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MINUTES
OF THE

Fiftieth Annual Session
OF THE

Red River
Baptist Association,

HELD WITH
Clairmont Baptist Church,
FULBRIGHT, TEXAS,
OCTOBER 19, 20 AND 21, 1893.

OFFICERS.

N. B. TERRY,
THOS. C. HOLT,
W. B. TERRY,

Moderator.
Clerk.
Treasurer.



Order of Business.



1. Introductory sermon.
2. Reading letters and enrolling names of messengers.
3. Election of officers.
4. Petitioning letters.
5. Invite and return correspondents.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES—DIVINE SERVICE.

1. On local or home missions.
2. On education.
3. On religious literature.
4. On Sunday-schools.
5. On temperance.
6. On finance.
7. On state missions.
8. On foreign missions.
9. On aged ministers' relief.
10. On nominations.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

- a. Hearing treasurer's report.
- b. Hearing report of executive board.
- c. Hearing reports of committees in their order.
- d. Miscellaneous business.

Rules of Decorum.



1. Every person desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject or indulges in personal reflections; in either case the moderator shall call him to order, and no one shall speak on the same subject oftener than twice without leave of the moderator or association.

2. No delegate shall absent himself from the association without permission of the moderator or association.

3. All business shall be introduced by motion and second, or in form of a resolution, and decided by a majority, except in anything touching fellowship, in which unanimity shall be required.

4. A call shall be made for motions and resolutions.

5. These rules may be amended at any regular meeting by a vote of a majority of the association.

Proceedings.

THURSDAY—FIRST DAY.

The Red River Baptist Association met with Clairmount church, October 19, at 7 p. m., and was called to order by the clerk, the moderator being absent. Had preaching by Elder J. W. Brewer; Luke xxiv, 48. After preaching Elder N. B. Terry was chosen temporary moderator in the absence of the moderator. Call for the reading of the letters. Elder A. G. Pitman and Bro. S. G. Bright were appointed reading clerks. Letters were presented from the churches named and the names of the messengers were enrolled.

Annona—J R Melton.

Brewster's Prairie—James Spangler.

Blanton's Creek—J T Bivens.

Binion Lake—Robert Forester, Willie Tyson.

Bethany—W H Mayes, J M Price.

Concord—H C Moore, J T Pace.

Clairmount—J M Bell, J N Miller, S E Fortner.

Bethel—K L Keen, David Vanderpool.

Detroit—Susie Lewis, Lillian Perot, Mary E Upchurch.

Bogota—G B Furgerson, Bro. Dearmore.

Enon—J W Clifton.

Mount Pleasant—W P Beadle.

Macedonia—M J Mauldin, W J Butler.

Liberty—N B Terry, J H Hollingsworth, Eddie Stringer.

Prairie Grove—W D Carroll.

Hopewell, No 1—B F Neal.

Hopewell, No 2—W S Goodman.

Kalcedonia—T C Davis.

New Hope—T N Garrett.

Pilgrim's Rest—Thos C Holt, T A Honeycutt, P H Senter,

R A Wolfe.

Shamrock—G W Thompson, J H Moore.

Lone Oak—C P Pearson, Chas Petree, J G Barnett.

New Haven—J N Rayburn.

Providence—W H Speegle.

Salem—H C Hill, Sister S M Bryant.

White Oak—C A Worley, A G Pitman, W J Eaves.
Savannah Springs—A letter, but no messenger.
Adjourned to meet in the morning at 9:30 o'clock.

FRIDAY—SECOND DAY.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Called by moderator. After singing the moderator read the 19th Psalm. Prayer by Bro. Thos. C. Holt. Moderator read rules of decorum. Went into election of officers. Moderator appointed Elders Hardie and Staton tellers. Elder N. B. Terry was duly elected moderator; Elder Thos. C. Holt was duly elected clerk; Bro. W. B. Terry was duly elected treasurer. Visiting brethren invited to seats with us. Elder T. H. Sturges and A. B. Viteto, as correspondents from Lamar county association, came forward and were seated; Elder J. W. Staton, representing Baptist Observer; Elder J. W. Brewer, correspondent from Delta county association; Elder E. B. Hardie, of Texas Baptist and Herald and orphans home, were all gladly received by us, and we rejoice in their counsels and gospel ministration among us. At 11 a. m. adjourned to hear the introductory sermon by C. A. Worley; text, Ps. 118, 25; subject, "Prosperity of the Church."

Met according to adjournment at 2:30 p. m. Elders J. F. and M. H. Whitson, having come in, were invited to seats with us as correspondents from Lamar association. The following standing committees were appointed:

On associational missions—R H Senter, G W Thompson, J T Pace.

On education—C P Pearson, J Melton, S E Fortner.

On religious literature—H C Hill, R A Wolfe.

On Sunday-schools—K L Keen, James Eaves, J H Hollingsworth.

On finance—C A Worley, A G Pitman, S G Bright.

On temperance—P H Senter, T A Honeycutt, H C Hill.

On state missions—C A Worley, W D Carroll, B F Neal.

On foreign missions—A G Pitman, W H Mayes, J N Miller

On aged ministers' relief—J M Bell, H C Moore, Scott Goodman.

On nominations—Charles Petree, A G Pitman, Robert Forester.

On Buckner orphans home—T M Garrett, K L Keen, R A Wolfe.

On home missions—G B Furgerson, C P Pearson, T A Honeycutt.

On obituaries—C A Worley, A G Pitman, K L Keen.

Special Committees—On resolutions—C A Worley, J M Bell, J N M Rayburn.

At 3:30 p. m. Elder M. H. Whitson preached us a sound gospel sermon. After preaching adjourned to meet at 7:30 p m.

Met at time appointed and heard a stirring address on mission work by Bro. E B. Hardie. At the close took a collection for Sunday-school work, amounting to \$6.20. Adjourned to meet in the morning at 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY—THIRD DAY.

Met pursuant to adjournment. All engage in singing. Moderator read 23d Psalm. Prayer by J. B. Ingle. Motion that speeches be limited to to five minutes. Motion adopted. After some speech-making the report on associational missions was adopted. The report on education was read and adopted. The report on religious literature was read and adopted. Report on Sunday-schools read and adopted. The report on temperance was read and substituted by report in last year's minutes. Substitute was adopted. Report on state missions was read and adopted. Report on aged ministers' relief was read as amended and with amendment adopted. Collection for aged ministers' relief board amounting to \$8.40. 11 a. m., adjourned to hear sermon by Bro. T. H. Sturges. Text, Eph. iv, 30: "And grieve not the holy spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." All enjoyed the sermon and rejoiced that the brother was with us.

Met at 2 p. m. Came to order by singing. Elder C. A. Worley was appointed to prepare a letter on correspondence. The report on home missions was read and adopted. The report on foreign missions was read and adopted. Report on nominations was read and adopted. Report on resolutions was read and adopted. Report on orphans home was read and adopted. Collection for orphans home amounting to \$3.35. Report on correspondence read and adopted. Report on obituaries read and adopted: Report of executive board read and adopted. Motion carried instructing the board to pay off the indebtedness of the association to Bro. Thos. C. Holt before they employ another missionary, and that with the first money coming into the hands of the board. Report of treasurer received and adopted. Report of finance committee received and adopted.

Reports of Committees.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We regard our county to a great extent a missionary field. To carry out the spirit of Christ we, your committee, recommend a union of the missionary, Sunday-school and colportage work, under a new board for this purpose. Let them make the selection and contract with a suitable man, and we further recommend that this session of the body take steps to furnish the means monthly to help pay the missionary, and the board be requested to call on Bro. W. C. Luther at Corsicana, secretary of the Baptist Sunday-school of S. S. Convention, for help in Bibles, tracts and books.

Brethren, the necessities of the hour demands that we move up and out in this work. Other associations around us are at work as never before. Shall we as Missionary Baptist churches fail to help fight these battles against sin and bear our part of these burdens the master has enjoined upon all as his servants. Let us carry with us to our churches the spirit of missions and urge upon our pastors to take monthly collections to support this work. Let us avail ourselves of the opportunity to carry on the work the incoming year. Respectfully submitted,

P. H. SENTER,
GEO. THOMPSON,
J. T. PACE,
Committee.

EDUCATION.

Considering the immense progress made in all branches of knowledge and the necessity of our keeping abreast of this advancement we recommend that free and full use be made of all means available for the dissemination of light and knowledge among our people, but that in the selection of high schools and colleges that preference be given to our denominational institutions. Further, while we appreciate the eminent services and usefulness of many of our ministers who have not had the advantages of a thorough and liberal education we yet believe that a sound theological education would increase their power and

efficiency, especially in contesting the numerous heresies of the day and defending the doctrines of the saints.

Respectfully submitted,

C. P. PEARSON,
J. R. MELTON,
S. E. FORTNER,

Committee.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We recommend that our people read the Bible and use the Sunday-school literature published by the Southern Baptist Convention. We also recommend all Baptist literature for home reading.

H. C. HILL,
J. W. CLIFTON,
R. A. WOLFE,

Committee.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Having found so few schools reported in our association, and feeling the great need of further work in this department of christian effort, and realizing the influence for good and the testimony for Jesus as a prominent feature of this work would suggest the appointment of a good, live, energetic, consecrated brother, in connection with W. C. Luther, of Corsicana, of the Sunday-school Board of our state, and J. M. Carroll, of Lampasas, secretary of our state work, to take the field at once both as missionary and colporteur of this association, and that he be requested to give his entire time under direction of the holy spirit, and report his work at each and every meeting of the Fifth Sunday Workers Institute.

Respectfully,

K. L. KEEN,
W. J. EAVES,
J. H. HOLLINGSWORTH,

Committee.

STATE MISSIONS.

First, By state missions we are to understand the mission work as carried on by the Mission Board of the State General Convention of Texas, whose headquarters are at Waco.

Second, We note that each church and association of Texas may have a controlling voice in the management of the above named mission work.

Third, The late report of the Superintendent of State Mis-

sions, J. M. Carroll, showed that notwithstanding the great financial pressure the past year the best year's work in the history of the convention has been done. The conventional board began work last year carrying a debt of \$5,500. This could not be paid. This, with enlarged work, left the board still in debt at the late convention at Gainesville. The total collections for home and foreign missions, centennial fund and state work amounted to \$42,000, the largest work ever done in one year. Out of 2,400 churches in Texas only about 600 contributed to the state work. Mission work has been done among Germans, Mexicans, Swedes, Negroes and Americans. One hundred and five missionaries have been employed.

Brethren, this is our work. We therefore recommend that this association co-operate with the state board in our mission work, and that our pastors and churches take collections steadily and regularly for the same and remit to J. M. Carroll, Lampasas, Texas, superintendent of state missions. Respectfully,

C. A. WORLEY,
W. D. CARROLL,
B. F. NEAL,

AGED MINISTERS' RELIEF. Committee.

We recommend that the churches and pastors co-operate with the Old Ministers' Relief Board at Lampasas, and that they regularly contribute of their means to the support of our aged ministers.

Respectfully,

J. M. BELL, Chairman.

HOME MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Home Missions, feel that we are indebted to this board because of the help we have received from them. Since 1845 to the present we have been helped by this board in our own state work to the amount of \$220,000, and we have grown as a denomination during that time from 1,500 to 130,000 white Baptists. And this board is still helping us, and it is our bounden duty to help sustain this board by our collections, knowing that the seed sown in this field enriches our own harvest in Texas, and at the same time sows seed in all our Southland, Cuba, Indian Territory and Mexico. This board is not our son or daughter, but absolutely our nursing mother.

G. B. FURGERSON,
C. P. PEARSON,
T. A. HONEYCUTT,

Committee.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We recognize that the foreign mission work is the work of Christ, and another year has passed and we have done but little, but recommend that every pastor teach the importance of this work and urge upon the churches to contribute to the cause of foreign missions as the Lord prospers them. Respectfully,

A. G. PITMAN,
W. H. MAYES,
J. N. MILLER,
Committee.

NOMINATIONS.

We recommend that the Executive Missionary Board meet regularly with the Workers' Institute, which meets on Friday before each fifth Sunday at 10 a. m., and that it be composed of Elder C. A. Worley as chairman, W. H. Mayes, P. H. Senter, W. B. Terry and W. D. Carroll, and that they meet Saturday before the fifth Sunday at 3 p. m., and recommend that the chairman call the board together monthly for the transaction of business if so required; and that any member of a church be and is a member having a contribution from his church, and any three members shall constitute a quorum to transact business that may come before the board. And we further recommend that a missionary and Sunday-school colporteur be placed in the field as soon as practical. Also, we further recommend the meeting of the board be held at Clarksville.

A. G. PITMAN,
CHAS. PETREE,
ROBT. FORESTER,
Committee.

RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, report the following:

Resolved, That we recommend and urge the necessity of using and circulating Baptist literature in all our Sunday-schools; and we also recommend that each church maintain a Sunday-school and patronize the American Baptist Publication Society for their literature.

Resolved, That we urge upon the members of the churches in this association the importance of patronizing our denominational schools in Texas, and we recommend Baylor University at Waco, and Baylor Female College at Belton. We also recom-

mend to our young ministers our Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., and in fact all our Baptist schools are pre-eminently worthy of our support and patronage.

Resolved, That we recommend all our members to take and read religious papers as the safest and best means to correctly educate them in sound doctrine; and we further recommend they patronize our home papers, the Baptist Observer, published at Whitewright; Baptist Standard, published at Waco; Texas Baptist and Herald, at Dallas, as meritorious and worthy of support by Baptists.

Resolved, That we urge upon the members of our churches the necessity of daily devotional exercise, and upon the heads of families to maintain family worship; and we recognize prayer as a means of sure support for each individual member.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to the sisters and brothers of Clairmount church and also to the citizens of Fulbright and friends of the community for their hospitality and kindness in entertaining the association during the present session.

Respectfully submitted,
C. A. WORLEY,
J. M. BELL,
J. N. M. RAYBORN,
Committee.

BUCKNER ORPHANS HOME.

We, your Committee on Orphans Home, submit the following:

We find that there are 260 orphans at the home. It is through the providence of God that they have the home and are dependent upon us for their support and education. At present they need about \$9,000 to complete the home and make it comfortable for them. Therefore, we recommend that every messenger and pastor strive to get their churches and individual members to contribute liberally of their means to this institution. There are none of us knows what may befall our own children.

Respectfully submitted,
T. M. GARRETT,
K. L. KEEN,
R. A. WOLFE,
Committee.

TEMPERANCE.

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

Whereas, Drunkenness is an offense against the laws of Christ, and is a crime, excluding man from the kingdom of God; and whereas, the saloon business, the selling of whisky and other intoxicants and making drunkards is disreputable and a great crime against God and man, as a business; that it is the sense of the word of God and this association as the professed followers of Christ, that any church holding members who sell whisky, drink whisky as a beverage or a hospitality, or get drunk shall not be regarded as in good standing by this association:

GEO. B. FURGERSON, Chairman.
J. J. DAVIS,

Committee.

LETTER ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The Red River Baptists now in session with Clairmount church at Fulbright. To the association with which we correspond. Send christian greetings.

Dear Brethren: We are in the midst of our fiftieth annual meeting. Half a century has passed and gone and not a member that was at the organization is probably living; and likely at our centennial meeting fifty years from now not one of us will be present. So we pause and give thanks to our heavenly father for his sustaining grace and continual love, and thank him for the cheering news of God's saving power brought in by a majority of the churches. We are glad that a great many of your messengers are with us. We gladly receive them and give them a fraternal greeting. They have aided us greatly by their counsel and comforted us by their preaching. Come again dear brethren; we desire to continue and strengthen our correspondence with you.

Any of our brethren bearing a copy of our minutes may be our messenger to you. And may the God of all grace be with you.

C. A. WORLEY.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Dear brethren: We, your Executive Board, have done some missionary work in our county. We used the means at hand and what could be gathered on the field and from the churches up to June 17, 1893. We had to take our missionary from the field for want of means. We employed Bro. Thos. C. Holt, who did efficient work. Brethren, we are now due Bro. Holt \$53.15 for services rendered as our missionary. Respectfully,

T. A. HONEYCUTT, Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

During the year past received in all.....	\$105 45
During the year paid on demand.....	105 45
At present association received from Finance Committee	100 66

W. B. TERRY, Treasurer.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to make the following as our report:

We find coming into the hands of our worthy treasurer, Bro. W. B. Terry, during the past associational year from the churches\$105 45

We find he paid out during the year—

To Thos. C. Holt, as clerk,	\$ 10 00
For publishing minutes.....	23 00
To Bro. Holt, as missionary	54 95
For state missions.....	4 00
For foreign missions.....	1 00
For orphans home.....	9 20
Southern Baptist Convention	50
Colportage mission	2 80
Total.....	\$105 45

Paid in from the churches and turned by us at this session of our body over to treasurer.....\$100 66

We find by letters pastors receiving.....\$ 848 00
By report of Executive Board we are due Thos C Holt 53 15
Value of church property..... 2350 00

Pledges for next year—

To orphans home.....	\$16 00
To home missions	
To county missions, per month.....	7 40
To foreign missions	5 00
To aged ministers' relief	2 00
In hands of treasurer for county missions.....	4 55

Respectfully submitted,
A. G. PITMAN, Chairman.

PLEDGES BY CHURCHES AND INDIVIDUALS.

For County Missions.

Annona, per month.....	\$1 00	Pilgrim Rest, per month..	\$2 00
Brewster's Prairie, per mo	1 00	White Oak, per year.....	2 50
Bethany, per month.....	50	Savannah Springs, per mo	25
Concord, per year.....	5 00	Bethel, per month.....	25
Clairmount, per month...	1 00	J N M Rayburn, per year,	2 50
Detroit, per month.....	50	J Melton, per year.....	5 00
Providence, No 2, per mo.	1 00		

Pledges for Buckner Orphans Home, to be paid January 1, 1894

Clairmount	\$5 00	Lone Oak	\$2 50
White Oak	2 50	Bogota	5 00
Bethel	2 50		

Enon church was selected for our next meeting. Time, Thursday before the second Sunday in September, 1894, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Elder G. B. Furgerson was duly elected to preach the introductory sermon; Elder N. B. Terry, alternate.

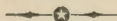
The clerk was requested to have published and to distribute 500 copies of these minutes, and that he receive \$10 for his services.

Elder J. W. Staton, of the Baptist Observer, preached for us Sunday at 11 a. m., 3 and 7:30 p. m. All were edified and truly glad to have him with us. Come again, Bro. Staton.

Adjourned to meet at Enon church as above stated.

N. B. TERRY, Moderator.

THOS. C. HOLT, Clerk.



White Church Pledges—

Red River county missions	\$2 00
State missions	2 00
Foreign missions	2 00
Orphans home	2 00

STATISTICAL REPORT.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	POSTOFFICES	Rec'd by Baptism.	Rec'd by Letter...	By Statement,....	Restored.....	Dismi'd by Letter..	Excluded.....	Died.....	Total Membership..	Amount for Minutes...	Home Missions...	State Missions...	Foreign Missions..	County Missions..	Orphans Home...	Aged Ministers' Relief..	S S Missions.....	Total indebtedness.		
Annona.....	N B Terry.....	J R Melton.....	English.....	1	7	9	1	1	60	1	50	1	50	1	00	1	45	1	00	6	15	\$ 2 95
Brewster's Prairie	N B Terry.....	R N Edwards...	Clarksville.....	5	15				64	1	50	1	00	1	00	1	00	1	00	6	15	14 65
Blanton's Creek..	G B Furgerson..	W L Bivens...	Bagwell.....	3	2	1		2	31	1	25				75							2 00
Binion Lake.....	C P Pearson.....	Robt Forester..	Halesborough...	2				3	1		10	50										60
Bethlehem*.....	R R Fry.....	N B Hinson.....	Bogota.....								11	50										50
Bethel.....	K L Keen.....	D Vanderpool..	Isaaca.....																			
Bethany*.....	C A Worley.....	H H Hutchinson	Clarksville.....																			
Concord.....	N B Terry.....	H C Moore.....	Annona.....	3	6	1	18	4	145	1	50	2	00			5	00	5	00			13 50
Clarksville*.....			Clarksville.....																			
Clairmount.....	C A Worley.....	L R Lassiter...	Fulbright.....	1	6	1	3		1	34	1	50										1 50
Detroit*.....	C Hoover.....	J M Nix.....	Detroit.....																			
Dean's Chapel*.....																						
Enon.....	A G Pitman.....	J W Clifton.....	Lydia.....	18	6	8		12	65													
Hopewell, No. 1.	P M Hall.....	M S McGregor..	Lydia.....	1	7	3	4	4	41	50												50
Hopewell, No. 2.	I N Franks.....	B R Lane.....	Ira.....	8	2	1		4	64	1	00											1 50
Kalcedonia.....	N B Terry.....	J A Ringwall...	Manchester.....	8	5	1	1		61							1	20					1 20
Liberty.....	G B Furgerson..	J S Patterson..	Detroit.....	16	10	2	5		132	1	00	2	50	2	50	4	25	3	65	3	90	17 80
Lone Oak.....	A B Viteto.....	G A Gilliam.....	Deport.....		1	2	2		29	75	2	00	2	00	2	00	4	50				11 25
Macedonia.....	T H Sturges.....	R Vickory.....	Rosalie.....	2	1		1	2	1	48	40											40
Midway*.....			Detroit.....																			
Mt Pleasant.....	W P Beadle.....	W J Ray.....	Manchester.....	2					35	70												70
New Hope.....	T R Wharton....	J A Wallace.....						7	1	28	1	00										1 00
Bogota.....	T H Sturges....	H Bryant.....	Bogota.....	5					1	68	1	50	90			7	10					8 00
Providence*.....			Detroit.....																			
Prairie Grove.....	C A Worley.....	S T Smith.....	Clarksville.....						15		1	50			2	00						3 50
Pilgrim Rest.....	J A Jackson.....	W W Lawson...	Annona.....	2	4	1	8		1	89	3	25			15	85	3	75				22 85
Shamrock.....	John Crain.....	G W Thompson..	Bagwell.....		1		2	1	35	1	00	6	00	3	00		6	50	2	00		18 50
Salem.....	G B Furgerson..	Jack Stanphill..	Box Elder.....	12	8		6		55	1	25		2	00		4	50	1	35			9 10
Oak Grove*.....	A G Pitman.....		Clarksville.....																			
White Oak.....	N B Terry.....	A W Alexander..	Cuthand.....	10	10	4	3	3	113	1	25			5	00	5	00	2	00			13 25
Savannah Springs	K L Keen.....	Hart Harvey.....	Annona.....				4	4	2	13												
New Haven.....	W P Beadle.....	N L Pitman.....	Clarksville.....	3	2				16	50	1	40				2	80	75				4 95

Churches marked * not represented.

DIED.

B. HARDISON, a member and deacon of Pilgrim Rest church, died May 25, 1893. Bro. Hardison was one of the most consistent and zealous members of the church. It was a rule with him to contribute a tenth to the cause of Christ. We feel his loss to the church - his place will be hard to fill, and his death is a severe loss to the Baptists, but he rests sweetly beyond the river. He was born in 1811, being over 80 at time of death.

Sister Martha Hardison, his wife, went before him some months, having died August 26, 1892, aged 69 years.

ELDER D. P. MACE died May 18, 1893. He was young as a minister and gave great promise. He had been ordained to the full work of the ministry nearly three years, and was pastor of four churches at the time of his death. He preached his last sermon at Lane's Chapel at our fifth Sunday meeting in April. He went home and took his bed the following Tuesday, never getting up again. He died in the triumphs of a living faith in Christ. Our loss, though sad, is his eternal gain. He sweetly sleeps in Jesus and will share his glory forever, where sickness and death never come.

BRO. G. F. BAKER, a member of Clairmount church, died September 19, 1893. A lovely good man is gone, a great loss to his family and the community in which he lived.

BRO. STEPHEN FRANCIS, a deacon of Bogota church, died during the year, a true christian, a loving father and husband, a good citizen, missed by all.

BRO. JOHN CHILDRESS, a deacon of Prairie Grove church, died during the year; a man who truly loved God and was faithful in his duties to his church.

SISTER MARY CARTER, one of our oldest members, and a Baptist 59 years, a member of Detroit church during her long life. She was often at our associations. She died September 22, 1893.
