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OF THE

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Thirty-Second Annual Session

—OF—

Spring River

Baptist Association,

WHEN CONVENED WITH

Calamine Baptist Church,

Calamine, Sharp County, Arkansas,

SEPTEMBER 22-25, 1900.

OFFICERS.

ELDER M. D. BOWERS, Moderator, Pocahontas, Ark.
J. H. TOWNSEND, Clerk, Black Rock, Ark.

Next session to be held with Jerusalem Church, near Strawberry,
Lawrence County, Arkansas, commencing on Saturday
before the fourth Sunday in September, 1901.

Constitution.

We, the messengers of Baptist churches of Christ, in convention assembled, in order to perpetuate Union, foster Education and aid in the extension of the Gospel; DO ORDAIN THIS CONSTITUTION for this Union to be called SPRING RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. The association shall be composed of messengers chosen by the churches of the union and accredited by letter, and each church shall be entitled to three messengers.

2. The officers of this association shall be a Moderator and Clerk, whose duties shall be defined in the Rules of Decorum.

3. The letters of the churches shall express the number in fellowship, received by baptism, by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excluded and dead, during the associational year; the name of the pastor, postoffice, and the amount contributed and the object of the donation; and in no case shall the association appropriate money for any purpose but that designed by the donor.

4. The association shall have no ecclesiastical authority over the churches, but may give counsel and answer queries, when requested.

5. Churches may be admitted into this union on petitionary letters, if scriptural in constitution, faith and practice.

6. This association may withdraw from any church in this union for unchristian conduct.

7. Every question shall be decided by a majority vote except on the reception of members into this union, which must be unanimous.

8. A minute of the proceedings of the association shall be recorded; and, if the churches furnish the means, printed.

9. The association shall hold a session annually with one of the churches of the union, on Saturday, before the fourth Sunday in September of each year.

10. This constitution may be amended by proposal made in writing and entered of record at one session; and if a majority vote for such amendment, it shall become a part of this constitution.

Proceedings,

CALAMINE, ARK., Sept. 22, 1900.

SPRING RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION convened in its thirty-second annual session, with Calamine Church, Sharp County, Arkansas, on Saturday, the 22d day of September, A. D. 1900.

Notwithstanding the inclement state of the weather, with its morning's downpour of rain and its muddy highways, at 11 o'clock a. m. a large audience greeted Elder R. B. Bellamy, who, agreeably to previous appointment, preached the introductory sermon. The subject of this discourse was the great theme of human redemption, based on the concluding verses, 31 to 39 inclusive, of the 8th chapter of Romans. The audience gave earnest heed to the speaker, as he unfolded, in his own inimitable style, the scriptural evidences of his subject, in the two-fold aspect of the present, eternal salvation of the soul, and the future, promised redemption; or resurrection, of the body.

Some appropriate concluding remarks were indulged in by Dr. N. R. Townsend, on the application of this discourse to the present duties and responsibilities of the messengers and churches.

RECESS.

An intermission was then taken for refreshments, which were served on the premises.

At 2 o'clock p. m. the congregation re-assembled in response to singing. Moderator M. D. Bowers read as a scripture lesson a part of the 3d chapter of Malachi; after which Elder T. C. Mahan invoked the Divine blessing on behalf of the assembly. Brother Moderator then formally called the body to order for the transaction of business.

Brethren R. B. Bellamy and H. W. Townsend were appointed as reading clerks, and the body proceeded to hear the reading of letters from all the churches, twenty-one in number, that, on roll call, responded by the presentation of letters, and the names of the various messengers and alternates were enrolled. (See Appendix I.)

The business next in order being the election of officers to serve the body for the ensuing associational year, it was moved and sec-

ended that the election be taken by acclamation. After some discussion the motion prevailed. Moderator M. D. Bowers and Clerk J. H. Townsend, respectively, were re-elected, and entered immediately on the discharge of their respective duties.

On call for the reception of messengers from corresponding sister associations, the following brethren responded, were invited to sit with the body in its deliberations, and their names were enrolled, to-wit:

From Independence Association, Elder J. L. Brown;
From State Line Association, Elder E. T. Lincoln;
From Mt. Zion Association, E. P. Minton; and,
From Eleven Points River Association, Elder T. L. Ogilvie.
(See Appendix II.)

On call for the reception of visiting brethren, Elder J. H. Milburn, joint editor of the *Arkansas Baptist*, responded to an invitation to sit with the body, and his name was enrolled. (See Appendix III.)

On call for the reception of letters from churches petitioning for admission into the association, a letter was presented from the Ebenezer church, of Mammoth Spring, Ark. On motion, the church was received into the body, and the names of her messengers and alternates were enrolled. (See Appendix I.) Likewise, on petitionary letter, the church at Swifton, Ark., was received, and the name of her messenger was enrolled. (See Appendix I.) On the statements of Brethren E. P. Minton and C. Hodge that petitionary letters from the church at Hardy, Ark., and Buffalo church between Sedgwick and Hoxie, Ark., were on their way to the association, those churches, on motion, were approved for admission, subject to the reception of the letters. Egypt and Shiloh churches having, at the last session, asked for and obtained letters of dismission to unite with other associations, presented petitionary letters, asking for re-admission into this body; and, on motion, they were received, and the names of their messengers and alternates were enrolled. (See Appendix I.)

The business next in order being the presentation of the annual circular letter, Elder T. C. Mahan, pursuant to previous election, presented and read the letter, under title of Baptist Vantage Ground. After the subject matter of this excellent paper was discussed and emphasized by Elder J. H. Milburn, on motion, the letter was unanimously and enthusiastically adopted to become part of the record of proceedings of the present session. (See Appendix XII.) At this point, Brother Moderator appointed as a committee on divine service the messengers of Calamine church. (See Appendix IV.) This committee, from time to time, announced

the order of services hereinafter set out *in extenso*. (See Appendix VIII, sub-division 1.)

It was moved and seconded that the Moderator be authorized and requested immediately to appoint the committee on Sunday-schools, and to appoint four committees on missions, to report on that subject from the four-fold standpoint of the associational, state, home and foreign fields; that the first named committee be requested to make its report at 9 o'clock, Sunday morning, and that that hour be devoted, in mass-meeting, to the consideration of such report and the Sunday-school work; that the several committees on missions be requested to make their reports at 3 o'clock, Sunday afternoon, and that that hour be devoted, in mass-meeting, to the joint consideration of such reports and the subject of missions. After some discussion, the motion prevailed; and Brother Moderator announced, for the several committees designated, the names set out in Appendix IV. On motion, the associational mission board and Missionary Hodge were requested to be in readiness to make their reports at the same time, for consideration in connection with the reports of the several committees on missions.

After some announcements and prayer, led by Elder J. H. Milburn, the body then adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23.

By reason of the continued inclemency of the weather, the body did not convene Sunday morning, until about half past 9 o'clock.

Brother Moderator read as a scripture lesson the 4th chapter of 1st Timothy, after which Elder T. C. Mahan petitioned the Throne of Grace on behalf of the assembly.

The special order of business for the hour being the consideration of the Sunday-school work, the committee on Sunday-schools submitted its report, which was read by Chairman C. T. Arnett. A motion was made and seconded that the report be adopted and the committee discharged. Brother Arnett first spoke to the motion, outlining the essentials to effective Sunday-school work as being, first, a good superintendent; second, good teachers; third, good order; fourth, good singing; fifth, prayer; sixth, children's day exercises, and seventh, teachers' meetings. Brother Milburn next spoke in commendation of the report, stating statistical facts, showing the rapid growth of Baptist principles in the United States, and referring especially to their almost universal acceptance among the Indians and the negroes. The speaker said that it is necessary that our people be not only Baptists, but intelligent Baptists; referred also in the strongest terms to the responsibilities of parents in relation to the Sunday-school work, and demonstrated

that those who merely neglect, are morally throwing their influences against it; defined a Sabbath school to be "a gathering of God's people, in God's house, on God's day, to teach God's word;" and insisted that while parents are neglecting their children, the devil is "getting in his work." Brother Lincoln spoke of the fruits of Sabbath school work and the direct connection between the ever-green Sabbath school and the ever-growing church. Brother Webb spoke of the difficulties of Sabbath school work in the rural districts. Brother Ogilvie spoke of the Sunday-school work as being a form of religious worship; defined a Sabbath school to be the "church at work;" and expressed the sentiment that no one should be permitted to teach in the Sunday-school who does not himself know the way of life. The motion to adopt the report prevailed without division. (For report, see Appendix VIII, sub-division 4.)

In the meantime, as the clouds and mists gradually melted away, the people continued to arrive in increasing numbers; so that, by the time for the 11 o'clock service, a large congregation was assembled.

According to previous announcement, at this hour Elder T. C. Mahan preached a very helpful discourse, based on the language of Paul as found in the first part of the 19th verse of the 2d chapter of II. Timothy, "Nevertheless, the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his." The audience waited with wrapped attention on the words of the speaker, as he unfolded the scriptural doctrine of the security of the believer.

At the conclusion of the discourse, Brother Moderator announced his appointments for the remaining committees. (See Appendix IV.)

It was moved and seconded that the first hour in the afternoon session be devoted to divine services. After some discussion, the motion prevailed; and the committee announced that Elder J. H. Milburn would preach at the hour designated.

RECESS.

The audience was dismissed for refreshments, which were served in great profusion on the grounds.

At 2 o'clock p. m. the people re-assembled in response to singing.

It was announced that an effort is on foot to rebuild old Bold Spring church, with the explanation that this was the first Baptist church ever planted in Arkansas. Any contributions to assist in this laudable undertaking, it was stated, should be handed or mailed to Sister Van Shaver, Shelbyville, Ark.

One of the touching incidents of the meeting was the exhibi-

tion, at this point, of a memorial banner, inwrought with the names of persons contributing, on behalf of Calamine, Mt. View and Little Spring churches, to the work of associational missions the past year. This banner was publicly presented, in an appropriate address by Missionary Hodge, to Elder J. F. Butler, pastor of the churches mentioned. This handsome piece of needle-work represented the labor and sacrifices of Sister Minerva Chaney.

According to previous announcement, Elder J. H. Milburn preached to the re-assembled multitudes on a subject which elicited the liveliest interest of his hearers. He gave a critical exposition of the scriptural doctrine of sanctification. Copious citations of Bible proof-texts were introduced to show that the scriptural idea of sanctification differs from the modern dogma of absolute holiness, or sinless perfection, as widely as the antipodes. The discourse was timely, logical and convincing; and was well received by the audience.

At the close of this discourse, the special order of business for the hour being the consideration of the subject of missions, the committee on associational missions submitted its report, which was read by Chairman T. C. Mahan. (For the report as adopted and the list of pledges for associational missions for the ensuing year, see Appendix VIII., sub-division 5.) The associational missions board also submitted its report, together with a financial statement of its business for the year just ended through H. W. Townsend, its secretary and treasurer, who read the report and statement of account. (See Appendix IX.)

It was moved and seconded that the report of the committee the report of the board and the treasurer's financial statement be adopted, and the committee be discharged. To this motion, several brethren spoke somewhat at length, congratulating the body on the measure of success in missionary effort in the bounds of the association, attained during the year just ended, and pointing out the urgent needs and the golden opportunities awaiting the further consideration of the Baptists of Spring River Association. To meet the existing deficiency in the salary due Missionary Hodge for services already rendered, at this point a public collection was taken amounting, in cash and pledges, to \$20.25. Brother Hodge was called on to speak in connection with the motion under consideration, and availed himself of the opportunity to thank the association, and especially the associational mission board, for kindnesses shown in connection with his work the past year. On behalf of the board and the association, Brother Mahan responded to this tender of thanks, and commended Brother Hodge for his valuable services in that behalf. Brother N. E. Judkins, in a brief talk,

thanked the membership at large for material assistance rendered in behalf of the board.

After announcements and prayer, led by Elder J. I. Martin, the body adjourned until tomorrow morning at half past 8 o'clock.

SUNDAY EVENING.

In accord with the previous announcement of the committee, divine services for the evening hour were conducted by Elder T. L. Ogilvie, of Thayer, Mo. "But tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high," Luke, 24-49, served as a basis for an admirable discourse in line with the discussions of the afternoon, on the important subject of missions.

Thus ended another day long to be remembered as one well spent in the Master's service.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.

Pursuant to adjournment, the association re-convened at half past 8 o'clock, Monday morning, with service of song. Brother Moderator read as a scripture lesson the first chapter of the first Epistle General of John, after which the audience joined with Elder J. M. Applegate in prayer. The roll of messengers and alternates was called, and absentees noted. The minutes of the proceedings of Saturday, September 22, and of Sunday, September 23, were read, and after some corrections approved and adopted.

On call for the reception of belated letters from churches, letters from the church at Imboden, Pleasant Grove church No. 1, and Big Creek church were presented and read, and the names of their messengers and alternates were enrolled. (See Appendix I.)

On renewal of the call for the reception of messengers from corresponding sister associations, Brethren J. I. Martin and George James responded as messengers from Independence Association, accepted seats with the body, and their names were enrolled. (See Appendix II.)

On call for visiting brethren, Brethren Charles Lee and W. A. Helm, of Lone Oak church, and Brother T. J. Moore, of New Hope, responded, were invited to sit with the body in its deliberations, and their names were enrolled. (See Appendix III.)

The committee on state of the churches submitted its report, which was read by Moderator Bowers. On motion, the report was adopted. (See Appendix VIII., sub-division 2.)

The committee on destitution submitted its report, which was read by Chairman C. Hodge. It was moved and seconded that the report be adopted. To this motion, Brethren J. H. Milburn, J. C. Penn, Charles Lee, C. Hodge, John P. Webb, J. F. Butler, S. H. Clements and J. I. Martin spoke, referring to the places of destitution within the bounds of the association. It was moved and sec-

ended that the motion to adopt be amended, by authorizing and directing the committee, through Chairman Hodge, to make the report more definite and certain by preparing, after the final adjournment of the session, a more specific statement of the points and territory destitute of gospel preaching, to be subjoined to the report, for the information of the churches. The motion to amend, after some discussion, prevailed; whereupon, the original motion, as thus amended, also prevailed. (See Appendix VIII., sub-division 3.)

The report of the committee on state missions, on motion, was passed until the afternoon. The committee on home missions submitted its report, which was read by Chairman N. R. Townsend. It was moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Elders J. H. Milburn and T. C. Mahan spoke to the report, in explanation of the work of the home mission board. Thereupon, the motion to adopt prevailed without division. (See Appendix VIII., sub-division 7.)

The hour of 11 having arrived, by appointment of the committee, divine services were conducted by Elder E. P. Minton. The parable of the rich fool, found in the 12th chapter of Luke, formed the basis of a forceful discourse on the unusual subject of covetousness. His auditors followed the speaker, with somewhat questioning interest, as he portrayed the sin of covetousness as one of the crying evils of the ages. One of the quotations introduced with almost ridiculous pertinency was the parodic passage—

“Almighty Dollar, thy shining face
Bespeaks thy wondrous power;
In my pocket make thy resting place—
I need thee every hour.”

At the close of this discourse, the audience was favored with a choice solo, entitled, “My Mother’s Hands,” which was touchingly rendered by Elder C. Hodge.

RECESS.

A recess was then taken for refreshments, which were again served on the grounds. About 1:30 o’clock p. m. the body came together with service of song. The audience was led in prayer by Elder T. L. Ogilvie.

It was moved and seconded that the body go into the election of a place of meeting for the next session of the association, and of brethren to preach the introductory sermon and to write the annual circular letter. Carried. A motion to take the vote on these questions by acclamation was made and seconded, but after some discussion, was lost. Brethren T. L. Ogilvie, J. I. Martin and N. E. Judkins were appointed to take the votes in the pending elections, which resulted in the selection of Jerusalem church as the place of

meeting for the next session, and of Elder T. C. Mahan to preach the introductory sermon, with Elder M. D. Bowers as alternate, and of Brother C. T. Arnett to write the annual circular letter.

On motion, at this point the clerk was authorized to drop from the list of churches associating with the body the names of Pleasant Valley, Powhatan, Sedgwick and Wells Grove churches, on the ground that those churches no longer have an organized existence.

The committee on state missions submitted its report, which was read by Chairman N. R. Townsend. (See Appendix VIII., sub-division 6.) Also, the committee on foreign missions submitted its report, which was read by Chairman T. L. Ogilvie. (See Appendix VIII., sub-division 8.) It was moved and seconded that these reports be adopted. To this motion Brethren N. R. Townsend, J. H. Milburn, T. C. Mahan, J. L. Brown, J. I. Martin, E. T. Lincoln, J. F. Butler and M. D. Bowers spoke somewhat at length, discussing the prospects and the excellencies, as well as the defects of the missionary work as now carried on by the state and foreign mission boards. The motion to adopt the reports then prevailed.

After some announcements, and prayer, led by Elder E. T. Lincoln, the body adjourned until half past 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

EVENING SERVICES.

At half past 7 o'clock, pursuant to announcement by the committee, Elder G. B. Borah preached a most excellent discourse, based on the language of Paul as recorded in II. Corinthians, 5:19, "To-wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself." About this language as a text, the speaker clustered many delightful thoughts concerning the doctrine of reconciliation with more than ordinary earnestness and power. The discourse was well received by the audience.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.

At half past 8 o'clock, Tuesday morning, pursuant to adjournment, the messengers, in somewhat depleted numbers, re-assembled in response to the singing of the familiar hymn, "Amazing Grace." Brother Moderator read as a scripture lesson the 34th division of the Psalms, after which the audience joined with Dr. N. R. Townsend in prayer.

On motion, the roll call and reading of the minutes of yesterday's proceedings were omitted. The committee on education submitted its report, which was read by Chairman C. T. Arnett. (See Appendix VIII., sub-division 9.) It was moved and seconded that the report be adopted. To this motion Elder E. T. Lincoln spoke in explanation of the plans and prospects of the academy recently established by our people at Maynard, Ark. After some changes

to the phraseology of the report, made on suggestion and by consent of the committee, the motion to adopt prevailed.

The committee on Baptist literature submitted its report, which was read by Chairman N. R. Townsend. (See Appendix VIII., sub-division 10.) It was moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Brethren E. T. Lincoln, C. Hodge, P. M. Christenberry, C. T. Arnett and S. H. Clements discussed the report, after which the motion prevailed.

The committee on Baptist literature submitted its report, which was read by Chairman N. R. Townsend. (See Appendix VIII., sub-division 10.) It was moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Brethren E. T. Lincoln, C. Hodge, P. M. Christenberry, C. T. Arnett and S. H. Clements discussed the report, after which the motion prevailed.

The committee on correspondence next submitted its report, which was read by Chairman R. B. Bellamy. (See Appendix VIII., sub-division 12.) On motion, the report was adopted.

The committee on ministerial directory likewise submitted its report, which was read by Chairman Bellamy. (See Appendix VIII., sub-division 14.) After some corrections, the report, on motion, was adopted.

The committee on orphans' home next reported, and the report was read by Chairman T. C. Mahan. The report was discussed by Brethren C. Hodge and N. E. Judkins, after which it was adopted. (See Appendix VIII., sub-division 15.)

On motion, at this point the regular order of business was suspended for the transaction of miscellaneous business. On motion, the present associational mission board was continued for the ensuing year, with the addition thereto of Brethren John P. Webb, W. J. McCullough, C. T. Arnett and W. A. Henry. (For membership as now constituted, see Appendix VI.) On motion, the associational mission board was authorized and directed, for the ensuing year, to employ one missionary for all time, and one or more, if circumstances shall permit, especially for the revival season of the year; the regular missionary to divide his time as nearly equally as practicable between the destitution on the East and West sides, respectively, of Black River.

On motion, Brother Moderator was authorized and directed to appoint messengers from Spring River Association to the various associations and conventions with which this body, by custom or privilege, is in correspondence. Accordingly, appointments were announced as set out in Appendix V. Also, to appoint a member of the state mission board for Spring River Association. Elder T. C. Mahan was appointed to represent the association on this board. (See Appendix VII.)

The committee on correspondence having recommended that this body correspond with Jonesboro Association, and Elder J. F. Clark having previously presented himself as a messenger from said association, the clerk, on motion, was authorized and directed to enroll the name of Brother Clark as such messenger. (See Appendix II.)

J. H. Townsend, clerk and treasurer of the association, presented and read his financial statement for the year just closed, which report, having been previously approved by the committee on finance, was, on motion, approved and adopted. (See Appendix X.)

Resolutions were presented, read and adopted as follows:

1. Thanking Calamine church for hospitalities shown during the present session.
2. Authorizing the printing of the minutes of proceedings of the present session.
3. Recommending the use of the fifth-Sunday meetings to press on the attention of the people the importance of our Sunday-school and mission work.
4. Thanking the Sunday-school board, Southern Baptist Convention, and state mission board for courtesies shown during the past year.
5. Relative to the selection of messengers to the next session of this body.

(See Appendix XI., sub-divisions 1 to 5 inclusive.)

At this point, a collection, amounting to \$12.71 in cash, was taken for the benefit of Elder H. C. Moore, the blind preacher of Portia.

The committee on prohibition submitted its report, which was read by Chairman T. C. Mahan. (See Appendix VIII., sub-division 11.) On the motion to adopt this report there ensued a general discussion of the subject matter contained in the report, and in that connection Brother C. T. Arnett read with pathos and power a beautiful and touching poem, depicting the evils which have followed the American arms, with its canteen system of open saloons, into the Philippine Islands. The motion to adopt prevailed without division.

The committee on finance submitted its report, which was read by Chairman John P. Webb, and, on motion, was adopted. (See Appendix VIII., sub-division 13.)

At this point, Brother R. B. Bellamy stated that New Prospect church, a new organization near Williford, Ark., wanted to unite with this body, but for some unknown reason had failed to get its letter before the body. On motion, the church was conditionally received into the association, subject to placing its petitionary letter

in the hands of the clerk in time to be entered in the printed minutes of the present session. (See Addendum.)

It was moved and seconded that the body adjourn to meet with Jerusalem church, near Strawberry, Lawrence county, Arkansas, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, A. D. 1901. After prayer, led by Brother Moderator, the audience joined in singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," during which the messengers and visitors extended to Brother Moderator and to one another the parting hand. Strong and hearty was that parting grasp; full and free, the tide of Christian love and fellowship; while strong men and sedate women looked into eyes full of overflowing, and reflected on that grand re-union beyond this mortal ken, where the hosts of the redeemed shall one day gather in an endless association around the throne of their Eternal King.

Elder P. M. Chrisenberry pronounced the benediction.

After partaking again of an abundance of refreshments served on the premises, the messengers and visitors departed to their several homes, feeling that it was a goodly privilege to have attended the thirty-second annual session of Spring River Baptist Association.

ADDENDUM.

After the association adjourned, and prior to the time when the minutes went to press, the clerk received the belated letters to the association from the Hardy and Clear Springs churches, together with their contributions, as follows: From Hardy church, 50 cents for the minute fund, and from the Clear Springs church, 50 cents for the minute fund and \$2 for the associational mission fund. The letters from Buffalo and New Prospect churches failed to reach the clerk for some reason unknown to him; consequently, their names are omitted from the church directory and statistical table.

J. H. T., Clerk.

APPENDIX I.

MESSENGERS AND ALTERNATES.

NAME OF CHURCH.	MESSENGERS.	ALTERNATES.
Alicia.....	J. N. Shook, a. C. Hodge, p. Mrs. C. Hodge, p.	G. A. Arnett, a. W. J. McCullough, a.
Big Creek.....	J. S. Johnson, a. W. H. Vance, a. J. H. Boles, a. T. C. Mahan, p.	Lee R. Johnson, a. N. R. Landers, p. G. R. Ballard, a.
Black Rock.....	N. R. Townsend, p. J. H. Townsend, p.	
Bold Spring.....	S. R. Irwin, p. Mollie Shaver, p. George Smithee, a.	Addie Gardner, a. Mrs. Gates, a.
Calamine.....	J. F. Butler, p. John Coake, p. L. A. Chaney, p.	
Centreville.....	D. F. Manning, p. W. H. Goatcher, p. Bird Grizzle, p.	Henry Bearden, a. J. A. Morton, a.
Clear Spring.....	W. P. Dent, a. C. E. Dent, a. C. H. Wayland, a.	H. B. Wayland, a.
Ebenezer (of Mammoth Spring).....	Chas. T. Arnett, p. Edwin V. Arnett, a. Cinderella Trammel, a	L. C. Bigelow, a. Mart Shelton, a. Jean Bigelow, a.
Egypt (re-admitted).....	J. M. Chamberlain, p. J. N. Easley, a. Thomas Wynn, a.	Mrs. J. N. Easley, a. W. R. Marshall, p.
Evergreen.....	Al Lyons, a. J. T. Gatlin, a.	Ruth E. Marshall, p.
Hardy.....	Mrs. T. Tunstall, Joel Turner, a. Thomas Whitaker, a	Mrs. McGinnis, a. Mrs. Jackson, a. L. D. Brown, a.
Hopewell.....	J. J. Manning, a. Melissa Whitaker, a.	Thomas Cook, p.
Imboden.....	E. F. Carter, a. Geo. W. Smith, a. Mrs. S. R. Hooper, p.	Rush Songer, a.
Jerusalem.....	G. H. Ballard, p. I. Norman, a. Jesse Croom, p.	J. C. Penn, p. T. O. James, a. R. E. Penn, p.
Lebanon.....	J. L. Hill, a. J. P. Goff, p. J. W. Spotts, p.	Chas. Simpson, a.
Little Spring.....	Try Smith, p. W. A. Thompkins, p.	B. F. Gay, a. F. M. Briggs, p.
Lone Oak.....	J. H. Brandon, a. S. H. Clements, p. T. C. Clements, a. Geo. W. Helms, p.	G. T. Pickett, p.
Mountain View.....	G. F. Brown, p. D. M. Lewallen, p. J. A. Wasson, p.	G. S. Jernigan, p. J. W. Tibbles, p. H. R. Bowers, p.
New Hope.....	G. B. Borah, p. N. E. Judkins, p. H. A. Moore, p.	D. C. Lee, a. Simon McLeod, a.
Pleasant Grove No. 1.....	R. B. Bellamy, p. A. V. Smith, p. T. F. Buchanan, p.	H. G. Brady, p.
Pleasant Grove No. 2.....	Roe Tims, p. John Weinmeister, p. Josie Condit, a.	Elizabeth Lawrence a
Pleasant Hill.....	Jno. P. Webb, p. W. G. Lewsaw, p. G. W. Casper, p.	Taylor Glenn, a. John Manus, a. Matilda Webb, p.
Portia (formerly Cross Roads).....	J. W. Phillips, p. H. J. Colbert, p. J. M. Applegate, p.	T. B. East, a.

MESSENGERS AND ALTERNATES—CONTINUED.

Wink's Chapel.....	W. A. Gay, p.	J. R. Goodman, a.
	W. P. Crigler, p.	Chas. Brightwell, a.
	P. M. Chisenberry, p.	T. W. Brasher, a.
Whiloh (re-admitted).....	M. D. Bowers, p.	J. D. Haynes, a.
	G. M. Haynes, p.	
	R. L. Haynes, p.	
Smithville.....	A. C. Prentice, p.	S. Y. Daily, a.
	W. R. Richardson, a.	
	Hugh Spotts, p.	
Swifton.....	R. P. Sharp, p.	
	J. R. Wilson, p.	J. A. Miller, a.
Union.....	J. T. Helms, p.	J. D. Morgan, a.
	Bethel Parsley, p.	J. P. Wade, a.
	J. G. Gray, a.	R. L. Elkins, a.
Walnut Grove.....	W. A. Henry, Jr., a.	
	A. S. Parrish, a.	
	Allen Pierce, p.	J. M. McCarroll, a.
Walnut Ridge.....	Mark Swindle, a.	Mrs. G. W. Anderson, a.
	G. W. Anderson, a.	
	D. A. Shoup, p.	George Jones, p.
Willow Spring.....	Hiram Brock, a.	
	Lee Arnold, p.	

(The letter "p" after a name indicates "present;" "a" indicates "absent.")

APPENDIX II.

LIST OF CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS.

- Independence Association—Elds. J. L. Brown, J. I. Martin,
George James.
State Line Association—Eld. E. T. Lincoln.
Eleven Points River Association—Eld. T. L. Ogilvie.
Mt. Zion Association—Eld. E. P. Minton.
Jonesboro Association—Eld. J. F. Clark.

APPENDIX III.

LIST OF VISITING BRETHERN.

- Eld. J. H. Milburn, joint editor of the *Arkansas Baptist*.
Brethren Charles Lee and W. A. Helms, from Lone Oak church.
Bro. T. J. Moore from New Hope church.

APPENDIX IV.

LIST OF COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

1. Divine Service—J. F. Butler, John Coake, L. A. Chaney.
2. State of the Churches—G. B. Borah, R. L. Haynes, Bird
Grizzle.
3. Destitution—C. Hodge, J. C. Penn, Hugh Spotts.
4. Sunday-schools—C. Webb, T. Arnett, H. W. Townsend, Jno. P.
Webb.
5. Associational Missions—T. T. Mahan, G. B. Borah, C.
Hodge.
6. State Missions—N. R. Townsend, J. M. Appleget, E. P.
Minton.
7. Home Missions—N. R. Townsend, J. L. Brown, R. B.
Bellamy.
8. Foreign Missions—T. L. Ogilvie, E. T. Lincoln, J. W. Tib-
bles.

9. Education—C. T. Arnett, W. R. Marshall, L. A. Bain.
10. Baptist Literature—N. R. Townsend, A. C. Prentice, G. H. Ballard.
11. Prohibition—T. C. Mahan, J. M. Applegate, J. F. Butler.
12. Correspondence—R. B. Bellamy, G. M. Haynes, John Weinmeister.
13. Finance—John P. Webb, Allen Pierce, A. V. Smith.
14. Ministerial Directory—R. B. Bellamy, Jas. Spotts, S. H. Clements.
15. Orphans' Home—T. C. Mahan, T. F. Buchanan, C. T. Arnett.

APPENDIX V.

LIST OF MESSENGERS APPOINTED.

1. TO CORRESPONDING SISTER ASSOCIATIONS.

- Current River Association—M. D. Bowers, J. D. Haynes.
 Big Creek Association—R. B. Bellamy, J. F. Butler.
 Mt. Zion Association—M. D. Bowers, R. B. Bellamy, T. C. Mahan, G. B. Borah, C. T. Arnett.
 Rocky Bayou Association—R. B. Bellamy, N. R. Townsend.
 Independence Association—J. F. Butler, P. M. Chisenberry.
 White River Valley Association—C. Hodge, R. P. Sharp, J. W. Tibbles.
 White River Association—R. B. Bellamy, J. F. Butler, P. M. Chisenberry.
 Eleven Points River Association—E. V. Arnett, T. C. Mahan, Laura Watson.
 State Line Association—R. L. Haynes, N. R. Townsend, P. M. Chisenberry, G. B. Borah, Charles Lee.
 Little Red River Association—P. M. Chisenberry, J. F. Butler.
 Jonesboro Association—R. B. Bellamy, T. C. Mahan.

2. TO ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

G. B. Borah, C. T. Arnett, N. E. Judkins, J. M. Applegate, T. C. Mahan.

3. TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Dr. N. R. Townsend.

APPENDIX VI.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS BOARD.

N. E. Judkins, Allen Pierce, H. W. Townsend, T. J. Moore, T. C. Mahan, John P. Webb, W. J. McCullough, C. T. Arnett, W. A. Henry.

APPENDIX VII.

MEMBER OF STATE MISSIONS BOARD.

Representative for Spring River Association—T. C. Mahan.

APPENDIX VIII.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

1. DIVINE SERVICE.

Sunday, 11 o'clock a. m., Elder T. C. Mahan; 2 p. m., Eld. J. H. Millburn; 2 p. m., Elder T. L. Ogilvie.

Monday, 11 o'clock a. m., Eld. E. P. Minton; 8 p. m., G. B. Borah.

J. F. BUTLER,
JOHN COAKE,
L. A. CHANEY,
Committee.

2. STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

We, your committee, report as follows: We find an increased prosperity in nearly all of the churches; and with this increased prosperity we find larger contributions for all purposes than ever before. The churches, it seems, are beginning to realize that the Lord blesses and prospers them in proportion as they give of their means to his cause. A few churches, however, report no contributions, or almost none, to the Master's cause. We find that the Lord has not been prospering these. Brethren, let us pray that all our churches, through their messengers and through the printed minutes of proceedings of this session of the association, may be incited to greater Christian activity.

G. B. BORAH,
R. L. HAYNES,
BIRD GRIZZLE,
Committee.

3. DESTITUTION.

We, your committee, report as follows: We find that there is great destitution of gospel preaching all through the territory embraced within the bounds of Spring River Association; but more especially in Sharp and Randolph counties. Therefore, we recommend that an effort be made to maintain, during the ensuing associational year, at least one missionary and colporter, whose duty it shall be to meet this destitution to the utmost extent of his ability.

C. HODGE,
HUGH SPOTTS,
J. C. PENN,
Committee.

MISSIONARY HODGE'S STATEMENT.

A more detailed statement of the destitution is submitted, as follows:

Between Clover Bend and Centreville lies a section of country, some sixteen by six miles in extent, populous and fertile, without a single Baptist church and but little, if any, Baptist preaching. The territory contiguous to Elgin is a fine field ready for the planting of Baptist principles and the reception of our faith. Between Egypt and Cache River is an extensive section entirely destitute of churches or preaching. Between Alicia and Walnut Ridge, west of the Iron Mountain Railroad, is a similar section. For the territory stretching from

Walnut Ridge to O'Kean, and from the Iron Mountain Road to Black River, a section embracing the whole length of the Hoxie, Pocahontas and Northern Railroad, but one church is reported. From the mouth of Strawberry River north to Black Rock, New Hope and Smithville, a single church is found. From Cathey Town to Hickory Grove, in Independence, county is great destitution. Sharp county presents a vast extent of territory devoid of gospel preaching. Running north and south through the entire county, and far into Fulton county, is a stretch of country twenty miles wide, embracing Cave City, Evening Shade, Rock Creek and King's Mill, without a Baptist church. Finally, between the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis Railroad and Black River, including considerable portions of Sharp, Lawrence and Randolph counties, there is much destitution. Respectfully submitted,

C. HODGE.

4. SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sunday-schools, report as follows: There are forty-two churches in this association. Of this number the following have maintained schools the past year: Alicia, Black Rock, Bold Spring, Ebenezer, of Mammoth Spring, Evergreen, Egypt, Hopewell, Pleasant Hill, Shiloh, Swifton and Walnut Ridge. We further find that those churches which have maintained schools have invariably had more baptisms from the schools than the other churches have had, which do not maintain schools. We would call attention to the fact that teaching is a part of the work of the churches as well as preaching; and there is no better place to do that work than in a good Sunday-school, well organized and disciplined. Every member of a Baptist church should know the "reason of the hope that is in him."

Bigotry is wiser than liberality; for bigotry believes something with all its heart. But intelligent conviction and loyalty to Christ are better than bigotry. There is something better than to be a Christian. It is to be an intelligent Christian. Therefore, let us earnestly plead with every church in this association to organize a Sunday-school, and report such school to the next meeting of this body, to the end that many hundreds of pupils may be added to the army of those already systematically studying God's Word and contributing of their means to the Master's cause. We should remember that a Sunday-school is "the church at work, studying and teaching the Bible." Those who are converted from these schools, will be better versed in Baptist principles and teachings than those who are converted without such knowledge. Rome has ever depended on the teaching of the children and youth for her growth. If error can accomplish so much in this way, how much more, the truth as it is in Christ Jesus.

This teaching in Sunday-schools may be slow work, but it is safe work. It is working for souls for eternity. It is sure work, for those who come through the schools come into the churches to stay. Then, brethren, let us resolve to teach the Master's Word so fully, that when we come to stand before the great white throne, we may say with Paul, "I have not shunned to declare the whole counsel of God."

C. T. ARNETT,
H. W. TOWNSEND,
JNO. P. WEBB,
Committee.

5. ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

As will be seen from the report of our associational mission board, Bro. C. Hodge has been under its employment during ten months of the past year. Two churches, Swifton and Buffalo, have been organized, and fifteen have agreed to enter an organization at Clover Bend, and will do so in the near future. Meetings have been held at Egypt, Sedgwick, Buffalo, Portia, Swifton, Centreville and Ash Flat, and religious literature, tracts and bills have been distributed extensively over the eastern section and slightly on the western side of the association. The profits on literature, together with collections on the field, have been more than the contributions of the churches for associational missions during the year. Thus, it will be seen the work is a paying investment from a money point of view.

With practically three new churches organized with reasonable prospects, with much good literature distributed, and with eighty-seven professions of faith, we feel that the work has been by no means in vain, though our missionary worked ten months, preached one hundred and eighty-two sermons and traveled one thousand miles to accomplish the above results. He has also organized two Sunday-schools and baptized twenty-two into the fellowship of our churches. Thus, he reports one-fifth of the baptisms and over half the money raised for associational missions for the year.

Shall the work be continued, or shall it be dropped? If discontinued, count the cost; if continued, the pledges must be increased.

T. C. MAHAN,
C. HODGE,
G. B. BORAH,
Committee.

PLEDGES FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS THE COMING YEAR.

Alicia.....	\$25 00	New Hope.....	20 00
Black Rock.....	50 00	Pleasant Grove No. 1.....	10 00
Calamine.....	5 00	Pleasant Hill.....	8 00
Centreville.....	10 00	Shiloh.....	10 00
Ebenezer.....	10 00	Smithville.....	5 00
Egypt.....	5 00	Union.....	5 00
Evergreen.....	5 00	Walnut Ridge.....	25 00
Hopewell.....	5 00		
Mountain View.....	5 00	Total.....	\$203 00

6. STATE MISSIONS.

Your Committee on State Missions submit as follows: We note with gratitude to God the growing interest manifested within the borders of our association and throughout the state in the question of state missions. We rejoice that seemingly God has signally blessed the work of Arkansas Baptists in the centers of influence as well as in the destitute rural districts of the state through the organized efforts of our State Convention. We feel grateful to God and to the State Convention for the liberal assistance which our own association has received from the convention from time to time.

The State Mission Board at present has in its employ a corresponding secretary and nineteen missionary pastors, whose salaries, either in whole or in part, it is paying. Reports seem to indicate that these are doing good work in the Master's vineyard.

We note with pleasure that the desire for mutual co-operation between this association and the State Convention seems to be growing. We recommend that such co-operation be continued.

Respectfully submitted.

N. R. TOWNSEND,
J. M. APPEGET,
E. P. MINTON,
Committee.

7. HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee respectfully offer the following report:

The Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, whose headquarters are at Atlanta, Ga., was appointed to superintend the mission work of the convention in its home fields. It is their purpose to occupy destitute Cuba and the frontier and mountain regions of our Southland; and to aid the State Boards of the states represented in the convention, in occupying the destitution within their borders.

In our large cities there is quite a considerable element of foreign population—people who have come from pagan or from papal lands, and who will not attend the services in the churches of the city. It is the desire and effort of the Home Board to try to reach these people through mission points among them. Is it not as important to give the gospel to the benighted heathen and idolaters in these cities, as to those in foreign lands? One of the greatest advantages of the work of the Home Board is in the assistance which it renders to weak churches, associations and conventions, thereby encouraging and stimulating them to greater activities.

The Home Board has in its employ twenty-five missionaries in Cuba, and seven in the United States; and in conjunction with the various state boards, 639 missionaries in the Southern States. These report, for the year just ended, 11,951 additions to the churches, 5,696 being by baptism. They have distributed 18,412 Bibles and Testaments, and have built 71 church houses, during the year. The receipts of the Home Board for this year are \$79,366.68 in cash.

We would earnestly urge our people to co-operate with this board and give of their means to this God-honoring work.

N. R. TOWNSEND,
R. B. BELLAMY,
J. L. BROWN,
Committee.

8. FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee submit the following report: Our people contributed last year to the cause of missions through the Foreign Missions Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, \$140,000. The convention at its last session instructed the board to plan its work for the ensuing year on a basis of \$200,000, an increase over last year of \$60,000. By reference to the printed Minutes of Proceedings of the last session of this body, it will appear that the Baptists of Spring River Association contributed only \$12.75 to this cause; whereas, the letters to the present session show that the contributions the past year were \$38.95. While we are gratified to note that some advancement has been thus made, yet it is to be observed that the amount last mentioned represents the offerings of only six out of a total of thirty-one churches reporting to the present session.

Therefore, we urge on all our churches the importance of giving, at least something of their means, to the work of foreign missions, remembering the words of the great commission, "Go ye and preach the gospel to all nations."

T. L. OGILVIE,
J. W. TIBBLES,
E. T. LINCOLN,
Committee.

9. EDUCATION.

Your committee respectfully submit the following report: It is with much pleasure that we note the advancement in educational matters making throughout the United States, and especially in Arkansas, by the Missionary Baptists. We believe that our people are thoroughly aroused to the necessity for well maintained church schools. With pleasure we note that the first day's attendance at Ouachita College this year was the largest in its history. We believe that, in the near future, this institution will be one of the leading universities of the South. With such a university, and with such splendid colleges as Central and Mountain Home, as well as Maynard Academy and other annexes, the Baptists must be placed in the front ranks as an educational people.

But let us not be content with the present achievements, but push forward with renewed zeal and energy. Let us remember the words of Dr. Cox when he said that education is the "transforming influence of the world." It takes the rude Indian of the plains and puts him in the shop of the mechanic; takes the negro from the cabin and makes him overseer of the plantation. It carries the truth of God's Word to the cannibal and makes him a child of the Kingdom.

Education works wonders. It spans the continent with bands of steel, drives floating palaces across the seas, encircles the earth with the message of lightning, analyzes the sunbeams, weighs the stars, reads the testimony of the rocks, throws bridges across yawning chasms, brings to light the buried cities of the past and lifts the cathedral spire to the dome of heaven. It grasps the pen and gives us the poem, the essay, the novel, the drama, the oration and the historic record. Education seizes the pencil, and the whole world stands in admiration before the Last Supper and the Sistine Madonna. It takes the chisel and from the marble appears the glorious Jupiter of Phidias and the majestic Muses of Michael Angelo. Education lifts the lyre, and heavenly harmony fills the soul in the Messiah of Handel or the Sonata of Beethoven. Education of the heart, the head, the hand—unceasing, endless, eternal. No subject too profound for its grasp. No thought too exalted for its touch:

"Could I in stature reach the pole,
Or grasp creation in my span,
I'd still be measured by my soul—
The mind's the stature of the man."

CHAS. T. ARNETT,
W. R. MARSHALL,
L. A. BAIN.

Committee.

10. BAPTIST LITERATURE.

Your committee respectfully offer the following: The character and tastes of an individual are formed chiefly by his environments, his associations and the literature which he reads. We can fairly es-

timate the tastes of the inmates of any home by noting the character of the books and papers found in it, or the absence of them from it.

A desire to read something can be easily cultivated in most children; and when that desire is once acquired, they usually read everything within their reach. Hence, the importance of parents' seeing that the proper literature be placed before their children. In that connection your committee would respectfully offer the following suggestions:

1. Let us see that our homes are supplied with plenty of Bibles. If possible, each member of the family should have a Bible of his own. A child will take a special interest in any book that it feels is its own individual property.

2. Every home should be supplied with as many well selected religious periodicals as are within its ability to pay for. For subscription by our people, we would recommend the *Arkansas Baptist*, the *Baptist Gleaner*, the *Western Recorder*, the *American Baptist Flag* and the *Texas Baptist Standard*. If any family is unable to pay for all of these, we would especially recommend our own state papers, to the end that our people may be informed of what is doing within the borders of the state.

3. For information concerning the mission work of the denomination-at-large, we recommend that our people subscribe for *Our Home Field*, the organ of the Home Mission Board, at Atlanta, Ga., and the *Foreign Mission Journal*, also published at Atlanta.

As further helps in developing and indoctrinating our people, we urge that each home be supplied with as many good denominational books as it can pay for. Let us flood the home with denominational booklets and tracts.

N. R. TOWNSEND,
A. C. PRENTICE,
G. H. BALLARD,
Committee.

11. PROHIBITION.

In the report of last year's Committee on Prohibition may be found the following statement: "We regret to know that, within the bounds of Spring River Association, the demon, rum, has been turned loose with legalized protection. . . . Yet we recommend to our people that they shall not relax their opposition to this monster, but from the pulpit, in the Sunday-school, and within the sacred circle of home, let the rising generation be warned against this dreadful curse to the cause of Christ and the souls of men." This year your committee have the pleasure to report that, through the faithfulness of the brethren and other good citizens, the saloon has been driven from one of the counties embraced within the bounds of the association—Lawrence; but we regret to report that this evil remains to do hurt to the people of Randolph and Sharp counties, legalized by the suffrages of their citizens. May the Lord lead us to greater diligence that, two years hence, the licensed saloon may be banished from every county whose territory is within our bounds.

We recommend to the favorable consideration of our people the Anti-Saloon League of the state. It is non-political, aggressive, successful.

Brethren, let us stand for and preach temperance, and drive the curse of the liquor traffic from our midst.

T. C. MAHAN,
J. M. APPEGET,
J. F. BUTLER,
Committee.

12. CORRESPONDENCE.

Your committee recommend that this body correspond with the associations enumerated as follows, to-wit: Current River, Big Creek, Mt. Zion, Rocky Bayou, Independence, White River Valley, White River, Eleven Points River, State Line, Little Red River and Jonesboro.

R. B. BELLAMY,
JOHN K. WEINMEISTER,
G. M. HAYNES,
Committee.

13. FINANCE.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

Finance Committee, 1900, in account with Spring River Association,	
Dr.	
To	balance minute fund, 1899, received of J. H. Townsend.....\$18.75
To	amount of minute fund, 1900, received as follows:
	Alicia, 50c.; Big Creek, \$1; Black Rock, \$2; Bold Spring, 75c.; Calamine, \$1; Centreville, 75c.; Ebenezer, \$1; Egypt, 30c.; Evergreen, 50c.; Hopewell, 50c.; Imboden, 85c.; Jerusalem, 75c.; Lebanon, 50c.; Little Spring, \$1.45; Lone Oak, 80c.; Mt. View, 75c.; New Hope, \$1.75; Pleasant Grove No. 1, \$1.25; Pleasant Grove No. 2, \$1.25; Pleasant Hill, \$1; Portia, \$1.25; Ring's Chapel, 75c.; Shiloh, \$2.50; Smithville, 80c.; Swifton, 50c.; Union, 50c.; Walnut Grove, \$1; Walnut Ridge, \$1; Willow Spring, 50c. Total.....\$27.45
To	Associational Mission Fund, Smithville church.....\$ 1.50
To	State Mission Fund, Pleasant Hill church..... 5.00
To	Foreign Mission Funds as follows:
	Pleasant Grove church No. 2, \$2.50; Walnut Grove, \$1.20.... 3.70
To	Orphans' Home Fund; Hopewell church..... 1.75
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	Total debits.....\$58.15
Cr.	
By	amount turned over to J. H. Townsend.....\$58.15

JNO. P. WEBB,
ALLEN PIERCE,
A. V. SMITH,
Committee.

14. MINISTERIAL DIRECTORY.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Abee, H. W.,.....	Smithville.
Allison, J. A.,.....	Noland.
Anderson, J. S.,.....	Pocahontas.
Appelget, J. M.,.....	Portia.
Bain, L. A.,.....	Mobley.
Bellamy, R. B.,.....	Annieville.
Borah, G. B.,.....	Smithville.
Bowers, M. D.,.....	Pocahontas.
Butler, J. F.,.....	Calamine.
Crissenberry, P. M.,.....	Ben Gay.
Diceston, J. C.,.....	Black Rock.
East, M. D.,.....	Black Rock.

ORDAINED MINISTERS—CONTINUED.

Edrington, W. L.,	Pocahontas.
Frizzelle, M. W.,	Poughkeepsie.
Hodge, C.,	Alicia.
Holmes, W. G. W.,	Alicia.
Hughes, W. H.,	Bono.
Hunt, D. E.,	Powhatan.
Jackson, W. A.,	Evening Shade.
Johnson, J. G.,	Maxville.
Mahan, T. C.,	Black Rock.
Marshall, W. R.,	Walnut Ridge.
Moore, H. C.,	Portia.
Penn, R. J.,	Strawberry.
Robinson, T. J.,	Hoxie.
Rodgers, J. D.,	Black Rock.
Shook, J. N.,	Alicia.
Williams, W.,	Curia.

R. B. BELLAMY,
S. H. CLEMENTS,
JAMES SPOTTS,
Committee.

15. ORPHANS' HOME.

We, your committee, submit the following: There are, we believe, about thirty-six children in the home at Monticello. They are well cared for and properly trained. But our home is not on the basis usual to institutions of its class, in that it is the policy of this home to keep its inmates indefinitely, even to maturity.

We recommend that our association petition the State Convention to change the policy of the home, so that the children coming under its control shall be placed in good Baptist homes as speedily as they can be found willing to receive them, to the end that a greater number of orphans may be cared for with the same means, and that our orphans may thus have actual home life and training as other children.

T. C. MAHAN,
T. F. BUCHANAN,
C. T. ARNETT,
Committee.

APPENDIX IX.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION BOARD.

	Am'ts Pledged.	Am'ts Paid.
Alicia.....	\$15 00	\$15 00
Black Rock.....	30 00	40 00
Bold Spring.....		1 50
Calamine.....	5 00	7 50
Clear Spring.....	10 00	
Egypt.....	10 00	10 00
Evergreen.....	2 50	2 50
Hardy.....		2 31
Imboden.....	5 00	5 00
Jerusalem.....	5 00	5 00
Lebanon.....	5 00	2 50
Little Spring.....	5 00	2 00
Lone Oak.....	5 00	5 00

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION BOARD—CONTINUED.

	Am't Pledged.	Am't Paid.
Mt. View.....		2 65
New Hope.....	15 00	10 75
Pleasant Grove No. 1.....	15 00	12 50
Pleasant Grove No. 2.....	10 00	5 35
Pleasant Hill (by Jno. P. Webb)..	2 50	6 80
Smithville.....	5 00	
Union.....	5 00	5 00
Walnut Grove.....	5 00	5 00
Walnut Ridge.....	20 00	20 00

Totals.....\$175 00 \$166 36

H. W. Townsend, Secretary and Treasurer, in account with Associational Mission Board.

Dr.

To amount of mission fund, 1899, from H. F. James, ex-treasurer, \$25.

To amount received from churches and individuals, as follows:

Pleasant Grove No. 1, per W. G. Pickett, \$1.35; New Hope, per N. E. Judkins, \$7.50; Walnut Ridge, per Allen Pierce, \$2; Association, 1899, per J. H. Townsend, treasurer, \$6.95; Black Rock, per N. R. Townsend, \$10, per T. C. Mahan, \$5, per A. E. Townsend, \$1; Union, per B. Parsley, \$5; Lebanon, per N. E. Judkins, \$2.50; Pleasant Hill, per N. E. Judkins, \$6.80; Walnut Grove, per A. S. Parrish, \$2.50; Pleasant Grove No. 2, \$2; Black Rock, per J. H. Townsend, \$5; New Hope, per N. E. Judkins, \$3, per T. J. Moore, 25c.; Mt. View, per T. J. Moore, \$2; Lone Oak, per T. J. Moore, \$1; Hardy, per T. C. Mahan, \$2.31; Black Rock, per A. E. Townsend, \$2; Pleasant Grove No. 1, per W. G. Pickett, 50c., per C. Hodge, \$4.25; Mt. View, per C. Hodge, 65c; Egypt, per C. Hodge, \$10; Alicia, per C. Hodge, \$15; Black Rock, per I. A. B. Minner, \$2; per public collection, \$1; Calamine, per N. E. Judkins, \$5; Walnut Ridge, per T. C. Mahan, \$5; Lone Oak, per J. A. Justus, \$1.50; Walnut Ridge, per Allen Pierce, \$3, per Dolph McCarroll, \$5, per Dr. Smith, \$1.25; Evergreen, per T. C. Mahan, \$2.50; Pleasant Grove No. 2, per G. B. Borah, \$3.35; Black Rock, per H. W. Townsend, \$10; Pleasant Grove No. 1, per R. B. Bellamy, \$6.40; Lone Oak, per Sam Clements, 50c.; Calamine, per J. F. Butler, \$2.50; Bold Spring, per S. R. Erwin, \$1.50; Walnut Grove, per Allen Pierce, \$2.50; Walnut Ridge, per T. C. Mahan, \$3.75; Jerusalem, per Jesse Croom, \$5; Lone Oak, per Bro. Pickett, 50c.; Imboden, per Bro. Smith, \$5; Hopewell, per Bro. Cook, \$5; Lone Oak, per S. H. Clements, \$1.50; D. P. Price, \$1; Little Spring, per N. C. Judkins, \$2.....\$178.31

To amount collected on field by Eld. C. Hodge..... 184.98

To amount received at public collection at association..... 17.50

To amounts received since association adjourned as follows:

Smithville, per J. H. Townsend, treasurer association, \$1.50; Clear Spring, per J. H. Townsend, \$2; Clear Spring, \$2.50; New Hope, per T. J. Moore, \$2; Black Rock, per J. H. Townsend, \$1; sale of books, per C. Hodge, \$3.90. \$ 11 90

Total debits.....\$417.69

Cr. 1900.			
January 2,	By amount paid to C. Hodge on salary.....	\$ 40 00	
April 24,	“ “ “ “ “ “	37 60	
“ 30,	“ “ “ “ “ “	12 36	
“	“ “ “ “ “ “	47 60	
“	“ “ “ J. N. Hall for books to sell....	7 50	
“	“ “ “ B. M. Bogard “ “ “	6 00	
“	“ “ “ C. Hodge on salary.....	34 25	
	“ “ “ collected on field and retained		
	by Hodge.....	184 98	
	By miscellaneous collections paid to Hodge at the association.	18 00	
	By amount of publication at association paid to Hodge.....	17 50	
	By amount paid to Hodge since the association adjourned.....	11 90	
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	Total credits.....	\$417 69	
	Associational Mission Board in account with C. Hodge:		
Dr.	To amount of ten months' salary at \$500 per annum	\$416 67	
Cr.	By amount paid as per above statement of treasurer.....	\$404 19	
	By amount donated by C. Hodge.....	2 48	
	By amount to balance down and due C. Hodge.....	10 00	
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	Total credits.....	\$416 67	
Dr.	To amount to balance down and due C. Hodge.....	\$ 10 00	

APPENDIX X.

CLERK'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

J. H. Townsend, clerk and treasurer, in account with Spring River Association:

Said clerk and treasurer charges himself as follows:

To amounts received from finance committee, 1899, as follows:		
Minute funds, balance from 1898.....	\$15 00	
Minute funds from churches, 1899.....	26 20	
State mission funds, balance from 1898.....	25	
Home mission funds, balance from 1898.....	25	
Foreign mission funds from churches, 1899.....	2 35	
Associational mission funds from churches, 1899.....	6 45	
To amount state and home mission funds, 1898, transferred by consent of donor to associational mission fund.....	50	
To amount of net profits arising from advertisements inserted by consent of the association in printed Minutes of 1899, itemized statement thereof hereto attached.....	15 00	
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Total debits.....	\$66 00	
And said clerk and treasurer acts credit as follows:		
By amounts state and home mission funds, 1898, transferred as stated above.....	\$ 50	
By amount of associational mission funds turned over to H. W. Townsend, treasurer of Associational Mission Board, receipt hereto attached.....	6 95	
By amount of foreign mission funds sent to Chas. W. Daniel, vice-president for missions for Arkansas, receipt hereto attached.....	2 35	

By amount paid for printing Minutes of 1899, printers's receipt hereto attached.....	22 50
By amounts paid for postage on Minutes and associational letters.....	4 20
By amount allowed for work on Minutes, see Appendix X, Sub. 4.....	10 00
By amount paid for blank record book.....	75
By amount turned over to Finance Committee, 1900, receipt hereto attached.....	18 75
Total credits.....	\$66 00
Examined and approved September 24, 1900.	

J. P. WEBB,
ALLEN PIERCE,
A. V. SMITH,
Finance Committee.

APPENDIX XI.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. THANKS TO CALAMINE CHURCH.

RESOLVED, That we thank the members of Calamine church and the citizens of the surrounding community for their hospitable entertainment of the messengers and visitors to this body during its present session.
R. B. BELLAMY.

2. AUTHORIZING THE PRINTING OF THE MINUTES.

RESOLVED, That the clerk of this body be and he hereby is authorized and directed to have 1,000 copies of the minutes of proceedings of the present session printed in pamphlet form and distributed as per amounts paid into the minute fund by the respective churches; and that he be allowed \$10 for his services as such clerk.
N. E. JUDKINS.

3. CONCERNING FIFTH-SUNDAY MEETINGS.

RESOLVED, That special prominence be given to the subjects of Sunday-schools and missions in all fifth-Sunday meetings that may be held the coming year.
C. T. ARNETT.

4. THANKS TO BOARDS.

RESOLVED, That we, as a body, heartily thank the Sunday-school Board of the Southern Baptist Convention for its liberal donation of books and tracts to our associational mission work the past year, and the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention for its liberal assistance to points within the bounds of this association; and that the clerk be requested to send the secretary of each of said boards a marked copy of the printed minutes.
N. R. TOWNSEND.

5. CONCERNING MESSENGERS.

RESOLVED, That the churches composing this body be requested to send to its next session messengers who will endeavor to stay through the entire session.
N. E. JUDKINS.

APPENDIX XII.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

BAPTIST VANTAGE GROUND.

"Their rock is not as our rock, even our enemies themselves being judges." Deut. 32: 31. Rock, here, means position, standing, foundation. From any conceivable standpoint, Baptists hold the vantage ground, even though we concede the opposers' views. The heathen admitted, of the God of Israel, that there is none like unto him.

If the infidel be correct, that there is no God, no hell to shun, no heaven to gain, no life beyond the grave, even then he loses the joy of supposed religion in this life, and dies below the level of the Christian. If on the other hand he be wrong, he misses heaven, lands in hell and all is lost.

The moralist should learn that the Christian gives to the world the ideal code of morals; so that, if morality saves, the Christian is safe. But if it be true that "Ye must be born again," the Christian goes to heaven, while he, in self-righteous rags, is doomed to torment.

The Hardshell who waits God's time instead of accepting it, will no more be saved than we who seek his face. But if we must "strive to enter in at the straight gate," happy is he who has done so.

If baptism be a condition of salvation, we have met the condition, and are saved. If baptism be not a condition of salvation, then he who depends on it in such sense is lost. And so we have the vantage ground.

If there be three modes of baptism, we have the one always accepted, and so have the best. But since immersion only, and that, too, properly authorized and administered, is baptism we only have obeyed the Lord in this ordinance.

If so-called open communion were permissible by scripture, still the world admits that we have the Lord's Supper. But if, as Paul says, "where there are divisions it is impossible to eat the Lord's Supper," then we are the only people who keep this ordinance.

So, brethren, "seeing ye are compassed about by so great a cloud of witnesses," "watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong." "Proclaim it from the house tops;" tell it to your neighbors; herald it forth through the association, through the state, throughout the world; for it is the truth, and the "truth makes free indeed." Stand by your colors, preach the whole gospel, and save the lost.

T. C. MAHAN.

APPENDIX XIII.
CHURCH DIRECTORY.

NAME OF CHURCH.	PASTOR OR SUPPLY.	CHURCH CLERK.	CLERK'S ADDRESS.
Ahola	None	W. J. McCullogh.	Alicia.
Bethel	See minutes of '97	J. H. Boies	Maxville.
Big Creek	George James	A. Pettyjohn	Black Rock.
Black Rock	T. C. Mahan	J. F. Wilkerson	Grange.
Bold Spring	G. W. James	L. A. Chaney	Calamine.
Bristo	See minutes of '99	L. Craige	Kenyon.
Calamine	J. F. Butler	O. H. Wayland	Black Rock.
Centreville	None	Mrs. C. T. Arnett	Mammoth Spring.
Clear Spring	J. M. Appleget	Elizabeth Cooksey	Egypt.
Ebenezer (of Mammoth Spr'g)	F. L. Oglvie	W. R. Marshall, Jr.	Walnut Ridge.
Egypt (re-admitted)	W. R. Marshall	E. B. Marshall, Jr.	Hardy.
Evening Shade	See minutes of '95	Mrs. F. B. McGinnis	Walnut Ridge.
Ferrygreen	W. R. Marshall	Thomas Cook	Imboden.
Hardy	E. P. Minton	Geo. W. Smith	Strawberry.
Hopewell	J. F. Clark	R. E. Penn	Reed.
Imboden	E. P. Minton	G. K. Stewart	Poughkeepsie.
Jerusalem	R. B. Bellamy	J. A. Justus	Matthews.
Libanon	J. C. Diceston	J. A. Wasson	Grange.
Little Spring	J. F. Butler	H. A. Moore	Denton.
Line Oak	R. B. Bellamy	W. G. Pickett	Annieville.
Medonia	See minutes of '94	Roe Tims	Tuckerman.
Mount View	J. L. Brown	G. W. Casper	Lynn.
New Hope	G. B. Borah	E. B. Ivie	Portia.
Pleasant Grove No. 1	J. F. Butler	W. A. Gay	Balboa.
Pleasant Grove No. 2	G. B. Borah	J. D. Haynes	Pocahontas.
Pleasant Hill	D. E. Hunt	Hugh Spotts	Smithville.
Pocahontas	See minutes of '99	R. P. Sharp	Swifton.
Portia (formerly Cross Roads)	N. R. Townsend	Bethel Parsley	Calamine.
Richwoods	See minutes of '97	A. S. Parrish	Walnut Ridge.
Tim's Chapel	L. A. Bain	Mrs. S. Perry Smith	Walnut Ridge.
Walhoh (re-admitted)	M. D. Bowers	Hiram Brock	Smithville.
Smithville	G. B. Borah		
Swifton	C. Hodge		
Union	J. F. Butler		
Walnut Grove	G. B. Borah		
Walnut Ridge	T. C. Mahan		
Willow Spring	R. B. Bellamy		

APPENDIX XIV.
SUNDAY-SCHOOL DIRECTORY.

NAME OF SCHOOL	SUPERINTENDENT.	SUPERINTENDENT'S ADDRESS.
Ahola	W. J. McCullogh	Alicia.
Black Rock	A. Pettyjohn	Black Rock.
Bold Spring	S. R. Irwin	Strawberry.
Clear Spring	M. D. East	Black Rock.
Ebenezer (of Mammoth Spring)	Chas. T. Arnett	Mammoth Spring.
Egypt	J. M. Chamberlain	Egypt.
Ferrygreen	W. R. Marshall	Walnut Ridge.
Hopewell	Thomas Cook	Walnut Ridge.
Imboden	A. S. Cotton	Imboden.
Pleasant Hill	Jno. P. Webb	Lynn.
Walhoh	M. D. Bowers	Pocahontas.
Swifton	R. P. Sharp	Swifton.
Walnut Ridge	Dolph McCarroll	Walnut Ridge.

Rules of Decorum.

1. A Moderator and Clerk shall be elected by the association, who shall continue in office one year, or until their successors are elected.

2. The Moderator shall take the chair at the hour to which the association is adjourned, and after prayer, proceed to business. He shall keep order, and may speak, providing he calls a chairman. He shall have no vote, except in case of a tie, in which case he shall give the casting vote.

3. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator. He shall not depart from the subject under consideration, nor indulge in personal reflections.

4. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, without leave from the association.

5. No member shall absent himself from the association without leave.

6. No member shall address another by any appellation other than "Brother."

7. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member while speaking, unless he violates these rules of decorum.

8. Any member may appeal from the decision of the Moderator or the association.

9. The Clerk shall keep a minute of the proceedings of the association, and perform such other duties as may be required of him.

10. Any member violating these rules may be reprovod.

11. The session of the association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

12. We agree to observe the following regular order of business (adopted in 1894 and amended in 1898.—Clerk) viz:

1. Introductory sermon.
2. Opening prayer.
3. Reading letters of churches.
4. Election of officers.
5. Reception of corresponding messengers.
6. Invitation to visiting brethren.
7. Reception of churches.
8. Reading of circular letter.
9. Appointment of committees, viz: [a] On divine service; [b] on state of the churches; [c] on destitution; [d] on Sunday-schools; [e] on missions; [f] on education; [g] on Baptist literature; [h] on prohibition; [i] on correspondence; [j] on finance; [k] on ministerial directory; [l] on orphans' home.
10. Queries.
11. Reports of secretaries and treasurer of boards.
12. Reports of associational mission board.
13. Reports of committees.-
14. Miscellany.
15. Adjournment.

