

MINUTES

OF THE

Mt. Vernon Baptist Association.

DEWITT, ARKANSAS COUNTY, ARK.,
September 29th, 1870, 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Mt. Vernon Baptist Association met this day, with the DeWitt Church according to its adjournment.

In the absence of Eld. W. D. Mayfield, who was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder W. H. Robert having been appointed Alternate, occupied the pulpit, and preached from "Lamentations," 2d chapter, 15th verse, "Is this the city that men call the perfection of beauty. The joy of the whole earth." After which an intermission of an hour and a half was announced.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The delegates to compose the Association assembled for business; the foreman, moderator and clerk in their seats. Prayer by Brother Anderson. The letters from the churches, which are constituent members of this body, were called for and read, and names of Delegates enrolled to-wit:

Bethel Church—Letter.

Helena Church—T. M. Oldham.

Hopewell Church—Elder W. M. Anderson.

Clarendon Church—J. L. Chaney.

Mt. Gilliard Church—J. W. Graham.

Trenton Church—Elder W. H. Robert, C. T. Seafie and S. H. King.

Liberty Church No. 2—V. C. Golding, E. T. Mitchell.

Oak Grove Church—R. J. Bickertall, J. H. Spivey.

Salem Church—G. W. Graham, Wm. Thompson, J. F. Garrett.

Point DeLuce Church—Elders J. T. Marshall, W. P. DeBolt, W.

W. Chaney.

Order of Business.

1st. Called together by the Moderator for the purpose of hearing the Introductory Sermon.

AN INTERMISSION.

Delegates re-assemble, Moderator and Clerk at their seats.

2nd. Letters read and Delegates enrolled.

3rd. Election of officers for ensuing year.

4th. Petitionary Letters.

5th. Call for Correspondence.

6th. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.

7th. Committees Appointed—Domestic Missions.

8th. " " Education.

9th. " " Sabbath Schools.

10th. " " Temperance.

11th. " " Finance.

12th. " " Religious Exercises.

13th. " " Correspondence and Messenger.

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14th. Committees Appointed—Contributions from Church received.

15th. Committees Appointed—Determine place of next Annual Meeting.

16th. Committees Appointed—Resolutions and propositions in order.

17th. Appoint a brother to preach the Introductory.

18th. Executive Board nominated.

19th. Report of Committees.

20th. Report of Board.

21st. Printing of Minutes, and number determined.

22nd. Reading of Minutes before adjournment.

23rd. A parting address by the Moderator.

Lion Grove Church—F. M. Powell, John Walker.
 Spring Creek Church—H. P. Slaughter, G. W. Slaughter, R. H. Bailey.
 DeWitt Church—E. Ireland, Robert Scotland, J. A. Gibson.
 Big Creek Church—J. M. Buryard, H. H. Parker, I. V. Morgan.
 Rising Sun Church—J. A. Ragan, J. McAdams, L. Swartz.
 New Hope Church No. 2—J. C. Bell, D. W. White.

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers for the present year, which resulted in the choice of Brother H. P. Slaughter, Moderator; S. H. King, Clerk; T. M. Oldham, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.

On motion, the Moderator appointed a Committee on Religious Exercises, consisting of Brethren J. E. Garrett, R. J. Bickerstaff, E. T. Mitchell, A. H. Reynolds, H. Powell and A. H. McDowell.

Visiting Brethren were invited to sit with us and aid us in our deliberations, accepted by Elders A. M. Russell and J. P. Eagle.

Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow. Prayer by Bro Russell.

FRIDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Association met for business; reading 5th chapter Ephesians by Moderator; singing; prayer by Brother Garrett; Minutes read and approved. Petitionary letters received from, and the following churches received as members of this body;

Pine Fork Church—More, Monroe County, Ark.

Forrest Chapel—Forrest City, St. Francis County, Ark.

The following committees were appointed to report at this session of the body.

Committee on Temperance—Brethren Seafie, Graham, Slaughter.

Committee on Sunday Schools—Brethren Oldham, Garrett, Gibson.

Finance Committee—Brethren Spivey, Lewis, Thompson.

Brother Robert introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That a committee be appointed on the history of the Association, which shall prepare an abstract of the letters to be published in our Minutes.

Resolution adopted, and Brethren Robert, Marshall, W. W. Cliney, S. H. King, appointed a committee.

Committee on Education reported: After remarks by Brethren Robert, Slaughter, Garrett and DeBolt, report received and adopted. (See Appendix A.)

Committee on Domestic Missions granted time.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

RESOLVED, That we suggest to the churches of this Association constant prayer for laborers in the vineyard of the Lord.

Adjourned for preaching by Brother Marshall, who preached from 2d Thess., 3d chapter, 4th and 5th verses.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Delegates assembled for business. Prayer by Brother Chaney. Resolution on the subject of praying for laborers, taken up, and after much animated discussion by Brethren Robert, Slaughter, Seafe, Chaney, Marshall, Russell, DeBolt, Reynolds and Gibson, was adopted. Brother Graham granted leave of absence.

Letter received from New Hope, No. 2, asking the ministers to ordain as Deacons Brethren Bell and White, as they could not get a Presbytery at their church.

Also the Liberty Church No. 2, asking that Brother V. C. Golding be ordained as Deacon in that Church.

Ordination appointed to take place to night.
Committee on Sunday School reported.

After much discussion by Brethren Seafe, Robert, Gibson, Chaney, Marshall and Oldham, the Association adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow.

NIGHT—Preaching by Brother Anderson. After services, a presbytery consisting of Elders Robert, Russell, Marshall and Chaney, proceeded to the ordination to the office of Deacons Brethren J. C. Bell, D. W. White and V. C. Golding. Brother Chaney read the 6th chapter of Acts, and cited other passages in the Testament in proof of the Baptist authority for this office. Examination of Candidates by Brother Robert. Imposition of hands by Brethren Russell, Marshall and Robert. Prayer and address by Brother Russell.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

Delegates assembled for business. Reading 2d chapter Timothy by the Moderator. Singing. Prayer by Brother Oldham. Report on Sunday School taken up and discussed by Brethren Robert, Oldham, Seafe, Marshall and Ireland.

Report adopted. (See Appendix B.)

Committee on Temperance reported. Report received and discussed by many of the brethren, which showed a strong determination to put down this evil in our churches.

Report adopted. (See Appendix C.)

Adjourned for preaching by Brother Chaney, who preached from 1st Thess., 2d chapter, 11th and 12th verses.

SATURDAY 2 O'CLOCK.

Delegates assembled for business. Prayer by Brother Marshall. Moved and carried to drop the Committee on Coverture; and on colored population. Committee on Domestic Missions presented as their report, a communication from Brother W. D. Mayfield, and asks that it be published in the Minutes of this Association.

Adopted. (See Appendix D.)

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be returned to the Execu-

five Committee, for the manner in which they have discharged their duties, and that the same Committee be continued for the next year.
Executive Committee—H. P. Slaughter, S. H. King, W. D. M. Field, T. M. Jacks, J. Q. Taylor.

Moved and carried to appoint one from each Church to communicate with the Executive Committee.

Rising Sun—Thos. McAdams.	New Hope—C. W. Hickey.
Big Creek—J. M. Binyard.	Spring Creek—E. L. Black.
Point DeLuce—J. T. Marshall.	Blackfoot—A. G. Jarman.
Shiloh—J. F. McLaughlin.	Linn Grove—John Walker.
Ash Grove—Richard Head.	Mt. Vernon—Jas. Thompson.
Bible Union—Peter Parker.	Liberty—A. E. Lockhart.
Pleasant Grove—Thos. Webb.	DeWitt—J. A. Gibson.
New Hope No. 2—J. C. Bell.	Liberty No. 2—E. T. Mitchell.
Helena—T. M. Gihnam.	Oak Grove—R. J. Bickerstaff.
Trenton—Dr. J. C. Robert.	Bethel—Rev. E. Holland.
Philadelphia—Jas. Terntin.	Mt. Giffard—Thos. Mathes.
Hopewell—George Blassit.	Forest City—R. P. Devant.
Forest Chapel—P. Duna.	Pine Fork—W. T. Breeding.

Brother Mitchell suggested that an effort be made now, to see what could be raised for Missions the next year. The following sums were pledged to be sent up to to the next meeting of the Association if not paid before:

E. T. Mitchell.....	\$10	Rising Sun Church.....	\$10
J. A. Gibson.....	20	Big Creek Church.....	10
V. C. Golding.....	5	New Hope No. 2 Church.....	15
W. H. Halliburton.....	20	Point DeLuce Church.....	15
A. H. Renolds.....	20	Helena Church.....	15
Spring Creek Church.....	20	Oak Grove Church.....	10
Blackfoot Church.....	10	Trenton.....	30
Salem Church.....	15	Hopewell.....	5
Churendon.....	10	Pine Fork Church.....	20

By Brother Oldham,

RESOLVED, That a Society be organized at this Association upon a basis of \$5 for membership, funds to be applied to the education of young ministers.

Society formed.

The Clerk was ordered to have 500 copies of the minutes printed and call on Treasurer for funds to pay for the same. Clerk granted \$10 for service. Determined next place of meeting to be at Trenton, twenty miles west of Helena. Eld J. T. Marshall appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Eld W. W. Chaney, Alternate.

By Brother Chaney,

RESOLVED, That this Association tender their heartfelt thanks to the DeWitt Church, and community generally, for the kind and hospitable manner, in which they have welcomed and entertained us, and that we pray that they may have a fruitful refreshing and be filled with the peace of God.

Adopted.

Committees appointed to report next meeting.

Committee on Education—Brothers Robert, Mayfield, Oldham.

Committee on Sunday Schools—Brothers Chaney, Gibson, De-

olt.
Committee on Temperance—Brothers Murphy, Seife, Marshall.

By Brother Oldham,

RESOLVED, That we feel grateful to God for His great mercy in preserving the lives of all the ministers in our bounds, and raising up young ones in our midst.

Adopted.

The following Ministerial Education Board was appointed: Elders

H. Robert, J. W. Seife, W. J. Seife, J. F. Garret.

Elders E. Holland, H. P. Slaughter, S. A. King, Board located at Yanton.

By Brother Mitchell,

RESOLVED, That we request all churches not represented at this session to raise funds, and report to the Executive Board.

Adopted.

Moved and adopted to send Delegates to the Arkansas State Convention, and the following brethren appointed: Elders J. F. Marshall, T. Seife, W. P. DeBolt, W. W. Chaney, J. K. Murphy, B. F. Thomas, W. D. Mayfield.

By Brother Robert,

RESOLVED, That the time of meeting of this body be changed from Sunday to Saturday before the first Sunday in October of each year.

Received for consideration at the next meeting.

Finance Committee made the following report:

Received for printing minutes \$32.50; for missions \$15.50; for Ministerial Education \$18. Total \$66.

The Point DeLace Church having requested the ministers of the Association to ordain to the ministry Brother W. P. DeBolt. The Association adjourned until after the ordination to-night.

AT NIGHT.

After preaching by Brother C. T. Seife, the presbytery proceeded to the ordination of Brother W. P. DeBolt.

Examination of candidate by Elder Robert.

Imposition of hands by the Presbytery, and prayer by Brother Marshall.

Presentation of Bible and charge by Brother Chaney.

Prayer by Brother Robert.

The Association was then called to order.

By Brother Gibson,

RESOLVED, That the Association tender its thanks to the Modera-

tor and Clerk for the able manner in which they have discharged the duties devolving upon them as such officers.

Adopted.

After the parting address by the Moderator, the farewell hymn was sung amid tears of brotherly love.

Adjourned to meet on Thursday before the first Sabbath in October, 1871, with the Church at Trenton, Phillips county.

H. P. SLAUGHTER, Moderator,

Sylarville, Monroe county.

S. H. KING, Clerk, Trenton, Ark

APPENDIX.

[A]

Report on Education.

Your Committee on Education propose for your adoption the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, That while the subject of education is receiving such attention from all sources, it becomes us as a denomination to look well to the moral and religious principles, which are being inculcated in the minds of our children.

RESOLVED, That an educated community will demand an educated ministry, and hence that it is the duty of churches to hunt out and encourage the talent of our young men, and to secure their improvement in all ways to the best possible education.

RESOLVED, That this Association appoint a standing committee on ministerial education, to be located at Trenton, whose duty it shall be to aid in the accomplishment of this object.

RESOLVED, That it shall be the duty of said committee to correspond with any and all bodies in this State and elsewhere, who may be willing and able to aid us in the prosecution of this work, and from time to time to report to this body, what it may have done.

W. H. ROBERT, Chairman.

[B]

Report on Sunday School.

Your Committee on Sunday School would respectfully report, that there is not that degree of interest among churches, and especially those of the country, as the subject demands, for we believe that the Sunday School is, or should be, the nursery of the church, where the plastic minds of the young should be taught to fear and love God, and reverence the Sabbath as a day of religious instruction and worship. And we further believe that not only the young but all ages, even the gray and infirm, may profitably spend a portion of every Sabbath in reading God's word, and religious conversation in the capacity of Sabbath Schools; therefore,

RESOLVED, That we believe it to be the duty of every church to organize and keep constantly in operation a Sunday School in which the pure doctrines of the Bible are taught in simplicity, and that we condemn all Union books as highly deleterious to sound Bible doctrine.

RESOLVED, That we commend no literature for children or other persons, whether it be books, papers or periodicals, that does not teach all of God's word, as revealed in the Scripture.

RESOLVED, That we earnestly recommend "Kind Words" as a paper worthy the patronage of every Sunday School.

T. M. OLDIAM, Chairman.

Report on Temperance.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report as follows: That they believe the use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage is an increasing evil in the country. That in many instances it has entered the churches and brought reproach upon the cause of Christ. That we fear the churches regard with too much leniency this growing evil, and we therefore recommend that the strictest discipline be maintained by the churches in putting down an evil so demoralizing in its nature.

C. T. SCATFE, Chairman.

Report on Domestic Missions.

I shall not be able to give a detailed report of the work done through our Board. I will say, however, that three missionaries have been under appointment, one a part of the time, and two nearly the time since your last meeting. Brother Chambers labored with great result in the region of country between the St. Francis and Mississippi rivers. He preached and established a great deal, and set in motion such influences as will secure a house of worship in this destitute region.

Brother J. G. A. Davis, another appointee of the Board, labored last fall and winter along the river, below Helena. This region is densely populated and very wealthy, has never had any preaching churches. We have reason to believe that Brother Davis' work is greatly blessed in a destitute section. This spring and summer Brother Davis has labored in the region west of Helena, with even greater success, preaching to destitute churches and to neighborhoods gathering, as providence permitted. Brother Davis will likely be with you and can give you a more detailed report of his labors.

Brother Howard was also appointed by your Board to labor in the bounds of the Association. He has selected his own field, and we have evidence of the fact that he has done much good. The church at Charendon, now thoroughly organized and at work, is a monument of his labor. The same may be said of other less important points.

The plan pursued by the Board is this: We appoint brethren missionaries with the understanding that they collect their own salaries. The Board places itself under no monetary responsibility to them, and only limits them in the amount they appropriate for themselves.

There is much to do. Your Board is of opinion that, in the way above indicated, much good may be done. And with the facts before you, we leave the question of the continuation of the Board to its whole destiny and work, in your hands, and at your disposition.

W. D. MAYFIELD, Sec'y of Board.

List of Ministers in Mt. Vernon Association.

	Post Office.	Post Office.
W D Mayfield.....	Helena E Holland.....	Trenton
J K Murphy.....	Helena W H Robert.....	Trenton
J G A Davis.....	Trenton C T Seafie.....	Trenton
J M Cox.....	Des Arc B F Thomas.....	Madison
W M Roper.....	Clarendon W M Anderson.....	Marianna
J T Marshall.....	DeWitt W W Chaney.....	DeWitt
W P DeBolt.....	DeWitt J M Prvincey.....	Clarendon

Note to the Churches of the Association.

At your first meeting after receiving these minutes, we beg especially, **FIRST**, That you will pray to the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into his vineyard;

SECOND—That you encourage all gifts of the **YOUNG MEN**, and urge upon them their duty as to the spread of the Gospel.

THIRD—That you communicate with the undersigned as to the condition of any who may desire the means of education preparatory to this work.

W. H. ROBERT, Trenton, Ark.,
 Char'm Min. Ed. Board Mt. Vernon Association

HISTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The Mt. Vernon Baptist Association was organized at Mt. Vernon Church, St. Francis county, September 3, 1853, by the representatives of six churches: Mt. Vernon, New Hope, Helena, Ash Grove, Hill Union and Liberty. Six ordained ministers. Total membership, 16. Elder M. W. Izzard, Moderator, Elder T. S. N. King, Clerk.

1854. The first annual session was held with New Hope Church and to the six churches four more were added: Sterling, Salem, Hickory Ridge and Oak Grove. Baptized 117. Total 353. Six ordained ministers.

1855. Second annual meeting was held with the Ash Grove Church. Three churches joined: Liberty, in Monroe, Harmony and Ruhama. Baptized 69. Total 419.

1856. Third annual meeting was at New Hope Church. Two churches represented. Baptized 62. Total reported 515.

1857. Fourth annual meeting was held with Harmony Church. Two churches added: Cypress Valley and Shiloh. Baptized 8. Total 544.

1858. Fifth annual meeting at Oak Grove Church, Monroe county. Nine churches represented: Clarendon and Linn Grove churches joined. Baptized 61. Total 629.

1859. Sixth annual meeting held with Liberty Church, Phillips county. Ten churches represented. Mt. Vernon had been dropped came back. Three churches added: Trenton, Blackfoot and Hopwell. Baptized 13. Total 657.

1860. Seventh annual meeting held with Trenton Church. Twenty churches represented. Big Creek, Prairie Grove and DeWitt joined. Baptized 67. Total 663.

1861. Eight annual meeting held with Mt. Vernon Church. Seventeen churches represented. Mt. Zion, of Phillips, and Mt. Moriah, of Monroe, joined. Churches now in Association 25. Nine in Phillips county, 4 in St. Francis 7 in Monroe, 3 in Arkansas, and 2 in Prairie county. Total membership 810. Fourteen ministers.

For three years war desolated our homes, disorganized our churches and rendered our associational meetings impracticable.

1865. Ninth annual meeting was held with Mt. Zion (or Spring Creek) Church. Only nine churches represented. Three joined: Big Creek, Shiloh and Manassas. Reports very meagre. Eight ordained ministers.

1866. Tenth annual meeting with New Hope Church. Two churches represented. Two churches joined, Oak Hill and Mt. Hopwell. Reports still very meagre.

1867. Eleventh annual meeting held with Shiloh Church, Monroe county. Fourteen churches represented. Three churches joined: Union Sun, Point DeLuce and Shady Grove. Ten churches ordered dropped not having been represented for three years.

1898. Twelfth annual meeting held with Mt. Vernon Church, 17 churches represented. Baptism reported 84. Total members 3404.

1899. Thirteenth annual meeting held with Rising Sun Church. Nineteen churches represented. Pleasant Grove and Mt. Calvary churches joined. Baptized 64. Total 807. Fourteen churches not reported 24. Grand total 841.

1890. Fourteenth annual meeting held with DeWitt Church, Arkansas county. Seventeen churches represented. Two churches joined Forrest Chapel and Pine Park. Baptized 110. Total 953.

CHURCHES IN MT. VERNON ASSOCIATION.

1. Mt. Vernon Church, in St. Francis county, has been divided into two parts. First, Forrest City at Forrest City, on the Memphis and Little Rock Railroad, has recently erected a meeting house. No representation in this body as yet. From private sources we learn that this church is small.

Second—Forrest Chapel is situated five miles from Forrest City; organized in 1869; neat house of worship; W. H. Barksdale, Pastor; monthly preaching; pays its Pastor \$300; P. Dunn, Clerk; membership 44.

2. Helena first Baptist Church, organized in 1851; owns a house of worship worth \$3000 or \$4000 and a musical instrument; has spent \$200 in repairing the house, about \$200 for Sabbath School; has a large and interesting school of one hundred members; promises to pay its Pastor \$1000; membership 60; has weekly prayer meetings; W. D. Mayfield, pastor; T. M. Oldham, clerk.

3. Liberty Church, Phillips county, organized in 1848, now worships at Marianna in a school house. They had a very interesting meeting in the summer, conducted by Elder J. K. Murphy and others, resulting in the baptism of ten into its membership, and the reception of six by letter. They hope to build soon. Not represented this year.

4. New Hope Church, Phillips county, organized in 1848, twelve miles northwest of Helena, has services twice a month; owns a large house of worship; has a good Sunday School; pays its pastor \$500. Not represented this year. J. K. Murphy, pastor, C. W. Hickey, clerk.

5. Ash Grove Church, organized in 1853, on Bayou DeView, St. Francis county, sixty miles northwest of Helena, and twenty-five miles southeast of Augusta; is in a good neighborhood. Not represented since 1868. Total then 45. J. M. Cox, pastor, Cotton Plant Post-office.

6. Bible Union Church, organized in 1853, is nine miles northwest of Mt. Vernon. Not represented this year. Last report of membership 38. B. F. Thomas, pastor.

7. Salem, on Coffee Creek, seven miles west of Trenton, deplors much the disgrace brought upon the cause by the unchristian conduct of their late pastor, James Wyatt. Have had but little preaching

during the year, but have kept up a Sunday School and two weekly prayer meetings; asks the Association to pray to God to RAISE UP MINISTERS IN OUR MIDST. Rejoices in a glorious revival meeting of ten days under the ministry of the pastor at Trenton, and Brothers C. T. Seafie, L. J. Wilks and W. H. Robert, Jr., were recently licensed by the Trenton Church. Sixteen additions to the church, 11 by experience and baptism, and 5 by letter. In worshipping they use a school house. Expect to build soon. C. T. Seafie, pastor, J. F. Garrett, clerk.

8. Sterling Church organized in 1854, at mouth of St. Francis river; last report to this body in 1866. Total 17. It is now Phillips Bayou Church; Ogenchain, pastor.

9. Hickory Ridge, improperly called, it should be Bethel Church.

10. Oak Grove, organized in 1854, thirty miles northwest of Helena, on Spring Creek road; has a meeting house; contributed during the year \$100, and \$350 on the house. Good Sunday School of 28 scholars. E. Holland, pastor; H. McCray, clerk.

11. Liberty, Monroe county, organized in 1853; southwest corner of Monroe county, ten miles west of Aberdeen; monthly preaching; reports a revival during the year; pays pastor \$150. Baptized 7. Total 38. E. B. Dover, pastor; V. C. Golding, clerk.

12. Harmony Church, organized in 1855; can't be found since the war.

13. Ruhama, organized in 1855, southwest of Aberdeen twenty miles; not reported since the war; members have joined New Hope No. 2 and Rising Sun.

14. Shiloh Church, Prairie county, organized 1856, not represented this year; in 1869. Total 52. W. M. Roper, pastor.

15. Cypress Valley, organized in 1857; no report since the war. DISOLVED.

16. Clarendon, (or Shady Grove), organized in 1858, has recently been much blessed with a meeting, and the ordination of a pastor; no house of worship; weekly prayer meetings. Pastor's salary \$100. S. M. Province, pastor; J. L. Chaney, clerk.

17. Linn Grove, organized in 1858, on Clarendon road, thirty miles west of Helena, twenty from Clarendon; Union Sunday School worships in school house. Pays pastor \$50. E. Holland, pastor; J. Walker, clerk.

18. Trenton Church, at Trenton, twenty miles west of Helena, thirty-two miles east of Clarendon, organized in 1859; worships in the school room of Trenton Baptist High School, which is held by Trustees appointed by the Church; keeps up two weekly prayer meetings, and the monthly concert of prayer; circulates twenty-five copies each of the "Home and Foreign Journal," "Kind Words" and "Young Reaper," and ten copies of the "Baptist Teacher." Has been blessed with a glorious revival, twenty-five additions, twenty-two by baptism and three by letter; has paid on debt for house \$300; for Sunday Schools \$150; for Foreign Missions \$27; for Domestic Missions \$7.50; has raised for pastor, in connection with the school, \$1200. Has licensed three young brethren to preach, Brother Seafie, who preaches at Salem Church, and Brothers L. J. Wilks and W. H. Robert, Jr., who are pursuing their studies at Wm. Jewell College, Liberty, Mo. Membership 60. W. H. Robert, pastor; C. T. Seafie, clerk.

19. Blackfoot, organized in 1859. No report since the war. Monthly preaching by J. K. Murphy; no house of worship; church small.

20. Hopewell Church, organized in 1859, nine miles west of Ma-

- anna; weekly prayer meeting; good meeting house. Baptized 6. Total 22. W. M. Anderson, pastor; salary \$30.
21. Big Creek, Arkansas county, organized in 1854, seven miles west of St. Charles, on Big Creek, has a good house of worship; contributes to pastor \$100. Baptized 12. Total 77. J. T. Marshall, pastor. R. H. Parker, clerk.
22. Prairie Grove; last report 1860. It had then only nine members. Can't be found now.
23. DeWitt Church, organized in 1859, has erected during the year a very neat and comfortable house of worship, at the cost of \$3000, at the county-site of Arkansas county, with a membership of active and intelligent brethren. It is bound to exercise a good influence in that portion of the Association. Membership 53. J. T. Marshall, pastor; J. F. Lyman, clerk.
24. Mt. Zion, or Spring Creek Church, Phillips county, organized in 1861, twenty-five miles northwest of Helena; no meeting house; worships in a large school house; has monthly preaching; Sunday School of thirty-five members; pays pastor \$300; sent to Association for ministerial education \$10; had a pleasant revival meeting in the summer. Total membership 38. J. K. Murphy, pastor, E. L. Black, clerk.
25. Mt. Moriah, of Phillips county, organized in 1861, has not been organized since the war.
26. Bear Creek, received in 1865, but has not been represented since.
27. Shiloh, Monroe county, organized in 1866, on Cypress Ridge, twenty-six miles northwest of Trenton, seven miles south of Brinkly, on the Memphis and Little Rock Railroad; in a good neighborhood; owns a comfortable meeting-house; Sunday School twenty scholars; established through the instrumentality of Brother Barry; no pastor; supplied by J. G. A. Davis.
28. Manassas dropped in 1867.
29. Oak Hill dropped in 1867.
30. Mt. Hopewell never has been represented.
31. Rising Sun, Arkansas county, seven miles east of Crockett's Bluff on White river; organized in 1866; built a house of worship in 1869. Total 38. J. T. Marshall, pastor.
32. Point Delace, nine miles south of DeWitt; no house of worship; organized 1863; contains in membership three ministers; ordained W. W. Chaney as pastor during the year; pays pastor \$100. Total membership 14. W. P. DeBolt, clerk.
33. Pleasant Grove, organized 1869; near Cotton Plant; not represented this year. Total 43. J. M. Cox, pastor.
34. Mt. Gilliard, organized in 1869, on Pine Ridge, fifteen miles east of Clarendon; very small; preaching by J. G. A. Davis. Total 10.
35. New Hope No. 2, Arkansas county, twelve miles west of DeWitt, have a meeting house; have prayer meeting and Sunday School of 44; organized in 1868; pays pastor \$50. Asks that the brethren ordain two Deacons, as they cannot form a Presbytery at the church—J. C. Bell and D. W. White. Ten Baptisms. Total 33. J. T. Marshall, pastor; D. W. White, clerk.
36. Bethel was organized in 1854, is twenty-four miles west of Helena. Total membership 11. E. Holland, pastor.
37. Pine Fork, organized in 1869. Preaching by E. Holland.
- The committee appointed to prepare a history of the Association and its churches, would respectfully present the above. We gather

the Associational history from a file of its minutes. Of the churches we would like to know more; subsequent reports may supply omission. Our territory, covering an area of one hundred miles in length and seventy in breadth, and subject to so many inconveniences to those who traverse it, causes some churches always to fail in representation. We urge every church to try and represent itself at our next session. AND ATTEMPTING GREAT THINGS FOR GOD, and EXPECTING GREAT THINGS FROM GOD. We shall see our portion of Zion "blossom as the rose."

W. H. ROBERT.

J. T. MARSHALL.

W. W. CHANEY.

S. H. KING.

Churches.	Delegates.	Post Office.	Pastors.	applied by letter...	received by letter...	returned by letter...	included by letter...	not included by letter...	not in Fellowship.	Additional Fund....	Association Fund....	Exp of Meeting.....	
Rising Sun....	J. A. Ragan, J. McAdams, L. Swartz.....	Crockett's Bluff.	J T Marshall...	9	3	...	5	2	2	38	\$ 3 00	1	
DeWitt	E. Ireland, R. Scandland, L. A. Gibson....	DeWitt.....	J T Marshall...	3	1	...	...	2	2	53	3 00	4	
Big Creek.....	J. M. W. Morgan, R. H. Parker.....	St. Charles..	J T Marshall...	13	8	...	2	3	3	77	5 00	3	
New Hope No.2	J. C Bell, D W White.....	DeWitt.....	J T Marshall...	10	1	...	...	...	...	33	3 00	2	
Point DeLuce..	J T Marshall, W P DeBolt, W W Chaney...	De Witt.....	W W Chaney..	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	3 50	3	
Liberty No 2 ..	E T Mitchell, V C Golding.....	Aberdeen.....	E B Dover	7	1	...	2	2	...	38	4 50	2	
New Hope.....	Not represented	Helena.....	J K Murphy...	...	...	...	...	...	...	70	...	2	
Helena	T M Oldham.....	Helena.....	W D Mayfield..	...	...	...	28	1	...	60	6 50	...	
Spring Creek...	H P Slaughter, G W Slaughter, R B Bailey.	Sylarsville..	J K Murphy...	3	4	...	3	2	...	41	10 00	5 00	3
Oak Grove.....	R J Bickerstaff, J H Spivey.....	Moro.....	E Holland.....	8	4	...	3	...	...	37	8 00	3 00	...
Blackfoot.....	Not represented	Helena.....	J K Murphy...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	1
Trenton	W H Robert, C T Seafie, S H King.....	Trenton	W H Robert....	22	3	...	...	3	...	60	7 50	4 60	...
Salem	J F Garieth, J W Graham, W Thompson....	Trenton	C T Seafie....	9	3	1	3	1	...	43	5 00	3 50	3
Shiloh.....	Not represented	Clarendon .....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	52	...	...	...
Bethel.....	By letter	Trenton	E Holland.	1	3	...	1	...	...	11	2 00	4	...
Linn Grove....	F M Powell, J M Walker.	Duncan Prairie..	E Holland.....	2	7	...	4	1	...	33	2 00	...	...
Philadelphia...	Not represented	Clarendon .....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	...	...	...
Ash Grove.....	Not represented	Cotton Plant .....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	45	...	...	...
Pine Fork.....	W T Breeding, Wm Scott.....	Moro.....	Roper, Holland	12	13	...	...	1	...	27	3 00	...	...
ML Gilliard....	G W Graham.....	Clarendon .....	.....	...	...	...	1	...	...	10	3 00	...	...
Forrest Chapel	W T Lewis.....	Forrest City.....	W H Barksdale	...	...	...	...	...	...	44	3 00	2 50	4
Hopewell	W M Anderson.....	Marianna	W M Anderson	6	3	1	...	...	...	20	3 00	...	...
Bible Union...	Not represented	Madison.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	...	...	...
Liberty.....	Not represented	Marianna.....	.....	10	6	...	...	...	...	42	...	...	...
Pleasant Grove	Not represented	Cotton Plant.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	43	...	...	...
Clarendon.....	J L Chalmers.....	Clarendon.....	S M Province..	...	14	...	...	...	...	19	3 00	4	...
.....	.....	.....	.....	110	79	5	24	35	13	\$953	\$43 50	\$62 50	...
.....	.....	.....	Total.....	110	79	5	24	35	13	\$953	\$43 50	\$62 50	...