

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Thirty-Third : Annual : Session

—OF THE—

MT. VERNON

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

—HELD WITH—

FORREST CITY CHURCH,

ST. FRANCIS COUNTY, ARK.,

OCTOBER 18th, 19th and 20th, 1889.

OFFICERS:

S. H. KING, MODERATOR.

W. H. PASLAY, TREASURER.

L. K. OBENCHAIN, CLERK.

Next Session to be Held with the Good Hope Baptist Church
Woodruff County, Arkansas, commencing Friday, before
the Third Sunday in October, 1890.

1890:

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Forrest City, Ark.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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

AN INTERMISSION.

Messengers reassemble. Moderator and Clerks in their seats.

2. Letters read and Messengers enrolled.
3. Election of officers for ensuing year.
4. Petitionary letters.
5. Call for correspondence.
6. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.
7. Committees appointed: —Missions—Associational, State, Home,
and Foreign.
Publications.
Education.
Sabbath Schools.
Nominations.
Temperance.
Finance.
Religious Exercises.
Correspondence and Messengers of sister Associations.
8. Contributions from Churches received.
9. Resolutions and propositions in order.
10. Report of committees.
11. Report of Board.
12. Printing Minutes—number determined.
13. Reading Minutes before adjournment.
14. A parting address by the Moderator.
15. Publications.
16. Obituaries
17. Queries.
18. Ministerial Support.

PROCEEDINGS.

Pursuant to adjournment the Mt. Vernon Baptist Association met with the Forrest City Baptist Church, St. Francis county, Ark., Oct. 18, 1889, at 10 o'clock a.m.

The former Moderator being absent, the Association was called to order by the Clerk, after singing.

Eld. J. L. Wilson, the appointee to preach the introductory sermon, being absent on account of sickness in family, the sermon was preached by alternate W. H. Paslay, from Psalms, Chapter 33 and Verse 11.

After an intermission of 10 minutes, the Association assembled for business. Bro. R. G. Hewlett, former Moderator, in the chair.

Bros. J. D. Barnett and A. Flora were appointed to read the letters from the Churches, and Messengers' names were enrolled as follows:

Prairie Grove—V. R. Nuffer.

Philadelphia—C. S. Turentine, T. J. Turentine.

Bible Union—S. C. Jordan.

Center Grove—R. A. Roane, W. J. Adams.

Colt Station—R. G. Hewlett, J. A. Thornton, A. W. Holloway.

Caldwell—N. H. White, C. D. Sherman.

Haynes—T. J. Friar, J. W. Rogers, L. K. Obenchain.

Rehoboth—C. L. Langston, A. M. Hopkins.

Level Valley—J. Walker.

Helena—W. H. Barnes.

Salem—Wm. Thompson, B. Q. Cary.

Clarendon—T. B. Porter.

Mt. Gilead—W. D. Adams.

Barton—Represented by letter.

Marvell—S. H. King.

Lone Chapel—R. W. O'Neal.

Pine Fork—M. K. McKarty, Wm. Scott.

Brinkley—A. Flora.

Hebron—S. D. Johns.

Mary Hill—N. L. Wilson, W. R. Leach, R. P. Crittendon.

Marianna—W. A. Bobbit, G. W. Slaughter, J. P. Farrar.

Good Hope—L. K. Fowler, J. W. Alfred, L. B. Winfree.

Ash Grove—J. A. Simpson.

Forrest City—W. H. Paslay, J. D. Barnett, G. W. Cook.

Poplar Grove—J. B. Hodges, J. M. Massey, O. W. Lambert.

Oak Grove—F. L. Gustavus.

Forest Chapel—R. Phillips, Lee James.

New Hope—By letter.

Big Creek—C. C. Wyatt.

On motion proceeded to the election of officers, whereupon S. H. King was chosen Moderator; L. K. Obenchain, Clerk; and W. H. Paslay, Treasurer. On taking his seat the Moderator made some touching and appropriate remarks.

Petitionary letters were presented from Caldwell Chapel and Colt Station, which on motion were received and hand of fellowship extended to Messengers.

On motion adopted the order of business of last year for the present.

On motion Bro. S. C. Jordan was received as a Messenger from Bible Union Church.

Visiting Brethren were invited to seats.

Adjourned to meet at 2 1-2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by W. H. Barnes. The Moderator appointed the following Committees:

On Religious Exercises—W. A. Bobbitt, Wm. Thompson, S. C. Jordan, and Deacons of Forrest City Church,

Associational Missions—W. H. Pasley, J. Walker, R. M. O'Neal.

Foreign Missions—S. D. Johns, G. W. Slaughter, W. H. Barnes, chairman.

State Missions—J. D. Barnett, L. B. Porter, N. L. Wilson.

Education—R. G. Hewlett, W. K. Leach, R. Phillips.
Sabbath Schools—A. Flora, B. Q. Cary, J. A. Simpson.

Nominations—J. B. Hodges, W. K. McKarty, Wm. Scott.

Temperance—J. P. Farrar, S. C. Jordan, T. B. Foster.

Finance—Wm. Thompson, A. Flora, J. P. Farrar.

Home Missions—F. L. Gustavus, Lee James, T. J. Friar.

Obituaries—W. H. Paslay, W. Thompson, J. Williams.

Queries—R. G. Hewlett, J. W. Rogers, M. K. McKarty.

Publications—W. H. Barnes, R. G. Hewlett.

L. K. Obenchain, W. H. Paslay, R. G. Hewlett, A. Flora and W. H. Barnes, were appointed Messengers to the State Convention. W. H. Paslay, Messenger, and W. H. Barnes, Alternate, to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Committee on religious exercises reported that Eld. Minton of Jonesboro, preach to-night.

On motion the order of business was amended by adding Obituaries and Queries. On motion it was agreed to have half hour devotional exercises.

Adjourned to meet after services to-night.

NIGHT SESSION.

After preaching by Bro. Minton from Mark 1: 20, the Association convened for business. Letters were read from Philadelphia, Rehoboth and Center Grove churches. On motion E. R. Nuffer was received as a Messenger from Prairie Grove church. Committee on Religious Exercises reported that M. K. McKarty preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Committee on Temperance reported:

The Bible standard of temperance is self-government and it involves entire abstinence from all that is forbidden and a wise and moderate use of all that is allowable. Therefore,

Resolved first, That it is a sin against God and humanity to vote for the licensing of the traffic, or to vote in a way to encourage, increase and uphold the liquor traffic for purposes of drinking.

Second, That a prohibition in law and practice, with such pains and penalties as will banish the traffic from the land, is our only hope of relief from the dreadful foe, and that it is the duty of every one to labor assiduously to carry out the most stringent prohibitory measures to suppress the liquor traffic.

J. P. FARRAR,

S. C. JORDAN,

T. B. PORTER,

Committee.

After speeches by Brethrens W. H. Barnes, S. C. Jordan, L. P. Anderson and Minton, was adopted.

On motion adjourned to meet to-morrow at 8 1-2 o'clock. Prayer by R. G. Hewlett.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Song, "Nearer my God to Thee," etc. Prayer by J. B. Permenter. The Committee on Education reported as follows:

"This is an age of education. It is the watch-word

of the day and the teachings of the times are "with all thy gettings, get an education."

Education should be of the head, the heart, and the hands. The head to direct, the heart to prompt, and the hands to execute, and while too much cannot be said in favor of education, yet education, as commonly accepted, is not an unmingled good. And while it is true that knowledge is power, yet it may be, and often is, a power for evil instead of good. With the head educated and the heart not brought in subjection to the good and right, the man is a power and often a mighty power for evil. Hence the moral as well as the intellectual culture of the coming generation should be diligently looked after.

It would seem that we, this day, have all the facilities for educating our children that could be desired. Of all the educational institutions that are scattered throughout the length and breadth of our land, in the judgment of your Committee, our own State Denominational School at Arkadelphia, has claims upon us as Arkansas Baptists, superior to the claims of any other. We believe the greatest interest of the Baptists demands, that we give our influence, money and patronage to our own home school. And we submit this thought to the prayerful consideration of the members of our Association.

R. J. HEWLETT,

W. R. LEACH,

Committee.

Remarks were made by R. G. Hewlett, pending discussion. On motion it was agreed to dispense with preaching to-night and take up the subject of education after the special order of business, which was Associational Missions.

Committee on religious exercises reported:

W. H. Barnes preach at Baptist church to-morrow at 11 o'clock, and J. B. Permynter, at the Methodist

House of Worship the same hour. L. K. Obenchain to the colored people at 3 p. m.

Committee on State Missions reported :

Owing to a lack of information, our report on State Missions is necessarily brief. • Three Missionaries have been employed by the State Board, and upwards of 800 dollars have been paid them. We learn that there has not been that earnest endeavor and prosecution on the part of the State Board that would indicate everything to be in good working order. We also understand that there is no co-operation, or but little, between the State and Associational Mission boards, so that there is no credit given to associational work by the State Board.

We learn that gracious revivals have been enjoyed in different parts of our State, and scores of blood-bought souls born again. Still we sadly feel the widespread destitution, and urge the churches of Christ to greater zeal and grander efforts to send the bread of life to the perishing. We recommend a more systematic plan of raising means for the Lord's cause, so that this, as well as all other departments of Christian's work, may have its sufficient financial support to send forth more laborers into the vineyard. And we recall special attention to the best plan of giving, namely one-tenth, as the Lord prospers temporally, divided most judiciously among the various objects and as our means of helping the State work, we recommend as far as practicable the employment of Ministers within the State to do the mission work, and thus produce a beneficial reflex result temporally and spiritually.

J. D. BARNETT,

T. B. PORTER,

N. L. WILSON,

Committee.

S. H. King - Resolved. That we recommend that the State Board be composed of one representative

from each Association, and that the Board be requested to meet quarterly in different sections of the State.

In as much as Prof. Anderson is now looking toward the establishing of an institution of higher education within the boundary of this Association; therefore, be it, Resolved. That we take great pleasure in recommending him in every way qualified and worthy of the patronage of all.

Resolved. That the Messengers of this Association to the State Convention be, and are hereby instructed to support the appointment of a general financial agent for State Missions to labor within the State.

On motion the report and resolutions, after speeches by S. H. King, W. H. Paslay, W. H. Barnes, J. B. Perminter, W. A. Bobbitt, J. D. Barnett, were adopted.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported:

Your Committee on Foreign Missions would respectfully submit the following:

The history of our Foreign Mission enterprise the past few years has been without a parallel as a denomination in the marvelous advance made in all the fields. The flaming footsteps of Him in whose name we have gone forth have been everywhere seen, churches have been organized and disciples have been multiplied. The time has come when in view of the unprecedented success in our Foreign Mission work, more faith, more prayer, more money are needed. We would therefore, recommend

First—The wide dissemination of Missionary literature.

Second—More frequent Missionary sermons by the Pastors.

Third—A contribution from every church.

We would also welcome as valuable assistance in the good and great cause the work of the sisterhood

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of our churches, and would recommend the formation in every church, of Mission circles, and Mission bands among the children, until the entire brotherhood and sisterhood of our churches shall be cemented by the spirit of Him who redeemed us by his precious blood, and who laid the foundation of his Church in the Spirit of Work.

Resolved, That this Association set apart to-morrow as a day of special prayer for the success of the Foreign Mission work of the Southern Baptist Convention.

W. H. BARNES,

G. W. SLAUGHTER,

S. D. JOHNS,

Committee.

After speeches by W. H. Paslay, J. D. Barnett, R. G. Hewlett, and taking a collection of \$12.95; on motion was adopted. Took a recess of ten minutes and assembled for preaching afterward. Called to order by the Moderator. On motion adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association assembled at the call of the Moderator. Sang "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," and prayer by N. L. Wilson.

On motion Sabbath-School report was made the special order of business for Sabbath at 2 o'clock A. M.

Resolution by W. H. Barnes—Resolved, That this Association appoint a Corresponding Secretary, whose duty it shall be to ascertain what is expected of this Association for the various missionary objects including Association Missions, and that he apportion the same to the churches in the Association according to their numerical strength, so that each church may know what is expected for these various objects. Adopted.

On motion L. K. Obenchain was appointed Corresponding Secretary for Mt. Vernon Association.

Committee on nominations reported as follows:

We, your Committee, beg leave to recommend as members of the Executive Board, J. P. Farrar, Wm. Thompson, W. A. Bobbitt, R. G. Hewlett, and L. J. Wilkes. To preach the introductory sermon, L. K. Obenchain; S. D. Johns, Alternate. Place of meeting, Good Hope.

J. B. HODGES,
M. K. McKARTY,
WM. SCOTT.

Adopted.

Committee.

Committee on Obituaries reported:

Your Committee on Obituaries would respectfully submit that since our last Association we have lost no Minister or Brother occupying a prominent position in our body so far as we can learn, for which we feel devoutly thankful to our Merciful Father, and since He has spared our lives, He has a further work for us to do. Let us engage in it with thankful hearts and willing hands.

WM. THOMPSON,
W. H. PASLAY,
J. WILLIAMS.

Adopted.

Committee.

On motion W. H. Paslay was called upon to offer thanks to God for the preservation of the lives of the brotherhood.

On motion after suspension of order of business, L. K. Obenchain was released to attend burial of Mr. Gray, and A. Flora was appointed clerk pro tem. On motion took a recess of five minutes.

At 3:40 the Association assembled at the call of the Moderator. The Committee on Home Missions reported:

The Home Mission field includes the destitution in all the Southern States, together with Cuba and

the Indian Territory; and in order to occupy this field have asked the Baptists of this State to raise \$1,500, \$1,000 for Mission work, and \$500 to finish paying for the church in Cuba. We think this a just and reasonable request, and trust the amount will be raised. Our success in Cuba is unparalleled, and with our present rate of success in five years Cuba, which has so long slumbered in the fields of Catholicism, will be a Baptist Island. The work is also progressing rapidly among the red men of the forest. There the war-whoop has been changed to Hallelujahs to God. The Home Mission Board is still giving our State \$1,000 annually to aid us in our Mission field; and gratitude to them, as well as our duty to God, requires that we should respond to their call for help.

F. L. GUSTAVUS,

L. JAMES,

Committee.

After speeches by F. L. Gustavus, R. G. Hewlett, J. D. Barnett, W. H. Paslay, W. H. Barnes, and J. P. Farrar, and giving W. H. Paslay fifteen minutes after Sunday morning service to take a collection for this purpose. On motion was adopted.

The Committee on Publications reported:

We, your Committee would present the following:

Resolved, That we adopt the Arkansas Baptist as the organ of this Association and request the pastors to work in its behalf. We would also recommend for Sunday School supplies those published by our own denomination.

W. H. BARNES,

Committee.

Speeches were made by W. H. Barnes, W. A. Bobbitt, R. G. Hewlett, W. H. Paslay, J. B. Permyer and Wm. Thompson. On motion was adopted.

On motion adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock p. m.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator at 7 o'clock. Sang "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross," and prayer by R. G. Hewlett.

Committee on Associational Missions reported:

Your Committee to whom was assigned the above work would submit the following:

Believing it to be our duty to supply as far as possible the destitution within our bounds, efforts have been made in that direction for several years, and hitherto the Lord has greatly blessed our labors. In many places through the efforts of our Missionaries, churches have been established and now have the pure word of God preached unto them. But the field is only occupied in part, and this is no time to relax our efforts, but rather to thank God and take courage.

The seed sown need cultivation that we may fully reap the reward of our labors, and we urgently request the churches to make strenuous efforts to supply themselves with pastors, and thus hold the ground already captured and push our lines further into the enemy's territory. We think the plan adopted by the Association the most feasible, and urge the churches to increase their donations for this part of their work, and thus enable the Board to increase the number of Missionaries during the summer months. We gladly note that our Bro. Shields, a Baptist minister, has recently moved within our bounds and trust his labors will be greatly blessed in saving souls. Brethren, let us support the Ministers we have and pray the Lord of the harvest to send us more laborers and let us not relax our efforts until every part of our Association is blessed with a pure gospel.

W. H. PASLAY,
B. M. O'NEAL,
J. WALKER,

Committee.

Remarks were made by W. H. Paslay. Pending the discussion, on motion of L. K. Obenchain, the report of the Executive Board was called for in connection with the report on Associational Missions, which is as follows :

Your Executive Board respectfully submit the following condensed report : They employed two young Ministers, brethren Roseman and Mahan, of Tennessee, as Missionaries for two months the past summer. Their work was mostly at Colt, Caldwell, Widener, and with the following results : Number of services, 101; conversions, 30; additions, 4; Baptisms, 4; amount collected on the field, \$28.70.

On account of sickness and continued rains in some places very little could be done. We recommend a continuation of the plan pursued by the Board for the past five years, unless a better one can be suggested.

In the last five years 255 conversions have been the results of your Missionary work. But brethren, the destitution is appalling. Let us push forward in the grand work, and pray God's blessing on our efforts. The church at Caldwell was organized as a part of the results of the labors of these young Missionaries.

R. G. HEWLETT, Chair'n.

S. H. KING, Clerk.

After remarks by S. H. King and pledges for Associational Missions, as follows, on motion both reports were adopted :

Marvell,	\$26.00	Ash Grove,	\$ 5.00
Clarendon,	5.00	Center Grove,	10.00
Salem,	15.00	Good Hope,	5.00
Mt. Gilead,	5.00	Philadelphia,	5.00
Level Valley,	5.00	Marianna,	10.00
Rehoboth,	5.00	Poplar Grove,	10.00
Brinkley,	10.00	Mars Hill,	5.00
Lone Chapel,	5.00	Forest Chapel,	5.00

Colt,	\$ 5.00	V. R. Nuffer,	\$ 2.50
Caldwell,	5.00	S. C. Jordan,	2.50
Forrest City,	25.00	M. K. McKarty,	2.50
Oak Grove,	10.00	T. B. Porter,	5.00
Haynes,	5.00	W. K. Leach,	1.00
Wm. Scott,	1.00	R. M. O'Neal,	2.50
John Cole,	2.50	V. B. Izard,	2.50
Tom Taylor,	2.50	John Prewett,	2.50
Mrs. T. C. Davis,	1.00	W. H. Barnes,	5.00
" B. F. Thomas,	2.00	J. R. Brown,	5.00
R. A. Roane,	1.00	W. D. Kelley,	2.50
W. J. Adams,	1.00	J. D. Baugh,	1.00
R. P. Crittendon,	2.00	Good Hope,	5.00
W. A. Bobbitt,	2.50	J. P. Farrar,	2.50
W. D. Hargraves,	2.50.		

The hour having arrived to take up the subject of education, chairman re-read report and the discussion was resumed. Remarks were made by J. B. Perminter, W. H. Barnes, L. P. Anderson, J. D. Barnett, W. H. Paslay, and on motion was adopted.

Bro. J. B. Perminter, agent for Ouachita College, received \$56.00 in cash, and \$17.50 pledges for college. On motion adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock A. M.; and in Sunday School mass meeting to-morrow at 3 P. M.

SUNDAY MORNING, 9:30.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Committee on Sabbath Schools, being called upon, reported:

We, Committee on Sabbath Schools, respectfully submit the following: Upon investigation we find thirty-five or six churches represented at this Association and that only a small per cent. of them have an organized Sabbath School while many of the churches neglected to make a report of their schools. We regret very much the seeming negligence of so great a work by some of our churches.

We earnestly suggest that every delegate here use strenuous efforts in trying to organize a Sabbath School in their churches, and help push the good and great work up to the standard where its importance demands. We regard the Sabbath School work one of great importance the greatest ever organized by man. We recommend that Baptist literature be used exclusively in our Schools, and that Union literature be condemned by every church of this Association. We further recommend that Christians be chosen as teachers. Again, we earnestly ask that a report be made of all money expended by Church and School in their Church letters at our next Association.

AMENDMENT. The Association recommend the adoption of the "Kind Words series of publications" as the special literature of the body.

A. FLORA,

J. A. SIMPSON,

B. Q. CARY,

Committee.

On motion, after speeches by A. Flora, J. B. Permynter, R. G. Hewlett, D. W. Rockett, J. R. Brown, V. B. Izard, S. H. King, W. A. Bobbitt, M. W. Izard, was adopted.

Committee on religious exercises reported W. H. Barnes preach tonight at Methodist church, and H. W. Rockett at Baptist church 7:30.

On motion adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock p. m.

At 3 o'clock the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Song No. 206, Gospel Hymns was sung, prayer by N. L. Wilson. On motion W. K. Leach was excused from the body. On motion R. P. Crittendon was excused from further duties of this session.

The report on Sabbath Schools was read for information. On motion of W. A. Bobbitt, it was amended by recommending "Kind Words" litera-

ture to be used by the Sunday Schools of this Association.

Speeches were made by N. L. Wilson, R. G. Hewlett, W. H. Barnes, W. A. Bobbitt, J. B. Perminter, S. H. King and V. B. Izard. On motion was adopted as amended.

Resolution by W. H. Barnes—Resolved, that the heartfelt thanks of this Association be tendered to the Baptist church of Forrest City, also the citizens who have given us so cordial a reception and entertained us in so pleasant and bounteous a way.

On motion of R. G. Hewlett, the chairman of the Executive Board be authorized to arrange for Ministers, and Deacons, meeting the 5th Sabbath.

NOTICE BY S. H. KING. Notice is hereby given that a motion will be made at the next meeting of this body to change the time of meeting to Friday before 2nd Sabbath in September.

On motion adjourned until after services to-night.

SUNDAY NIGHT.

After preaching by H. W. Rockett, of Mississippi, the Association was called to order by the Moderator. The Treasurer reported as follows:

1889 - W. H. Paslay's report for the year 1888-'89:	
Oct. 1888 - To balance on hand.....	\$ 44 02
" " Cash from Bro. Farrar.....	5 00
" " " " Thomas.....	75
" " " " Bobbitt.....	5 00
" " " Center Grove church.....	1 80
" " " From Finance Committee.....	324 75
" " " Philadelphia church.....	3 50

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April 10—To cash from Forrest City church for Ministerial education.....	10 00
Sept. 25—From Helena church for Associa- tional Missions.....	10 00
	<u>\$ 404 52</u>

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Oct. 1888—Paid Bro. Ball.....	86 90
“ “ “ “ Early State Missions.	57 05
“ “ “ “ Clerk	10 00
“ “ For Home and Foreign Missions	
Miss Alice Farrar.....	2 00
Nov. 2—Foreign Missions	25 55
“ 2—Home “	27 35
“ 17—Printing Minutes.....	28 60
“ “ —Postage	1 00
Sept. 25—Bro. Reeves Ministerial education	10 00
“ “ Paid Missionaries	133 00

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To Balance on hand 23 07

W. H. PASLAY,
Treasurer.

Adopted.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to have printed 500 copies of Minutes and that he be allowed \$10 for service and necessary fund for stationery, postage, etc.

Committee on Finance reported as follows:

We, your Committee, make the following report:
Associational Missions, \$183.05; Foreign Missions, \$33.55; Home Missions, \$32.90; State Missions, \$3.00; College, \$3.00; Minutes, \$48 10.

A. FLORA,
J. P. FARRAR,
WM. THOMPSON,
Committee.

Adopted.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED FOR NEXT MEETING—MISSIONS.

Associational—W. H. Paslay, Wm. Thompson, T. B. Porter.

State—R. G. Hewlett, R. M. O'Neal, C. D. Sherman.

Home—S. D. Johns, R. A. Roane, N. H. White.

Foreign—L. K. Obenchain, S. C. Jordan, Wm. Scott.

Education—W. A. Bobbitt, N. L. Wilson, N. H. White.

Sunday Schools—A. Flora, S. C. Goodwin, G. W. Slaughter.

Nominations—J. B. Hedges, B. Q. Carey, John Walker.

Temperance—N. L. Wilson, W. J. Adams, W. R. Leach.

Publications—R. G. Hewlett, W. H. Paslay, J. A. Simpson.

Finance—J. P. Farrar, A. Flora, W. D. Adams.

Ministerial Support—R. G. Hewlett, A. Flora, Andrew C. Wood.

Minutes were read and approved.

After singing the parting hymn "Sweet By and By" and taking the parting hand, on motion adjourned to meet with Good Hope Church, Woodruff County, Friday before the Third Sabbath in October, 1890.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

FIRST DISTRICT.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERK	POSTOFFICE	Days	Baptised	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Membership	No. in Sun. School	Minutes	Home Missions	For Mission	S. S. Convention	Pastors' Salary	Asso. Missions	State Missions	Min. Education
Holona.....	W. H. Barnes	W. R. Miller	Holona.....	Ev'ry	31	1	2	3		1	110	107	2 50	\$ 5 00	\$ 10 00	\$140	\$1200	\$20	\$ 5	
Clarendon.....	G. C. Goodwin	J. M. Dooly	Clarendon.....	2	31	1			2	44	30	30	1	5		1	5			
Level Valley.....	J. L. Wilson	John Brown	Pine City.....	3	3	3	1	1		31	30	31	1			8	125	12 50		
New Hope.....		E. P. Burrows	Lagrange.....							1	46	46								
Marvell.....	L. K. Obenchain	W. H. Ward	Marvell.....	2 2 4	5	3		4		21	50	50	50	2 50	2 30	5	21	15	3	
Salem.....	W. H. Paslay	J. F. Jarratt	Marvell.....	4	1	3			1	11	30	30	1 50							
Barton.....	L. K. Obenchain	J. L. Belshar	Barton.....	2	1					26	11	11	1 50							
Mt. Gilend.....	R. G. Thomas	J. H. Graham	Dunn.....																	
Cypress.....	J. L. Wilson	B. L. Belshar	Turner.....																	
Pleasant Valley.....		A. G. Williams	Holly Grove.....																	

SECOND DISTRICT.

Prairie Grove.....	S. D. Johns	S. A. Fisher	Hunter.....		3	3				14	35	1	50			3 50	75	5	2 50	
Lone Chapel.....	G. C. Goodwin	R. M. O'Neal	Brinkley.....	2	5	1		1	2	38	35	1	50							
Hebron.....	S. D. Johns	W. D. Smith	Wheatley.....	1	3	5	1	3	5	53	40	1	75		2	5	75	5		
Philadelphia.....	G. C. Goodwin	J. B. Turrentine	Brinkley.....	3	9					87	40	2	1 50			5 20	65	10		
Rehoboth.....	R. G. Hewlett	A. M. Hopkins	Vineyard.....	4	3					48	44	1	50				50			
Center Grove.....	S. D. Johns	R. A. Butts	Spring Creek.....	4	1	3		2	4	44	44	2	50				25	10		
Ash Grove.....	S. D. Johns	D. R. Stewman	Cotton Plant.....	4	6	3	3	3	2	49	24	2	50		5	25 00	25			
Brinkley.....	R. G. Hewlett	A. Flora	Brinkley.....	1 3	2	2	1	3	4	57	25	2	50							
Pine Fork.....	M. K. McKarty	J. W. Grimes	Moro.....	3	1	2				24	24	1	35							
Good Hope.....	S. D. Johns	L. B. Winfrey	Deview.....	3	35	13			4	1	1	1				1	5			
Pleasant Grove.....	Not	Represented																		

THIRD DISTRICT.

Bible Union.....	Wm. Elliott	Forrest City.....								1	40		75							
Caldwell's Chapel.....	N. H. White	Caldwell.....		4	1					31	23	1	50				15			
Colt.....	R. G. Hewlett	A. S. Horton	Colt.....	1	11					23	23	1	50		1 30		4			
Oak Grove.....	G. C. Goodwin	F. L. Gustavus	Moro.....	1	2					64	30	2	50			5	120	10		
Poplar Grove.....	W. H. Paslay	I. M. Massey	McDaniel.....	1	3			1		41	45	1	50		10 15	7 50	150	10	3	
Big Creek.....	M. K. McKarty	S. Menker	Moro.....	4	3	1	1	2	3	37	37	1								
Haynes.....	L. K. Obenchain	J. W. Rogers	Haynes.....	3	13	1	1			28	30	1	50			6	275	5		
Forrest Chapel.....	W. W. McDaniels	McDaniel.....	McDaniel.....	3	13					25	25					148				
Marrianna.....	W. H. Paslay	J. P. Farrar	Marrianna.....	1 3	12	1	1	6	5	1	37	34	2	50	5 50	1	300	10		
Forrest City.....	J. T. Fonden	Forrest City.....			1	1		1		3	35	2		9 25	9 75	50				
Mars Hill.....	N. L. Wilson	W. K. Leach	Palestine.....	1	1	3	1			1	24	24	1							

Total.....
Total value of Church property reported, \$19,240.

124 80 24 44 31 18 1270 305 437 65 225 25 \$200 00 \$707 70 \$1170 \$147 \$18 50



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