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ELD. JOHN WILLIAM WEST.

Born in Indiana Feb. 5, 1841. Died in Benton County, Ark., July 27, 1917. Was converted and united with the Baptist Church when 18 years of age. Ordained to the ministry by the Liberty Church, Newton County, Mo., April 12, 1874. Was a messenger in the first annual session of the Benton County Baptist Association at Corner Springs Church in 1886. Preached the introductory sermon in this Association in the sessions of 1889, 1897, 1901, 1906, 1912, and 1914. Moderator of the Association in 1907, 1908, 1912, 1913, 1914, and 1915. Missionary of the Association in 1887, 1888, 1889, 1893, 1894, 1896, 1904, and 1906.

Proceedings

FRIDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 7, 1917

The Benton County Baptist Association met, according to previous adjournment, with the Baptist Church at Lowell on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1917. Singing by the congregation. Reading of First Psalm and prayer by Eld. W. C. Hamby. Singing, "In the Sweet Bye and Bye." Singing, "Crown Him Lord of All."

Eld. J. A. Smith and E. C. Conley were appointed as reading clerks, and the letters were read and messengers enrolled.

The 11 o'clock hour having arrived, a motion prevailed to suspend reading and proceed with the introductory sermon. Song, "Jesus Paid It All." Eld. L. L. Johnson, who was selected at the last session of this body to preach this sermon, then took the service, and after reading lesson from the 17th chapter of John and prayer led by Eld. T. F. Jones, preached the introductory sermon from 2 Peter 2:1, on "Denying the Lord."

Motion prevailed to adjourn to 1:30 p. m. Prayer by E. M. Bagby.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song, "Work, For the Night Is Coming!" Reading of 2 Tim. 4th chapter and prayer by Eld. J. A. Smith. Resuming business, other letters were read and roll was called.

Motion prevailed to go into the election of Moderator and Clerk. Eld. A. N. Sanders and N. O. West were appointed tellers to distribute and gather ballots, which were counted by the reading clerks. Eld. T. F. Jones was elected Moderator and Eld. J. L. Chastain, Clerk.

Committee on Divine Service was appointed, consisting of the messengers of Lowell Church, with E. C. Brooks of Maysville Church and R. Edwards of Mt. Pleasant.

Petitionary letters were called for, and response was made by the church at Falling Springs. The letter not having the form of petition, on motion the messenger present from that church was asked to state whether the church voted to unite with this Association. He answering in the affirmative, on motion the church was received and messengers enrolled.

Also petitionary letter from the Liberty Church worshipping at Minnehaha Schoolhouse in Oklahoma was presented. On motion the church was received on the letter. The Moderator then extended the hand of fellowship to the messengers of these churches.

On motion took up the question of the place of next meeting and the preacher of the introductory sermon, resulting in the choice

of Springtown as the place and T. F. Jones to preach the sermon, with A. N. Sanders as alternate.

Eld. W. S. Crowley, missionary, submitted report of his work. Report was discussed by Eld. G. W. Setser, E. C. Brooks, Eld. A. N. Sanders, Eld. L. L. Johnson, Eld. G. C. Harris, Eld. W. S. Crowley, A. R. Hall, T. D. Pattishall, E. F. Rice and others, and was adopted.

An invitation to visiting brethren and sisters was responded to by Eld. W. B. Collins of Crooked Creek Association; Eld. J. A. Smith, editor of The Baptist and Commoner; Eld. J. N. B. Hepler, Eld. W. A. Moffitt, Eld. H. W. Miller, Eld. W. C. Hamby, Elder P. A. Grawe, E. C. Conley, Eld. E. F. Rice of Fayetteville Association, H. I. Gorum and wife of Bentonville.

Motion prevailed to adjourn till 8 p. m. Prayer by E. C. Brooks.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

Singing and prayer. Sermon by Eld. J. A. Smith from Matt. 4:1 on The Temptation of Jesus. Prayer by Eld. G. W. Setser.

List of Committees appointed was read by the Moderator.

Motion prevailed to adjourn till 8 a. m. tomorrow. Benediction by Eld. J. L. Chastain.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Singing. Reading of Psa. 42 by the Moderator and prayer by Eld. E. F. Rice. Song.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Invitation to visitors again extended. Was responded to by Eld. W. S. Luper of Fayetteville Association, Dan M. Setser of Tulsa, Okla.

Motion prevailed that Falling Springs Church, on their invitation, be made the place of next Fifth Sunday Meeting, the pastor and ordained help of that church to prepare program.

The Committee on State Missions submitted report, which was discussed by Eld. A. N. Sanders and Eld. J. A. Smith. A collection of \$27.00 was taken for State Missions. Further discussion by E. M. Bagby, Eld. T. F. Jones, and the report was adopted.

The Committee on Obituaries submitted report, which was discussed by J. L. Chastain, G. W. Setser, G. W. Birkes, T. F. Jones, E. M. Bagby, C. C. Standlee, W. B. Collins, E. C. Brooks, E. F. Rice, Dan M. Setser, A. N. Sanders, W. S. Crowley, and the report was adopted.

Motion prevailed that the Clerk be authorized to devote as much space in our minutes as is necessary to the memory of Eld. J. W. West, whose name occurs in the report on Obituaries, and in-

sert his photograph, with such memorial as he may draft.

A voluntary offering of \$2.20 was received to apply toward paying the expenses of the same.

The Committee on Temperance submitted report, which was discussed by E. M. Bagby, W. C. Hamby, E. F. Rice, E. C. Brooks, H. W. Miller, and the report was adopted.

Motion prevailed that Associational Missions be given right of way from the beginning of the afternoon session until all connected with it has been disposed of.

The Committee on Ministerial Education and Support submitted report, which was discussed by Eld. L. L. Johnson, after which a motion prevailed that this report be laid over till after the matter of Associational Missions is disposed of for further discussion and action.

Song, "Keep Praying As You Go." Preaching by Eld. W. S. Crowley, from Psa. 126:3-5.

Motion prevailed to take recess till 1:30 p. m. Song. Prayer by Roy Daugherty.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song. Reading of Psa. 23 and prayer by Eld. G. W. Birkes. Song, "The Rock That Is Higher Than I."

The hour having arrived for this matter, the Committee on Associational Missions submitted report, which was discussed by E. C. Brooks, W. A. Martin, G. W. Setser, A. N. Sanders, E. F. Rice, and the report was amended and adopted.

Motion prevailed to elect missionary and executive committee of three at same time by tellers. Eld. J. A. Smith and J. N. Hamby were appointed as tellers, and the vote resulted in the choice of W. S. Crowley as missionary and Eld. T. F. Jones, E. C. Brooks and Eld. J. L. Chastain as Executive Committee.

Motion prevailed that the missionary be allowed \$50.00 per month straight time for his work.

Taking up the report on Ministerial Education and Support, same was adopted. A collection was taken in pledges to help Bro. Roy E. Daugherty in Jacksonville College as a ministerial student.

Committee on Foreign Missions submitted report, which was adopted.

Letter from Southern Grove Church was read. On statement of messengers that the church intended to become associated with this body, and further statements from Eld. H. W. Miller, who is pastor of that church, and others acquainted with some of the facts, a motion prevailed that the church be received and messengers enrolled. The Moderator then extended the hand of fellowship to

the messengers of that church, Sisters Butler and Allstot, in behalf of the Association.

A motion prevailed to adjourn to 8 p. m.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

Preaching by Eld. W. C. Hamby from 1 Tim. 4:16.

Motion prevailed to adjourn to 8 a. m. tomorrow.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

Song, "Yield Not to Temptation." Reading of Titus 2nd chap. and prayer by W. G. Jones.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Motion prevailed that, through the remainder of this session, speeches on reports be limited, opening speeches to five minutes and others to three.

The Committee on Finance submitted report, which was adopted.

The Treasurer submitted partial report, which was adopted with amendments to be added by the Treasurer.

A motion prevailed that the churches be requested to take collections for minutes to augment the fund on hand and send same to the Clerk.

The Committee on Sunday Schools submitted report from last year's minutes and recommended its reindorsement. On motion report was adopted after discussion by Lee Reed, W. S. Crowley, W. C. Hamby, Dan M. Setser, J. A. Smith, E. C. Brooks and James H. Jones.

The Committee on Publications submitted report, which was discussed by Roy E. Daugherty, John Setser, A. N. Sanders, W. C. Hamby, E. C. Brooks, G. W. Setser, Dan M. Setser, J. A. Smith, J. L. Chastain, W. S. Crowley, and the report was adopted.

The Committee on Orphans' Home submitted report, which was discussed by Roy E. Daugherty, J. A. Smith, W. S. Crowley, T. F. Jones, A. N. Sanders, and report was adopted.

Resolution of thanks was presented and adopted.

Minutes of today's proceedings were read and approved.

Motion prevailed that a collection be taken for Texarkana Orphans' Home immediately after the sermon today.

Motion prevailed to take recess till 10:45.

After recess, about fifteen minutes was spent in song service, after which sermon was preached by Eld. J. A. Smith on The Origin and Perpetuity of the Church, from Matt. 16:18.

Collection taken for Texarkana Orphans' Home amounting to \$42.60.

Motion prevailed to adjourn to time and place of next meeting.
Singing and handshake. Prayer by Dan M. Setser.

ELD. T. F. JONES, Moderator.

ELD. J. L. CHASTAIN, Clerk.

LIST OF COMMITTEES

Associational Missions—E. C. Brooks, N. O. West, C. C. Stand-
lee, J. D. Thorn.

State Missions—A. N. Sanders, C. D. Plumlee, John Bagley.

Temperance—E. M. Bagby, G. M. Mayes, Albert Jenks, J. N.
Still.

Texarkana Orphans' Home—Roy E. Daugherty, Eld. G. W.
Blikses, Oather Beard, Eld. G. W. Setser.

Obituaries—Slater E. A. Plumlee, Maud Bassett.

Ministerial Education and Support—Eld. L. L. Johnson, W. R.
Dally, J. B. Burgin, T. D. Pattishall.

Finance—W. G. Jones, Elbert Hedges, J. T. Chastain, Mac
Givens.

Foreign Missions—Jas. H. Jones, R. Edwards, R. L. Hurst.

Sunday Schools—Lee Reed, Alph Roberts, C. C. Guthary, A. M.
Barnes.

Publications—Roy E. Daugherty, W. A. Martin, E. V. Howard,
W. S. Crowley.

REPORTS

MISSIONARY'S REPORT

Report of mission work done from Feb. 25, 1917, to Sept. 7,
1917: Sermons preached, 212; professions of conversion, 75; baptisms
28; additions to churches by letter, 25; by statement, 16; total ad-
ditions, 69; homes visited, 262; prayers in homes, 176; churches
visited, 18; Sunday Schools visited, 15; churches organized, 1;
Sunday Schools organized, 1; preachers ordained, 1; funerals con-
ducted, 1; time worked, 6 months, 12 days; received on the field,
\$14.62; of treasurer, \$142.80; balance of treasurer, \$61.58; total,
\$319.00.

The following is an itemized statement of money received on
the field: Of Pleasant Home Church, \$14.90; Maysville Church,
\$23.50; Cherokee City Church, \$3.65; Bethlehem Church, \$5.35;
Mason Valley Church, \$2.25; Cave Springs Church, \$3.00; Shady
Grove Church, \$8.25; Falling Springs Church, \$41.22; Walnut Hill
Church, \$3.50; Mount Zion Church, \$3.00; Eld. E. F. Rice, \$1.00;
A. R. Hall, \$5.00.

W. S. CROWLEY, Missionary.

STATE MISSIONS

We your Committee on State Missions submit the following:

State Missions means missions in the State of Arkansas. There is much destitution in our State. It is our duty as Baptists to give the gospel of Christ to all the people in our State. Some effort is being made by the churches composing the State Association of Baptist Churches of Arkansas to evangelize the State. The State Association had three missionaries last year. They reported days labored, 297; sermons preached, 319; additions to churches, 129. We collected for State Missions, \$1,652.32.

The State Association has five missionaries on the field this year, and they are doing good work. We need more men on the field and more means to support them.

We recommend that the churches of this Association co-operate with other churches in the State in carrying on this work in the State.

A. N. SANDERS,

C. D. PLUMLEE, Committee.

OBITUARIES

We your Committee on Obituaries submit the following report:

We find by reading the letters from the churches that God has called, since the last meeting of the Benton County Association, some of our brethren and sisters from our churches to the blessed home of the soul, to-wit:

Bro. James Carden, Sister Harriet Carden, Sister Lizzie Baldwin, of New Prospect.

Sister Della Dodgen, of Springtown.

Sister Susan Cox and Sister Clara Brandon of Bethlehem.

Sister Annie Duncan, of Mt. Pleasant.

Sister Susan Chastain of Temperance Hill.

Brother William Plumlee of Pleasant Hill.

Sister Bertha Shook, of Cave Springs.

Brother Joseph Davis, of Lowell.

Elder J. W. West, of Pleasant Home.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved.

MISS MAUDE BASSETT,

MRS. E. A. PLUMLEE.

TEMPERANCE

We your Committee on Temperance submit the following:

We are glad to know that both our county and state are making some progress along the line of temperance. We recommend that the Baptists of Benton County Association stand in our places and do our best to keep the curse moving towards the devil where it belongs. Since God has asked the question in the Book of all

books, "Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without a cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine. They that go to seek mixed wine. At last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." We believe that Christian men ought to vote for clean men for office and thereby help to stamp out the curse of intoxicants

E. M. BAGBY,
G. M. MAYES,
ALBERT JENKS,
J. N. STILL, Committee.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT AND EDUCATION

We your Committee on Ministerial Support and Education beg leave to say:

We heartily endorse the reports adopted at the last year's session of our Association, with the request that we give of our means to support this cause. We deem it useless to adopt reports unless we support them with our means. Signed,

L. L. JOHNSON,
J. B. BURGIN,
T. D. PATTISHALL, Com.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

We your Committee on Associational Missions submit the following report:

Realizing the great destitution there is in the bounds of this Association, we recommend that this body now in session elect a missionary for full time, and that the missionary go where he feels that the Holy Spirit directs, anywhere in the bounds of this Association; and as we have churches in Oklahoma and elsewhere outside of Benton County, in our Association, our missionary be allowed to go into this territory, the same as in Benton County.

We further recommend that this body elect three as a missionary committee to assist the missionary in every way they can.

We further recommend that each church at its next meeting elect three of its members as a soliciting committee, and that these committees see at once every member of their respective churches and solicit means for the support of the missionary. Also one member of each of these committees to act as chairman of such committees and to co-operate with the Executive Committee and the missionary.

E. C. BROOKS,
N. O. WEST,
C. C. STANDLEE, Committee.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

We your Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report as follows:

The commission as found in Matt. 28:19, 20, extends to the whole world, and the command is to go and teach all nations. This being the command, we believe that the commission should be carried out by sending the gospel to those in foreign lands who are destitute of it, and more especially by giving the gospel to the foreigners in our own beloved land; and by supporting those who preach the gospel to the foreigners.

JAS. H. JONES,

R. EDWARDS, Committee.

FINANCE

We your Committee on Finance have received the following amounts:

For Associational Missions, of Indianola Church, \$3.70; Walnut Hill, \$1.50; Logan, \$8.00; Cave Springs, \$7.00; Bethlehem, \$4.25; Highfill, \$4.00; Mt. Pleasant, \$2.25; Cherokee City, \$2.00; Southern Grove, \$1.47; total, \$34.17.

For Home Missions, of Pleasant Home Church, 50c.; total, 50c.

For Texarkana Orphans' Home, of Walnut Hill Church, \$1.75; Logan, \$5.50; Cave Springs, 50c.; Bethlehem, \$2.27; Pleasant Grove, \$5.00; Southern Grove, \$1.40; total, \$16.42.

For Minutes, of Indianola Church, 60c.; Pleasant Hill, \$1.00; Pleasant Home, \$1.15; Walnut Hill, 60c.; Shady Grove, \$1.45; Cave Springs, \$1.20; Springtown, \$2.40; New Prospect, 35c.; Falling Springs, \$1.50; Maysville, \$3.50; Bethlehem, \$3.10; Highfill, 80c.; Lowell, \$1.65; Temperance Hill, \$1.30; Mt. Pleasant, \$3.00; Liberty, \$1.10; Cherokee City, 50c.; Pleasant Grove, \$1.00; Southern Grove, \$1.00; total \$27.00.

Total amount received, \$78.09.

W. G. JONES,

MAC GIVENS,

J. T. CHASTAIN,

ELBERT HEDGES, Com.

PUBLICATIONS

We your Committee on Publications beg leaves to submit the following:

Realizing that the literature which we place in the hands of our young church members has much to do with their future usefulness; and furthermore, realizing that this country is being sown

down with books, tracts, and pamphlets teaching false doctrines. We therefore recommend that the constituent churches of Benton County Baptist Association read their Bibles prayerfully and more closely that they may be better prepared to withstand the errors that are being palmed off on our young members.

We further recommend that the different churches composing this Association secure and distribute good denominational tracts to their young members.

And we further recommend that our people take The Baptist and Commoner that they may be better informed as to the work that is being done by our Baptist bodies and that they may be better instructed in the doctrines and practices of our Baptist people. Signed by the Committee.

ORPHANS' HOME

We your Committee on Orphans' Home beg leave to submit the following:

Since God has intrusted to our care several homeless children who are dependent on us for support; and furthermore, since it becomes our duty to support the homeless orphans by giving of our means that they may be clothed and fed and given the best of instructions both mentally and morally; we therefore recommend that the constituent churches of Benton County Baptist Association give liberally and freely of their God-given means to the support of this worthy cause. Signed by the Committee.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved, That we extend to the Lowell Church and to the people of this community our heart-felt thanks for their kindness and hospitality in caring for us during our stay with them. May God's richest blessings dwell on them. Signed,

E. C. BROOKS,

N. O. WEST,

W. G. JONES, Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We your Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to report:

We urge and insist that each church should have and maintain a regular Sunday School for the teaching of God's Word, as we are admonished to train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. Therefore we should not neglect the duty that we owe to our children. Therefore we should not be slack in giving our prayers and support to the Sunday School.

We also recommend the use of the Sunday School Literature published by the Baptist Sunday School Committee, Texarkana, Ark. Tex.

COMMITTEE.

TREASURER'S REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION FUND

Amount left over from special collection for liquidation of debt, \$1.65; Received of Finance Committee at Maysville, \$14.30; Eld. W. M. Edwards, Mt. Pleasant, \$5.00; T. D. Pattishall, Cave Springs, \$5.00; Sister M. J. Rodgers, Antioch, \$20.00; Roy Daugherty, on personal pledge, \$2.50; Maysville Church, \$43.00; Lowell, \$10.50; Bethlehem, \$5.40; Eld. T. F. Jones, Bethlehem, \$15.00; Mt. Pleasant, \$18.25; Zion, \$12.00; O. L. Beard, Zion, \$2.50; Springtown, \$25.00; R. Edwards, Mt. Pleasant, \$5.00; L. H. Allen, Gravette, \$2.00; Shady Grove, \$5.50; New Prospect, \$1.00; W. G. Jones, Mt. Pleasant, \$5.00; P. T. Keller, Bethlehem, \$2.50; Eld. E. F. Rice, balance on pledge, \$4.00; H. I. Gorum, Bentonville, \$5.00; Finance Committee at Lowell, \$34.17; W. D. Setser, Cherokee City, \$1.00; total, \$248.77.

Paid to Missionary, W. S. Crowley, \$207.40; balance on hand Oct. 6, 1917, \$41.37.

J. L. CHASTAIN, Treasurer.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

Pledges for the support of Roy Daugherty in Jacksonville College this year:

E. C. Brooks, paid \$5.00; R. Edwards, paid \$5.00; Sister Willie Barr, \$5.00; H. I. Gorum, paid \$5.00; W. G. Jones, \$5.00; Elder T. F. Jones, paid \$5.00; C. D. Plumlee, \$5; Mrs. R. Edwards, \$2.50; James H. Jones, \$2.50; Elder E. F. Rice, \$2.50; Eugene Jones, paid \$2.50; W. J. Langley, paid \$2.50; T. D. Pattishall, paid \$2.50; Sister M. J. Rodgers, \$10; Ray Dally, paid \$2.50; Elder J. Wade Sikes, paid \$2.50; Sister Sammons, paid \$3; Elder A. N. Sanders, \$2.50, Elder J. L. Chastain, \$2.50; Sister (Mrs. A. J.) Harrison, \$5; Sister Mary (Mrs. J. H.) Sharp, paid \$5; J. H. Sharp, paid \$1; Sister Edgie Bassett, paid \$1; J. D. Thorn, \$1; Sister (Mrs. W. G.) Jones, \$1; W. C. Sellers, paid \$5; total, \$92.00.

ROLL OF MESSENGERS

ANTIOCH—Not represented.

BETHLEHEM—Eld. T. F. Jones, James H. Jones, J. B. Burgin.

CAVE SPRINGS—T. D. Pattishall, A. M. Barnes.

CHEROKEE CITY—J. D. Thorn.

FALLING SPRINGS—Eld. W. S. Crowley, Albert Jenks.

HIGHFILL—Mac Glens.

INDIANOLA—Eld. G. W. Setser, Maud Bassett.

LIBERTY—W. A. Martin, J. N. Still.

LOGAN—E. V. Howard, C. C. Guthary.

LOWELL—Eld. L. L. Johnson, John Begley, Alvin Lconey.

MASON VALLEY—Not represented.

MAYSVILLE—E. C. Brooks, Eld. A. N. Sanders.

MT. PLEASANT—Richard Edwards, Roy E. Daugherty, W. G. Jones.

NEW PROSPECT—Represented by letter only.

PLEASANT GROVE—Alph Roberts, G. M. Mayes, W. R. Dally.

PLEASANT HILL (Carroll County)—C. C. Standlee, C. D. Plumlee, Sister E. A. Plumlee.

PLEASANT HOME—N. O. West, Raymond Willert.

PLEASANT VALLEY—Not represented.

SHADY GROVE—J. T. Chastain.

Southern Grove—Sister Butler, Sister A. E. Allstot.

SPRINGTOWN—Eld. J. L. Chastain, R. L. Hurst.

TEMPERANCE HILL—E. M. Bagby, Tom True.

WALNUT HILL—Eld. G. W. Birkes.

ZION—Oather Beard, Lee Reed, Elbert Hedges.

ORDAINED MINISTERS WITH POST-OFFICE ADDRESS AND CHURCHES OF WHICH THEY ARE MEMBERS

Birkes, G. W., Garfield, Ark.; Walnut Hill.

Brandon, F. M., Rogers, Ark.; Bethlehem.

Chastain, J. L., Gentry, Ark.; Springtown.

Crowley, W. S., Gravette, Ark.; Falling Springs.

Edwards, W. M., Gravette, Ark.; Mt. Pleasant.

Harris, G. C., Rogers, Ark., Temperance Hill.

Johnson, L. L., Lowell, Ark., Lowell.

Jones, S. H., Gravette, Ark.; Bethlehem.

Jones, T. F., Decatur, Ark.; Bethlehem.

Lane, H. T., Sellgman, Mo.; New Prospect.

Moon, L. C., Garfield, Ark.; Walnut Hill.

Reynolds, E. J., Gentry, Ark.; Shady Grove.

Sanders, A. N., Maysville, Ark.; Maysville.

Setser, G. W., Southwest City, Mo.; Indianola.

Walker, D. H., Berryville, Ark., Pleasant Hill.

CONSTITUTION

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

Art. II. This Association shall meet annually on Friday before the second Sunday in September, at the place previously appointed;

and after public worship and reading of letters from the churches, a Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen from the messengers by ballot, both of whom shall hold their offices until others shall be elected.

Art. III. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to make an accurate record of the proceedings of each meeting of the Association, in a book provided for the purpose. He shall also act as Treasurer.

Art. IV. Each church may send three messengers. The messengers shall present letters certifying their appointment, and briefly expressing the state of the churches, their increase and decrease, and their aggregate number. Each church shall send with the letter money for printing the minutes, out of which fund the Clerk shall be allowed ten dollars for his services in preparing manuscripts and supervising the printing and distribution of the minutes.

Art. V. Churches wishing to unite with the Association may apply by letters and messengers, and giving satisfactory information of their being sound in doctrine and correct in practice, they may be received by unanimous vote, in token of which the Moderator shall give to the messengers the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the Association. Churches may be dismissed upon application.

Art. VI. We acknowledge the independence of the particular churches, and that no authority or jurisdiction is to be exercised over them by this Association, nor will the Association decide in any controversy that may arise in any church. Nevertheless they deem it their duty to disown any church belonging to this body which may have essentially departed from the faith.

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

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

Art. IX. It shall be the duty of the Association, from time to time, to suggest to the several churches such measures as may be wise and proper to promote the interest of the Master's kingdom, and spread the gospel throughout the world.

Art. X. This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Association, by a two-thirds vote of all the members present.

Church Directory

CHURCHES AND PASTORS	CLERKS	S. S. SUPERINTENDENTS
Bethlehem—T. F. Jones, Decatur, Ark.	J. B. Burgin, Gravette, Ark.....	J. J. Byers, Gravette, Ark.....
Cave Springs—E. F. Rice, Springdale	L. C. Fagala, Lowell.....	T. R. Harris, Bentonville.....
Cherokee City—J. L. Chastain, Gentry	Effie E. Thorn, Siloam Springs.....	Wm. Setser, Cherokee City.....
Falling Spg.—W.S.Crowley, Gravette	Albert Jenks, Siloam Springs.....	David Whiteside, Decatur.....
Highfill—John Scoggins, Decatur.....	Mac Givens, Highfill.....	Mac Givens, Highfill.....
Indianola—A. N. Sanders, Maysville.	M. L. Setser, Southwest City, Mo....	J. F. Duncan, Gravette.....
Liberty—A. N. Sanders, Maysville....	John Still, Row, Okla.....	.....
Logan—W. S. Luper, Fayetteville....	E. V. Howard, Gentry.....	W. D. Dellinger, Gentry.....
Lowell—L. L. Johnson, Lowell.....	E. F. Wilmuth, Lowell.....	Robert Graham, Lowell.....
Maysville—T. F. Jones, Decatur.....	Mattie Haley, Maysville.....	D. L. Jesse, Maysville.....
Mt. Pleasant—T. F. Jones, Decatur..	Orpha Hart, Gravette.....	J. A. Calhoun, Gravette.....
New Prospect—G. W. Birkes, Garfield	H. C. Rogers, Garfield.....	Mrs. M. Lowe, Seligman, Mo....
Pleas.Grove—J.H.Crawford, Purdy,Mo	Harvey Morgan, Rogers.....	Harvey Morgan, Rogers.....
Pleasant Hill—.....	C. D. Plumlee, Berryville.....	.....
Pleas. Home—A. N. Sanders,Maysville	Virgia West, Gravette.....	Dave Edwards, Gravette.....
Shady Grove—Jno. Scoggins, Decatur	E. W. Butler, Gentry.....	.....
Southern Grove—H. W. Miller.....	Mrs. A. E. Allstot, Lowell.....	.....
Springtown—E. F. Rice, Springdale..	Arthur Smith, Springtown.....	R. L. Hurst, Springtown.....
Tempce. Hill—T.M.Morris,Neosho, Mo	E. M. Bagby, Bentonville.....	E. M. Bagby, Bentonville.....
Walnut Hill—G. W. Birkes, Garfield..	L. C. Moon, Garfield.....	.....
Zion—E. F. Rice, Springdale.....	Elbert Hedges, Lowell.....	Elbert Hedges, Lowell.....

Statistical and Financial Table

CHURCHES	Day of Meeting.....	INC.—By Baptism.....	By Letter.....	DEC.—By Death.....	Relation or Rest'n. By Letter.....	Excl. or otherwise. By Letter.....	Pres't Membership.....	Ordained Ministers.....	Paid to Pastor.....	Associatnl. M'nsions.	State Missions.....	Home Missions.....	Foreign Missions.....	Orphans' Home.....	Minute Fund.....	Other Purposes.....	S.S. Officers & Teachers.	Avg. Attendance.....	Pd. for Literature.	Other Purposes..	
Bethlehem ..	3	3	3	2	9	3	108	3	\$62 00	\$28 55	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 4 10	\$.....	7	19	\$3 93	\$2 27	
Cave Springs	1	1	..	1	1	10	80	..	62 10	10 00	.....	.....	.....	50	1 20	.....	10	60	13 50	20 00
Cherokee Cy	1	..	..	..	2	..	16	..	13 25	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	5 45	6	25	8 11	.....
Falling Spgs	3	24	13	5	..	..	42	1	..	41 22	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	7	55	.....	.....
Highhill ..	1	2	5	..	2	..	77	..	64 35	4 00	.....	.....	.....	9 00	80	.....	13	45	25 99	3 50
Indianola ..	2	2	1	..	3	..	25	1	31 41	3 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 10	.....	4	25	5 44	5 19
Liberty	3	..	..	..	..	..	43	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Logan	2	..	..	..	..	1	46	..	97 50	8 00	.....	.....	.....	5 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lowell	1	..	5	..	2	7	115	1	82 90	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 65	105 00	5	40	14 00	.....
Maysville ..	4	..	1	..	1	..	65	1	75 00	68 00	11 25	..	11 75	19 70	4 20	11 00	10	65	19 57	38 99	
Mt. Plst....	1	11	2	..	1	..	106	1	66 66	25 50	6 65	.....	.....	12 11	3 00	.....	6	38	5 06	.....
New Prosp't	3	3	..	2	3	2	1	43	1	15 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	35	.....	4	20	.....	.....
Pleasant Grove	1	..	..	..	3	..	67	..	37 50	.....	.....	27 25	.....	5 00	1 00	.....	6	44	6 00	.....
Pleasant Hill	3	..	..	..	1	2	18	1	4 14	.....	26 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Home	1	7	4	..	1	7	1	53	..	42 40	14 90	.....	.....	.....	1 15	.....	5	.....	.....	.....
Shady Grove	4	..	1	..	..	..	38	1	.....	13 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Grove	2	..	..	..	..	..	30	..	.....	1 47	.....	.....	.....	1 40	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Springtown ..	4	8	..	2	1	1	2	105	1	58 35	25 00	60	3 00	18 33	3 10	10 00	11	31	11 06	3 75
Timpee Hill.	4	..	1	1	1	2	85	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	1 30	17 75	7	30	6 50	3 00
Walnut Hill	4	..	..	..	..	..	31	2	24 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	1 75	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zion	4	1	..	..	3	3	95	..	60 00	12 00	1 00	.....	4 00	8 67	3 15	14 00	6	29	9 73	1 50