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OF THE Forty-Seventh Annual Session

OF THE

Mt. Vernon **Baptist Association**

Held With SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Phillips County, Arkansas

Oct. 15, 16, 17, 18, 1903

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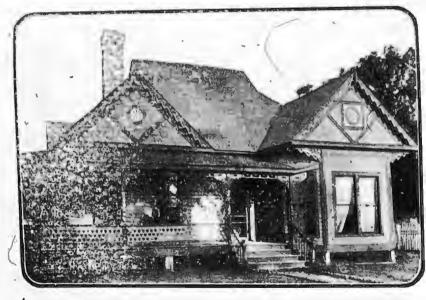
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PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER-15, 1903.

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CLARENDON-H. A. McGill and J. M. Dooley.

PARK GROVE-Eld. T. E. Knight and Mrs. M. E. Knight.

NEW HOPE-By letter.

MOON LAKE-J. H. Cavanaugh,

PHILADELPHIA Eld, S. D. Sawyer and T. Jackson.

HAYNES-G. R. Rogbook and J. T. Friar.

RAYMOND-Mrs. M. A. West.

BRINKLEY-By letter.

MARS HILL-J. N. Billingsley and A. Long.

Thy motion of Bro. T. M. Oldham of Helena church, Misses N. J. Mc. Carry, G. B. and L. B. Jolley of Poplar Grove, Eld. W. H. Paslay and J. B. Sanders of Forrest City, were sented as messengers from their respective churches.

Adjourned to 2:30 p. m. Prayer by Eld. C. M. Myrick.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order by the moderator; prayer by J. B. Sanders.

By motion Ekl. C. M. Myrick of Trenton, and Mrs. F. M. Cox of Christian Valley, were seated as messengers.

After reading the letters from the churches, by motion of T.M. Oldham, the clerk cast the vote of the Association for Eld. W. H. Paslay for Moderator. By motion of B. Q. Carey, the moderator cast the vote of the body for Eld. C. M. Myrick, for clerk.

Bro. J. B. Sanders was re-elected trensurer of the Association.

COMMITTEES.

The inoderator appointed the following committees:
DIVINE SERVICE—Ed. C. M. Myrick, J. L. Turner and T. M. Oldham.
FINANCE—J. L. Turner, F. H. Hopkins and F. L. Gustavus.
STATE MISSIONS—Dr. J. W. Beau, B. Q. Carey and Ed. Thompson.
ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS—Lon Slaughter, Eld. S. D. Sawyer and
A. Long.

HOME MISSIONS—Eld. M. Hall, Ed. Thompson and T. F. Dawson.
EDUCATION—Eld. C. M. Myrick, G. R. Roebuck and L. P. Anderson.
NOMINATIONS—Eld. T. E. Knight, H. A. McGill and Al. Thompson.
UUBLICATIONS—I. B. Sanders, J. L. Belsha and J. M. Dooley.
ORPHANS HOME—W. H. Allison, F. H. Hopkins and T. Jackson.
OBITUARIES—B. Q. Carey, T. M. Oldham and J. H. Cavanaugh.
TEMPERANCE—Eld. S. D. Sawyer, J. J. King and Roe Cox.

A letter was read from Mars Hill church, and J. N. Billingsley and

A Long were enrolled as messengers. The Association then engaged in devotional exercises. Adjourned to 7 p. m.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Association was called to order at 7:30 p. m.

The congregation engaged in singing "How Firm a Foundation." Prayer by Bro. S. L. Gustavus and Eld. S. D. Sawyer. Then Eld. M. Hall of Forrest City filled the pulpit and preached an excellent sermon, on "Glorifying the Word of God." Text, Acts 13:48-49.

After the sermon letters from Poplar Grove and Moon Lake churches were read and Brethren Roe Cox, of Poplar Grove, and J. H. Cavanaugh of Moon Lake, were enrolled as messengers.

1. B. Sanders read his report as treasurer of the Association, which was adopted and is as follows:

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			REPORT OF TREASURER, J. B. SANDERS	
T	o am't	rec	d from Finance Com., Clarendon, Ark., Oct., 1902	\$119.36
	••	of e	collection	35.75
٠.		Pai	d by M. J. Manning	10.00
•	•• .	Pal	d by Mrs. H. A. Parker	1.00
••	**	Pul	blic collection Saturday night	3.20
:	••	Ple	dged for Forrest City church	5.00
••	**	Tra	usferred from Home Mission Fund	13.46
••		Pai	d by Helena church, on a \$50.00 pledge	27.35
	••	Pai	d by Eld, T. E. Knight on pledge	5.00
**	••	Rec	eived from Haynes church	6.00
••	••	Rec	eived from Haynes church (public collection)	3.50
**	••	Of i	minute fund, transferred	29.35
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••	**	Rec	eived from Marianna church	14.81
**	••	Rec	eived from Forrest Clty church, on pledge	20.00
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	Tota	1 an	nount for Associational purposes	295.47
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**	**	44	Eld. W. H. Pasley as former treasurer	27.35
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••	**	44	Helena World for printing minutes	37.00
**	••	44	L. P. Anderson, clerk	2.00
44	**	44	Eld. W. H. Paslay, balance on old debt	16,75
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A motion prevailed to crase the word "Home" from the committee on Home and Foreign Missions,

A motion prevailed to have the introductory sermon preached at 11 o'eleck tomorrow (Friday).

Adjourned; prayer by Eld. S. D. Sawyer.

SECOND DAY--Friday Morning, 9:30.

The meeting was called to order by the moderator; prayer by T. M. Oldham.

A letter from Philadelphia church was read and elder S. D. Sawyer and T. Jackson were enrolled as messengers.

Bro. Lon Slaughter read the report on "Associational Missions," which is as follows:

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Associational Missions, beg to submit the following: Recognizing the importance of mission work, and the duty laid upon us as individuals, as well as an Association, and seeing the great destitution in our bounds, we would urge the great necessity of work. Brethren, the field is white. Will we go in and occupy? Or will we continue to sleep and slumber until the Master comes and finds us idle? We have done nothing the past year. We are sorry; yes, we are ashamed to say it. It is true that ministers are scarce in the bounds of this Association, but if we will pray, pay and work, the min-Isters will come into our midst; the Lord will direct them this way when we do our duty. Therefore, we would recommend, that each church pledge and pay something for Associational missions this year, and that instead of following the recommendations of last year, we adopt the plan that we have followed for years-that is, employ two or more missionaries through the summer months, and that our board high weak churches to sustain their pastors and arrange for regular sevices at places of importance. Respectfully submitted.

> LON SLAUGHTER, ELD, S. D. SAWYER.

A. LONG.

Committee.

A motion prevailed to make Associational missions a special order of business for Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

Letters from Park Grove and Raymond churches were read and Ed. T. E. Knight and Mrs. M. E. Knight of Park Grove, and Mrs. M. A. West of Raymond, were enrolled as messengers,

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At 11 a. m. the introductory sermon was preached by Eld. S. D. Sawver, text. Rev. 22:1. Adjourned to 2 p. m.

FRIDAY --- Afternoon Session.

The meeting was called to order by the moderator; prayer by C. M. Myrick.

Letters from Clarendon and Ash Grove churches were read and H. McGill and J. M. Dooley were enrolled as messengers from Clarendon church.

(Eld. M. Hall read the raport on Foreign Missions, as follows: REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee on Foreign Missions make the following report:

Whereas, the Mt. Vernon Association last year adopted the principles advocated by the General Association of Arkansas, we recommend that the missionaries endorsed by it also be adopted by as and that we aid in supporting Dr. A. J. Dias of Cuba and Rev. Said M. Jerudina of Syria, and any other missionaries our General Association may assist. The instructions to the church at Corinth apply with equal force to each member now, and we advise that each member in giving take the divine rule by which to be governed, as recorded in 1st Cor. Respectfully submitted,

T. F. DAWSON, J. E. THOMPSON, ELD, M. HALL.

The report was discussed by Eld. M. Hall and W. H. Paslay, and the report was adopted.

herefore the committee on State Missions was read by Dr. J. W. Bean:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We, your committee on State Missions, submit the following report: As is well known, at our last session we dissolved all connection with the State Convention and agreed to endorse the General Association and its work, helping to support the missionaries working under its auspices. We are glad to note that the Lord has so wonderfully blessed our work. There are about twelve men actively engaged at work in the destitute portions of the state, churches have been organized, souls saved and great good accomplished. New churches are joining our Association every week, and agree to help in supporting the work, which has upon it the marks of Divine approval. Let every church in

this Association that has not already done so, raise money for this work and send up to the General Association, which convenes in Little Rock on the last day of this month.

State Association work or missions is only an enlargement of our Associational work, and we could and ought to supply the whole state with the pure word of God. This duty our Lord has laid upon us. Let us rally to his work, cultivate this field and extend help to the /regions beyond.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BEAN, ED. THOMPSON, B. Q. CAREY,

The report was discussed by Brethren Slaughter, SPaslay, Sawyer and Orange, and then adopted.

Adjourned till after services at night.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Association was called to order at 7:30. Prayer by Eld. S. C. Buckingham and W. H. Paslay. Preaching by Eld. T. E. Knight, text, 1st John 3:9.

Letters from Haynes and Brinkley churches were read and G. R. Roebuck and J. T. Friar were enrolled as messengers from Haynes church. Eld S. C. Buckingham was enrolled as a messenger from Bible Union church.

The report on Orphans' Home was head by W. H. Allison, as follows:

REPORT ON ORPHANS HOME.

One of the most prominent works enjoined by the Scriptures—and there is perhaps none more Christ-like—is that of providing for the orphans. And as the Orphans' Home at Monticello belongs to the Baptists of Arkansas, we should give it our sympathy and our support.

Respectfully submitted.

W. H. ALLISON, F. H. HOPKINS, T. JACKSON,

The report was discussed by W. H. Pasfay, Lon Slaughter, C. M. Myrick and G. R. Roebuck. A motion prevailed to take a collection for the Home, which amounted to \$30.23. The report was adopted and the Association adjourned until next morning. Prayer by C. M. Myrick.

THIRD DAY---Saturday; 9 A. M.

The meeting was called to order by the moderator; prayer by L. P. Anderson.

Eld. W. A. Clark of the Landmark Baptist, and Eld. H. Beauchamp, were invited to seats as visitors.

This being the hour set apart for the consideration of Associational Missions, the same were discussed by Lon Slaughter; then a further discussion was postponed until afternoon.

The report on Temperance was read by Eld, S. D. Sawyer, and is as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We four committee on Temperance, would submit the following: We believe that intemperance is the bane of human happiness and destructive to the best interests of morals and manhood. The number of deaths that occur annually from the use of intoxicating beverages More homes are made wretched and more innocent women and children are made to drink the dregs of poverty by the demon of strong drink than 'all agencies of evil combined. There is scarcely any hope of reformation after the victim of strong drink has acquired an insatiable thirst for the same; once in the clutches of this hydra-headed enemy of peace the struggle for liberty becomes desperate. We believe that the only remedy for this glaring evil is fourfold: (1) A public proclamation against its use from the pulpit. (2) A strict enforcement of discipline against members who use it as a beverage. (3) The proper training of the young with respect to its demoralizing tendencies. (4) The promotion of a public sentiment among Christians against its sale. We would recommend that our churches awake to the responsibility of employing their means, prayers and votes for the promotion of the noble cause of temperance.

Respectfully submitted,

S. D. SAWYER, J. J. KING, JOHN COX, JR.

The above report was discussed by S. D. Sawyer, S. L. Gustavus, ... B. Q. Cary, S. C. Buckingham, G. R. Roebuck, W. A. Clark, Lon Slaughter, T. M. Oldham, T. E. Knight and others, and then adopted.

At 11 o'clock Eld. S. C. Buckingham preached; text, John 19:32:33.

At 1:20 p. m. the Association was called to order; prayer by Eld. W. H. Paslay. The subject of Associational Missions was again taken up and discussed by the moderator and others, then amended and adopted.

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Pledges for Associational missions were then taken, as for	diowa-
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The report of the trustees of the Associational Church Fund was read by J. B. Sanders, and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF ASSOCIATIONAL CHURCH FUND. To the Mount Vernon Baptist Association:—

We beg to report, as the trustees of said Association, appointed to take charge of and loan out for the Association a certain fund arising from the sale of church property and grounds beg leave to report that soon after the adjournment-of the last Association there was collected and turned over to us the sum of \$212.00, and thereafter there was collected and paid to us of the same fund the sum of \$88.00, making in all the sum of \$200.00 placed in our hands. We beg to say that the funds were placed in the hands of one of our number, Brother M. J. Manning, who, laboring under the impression that we would receive promptly, and at once after the adjournment of the last Association, the sum of three hundred dellars, he added \$88.00 of his individual funds to the \$212.00 which we had originally, or at first, and loaned the full sum of \$200.00 to Mr. T. W. Evans of Monroe, Arkansas, taking a first mortgage upon 80 acres of land, worth the sum of \$600.00 at least, to secure the loan, in favor of ourselves as trustees of this Association

We beg to state that Brother Manning does not charge the Association anything for the use of his money, so advanced, as the same has been paid to him out of the last collection of \$88.00 as above indicated. The interest on said loan of \$300.00 has been paid, and the same is in our hands subject to your order, for which we beg to hand you the check of M. J. Manning. We have agreed with the present borrower that this loan may run for another year if the same is entirely agreeable to this body.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. PASLAY, J. B. SANDERS, M. J. MANNING.

Trustees Mount Vernon Association Fund.

A motion prevailed to extend the thanks of the body to Hon. M. J.

Manning for his efficient work and special kindness in handling the
above named fund.

The report on Publications was read by J. B. Sanders, and adopted, follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee on publications would report the following:

We would recommend's thorough study of the Bible, so that each one may be able to interpret it for his or her self, and not have to take the interpretations of any one else. We would recommend the publications of the "American Baptist Publication Society," also the "Baptist Book Concern" of Louisville, Ky., for sound literature.

We would recommend as a sound "Landmark Baptist" paper, the "Landmark Baptist," published at Little Rock, Ark., and for sound Baptist doctrine rend the "American Baptist Flag." edited by J. N. Itali, Pulton, Ky.

Respectfully submitted.

J. B. SANDERS.

J. L. BELSHA.

J. M. DOOLEY.

The report on Oblinaries was read by T. M. Oldham, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

Your committee beg to report that we can but recognize the great mercy and goodness of God in the preservation of the lives of these accustomed to meet with this body in its annual meetings, and for which we should render grateful homage to God, the giver of all good. One whose presence is missed on this occasion, who has gone from this field of labor and toll to the rest prepared for God's people, is Since Elizabeth Kendall, of Marvell church, of which she was an honored

and loved member. Also Sister Victoria Goodwin of Philadelphia church, Sisters M. A. Porter and Alice Pendergrass of Trenton church, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Stanley of Haynes, Dr. R. H. Sparkman of Forrest City, and Sisters E. J. Lee and Nannie Halpern of Clarendon church, While there guay be others as Godly, yet not to this body so well known as these, that God has taken to himself, we submit, knowing that He doeth all things well. And we render unto him grateful thanks for his continued mercy and pray for his protecting care in the future.

Respectfully submitted.

B. Q. CAREY. T. M. OLDHAM

J. H. CAVANAUGH.

Notice to change the time of meeting from Thursday to Friday was given by B. Q. Carey.

The report of the committee on nominations was read by H. A. Mc-Gill, and was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee on nominations, recommend that the next meeting of this Association be held with the church at Haynes, Lee county, Ark., and that C. M. Myrick preach the introductory sermon; and that W. H. Pasiay be the alternate.

On Associational Board—J. B. Hodges, F. L. Gustavus, Lon Slaughter, R. A. Mahan and L. M. Bookhart,

As Trustees of Mt. Vernon High School—Dr. J. W. Bean, J. L. Turner and Lon Slaughter. And as one trustee for the Associational Church Fund is to be elected, we recommend that J. B. Sanders be his own successor.

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. KNIGHT.

H. A. McGILL, AL, THOMPSON.

The Association adjourned until after preaching at night.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p. m.

Prayer by J. B. Sanders. Dr. W. A. Clark occupied the pulpit, preaching from John 524. Subject, "Saved Forever."

After preaching the Committee on Education submitted their re-

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education beg to submit the following:

We feel that in this advanced age of special demands and great-increasing responsibilities, none should fail to obtain at least a practical

education. Without the education of the head and heart and the trainme of the mind and hands, the efforts of life will be feeble and the resuts unsatisfactory. The fact that some have succeeded finely without an education, is no reason why we should not take advantage of the constunities afforded us. The opportunities of today are fine for any young man or young woman to obtain an education. With two Baptist colleges in our own state, and a number of high schools, there is no excuse for Baptists not sending to Baptist schools; it is inconsistent for as not to support our own. Your committee would very heartly recommend our own Mt. Vernon High School at Trenton, and urge upon one and all the importance of working for and patronizing it. For preparatory work, business, or a practical education, mone could do better than to send to Trenton. If we work not for nor patronize our own school, how can we expect it to continue or our teachers to succeed. We earnestly plead for your prayers, your means, your sympathy, cooperation and children for Mt. Vernon High School,

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. MYRICK,

G. R. ROEBUCK, L. P. ANDERSON.

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At this time the Trustees of Mt. Vernon High School made their report, as follows:

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

Report of the Trustees of the Mt. Vernon High School, located at Trenton, Ark., to the Association at Salem church, Cypert, Ark., Oct. 17, 1903:

The school opened Sept. 14, 1903, with favorable prospects for a prosperous year, with C. M. Myrick as principal, who has two assistant teachers. Mr. C. E. Myrick has charge of the commercial department and hears other classes also; Miss Willie Bail has charge of the music and voice pupils. The school has now enrolled thirty-eight pupils with about twenty boarders, and a good prospect for a much larger enrollment during the year. There is still some debt on the school, but we are glad to say that the indebtedness has been decreased about half the amount since last year; through the work of the trustees.

It has been necessary to make some improvements on the dormitory during the year, which was done after careful consideration of the trustees. We would remind the association of the duty of electing three trustees to fill the vacancies of R. R. Roebuck, D. H. Gill and Lon Shaughter, whose terms expire now. We further urge upon the

Association the duty of taking a collection at this hour for the purpose of relinquishing the debt now upon our school, that we may leave this meeting with out school free from debts.

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Respectfully submitted.

C. F. THOMPSON,

W. H. ALLISON, G. R. ROEBICK.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Financial statement of Mt. Vernon High School and Home for Girls:

Oct. 17, 1903. J. W. BEAN, Trensurer.

The above reports were discussed by Lon Shaughter, L. P. Anderson, C. M. Myrick, G. R. Roebuck and others. A collection in cash and pledges was then taken as follows. Haynes church \$10,00, E'd S D, Sawyer \$5,00, Lon Shaughter \$10,00, C. F. Thompson \$10,00, J. L. Turner \$10,00, L. P. Anderson \$10,00, Dr. J. W. Bean \$10,00, Forrest City church \$10,00, C. M. Myrick \$10,00, W. H. Allison \$5,00, Eld. M. Hall \$5,00, Marianna Sunday School \$10,00, Haynes Sunday School \$5,00, Level Valley church \$5,00, Marvell church \$10,00, Clarendon clurch \$5,00, Eld. T. E. Knight \$1,00, Philadelphia church \$5,00, Ash Grove church \$5,00, Poplar Grove church \$5,00, Mars Hill church \$2,00, Oak Grove church \$2,00, Moon Lake church \$2,00, Mrs. F. M. Cox \$2,50, W. H. Paslay \$5,00. Cash collection, \$11,35.

After the collection, the above reports were adopted.

The Association adjourned. Prayer by Dr. W. A. Clark.
Sunday morning 11 a. m., preaching by Dr. W. A. Clark, text. Acts
8:1. Subject, "The First Fifty Years of Christianity in the World."

At the close of the service a collection for the General Association amounting to \$16.84 was taken.

At 2 p. m. the Association was called to order; prayer by Eld. M. J. Day. This being the hour for the Jubilee service, Dr. W. A. Clark spoke of Baptist affairs in Arkansas for the last fifty years. There were no others present who were on the program for this service. A motion prevailed to request all those on the program for the Jubilee service to

reduce their productions to writing and send it to the clerk to be printed in the minutes.

A motion prevailed to instruct the clerk to have five hundred copies of the minutes printed, and that he have \$15.00 for his services.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Your committee wo ld respectfully submit the following report:				
Received for Associational Missions	21.95			
State Missions-General Association				
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Foreign Missions-A. J. Diaz	9.40			
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For printing minutes 2	20,30			
Orphans' Home 7	2.78			
Mount Vernon High School	2.35			
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J. L. TURNER:

F. L. GUSTAVUS,

F. H. HOPKINS,

Committee.

A motion that the treasurer be allowed to pay any balance due on the printing of the minutes was carried. Adjourned to meet after services at night.

7:30 P. M.,

Total ...

Preaching by Eld. W. H. Paslay, text, Song of Solomon 6:10. RESOLUTION.

Resolved. That we, members of Mt, Vernon Association, indicate by a riging vote our high appreciation and gratitude of heart, to the members of Salem church and citizens of this community for the generous manner in which he have been entertained during the sitting of this body.

Respectfully,

MILTON HALL.

By motion of Eld. M. Hall the Association adjourned to meet with the church at Haynes Thursday, at 10 a. m., before the third Sunday in October, 1904.