

MINUTES

—OF THE—

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Mt. Vernon Baptist Association

—HELD WITH THE—

MARIANNA CHURCH,

IN LEE COUNTY, ARKANSAS.

OCTOBER 18TH, 19TH, AND 20TH, 1894.

OFFICERS:

S. H. KING,.....Moderator.
LON SLAUGHTER,.....Clerk.
W. H. PASLEY,.....Treasurer.

The Next Session will be Held With Rehoboth Church, in Phillips County,
Friday Before the Third Sunday In October, 1895.

MARIANNA:

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MINUTES.

Mt. Vernon Baptist Association met with Marianna church. Thursday, Oct. 24th, 1894, at 10 o'clock A. M. The body was called to order by S. H. King, the former Moderator, and Lon Slaughter was made Clerk pro tem. The appointee and alternate both being absent, the introductory sermon was preached by Eld. W. A. Gibony, from the latter clause of the 26th verse of 9th chapter of Hebrews.

On motion of W. H. Pasley, the body then adjourned until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON.

The body was called to order by the Moderator. Eld. W. H. Pasley and H. Smith were appointed to read church letters, when the following Messengers were enrolled

Barton, not represented.

Cheney, not represented.

LaGrange, W. A. Bobbitt and E. P. Burrows.

Helena, T. M. Oldham, L. J. Wilkes, and W. A. Gibony.

Rehobeth, J. F. Langston, and S. H. King.

Salem, C. F. Thompson.

Trenton, not represented.

Good Hope, S. D. Johns.

Lone Chapel, J. B. Davis.

Hebron, L. C. Tiner, and T. H. Psalmonds.

Brinkley, by letter.

Philadelphia, G. C. Goodwin and J. N. Fitzhugh.

Ash Grove, D. M. Fitzer and D. F. Anderson.

Bethlehem, not represented.

Rama, not represented.

Cotton Plant, by letter.

Wheatley, not represented.

Howell, not represented.

Shiloh, not represented.

Oak Hill, W. J. Littlefield.

Forrest City, W. H. Pasley, and H. R. Morap.

Poplar Grove, J. B. Hodges.

Oak Grove, R. A. Butts, F. L. Gustavus, and W. F. Ligon.

Haynes, Geo. R. Robuck, and J. A. Bell.

Big Creek, not represented.

Colts, by letter.

Coldwell, not represented.

Marianna, J. B. Wise, Lon Slaughter, and J. P. Farrar, sr.

Eudora, not represented.

Cypress, Dan Russell, M. J. Day, and W. F. King.

2. MINUTES OF MT. VERNON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Bible Union, Jno. S. Hiler, and W. L. Nickols.

Marvell, H. J. Smith, and Mrs. Kindle.

Forest Chapel, A. C. James, Wm. Ferguson, and Mrs. Julia Thompson.

New Prospect, W. C. Kelson.

Raymond, R. T. West.

Christian Valley, T. C. Speed.

Motion made that we go into permanent organization. Motion prevailed.

It was moved that S. H. King be re-elected Moderator by acclamation. Motion prevailed. Lon Slaughter elected Clerk, and W. H. Pasley Treasurer.

Petitionary letters called for, when New Prospect presented hers, and after discussions by Bros. G. C. Goodwin, Pasley, Moran, and Wise, was unanimously admitted. Motion by T. M. Oldham, that the Marvell church be restored to membership, unanimously carried. Moderator appointed committee on divine service, consisting of T. M. Oldham, C. F. Thompson, J. F. Langston, and Deacons of Marianna church. Visiting brothers invited to seats. None present. Brothers who had been sent as delegates to other bodies, were requested to report. Eld. H. J. Smith reported as having visited the State Convention at Conway, also Southern Baptist Convention at Dallas, Texas. Eld. W. H. Pasley, State Convention. Eld. H. R. Moran, as having visited the Texas Baptist State Convention.

The following brothers were appointed as delegates to Southern Baptist Convention: H. J. Smith, W. H. Pasley, and J. B. Wise. To State Convention, were, H. R. Moran, W. H. Pasley, H. J. Smith, and R. A. Butts.

Motion by H. R. Moran, that W. H. Pasley be elected as a member of the State Board. Carried. Motion by H. J. Smith to adjourn for 20 minutes, for the Moderator to appoint the different committees. Motion prevailed. The different committees are as follows:

State Missions—H. J. Smith, W. F. King, W. C. Kelson.

Association Missions—W. H. Pasley, W. A. Bobbitt, T. H. Psalmonds.

Home and Foreign—H. R. Moran, R. A. Butts, C. F. Thompson.

Publications—J. B. Wise, M. J. Day, W. L. Nickols.

Education—W. A. Gibony, J. P. Farrar, sr.; F. L. Gastavus.

Sabbath Schools—T. M. Oldham, C. F. Thompson, W. D. Hargraves.

Nominations—J. P. Farrar, sr.; W. A. Bobbitt, W. H. Pasley.

Temperance—G. C. Goodwin, J. W. McCaleb, W. L. Littlefield.

Finance—J. P. Farrar, sr.; J. F. Langston, Wm. Ferguson.

Motion by J. B. Wise, that we adjourn to meet at 9 o'clock A. M., Oct. 19th. Motion prevailed.

Committee on divine service report, J. A. Smith to preach at 7:20 P. M.; H. J. Smith at 11 A. M., 19th. 7:30 P. M., Eld. J. A. Smith gave us an excellent sermon from Genesis, 1:3.

FRIDAY'S SESSION.

The body called to order by the Moderator at 9 o'clock A. M. Roll called and other Messengers enrolled. Minutes read and approved. Petitionary letters called for, when Raymond and Christian Valley Baptist churches presented letters through their Messengers. Motion made that they be admitted, and their Messengers enrolled as members of this body. Motion prevailed, and so ordered.

Treasurer's Report was called for, when W. H. Pasley, Treasurer, made the following report:

			Dr.
Oct. 15th, 1894.	To amt. from Finance Committee,.....		\$106 35
" " "	" " on hand,		31 96
" " "	" " from Salem church, foreign missions,		12 70
" 19th, 1895.	" " due Treasurer,		12 77
Total,.....			\$223 78
Oct. 16th, 1894.	By amt. paid Clerk,		\$10 00
" " "	" " Eld. W. Peeples,		50 00
" " "	" " E. J. A. McKinney,.....		60 00
" " "	postal orders and stamps,		70
" " "	paid foreign missions,.....		2 00
Nov. 27th, 1894.	" " Eld. W. B. Peeples,.....		25 30
Dec. " "	" " printing Minutes,.....		32 18
" 27th, " "	" " Eld. J. W. Lawrance,		10 00
Aug " 1895.	" " Eld. J. A. Smith,.....		20 00
" " "	" " foreign missions,		12 70
Total,.....			\$223 78
Bal. due Treasurer,.....			11 77

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. PASLEY, Treasurer.

Motion made that said report be adopted. Motion prevailed, and so ordered. The report of the Executive Board called for. They not being ready, were given further time.

Report on State Missions called for, when Eld. H. J. Smith, chairman, made the following report: The subject of State Missions is one in which every Baptist of the State should feel interested. We should not expect the State Board to work without means, and why, it may be asked, have they not the money? Simply because the churches have failed to furnish it. In the opinion of your committee, the time has come when the churches should have a systematic method of raising money for the various objects claiming our attention. We have in this Association 1500 members—five cents each would make \$75.00. Forty Associations would make \$3000.00. It is discouraging to know that about half of this sum, or two and one-half cents to the member, is the sum raised at present. We are glad to learn that arrangements have been made by the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions by which a gospel car is now in this State, in charge of an Arkansas Baptist preacher, and will remain several months. We hope much good will be accomplished by this plan. Your committee would recommend to the Pastors of this Association the importance of bringing this subject before the churches and urging this matter upon their consideration. With a united effort upon the part of all the members of every church in the State, the Board will be enabled to prosecute the work vigorously and great good will be accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. SMITH, }
W. F. KING, } Committee.
W. C. KELSOE. }

AMENDMENT.—That the churches be requested to set aside three months of

each year, and a committee be appointed to make a canvass of the entire membership for State Missions, at the beginning of which time a sermon shall be preached on the subject, and at the close a public collection shall be taken.

W. A. GIBONY.

Motion made by Eld. J. B. Wise, that the reports be adopted, and after discussions by Bros. Wilkes, H. J. Smith, Pasley, Gibony, Wise and Moran, motion made by Eld. W. A. Gibony to amend the report as above. Amendment accepted, and report adopted as amended. Motion made by Eld. W. A. Gibony, that a collection be taken forthwith for State Missions. After discussion by W. A. Gibony, W. D. Hargraves, S. H. King, W. H. Pasley, and H. R. Moran, a collection was taken up amounting to \$12.50.

Report on Associational Missions called for, when Elder W. H. Pasley, chairman, moved that 3 o'clock, P. M., be set as the time for discussing this subject. Motion prevailed, and so ordered. Report on Home and Foreign Missions called for, when Eld. H. R. Moran made a report on Foreign Missions as follows: Home Missions not ready. Given further time on same.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Brothren—The Lord is blessing our efforts greatly in the evangelization of the world. One hundred years ago, there were no missionary societies; now, there are one hundred and fifty; then, there were about three hundred converts; now, there are one million! Then, there were only two or three missionaries; now, there are over eight thousand! Then, there were no native helpers; now, there are four thousand native ordained preachers, and thirty-one thousand helpers. These societies have an annual income of twelve million dollars; and the Bible has been translated into two hundred and fifty languages and dialects. Every country in the world, except Thibet, in China, has opened wide their doors and said: "We want the bread of life." Many noble and brave young men and woman are now saying: "Here am I, send me." There are yet over one thousand million of Earth's inhabitants without this bread of life. If we include the Catholics, and they are without a pure gospel, there are over twelve hundred millions. Shall we not send them the gospel? The Lord says go; shall we not obey? He says, "if ye love me, ye will keep my words." Oh! let us go to them and save them.

H. RHODES MORAN,

R. A. BUTTS,

C. F. THOMPSON,

} Committee

Motion by T. M. Oldham that the report on Foreign Missions, as read be adopted, after discussion by J. B. Wise and H. R. Moran. The time having arrived for preaching, discussion closed to hear Eld. H. J. Smith, who gave us an excellent sermon from Rev. 1:18; after which motion made by Eld. W. A. Gibony, that we adjourn until 2 P. M. Motion prevailed, and so ordered. Benediction by Eld. W. H. Pasley.

AFTERNOON.

2 P. M.—The body called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Eld. G. C. Goodwin. Visiting brothers invited to seats with us. Accepted by Eld. R. C. Medaris, State Sunday School Evangelist; Eld. W. A. Clark, editor Arkansas Baptist; and Eld. W. S. Wilburn, of Dexter, Mo. Report on Foreign Missions

resumed, and discussion continued by R. C. Medaris, J. B. Wise, W. A. Gibony, H. R. Moran, M. J. Day, G. C. Goodwin, and W. S. Wilburn. Question called and report adopted. Moved by W. A. Gibony, that a collection be taken forthwith. Motion prevailed, and a collection was taken amounting to seven dollars and five cents (\$7.05), for Foreign Missions. The time having arrived for the report on Associational Missions, the same was called for. Before hearing the report, moved by H. R. Moran, that to-night, after preaching, be set apart for the report on Sunday School work. Motion prevailed and so ordered. The report on Associational Missions was made by Eld. W. H. Wisley. Moved by T. M. Oldham that report be adopted. Before adopting said report, the report of the Associational Board was called for, and made by the chairman, S. H. King --H. R. Moran in the chair.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Our Heavenly Father has abundantly blessed the labors of our Missionary this year. There have been three new churches organized within our bounds, and several weak churches greatly revived with large accessions, and it seems as if the Master of the Vineyard was saying to us: --Go out and possess the land! Brethren, the fields have been sown; much of the seed has sprung up, and in order that it may bring forth thirty, sixty, or a hundred fold, to the glory of God, it must be cultivated. It would be bad policy to abandon this good-begun work; but rather redouble our efforts, hold fast what we have, and still continue to scatter the gospel seed among the poor and perishing. The people are hungering for the "bread of Life," and if we withhold it, who will give it to them? We have only to lift our eyes and see that the fields are white unto the harvest. Shall we heed the cry of the perishing and give to them the gospel, or will we relax our efforts and leave them to die in their sins, and prove recreant to the trust imposed upon us? There can be but one answer to these questions, and may the spirit of Divine Truth inspire our hearts with increased love for the salvation of sinners, and a greater desire to do our Master's will. Brethren, while other States have been visited with droughts, fires, and other calamities, that have brought much suffering and almost famine, God has abundantly blessed us. We have a bountiful harvest; then let us show our gratitude to the Giver of all good by redoubling our energies and efforts to supply everyone within the bounds of our Association with the "Bread of Life," and whatever plans we may adopt through the recommendation of the Executive Board, let each one lend his hearty support, and thank God that we have the honor of being co-workers with Him in the saving of immortal souls.

W. H. PASLEY.

W. A. BOBBITT.

T. H. PSALMONDS.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Your board, according to instructions of your body, to employ a Missionary and Colporteur, met in Marianna, in December, 1893, and engaged Eld. J. M. Lawrence for the year. After working about two weeks, for some reason unknown to us, he left the field. It was June before we could secure anyone we considered competent to undertake the work; when we secured Eld. J. A.

Smith, of Arkadelphia, and we submit report of his work—time employed, four months:

Sermons preached,	104
Addresses delivered,	24
Conversions,	84
Baptized,	60
Received by letter,	16
Restored,	9
Relation	3
Churches organized,	1
Sunday Schools organized,	1
Miles traveled,	333
Families visited,	106
Total additions to churches,	91
Collected on field,	\$64 35

Your Board pledged the Association for one hundred dollars, and he was to receive all he could collect on the field. The Board has paid Bro. Smith thirty-two dollars. There is due from the Board sixty-eight dollars. We are much gratified with Eld. J. A. Smith's work, and recommend a continuance of the present plan, and that pledges from the churches be now taken up for the work next year.

AMENDMENT BY L. J. WILKES.

Request all the churches to canvass by committee all their members for collections, and preach and take a special collection during first quarter, and forward to the Treasurer; also, ask pastors present if they will sustain plan.

Moved by J. B. Wise, that the report of the Executive Board be adopted. After discussions by S. H. King, W. A. Gibony, L. J. Wilkes, T. M. Oldham, W. H. Pasley, L. D. Johns, N. J. Wilson, W. L. Wilburn, W. D. Hargraves, and W. A. Clark, and amendment offered by L. J. Wilkes accepted as a part of the report and appended thereto, and discussion continued by W. A. Bobbitt and J. B. Wise, question called for and adopted.

After a call for pledges for Associational Missions, resulting as follows:

Helena,	\$10 00
Rehobeth,	10 00
Salem,	10 00
Ash Grove,	2 50
Oak Hill,	10 00
Forrest City,	10 00
Poplar Grove,	10 00
Oak Grove,	5 00
Forest Chapel,	5 00
Mars Hill,	5 00
Haynes,	5 00
Marianna,	10 00
Bible Union,	5 00
Christian Valley,	5 00
New Prospect,	2 50

Motion made to adjourn until after preaching, at 7:30 P. M., Rev. R. C. Medaris being appointed to preach at that time—motion prevailed and so ordered.

7:30 P. M. -Rev. R. C. Medaris preached a most excellent sermon, from Malachi 3:8, after which the body was called to order and the report on Sunday Schools being set for this hour was called for, when the same was read by W. D. Hargraves, a member of the committee.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, realizing the importance of said subject, beg leave to submit the following report:

We find that our Sunday School work has greatly advanced in all its various departments. We heartily endorse the work done by our State Sunday School Board, and would recommend that we continue our connection with said Board.

We further recommend, that every pastor stir up their churches in that line, and that we pledge our part of the amount necessary to carry on the work. We also recommend that our schools use Southern Baptist Convention literature. We would also urge those professing to be Christians, not only to give of their means, but their presence at the Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted.

C. F. THOMPSON,
T. M. OLDHAM,
W. D. HARGRAVES.

Motion made by H. R. Moran that the report be adopted as read. After discussion by W. D. Hargraves and R. C. Medaris, moved by W. A. Gibony that a collection be taken up for Sunday School work. Motion prevailed. A collection was taken up amounting to \$10.60. Motion by W. H. Pasley that we adjourn until 9 o'clock A. M., October 20th, for further discussion of the subject.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20TH, 1891.

The body met and was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by W. D. Hargraves.

The further discussion of the Sunday School question was continued by Bros. W. H. Pasley, T. C. Oldham, S. H. King, W. D. Hargraves, L. J. Wilkes, H. R. Moran, J. B. Wise, W. A. Clark, and W. A. Gibony. Moved to amend report by striking out that part of report instructing delegates to State Convention. Report as amended adopted. Report on Publications called for, and made by J. B. Wise.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

The art of making books and periodicals is the most wonderful thing in the world. Publications are the soul of actions—the only audible articulate voice of accomplished deeds of the past. The men of the past are dead; their armies that wrought such bloody revolutions have disappeared; their cities are in ruins; their temples are dust; yet in magic preservation all these exist in the literature bequeathed us. And these books and papers—the mass of printed matter which we call literature—are the teacher, guide and law-giver of the world to-day. Life affords us time to read but little of what is published. Your committee, therefore, recommends the support of The Arkansas Baptist.

Moved by H. J. Smith that the same be adopted as read. Motion prevailed, and so ordered.

Report on Education called for, and presented by Eld. W. A. Gibony:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The time has come when the best possible education is necessary for every son and daughter who hopes successfully to take a stand among their fellows in a social business or religious sense. It is true, that not every child has the literary bent, and will not take or profit by what may be termed a collegiate education. We think parents ought to be careful to give all their children the advantages of a common school education, and where the bent of the child seems to warrant it, it ought to be encouraged and helped in all possible ways in attaining a collegiate education. And where this is attempted, we think that colleges offering the best religious influence from a Baptist standpoint, ought to be selected. We believe it to be a dangerous proceeding to send a child away from home into schools that are not distinctively religious; and we look with a feeling akin to shame upon the action of many of our people in sending their children out of the State to be educated. And to think, too, that some even send to Catholic schools. We believe that our own schools at Arkadelphia, Conway and Mountain Home, now offer advantages equal to any to be found in the South. And we unhesitatingly and prayerfully commend these schools to the support and patronage of our people.

W. A. GIBONY,

JOHN P. FARRAR,

F. L. GUSTAVUS.

Moved by H. R. Moran that the same be adopted as read. Discussions by W. A. Gibony, J. B. Wise, J. A. Smith, R. C. Medaris, and W. A. Clark. Discussion suspended, to hear W. A. Gibony sing one of his soul-stirring songs; after which report adopted. Report on Ministerial Support presented by R. A. Butts.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Your committee would report that they consider the obligation of a church to its pastor as sacred and as binding as any of her obligations. By the preaching of the gospel the messages of salvation are to reach the human family, and God has selected human agencies as His way of carrying on His work. The Bible says, "The laborer is worthy of his hire." Who would think of employing a clerk or a workman of any kind and then refuse to pay him after his work had been performed? This would be dishonorable in the sight of man. Then how much more would it be condemned by Him who holds in His own hands the scales of justice and condemns not erroneously? To fail to discharge fully your contract with your minister, brings the church into bad ~~repute~~ and reflects seriously upon the consecration of its members. An obligation to a preacher for his preaching is an obligation to the God who called him to His work.

L. J. WILKES,

R. A. BUTTS,

Z. T. WEST.

Motion by J. B. Wise that the report as read be adopted. After discussions by W. H. Pasley, W. A. Clark, J. B. Wise, H. R. Moran, W. A. Bobbitt, F. L. Gustavus, and W. D. Hargraves, report adopted as read.

Report on nominations called for, and presented by W. H. Pasley:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We recommend that the Association meet with Rehobeth church next year, and that Bro. J. B. Wise preach the Introductory Sermon—H. J. Smith alternate—and that the Executive Board be composed of Brethren J. B. Wise, John P. Farrar, sr.; G. R. Robuck, A. Flora, and H. J. Smith.

J. P. FARRAR, Sr.:

W. A. BOBBITT.

W. H. PASLEY.

Motion made by W. H. Pasley that the report be adopted as read—Rehobeth being the place of meeting in 1895. Motion made by C. F. Thompson, that Rehobeth be struck out and Salein be the place of meeting next year. Amendment lost, and motion prevailed. Motion to adopt balance of report prevailed. Committee on Obituaries having been overlooked, the Moderator appointed one, consisting of W. H. Pasley, W. A. Bobbitt, and J. B. Hodges. Report on Temperance called for and read by J. A. Smith for said chairman of committee:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Intemperance is the great evil of our time. Besides other forms of intemperance, the whiskey evil rises above other evils. It debasens the husband and father from the loved ones at the dead hours of the night; and after robbing him of all he has, money, brains, self-respect, conjugal and parental affection, it brings him to a premature grave and a drunkard's hell. It is making widows and orphans; it is filling poorhouses with paupers, lunatic asylums with the insane, and penitentiaries with criminals. It has destroyed the happiness of families and neighborhoods; it has crept into churches and hindered their peace and prosperity. While this great evil is all about us, we are glad to see that the sun of Temperance is rising and spreading its hopeful light all around us. We rejoice to report that twenty one new counties in Arkansas went dry at the last election.

We should thank God and take courage. We would recommend that Baptist preachers preach against this evil; that all members of the Baptist churches not only abstain from the use of ardent spirits, but vote against licensing the sale of it; and that churches discipline all members who do not comply with the above recommendations.

G. C. GOODWIN, Chairman.

Motion made by H. J. Smith, that report as read be adopted. On account of lateness of the hour, motion made that discussion of the report be postponed until after services to night. Motion prevailed. Motion by J. B. Wise, that a special committee be appointed to raise funds to support and care for an afflicted brother, Eld. J. W. Graham, in this Association. Motion prevailed.

Motion that we adjourn until after services to night. Benediction by W. D. Hargraves.

7:30 P. M.—Sermon by Elder W. S. Wilburn, of Dexter, Missouri, from Matt. 7:13-14, and John 14:6.

After the sermon, the body was called to order, when the report on Temperance was again taken up for discussion by W. H. Pasley, W. D. Hargraves, W. S. Wilburn, and J. A. Bell. Question called and report adopted.

Report on Obituaries called for and made, by W. H. Pasley, Chairman:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Since our last meeting death has visited our homes and has taken from our fond embraces, family and social circles, several of our members. Bro. William Thompson, of Salem church, died 25th of June last, after a lingering illness, which he bore with Christian fortitude, fully sustained by the grace of his God, whom he delighted to serve. Bro. Thompson has been a regular attendant of our Association ever since he became a member of the church, always ready to give of his means to all branches of the denominational work. He was a warm friend of his pastors, a pillar in the church and a friend to the poor. He has passed over the river to receive his reward, and his works will follow him. Bro. W. F. Gill, of LaGrange, was called from earth to glory in May last. Though his death was sudden and unexpected by his family and friends, yet the summons found him prepared to go and give an account of his stewardship. The church has lost one of its chief supports, and our body a valuable member. Yet he has gone to join that Association of the redeemed above. Sister Smith, the consort of Bro. H. J. Smith, left her husband and home on earth for her home in heaven, on the 25th of August. She had been a devoted and consistent Christian from her early life. Sister Lucy Gustavus, another love-l sister, died June 26th. Bro. W. D. Smith, sisters Mattie Smith, Delpha Smith, Fannie Butler, D. Wilson, and others, whose names were not given, have gone to join the hosts above.

Respectfully,

W. H. PASLEY.

Motion made by H. J. Smith that the report be adopted as read.

RESOLUTION OFFERED BY W. H. PASLEY, AS APPENDED.

Resolved, That we tender to the church and citizens of Marianna our cordial thanks for their unlimited hospitality extended to the visitors and delegates of this Association.

W. H. PASLEY.

Motion made by J. B. Wise that the same be adopted as read.

RESOLUTION NO. 2.

Resolved, That our Clerk be instructed to have 500 copies of the Minutes of the Association printed, and he be allowed \$10.00 for his services, and the necessary amount for postage.

Resolution No. 2 adopted as read.

Motion made by J. B. Wise that Finance Committee perfect their report, and hand to Clerk. Motion prevailed, and so ordered.

FINANCE.

The Finance Committee reported the following collections.

Collections:

Associational Missions.....	\$98 88
State Missions,	17 60
Foreign Missions,	9 30
Home Missions,	2 50
Sabbath Schools,	17 60
Minutes,	30 60

Total,.....\$192 48

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICES.	Days.	Baptised.	Rec'd by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by letter.	Disch'd.	Total Member-ship.	Minutes.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Pastors' Salary.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Ministerial Ed.	No. in S. School.	Other Purposes.	Value of Church Property.
FIRST DISTRICT.																				
Barton	1893	H. A. McGillivray			1				1	44										
Clarendon					5	5	1	2	3	61	\$ 1 50			\$ 250 00	\$ 7 50				42 \$ 5 40	\$ 800
LaGrange	J. R. Wise	E. P. Barruss	LaGrange	2 & 4	6					24					9 25					
Level Valley	M. J. Day	L. W. McCaleb	Turner		14	14	1	9	3	157	2 00			1000 00	15 00				129 788 41	
Helena	W. A. Gibony	R. K. Fitzpatrick	Helepa	every	14	14	1	9	3	157	2 00			300 00	10 00				42	
Kehoboth	W. H. Pasley	A. M. Hopkins	Vineyard	2 & 4	9	1		2	1	101	2 00			150 00						
Salem	H. J. Smith	F. E. Jarrott	Marvell	4	15	2	1	8	1	91	2 50									
Trenton	1893	K. R. King	Trenton		3					35										
Marvell	H. J. Smith	J. L. Gatts	Marvell	3						23	1 00	\$ 2 50	\$ 2 60	3 85	6 00	\$ 2 50			7 00	
SECOND DISTRICT.																				
Good Hope	B. F. Halford	J. Stephenson	Deview	2	5	2		3	1	91	\$ 1 50								65 \$ 7 00	
Lone Chapel	P. C. Crow	John Howton	Brinkley	2	1			4	1	16	75			\$ 25 00	\$ 1 23				25 1 80	
Hebron	G. C. Goodwin	W. P. Taylor	Wheatley		13	7	1	8	1	58	1 50				1 00					
Brinkley	J. L. Stricker	V. Flora	Brinkley		3	3		8	2	64	2 00		\$ 5 00			\$ 5 00			20 00	
Philadelphia	G. C. Goodwin	H. N. Daniels	Brinkley	2	23	12	2	15	2	198	1 00				4 10	4 00		34		\$ 225
Ash Grove	S. D. Johns	W. H. Wainwright	Cotton Plant	3	18	1		4	2	70	2 00				5 00			30	2 95	500
Bethlehem																				
Rama																				
Cotton Plant		G. W. Hill	Cotton Plant					3	1	9	60									
Wheatley	1893	E. W. Patterson	Wheatley		2					13										
Howell	1893	L. C. Griffin	Howell		7	3				34										
Raymond	H. J. Smith	Z. F. West	Raymond	2	2	3				11	1 00									
THIRD DISTRICT.																				
Shuloh	1893	W. C. Satterwhite	Colt		4					30										
Oak Hill	Archy	M. S. Hill	Caldwell	3	13	10		2		71					\$ 5 00				\$ 10 00	
Prospect		S. M. Brooks	Colt		2	2				17										
New Prospect	W. C. Kelson	J. D. Heath	Wynne	2	3					11	\$ 75		\$ 50		1 50					
Forrest City	H. Rhodes	Moran	T. Sanders	every	2	5	1	5	1	93	2 50	\$ 4 50		\$ 980 00	17 25	\$ 8 40			75 4 50	\$ 8000
Poplar Grove	W. H. Pasley	F. B. Smith	McDaniel	1	11	5				78	1 50			150 00				44	10 00	
Oak Grove	W. D. Hardgrave	F. L. Gustavus	Noro	1	2	4		1		45	1 00		9 00	50 00	5 00	1 00			8 00	600
Forest Chapel	J. A. Bell	A. C. James	Haynes	1 & 4	2	4		1	2	50	1 50				5 00					800
Haynes	W. H. Pasley	Geo. R. Robuck	Haynes	3	1	3		4	2	51	1 50			150 00	5 00			37	79 50	1500
Big Creek	1893	S. T. Schlenker	Goodwin		6	4				60										
Mars Hill	A. Bell	W. K. Leach	Palestine	2	5	1	1	2	1	43	1 00				5 00					
Colt		J. J. Ables	Colt							21										
Caldwell																				
Marianna	J. B. Wise	John P. Farrar	Clifton	1 & 3	6	5				51	2 50			450 00	10 00			43	158 45	1000
Eudora																				
Cypress Grove	H. J. Smith	W. F. King	Turner	2	1			4	1	30	1 35			12 75	2 50					500
Bible Union	S. F. Johns	J. A. Thompson	Palestine		31	2	5		2	69	1 75				2 50					
Christian Valley	J. A. Bell	F. C. Speed	Clifton	3	21	11				33	1 00				5 00					

*not represented

Totals.

251 125 13 87 18 88 1769 \$45 70 57 00 \$0 10 \$2901 60 \$125 32 \$20 90 707 1564 56 \$13925