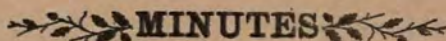




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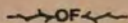
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Lawrence County



# MINUTES

OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE

## THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION



# SPRING RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

WHEN CONVENED WITH

## SMITHVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Lawrence County, Ark. Sept. 24-27, 1904.



### OFFICERS

Elder M. D. Bowers, Moderator, Pocahontas, Ark.

Elder Chas. T. Arnett, Clerk, Mammoth Spring, Ark.

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Next Session to be held with Tuckerman Church, Tuckerman, Jackson County, Arkansas, commencing on Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1905.

## CONSTITUTION

We, the messengers of the 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.

I. The Association shall be composed of Messengers chosen by the church of the Union and accredited by letter, and each church shall be entitled to three messengers.

II. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and Clerk, whose duties shall be defined in Rules of Decorum.

III. The letters of the churches shall express the number in fellowship received by baptism, by letters, restored, dismissed by letter, excluded and dead, during the associational year; the name of the pastor, post office, 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.

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

V. Churches may be admitted into this Union on petitionary letters, if Scriptural in Constitution, faith and practice.

VI. This Association may withdraw from any church in this Union for unchristian conduct.

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

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

IX. 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.

X. 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 part of this Constitution.



## PROCEEDINGS.

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SMITHVILLE, Ark., Sept. 24, 1904.

**S**PRING RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION convened, in its thirty-sixth annual session, with Smithville church, on Saturday, September 24, 1904, with Bro. G. B. Boroh moderator and Bro. Chas. T. Arnett clerk.

The session opened by singing "How Firm a Foundation," after which the Moderator read the 8th chapter of Romans, Bro. Chas. T. Arnett led in prayer, asking a special blessing of peace and harmony during our deliberations. The session was then declared open and a call of churches being made, the following responded with the messengers' named, present. Alicia, Eva Byrd, Minnie Holmes, Bettie Holmes; Big Creek, E. J. Russell, G. P. Johnson, W. A. Watkins; Bold Spring, S. R. Erwin; Black Rock, J. A. B. Minnor, W. W. Frizzell, A. C. Prentice; Calamine, J. W. Maxwell, J. F. Butler, John Cox; Centerville, W. H. Goatcher, Dennis Bearden; Clover Bend, John Milligan; Clear Spring, J. W. Craig; Ebenezer, Chas. T. Arnett, Dilla B. Arnett, Clara Deffendahl; Evergreen—L. D. Rone, W. R. Marshal; Imboden—Ida James, E. E. Carter, Maggie Franks; Jerusalem—D. B. Penn, G. H. Ballard; Lebanon—I. N. Sparks, J. P. Goff; Lone Oak—J. A. Justus, S. H. Clements, J. T. Clements; Little Spring—Geo. W. Smith, Robt. Tompkins; Mountain View—W. A. Clark, B. Baker; New Hope—G. B. Boroh, N. E. Judkens, J. E. Helms; Pleasant Grove—H. G. Brady, A. P. Smith; Portia—H. J. Colbert, Sister M. J. Colbert; Pocahontas—None; Rings Chapel—Viola Barnett; Pleasant Hill—Jas. Goodwin, S. P. Prince, W. G. Lawsaw; Shiloh—M. D. Bowers, D. S. Dodd, J. D. Haynes; Smithville—R. B. Bellamy, Sam Stratton, P. R. Whitlow; Tuckerman—T. J. Klais, W. T. Tims; Union—J. H. Morgan, Neal Coke; Walnut Grove—W. T. Smith; Willow Spring—J. D. Lasley, H. E. Brock.

The next order of business being the election of officers, Bro. M. D. Bowers was elected moderator, and Bro. Chas. T. Arnett clerk. After prayer, adjourned until 1 p. m.

## RECESS.

After recess was called to order by Moderator, Bro. M. D. Bowers, he then appointed a committee on Divine Service, consisting of the Pastor and Messengers of Smithville church. Several hymns were then sung, after which Bro. Bowers preached the introductory sermon, subject, "Brotherly Love." Text 13th chapter of Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews, "Let Brotherly Love Prevail." The sermon was evidently opportune and was received apparently with much joy. The brother very forcibly impressed all with his earnestness in this great subject.

The following committees were then appointed, to wit:

State of the Churches—S. B. Erwin, R. B. Bellamy, H. T. Colbert. Sunday Schools—Chas. T. Arnett, G. B. Boroh, T. J. Moore. Associational Missions—H. W. Townsend, J. P. Goff, Frank Carter. State Missions—Ed. Moore, W. H. Goatcher, J. D. Haynes. Home Missions—W. R. Marshal, D. S. Dodd, H. G. Brady. Foreign Missions—Chas. T. Arnett, J. F. Butler, S. B. Arnett. Education—Ed. Moore, T. J. Klais, J. T. Helms. Baptist Literature—H. W. Townsend, D. B. Penn, R. B. Bellamy. Prohibition—A. C. Prentice, Dilla Arnett, Ida James. Correspondence—J. F. Butler, John Morgan, Homer Brock. Finance—J. A. B. Minner, J. D. Haynes, J. N. Sparks. Ministerial Directory—G. W. Smith, A. V. Smith, S. H. Clements. Orphans Home—J. F. Butler, W. H. Goatcher, Eva Byrd. Memorials of Dead—A. P. Holmes, Bettie Holmes, M. W. Frizzell.

Corresponding Messengers were then called for and the following responded: Bro. T. C. Mahan, White River Valley Association; Bro. E. W. James, Independence Association; Bro. W. L. Smith, from Rocky Bayou Association; Bro. W. H. Wasson and wife, from Plain View, Tex.

The committee on Divine Service reported as follows: That Bro. Jackson from Independence Association would preach at 7:30 to night. That Bro. T. C. Mahan would preach at 11 a. m. Sunday at the Baptist church, and Bro. Chas. T. Arnett would preach at same hour at the Methodist church. The order of business was then by unanimous vote suspended, and an election was held for place of our next meeting, who should preach the Introductory sermon, and who should write the circular letter, Result: place, Tuckerman. To preach the sermon, Bro. G. B. Boroh, with Bro. J. F. Butler alternate. Circular letter Chas. T. Arnett, M. W. Frizzell alternate.



The committee on Foreign Missions reported. The report was unanimously adopted without discussion. (See Appendix No. 1.)

The clerk's report was read and on motion adopted. (See Appendix No. 2.) Adjourned until 9:30 Sunday, Sept. 25th.

### SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 9:30 A. M.

The meeting was called to order by Bro. M. D. Bowers. After singing he read a lesson from the book of Proverbs. Prayer was then offered, after which the report on Sunday schools was called for, which was read and after discussion unanimously adopted. (See Appendix No. 3.)

Bro. Chas. T. Arnett spoke upon the great work of Sunday schools and implored the Baptists of this Association to arouse themselves and go to work with vigor and energy until not a church in the Association would be without a live, wide-a-woke school. He was followed by Brethern S. H. Clements, Stratten and Butler, who endorsed the report and their appeals made for broader views and greater work, for this great helper, Sister Dilla Arnett followed for some time giving her experience in Sunday school work, and in her happy appeal to the people to do their duty, seemed to arouse quite an interest, and no doubt her timely remarks will bear fruit.

The time for preaching having arrived, Bro. T. C. Mahan preached at the Baptist church to an overflowing house. His sermon was well received, as they always are. Bro. Chas. T. Arnett preached at the Methodist church upon the subject "Sin the Cause of all Suffering." Text. 9th chapter and 2nd verse of Matthews' Gospel. There were enough people outside at both churches that could not get in, to have filled another house. At 2 p. m., Bro. M. W. Frizzell preached a most excellent sermon at the Baptist church, and Bro. J. F. Butler at the Methodist church. A collection was taken at the Baptist church for Bro. Moore the blind preacher at Portia, amounting to \$8.72, and turned over to Bro. Minner for him. A collection was taken at the Methodist church for Bro. Abee who has been in a very bad condition so long. At 7:30 p. m., Bro. Marshal preached at the Methodist church, and Bro. W. L. Smith of Melbourne, Arkansas preached at the Baptist church. This sermon was a very strong doctrinal one and listened to with quiet attention, and no doubt will be blessed with much fruit. A collection was taken for Bro. Abee which, added to that taken this morning, amounted to \$23.00.

## MONDAY MORNING, SEPT. 25, 8 A. M.

The association met at 8 o'clock. After a short song service the Moderator read the 150th Psalm, and we were led in prayer by Bro. Mahan. The minutes of the previous sessions were read and approved. The committee on State of the Churches made their report which was adopted after discussion by Brother S. H. Clements. (See Appendix No. 4.)

The report on Associational Missions was read and adopted. (See Appeneix No. 5.)

It was ably discussed by Brethren Mahan, Wasson, Minner, Dodd and Clements. Brethern Mahan, Wasson and Dodd proposed that if the Association would put a missionary in the field for the coming year they would each give \$10.00 for his support. At this juncture of the proceeding Bro. Arnett proposed that pledges be taken for the support of a missionary, and upon call of the churches, the following pledges were made:

Alicia Church, by Bro. Holmes.	\$10.00
Big Creek.	10.00
Bold Spring. by S. B. Erwin.	5.00
Black Rock.	40.00
Calamine.	10.00
Centerville.	10.00
Clear Spring, by J. W. Gray.	5.00
Clover Bend, by Jno. Milligan.	5.00
Ebenezer.	20.00
Imboden.	10.00
Jerusalem, by J. H. Ballard.	10.00
Little Spring, by Geo. W. Smith.	10.00
Lebanon, by J. N. Sparks,	5.00
Loneoak	10.00
New Hope, by N. E. Judkins.	30.00
Pleasant Hill, by Bro Goodwin.	10.00
Portia.	12.00
Shiloh.	20.00
Smithville.	15.00
Union, by Bro. Parsley.	10.00
Willow Spring.	5.00
Walnut Ridge, by J. R. Taylor.	10.00



Making a total of \$302 00 including subscriptions of Brethren Mahan, Wesson and Dodd. The report on State Missions was read and on motion unanimously adopted. (See Appendix No 6.)

Report on Home Missions, was adopted. (See Appendix No 7.)

The report on Education was presented and after discussion by Bro. Mahan was adopted. (See Appendix No 8.)

The report on Prohibition was read and unanimously adopted. (See Appendix No 9.)

During the reading of the report every one present became very much affected. The report was discussed by Bro's Butler and Mahan and Sister Arnett, after which Sister Arnett was called to the organ and the song "Down in the Licensed Saloon" was sung, by that time there was not a dry eye in the house and many were sobbing aloud and it was a very affecting seen.

The report on Ministerial directory was read and ordered printed in the minutes. (See Appendix No 10.)

Report on Baptist Literature read and adopted. (See Appendix No 11.)

Report on Orphans Home adopted. (See Appendix No 12.)

Report of Finance Committee was read and adopted. (See Appendix No 13.)

Report of committee on Correspondence adopted. (See Appendix No 14.)

Committee on Memorials of the dead reported. (See Appendix No 15.)

The report was adopted and a page of the minutes dedicated to the memory of our beloved ones.

A Collection was taken to help pay for printing the minutes, and amounting to \$5.40.

The circular letter was then read and ordered printed in the minutes. (See Appendix No 16.)

Resolutions of thanks were then read and adopted. (See Appendix No 17.)

On motion the report of the committee on Associational Missions was reconsidered. A motion was then made to strike out the clause requiring the associations to employ a Missionary, and empower the Mission Board to employ such missionary, Adopted.

The Moderator then appointed the Assocional Mission Board.



(See Appendix No 18.)

Corresponding Messengers were appointed as follows: (See Appendix No 19.)

After prayer by Bro. W. L. Smith, the parting hand was given during the singing of "God be with you till we meet again," and every one present expressed themselves as having enjoyed one of the best associational meetings of their lives, and on all sides could be heard expressions of God bless you, &c.

| M. D. BOWERS Moderator.  
| CHAS. T. ARNETT, Clerk,



## APPENDIX I.

## REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In rendering unto you our report, Our hearts glow with love and gratitude to Almighty God that He is so greatly blessing the work that is being done on Foreign fields, and yet it is a sad thought that this Association of churches contributed so little—six dollars, in 1903, about twenty cents per church. Where is the Mission spirit of our Careys and Judsons and of those who are now on foreign fields having given up home, friends and dear ones, in obedience to the Master's imperative "Go". Their labors of last year, have been greatly blessed with 4076 baptisms, of this mighty army won to God, will no doubt be a mighty power, for the salvation of others. Last year shows that the contributions have been more than doubled, and conversions on foreign fields more than trebled. We praise Thee O, Lord, we magnify thy great name for so great work. The board was enabled to send out 16 new missionaries last year, and to open up two new fields. The total contributions last year amounted to \$247,002.69 in cash, of which amount \$4,755.51 was given by Arkansas churches. The largest amounts given was by the churches of Georgia viz: \$40,061.58. In addition to this, the Women's Missionary Union have through their efforts, contributed \$47,777.82. The following table will show the result for the past seven years:

Year	Missions	Native-Helps	Churches	Baptisms	Memberships	Contributions.
1898	76	217	102	701	4760	\$124,249.69
1899	82	128	100	845	5347	109,267.43
1900	94	133	113	1341	6537	140,102.30
1901	102	171	127	1009	6773	156,083.33
1902	115	171	139	1439	7821	173,439.49
1903	127	192	157	1790	8880	218,572.61
1904	138	215	180	2076	9966	247,629.69

In addition to the work that is being done on Pagan fields, our Missionaries are doing a grand work on the Papal fields of Italy, Brazil, Mexico and Argentina. By this great work, all nations are being drawn closer together. The opportunities for the evangelization of the world were never better. The blessed word has been translated into nearly every language of the earth. It has been said that the great question of to day is not whether the nations in darkness will receive the Gospel but whether Christian nations will give it to them. Brethren there is not the least doubt but what our own churches would be blessed with more conversions, and we would be blessed more in temporal affairs if we would obey our Blessed Master in sending the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth. It has been frequently stated by some persons, and papers that much of our contributions are wasted in large salaries, and heavy expenses, and that a small percentage of the contributions of the churches, reaches the purposes for which they are given. We have given this matter special investigation, and find that the total amount of contributions, from all sources last year, was \$30,775.28. The total expenses, of secretaries, treasurer etc, was \$6,710.17 Other expenses, such as mission rooms \$1,047.17. Traveling expenses \$820.00. Printing \$1,609.12. Rent etc. \$455.40. Interest paid \$1,446.99. Woman's work \$1,650.00. Christmas offering \$328.33 Sunday School day



\$217.02. Southern Baptist Convention \$317.00 Total \$7,891.30. Making altogether \$14,601.47, or a fraction over 4 per cent for all expenses and 1 1/2 per cent for secretaries' salaries etc. And we further find that by comparison with other denominations our Foreign Missions are \$100 of Baptist money equals \$900 of Methodists and \$418 of Episcopalians.

Brothers, we must be meat for the Master's use. We must be empty of and sanctified vessels. If we be a vessel full of self and self-righteousness do we can expect a blessing. If we are empty and in His hands and He is using us in His service we can utter in our souls to day joyful and happy strains. Sanctified and meek for the Master's use and we shall have the upper gladnesses fall in with the welcome and the bread. Behold a vessel self-satisfied and meat for the Master's use. Do you not know that they who minister about holy things live of the sacrifice, and they who wait about the Altar are partakers with the Altar. Even hath the Lord so ordained that they who preach the Gospel should live by the Gospel. 1st Cor. 9:14. Do not to be good and to be dispirited, forget not for with such services God is well pleased. Heb. 13:16.

Chas. T. Arnett, Secretary of the Committee on Finance, and F. Butler, Treasurer of the Association.

## APPENDIX II.

Spring River Association in accord with Chas. T. Arnett,		
October 10, for amount paid Taylor Printing minutes.	37	\$10.00
December 15, for amount paid Wabbe on printing.	28	8.50
Oct 20, 1911 1 Express 881		1.00
Oct 20, 1911 2 Two Telegrams. 17		.50
Oct 20, 1911 2 Postage on minutes &c.	211	3.00
Oct 20, 1911 For passing in leaves.	12	3.00
Oct 20, 1911 Paid Clerk for preparing minutes	1000	

Amount to balance, \$36.07

September 29, by amount from Finance Committee, \$28.50

September 29, by amount from special collection, \$7.57

CHAS. T. ARNETT, Clerk

## APPENDIX III.

Brothers, it is with much pleasure that we can report a renewed interest and impetus never before known in the Sunday School work. Our people are awakening to the helpfulness of this great Church Auxiliary. Last year we had in the United States 2,408 schools, 20,498 officers and teachers, 1,934,661 pupils, and contributed \$599,298.70.



In the state of Arkansas we had last year 101 Sunday schools, 4575 officers and teachers, 49,787 pupils with contributions amounting to \$3246.78. In addition to the direct work of the schools, The American Baptist Publishing Society had a Sunday School Secretary in the field a part of the time, the lamented Bro. Doyle. We have no statistics of his work. The work of the Sunday School and Colportage Board of our State are doing a grand work.— Last year there was thirty-one brethren engaged in the work, Bro. Beauchamp is the secretary. These brethren sold something over \$2000.00 worth of bibles, books etc, besides what was donated. They organized 94 Sunday schools and supplied them with first quarter's literature free. Over 4000 were gathered into the schools through their efforts. But brethren think of it we have in Arkansas over 150,000 members of the Baptist Church, this represents at least a half million who should be in our schools from our own people and still we have less than 50,000. In putting Colportage wagons in the fields, we are enabled to reach many that we never have before. Last year the Sunday school board of the S. B. C. donated \$500.00 in money and \$750.00 in books to this work. Now as to the work nearer home. In Spring River Association many of you no doubt remember that in 1899 when our association met at Amiteville with Pleasant Grove church there were 38 churches represented but only 9 reported Sunday schools; with 62 officers and teachers and 435 pupils, and \$42.78 contributions. Last year with 29 churches represented we had 20 schools, 127 officers and teachers, 1233 pupils \$203.99 contributions. This year we have 28 churches represented with 18 schools, 117 officers and teachers and 959 pupils and \$119.26 contributions. Brethren these things ought not so to be. This shows a loss of 27 schools, 10 officers and teachers, and 344 pupils, and contributions, \$74.79. Of course some of this loss can be accounted for in one or two churches that reported last year, are not with us this year. Every Pastor should recognize this great auxiliary to the church work, and give their presence and moral support to the Sunday school of their church. Remember that the estimate made reliably is that nearly 90 per cent of our baptisms in recent years are from the Sunday schools. We recommend that every Messenger and Pastor present lay this great work on their hearts and go home with the determination to have a good, live school in churches.

Chas. T. Arnett.  
Committee { G. B. Borch, missionary  
J. J. Moore, R. H. J. Moore.

## APPENDIX IV.

Report of Committee on State of Churches.

We find that the most of churches have had regular Pastors and seem to be in a live condition; so far as Christian work is concerned in

their community, but doing very little for mission of any kind. We find that there were 225 additions last year, 171 by baptism; a gain over the year before of 43 baptisms.

Committee. { S. R. Erwin.  
R. B. Bellamy.  
H. J. Colbert.

## APPENDIX V.

### Destitutional and Associational Missions

Your Chairman of the committee on Destitution and Associational Missions, (See report and adoption of committee on Destitution, on pages 8 and 14 of minutes of 35th session,) in compliance with a resolution of this body at its 35th annual session. (See minutes, page 10,) respectfully submits the following report:

Whereas, in the bounds of Spring River Association, there are numerous communities in which there is no regular Baptist preaching; and, whereas, we believe that Baptist churches are God's appointed agencies for the evangelization of the world, never-the-less, we realize that the churches composing this body have been very derelict in duty in the matter of spreading the truth of the gospel in the world, and particularly in the destitute places within our own bounds

Now, therefore, your chairman would earnestly recommend and urge as follows:

First.—That a strong and united effort be made to reach, in a systematic way, as many of the destitute localities within the bounds of this body as may be found practicable and in our power to reach.

Second:—That in furtherance of this recommendation, an associational mission board be elected for the ensuing year to direct, or aid in carrying out, such plans of work as the body may undertake.

Third:—That this body elect a missionary for the ensuing year.

Fourth:—That this body recommend that each church, at her first meeting after the close of the present session, adopt a plan of raising means whereby they may regularly and staidly contribute to the maintenance of such missionary, and notify the chairman or secretary of the board, as soon as may be thereafter, what amounts and at what times she may be expected to contribute to the support of the missionary.

Fifth:—That every pastor be urged to co-operate in the effort to carry these resolutions, or such other plan as may be adopted, into effect.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee. { H. W. Townsend, Chairman  
E. F. Carter.  
J. P. Goff.



## APPENDIX VI.

## Committee on State Missions.

We your committee on State Missions, beg to submit the following:

We find from reports coming in from all sources that there is a grand work being done in the state, but there is a great deal more to be done and we urge the churches to be diligent in this work. The General Association had six Missionaries in the field during the year and during the summer has had twelve. The State Convention started out on a basis of \$14,000.00 for state work, and has had many Missionaries in the field. Successful meetings have been held in all parts of the state, and many souls have been led to the Blessed Master our Savior, by the noble self-sacrificing missionaries and pastors. Our people are awaking to the meaning "Go," and are contributing more than a few year since. We recommend that our churches contribute more liberally to this fund, and we pray that all will continue to work and grow stronger in Grace and help prepare others to carry on the Lord's work aright in years to come.

Committee { J. E. Moore.  
J. D. Haynes.  
W. H. Goatcher.

## APPENDIX VII.

## Report on Home Missions.

We your committee on Home Missions would respectfully report that from the letters from the churches sent up to this association, that only two churches report any contributions to this fund and only \$12.00

The home board of S. B. C., raised last year, \$118,262.68. They gave to the Arkansas work \$4000.00. This year the Southern Baptist convention propose to raise \$200,000.00 and the Arkansas convention proposes to raise \$6000 00.

Brethren what will this association do in this great work. We pray God to help you do your duty.

Committee. { W. R. Marshal.  
D. S. Dodd.

## APPENDIX VIII.

## REPORT ON EDUCATION.

No age has ever demanded educational preparation for life's duties as does the present. Unless people educate, other people will outstrip us, and fill the prominent positions in our schools and state. This is especially true of the ministry. The minister must be able to teach intelligently and to cope with the errors of the day. In the Ouachita Central Systems we have not only these two colleges well equipped but



Maynard, Magazine, Bentonville and Mt. Home Academies. These institutions are worth two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, upon which there is an indebtedness of about fifty thousand dollars. Bro. H. F. Vermillion has been secured to take the field and liquidate this debt, and to raise one-hundred-thousand dollars endowment for Ouachita college.

There are some twenty or thirty young missionaries in Ouachita, a number of whom are being aided by the Ministerial Educational Board. This board will need less than \$1000 this year to assist these ministerial students. We recommend these schools to our brethren, and that the churches raise all the money they can and forward same to Bro. H. G. Winburn, Arkadelphia.

Committee. { J. E. Moore.  
                  { T. J. Klias.  
                  { J. T. Helm.

## APPENDIX IX.

### Report of Committee on Prohibition.

Your committee on prohibition respectfully report that the news comes up from all sides that the prohibition cause is gaining rapidly, and that some of our greatest prohibition leaders are Baptists, such as Elder Edgar Folk of Tennessee, the Editor of the Baptist & Reflector.

In the last election in Arkansas there has been large gains, fifty counties now being lined up on the side of God in this great fight.

We gladly and heartily endorse the undenominational and non-political organization, the American Anti Saloon League, which is doing such great work.

We heartily condemn and utterly detest and despise such time servers as the so-called Bishop (?) Potter of New York for not only advocating the establishment of saloons, but in lending his presence and taking part in the installing of the subway saloon for men and women in New York, and for not only delivering an address in the saloon endorsing it but for singing the Doxology, that great hymn of Christians with all its sacred associations.

From statistics we find that the people of the United States are spending annually for strong drink, over one billion, four hundred million dollars, and it can be easily concluded that there is as much more spent in fines, costs etc. in court prosecutions for crimes growing out of the sale of intoxicants.

A low estimate is that the whiskey curse requires one thousand boys per annum, to fill drunkards graves.

From whose homes are these boys to come?

We pray you brethren that every Baptist in this association may gird on his armor and go forth to battle against this terrible foe to mankind and Christians

Stand firm in your places and God will continue to bless our work

Committee. { Mrs. C. T. Arnett.  
Miss Ida James.  
A. C. Prentice.

## APPENDIX X.

### Report on Ministerial Directory

We your committee on Ministerial Directory, are pleased to report the following ordained ministers of the different churches in our association.

Abee W. H.	Smithville, Ark.
Arnett Chas. T.	Mammoth Spring, Ark.
Allison J. S.	Black Rock, Ark.
Applegate J. M.	Portia, Ark.
Anderson J. S.	Pocahontas, Ark.
Bowers M. D.	Pocahontas, Ark.
Bellamy R. B.	Smithville, Ark.
Bain L. A.	Mobley, Ark.
Boroh G. B.	Denton, Ark.
Butler J. F.	Calamine, Ark.
Butler M. E.	Poughkeepsie, Ark.
Chisenberry P. M.	Ben Gay, Ark.
Clements S. H.	Williford, Ark.
Diceton T. C.	Poughkeepsie, Ark.
Dodd D. S.	Pocahontas, Ark.
Edrington W. L.	Pocahontas, Ark.
Frizzell M. W.	Black Rock, Ark.
Marshal W. R.	Sedgwick, Ark.
Moore H. C.	Portia, Ark.
Penn R. J.	Strawberry, Ark.
Stratton Samuel,	Smithville, Ark.
Taylor J. R.	Walnut Ridge, Ark.

## APPENDIX XI.

### COMMITTEE ON BAPTIST LITERATURE.

Your chairman of the committee on Baptist Literature, in compliance with a resolution of this body adopted at its 35th session, (See page 10 of the minutes, of the 35th session,) would respectfully report as follows:

First.—That the study of the word of God be earnestly recommended to the Baptists within the bounds of the body, as the best Baptist literature; and that they diligently and prayerfully endeavor, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to follow its teachings, both in faith and daily practice, thereby letting their light so shine that others



seeing their good works may be constrained to glorify God.

Second.—That, except as above, no particular denominational literature be recommended by this body, leaving the Baptists untrammelled as to what denominational papers or books they shall read.

Respectfully submitted.

Committee. { H. W. Townsend, chairman.  
R. B. Bellamy.  
D. B. Penn.

## APPENDIX XII.

### COMMITTEE ON ORPHANS HOME.

Your committee on Orphans Home are glad to report that the home is in splendid condition, it has excellent buildings, is free from debt. It has room sufficient for 75 children. In connection with the Home, is a good school, and the children are well provided for physically, mentally and morally. We therefore recommend that all the churches in this association contribute to its maintenance, and that we now take a collection for the same.

Committee. { J. F. Butler.  
Eva Byrd.

## APPENDIX XIII.

We your committee on Finance beg to submit the following to wit:  
We have received from the churches as per their letters for minutes and clerk fund,

	\$31.15
From Centerville Church Association Mission,	5.00
From other church Associational Missions,	2.00
	<hr/> \$38.15
Amount to Clerk,	38.15

Committee { I. A. B. Minner.  
J. D. Haynes.  
J. N. Sparks.

## APPENDIX XIV.

Your committee on Correspondence would recommend that this Association correspond with White River Valley, Rocky Bayou, Current River, State Line and Mt. Zion associations.

Committee { J. F. Butler.  
Jno. Morgan  
Homer Brock.



## APPENDIX XV.

We your committee on Memorial of the dead with sorrow report that the Lord has visited us this past year, and taken from our midst twenty-eight of our beloved brethren and sisters. We therefore recommend that a page of our minutes be set apart to their memory.

Committee. { M. W. Frizzell.  
A. P. Holmes.  
Bethy Holmes.

## APPENDIX XVI.

## CIRCULAR LETTER.

To the messengers and members of Spring River Association:

Dear Brethren:—In coming together in these annual sessions, let us remember that we should have but one aim in view, the advancement of the gospel of our Lord and Master. Let us hope that each messenger and member who shall participate in the deliberations of this body may have so submitted himself to the guidance of the Holy Spirit that he can say "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord," and when your deliberations shall have ended and the plans for another years work shall have been perfected, may all be able to exclaim, "How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts."

To these ends let me beseech you "Keep thy foot when thou goest into the house of God," and "Be not rash with thy mouth," but the rather "Let not your good be evil spoken of:" For the Kingdom of God is not meat and drink! but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God and approved of men. Let us, therefore, follow after the things which make for peace, and things which wherewith one may edify another."

"Take heed that no man deceive you," for "Many false prophets shall arise and shall deceive many," "For I know this, that after my departing, shall grievous wolves enter in among, not sparing the flock, also among your own selves shall men arise speaking perverse things." "Be wise as serpents and harmless as doves" "Let all things be done decently and in order," "and this I pray you that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and judgment; that ye may approve the things that are excellent; \* \* \* Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and peace of God."

"Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and the same judgment." "Let love be without dissimulation."

¶ And now the God of peace be with you all," is the sincere prayer of.

Your Brother in Christ,

H. W. TOWNSEND.

## APPENDIX XVII.

## RESOLUTIONS.

1 Resolved—That we hereby tender our hearty thanks to the citizens of Smithville and vicinity for the many kindnesses and hospitalities during this session,  
Chas. T. Arnett.

2 Resolved—That the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered the Moderator and Clerk for faithful performance of duties.

R. B. Bellamy.

3 Resolved—That the clerk be instructed to have as many copies of the minutes printed, as he can with the funds on hand, and that he be allowed the sum of \$10.00 for his service.  
I. A. B. Minner.

## APPENDIX XVIII.

Associational Mission Board.

Committee

{ J. E. Judkins,  
I. A. B. Minner.  
H. W. Townsend,  
H. J. Colbert,  
T. J. Moore.

## APPENDIX XIX.

Corresponding Messengers;—State Line. M. D. Bowers; Rocky Bayou, Ed. Moore. M. W. Frizzell and R. B. Bellamy; White River Valley, Chas. T. Arnett and A. C. Prentice.

## APPENDIX XX.

Messenger to Southern Baptist Convention. Chas. T. Arnett.

## APPENDIX XXI.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	POST OFFICE
Alicia		N. V. McCullogh,	Alicia, Ark.
Big Creek,	G. L. Ford,	G. P. Johnson,	Maxwell, Ark.
Bold Spring,	J. F. Butler,	W. M. Watson,	strawberry, Ark.
Black Rock,		H. W. Townsend,	Black Rock, Ark.
Centerville,	G. B. Boroh.	C. C. Hall,	Kenyon, Ark.
Clover Bend,	W. R. Marshal,	Wm. Graham,	Clover Bend, Ark.
Calamine,	G. W. James,	J. D. Butler.	Calamine, Ark
Clear Spring.		C. H. Wayland,	Denton, Ark.
Bbenezer,	Chas. T. Arnett,	Diila B. Arnett,	Mammoth Spring.
Evergreen.	W. F. Bridges,	J. T. Gatlen,	Walnut Ridge Ark
Imboden,	M. D. Bowers,	J. W. Ragan	Imboden, Ark.
Jerusalem,	G. W. James,	H. Little,	Stawberry, Ark.
Lebanon.	R. B. Bellamy	J. P. Goff,	Smithville, Ark.



Little Spring.	G. L. Ford,	Geo. W. Smith,	Poughkeepsie.
Lone Oak.	R. B. Bellamy,	G. T. Pickett.	Matthews, Ark.
Mt. View,	J. F. Butler	G. O. Jernigan	Mobley, Ark.
New Hope	G. B. Boroh	H. A. Moore	Denton, Ark.
Pleasant Hill	J. F. Butler	S. M. Prince	Lynn, Ark.
Pleasant Grove	R. B. Bellamy	H. G. Brady	Annieville. Ark.
Pocahontas	E. P. Minton	H. M. Bishop	Pocahontas, Ark.
Kings Chapel	L. A. Bain	W. C. Crigler	Ben Gay, Ark.
Portia	G. B. Boroh	E. B. Ivey	Portia, Ark.
Smithville	R. B. Bellamy	Hugh Spotts	Smithville, Ark.
Shiloh	M. D. Bowers	J. D. Haynes	Pocahontas, Ark.
Tuckerman		T. J. Clais	Tuckerman, Ark.
Union	G. W. James	W. R. Wilson	Jessup, Ark.
Walnut Ridge	G. B. Boroh	C. L. Thorn	Walnut Ridge.
Willow Springs	R. B. Bellamy	J. P. Holland	Smithville, Ark.



## APPENDIX XXII.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORY.

SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST-OFFICE.
Alicia	A. P. Holmes.	Alicia.
Gold Spring.	S. R. Erwin	Strawberry, Ark.
Black Rock.	A. Pettyjohn.	Black Rock, Ark.
Clear Springs.	M. D. East.	Black Rock, Ark.
Ebenezer.	R. F. Todd.	Mammoth Spring.
Imboden.	J. W. Ragan.	Imboden, Ark.
Jerusalem,	J. C. Penn.	Strawberry, Ark.
Lebanon.	J. N. Sparks.	Poughkeepsie, Ark.
Little Spring.	Geo. W. Smith.	Poughkeepsie, Ark.
Mt. View.	C. L. Bowers.	Hazel Grove, Ark.
Pleasant Hill.	S. M. Prince.	Lynn, Ark.
Pocahontas.	N. G. Hinton.	Pocahontas, Ark.
Kings Chapel.	J. R. Goodwin.	Emery, Ark.
Portia.	E. B. Ivey.	Portia, Ark.
Shiloh.	D. S. Dodd.	Pocahontas, Ark.
Tuckerman.	L. H. Conditt	Tuckerman, Ark.
Union.	B. H. Wilson	Calamine, Ark.
Walnut Grove.	R. L. Elkins.	Walnut Ridge, Ark.



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# MEMORIAL PAGE.

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## IN MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED DEAD

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C. V. Jones

J. W. Dent

Jemima McLaughlin

Candace Mize

John Gray

Jas. A. Wasson

Amanda Sexton

Luta Wasson

John Ramsey

Mollie A. Goff

J. W. Phillips

Mary James

W. B. Wayland

Elizabeth Robinson

Sarah Boyle

Jessie Croom

Geo. R. Stewart

G. F. Brown

D. E. Hunt

Ellen Linga

Jas. Crouch

Blanche Colbert

Monima Goodwin

Elizebeth Shoup

And four others whose names are not given in the reports  
from their churches

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"BLESSED ARE THE DEAD WHO DIE IN THE LORD."

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## 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 provided he calls a chairman. He shall have no voice 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 reflection.

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 to 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 the rules may be reported.

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

12. Resolved that order of business be amended to read as follows:

1. Call to order by the Moderator.
2. Reading a chapter from the Bible, and prayer.
3. Appointing reading clerks.
4. Calling roll of Churches, and reading letters.
5. Election of officers.
6. Introductory sermon.
7. Reception of corresponding messengers.
8. Invitation to visiting brethren.
9. Reception of Churches.
10. Appointment of committees, viz: On Divine Service; State of Churches; Sunday Schools; Foreign, Home, State and Associational Missions; Education; Baptist Literature; Prohibition; Correspondence; Finance; Ministerial Directory; Orphans' Home; Memorial of the Dead.
11. Report of Secretaries and treasurers of boards.
12. Report of Associational Mission Board.
13. Reports of committees.
14. Miscellany.
15. Adjournment.







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