

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MT. VERNON BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

HELD AT
HAYNES, ARK.

OCTOBER 13, 14, 15, 16, 1904
FORTY-EIGHTH SESSION.

Next session will be held with Trenton Baptist Church, Thursday before the
Third Sunday in October, 1905, at 10 a. m.

W. H. PASLAY, Moderator
Forrest City, Ark.

J. B. SANDERS, Treasurer
Forrest City, Ark.

C. M. MYRICK, Clerk
Trenton, Ark.

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C. M. MYRICK, Principal.

Meetings of Mt. Vernon Baptist Association Since Organization.

NAME OF CHURCH	COUNTY	TIME	MODERATOR	CLERK	TREASURER	PREACHER
Mt. Vernon	St. Francis	1851	M. W. Izard	T. S. N. King	Jno. C. McCrary	T. S. N. King
Helena	Phillips	1851	Robert Jones	T. S. N. King	Jno. C. McCrary	T. S. N. King
Ash Grove	St. Francis	1851	J. M. Cox	P. S. G. Watson	Jno. C. McCrary	P. S. G. Watson
New Hope	Phillips	1851	Spence Hall	T. S. N. King	Jno. C. McCrary	P. S. G. Watson
Harmony	Monroe	1857	T. S. N. King	P. S. G. Watson	Jno. C. McCrary	T. S. N. King
Oak Grove	Monroe	1858	Spence Hall	P. S. G. Watson	Jno. C. McCrary	W. H. Barksdale
Liberty	Phillips	1859	Spence Hall	W. H. Barksdale	Jno. C. McCrary	W. H. Barksdale
Trenton	Phillips	1860	Spence Hall	W. H. Barksdale	Jno. C. McCrary	B. B. Black
Mt. Vernon	St. Francis	1861	T. S. N. King	W. H. Barksdale	Jno. C. McCrary	B. F. Thomas
Mt. Zion	Phillips	1865	Spence Hall	W. H. Barksdale	Jno. C. McCrary	W. H. Barksdale
New Hope	Phillips	1866	Spence Hall	W. H. Barksdale	Jno. C. McCrary	W. M. Raper
Shiloh	Monroe	1867	H. P. Slaughter	W. H. Barksdale	E. L. Black	R. H. Wolverton
Mt. Vernon	St. Francis	1868	H. P. Slaughter	W. H. Barksdale	E. L. Black	J. F. Marshall
Rising Sun	Arkansas	1869	H. P. Slaughter	S. H. King	W. D. Mayfield	J. M. Cox
De Witt	Arkansas	1870	H. P. Slaughter	S. H. King	T. M. Oldham	W. H. Roberts
Trenton	Phillips	1871	H. P. Slaughter	S. H. King	W. D. Mayfield	J. T. Marshall
Mt. Glend	Monroe	1872	H. P. Slaughter	S. H. King	W. D. Mayfield	J. K. Murphy
Forrest City	St. Francis	1873	H. P. Slaughter	J. K. Murphy	J. K. Murphy	L. K. Obenchain
Big Creek	Arkansas	1874	H. P. Slaughter	J. K. Murphy	J. K. Murphy	W. H. Paslay
Prairie Grove	Prairie	1875	A. H. Furgeson	H. Hallburton	E. T. Mitchell	T. M. Freeman
Ash Grove	Monroe	1876	H. P. Slaughter	A. M. Russell	A. M. Russell	A. M. Russell
Forrest Chapel	St. Francis	1877	H. P. Slaughter	L. K. Obenchain	W. H. Paslay	W. H. Paslay
Oak Grove	Lee	1879	H. P. Slaughter	L. K. Obenchain	W. H. Paslay	W. H. Paslay
Forrest City	St. Francis	1880	H. P. Slaughter	G. A. Grammer	W. H. Paslay	W. H. Paslay
Spring Creek	Lee	1881	H. P. Slaughter	G. A. Grammer	W. H. Paslay	W. H. Paslay
Salem	Phillips	1882	H. P. Slaughter	G. A. Grammer	W. H. Paslay	G. A. Grammer
Ash Grove	Monroe	1883	H. P. Slaughter	G. A. Grammer	W. H. Paslay	G. A. Grammer
Rehoboth	Phillips	1884	S. H. King	G. A. Grammer	W. H. Paslay	W. H. Paslay
Poplar Grove	St. Francis	1885	S. H. King	B. N. Hullsman	W. H. Paslay	L. K. Obenchain
Brinkley	Monroe	1886	S. H. King	G. A. Grammer	W. H. Paslay	W. H. Paslay
Marianna	Lee	1887	S. H. King	L. K. Obenchain	W. H. Paslay	L. K. Obenchain
Salem	Phillips	1888	R. G. Hewlett	L. K. Obenchain	W. H. Paslay	R. G. Hewlett
Forrest City	St. Francis	1889	S. H. King	L. K. Obenchain	W. H. Paslay	W. H. Paslay
Good Hope	Woodruff	1890	W. H. Paslay	L. K. Obenchain	R. G. Hewlett	L. K. Obenchain
Haynes	Lee	1891	W. H. Paslay	J. H. Cason	W. H. Paslay	J. H. Cason
Helena	Phillips	1892	S. H. King	J. H. Cason	W. H. Paslay	J. H. Cason
Ash Grove	Monroe	1893	S. H. King	J. B. Permyter	W. H. Paslay	H. J. Smith
Marianna	Lee	1894	S. H. King	Lon Slaughter	W. H. Paslay	W. A. Gibbons
Rehoboth	Phillips	1895	S. H. King	Lon Slaughter	W. H. Paslay	W. B. Peebles
Brinkley	Monroe	1896	S. H. King	Lon Slaughter	W. H. Paslay	J. B. Wise
Salem	Phillips	1897	S. H. King	Lon Slaughter	W. H. Paslay	J. A. Smith
Poplar Grove	St. Francis	1898	S. H. King	Lon Slaughter	W. H. Paslay	H. C. Rosamond
Marianna	Lee	1899	S. H. King	Lon Slaughter	W. H. Paslay	S. L. Holloway
Helena	Phillips	1900	S. H. King	L. P. Anderson	W. H. Paslay	A. A. Andrus
Forrest City	St. Francis	1901	S. H. King	L. P. Anderson	W. H. Paslay	J. A. Smith
Clarendon	Monroe	1902	W. H. Paslay	L. P. Anderson	J. H. Sanders	W. H. Paslay
Salem	Phillips	1903	W. H. Paslay	C. M. Myrick	J. H. Sanders	S. D. Sawyer
Haynes	Lee	1904	W. H. Paslay	C. M. Myrick	J. H. Sanders	C. M. Myrick



PROCEEDINGS.



First Day---Thursday, October 13th.

The Mt. Vernon Baptist Association met this day with the Haynes Baptist church and was called to order by the former moderator, Elder W. H. Paslay, who read Psalm 103; the congregation sang "How Firm a Foundation," and was led in prayer by T. M. Oldham. The moderator made remarks concerning the devotional services of the association.

G. R. Roebuck and W. D. Orange were appointed to read the letters from the churches. During the session the following churches reported by letters and messengers:

Mars Hill, Elder J. L. Wilson and P. H. Jones; Salem, M. F. Turner, B. Q. Carey and C. M. Myrick; Philadelphia, Elder S. D. Sawyer, H. N. Daniels and S. A. Hallum; Marvell, J. L. Belsha; Marianna, J. P. Farrar, T. P. Wordall and Elder R. A. Mahan; Helena, T. M. Oldham, G. H. Vineyard and Elder W. H. Sledge; Christian Valley, J. C. King and Sister F. M. Cox; Oak Grove, F. L. Gustavus, A. F. Spiwy and Sister Fanny Spiwy; Clarendon, H. A. McGill, Elder J. S. Rogers and Sister M. E. Wilds; Brinkley, Elder E. C. Faulkner; Ash Grove, D. F. Anderson and J. R. Sorrels; Forrest City, Elder J. A. McCord, Dr. J. T. Longest, J. M. Pruett, Elder W. H. Paslay and Elder J. W. Duckworth; Rehoboth, W. L. Howard, R. W. McKinney and Miss Lizzie McGrew; Prairie Grove, J. H. Freeman; Shiloh, J. J. Fisher, J. P. Hardin and J. R. Thomas; Colt, T. G. Hewlett and Sister Matthews; Monroe, J. W. Grimes and Ben. Scott; Park Grove, Elder T. E. Knight and Sister M. E. Knight; Haynes, G. R. Roebuck, J. T. Friar and Sister Julia Thompson; New Hope, W. L. Moore, Lee Dover and Sister W. A. Bobbit; Trenton, C. A. Porter, L. P. Anderson and J. W. Walker; Poplar Grove, W. S. Henstis, O. W. Lambert and J. B. Hodges; Big Creek, Elder Z. T. Billingsly.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

By motion of Elder J. L. Wilson the association went into the election of officers for the ensuing year. By a motion made by J. L. Wilson, which was carried, the clerk was requested to cast the vote of the body for Elder W. Paslay for moderator. J. P. Farrar moved that Elder W. H. Sledge cast the vote of the association for C. M. Myrick for clerk; motion carried. A motion by W. D. Orange prevailed instructing the clerk to cast the vote of the body for J. B. Sanders for treasurer.

COMMITTEES.

The following committees were appointed by the moderator and the same announced during the sitting of the body:

Divine Service—G. R. Roebuck, W. D. Orange and J. L. Belshut.

Finance—Dr. W. R. Haynie, W. S. Henstis and B. Q. Carey.

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State Missions Elder J. A. McCord, J. P. Farrow and Dr. W. R. Haynie.

Associational Missions J. M. Pruett, T. G. Hewlett and Elder S. D. Sawyer.

Education C. M. Myrick, T. E. Knight and W. H. Sledge.

Nominations J. L. Wilson, J. T. Fisher and M. L. Moore.

Publications J. B. Sanders, J. L. Belsha and J. H. Freeman.

Orphans' Home F. L. Gustavus, D. S. Anderson and J. P. Hardin.

Obituaries J. B. Hodges, J. W. Grimes and J. R. Thomas.

Temperance J. S. Rogers, W. D. Orange and E. C. Faulkner.

Foreign Missions L. P. Anderson, T. M. Oldham and T. E. Knight.

Sunday Schools G. R. Roebuck, G. H. Vineyard and H. A. McGill.

Ministerial Education W. H. Sledge, J. S. Rogers and C. M. Myrick.

The congregation spent some time in singing and prayer, and the moderator made remarks upon association work. Talks were made by J. L. Wilson, T. M. Oldham and W. H. Sledge.

The committee on divine service announced that the appointee, C. M. Myrick, would preach the introductory sermon to-night.

Announcements were made by W. H. Sledge concerning his church paper and by J. W. Duckworth about books.

The association adjourned until 2 o'clock; prayer by Elder W. H. Sledge.

Afternoon Session.

The association met at 2 o'clock. Prayer by Elder E. C. Faulkner. Elder W. H. Paslay read the report of the executive board as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Acting upon the recommendation of the association, we employed two missionaries—Bro. Ridge, of Illinois, and J. W. Duckworth, of Indian Territory. After a delay of several weeks, Bro. Ridge informed us that he could not take the work. We had other applications, but owing to the lack of funds, as not a dollar had been sent in, we thought it prudent not to incur too large a debt. So we employed Bro. J. W. Duckworth, who had joined the Forrest City church and was authorized to do missionary work, to travel and preach and sell bibles and Baptist literature. He has put in full time and has been very successful in selling books. He has traveled 1,051 miles, preached 68 sermons, made 2,664 personal talks and appeals, sold \$253.65 worth of books and collected on the field \$27.30.

We now owe about \$152.00. We have on hand a wagon and horse and harness worth \$170.00 and books to the amount of \$116.00, first cost. We have expended for books, wagon, horse, etc., \$418.33, besides \$200.00 to our missionary. Our colportage has increased and for the last two months has been self-sustaining, and we would recommend that the association continue this work. We regard it the most efficient missionary work we can do, since the books sold will continue to preach and instruct after we have ceased to labor, and our tongues be silent in the grave.

The destitution within the bounds of our association is appalling, but

owing to the small amount of funds we have at our command we have had to exercise rigid economy in our work. Can not something be done to arouse our churches to a sense of their duty along this line? They look to and appeal to the board for help, and yet contribute little or nothing to prosecute the work. Brethren, unloose our hands, aid us in this work and great blessings will follow.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. PASLAY, Chairman.

The report was discussed by W. H. Paslay and J. W. Duckworth and adopted.

The report of J. B. Sanders as treasurer of the association was read and adopted as follows:

Treasurer's Financial Statement.

DEBIT.

Amount received from Finance Committee October 12, 1903.....	\$373.40
Cash on hand from last year.....	20.86
Amount received from J. M. Higgins.....	1.00
Amount received from T. E. Knight.....	5.00
Amount received for interest on associational church fund.....	30.00
Amount from Oak Grove church (colportage).....	2.00
Amount from Rehoboth church (colportage).....	8.25
Amount from Forrest City church.....	41.00
Total amount received.....	\$482.10

CREDIT.

Amount paid L. P. Anderson (clerk's fees).....	\$ 17.00
Amount paid Dr. Bean, treasurer Mt. Vernon High School.....	32.35
Amount paid Finance Committee of General Association.....	123.90
Amount paid secretary Arkansas Baptist state convention.....	24.85
Amount paid Helena World (printing minutes).....	27.00
Amount paid for clerk's fees.....	15.00
Amount paid J. W. Duckworth, missionary, June 1st.....	25.00
Amount paid " " June 28th.....	25.00
Amount paid American Baptist Publishing Society for books.....	47.74
Amount paid J. W. Duckworth, August 12th.....	25.00
Amount paid W. T. Sanders for horse.....	75.00
Amount paid W. T. Sanders for buggy whip.....	.50
Amount paid Paslay and Johnson on wagon.....	8.25
Amount paid " " " " " ".....	36.00
Total.....	\$482.08
	482.10

Due treasurer..... .58

J. B. SANDERS, Treasurer.

The following named brethren were enrolled as visitors: Prof. J. W. Conger, Onachita College; Elder Ben M. Bogard, "Landmark Baptist,"

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Little Rock: Elder J. A. Scarborough, "American Baptist Flag," Fulton, Ky.
 A motion prevailed to have a committee on ministerial education.
 The body adjourned until 7:30; prayer by J. W. Conger.

Evening Session.

The association convened at 7:30 p. m. and C. M. Myrick preached the annual sermon. Text, John. 14: 6 Subject, "Jesus, the Way."
 After the sermon the moderator called for other letters that might have come, which were read and the messengers enrolled. By motion of Elder W. H. Paslay the treasurer was ordered to pay the clerk the amount of the postage paid on last year's minutes. The body adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. to-morrow. Prayer by Elder J. L. Wilson.

Second Day--Friday, October 14.

The association, having been called to order by the moderator at 9 a. m., was lead in prayer by W. D. Orange. A motion was carried to have Evangelical Missions as a special order of business for 2 o'clock to-day. The report of the treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Mt. Vernon High School was read and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF TREASURER OF MT. VERNON HIGH SCHOOL.

To the Mt. Vernon Baptist Association:

I take pleasure in rendering to you the following financial report of the Mt. Vernon High School and home for girls. We have done some repairing on the building and have added to the furniture of the home for girls. We keep the school building and furniture insured, and I am glad that I can say we are out of debt. I hope this report will be as encouraging to you as it is to me. I feel that if you will lend us a helping hand, and all of us collectively and individually put our shoulders to the wheel, we will soon have a school that will be second to none.

Oct. 13, 1903--By balance due treasurer, last report	\$ 65 08	
Oct. 17, 1903--To amounts received at association	\$ 32 35	
Oct. 19, 1903, to Sept. 13, 1904--To cash from pledges	91 00	
Nov. 11, 1903--By insurance		22 50
May 3, 1904, to Oct. 12, 1904--By postage and stationery		4 05
Sept. By furniture and bedding for home, repairs on school building and for catalogues		64 82
Oct. 10 -- To catalogue	63 00	
	<u>\$186 35</u>	<u>\$157 06</u>
Oct. 12, 1904 -- To cash on hand	\$ 29 20	

J. W. BRAN,

Treasurer of Board of Trustees.

The motion to change the time of the meeting of the association from Thursday to Friday, notice of which was given a year ago, was voted upon and the motion was lost, the vote being a tie—a two-thirds majority being necessary to change the constitution.

Notice was given by W. H. Sledge of a motion to change the time of

the meeting of the association from October to August. The same will be voted upon at the next meeting of the association.

The report on temperance was read by Elder J. S. Rogers as follows:

TEMPERANCE.

There is no evil among us that even approaches the evil of intemperance in its sweep of temporal poverty and spiritual death. The liquor traffic is the right arm of satanic power over man. A saloon is a cell of hell on earth. The sin of intemperance is self-propagating, self-intensifying, knows no compromise with righteousness, and is disappointed unless it brings its helpless subject to the gate of death. Intemperance answers no necessary or righteous demand. It is the bitterest enemy of business; the source of anarchy in government; the life of distress in the home; a Judas in the church.

So, it is the sense of this committee, that the time has already come when resolutions are not sufficient. Loyalty to our King demands that we shall act. Neutrality here is not neutrality. Inertia in this is heresy. Therefore, we, your committee, recommend that all our ministers take no uncertain position in the pulpit against license. That each church as a unit make a relentless war on saloons and so-called "native wine" sellers. That every individual member of our church wholly abstain from the use of any kind of liquor as a beverage at least, and that they ever vote against license and stand relentlessly and determinately for the enforcement of the "dry law." Our King expects that every man of us shall this day do our duty against this invasion of hell.

May the spirit of great and enriching grace live in our hearts and lives to hurl us against this foe of God and souls.

E. C. FAULKNER,

W. D. ORANGE,

J. S. ROGERS,

Committee.

The above report was discussed by W. H. Sledge and J. A. Scarborough and further discussion of it was deferred until after the special order of business in the afternoon. The hour for preaching having arrived, Elder J. A. Scarborough occupied the pulpit and preached from Matthew, 24: 17; Revelations, 19: 19-21. Subject, "The Great Contingency." After the sermon the body adjourned to 2 p. m. Prayer by the moderator.

Afternoon Session.

At 2 o'clock the moderator called the association to order. Prayer by Elder J. W. Duckworth. The special order of business for this hour being associational missions; the report of the committee on this subject was read by Rev. J. M. Prnett as follows:

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

To the Mt. Vernon Baptist Association:

Your committee on associational missions respectfully submit: We

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have not the time nor the means at hand requisite to a fair presentation of this important department of the work of this body.

Looking out from Haynes to any point of the compass the field is before us. Its area about 100 square miles, comprising the counties of Monroe, Lee, Phillips and St. Francis, with a population of, approximately, 75,000 souls.

We find that the churches co-operating with this body in 1903 numbered twenty, with an aggregate membership of 1,100, and owning church property valued at \$16,000. That these churches furnished for the prosecution of the mission work in the bounds of this association the sum of \$172.00. These figures are suggestive. We are not using the talents the Lord has given us.

The treasurer's report shows that less than \$400 was expended during the last associational year, and the missionary employed by the board reported that he had not witnessed a conversion.

Is \$172.00 in any year a proper offering for 1,100 Baptists? We should bestir ourselves and make some sacrifices for the furtherance of the Master's work. We suggest:

1st. We lack method in the prosecution of mission work.

2d. The pledge or credit system of contributing is not the best. This work should be placed on a cash basis.

3d. The church should formulate a plan that would give this body for use in its bounds a fund equal to \$1.00 per capita for its entire membership annually.

4th. This body should, through a committee, or individual, or board, use this fund so provided, under God and in His fear, in such way as to bring the best results.

Let us lay aside bickering and strife and dissension, abandon the war cry and adopt in our work that better idea, "Peace on earth, good will to men."

Respectfully,

J. M. PRUETT,

S. D. SAWYER,

T. G. HEWLETT,

Committee.

The above report was discussed by Brethren Pruett, Duckworth, Wilson, Paslay, Mahan, McCord, Myrick, Roebuck, Sledge, Sanders and Sawyer. At this point Bro. G. H. Vineyard offered a resolution to take a cash collection for this work, and that the messengers present be asked to pledge their churches for the same, and that they be requested to lay the matter before their churches and try to raise the pledge or a part of it by or before the first of January, 1905. Cash collection \$25.50. The taking of the pledges above provided for was deferred until after preaching at night. A motion was made and carried to postpone further discussion of the reports under consideration in order to hear the report on Ministerial Education. Said report was read by Elder W. H. Sledge and discussed by J. W. Conger and W. H. Sledge, and further discussion was deferred until after preaching at night. The association then adjourned until 7:30 p. m.

Evening Session.

At 7:30 the association reassembled. Elder W. H. Sledge being appointed to preach, read a lesson from the book of Joshua, then preached from the text, "Shout, for the Lord hath given you the city."

After the sermon the pledges for Associational Missions were taken as follows: New Hope, \$5; Helena, \$50; Salem, \$15; Marvell, \$5; Rehoboth, \$15; Clarendon, \$5; Trenton, \$10; Christian Valley, \$5; Park Grove, \$5; Brinkley, \$10; Philadelphia, \$5; Ash Grove, \$5; Shiloh, \$5; Poplar Grove \$10; Mars Hill, \$5; Marianna, (conditional) \$20; Oak Grove, \$5; Haynes, \$20; Forrest City, \$30. Total, \$130. After taking the pledges as above the report on Associational Missions was taken up again.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

While we as Baptists have always believed that any brother who feels himself called to the gospel ministry should be permitted to preach without educational limitations, yet Baptists have always encouraged its ministry to qualify and equip itself for preaching the gospel of Christ by embracing the advantages offered by our schools and colleges.

We, your committee, therefore recommend a more thorough training of our young ministers. We cordially endorse and recommend our Mt. Vernon High School, at Trenton, for a high school course, and our own Onchita College, at Arkadelphia, for the education of our preacher boys, and that we now take a collection in cash and pledges for ministerial education.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. SLEDGE,

S. D. SAWYER,

T. P. WORDALL,

Committee.

The above report having been read by Elder W. H. Sledge, it was adopted and a collection for ministerial education was taken as follows: Cash, \$8.15; pledges: Clarendon, \$10; Helena, (heretofore pledged) \$50; Brinkley, \$5; Ash Grove, \$2 50; Forrest City, \$10.

The report on temperance was re-read by Elder J. S. Rogers, discussed by Brethren Rogers, Duckworth, Faulkner, Myrick and Wilson and was adopted. Then the association adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. Saturday.

Third Day---Saturday, October 15.

At 9 a. m. the association was called to order by the moderator and was led in prayer by Rev. D. S. Anderson. The report of the committee on State Missions was read by Elder J. A. McCord as follows, and adopted:

STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee on State Missions desires to submit the following:

1st. We would emphasize the importance of State Missions. We believe it to be the foundation of all missions, home and foreign. To neglect this part of our work is to neglect the other. If we are weak on State Missions we will be weak on all missions. If we would build largely for God

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let us look well to the foundation by doing State Mission work.

24. We believe that the duty of State Missions is set forth in the last great commission of our Savior: "Also He said: ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

25. The Work Done—It is impossible to make an accurate report of the work done during the past year, since the figures have not been collected. From a general knowledge of the work we are encouraged and have great reason to be profoundly thankful to God for His blessings upon our efforts. There has been an enlargement of the work over last year.

4th, The Needs of the Field—The destitution within the bounds of our state are appalling. Many towns and communities are without a Baptist church, hence without the gospel. Many homes are without a bible and ignorant of God's law. Brethren, shall this continue to be so? Shall we who have the light withhold it from those who have it not? We need men and money to carry on this work. If ye have the men the money will come. Therefore let us pray the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His field.

5th, The Outlook—We believe the outlook is hopeful. There are signs of progress that are encouraging. Our people are waking up to the needs and possibilities of our work as never before. There are hopeful signs of a better day for State Missions in Arkansas. Let us increase our prayers for and contributions to the general association, and God will increase His blessings accordingly. Respectfully submitted,

J. A. McCORD,

W. R. HAYNIE,

J. P. FARROW,

Committee.

A motion prevailed to take a cash collection for State Missions immediately after preaching Sunday.

The report on Publications was read by Bro. J. B. Sanders as follows:

PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee on publications would respectfully submit the following: Next to the bible, "The Book of Books," we would recommend for our reading, especially the young, the many Baptist books (and if they are BAPTIST they contain bible truths) published by our many publishing houses. The reading of this kind of literature is the most effective antidote for the poison instilled into the young by the worthless fiction of the present day. To make a good and efficient Christian, we must build on the solid foundation, Jesus Christ, by a close study of the bible and the reading of good religious literature.

That we may keep posted on the events transpiring almost daily in our denomination and in our state, we would recommend to the Baptists of the state that they subscribe and pay for the Landmark Baptist which we believe is a paper worthy of our support.

J. B. SANDERS,

J. L. BRISNA,

J. H. FARRIS,

Committee.

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Elder W. H. Sledge moved to amend by adding the Baptist Advance to the recommendations in the report. The matter was discussed by Brethren Sledge, Sanders, Rogers, Faulkner, Wilson, Paslay, Anderson, Carey and Roebuck. The amendment was lost and the original report was adopted.

The hour for preaching having arrived, Elder J. A. McCord, of Forrest City, being appointed, preached. Text: Jobe, 1: 6. Subject: "The Devil in the Church." After the sermon the moderator made a statement concerning the illness of Bro. P. W. Long, who requested the prayers of the association in his behalf. A special prayer was led by Elder W. H. Paslay. The body then adjourned until 1:30 p. m. Benediction by the moderator.

Afternoon Session.

The association was called to order at 1:30. Prayer by Elder J. W. Duckworth. The report of the committee on Nominations was read by Elder J. L. Wilson and adopted as follows:

NOMINATIONS.

Your committee on Nominations recommends as members of the Executive Board, C. F. Thompson, F. L. Gustavus, G. H. Vineyard, Lon Slaughter and R. A. Mahan.

We recommend as Trustees of Mt. Vernon High School; C. F. Thompson, W. H. Allison and G. H. Vineyard.

We recommend a continuation of the present Board of Trustees of "Forest Chapel Church Fund."

We recommend that the next session of this association be held with Trenton Baptist church and that Elder J. A. McCord preach the introductory sermon, Elder E. C. Faulkner alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. WILSON,

J. J. TISHEE,

M. L. MOORE,

Committee.

A motion prevailed to elect C. M. Myrick as Trustee of Mt. Vernon High School to fill the unexpired term of A. Tableman.

The report on Orphans' Home was read by F. L. Gustavus and discussed by J. A. McCord, E. C. Faulkner and W. H. Paslay, and the report was adopted. A motion was carried to take a collection in cash and pledges for the Orphans' Home. Cash collection, \$9.70; pledges: Salem, \$5; Rehoboth, \$10; Clarendon, \$10; Trenton, \$5; Ash Grove, \$2.50; Poplar Grove, \$5; Oak Grove, \$2; Haynes, \$5; Christian Valley, \$2.50.

ORPHANS' HOME.

We recognize the Orphans' Home as one of the most important charges of the church, and there is, perhaps, no work more Christ-like than 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

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our support. There are at present about sixty-four children in the home who receive proper training and also school education. Your committee would suggest that a donation be taken up during the session of this body and sent to the home.

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. GUSTAVUS,

D. F. ANDERSON,

J. P. HARRIS,

Committee.

A motion was made and carried to have the report on Education immediately after preaching to-night.

A motion prevailed to appoint a standing committee to arrange programs for fifth Sunday meetings during the associational year, and that the next fifth Sunday meeting be held with Oak Grove church. The meeting adjourned until 7:30 p. m. Benediction by the moderator.

Evening Session.

At 7 o'clock the moderator called the body to order and led in prayer. Elder J. S. Rogers, of Clarendon, occupied the stand and preached from I. Cor., 16: 13, "Quit you like men."

After the sermon the report on education was read by C. M. Myrick, and the report was discussed by Brethren Walker, Wilson, Myrick and Anderson, and Prof. L. P. Anderson took pledges for the Mt. Vernon High School as follows: New Hope, \$5; Trenton, \$10. The report was adopted as below.

EDUCATION.

We feel that in this age of increased responsibilities it is a duty and an imperative duty to encourage and promote education in every possible way. Without the education of our children we are withholding from them the capabilities for making useful men and women and of meeting and successfully discharging the duties of citizenship. The opportunities for obtaining an education were never better. We have two most excellent Baptist colleges for the education of our young men and women and quite a number of reputable high schools. Is there any reasonable excuse for not educating our sons and daughters in schools of our own? We have within the bounds of our association, our own Mt. Vernon High School, a better school of its kind in our opinion not existing in the state. And therefore believing in the upbuilding of home enterprises, we heartily recommend for a high school course the Mt. Vernon High School and pledge ourselves to support it by our prayers and patronage, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. MYRICK,

W. H. SLEIGK,

T. E. KNIGHT,

Committee.

A motion was carried authorizing the clerk to receive and incorporate in the minutes the report of the trustees of Mt. Vernon High School and of the trustees of the associational church fund.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by L. P. Anderson and was adopted as follows:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee on Foreign Missions reports as follows: We would call attention to the fact that foreign missions are taught in the New Testament both by precept and example. The scope of the gospel is world-wide. Go ye into all the world, is the command. Until we have done this we have not carried out our order. The Macedonian cry is coming to us from the far distant land; shall we heed it? Shall we who have the light of the glorious gospel fail to send it to those who have never heard of Christ? We recommend that pastors preach often on foreign missions, and that the brethren pray for the missionaries who have left their homes, taken their lives in their hands and gone out to carry the gospel.

We recommend that the brethren increase their contributions to this part of our work,

Respectfully submitted,

L. P. ANDERSON,

T. E. KNIGHT,

T. M. OLDHAM,

Committee.

The association then adjourned until 10 a. m. Sunday. Prayer by the moderator.

Fourth Day---Sunday, October 16th.

At the appointed hour the moderator called the association to order, and was led in prayer by T. M. Oldham. G. R. Roebuck read the report of the committee on Sunday Schools as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, submit the following report: By the letters coming from our churches we find that the most of them have good, active Sunday Schools.

We take this as a sign of better things in the near future for the Baptist cause in our association. We congratulate ourselves with this thought, and take courage from a verse of scripture found in Prov., 22: 6, "Teach a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Brethren, it is the sense of your committee that the Sunday School is an active force that has the warrant backed by experience and God's word of much good to pupils, teachers and the church as well.

Therefore we urge upon the churches the necessity of maintaining this department of church work.

Respectfully submitted,

G. R. ROEBUCK,

G. H. VINEYARD,

H. A. MCGILL,

Committee.

T. M. Oldham and G. M. Myrick made talks upon Sunday School work, and the report was adopted. The hour for preaching having arrived,

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der E. C. Thompson, of Brinkley, preached from John, 3: 7. Subject, "The New Birth."

After the sermon a collection for state missions was taken, amounting to \$18 00.

The report of the committee on Obituaries was read by Elder W. H. Fankner and was adopted as follows:

OBITUARIES.

We, your committee on Obituaries, would report that since our last association the Angel of Death has entered our fold and taken from our midst Deacon W. A. Bobbit and Elder S. C. Buckingham.

Brother Bobbit has been long and favorably known to the most of us. He was a devoted Christian, strong and unflinching in his conviction of right and duty, and always ready for every good word and work. And while we mourn his loss to us, yet we console ourselves with the assurance that he has joined the sanctified host above, and we tender our sympathy to his bereaved companion.

Bro. Buckingham had returned to this state only recently, but he immediately entered upon our work and died with the gospel armor on.

While writing this notice, news comes to us of the death of Bro. A. C. Wood, a prominent deacon of the Forrest City Baptist church. The deceased led an exemplary Christian life.

We would also make affectionate mention of Sister Weatherly and the beloved wife of Bro. C. M. Myrick. May the Lord comfort the hearts of the bereaved. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

Brethren, let us watch and be ready for the summons.

J. B. HODGES,

J. W. GRIMES,

J. R. THOMAS,

Committee.

The body then adjourned until 3 p. m. Prayer by Elder Fankner.

Afternoon Session.

At 3 the moderator called the meeting to order. Prayer by Elder J. W. Duckworth. Dr. W. R. Haynie read the report of the committee on Finance, which was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your committee on Finance, beg leave to report as follows: We find that \$347 33 have been collected and reported during the past association year, divided as follows, to-wit:

1. For Association Missions	\$210.75.
2. For Association Minutes	30 51
3. For Dixie	3 05
4. For Jeri-linn	3 04
5. For Foreign Missions	2 50
6. For Ministerial Education	8 15

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7. For Havana Church	5.00
8. For Colportage.....	23.00
9. For State Missions...	27.75
10. For Orphans' Home	24.68
Total	\$347.53

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. HAYNIE,
W. S. HOUSTICE,
B. Q. CAREY,

Committee.

The minutes were read and adopted, then the moderator made appropriate remarks and the association adjourned to meet with the church at Trenton, Phillips county, Ark., on Thursday at 10 a. m., before the third Sunday in October, 1905. The parting hand was extended and the closing prayer was offered by Elder E. C. Faulkner.

W. H. PASLAY, Moderator.

C. M. MYRICK, Clerk.

Resolutions.

No. 1. Resolved, That the Mt. Vernon Association extend the thanks of this body to the Haynes Baptist church, and to the town of Haynes, and to the members of other denominations in the town and surrounding country, for the courteous reception and bountiful hospitality shown to the members and visitors of this association, and pray that the blessings of God may rest on them for their Christian courtesies.

W. D. ORANGE.

Bro. W. A. Linsey, pastor of the Methodist church of Haynes, responded to the above resolutions, making a talk that was appreciated by the messengers and visitors.

No. 2. Resolved, That the clerk of this association be and is hereby instructed to have 500 copies of the minutes printed and distributed to the churches, and that he have \$15.00 for his services and a sufficient sum to pay the postage on the minutes.

J. L. WILSON.

No. 3. Whereas, There is a great and growing evil in this part of the state in the manufacture and sale of native wine and in the sale and giving away of whisky in different ways; and

Whereas, We believe that the power to change present conditions is in our legislature and that we ought to have and can have better and more effective laws regulating these matters;

Therefore be it resolved by this association, composed of more than 2,000 Baptists living in St. Francis, Monroe, Phillips, Lee and a part of Woodruff and Cross counties:

1st. That we hereby petition the representatives of the above counties to make an effort at the sitting of the next general assembly to give us better legislation to help us remove this daring, destructive evil from our doors.

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2d. That we ask for an amendment to the constitution, or laws to remove this curse from our state.

3d. That we call upon the friends of temperance all over the state to rise up with us and help remove this destructive evil from our great state.

4th. That in behalf of our lands, our homes, our neighbors, our sons and Christianity, we pray for your sympathy and help in this extreme time of need.

5th. That a copy of our minutes be sent to each representative of these counties.

6th. That these resolutions, together with the report on temperance, be published in our several county papers, and also in the two Baptist papers of the state, and that the Gazette and Democrat, of Little Rock, be requested to publish the same.

7th. That we all continue to pray our God to rule that these efforts be for the good of good.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. MYRICK.

RULES OF DECORUM.

ARTICLE 1. The association shall be opened by singing and prayer.

ARTICLE 2. The moderator, clerk and treasurer shall be elected by ballot by the members present.

ARTICLE 3. The moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal.

ARTICLE 4. The moderator shall be entitled to the privilege of speaking as other members, but not to vote unless a tie.

ARTICLE 5. All questions shall be introduced by motion, and if seconded shall be opened for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been discussed a reasonable time, the moderator shall, when the question is called for, proceed to take it by calling for the yeas and nays, and if a call for a division is made, he shall call for a standing vote.

ARTICLE 6. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the moderator. Only one shall speak at the same time, and shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject to make personal reflections.

ARTICLE 7. No person shall speak more than once upon any subject, until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity, nor more than twice without permission.

ARTICLE 8. Every subject introduced for discussion shall be decided before another is offered, unless it be laid over by motion with the consent of the mover and the association.

ARTICLE 9. The names of the messengers shall be called whenever the association shall direct, and absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the moderator.

ARTICLE 10. The appellation "Brother" shall be used in addressing each other.

ARTICLE 11. Any member violating the rules shall be subject to re-proof by the moderator.

ARTICLE 12. Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules when a majority may deem it necessary.

ARTICLE 13. Any case coming before the association not provided for in these rules shall be governed by general parliamentary rules.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This confederation of churches shall be called by the name of "Mt. Vernon Baptist Association."

2. The object of this association shall be to promote the glory of God on earth by preaching the gospel of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, the universal spread of the bible, the word of the true and living God, and by other appropriate means.

3. This association shall consist of messengers from the churches now forming this union, and such other Baptist churches as may hereafter be received as constituent members thereof.

4. Every church shall be entitled to three representatives without regard to the number of their members, respectively, and to an additional one for every fifty members exceeding fifty; provided, that no church shall ever be entitled to more than five. A certificate of appointment or letter from their respective churches shall be evidence that they have been so delegated.

5. The officers of this association shall be a moderator, a clerk or clerks, a corresponding secretary and a treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot, by a majority of the members present, immediately after the names of the delegates are enrolled, which officers shall perform all duties; respectively, usually devolved on such officers, and continue to exercise their respective functions until they shall be superseded by a subsequent election.

6. The clerk shall preserve a regular record of the association and have it present at the meeting of the body, and when they vacate their offices deliver the same, with all other books and papers relative to said office, to their successors.

7. The association shall regard the churches as independent bodies in all their internal affairs and exercise no ecclesiastical jurisdiction, or claim any legislative or judicial prerogative over them; nevertheless, the association may exercise authority over its own members, the representatives of the churches, and power to withdraw from all churches which may depart from the gospel as understood and held by this body by becoming either heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice, and should therefore regard the churches united in this association with a vigilant eye for good, and may give, at its own discretion, and in its own way, advice or information, when sought, to any church connected with it.

8. It shall be the duty of the association to ascertain the general condition of its constituent churches; devise means to promote their harmony and increase their spirituality and efficiency, to promote the cause of truth and righteousness.

9. The association shall hold annual sessions, to convene on Thursday before the first Lord's Day in October, in each year, and not adjourn until all the business shall have been regularly finished, except when circumstances imperiously demand. The place of meeting shall be determined at each previous session and published in the minutes.

10. Baptist churches not before united in the association, or those dismissed from other associations, may be admitted as members of this union on application by a written petition or letter, presented by one or more messengers duly appointed by some church or churches, provided they give satisfactory evidence that they are orthodox in faith and correct in the practice of the gospel ordinances.

11. Every minister of the gospel (either ordained or licentiate) whose membership is in or who may be a pastor of any church belonging to this body, shall be ex-officio a member of this Association, with the privilege of offering resolutions and speaking, but not of voting unless specially delegated by some church.

12. When in session the association will be governed by such rules of decorum as it may adopt for itself.

13. It shall be the duty of the churches, respectively, annually to report to the association their general condition; the number of members in fellowship; the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, restored, and dead during the year, and the names and post office addresses of all ministers (whether ordained or licensed), designating each, and also the name and address of their clerks. They shall also report on any special matter required, and send up such contributions as they may willingly contribute to aid the body to disseminate more widely the truth as contained in Holy Scriptures and the establishment of the Redeemer's kingdom on earth.

14. The neglect or failure of a church to be represented by a messenger, or messengers, in the association for three consecutive years, shall be cause to withdraw from such church at the discretion of the association.

15. This association may correspond by letter or messenger with any other religious body of the same faith or order.

16. A board consisting of five members, any three of whom shall constitute a quorum, shall be elected at each annual meeting, whose duty it shall be to devise means to carry forward the benevolent objects of the association, and the officers of this association shall be ex-officio members of the board.

17. The minutes of the association shall be publicly read and corrected, if necessary, and then signed by the moderator and clerk before the association adjourns.

18. Any amendment may be made to this constitution at any meeting of the association by a vote of two thirds of the members present, provided the same shall have been published in the association's minutes of the preceding year.

Report of Board of Trustees of Mt. Vernon High School.

Your board would respectfully submit the following as our annual report to your body:

We are glad to report that the school is doing fairly well, having thirty-five pupils enrolled at present, with a bright prospect of an increase very soon and a number of promises of pupils to enter at an early day.

Rev. C. M. Myrick resigned as principal of the school, and your board has secured the services of Prof. W. J. Walker, of Guin, Ala., with whom we have contracted for two years, and we are proud to say that he is an excellent teacher and is giving good satisfaction. Miss Rita Aline Edwards has charge of the music and elocution. She is well qualified for her work and is succeeding admirably with her department.

We have found it necessary to add more furniture to the equipment of the building which is being used as a home for girls. However, we are glad to report that all debts are paid, that the school property is protected by insurance and we have a small amount of money in the treasury.

We are sorry to say that a large per cent. of the pledges taken a year ago for the school have not yet been paid.

Your board has a plan on foot, if successful, by which we can have an annual income for the school for three years, and with the means thus collected we hope to be able to build a young ladies' home and to make other improvements for the increased patronage, which we hope to have very soon.

We would respectfully ask and kindly urge all the Baptists of this association to help us in our efforts to build up our school—that you work and pray for and patronize Mt. Vernon High School.

Respectfully submitted,

LOS SLAUGHTER, President,
C. F. THOMPSON, Secretary,
J. W. BEAN, Treasurer,
W. H. ALLISON,
J. L. TURNER,
J. B. LOWE,
G. R. ROEBUCK,
W. B. WILLIAMS,
C. M. MYRICK,
Board of Trustees.

Report of Trustees of Associational Funds.

To the Mt. Vernon Baptist Association:

We beg to report that the money loaned on real estate remains as heretofore reported. It is secured by first mortgage on land worth \$1,000. The interest is not due nor payable until the 22nd day of November, 1904, at which time the same will be collected and paid to Bro. J. B. Sanders, treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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Ordained Ministers.

Elder J. S. Rogers	Clarendon, Arkansas
Elder E. C. Faulkner	Brinkley, Arkansas
Elder S. D. Sawyer	Brinkley, Arkansas
Elder W. H. Sledge	Helena, Arkansas
Elder W. H. Paslay	Forrest City, Arkansas
Elder J. A. McCord	Forrest City, Arkansas
Elder Milton Hall	Forrest City, Arkansas
Elder J. W. Dockworth	Forrest City, Arkansas
Elder J. D. Barnett	Forrest City, Arkansas
Elder J. L. Wilson	Goodwin, Arkansas
Elder Z. T. Billingsley	Gill, Arkansas
Elder H. A. Mahan	Marianna, Arkansas
Elder M. J. Day	Turner, Arkansas
Elder T. E. Knight	Clarendon, Arkansas
Elder C. M. Myrick	Trenton, Arkansas
Elder M. L. Jones	Colt, Arkansas

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	POSTOFFICE	DAYS OF MEETING	MEMBERSHIP					CONTRIBUTIONS.										
					Inc.		Dec.		Present Membership	Missions					Other Purposes.					
					Baptism	Letter	Restored	Excluded		Home	Foreign	State	Association	Ministerial Education	Orphan's Home	Pastor's Salary	Minutes	Other Purposes	High School	Sunday School Work
Ash Grove	S. D. Sawyer	D. Simpson	Cotton Plant	2 and 4	12	1	5	2	50	\$ 2 50	\$ 2 50	2 50	\$ 5 00	\$	\$	\$	\$1 00	\$ 21 85	\$	\$
Brinkley	E. C. Faulkner	J. A. Westbey	Brinkley	2 and 1	1	8		5	45				10 00	5 0	10 00	300 00	2 00	150 00		31 07
Big Creek	Z. T. Billingsly	H. W. Howton	Goodwin			1			15								1 00			
Clarendon	J. S. Rogers	W. F. King	Clarendon	Ev'ry Sunday	3		1	3	60	5 00	10 35	53 00	15 75		10 00		1 50	110 00	5 00	10 43
Colt		Robt. Simmons	Colt				3	4	70				8 50			8 40	45			
Christian Valley	Z. T. Billingsly	P. W. Long	Gill						23				2 50				50			
Forrest City	J. A. McCard	W. T. Sanders	Forrest City	Ev'ry Sunday	6	1	1	7	124			41 50	25 00			000 00	2 50	200 00		30 00
Helena	W. H. Sledge	E. A. Gullford	Helena	Ev'ry Sunday	13	18	6	3	240	140 00	318 00	522 85				1200 00	2 50	830 51		180 42
Haynes	W. H. Paslay	Kate Briley	Haynes		3	1	1	1	46				10 00				1 50		10 00	
Jars Hill	J. L. Wilson	P. M. Jones	Gill						32				5 00				1 00		2 00	
Marionna	R. A. Mahan	D. R. Myers	Marionna	Ev'ry Sunday	13	11	3	1	125		00 60		20 00		50 00	79 00	2 50	374 65	5 00	110 30
Marvell	C. M. Myrick	E. E. McMurry	Marvell	4	1		1		18				5 00				75	27 50	10 00	6 00
Monroe	J. L. Wilson	J. W. Grimes	Monroe		1				21				3 00				1 00			
New Hope		W. L. Moore	Latgrange				1	1	25			4 50	5 00				75			
Oak Grove	S. D. Sawyer	T. F. Spring	Moro	1	13				63		4 50	2 00	5 00			100 00	1 50	24 00	2 00	
Opplar Grove	W. H. Paslay	J. P. Cox	McDaniel						15				10 00			150 00	1 50			
Philadelphia	J. L. Wilson	S. A. Hallum	Brinkley	2	5		5		65				10 00			75 00	1 50			
Park Grove	M. J. Day	Sallie Lynch	Clarendon	2	5		1		37				1 00		3 00	35 00	50			
Patrie Grove	Bess	J. H. Freeman	Hunter	2	5		2		25				1 50				50			
Rehoboth	W. H. Paslay	C. L. Langston	Vineyard	2 and 4	1		1		10		8 00	7 50	20 00		32 50		1 50			
Salem	C. M. Myrick	J. L. Turner	Cypert	1 and 3	1		1	1	31		6 07	10 00	15 00		5 00	300 00	1 50	124 70	32 00	12 00
Shiloh	M. L. Jones	S. W. Cowan	Colt	2 and 4	20	8	1		72				3 50			75 00	2 00			
Trenton	C. M. Myrick	Fannie Porter	Trenton	2 and 1	1	4	1	1	41			6 50	10 00			300 00	1 50	23 48		23 00

Cypress Grove, Level Valley, Cotton Plant, Bible Union, Palestine, New Hope No. 2 and Caldwell were not represented.—Clerk.