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Sixty-Fourth Annual Session

OF THE

Saline Baptist Association

HELD WITH

LONSDALE BAPTIST CHURCH,

October 3, 4 and 5, 1903.

OFFICERS

ELDER W. A. CLARK, MODERATOR - - - LITTLE ROCK, ARK.
A. B. SHOCKLEY, CLERK AND TREASURER - - - BURK, ARK.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ELDER J. W. McDONALD, - - - - - HOT SPRINGS, ARK.
A. B. SHOCKLEY, - - - - - BURK, ARK.
W. K. JOHNSON, - - - - - HENDRIX, ARK.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1 Devotional exercises.
- 2 Introductory sermon.
- 3 Call for letters from the churches.
- 4 After reading letters and enrolling messengers, elect officers.
- 5 Call for petitionary letters.
- 6 Invite visiting brethren to seats.
- 7 Appoint Committee on Divine Service.
- 8 Appoint the usual committees.

SECOND DAY.

- 1 Call for the reading of the minutes of first day.
- 2 Roll call of messengers and marking the names of absentees.
- 3 Call for the reports of committees and treasurer's report.
- 4 Appoint place of holding the next session.
- 5 Miscellaneous business.
- 6 Adjournment.



PROCEEDINGS.

The Sixty Fourth Annual Session of the Saline Baptist Association met on Saturday, October 3, 1903. A song was sung and Elder N. H. Harley led in prayer. Elder W. A. Clark, the Moderator, called the Association to order at 9:30 a. m. and made a talk on the past history of the Association, naming many of the old veterans of the cross who were once the leaders and active workers in this association, but who have years since gone to their reward in that sweet rest over yonder. At the first session of this association, sixty-seven years ago only eight messengers were present.

The Moderator read the 10th to the 16th verses of the last chapter of Ephesians. Prayer led by Elder J. H. Milburn.

The following named brethren were appointed by the Moderator as reading clerks: Elder J. W. McDonald, Elder J. H. Howard and J. C. Ross.

The pastor and messengers of Lonsdale church were appointed by the Moderator as a Committee on Divine Service.

The letters from the churches were called for and read, showing a representation as follows:

ANTIOCH—H. Tillery and J. M. Parker.

BIG CREEK—Chas. Hendrixson, Wm Morrison and Henry Allen.

BRUSH CREEK—Hansford Deer and A. F. Lamb.

BLUFF SPRINGS—R. T. Gatlin and F. W. Nance.

CENTRAL PARK—J. J. Hickman and J. W. Sikes.

CORINTH—W. A. Kirkpatrick, A. E. Files and C. E. Muex.

COOPERS CREEK—Silas Scott and Joe Scott.

EVENING SHADE—R. M. Zeigler and J. M. Norman.

FRIENDSHIP—J. M. Fowler.

FRANCEWAY—Steve Denny and W. A. Carver.

FAIRPLAY—W. K. Johnson, M. L. Hargrove and F. B. Nelson.

GRAVEL HILL—R. S. Tanner and R. S. Elliott.

HOT SPRINGS FIRST CHURCH—J. B. Smith, E. C. Ellis and A. T.

Moody.

LONO—H. F. Deer.

LONSDALE—J. W. McDonald, J. D. Houpt, J. H. Richardson.

MAGNET COVE—Wm Adkin, W. H. Craft and J. W. York.

MALVERN—A. Waterbury, M. O. Bettis and J. H. Howard.

MOUNT HARMONY—Represented by letter.

NEBO—J. G. Rice and W. F. Rose.

On motion the order of business was suspended, and the preaching of the introductory sermon was laid over until 2 o'clock p. m. and the reading of letters continued:

NORTH FORK—A. B. Holland and James Ray.

OUACHITA—W. A. Hammond.

PLEASANT HILL—Represented by letter.

PLEASANT VALLEY—J. A. Caston and H. F. Ross.

REVBURN CREEK—W. F. Westerman and E. T. McDonald.

SHADY GROVE—Geo. Thompson.

SALINE—P. M. Wright and John Moore.

SMITH CREEK—J. H. Rigsby, A. C. Hutchingson, W. N. Cane.

SALEM—C. G. Greenway and L. F. James.

SULPHUR SPRINGS—J. H. Futral, Al Rodgers and J. B. Wacasy.

TAYLORS CHAPEL—P. Stanley, P. L. Williams and James Deer.

TEN MILE—S. F. Funk, A. B. Shockley and Sid Williams.

UNION—C. C. Wornock and J. M. Parker.

VALLEY—Willie Taylor.

WHITTINGTON—W. C. Henry, G. D. Burgess and J. C. Sissel.

On motion by Bro. McDonald the regular order of business was suspended and petitionary letters were called for and read, and on motion the churches were received and the right hand of fellowship extended to the messengers by the Moderator. The following churches and messengers were received:

HOT SPRINGS SECOND CHURCH—N. H. Harley and J. D. Brock.

BETHLEHEM—W. A. Clark.

Letters from churches already members of the Association were handed in and read as follows:

CEDAR GROVE—J. W. Melton and J. F. James.

KENTUCKY—No letter, messengers received on statement, to-wit: J. W. Henson, Geo. Hubanks and F. M. Dean.

MIDWAY—J. W. Hardy, C. M. Saunders and I. J. Wiggins.

UNITY—W. C. Taylor and Joe Hill.

It now being in order for the body to effect permanent organization, the Moderator appointed J. C. Ross and J. H. Howard as tellers.

Nominations were made for Moderator, but objections being raised to the rule of nominating, all nominations were withdrawn and the body proceeded to ballot, resulting in the re-election of Eld. W. A. Clark as Moderator and A. B. Shockley, Clerk. Bros. Clark and Shockley thanked the messengers for their renewed expression of confidence and honor they had bestowed on them in their re-election.

Eld. J. W. McDonald, pastor of Lonsdale church, then delivered an address of welcome, which was well received by the messengers and visitors present.

The Moderator announced as committees: Orphans' Home—Bros. J. B. Smith, S. F. Funk and C. C. Wornock; Ministerial Education—Bros. E. C. Ellis, J. M. Clem and A. F. Lamb.

On motion, the Association adjourned till 2 p. m.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

Came together at the hour named and engaged a few minutes in song and prayer service, after which Elder W. A. Clark preached the introductory sermon, using as a text, "Therefore they that were scattered abroad, went everywhere preaching the word."—Acts 8: 4.

Prayer—Led by Elder M. P. Thomas.

The Association resumed business.

The call for letters were renewed and letters from the following churches handed in and read: Bismarck—J. H. Hardage; New Hope No. 1—Represented by letter; Oak Grove—J. M. Beard and J. R. Hodges; Deroche—C. H. Montgomery; Caney—Letter only; Belleview—W. S. Davis, B. Smith and J. T. Evans; Hickory Grove—M. P. Thomas.

Corresponding messengers called for but none were present.

Visiting brethren were called for and recognized as follows: Elder J. H. Milburn, representing the American Baptist Flag and Landmark Baptist; Prof. J. W. Conger, representing Ouachita College; Elder A. J. Barton, representing the Advance; Elder W. W. Gardner, representing the Orphans' Home.

Reports of committees called for and the report on Ministerial Education read and on motion to adopt was spoken to by Prof. Conger in an interesting speech and adopted as follows:

That, in this, the twentieth century of the Christian era, we believe the mental and moral training of the Christian ministry takes precedent of almost any other work. Upon the qualifications of the ministry depends the welfare and success of all denominational work. Therefore we would urge the churches to aid by their prayers and contributions in this great work. Believing that our own colleges and schools in Arkansas are fully abreast with the times, and they should be heartily supported by the denomination.

Committee { E. C. Ellis,
J. M. Clem,
A. F. Lamb.

The committee on Divine Services announced that Elder A. J. Barton would preach at 7:30 p. m.

On motion adjourned to 7:30 p. m. Dismissed by the Moderator.

The congregation reassembled thirty minutes before the hour named for preaching and spent the time in devotional exercises led by Elder J. W. McDonald.

The time appointed for preaching having arrived Elder A. J. Barton read 1st part of the 3rd chapter of John, and led in prayer and preached a very acceptable sermon, using as a text John 3:16; after which an opportunity was given and several came forward and gave their hand for prayer. Elder C. C. Wornock led in prayer.

The Moderator then announced the appointment of the following committees:

Foreign Missions—J. M. Clem, P. Stanley and J. H. Rigsby.

State Missions—J. H. Howard, J. W. Hardage and S. F. Funk.

Associational Missions—J. W. McDonald, C. C. Wornock and C. H. Montgomery.

Sunday Schools—J. D. Houpt, W. A. Kirkpatrick and L. R. Henderson.

Prayer Meetings—J. B. Smith, H. Deer and W. A. Hammond.

Temperance—N. H. Harley, A. Waterbury and W. B. Wacacy.

Woman's Work—John Evans, R. S. Elliott and A. B. Holland.

Religious Literature—M. P. Thomas, W. H. Craft and W. K. Johnson.

Obituaries—J. M. Fowler, J. A. Caston and R. M. Zeigler.

Nominations—W. C. Henry, Steve Denny and R. T. Gatlin.

Finance—J. J. Hickman, C. H. Montgomery and L. F. James.

Report on Orphans' Home was called for and read and on motion to adopt was spoken to by Elder W. W. Gardner, and a collection was taken for the Home amounting to \$8.92, and the report adopted as follows:

The Orphans' Home is indeed an honorable institution, one of which the Baptists of Arkansas should be proud. It is now in a prosperous condition. The health of the children during the past year has been excellent, only one death during the year. We now have fifty-eight children in the Home. Let us lay it upon our hearts to stand by the Orphans' Home.

Committee { J. B. Smith,
C. C. Wornock,
S. F. Funk.

The committee on Divine Service announced that a Sunday-school mass meeting would be held at 9:30 a. m. Sunday morning and that Elder J. H. Milburn would preach at 11 a. m. and Elder W. W. Gardner at 3 p. m.

On motion adjourned till 8 a. m. Monday. Dismissal by Elder J. W. McDonald.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

The congregation reassembled at 9:30 a. m. in a Sunday School mass meeting conducted by Elder A. Waterbury, which was interesting and instructive. A collection amounting to \$16.00 was taken and presented to Lonsdale Sunday School for the purpose of buying Biblical historical wall maps.

It now being the time appointed for preaching, Elder J. H. Milburn read a portion of the Eleventh Chapter of the Gospel by Luke and led in prayer. He then preached an interesting sermon, using as a text, Luke xi, 5th to 11th verse.

Prayer led by Elder M. P. Thomas.

The committee on Divine Services announced that Elder A. Waterbury would preach at 7:30 p. m. Dismissed by Bro. Milburn.

Owing to the incessant rain Sunday evening, Brother Gardner did not preach.

Met Sunday night at 7:30 in song and prayer service, led by Elder S. F. Funk, after which Elder A. Waterbury read the Tenth Chapter of Hebrews, beginning with the 26th verse, and preached a very instructive sermon, selecting as his text Hebrews 3: 13. Concluding remarks by Brother McDonald.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator read part of the 3rd chapter of John, beginning at the 16th verse. Prayer led by Elder C. H. Montgomery. Minutes of Saturday's and Sunday's proceedings were read and approved. Roll of Messengers were read and approved.

Elder F. D. Baars, from Ouachita College, was enrolled as a visitor.

A motion carried that all speeches be limited to ten minutes.

Reports of committees were called for and the report on Foreign Missions was read, and was discussed by Brothers J. M. Clem, James Ray, F. D. Baars, W. A. Clark and J. W. McDonald and adopted, as follows:

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, submit the following as our report: We believe our Saviour made this commission plain to his disciples in his parting words (Matthew 28: 19): "Go ye and teach all nations." We believe this commission was given to his church, and the church is responsible for it being sent. We believe that salvation is offered to all through the Gospel of Christ and as the Gospel is the only means that God has given his people by which to

lead men and women to Christ, we urge that the churches should hasten in sending forth this glorious Gospel—the words of eternal life. God has called men to preach this gospel, and some of them have gone to foreign fields and are preaching to the heathens and doing a great work in causing many souls to be brought to a saving knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Therefore we recommend that the churches throughout this Association take regular collections to help support those laborers who have gone to heathen lands. We also recommend that the churches do their mission work through the State General Association, as we believe it carries out the scriptural plan of doing mission work. We would respectfully recommend to the support of the churches Elder A. J. Diaz of Cuba and Elder Jeureidini of Syria.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee { J. M. Clem,
P. Stanley,
J. H. Rigsby.

The committee on State Missions submitted the following report:

Your committee on State Missions report as follows: Dear Brethren, we are glad to be able to report to you that there has been a glorious work done for the Master in our State during the Associational year now drawing to a close, and we believe that the plan and mode of doing State Mission Work, as adopted and carried on by the General Baptist Association of Churches, to be succeeding admirably, and we urge upon the churches composing the Saline Association a more hearty co-operation with the General Association of Arkansas in the State Mission work. The commission was given to the visible church of the Lord Jesus Christ to preach the Gospel and disciple people in all nations, and wherever this Gospel has been introduced, ignorance, evil and immorality has vanished, like the mist of the morning before the rising splendor of the sun. Therefore we recommend to the churches a more considerate realization of the great responsibility which rests upon them as commissioned by Christ Jesus on earth in carrying on the great work which he began while on earth. We also recommend to the churches that they look out the talented ones in their midst and utilize them to the glory of God. Should they find any having the gift of evangelist or missionary, the churches should send them out to the work to which the Holy Spirit has called them, and as the Lord graciously supplied all the wants of those whom he sent out on a special mission to do work for Him while He was on earth in person, so let the churches see to it that all the wants of the missionaries whom they send out are supplied as every one have need. To do this it is necessary that all give lib-

erally of their means as the Lord has prospered them.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee { J. H. Howard,
J. W. Hardage,
S. F. Funk.

The report was spoken to by Bros. J. H. Howard, F. D. Baars, S. F. Funk, M. P. Thomas, J. H. Milburn, James Ray, and adopted.

The committee on Associational Missions reported as follows:

At your last meeting the Association elected Elder S. F. Funk as Missionary, who at the time accepted the work, but afterwards found it necessary to decline. Your Associational Board having no money to pay, and the churches failing to respond with their pledges, we have had no missionary this year. However, several of our preachers, at the request of the board, volunteered, and have done some good missionary work at destitute points. Your committee recommends that the Association elect two missionaries to work in our greatest destitution work, to begin July 1st next and continue up to the time of the meeting of the Association. We recommend further, that pledges be now taken, to be paid on or before July 1st next, in order that this work can be carried out. We recommend that a committee of three be named to receive all contributions and pay out the same to the missionaries, and make a report to the next regular meeting of the Association.

Committee { J. W. McDonald,
C. C. Wornock,
C. H. Montgomery.

The report was discussed very favorably by Brothers J. M. Clem, Ben Cox, S. F. Funk and J. W. McDonald.

Pledges were then taken as follows:

CHURCHES	PLEGDED BY	
Antioch.....	Harvey Tillery	\$ 3 00
Big Creek.....	Chas Hendrixson	2 50
Bismark.....	J H Hardage	2 50
Bluff Springs.....	F W Nance	2 00
Bellevue.....	B Smith	2 00
Bethlehem.....	W A Clark	5 00
Corinth.....	W A Kirkpatrick	5 00
Central Park.....	J J Hickman	1 50
DeRoche.....	C H Montgomery	2 50
Evening Shade.....	R M Zeigler	5 00
Fair Play.....	W K Johnson	5 00
Franceway.....	Steve Denny, paid	1 00
Friendship.....	J M Fowler, paid.	2 00

CHURCHES	PLEGDED BY	
Gravel Hill	R S Elliott.....	1 00
Hickory Grove	M P Thomas.....	1 00
Little Rock, 1st Church ..	Ben Cox.....	25 00
Lonsdale	J D Houpt.....	10 00
Lono	H F Deer.....	1 00
Magnet Cove.....	Messengers	5 00
Malvern	Messengers	15 00
Midway.....	I J Wiggins.....	2 00
North Fork	A B Holland.....	2 00
Oak Grove.....	A R Hodges.....	2 00
Onachita.....	W A Hammond ..	5 00
Pleasant Valley.....	H F Ross.....	5 00
Reyburn Creek	Messengers	2 00
Smith Creek	Messengers	5 00
Sulphur Springs	W B Wacasey....	5 00
Taylor's Chapel.....	P Stanley.....	5 00
Ten Mile.....	A B Shockley ...	5 00
Valley	Willie Taylor....	2 50
Whittington.....	J C Sissell	2 00
Hot Springs, 2d Church..	N H Harley.....	10 00
Nebo	J G Rice.....	1 00
Union	J W Parker	5 00
Kentucky	Geo Hubanks ...	2 00
Personal Pledges	John Johnson ...	1 00
Personal Pledges	James Ray.....	5 00
Total.....		\$163 50

It now being in order for an election of two missionaries, Bro. Ben Cox led in prayer asking for Divine guidance in casting the ballot. The vote was then taken, resulting in the election of Elders C. C. Wornock and C. H. Montgomery.

On motion the Associational Board for the past year, namely, J. W. McDonald, A. B. Shockley and W. K. Johnson, was chosen as the committee to collect and pay the missionaries.

The foregoing, together with the report, was by unanimous vote adopted.

A resolution in regard to the efforts being made by the committees appointed by the State Convention and General Association to bring about a reconciliation and a reunion of the two organizations, after being discussed pro and con, a motion prevailed to adjourn until 2 P. M.

MONDAY EVENING SESSION.

Reassembled at the time named. A song was sung, and Bro. N. H. Harley led in prayer. The Moderator announced that the resolution by Bro. McDonald was under consideration. A substitute was then offered and accepted by Bro. McDonald, and on motion was adopted as follows:

Resolved, That we will pray for, and hail with joy, any efforts that have been, or may be made, looking to peace and harmony among the Baptists of Arkansas upon Scriptural grounds.

(Signed) J. M. Clem,
M. P. Thomas.

The report on Sunday Schools, as follows, was adopted without discussion.

Your committee submit the following as our report: Knowing that upon the children of today will in a short time fall the work of the Master, therefore we recommend that every church have a Sunday School, believing that a large majority of the church members have been pupils in the Sunday School. We believe it is a duty the church owes to the Master and the rising generation. We recommend Baptist literature.

Committee } J. D. Houpt,
W. A. Kirkpatrick.

The following report on Temperance was adopted without discussion. Your committee on Temperance submits the following report: In view of the ruinous results of intemperance upon the character and destiny of its devotees, and in the homes, the community, and the public interest of state and nation, we would recommend that the prayers, the votes, and the activities of all the members of our churches be so placed and combined as to meet effectually, resist, outlaw and exterminate the traffic in ardent spirits as a beverage. We also recommend that the churches and members of this Association give their hearty support to the Anti-Saloon League of this State in trying to suppress this traffic.

Committee } N. H. Harley,
A. Waterbury,
J. B. Wacasy.

Report on Woman's Work was submitted by the committee and adopted as read. Your committee on Woman's work report as follows: We recommend that the women organize in all our churches and come in touch with the organization of the State and that they contribute to

all mission purposes and furnish themselves with needed literature concerning Woman's Work and Organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee { R. S. Elliott,
A. B. Holland.

The following report on Religious Literature was read and adopted without discussion. Your committee on Religious Literature report as follows: There being so many books of various kinds, and there being such a great need of the study of God's word, Therefore we recommend the Bible first of all books, and of papers the Land-mark Baptist and the American Baptist Flag.

Committee { M. P. Thomas,
W. H. Craft,
W. K. Johnson.

The following report on Prayer Meetings was adopted:

Your committee are convinced that great gain will come to any church which will keep up a regular prayer meeting. Especially will this advantage be felt where preaching services are held but once a month. Not to be overlooked in this connection is the benefit which will come to those who are appointed to exercise their gifts in conducting these meetings. We recommend that every church not now keeping up a regular prayer meeting will start one as early as possible.

Benjamin Cox,
W. A. Hammond,
Committee.

The report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted as follows: We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following as our report:

Received cash for Minutes.....	\$55 90
Received cash for Associational Missions....	42 90
Received cash for Home Missions	1 40
Received cash for State Missions.....	12 26
Received cash for Foreign Missions	6 75
Received cash for Orphans Home	2 10
Received cash for Ministerial Relief	3 50
Total.....	<u>\$124 81</u>

Committee { J. J. Hickman,
C. H. Montgomery,
L. F. James.

The Treasurer read his report, which was on motion adopted as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Your Treasurer submits the following as his report for the year ending October 3, 1903:

To amount received of Finance Committee—	
For Minutes Oct. 6, 1902.....	\$ 43.55
For Associational Missions.....	17.50
For Home Missions.....	5.50
For State Missions.....	3.50
For Foreign Missions.....	6 30
For Orphans' Home.....	.25
Received of Associational Collection for Orphans' Home.....	17.25
Received of Fourth District Saline As- sociation.....	7.70
Brought forward from last year.....	22.50
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Total amount received.....	\$124.05

DISBURSEMENTS.

By amount paid—	
H G Pugh for printing minutes..	\$ 32.50
Associational Clerk.....	15.00
W C C Dorough for Home Mis- sions.....	5.50
W C C Dorough for State Mis- sions.....	3.50
W C C Dorough for Foreign Missions.....	6.30
W C C Dorough, collected at Fourth District Meetings.....	7.70
W W Gardner for Orphans' Home.....	17.50
Over disbursements Minute Fund	18.55
Over disbursements for Associa- tional Missions.....	17.50
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Total.....	\$124.05 \$124.05

Fraternally submitted,

A. B. SHOCKLEY, Treasurer.

The Committee on Nominations submitted their report, which was on motion adopted, after the names of those recommended as an Associational Board were erased, as a committee had already been chosen by the Association to fill that position.

Your committee finds that the following-named churches have asked for the next session of this Association: Friendship and Ouachita. We recommend Friendship as the next meeting place. We further recommend that R. F. Russell preach the introductory sermon and A. F. Lamb as alternate.

R. T. Gatlin,
J. A. Denny,
Committee.

Elder J. H. Howard offered the following resolution, which was by unanimous vote adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be and are hereby extended to Lonsdale Church and people of this community for the generous hospitality extended us during the session of this body.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to have twelve hundred minutes printed, and be allowed \$15 for his services.

Corresponding Messengers, as follows, were appointed to attend sister Associations:

Judson Association—J. H. Howard and M. O. Bettis.

Red River Association—M. P. Thomas.

Pine Bluff Ass'n—A. B. Shockley, W. C. Henry and J. M. Beard.

Buckville Association—W. A. Clark and J. W. McDonald.

The following resolution, offered by J. W. Melton, was adopted:

Resolved, That each church be requested, in sending letters and contributions to this Association, to place all in an envelope, with an itemized statement of the amount sent up for each purpose in order that Messengers can hand it over to the Finance Committee without having to disturb the Association by calling for it.

The committee on Divine Services announced that Bro. Cox would preach immediately after the adjournment of the Association.

There being no further business to claim the attention of the body, a motion prevailed to adjourn, to meet with Friendship Church in Hot Spring county on Saturday at 9:30 a. m. before the first Sunday in October, 1904.

That glorious old song, "How Firm a Foundation," trilled forth. The parting hand was given and all seemed to feel that it was good to be there. Benediction by the Moderator.

Thus closed one of the grandest sessions of Old Saline Association since her organization in the year 1836.

ELDER W. A. CLARK, MODERATOR.

A. B. SHOCKLEY, CLERK AND TREASURER

The Association having adjourned, Bro. Benjamin Cox preached a very acceptable and interesting sermon, selecting as a text, John 12: 32, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

Now, brethren, in conclusion your clerk begs to say that we should take renewed courage. A great work is before us. Let us press forward and prove ourselves bold and true soldiers of Him who so abundantly blesses and rewards all those who go forth as true laborers in his vineyard.

Although we have done a good work during the Associational year just closed, and many souls have been led to accept Christ and to follow His example in being buried in baptism, let us strive to do a greater and grander work during the year now upon us. We pray that the churches will not neglect or be slow in sending in their pledges toward supporting our two noble missionaries who will enter the field July 1st, next.

And let us feel kindly and fraternally toward all our brethren, and not lay on our hearts the minor differences that in some cases exist. Let us keep this as a motto:

"Lend a hand to one another,
In the daily toil of life;
When we meet a weaker brother,
Let us help him in the strife.
There is none so good but may
Run adrift in shame or sorrow,
And the bad man of today
May become the good tomorrow."

We pray that if there is now any malice and bitter contentions existing among the brethren in this Association, or in the State, they will soon vanish, as a thin mist before the piercing rays of the morning sun, and that the two State organizations will endeavor to do all the good they can, and no harm if possible.

THE CLERK.

ORDAINED MINISTERS, CHURCHES AND
POSTOFFICES.

CHURCHES AND MINISTERS.	POSTOFFICES	COUNTIES
Brush Creek—A F Lamb	Sandy Springs	Hot Spring
Bethlehem—W A Clark, H R Parks, F P Davis and T M Mitchell.....	Little Rock	Pulaski
Bluff Springs—J B Gatlin.....	Traskwood	Saline
Big Creek—J L Byrd	Ops	Hot Spring
Central Park—W C Wood	Hot Springs	Garland
Corinth—G F Rowe and L Warwick.....	Hot Springs	Garland
Caney—J W Holt and J W Burks	DeRoche	Hot Spring
DeRoche—W J Hardin	DeRoche	Hot Spring
“ —C H Montgomery.....	Duffie	Hot Spring
Franceway—W H H Yates	Hot Springs	Garland
Friendship—R F Russell	Saginaw	Hot Spring
Fair Play—M L Hargrove, P C Hammond, W H Floyd, J F Elmore and J C Ellard	Surl	Hot Spring
Gravel Hill—R S Tanner	Owensville	Saline
Hot Springs, 1st Church —W T Amis and J W McDonald	Hot Springs	Garland
Hot Springs, 2d Church—N H Harley ..	Hot Springs	Garland
Little Rock, 1st Church—Ben Cox	Little Rock	Pulaski
Malvern—A Waterbury, J M Clem, R C Rhoden and J H Howard	Malvern	Hot Spring
Ouachita—N D Jones	Donaldson	Hot Spring
Reyburn Creek—A Tucker	Butterfield	Hot Spring
Taylor's Chapel—J J Thompson	Malvern	Hot Spring
Ten Mile—S F Funk	Slocomb	Saline
Unity—Joseph Taylor	Brazils	Saline
Whittington—W C Henry	Whittington	Saline

LICENTIATES.

Central Park—Burrell Phillips	Hot Springs	Garland
Friendship — O M Burnett and J W Ed- monson	Friendship	Hot Spring
Lonsdale—J L Waldroup	Slocomb	Saline
Malvern—G F Fenster	Malvern	Hot Spring
Ouachita—J A Marsh	Donaldson	Hot Spring
Reyburn Creek—M G Wade	Gifford	Hot Spring

In Memoriam

The report on Obituaries was read and adopted as follows:

Your committee reports the following deaths, regretting that we cannot give the names of all our deceased brothers and sisters during the past year, and part of their life work.

Names of Churches	No. of Deaths	Names of Churches	No. of Deaths
Big Creek.....	2	Ouachita.....	1
Sulphur Springs....	1	Whittington.....	1
Malvern	1	Ten Mile	1
Caney	1	Franceway	1
Unity	2	Magnet Cove.....	1
New Hope No. 1....	1	Hot Springs, 1st Ch.	1
Cedar Grove	1	Fair Play	1
DeRoche	1	Pleasant Hill.....	1
Oak Grove.....	1	Nebo	1
Corinth	1	Taylor's Chapel	1
Saline	1		
Reyburn Creek	1	Total	24

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. FOWLER,
J. A. CASTON,
R. M. ZEIGLER,
Committee.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This union of churches shall be known and distinguished by the name and title of the "Saline Baptist Association."

ART 2. This Association shall be composed of messengers from churches in union. Each church shall be entitled to three (3) messengers, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by their several churches before they take their seats.

ART. 3. The messengers, when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberate body, by the appointment of a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual Association, and shall continue in office until their successors are chosen.

ART. 4. The Association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which it is composed. It shall regard them as independent bodies in all matters of internal government, and shall act only as an advisory council, assuming no authority, except what is expressly delegated to it by the churches, or evidently implied by the very nature of the compact. It nevertheless claims authority over its members—the messengers from the churches—and in propriety must have power to withdraw from and disown all churches which depart from the principles of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice. It should therefore regard all churches united under this constitution with a vigilant eye for good. Its principle business shall be to promote the declarative glory of God by extending the kingdom of grace on earth, through the medium of preaching the gospel, and the means in accordance with the gospel, and to cultivate union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ, especially with those united in this constitution.

ART. 5. Newly constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this union, on their sending three messengers to the annual meeting of this Association, with a petition for admission, and by their messengers agreeing to the abstract of principles herewith published.

ART. 6. The churches in this union shall transmit to every annual session of the Association, a written communication, specifying the names of their messengers, their number in fellowship, number baptized, received by letters, dismissed, excommunicated, restored or deceased, since the last session, and all other information which the churches may deem important, which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

ART. 7. This Association may have a fund supplied by the voluntary contribution of the churches; and all the money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over through the Committee on Finance to the Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold his office during the pleasure of the Association. He shall retain and manage the funds agreeably to the order of the Association and shall present annually, for insertion in the Minutes, a clear and sufficient statement of all the receipts and expenditures.

ART. 8. This association shall furnish the churches with the Minutes of every session.

ART. 9. This Association shall take cognizance of no query sent up from the churches, unless they have endeavored to solve the same, and have failed; nor of any difficulty between churches, unless they have pursued the directions in the 18th chapter of Matthew, and have not been able to settle them. Then the Association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at its discretion.

ART. 10. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of this Association to keep a regular file of the printed minutes of every session of this body, and to deliver over the same to his successor in office.

ART. 11. This constitution may be altered or amended at regular meetings of the Association by the concurring voice of two-thirds of the members then present; provided, such alteration or amendment be approved of by the churches comprising this Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost

ART. 2. We believe that the Scriptures, comprising the Old and New Testaments, are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

ART 3 We believe in the doctrine of election as founded in the fore-knowledge of God, through sanctification of the spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ

ART. 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin by the fall of Adam.

ART. 5. We believe in man's incapacity, by his own free will and ability, to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.

ART. 6. We believe that sinners are justified, in the sight of God, by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.

ART. 7 We believe that saints shall be preserved in grace, and never fall finally away.

ART. 8. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of baptism, and that immersion is the apostolic mode.

ART 9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and in the general judgment; and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

ART. 10 We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances

of the Gospel but one who is regularly baptized, called, and comes under the imposition of the hands of a presbytery.

ART. 11. We believe that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's table.

ART. 12. We believe that the Lord's day should be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. A moderator and clerk shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.
3. The moderator shall be considered a judge of order, and shall have a right to call to order at any time.
4. A member not satisfied with his decision may appeal to the association on the same day, but at no other time.
5. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise on his feet and obtaining permission, proceed.
6. The moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person, or otherwise.
7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject or uses words of personal reflection. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of this association, unless withdrawn by him that made it.
8. Every case taken up by the association shall be decided, or withdrawn before another be offered.
9. When a question is taken up, after allowing time for debate, the moderator shall take the voice of the association on the subject, and the members on the affirmative of the question, shall signify the same by raising from their seats and those in the negative shall retain theirs.
10. The moderator shall pronounce the decision before the standers resume their seats.
11. Any member wishing to retire, shall obtain permission from the moderator.
12. No member shall speak more than twice on the same proposition without permission of the association, nor more than once till every member wishing to speak shall have done so, nor shall any proposition be made to close the subject till the debates have been carried through.
13. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used in the association by members in their address to one another.
14. No member shall be tolerated in any practice which tends to interrupt public speaking.
15. The names of members shall be called as often as the association may direct.
16. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoint another to his seat during the time; but shall not vote on any question unless the association be equally divided.
17. Any member violating the rules may be reproved by the moderator at discretion, but only on the day the breach shall be made.

CHURCHES.	INCREASE					DECREASE				Present Membership	Sunday of Meeting	PAID TO MISSIONS				OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS				
	By Baptisms	By Letter	By Statement	By Restoration	Total Increase	By Letter	By Expulsion	By Death	Total Decrease			Association	State	Home	Foreign	For Minutes	Ministerial Aid	Orphans Home	Sunday School	Work
Antioch	2				2					39	Second									
Bellview	23	4			27	5			5	62									\$ 2 50	
Bethlehem	5	19	1		24					25	Every		\$ 6 10							
Big Creek		2			2	10	3	2	15	130		\$ 2 50								
Bismark					16					16									50	
Bluff Springs	5	4		2	11	1			1	32		\$ 1 50	\$ 1 40						75	
Brush Creek					2					58				3 10					1 25	
Caney	7	7			14	1	1	1	3	53						1 00			1 05	
Cedar Grove	1	1	1	1	3					22									70	
Central Park	8	17		2	27	8	2		10	67			4 00	4 00					1 00	
Corinth	6	4			10	4	1	1	6	43		6 50			3 50				1 00	
Cooper's Creek	1	1			2				1	15									50	
Deroche	19	2	1		22	1	2	1	4	165	Fourth								1 50	
Evening Shade	7	2			10	1			1	42	Fourth		1 00		1 00				85	
Fair Play	17	5	1	3	26	3	2	1	6	163	Third	5 00	1 50		3 50			1 00	2 00	
Franceway					2				2	85									6 20	
Friendship	4	4			8				7	68			2 50	2 50		2 50			1 50	
Gravid Hill	1	1			2		3		3	36									2 50	
Hot Springs, First Church	27	29			56	31	1	1	33	271	Every		225 00	100 00	200 00	2 50	50 00	50 00	1 00	
Hot Springs, Second Church	7	7			14	1	1	1	3	66	Every	15 00							2 50	
Hickory Grove	6	7			13	1			1	66	Second								1 00	
Kentucky	3			1	4		6		6	56									70	
Little Rock, First Church	20	64			84		3		3	39	Every	25 00	120 62	229 09	256 84				1 50	
Lonsdale	1	1			2				3	39	Every				32 50	1 00	15 00		6 50	
Lono	1	1			2				3	57									5 60	
Magnet Cove	2	4		1	7	3	3	1	7	97	Second		7 76						2 00	
Malvern	11	7			18	12	3	1	16	275	Every		32 50	10 00	22 50	3 55	20 60		24 00	
Midway	10	7			17					39									75	
Mount Harmony		6			6	2	3		5	20	Second								50	
Nebo	2	2			4		3	1	4	18									50	
New Hope No. 1	3	3		2	5	2	2	1	3	45	Second								50	
North Fork	1	2			3	2			2	65									1 00	
Oak Grove	5	1			6	1	1	1	3	51									50	
Ouachita	1	2			3	5	3	1	9	70			8 66						1 50	
Pleasant Grove				1	1				4	43									1 00	
Pleasant Hill	4	1		1	5	7	2	2	11	72									1 50	
Pleasant Valley		3			3				1	11		1 00							75	
Reyburn Creek	12	8		1	21			1	2	52		1 00							1 00	
Salem									2	25	First								75	
Saline									2	26		1 00							1 00	
Shady Grove	1		1		2	6	3		9	48	Third	1 40							1 00	
Smith Creek	3				3				3	32									90	
Sulphur Springs	8	4		1	13	3	3	1	7	72		5 00							1 00	
Taylor's Chapel	32	3			35	3	3	1	7	119			7 47						2 00	
Ten Mile	1			1	2	9	3	1	13	87	Second	2 50	50		2 00				1 35	
Unity	18	4		1	23	4	1	2	7	70					25				65	
Union	4			1	5					68									1 00	
Valley	4	2		1	7				1	33		1 00							80	
Whittington						4	3	1	8	61										75
Totals	271	238	5	22	536	150	66	26	242	3707		\$68 90	\$416 01	\$346 99	\$537 29	\$53 80	\$89 10	\$110 20	\$112 22	

TABLE OF STATISTICS

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERIN- TENDENTS.	SEC- RETARIES.	POST- OFFICES.	KIND OF LITERATURE USED	NO. OF PUPILS.
Bellview.....	John T Evans	J N Wallis	Owensville	S B C	40
Bethlehem.....			Little Rock		60
Big Creek.....	E S Warrington	W D Wheat	Ops	A B P S	75
Bluff Springs.....			Traskwood	A B P S	40
Brush Creek.....	A S Rhodes	Lular Deer	Lucian	A B P S	40
Caney.....	J W Holt	— Crumly	Deroche	A B P S	35
Cedar Grove... ..	J W Melton	S F Melton	Alum	A B P S	36
Central Park... ..	J McJunkin	Mamie Dixon	Hot Springs	S B C	70
Deroche.....	L L Neighbors		Duffie		35
Evening Shade..	W K Medlock				57
Fair Play.....	J H Floyd		Surl	A B P S	92
Friendship.....	E A Fowler	Nanie Hedge	Friendship	A B P S	50
Gravil Hill.....	R S Elliott	James Smith	Owensville	S B C	95
Hot Springs					
First Church... ..	E C Ellis	Robert Ellis	Hot Springs	S B C	125
Lono.....	C F Walters	Emily Nowlin	Lono	A B P S	50
Lonsdale.....			Lonsdale	S B C	40
Magnet Cove... ..	J D Yates	Estella Martin	Magnet	A B P S	78
Malvern.....	B F Draper	F W Stevens	Malvern	S B C	75
Midway.....	J M Caldwell	Alice Caldwell	Honey	A B P S	54
New Hope.....					27
Ouchita.....	J D Nix	T P Nix	Donaldson	A B P S	25
Reyburn Creek..	D T McDongle	Nettie Sims	Gifford	A B P S	68
Smith Creek... ..	W M Cain	A C Huchingson	Owensville	S B C	38
Sulphur Springs	J H Futrell	E Reeves	Price	A B P S	20
Taylor's Chapel	Peter Stanley		Malvern		30
Unity.....	R McDaniel	W C Carlisle	Brazils	A B P S	100
Union.....	L Campbell	I T Barnon	Bland	A B P S	53
Whittington....	W Moore	N Burgess	Whittington	Bible	
Total.....					1508