant Hill church, Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1915.

The Association was dismissed with prayer by the Moderator.

T. D. PENN, Moderator.

J. W. BOWEN, Clerk.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

NAMES OF CHURCHES	Valuation of Church Property	Building, Repairing and Improving	Pastor's Salary	Local Expenses	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Christian Education	Orphans' Home	Evangelistic Help	Other Objects	Printing Minutes	TOTAL
Bentonville.....	\$ 5000	\$ 75.00	\$1200.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 35.00	\$100.00	\$102.50	\$400.00	\$	\$ 50.00	\$	\$ 60.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 2267.50
Brush Creek.....	550					11.00					26.25		.25	37.50
3 Butler Creek.														
x Cherokee City..														
Decatur.....	1000	65.00		40.00	4.00			10.00		10.00			1.00	130.00
Dug Hill.....	750	22.00		3.90			1.75	2.00			10.95		1.00	41.60
Garfield.....	1250	10.00	35.00	5.00									1.50	51.50
Gentry.....	2500	100.00	900.00	60.00			18.00	12.50	19.25	5.00			1.05	1115.80
Logan.....			75.00							16.85			.50	92.35
Mount Zion.....	400		46.00										1.00	47.00
Pleasant Hill....	400		150.00	10.00	1.30	1.45	1.45	1.50	1.25	7.50			1.50	175.95
Pleasant Site....	1000			38.50		4.00	2.50	2.50					1.80	49.30
Rogers.....	14500	19.98	1300.00	524.61	11.89	501.00	125.00	125.00		103.95	25.00	70.50	5.00	2811.93
Siloam Springs..	3500	558.02	627.00	120.00	22.50	100.50	50.45	61.85	16.00	13.03	35.00		2.00	1606.35
x Southern Grove														
Springdale 2d c	6200	80.00	1000.00	175.00	75.00	150.00	30.00	30.00	16.75	10.09			1.50	1568.39
Sulphur Springs.	6000		120.00	28.60			6.50	5.00		9.00			1.50	170.60
Temperance Hill.	900		15.00	3.00									.50	18.50
x Twelve Corners														
x Walnut Hill....														
TOTAL....	\$43950	\$930.00	\$5468.00	1248.61	\$149.69	\$867.95	\$338.15	\$650.40	\$ 53.25	\$225.42	\$ 97.20	\$130.50	\$25.10	\$10184.27

x Not represented this year.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

No.	Name of Church	Pastor and Address	Name of Clerk and Address
1	Bentonville.....	W. A. Moffitt.....BentonvilleBentonville
2	Brush Creek.....	No pastor.....	Mrs. C. L. George.....Elm Springs
3	Butler Creek.....	Not represented this year.....	
4	Cherokee City.....	Not represented this year.....	
5	Decatur.....	T. D. Penn.....Rogers	J. D. Denton.....Decatur
6	Dug Hill.....	No pastor.....	C. E. Jackson.....Bentonville
7	Garfield.....	T. D. Penn.....Rogers	F. M. Haswell.....Garfield
8	Gentry.....	W. H. Rutherford.....Gentry	Mrs. C. C. Fristoe.....Gentry
9	Logan.....	J. A. Scroggins.....Decatur	Della Crane.....Gentry
10	Mount Zion.....	T. F. Downing.....Sulphur Springs	A. J. Downing.....Sulphur Springs
11	Pleasant Hill.....	U. S. Thomas.....Rogers	F. B. Wolf.....Rogers
12	Pleasant Site.....	W. A. Moffitt.....Bentonville	W. B. Sumpter.....Rogers
13	Rogers.....	U. S. Thomas.....Rogers	J. W. Bowen.....Rogers
14	Siloam Springs....	M. M. Smith.....Siloam Springs	O. T. Moore.....Siloam Springs
15	Southern Grove....	Not represented this year.....	
16	Springdale 2d ch).	C. P. Walters.....Springdale	Fred Reed.....Springdale
17	Sulphur Springs...	Chas. E. Hardy.....Sulphur Springs	Mrs. E. R. Wright...Sulphur Springs
18	Temperance Hill...	J. C. Carter.....Bentonville	I. A. Hankins.....Bentonville
19	Twelve Corners....	Not represented this year.....	
20	Walnut Hill.....	Not represented this year.....	J. W. Harris.....Garfield

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS.

NAMES OF CHURCHES	Membership Last Year	Increase				Decrease				Year's Gain.....	Year's Loss.....	Membership This Year
		Baptism.....	Letter.....	Relation.....	Total.....	Letter.....	Death.....	Expulsion.....	Total.....			
Bentonville.....	193	11	6		17	7			7	10		203
Brush Creek.....	10						1				1	9
x Butler Creek.....												
x Cherokee City.....												
Decatur.....	109		6		6	15	3	1	19		13	96
Dug Hill.....	22											22
Garfield.....	56					1	2	13	16		16	40
Gentry.....	100		7		7	5	2			7		100
Logan.....	56	4	8		12	4			4	8		64
Mount Zion.....	37		3		3	3	1	5	9		6	31
Pleasant Hill.....	74	53			53	4	1	3	8	45		119
Pleasant Site.....	75	2			2					2		77
Rogers.....	273	15	28	3	46	11	4		15	31		304
Siloam Springs.....	175	15	41	2	58	10	1		11	47		222
x Southern Grove.....												
Springdale (2d ch)....	76	7	3	10						10		86
Sulphur Springs.....	22						1				1	21
Temperance Hill.....	85											85
x Twelve Corners.....												
x Walnut Hill.....												
TOTAL.....	1363	107	102	15	204	60	16	22	89	160	37	1479

x Not represented this year.

WOMEN'S SOCIETIES.

NAMES OF CHURCHES	PRESIDENT AND ADDRESS	CONTRIBUTIONS									
		Pastor's Salary	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphans' Home	Christian Education	Other Objects	Local Expenses	TOTAL
Bentonville.....	Mrs. M. L. Voyles, Bentonville	\$ 50.00	\$	\$25.00	\$	\$ 55.00	\$27.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 5.00	\$176.85	\$ 340.85
Decatur.....	Mrs. Roxie Purkins, Decatur...	1.50		3.00						17.31	21.81
Dug Hill.....	Mrs. W. L. Howard, Bentonville									20.00	20.00
Gentry.....	Mrs. J. F. Mitchell, Gentry.....	52.00							10.00		62.00
Rogers.....	Mrs. A. M. Buckley, Rogers...		8.98		43.20	69.85	25.00	2.60	67.42	20.97	238.02
Springdale 2d c	Mrs. D. Christian, Springdale..		5.00		5.00	5.00		11.75		51.82	78.57
Pleasant Site...	Mrs. G. C. Harris, Rogers.....				8.23					65.00	73.23
Siloam Springs...	Mrs. W. T. Hamilton, Siloam S.	40.00	1.00	5.00		7.50	20.98	7.00	100.00		181.46
Sulphur Springs	Mrs. Lydia Bellknapp, Sul. Spg.	40.00									40.00
TOTAL....		\$183.50	\$14.98	\$33.00	\$56.43	\$137.35	\$72.96	\$23.35	\$182.42	\$351.95	\$1,055.94

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

NAMES OF CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESS	No. Mos. Held	Kind of Literature	No. Officers and Teachers	Enrollment	Average Attendance	Expenses	No. Classes	No. Baptisms
Bentonville.....	W. E. White, Bentonville.....	12	S. B.	20	150	112	\$105.00	17	
Decatur.....	Thomas Purkins, Decatur.....	12	S. B.	9	100	65		5	
Dug Hill.....	Albert Robbins, Bentonville.....	12	S. B.	8	36	30	15.00	5	
Garfield.....	J. S. Herod, Garfield.....	3	Bible	1	30	30		1	
Gentry.....	A. M. Campbell, Gentry.....	12	S. B.	12	100	75	.50	7	
Mount Zion.....	X. S. Check, Sulphur Springs.....	12	S. B.	9	60	40	10.00	5	
Pleasant Hill.....	H. N. Renfro, Avoca.....	12	S. B.	7	54	60	30.68	5	33
Pleasant Site.....	Dr. M. W. Higginbotham, Bentonville.....	12	A. B.	6		15		3	
Rogers.....	M. V. Deason, Rogers.....	12	S. B.	30	225	173	164.52	24	12
Siloam Springs.....	R. J. Alfrey, Siloam Springs.....	12	S. B.	21	151	109	66.98	16	14
Springdale (2d ch)....	W. B. Brogdon, Springdale.....	12	S. B.	12	130	80	70.00	12	4
Sulphur Springs.....	J. W. Wright, Sulphur Springs.....	12	S. B.	7	37	21	15.00	5	
Temperance Hill.....	J. K. Campbell, Bentonville.....	8	S. B.	7	35	20	6.00	4	
TOTAL.....				149	1108	830	\$483.68	109	65

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The following order of business will be observed, unless otherwise directed:

First—Temporary organization.

Second—Reading of letters from the churches and enrollment of messengers.

Third—Annual sermon.

Fourth—Permanent organization.

The Moderator shall appoint the following committees of three members each:

1. Religious exercises.
2. Religious Literature.
3. Woman's Work.
4. Old Ministers' Relief.
5. Obituaries.
6. Sunday Schools and Colportage.
7. B. Y. P. U. Work.
8. Associational Missions.
9. Orphans' Home.
10. Christian Education.
11. Temperance.
12. State Missions.
13. Home Missions.
14. Foreign Missions.
15. Sunday Observance.
16. Nomination (a) who shall nominate the Executive Board, (b) place of next meeting and arrangements therefor, (c) and nominate delegate to Southern Baptist Convention.
17. Finance Committee, who shall audit treasurer's report.
18. Resolutions.

Sixth—Report of Executive Board and Missionary, in connection with the report on Associational Missions.

Seventh—Reports of Committees.

Eighth—Report of Treasurer.

Ninth—Miscellaneous Business.

CONSTITUTION.

Article I. This Association shall be composed of messengers, who shall be members of the churches they represent (except such as may be invited to a seat by consent of the body) and shall be styled, "The Benton County Baptist Association."

Article II. The Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, at the place previously appointed, and after public worship, reading the letters from the churches and acting upon those soliciting membership, a moderator, a clerk and a treasurer shall be chosen from the messengers by ballot, all of whom shall hold their offices until others shall be elected.

Article III. It shall be the duty of the clerk to make an accurate record of the proceedings of each meeting of the Association, in a book provided for that purpose.

Article IV. The associational work of this Association shall be in charge of an executive board consisting of the moderator, clerk and treasurer of this Association, who shall be respectively president, secretary and treasurer of the executive board, and four members, of the churches belonging to this Association, and shall be elected annually by the Association.

Article V. Each church of fifty members or less may send two messengers and one messenger for each fractional part of fifty over. The messengers shall present letters certifying their appointment and briefly expressing the state of the churches, their increase and decrease, and their aggregate number. Each church shall send with the letter money for printing the minutes.

Article VI. Churches wishing to unite with this Association may apply by messenger or letter, and giving satisfactory information of their being sound in doctrine and correct in practice, they may be received by a unanimous vote, in token of which the moderator shall give their messengers the hand of fellowship in behalf of the Association. Churches may be dismissed upon application.

Article VII. We acknowledge the independence of the particular churches and that no authority or jurisdiction is to be exercised over them by this Association, nor will the Association decide in any controversy that may arise in any church. Nevertheless they deem it their duty to disown any church be-

longing to this body which may have essentially departed from the faith.

Article VIII. When a church shall neglect making any communication to the Association for three years successively, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and shall be dropped from the minutes of the Association unless at least two members request their continuance, who shall engage to enquire into their standing and report at the next regular meeting of the Association.

Article IX. This Association shall have the right to open and hold correspondence with other Associations, as may be deemed expedient.

Article X. It shall be the duty of the Association, from time to time, to suggest to the several churches such measures as may be wise and proper to promote the interest of the Messiah's kingdom and spread the Gospel throughout the world.

Article XI. This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Association by a two-third vote of all members present.