

MINUTES OF THE
Thirty-Ninth Annual Session
OF THE
Russellville Baptist
Association


HELD WITH THE
First Baptist Church, Russellville, Ark.,
October 2, 3 and 4, 1919



Rev. J. C. Hendrick, Moderator
Rev. Roscoe Stapp, Clerk


OFFICERS

REV. J. C. HENDRICK.....Moderator
REV. ROSCOE STAPP.....Clerk



BOARD AT LARGE

W. F. Hall, W. M. Groom, W. M. Phillips, R. L. Loyd
and H. Gerwein



The next meeting will be held with the Pittsburg Baptist Church
Johnson County, Thursday night before the first Sunday in October,
1920. Rev. W. M. Groom will preach the annual sermon.

MINUTES.

The Thirty-Ninth Annual Session of the Russellville Baptist Association convened with the church in Russellville, October 2, 1919; was duly called to order by Moderator, W. E. Atkinson, followed by song and prayer.

After appointing Roscoe Stapp as Clerk pro-tem, Rev. Clarence Hendrick of Lamar delivered the Annual Sermon, which was timely in thought and well received by all. Great stress was laid on the urgency of the present situations and called for the unstinted support of all Christ's people. After the sermon the body adjourned until 9 o'clock Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING.

At the appointed hour the Association was called to order by the Moderator, after which Bro. S. J. Burns of Lamar, conducted the devotional exercises.

Following the devotional services, the body went immediately into the organizations. The Moderator appointed Brethren Solon Brown and Z. P. Freeman to read the letters from the various churches and messengers were seated as follows:

Atkins—W. M. Phillips and Wife, Z. P. Freeman and Miss Wilma Loyd.

Blackwell—H. S. B. Oliver, Chas. Ellison.

Clarksville—W. E. Atkinson and wife, Mrs. F. M. Farris.

Cross Roads—Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Pittman.

Corinth—J. A. Young, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Ketcherside.

Dover—F. M. Taylor.

Hopewell—I. C. Reynolds.

East Point—J. W. Whorton.

Knoxville—Will Shields, Virgil Jones, H. Gervin.

Lamar—Dr. M. E. Burgess, J. C. Hendrick.

London—W. L. Martin.

Mt. Zion—D. B. Moore and wife.

Pottsville—Mrs. W. H. Rankin, Roscoe Stapp, Mrs. E. Allman.

Pittsburg—S. J. Burns, Miss Lola Burns, J. D. Williams.

Russellville—W. W. Cox, W. F. Hall, J. W. Reynolds, W. M. Groom.

Scottsville—J. H. Rowland and wife.

Spadra—Chester Rhodes, M. C. Walker.

Trinity—J. D. Williams, Solon Brown, Emma Woodard, E. W. Abston.

Union Grove—H. H. Haigwood, Guy Love, Wm. Williams, Mrs. Kate Scurrah.

Following the seating of delegates, on election by ballot, Rev. Clar-

ence Hendrick and Rev. Roscoe Stapp were declared Moderator and Clerk respectively, and the routine business begun.

Standing, the audience was led in prayer by Dr. Otto Whittington, of Little Rock.

Motion was carried that the Moderator be empowered to appoint a committee of three or four delegates to assist him in promulgating a program or "order of business," the program to revolve about the great Seventy-Five Million Campaign as much as possible.

Our State Director, Dr. Whittington, being present, was asked to speak and responded, giving us a most inspiring and lucid address on the Campaign in general.

In conformity to a previous action the Moderator appointed his Committee on Program, which is as follows: Dr. Whittington and Miss May, of Little Rock; W. M. Groom, Mrs. Kate Scurrah, Mrs. Steele Hays and Mrs. Florence, of Little Rock. This Committee was appointed with a view toward the various relationships sustained in the campaign, these parties being leaders in their Committees and in the State.

Body adjourned for dinner, to meet at 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON.

The Afternoon Session was opened by a devotional period conducted by Bro. Loyd, of Dover.

Following the devotional exercises, a motion was carried to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee to consider matters of a new Constitution and By-Laws, and Brethren Groom, Freeman and Loyd were appointed.

Dr. Conger was introduced, and pictured to the hearts of his hearers the distressing need of our educational enterprises and plead that thought and prayer and money be devoted to the end of making these assets of our Kingdom work, a success.

Committee on Order of Business reported and after reading the proposed program, discussion ensued and on vote the report was referred back for correction, with the suggestion from body that matters of the Sessions be pushed through and finished by Saturday noon.

Moderator instructed Clerk to enroll Dr. Searcy as a visiting delegate.

Committee on Constitution and By-Laws reported and articles were read and adopted in blank form; afterward the whole was voted upon and adopted with additional motions that the new Constitution and By-Laws be printed in the next Minutes of the Association, which carried.

With prayer, the body adjourned to come together again at 7:45 p. m.

FRIDAY EVENING, 7:45 P. M.

With the audience standing, the Campaign Song of the Southern

Baptists was sung from beginning to end and followed by a devotional service, led by Bro. Chester Rhodes, after which some tardy church letters were read and the service turned over to our visitors, Miss May and Dr. Whittington.

Miss May, representing the Women's Union in this particular district, gave a direct and telling talk on the part the women have in this great campaign. Her remarks were thought-provoking and convinced us that the day when the women were incidents has passed and that she is shaping in a very large way the life of the world and this must be recognized.

Dr. Whittington, with his subject, "The World, the Book and the Cross," left no doubts in the minds of his audience that he was not perfectly familiar with the present situation and its solution. With a most significant subject he drove home some telling facts, calling all to a reconsecration of their lives, that the thing Jesus did on Calvary may be made known to all the world in a truly scriptural way. After the sermon, in response to a call for voluntary surrender to God's will for definite special service, three young women came forward and as the congregation, singing a great consecration hymn, came down to wish these three God-speed, it was known by all that the Holy Spirit was there. It was a good climax for so great an hour.

Adjourned to meet Saturday, a. m., at 9 o'clock. Dismissed by Bro. Atkinson.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 A. M.

Body called together and Bro. John White of Hagarville, conducted the devotional services.

By motion, the invitation of Pittsburg church for the next session of the Association was accepted, to convene on Thursday night before the first Sunday in October, 1920.

By motion, Bro. Z. P. Freeman was by unanimous vote of body, elected to the office of Associational Treasurer.

Reports of the various standing committees were then heard, but before the reading, a motion was made and carried to the effect that all reports be read and tabled to be followed at the close, by general discussion, by any who saw fit.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 2 O'CLOCK.

Body called to order and Bro. H. H. Haigwood led the audience in a brief devotional service, after which Rev. F. M. Chambers of Pioneer, Tenn., was invited to speak.

Just here the Association, under the leadership of Bro. Burns, entered into a Memorial Service in honor of the dead of our fellowship who have gone on. This was entered into by various ones who were personally acquainted with the missing members. Bro. Groom closed the service with a memorial prayer.

By motion, the Clerk was allowed twenty dollars for his services.

A vote of thanks was unanimously given the church at Russellville for her entertainment of the visiting delegates and by motion the body adjourned to meet again at Pittsburg church on Thursday night before the first Sunday in October, 1920.

With Dr. Searcy leading, the congregation arose and to the spirit of that beautiful parting song, "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again," all joined in an old-fashioned hand-shake and parted with a prayer by Dr. Searcy.

J. C. HENDRICK, Moderator.
ROSCOE STAPP, Clerk.

Reports of Standing Committees.

1. Associational Missions—W. M. Phillips, W. F. Hall, Z. P. Freeman, M. E. Burgess, Solon Brown.
2. Foreign Missions—W. E. Atkinson, E. L. Pittman, Guy Love, H. H. Haigwood, J. A. Young.
3. Home Missions—W. M. Groom, Will Shields, J. H. Whorton, Mrs. Rankin.
4. Religious Literature—G. F. Breedlove, H. Gerwein, M. C. Walker, Joe P. Martin, D. B. Moore.
5. Christian Ed.—E. C. Rhodes, W. W. Cox, E. Allman, A. Rietdorf.
6. State Missions—D. B. Moore, J. F. Hughes, J. V. Ketcherside, J. W. Reynolds.
7. Nominations—W. E. Burgess, Z. P. Freeman, W. F. Hall, W. T. Martin, J. H. Rowland.
8. Stewardship—W. E. Atkinson, J. D. Williams, E. W. Abston, H. S. B. Oliver.
9. Orphan's Home—Mrs. W. M. Phillips, Mrs. D. B. Moore, Mrs. Williams, (Trinity.)
10. Woman's Work—Mrs. Chas. Scurrah, Mrs. Rankin, Mrs. J. M. Farris, Virgie Lamb, Mrs. J. W. Robertson.
11. Finance—W. F. Hall, H. S. B. Oliver, L. A. Burns, I. C. Reynolds.
12. Temperance—W. E. Atkinson, John White, C. A. Ellison, E. V. Hawkins.
13. Obituaries—S. J. Burns, J. W. Reynolds, W. P. Shields, F. M. Taylor.
14. Young People's Work—Z. P. Freeman, J. D. Williams, Wilma Loyd, Mrs. F. M. Farris, E. Allman.
15. Resolutions—E. W. Abston, Solon Brown, I. Phillips.

Discussion of these reports were led by Rev. Atkinson, Bro. Groom, Dr. Searcy and Bro. Freeman, followed by prayer and congregational song, "Nearer, Blessed Lord."

Moderator, before adjourning, called meeting of Associational Board to meet in church at 1:30 o'clock.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, beg leave to report the following:

1. That this body meet with Pittsburg church on Thursday night, before the first Sunday in October, 1920.

2. That Bro. W. M. Groom preach the introductory sermon.

3. That our Board at large be composed of the following: W. F. Hall, W. M. Phillips, W. M. Groom, R. L. Loyd and H. Gerwein.

For the Churches—

Z. P. Freeman, Atkins; Andy Young, Corinth; F. M. Taylor, Dover; C. M. Waldean, Fairview; I. C. Reynolds, Hopewell; J. C. Hendricks, Lamar; S. J. Burns, Pittsburg; J. C. Faulkner, Russellville, E. W. Abston, Spadra; C. L. Hanna, Union Grove; H. S. B. Oliver, Blackville; W. E. Atkinson, Clarksville; E. L. Pitman, Cross Roads; J. H. Whorton, East Point; John Ross, Hector; W. P. Shields, Knoxville; J. P. Martin, London; Roscoe Stapp, Pottsville; J. B. Curtis, Scottsville; L. D. Williams, Trinity; D. B. Moore, Mt. Zion.

We recommend that Dr. M. E. Burgess of Lamar as our Associational representative on the State Board.

R. L. LOYD, Chairman.

Z. P. FREEMAN.

J. L. ROWLAND.

W. F. HALL.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The influence of America in shaping world-ideals today is unequalled by any other nation. Sound missionary policy requires that we shall really make America Christian. Baptists of the South have in the Home Mission Board an agency of marked efficiency through which they are bringing to bear their combined efforts to that end.

A great work of soul-winning still confronts us in the South, where about 20,000,000 persons make no profession of religion, though the South is better evangelized than any other section of the country. Our Home Missionaries lead those of all other denominations in the work of soul-winning. 40,000 converts were added to the churches last year through their labors. We rejoice that during the present year the Board's strong evangelistic service is being enlarged still more.

The reproach of 3,000 unhoused Baptist churches in the South is being removed by direct gifts and by the Million Dollar Loan Fund of our Board. A great service is being rendered through our large system of mission schools to the belated people in mountain districts of the South.

One of the greatest tasks before Southern Baptists is the nurturing of many of our churches, through adequate preaching services and pastoral work, whose members are second to none in their sound Americanism and evangelical faith, but who have not been adequately taught

in the life of faith. Our Home Board, after six years of effort in this new field, is substantially enlarging the Enlistment work.

In the field of Indians, Foreigners and Negroes, the Board is enlarging its service to meet enlarging opportunities. In its co-operative work with State Boards, especially in the relatively younger states, it is doing the largest work in its history. In Cuba and Panama the Board shows a healthy growth, a full return in spiritual fruits for the money we have given to it.

Adjusting itself to the enlarged effort made possible by the \$75,000,000 Campaign, the Board is expending \$1,500,000 this year, much of it in needy strategic places it was not before possible to enter.

We heartily commend our Board for the vigorous and able stand of Dr. B. D. Gray, its Corresponding Secretary, and his associates, to safeguard the fundamental principles of religious liberty and justice, when these were threatened by forces which used the occasion of the war to betray our American freedom of faith. The service of our Secretary and our Board in this emergency was invaluable.

These days of reconstruction are a time of severe testing to the character and Christian faith of our people. With our whole heart we rejoice that the Southern Baptist Convention has in the \$75,000,000 Campaign provided \$12,000,000 to be used by our Home Board in evangelizing and Christianizing the South. Let us raise it!

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. GROOM.

J. H. WHORTON.

W. W. RANKIN.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATION MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Association Missions, beg leave to make the following report:

At a meeting of the Executive Board it was decided to employ four young men of Ouachita College to work during the summer, the Association paying one half of the expenses and the State Board paying the other half. These young men came the middle of June and began their work, under very adverse weather conditions, consequently visible results were not what we had expected. There was some fine work and the results will be lasting. A number of the churches were revived that had been asleep for years.

There was an outlay of about \$900. Of this amount, we are to pay \$450. There was a debt brought over from last year of \$220.00, bearing interest; making a total of \$670.00. Your Board has borrowed money to pay these missionaries. Our present debt, after deducting the amount received on field and from different churches, is about \$540.00.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. PHILLIPS.

SOLOMON BROWN.

Z. P. FREEMAN.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

It is interesting and instructing to study the opening of the fields for Foreign Missions as it has kept pace with our growing interest and ability to occupy them. Each age has been willing and ready to enter the open doors of that time until now. The study continues in that the hand that controls the one manages the other. All Christians believe that the hand of providence controls these affairs. An enlightened faith looks upon the present world-wide opportunities and calls as the leading of God. And as a safe assurance of our ability to perform the work required. Last year our own contributions to Foreign Missions had reached \$1,223,190.17; more than \$370,000 over those of the year before. After Dr. Love went to China and Japan and made a summary of the work and needs of the fields our Foreign Mission Board asked the Southern Baptist Convention at its Atlanta session for \$4,000,000 per annum. In this Campaign they are promised \$20,000,000 in five years. The financial response of our people to our country's war-needs, demonstrates that they can raise this money. Then we can it we will. It leaves us only the task of getting our people to will to win; with the work now being done the work will succeed. Will we do our part? If our people can be made to know the facts; to accept the truth that this is God's plan and call to us and to consecrate themselves to the task, they will meet their requirements. Information must be carried to them. They must be constrained to know. Thus faith in God must be strengthened both by prayer and timely action. These are the steps they must take and it is our duty to lead them to it; the light that glows about our victory is conspicuous, but we do not see the gloom and darkness that envelops our failure. Let us follow our Captain in this engagement with our lives and our talents and our finances, knowing that he never led a faithful true soldier to failure or defeat. In the love and power of Christ let us go over and possess the land.

GUY LOVE.

E. L. PITTMAN.

J. A. YOUNG.

H. H. HAIGWOOD.

W. E. ATKINSON.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on State Missions, report as follows:

While the 75,000,000 Campaign will be presented to the body in another report, your Committee would add its endorsement of this movement and its admonition to the churches of the Association, that there be no failure to give this campaign the most unqualified support. The campaign would help everything that we are doing, and its failure would hurt everything.

We would call your attention to the possibilities of State Missions

in our state. We are at the door of a great hour in Arkansas. Schools are to be built for the poor and needy in the mountains; destitutions in every part of our state are to have preaching; 1,000,000 lost souls in Arkansas are to have an opportunity to hear the Gospel.

The past year has been a great year in our State Mission work. Last year was doubtless the banner year in our history, but we will go beyond that this year. We would recommend that we especially remember State Missions in our prayers to Almighty God.

Submitted by the Committee,

D. B. MOORE, Chm.

J. W. REYNOLDS.

J. T. HUGHES.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We were appointed too late for us to draft a report. We submit the following statements, to-wit:

1. The war-time prohibition order passed by Congress went into effect last June.

2. The National Constitutional Prohibition Amendment was ratified by 36 states and goes in effect January 16, 1920.

3. We will then pass through the period evasions and violations incident to all our other victories. It behooves our people to be true and continue the fight until the law is enforced.

E. V. HANKINS.

JOHN WHITE.

W. E. ATKINSON.

ORPHAN'S HOME REPORT.

We, your Committee on Orphan's Home, beg leave to report as follows: Our home is one of our dearest institutions. We, as Baptists, will not fulfill our duty unless we give liberally to this institution. There are about 50 children in the home and it needs to be enlarged. It takes about \$1200 per month to maintain the Home. Your committee would especially request that our people in this Association do our best to put the 75 Million Campaign over the top so that this as well as all other phases of our work will go forward.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. M. PHILLIPS, Chm.

MRS. D. B. MOORE.

COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP.

This committee was appointed too late to make a report. We make some pertinent suggestions:

1st. The month of November, 1919, is Stewardship month in all Baptist churches and is a time for teaching it.

2nd. This is a much neglected doctrine. It is not thought or

practiced extensively. It is not enforced. If there is a flaw in Baptism we find it and object. Is stewardship less important? Is every man orthodox who does not believe, teach and practice the principles of stewardship? Should any preacher be in good standing who does not teach and practice it?

3rd. If we do our duty at home and in this campaign men and women must know that they are not their own but that their all belongs to God.

4th. God has enough money in each of our churches to do his business if he could have his way. Will we let Him?

W. E. ATKINSON.

H. S. B. OLIVER.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

The two God-given agencies for the propagation of the Gospel are the living voice and the printed page.

The Bible, good books, papers and tracts are indispensable to the spreading of the Kingdom.

We feel that too much cannot be said or done to get our people to do the right kind of reading.

We earnestly urge that our church members read the papers printed in the interest of our denomination, especially our state paper, Baptist Advance, also Home and Foreign Fields and Royal Service. These are all great papers carrying on a great work and for our own uplift and strength as God's workers we need these to keep us in touch with the work and the world's work.

Outside of these every home should have coming to it a religious paper and a generous supply of religious books that are filled with the teachings of the truth of the Bible, in which great care has been taken in the purchasing of such books.

We therefore recommend colportage work—the getting of more books and pamphlets in our rural homes—and the urging of all to read them, for our rural people, because of other amusements, will read something, regardless of the objects or the results of their reading.

Baptists at this time have unlimited opportunities to scatter the truth, so we, your Committee, recommend that more attention be given to the getting of good literature before our people.

H. GERWEIN, Chairman.

J. P. MARTIN.

G. F. BREEDLOVE.

M. C. WALKER.

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U.

We, your Committee on Young People's Work, beg leave to submit the following report:

During this time of so much unrest among our people, especially

the young; when so many temptations are coming in the guise of pleasure, we need to supply for every young Christian some means of learning how to serve the Master and train them to become leaders in our churches.

The Baptist Young People's Union is especially set to do this very thing in a very definite way. The B. Y. P. U. appeals to the young Christian; its organization is especially adapted to the development of the individual church member; the educational work is planned to give definite information to our young people concerning Bible study, Missions, Doctrine, Benevolences, and co-operation in all other denominational enterprises.

The daily Bible readings develop the habit of daily Bible reading. The Bible study gives knowledge of the Bible. The doctrinal meetings give them a knowledge of what Baptists believe, when the Mission topics teach them in a definite way about our missionary work.

The B. Y. P. U. also helps to solve the problems of Leadership, the problem of Enlistment and the problem of Christian union. We urge every church in the Association to send one or more of their young people to the Summer Assembly at Arkadelphia.

Respectfully submitted,

Z. P. FREEMAN.

WILMA LOYD.

MRS. F. M. FARRIS.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Baptists of Arkansas have two well established colleges, Ouachita, at Arkadelphia, and Central, at Conway. We have also three mountain schools, of which every Baptist in Arkansas should think with anxious pride, Mountain Home College, at Mountain Home, Maynard Academy, at Maynard, and Mountain View Institute, in Carroll county; also one being built at Hargarville, and one at Jonesboro.

We have an educational indebtedness which we are very anxious to be met with. The 75 Million Campaign, Ouachita College and our mountain schools are of great importance in the training of young men for the ministry, and as we are in such great need of more efficient Laborers in the Vineyard, let us get behind these institutions with our prayers and means and help push it on for the Master's sake.

CHESTER RHODES, Chm.,

W. W. COX,

ARTHUR RIETDORF,

Committee

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, the Committee on Finance, beg to make this report:

Church—	Ass'n. Missions	Min.	State M.	O. H.
Pittsburg	2.50	12.00	3.50
London	1.50	.....	....

Trinity		2.55	.....	.....
Dover		1.50	.....	.....
Blackwell	10.00	3.00	.....	.....
Atkins		5.00	.....	.....
Knoxville	47.36	3.00	.....	.....
Mt. Zion		1.00	.....	.....
Scottsville	23.00	2.83	.....	.....
Clarksville	50.00	2.00	.....	.....
Union Grove	7.85	.....	.....	.....
Russellville	124.10	5.90
Spadra	15.00	2.50	2.50
Corinth	25.00	2.00
East Point	2.50	2.00
Lamar	20.00	3.00
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Total	324.71	40.28	12.00	6.00

W. F. HALL,
S. A. BURRIS,
H. S. B. OLIVER,
I. C. REYNOLDS,
Committee.

REPORT ON WOMEN'S WORK.

The Committee on Women's Work feel that the women of the Association have done a great work in the past year and feel that God has greatly blessed us in our work. We go forward into another year's work with renewed courage. Many new W. M. U's have reorganized and many are planning to organize in the future.

We are planning and doing a great work in our 75 Million Campaign.

May God's blessings be upon all our women workers. We are praying that all our women may be enlisted.

MRS. K. SCURRAH, Chm.
MRS. F. M. HARRIS
MISS VIRGIE LAMB.

Financial Report of Associational Superintendent of Russellville Association for Year Ending Oct. 3, 1919.

Churches and Presidents	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Thank Offering to H. M.	Foreign Missions	Christmas Off.	Bible Fund S.S. Board	Margaret Fund	Training School Enlargement	Mtn. Schools	Training School Students	Minute Fund	Mary Forbes Home	Christian Ed.	Cash to O. H.	Boxes to O. H.	Benevolence	Ch. Bldg. and Ex.	Grand Total
Atkins—Mrs. C. H. Haskins	5.00	.....	25.00	3.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00	.....	1.00	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	25.00	64.50
Pittsburg—Mrs. A. Brown	3.50	.....	1.00	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00	8.00
Pottsville—Mrs. W. H. Rankin.....	.....	15.00	3.25	.....	3.25	.....	.....	1.25	.....	.....	1.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	225.00	248.80
Russellville—Mrs. A. S. Hays.....	3.65	5.60	8.85	.....	21.46	2.80	2.00	2.00	2.50	.....	2.50	2.00	.....	12.50	8.15	.....	.....	628.00	710.66
Union Grove—Mrs. Kate Scurrah ...	1.75	19.00	10.00	2.00	1.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.55	4.50	10.00	61.55
London—Mrs. W. H. Spillers.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.00	20.00
Total.....	13.90	39.60	48.10	5.50	27.46	2.80	2.00	3.25	2.50	3.00	3.75	3.00	2.00	12.50	8.15	10.55	4.50	910.50	1,113.51

In presenting the tabulated report for printing in the Minutes I feel that a small amount of work done is recorded. For here no mention is made of the Personal Service work and the study classes in Bible and Missions. These lines of activities have been especially stressed and rapid advancement made. We hope to have a Bible study class and Mission study class in each Society before another Association.

No. of Letters Written During the year.....50
 No. of Packages of Literature Forwarded20
 No. of Societies Organized During the Year 0

No. Societies Visited During the Year 1
 Total Expenses for Year\$3.00

MRS. W. L. OATES, Superintendent
 Russellville Association, W. M. U.

DIGEST REPORT OF MISSIONARIES.

The following is a digest of the report handed in by our four missionaries, working during the summer months. The missionaries were: Brothers Maurice Hall, Ralph Bishop, Perry Webb and Roger Baxter.

Meetings held.....	10
Conversions	55
Baptisms	18
Additions by Letter and Restoration	6
Collections on field	54.92

In the reports handed in to me, the one from Bro. Hall is missing; then this statement of work is the activities of the other three missionaries. Owing to the desultory nature of reports, I was forced to pick out only those items that seemed of greatest interest and work and place them in this digest for the annual Minutes.—CLERK.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions beg leave to submit the following:

Resolved, That this body vote our hearty thanks to the Russellville church for their hospitality and courtesies entertaining the messengers of this Association.

We congratulate this church on their splendid building and their noble work.

Resolved, That prayer be offered for the recovery of our noble President, Woodrow Wilson, who is now reported very ill.

WM. PHILLIPS, Chm.

SOLON BROWN.

M. E. BURGESS.

IN MEMORIAM.

REV. FRANK McDONALD, London.

REV. B. E. HILL, Pottsville.

W. P. WOOTEN, Russellville.

J. A. SIMS, Scottsville.

E. T. PUGH, Blackwell.

L. B. SMITH.

J. D. BRONZILL, Trinity.

F. M. RIDDLE, Trinity.

HERBERT WILLIAMS, Trinity.

SAM KIRKPATRICK, Corinth.

C. M. CHILDERS, Atkins.

L. B. SMIRL, Blackwell.

W. J. HATLEY, Fairview.

J. B. JAYNES, Fairview.

H. L. _____

Rev. T. J. Woodard, Union Grove.

Sisters.

BIRTIE ROWLAND, Scottsville.

SARAH JONES, Cross Roads.

NANCY BOOKER, East Point.

ELIZABETH BEESON, Atkins.

E. L. TURNER, Union Grove.

MISS L. A. JOHNSON.

EDITH McCORMICK, Blackwell.

OLLIE DAVIS, Blackwell.

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Baptisms	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deaths	Total Members	Number in S. S.	Minutes	Min. Education	Orphan's Home	Ass'n. Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Value of Church Property	Pastor's Salary	College and School	Other Objects	Building and Repair
Atkins	2	7	..	6	..	2	110	90	\$5.00	..	..	\$40.00	\$ 92.65	\$50.85	\$43.80	1000.00	\$900.00	..	..	..
Blackwell	7	4	..	..	5	4	69	40	3.00	..	..	10.00	..	..	..	..	75.00	..	..	..
Clarksville	..	..	..	3	..	..	58	35	2.00	..	..	50.00	107.00	37.50	37.50	..	..	..	..	..
Cross Roads	1	1	2	..	3	1	32	..	1.25	..	..	25.00	..	3.50	3.50	800.00	..	..	..	..
Corinth	1	1	..	4	..	1	50	25	2.00	..	..	25.00	..	7.50	7.50	400.00	60.00	..	..	..
Dover	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	56	1.50	..	..	..	..	..	..	1000.00	..	..	..	..
Hopewell	..	..	..	4	1	..	95	55	..	..	..	..	..	26.40	25.00	1000.00	76.00	..	..	..
East Point	3	..	1	..	2	1	43	79	2.00	..	..	15.65	..	4.55	4.00	..	58.00	..	..	..
Knoxville	2	4	..	7	..	..	114	65	3.00	..	12 97	61.36	13.00	..	..	1000.00	365.00	..	..	..
Lamar	..	2	..	2	..	..	52	40	2 50	..	..	..	..	15.00	15.00	2000.00	320.00	200.00	200.00	..
London	..	..	..	3	..	1	85	80	1.50	..	..	..	56.00	6.00	6.00	600.00	75.00	..	..	..
Mt. Zion	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1.00	..	..	..	77.04	6.00	6.75	..	53.00	..	..	..
Pottsville	3	6	..	..	..	..	39	82	..	..	2 54	..	86.87	6.00	6.00	9500.00	184.59	60.0	5.00	402.92
Pittsburg	5	..	..	2	..	..	89	50	2.50	2.00	7.00	51.00	15.00	18.00	..	800.00	66.80	..	11.30	..
Russellville	23	24	..	3	..	1	201	247	5.00	..	..	153.65	180.49	28.85	56.15	25000.	12.50	427.05	27.80	2090.10
Scottsville	..	3	..	..	..	2	53	..	2.83	..	..	24.00	..	5.10	5.15	..	60.00	..	..	..
Spadra	6	1	..	2	..	..	36	34	2.50	..	2.56	15.00	55.00	..	18.00	..	173.00	..	..	..
Trinity	18	..	1	..	2	2	107	50	2.55	16.50	..	20.50	..	16.30	12.35	1000.00	31.00	..	..	..
Union Grove	3	4	1	..	1	1	76	60	4.75	..	..	3.10	70.43	18.40	16.85	1000.00	108.00	..	..	90.00

MESSENGERS, PASTORS AND CLERKS

Churches	Messengers.	Pastors	Clerks.	Postoffice of Clerk.
Atkins	Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Philips, Wilma Loyd, Z. P. Freeman	Z. P. Freeman	O. C. Alewine...	Atkins
Blackwell	H. S. B. Oliver, Chas. Ellison.....	T. F. Thompson	Sallie Pugh	Atkins
Clarks ville.....	W. E. Atkinson and wife, Mrs. F. M. Farris	J. C. Hendrick ..	Jno. Ransom ...	Clarksville
Cross Roads	Mrs. E. L. Pittman.	R. L. Loyd.....	Etta Hickey.....	London, Rt. 1
Corinth	J. A. Young, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Ketcherside.....	S. J. Burns.....	Dave Clubb	Knoxville
Dover.....	F. M. Taylor .....	.....	F. M. Taylor....	Dover
Hopewell	I. C. Reynolds.....	Roscoe Stapp...	Ardis Tyson ...	Atkins
East Point	J. H. Whorton, J. H. White	R. L. Loyd.....	J. H. Whorton...	London
Knoxville	Will Shields, H. Guerwin, Virgie Lamb	J. C. Hendrick	W. P. Smith ...	Knoxville
Lamar	Dr. M. E. Burgess, J. C. Hendrick.....	J. C. Hendrick	Wright Hughes .	Lamar
London	W. L. Martin	S. J. Burns.....	W. L. Martin ..	London
Mt. Zion	Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Moore	Roscoe Stapp ..	W. R. Hunter .	Russellville
Pottsville	Mrs. Will Rankin, Mrs. E. Allman, R. Stapp	Roscoe Stapp	Ernest Allman .	Pottsville
Pittsburg.....	S. J. Burns, Miss Lola Burns.....	S. J. Burns	Sallie Webb.....	Lamar
Russellville	W. W. Cox, W. F. Hall, J. W. Reynolds, W. M. Groom.	W. M. Groom ..	J. W. Reynolds.	Russellville
Scottsville	Mr. and Mrs. Rowland	R. L. Loyd	J. M. Danley ...	Scottsville
Spadra	Chester Rhodes, M. C. Walker	Chester Rhodes	E. W. Abston ...	Spadra
Trinity	Solon Brown, E. W. Abston, Emma Woodard	E. W. Abston ..	E. F. Brazell...	Hartman
Union Grove.....	H. H. Haigwood, Guy Love, Mrs. Kate Surrah, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williams.....	Roscoe Stapp...	W. C. Swift ..	Clarksville

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This body shall be known as the Russellville Missionary Baptist Association.

Art. 2. It shall be composed of Messengers sent from Baptist churches known to be in good standing. That such Messengers shall be entitled to seats upon the presentation of letters from their churches or other evidence of their appointment. Each church with 50 members or less shall be entitled to 3 members, and one for each additional 50 or fraction thereof.

Art. 3. The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot at the opening of each annual session by a majority of all the votes at such session and shall continue in office until their successors are chosen.

Art. 4. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at all sessions of the Annual Association, according to parliamentary usage. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings, attend to the printing and publication of the Minutes, keep a regular file of the printed Minutes of every session of this body, and deliver over the same to his successor in office. The Treasurer shall take charge of all the funds of the Association, holding them subject to an order from the body.

Art. 5. The objects of the Association shall be: 1st. To promote fellowship among the churches, secure unanimity of faith, and cultivate the piety of its members. 2nd. To labor for Domestic and Foreign Missions; and for the establishment of Sabbath Schools in all the churches. 3rd. To encourage the circulation and reading of Baptist Literature. 4th. And a special object shall be to encourage and provide assistance for the Education of the rising Ministry, and for this purpose to establish an institution of learning in our midst, as soon as practicable.

Art. 6. This body shall, in no case, interfere with the internal regulations of the churches, but will act as an advisory council, whenever it may be necessary. It claims, however, no authority over its own members—the Messengers of the churches, and will withdraw from and disown all churches that depart from the principle of this compact, by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice.

Art. 7. Newly organized churches or churches dismissed from other Associations may be admitted into this body upon their petitioning by letter and Messengers at our annual meetings, and by their Messengers agreeing to the abstract of principles herewith published.

Art. 8. Churches may be dismissed from this Association upon applications, at an annual meeting, for the purpose of joining any body which we recognize, or for the purpose of forming a new Association; but any church desiring to withdraw from this Association, is requested to do so by applying for a letter.

Art. 9. The Moderator shall appoint chairmen of the various committees two weeks ahead of the session in order that such chairmen shall have at hand all needed data to make early reports.

Art. 10. This Constitution may be altered, or amended, at any regular meeting of this Association, by the concurring voice of two-thirds of the members who are in attendance.

Art. 11. Sec. 1. The Associational Board shall be composed of one member from each church co-operating with the Association (to be elected by the churches, or if necessary by the Association), and five

additional members to be elected from the Association at large at each annual session of the Association, seven of the whole number constituting a quorum after due notice has been given to all the members of the Board.

Sec. 2. This Board shall co-operate with the churches in this Association in informing and arousing the churches, in gathering and disbursing of funds for all of the objects fostered by this Association and shall transact all of the business of the Association in the interim of the annual meetings of the Association.

12. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday night before the first Sunday morning in October, at such place as the Association may determine.

DECLARATION OF FAITH.

1. We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried.

2. We believe that there is one, and only one, living and true God, an infinite, intelligent Spirit, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and Earth, inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost; equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

3. We believe that man was created in holiness, under the law of his Maker; but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state; in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint but choice; being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, positively inclined to evil; and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse.

4. We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace; through the Mediatorial offices of the Son of God; who by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon him our nature, yet without sin; honored the divine law by his personal obedience, and by his death made a full atonement for our sins; that having risen from the dead, He is now enthroned in Heaven; and uniting in His wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, He is every way qualified to be a suitable, compassionate, and an all-sufficient Saviour.

5. We believe that the great gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in Him is Justification; that Justification includes the pardon of sin, and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood; by virtue of which faith his perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing

needful for time and eternity.

6. We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial penitent and obedient faith; and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, but his own inherent depravity and voluntary rejection of the Gospel; which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation.

7. We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated, or born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind; that it is effected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy Spirit, so as to secure our voluntary obedience of the Gospel; and that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance, and faith, and newness of life.

8. We believe that Repentance and Faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces, wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God; whereby being deeply convinced of our guilt, danger and helplessness, and of the way of salvation by Christ, we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession, and supplication for mercy; at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest and King, and relying on Him alone as the only and all-sufficient Saviour.

9. We believe that Election is the eternal purpose of God, according to which He graciously regenerates, sanctifies, and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely free, wise, holy and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, love, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of His free mercy; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it may be ascertained by its effects in all who truly believe the Gospel; that it is the foundation of Christian assurance; and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves the utmost diligence.

10. We believe that Sanctification is the process by which, according to the will of God, we are made partakers of His holiness; that it is a progressive work; that it is begun in regeneration; and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Sealer and Comforter, in the continual use of the appointed means—especially, the Word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness and prayer.

11. We believe that such only are real believers as endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special providence watches over their welfare; and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

12. We believe that the Law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of His moral government; that it is holy, just, and good; and that the inability which the Scripture ascribes to fallen men to fulfill its precepts, arises entirely from their love of sin; to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the Holy Law, is one great end of the Gospel, and the Means of Grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.

13. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by His laws; and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His word; that its only scriptural officers are Bishops or Pastors

and Deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus.

14. We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion in water of a believer, into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; to show forth in solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in the crucified, buried, and risen Saviour, with its effect, in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; that it is pre-requisite to the privileges of a church relation; and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church by the sacred use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ; preceded always by solemn self-examination.

15. We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath; and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes, by abstaining from all secular labor and sinful recreations; by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public; and by preparation for that rest that remaineth for the people of God.

16. We believe that Civil Government is of Divine appointment, for the interest of good order of human society; and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored, and obeyed, except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the Prince of the kings of the earth.

17. We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of God, are truly righteous in His esteem; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked, and under the curse; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

18. We believe that the end of this world is approaching; that at the Last Day, Christ will descend from Heaven, and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in Heaven or Hell, on principles of righteousness.

BY-LAWS.

I. Each anniversary of the Association shall be opened with appropriate religious services under the direction of the Moderator, or in his absence by the next officer in rank present, or if all the officers are absent, by the pastor of the entertaining church.

11. The following shall be the order of exercises.:

1. Religious services as above.

2. Call to order by the Moderator.

3. In case of the absence of all officers, election of temporary Chairman and Clerk.

4. Introductory sermon.

5. Appointment of Program Committee to report to each hour of adjournment.

6. Appointment of Committee on Enrollment.

7. Reading of Articles Three, Four, Five, and Seven of the Constitution by the Clerk.

8. Introduction of visitors.

III. All committees shall be appointed by the chair, and confirmed by the Association, unless otherwise ordered.

IV. There shall be appointed at each annual session, the following committees, to report to the Association in session.:

1. Associational Missions.

3. State Missions.
4. Home Missions.
5. Foreign Missions.
6. Colleges and Schools.
7. Religious Literature.
8. Bible Schools.
9. Ministerial Education.
10. Orphan's Home.
11. Christian Stewardship.
12. Woman's Work.
13. Young People's Work.
14. Digest of Letters.
15. Obituaries.
16. Resolutions.
17. Finance.
18. Temperance.
19. Nominations.

V. Each session shall be opened and closed with prayer.

VI. Visiting brethren and sisters may be invited to seats in the Association and allowed all privileges of the session except to vote.

VII. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator. In discussion all personalities shall be avoided. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject, without special permission from the Association.

VIII. Roberts' Parliamentary Law shall be the standard in deciding questions of parliamentary practice.

IX. The minutes of the preceding day shall be read and approved at the opening of each morning session.

X. Such offerings may be taken at the annual meeting of the Association as the body may direct.

XI. These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds' vote of those present, or suspended by unanimous vote.

XII. The Associational Board shall meet at each Fifth Quarterly meeting and at such other times and places as the ————Board may determine.