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OF THE

THIRY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

Mt. Vernon Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Rehobeth Baptist Church.

Phillips County, Ark.

October 18, 19, 20 and 21, 1895.

S. H. KING, Moderator, Marianna.

LON SLAUGHTER, Clerk, Poplar Grove.

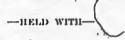
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Next session to be held with Brinkley Baptist Church, Monroe County, Ark., commencing on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1896,

Proceedings.

REHOBETH CHURCH ARK, Oct. 18, 1895.

Mt. Vernon Baptist Association met in Thirty-ninth Annual session with Rehobeth Church October 18, 1895, at 10 al. m. and 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, a motion was made that Eld. W. B. Peeples preach the introductory sermon. Motion pre-cailed and so ordered.

After singing hyum, "Amazing Grace," and prayer by Eld.
 W. A. Clark, Eld. W. B. Peoples gave us a most excellent ser-

aon from Matthew 10.

After preaching, Bros. L. J. Wilks and W. D. Hargrayes were appointed to read the Church letters, when the following Messengers were enrolled:

La Grange-W. A. Bobbitt.

Rehobeth-C. L. Langston, W. 41. McGrew, S. H. King.

Level Valley-W. C. Garner.

Helena L. J. Wilks, T. M. Oldham, W. W. Rivers, H. C. Rosamond.

Salem -J. W. Greg, C. F. Thompson.

Marvel-Sister Kendle.

Hebrou-W. P. Taylor, P. A. Dozier.

Brinkley-By letter.

Philadelphia—G. C. Goodwin, J. A. Bell.

Ash Grove-J. Wainfight.

Forrest City-W. H. Pasley, Jno. Prewitt.

Qak Grove—J. W. Boardman, W. A. Spivey, W. F. Ligon.

Forrest Chapel—Sisters Julia Thomson, Laura Brown, llaynes—G. R. Robuck, Sister Briley.

Big Creek-J. D. French, J. P. Dover.

Mar's Hill—N. L. Wilson, D. B. Shafer.

Marianna-Lon Slaughter, N. J. Williams, J. B. Wise.

Bible Union-W. H. Higgins, I. R. Nail.

Christian Valley—J. C. King, J. C. F. Maze, W. A. Wall. Cypress—D. Russell, M. J. Day.

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The list of Churches having been gone over, motion was made that we adjourn until 2 p. m. Motion prevailed and it was so ordered.

Called to order by Moderator. After singing "Jesus, Lave

and S.H.King was unanimously elected Molerator. Lon Slang for was elected Clerk and W. H. Pasley was elected Treasment Corresponding Secretary.

Petitionary letters being called for, the following were made to the control of the co

Petitionary letters being called for, the following were pr sented, and, after discussion, their Messengers were enrolled as members of this body:

Parke's Grove—By letter, Palestine—A. E. Vantrain, Vincent—J. H. Borum, Clarendon—D. Hurst,

Moon Lake-G. M. Hill.

Mt. Glend—For readmission. Motion made that so Church be readmitted and her Messengers, R. G. Thomas at J. E. Thomson, be enrolled as members of this body. Moti prevailed and so ordered.

prevailed and so ordered.

Letters from the following Churches were read and Mess gers enrolled:

Good Hope—L. H. Weld.
Colt—By letter.
Poplar Grove—I. B. Hodges, Sister Hodges.

Cotton Plant—By letter.

Motion made that visiting brethren be invited to seals w

us, when the following responded: Elds. W. A. Clark, J. A. Smith and W. B. Peeples.

Corresponding Messengers called for. None responded.

Motion made that the body spend a few minutes in religion; exercises while the Moderator appoints the different committees. Motion prevailed and so ordered.

The committees are as follows:

Divine Service-W. H. Pasley, W. F. Ligon and deacons of this Church.

· State Missions-W. Dy Hargraves, C. F. Thompson, W. C.

Garner.

Associational Missions W. H. Pasley, C. L. Langston, G.C.

Home and Foreign Missions.-H. C. Rosamond, G. R. Ro-

Lack, M. J. Day.

Publication—T. M. Oldham, J. A. Bell, John Prewitt. Education—W. W. Rivers, J. W. Boardman, J. P. Dovers, Salbath Schools—L. J. Wilks, W.A.Bobbitt, R. G. Thomas, Temperante—J. H. Borum, J. F. Thompson, J. W. Wainright.

Nominations—W. A. Pasley, Lon Slaughter, W. A. Bobbitt. Finance—C. F. Thompson, J. B. Hodges, N. J. Williams.

Motion made by W. H. Pasley that this body meet at 8:30 a.m., adjourn at 11:30 for preaching, meet at 2-p. m. and adjourn at will. Motion prevailed and so ordered.

Motion made that we now adjourn until 8:30 a. m., October

19. Motion prevailed and so ordered.

7:30 p. m.—Eld. H. C. Rosamond gave us a most excellent sermon from John 15:12.

SATURDAY-MORNING-SESSION.

The body was called to order by the Moderator at 8: 30 a. m. Wolf called. Minutes read and approved. Prayer by Eld. L. X. Wilson.

Report on Home and Foreign Missions was called for and the committee made the following report through its chairman. Eld. H. C. Rosamond, to-wit: Just fifty years ago last spring the Southern Baptist Convention was organized. Our Home Board located at Atlanta

is doing very efficient work in all the States included in the territory of said Convention, but especially in Arkansas, Texas, Lausiana, Florida and Indian Territory. Fifty years ago our Baptist hosts in this Southland numbered 450,000. They now unables over 2,600,000. Act the destitution is great. There are in the Southern States and territories over 5,000,000 of people who are not Baptists, but are under Baptist influence and within our reach. Last year the Home Board had 425 Mission aries. They baptized about 6,000 souls. This Board also expended \$88,640,20. The increase in missionaries last year was 12 per cent., increase in receipts was 20 per cent., and the increase in baptisms was 32 per cent. These figures are very

encouraging. Yet we need 2000 more missionaries and \$500, 000 to supply all the destitution in this beloved Southland. This Board has helped our State very much. We are due it a great debt of gratitude. Brethren, let us show our gratitude in a

substantial way. Your Committee asks that every Church in this Association make a liberal contribution to the Home Board

during the coming year.

Our Foreign Board, located at Richmond, Va., has also been at work for fifty years. We are now doing effective and a marvelously increasing work in China, Japan, Italy, Africa Brazil and Mexico. Last year this Board expended over \$130,000, but they could use over \$5,000,000 annually if we would give to them. There are over 1,000,000,000 people in foreign land who are in spiritual darkness. In China there are over 300,000,000 persons who never heard of Christ, while Africa has over 150,000,000 in pagan darkness. In Brazil there is great encouragement. A Catholic canon, a learned priest and at independent preacher, and his entire Church have lately been baptized and are now doing efficient work for Christ. Brothremour Master commanded us to preach the Gospel to every creat ure. Can we be saved if we persist in refusing to obey His commands? Your committee would urge the Messengers. to the

to secure a contribution during the coming year from ever Baptist in this Association for foreign missions. We further

H. C. ROSAMOND, Chairman. work. Motion made that the report be adopted as read. After discussion by H. C. Rosamond, W. A. Clark and J. B. Wise, the motion prevailed and so ordered.

Journal so as to keep thoroughly posted in regard to this great

Report of Committee on Associational Missions called for, and made the following through its chairman, to-wit:

Brethren, we feel devoutly thankful for the success that

has hitherto attended our labors in this department of our work. Churches have been planted in many destitute places, sleeping ones aroused and many precious souls brought

Christ. We have every encouragement needful for the prosecution of this work and no excuse for relaxing our efforts. Our boundaries are gradually extending and new demands press ing us. While we would urge a more vigorous cultivation of the field already occupied, we ought to push forward the work untilvevery community within our jurisdiction is supplied with the Dire Word of God. Brethren, this is the work of this body.

If we are recreant to our trust no one else can or will relieve us of this God-given duty. The responsibility is upon us. We dare not shirk it. Gratitude to God, love for the salvation of perishing souls demand that we should renew our efforts in this work and labor on till the Master calls us to receive our reward. W. H. PASLEY Chairman.

Motion that the report be adopted as read, after discussion by J. A. Smith was carried. At 11:30 adjourned for preaching. Eld. W. A. Clark gave us a most excellent sermon from Ephesians 4:14, after which the body adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Body was called to order by the Moderator. After singing hymn No. 140, "Harvest Bells," and prayer by Eld. W. D. Hargraves, the report of Associational Missions was agan taken up, and after discussion by Eld. J. B. Wise, the report of the Associational Board was called for to be considered in connection with the above report. Eld. W. H. Pasley stated that there were not ready to report and made a motion that the above report be laid aside until after preaching tonight; when there would be ready to report. Motion prevailed and so ordered.

Report of Committee- on Education called for and midthe following report through its chairman, Prof. W. W. River

We, your Committee on Education, beg to submit the following report: We recognize in poular education a strong ally if not only morality, but of Christianity. Ignorance, prejudicsuperstition and immorality go hand in hand, while moraling Christianity and happiness accompany an educated people We therefore commend the efforts of the State to educate in entire citizenship. However good the opportunities make if we as parents or guardians do not take advantage of them they will avail us nothing. We therefore urge upon our people the necessity of patronizing those schools, of educating the class dren committed to their care. This is not a privilege, but a absolute Christian dufy: God never committed these ligh ones to your care, possessing minds capable of almost infinicultivation and souls destined for endless joy or sorrow, with out placing upon you a corresponding obligation. All children are not equally capacitated for receiving a higher education. All do not desire it, but in these times of sharp comp tition of mind with mind, when so many isms are defended by educated men, it behooves us to foster higher education and give superior advantages to as many of the Baptist young po ple as possible. We commend especially the schools at Arki delphia, Mountain Home and Conway. These schools are spe cially ours, and if we do not patronize them, we need not exper others to do so. It should be our effort to lead in this matter higher education. Our ministers are the londers of our people morally and spiritually. A people can never rise above if leaders. If we expect to be a power as a denomination be the advancement of morality and Christianity, we must educate our ministry. We therefore commend the ministerial depart ment of Quachita College, and recommend that this Associ tion aid it financially. We would also recommend the B. P. U. and similar organizations in our Churches whose pr principles and build them up into higher efficiency in their thristian work.

W. W. RVERS Chairman.

Eld. J. A. Smith offered the following resolution, which has accepted as a part of above report:

Resolved, That this Association pay the board of one young

pinister in Onachita College this year.

Metien was made that the above be adopted, and, after discussion by Bros. W. W. Rivers, W. B. Peeples, H. C. Rosamon l, J. A. Smith and G. C. Goodwin, the following pledges were taken for board for young minister:

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Motion prevailed and so ordered.

Motion was made by W. D. Hargrayes that the amounts pledged be given for the support of Eld. J. A. Smith at Ouachita. Motion prevailed and was so ordered.

Motion was made that this body dispense with preaching

tonight. After discussion, motion was lost.

Motion was made that we adjourn to meet at 7 p. m. for preaching. Motion prevailed and was so ordered.

EVENING SESSION.

After singing hymn No. 303, Gospel Hymns, and prayer by Eld. W. H., Pasley, who gave us a splendid sermon from 1 Timothy 4:16, the body was called to order by the Moderator, when the Executive Board made the following report as per agreement, through its chairman, S. H. King, to-wit:

We, acting under the instructions of the Association, employed Eld. J. A. Smith to labor within our bounds for three months. He reports 33 conversions, 23 additions by baptism, 13 by letter and restoration; one Church organized, and others greatly strengthened. We are glad to report that enough funds are on land to pay him in full for his services, and we

R. G. Thomas....

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J. D. French ...

commence a new year put of debt. We would recommend that the work be pushed forward with increased energy, and try to do more most year than we have done this. We recomment that pledges by taken from the Churches and individuals and that quarterly collections be taken up for this purpose,

8. H.King, Chairman. Metion was made that the report be adopted as read, y. ter discussion by L. N. Wilson, S. H. King and W. H. Pasle, and pledges taken, motion prevailed and was so ordered. To pledges are as follows:

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L. J. Wilks offered the following resolution: Whereas, The fair name of our beloved State is about ! be stained, the laws of our country trampled under foot an

decency, morality and Christianity outraged; be it Resolved, by the Mt. Vernon Baptist Association, That w

)lo most heartily condemn the prize fight which is attempt to be brought off at Hot Springs the last of this month. Resolved further, That we recommend the action of Judge

Duffie, Governor Clarke and other officers of the law in the efforts to prohibit the same.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Go ernor Clarke and Judge Duffie. L. J. WILKS.

Motion was made that the same be adopted by a risi

vote; Resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Report of Committee on State Missions being called for, made the following report through its chairman:

The work shows a marked advance over last year's report. We have, through the kindness of the American Baptist Pablication Society, had the use of the Chapel Car Evangel, and, as the letters (petitionary) show, have accomplished some grand work in our own Association. The following statistics show the financial condition. We would recommend that a collection be taken Sunday at 11 o'clock to help pay the balance due the 1st of November. State missionaries employed his year. 29; total appropriations, \$3000; help from Home Board, \$1200; help from Sanday School Board, \$300; remainder, \$1500, must . . be raised in Arkansas. We have thus far raised \$1000 and will have to secure the remaining \$500 by the 15th of November in order to settle with the missionaries. Work of missionaries this year; Baptisms, 300; Churches organized, 12; Church houses built, 14. We would further recommend that the bastors stir their people at different points on the subject of Stat missions. W. D. HARGRAVES.

C. F. THOMPSON,

W. C. GARNER:

Committee.

Motion was made that the report be adopted as read, and, after a talk from Eld. W. B. Peeples, the motion prevailed and was so ordered.

Report of Committee on Temperance being called for made the following, to-wit:

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following report: The laws of nature admonish, that we should be temperate in all things. Experience and observation teach us if we gat too much we suffer for it; also, it we disober this law and do more work than we should, we also suffer for violating that law. In drinking, man acquires a thirst for alcoholic stimulants until he becomes a moral greek, and nothing but the grace of God can subdue or overcome that thirst. In view of these indisputable facts, we would admonish one

thing, ardent spirits, for it bit the like a serpent and stingely

tike an adder. No man or youth intends to become a drumard when he commences to drink, but his appetite increas as he yields to the cravings of the appetite, and, before helaware of it, he is a contirmed drunkard. Oh! woeful condition to see a man who has drank until he has no control ever his appetite, and has become a slave to the acquired taste of the lowef stimulating drink or the morphine habit. Drunkenness, the curse of the land, and we know of no better way for its super soin than for each one to make a solemn pledge to his foramitto himself not to drink any spirits at all, and if all will de the and stick to it there is, no need of legislating. Brethre, we would urge one and all to oppose the use of alcohelic drink, Baptists have long been accused of being lovers of whisky; loacoough. We, your committee, would urge one and all to se

J. H. BORUM, Chairman.

ter discussion by J. H. Borum and F. L. Gustavus, motion prevailed and was so ordered.

Report of Committee on Nominations being called for war

Motion was made that the report be adopted as read, A

move this stigmen from our denomination by each one discoming the use of this our most formidable enemy. May God help us to drive the accursed thing from our beloved country.

Report of Committee on Nominations being called for, w made through its-chairman;

We, your Committee on Nominations, beg leave to report the following: That Eld. H. C. Rosamond preach the introductory sermon at our next meeting, and Eld. J. B. Wise, alternate, and that Brinkley, Monroe County, Ark., be the place of meeting and that J. B. Wise, Jno. P. Farrer, Sr., G.

Robuck, A. Flora and W. A. Bobbitt constitute the Exertive Board.

W. H. PASLEY, Chairman, W. A. BOBBITZA LON SLAUGIPTER.

Motion was made that the report be adopted as read.

Motion was made that Forrest City be substituted of
Brinkley.

Motion was made to amend and put Salem in place of Forrest City.

After discussion the report was adopted as read. Motion was made that this body adjourn to meet at 10

a. a. October 20 and that Bro. L. J. Wilks lead Sunday school exercises. Motion prevailed and was so ordered.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Association was called to order at 10 a.m. by the Moderator. After singing and prayer by Eld. R. G. Thomas it was moved that the Committee on Publications make its report. Motion prevailed and was so ordered.

The committee made the following report through its chair-

man, T. M. Oldham, to-wit:

It has been said that in the making of books there is no end. We may add that this is the reading age and it therefore becomes necessary for us to look well to the kind of books to be real and used in our families and the Churches. By the term books here is meant literature of whatever kind, whether periodicals or papers. First of all, we recommend the Book-of Books, the Bible, and we most earnestly urge the daily reading of if as the only source of true wisdom. We believe if to be the daty and recommend the patronage of our dependentional prpers as almost the only source of information as to what is bying done, and what ought to be done to advance the Redeemer's Kingdom; and, as we are generally more interested about our home affairs than those at a distance, it becomes our duty to take and pay for and read the Arkansas Baptist first, and then as many others as circumstances will permit. We especially recommend the use of the Southern Baptist Convention literature by our Sunday schools and also urge the taking of some of our missionary papers as the best means of acquiring much needed information.

T. M. OLDHAM,
JNO. PREWITT,
J. A. BELL.

Committee.

Motion was made that the report be adopted as read. At ter discussion motion prevailed and was so ordered. Report of Committee on Finance being called for, made the

following through its chairman, C. F. Thompson, to-wit:

Received for Associational Mission Foreign

Today's collection for State Missions Eld J. W. Graham, invalid

Motion was made that the report be adopted and that the committee be instructed to insert today's collection in said report. Motion prevailed and was so ordered.

Réport of Commiftee on Sunday Schools being called for made the following through its chairman, L. J. Wilks, to-wit:

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, beg to submit the following report: After a careful examination of the report from the various Churches comprising this Association, we are

of necessity forced to the conclusion that, while there may have been some little advancement made in the Sunday school wor during the past year, yet it is a shame and sad reflection on the

more than 1500 members of these Churches that so little inter est is manifested in this most important branch of Christia work. Out of about thirty-five or forty Churches, with a mea

bership of between 1600 and 2000, something less than 700 at engaged in Sabbath school work. This only refers to the who are members of the Churches. When, we consider the number of children belonging to these families we can g some conception of the enormity of our negligence as pa ents to those whom God has committed to our care. We would therefore urgo that all Messengers and ministers here, whe

They get home, bestir themselves in the direction of Sunda school work, and during the next year do something worthy

the name of a Christian and parent. A.J. WILKS, W. A. BOBBITT, R. G. THOMAS.

Committee. Motion was made that the report be adopted as read. Δ ter discussion by J. H. Borum, L. P. Anderson, W. B. Peoples, L. J. Wilks and W. D. Hargraves, adjourned for preaching, to meet at 2 p. m.

11 a. m.—Before services commenced a collection was taken for Eld. J. W. Graham, a worthy brother in destitute ciremistances, which amount is in financial report. Eld. J. A. Smith being appointed to preach at this hour, gave us a most excellent sermen from John 14:23, latter part of verse.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association was called to order by the Moderator. After prayer by J. H. Borum, the report on Sunday schools, not naving been disposed of, was taken up and report adopted as read.

The following resolution was offered by Eld. W. H. Pasley:

Resalved. That the Clerk be authorized to have 600 copies of the Minutes of this Association printed, and that he be allowed \$10 for his services and the postage for sending Minutes to the Churches, "

Motion was made that the resolution be adopted. Motion prevailed and was so ordered.

W. U. Pasley offered the following resolution:

Resolved. That a vote of thanks be extended to the people of this vicinity for the kind and hospitable manner in which they. lave entertained this Association.

Motion was made that the same be adopted as read. Motion prevailed and was so ordered.

It was moved by J. II. Borum that Eld. W. A. Clark be represted to publish the sermon he preached to this body Saturday, October 19, at 11 a. m. Motion prevailed and was so or: dered.

The Treasurer was requested to make his report, when he made the following:

From Finance Committee of 1804 Forministerial education. Cash collection Sunday. From New Prospect church, \$2.50; Rehobeth, \$7.75; Poplar Grove, \$5.15; Haynes, \$2.90; Mari-

anna, 35 Oak Hill, \$2.50

Balance due Treasurer

W. H. PASLEY, Treas irer.

Motion was made that the report be adopted as read. Motion prevailed and was so ordered."

H. C. Rosamond was appointed delegate to Southern Bay

tist Convention, and W. H. Pasley, alternate.

LON SLAUGHTER, Clerk.

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