

MT. VERNON
Baptist Association

Fiftieth Annual Session

HELD AT

Colt, Arkansas

October 18--21, 1906

The next Session will be held with the First Baptist Church,
Brinkley, Thursday before First Sunday in September,
1907, at 7:30 p. m.

ASSOCIATION SERMON, J. H. CASON.



FORREST CITY, ARK.
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1906

PROCEEDINGS

First Day--Thursday, October 18th.

The Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Association met this day at 10 o'clock with the Colt Church, and was called to order by Moderator W. H. Paslay, who read the 84th Psalm, and J. H. Cason led in prayer. The moderator appointed J. G. Harris and J. A. Simpson to read the letters from the churches. During the session the following churches reported by letter and messengers:

Asb Grove—J. A. Simpson, W. T. Evans.

Brinkley—J. H. Coleman, Mrs. J. H. Coleman, W. K. Trousdale, J. G. Harris.

Colt—T. G. Hewlett, G. W. Matthews, Mrs. Nellie Gatten.

Clarendon—Josia Grace, H. A. McGill.

Christum Valley—Mrs. F. M. Cox, Miss Blanche Dyer, Mrs. M. A. West.

Forest City—J. H. Cason, W. H. Paslay, J. B. Sanders, V. B. Izard.

Helena—T. M. Oldham, G. H. Vineyard.

Hebron—J. R. Sorrels, W. P. L. Salmonds.

Hunter—J. H. Freeman.

Hagner—G. R. Roebuck, W. S. Heustess, J. E. Surginer.

Mourne—J. W. Grimes.

Oak Grove—F. L. Gustavus.

Park Grove—T. E. Knight.

Philadelphia—S. D. Sawyer, S. A. Hallum.

Rehobeth—J. B. Lowe, Miss Lizzie McGrew, Miss Elmore Prince.

Trenton—J. W. Bean.

Mars Hill—By letter.

Wycille—Was received on a petitionary letter: no messengers present.

Poplar Grove—By letter.

Salem—By letter.

2. *Mount Vernon Baptist Association.*

Marianna By letter.

Murcell By letter.

Election of Officers.

By motion the Association went into the election of officers, which resulted as follows: W. H. Paslay, moderator; J. H. Cason, vice-moderator; J. G. Harris, clerk; J. B. Sanders, treasurer.

Committees.

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

Discipline Service T. G. Hewlett, G. W. Matthews, J. H. Freeman.

Finance J. H. Coleman, G. W. Matthews, J. H. Freeman.

Associational Missions J. W. Bean, F. L. Gustavus, J. W. Grimes.

State Missions S. D. Sawyer, H. A. McGill, T. E. Knight.

Education W. P. Tuggle, W. K. Trousdale, Mrs. J. H. Coleman.

Nominations J. G. Harris, W. S. Heustess, S. A. Hallum.

Publications J. B. Sanders, Josia Grace, J. F. Spivy.

Orphan's Home J. H. Cason, T. M. Oldham, W. W. Gardner.

Chilnawick - T. M. Oldham.

Foreign Missions J. H. Cason, G. W. Matthews, S. D. Sawyer.

Temporaries J. A. Simpson, Josia Grace.

Sunday Schools G. R. Roebuck, J. B. Lowe, J. C. Heard.

Ministerial Education J. G. Harris, J. C. Heard, T. M. Oldham.

The regular appointee, Elder G. V. Tilley, being absent, by motion Bro. J. H. Cason was appointed to preach the Associational Sermon.

Upon invitation the following visiting brethren responded:

Elder G. T. Fluch, representing the Orphans' Home at Monticello.

Elder J. E. Newman, representing the Arkansas Baptist.

Elder W. W. Gardner, representing the Baptist Advance.

Elder J. W. Lipsey, of Wynne, fraternal messenger from Mount Zion Association.

Brother J. E. Newman then preached from 1st Cor. 13:8.

A recess was taken until 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock the Association was called to order by the moderator, and led in prayer by T. M. Oldham.

The treasurer, J. B Sanders, read his report and it was adopted, as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. B. Sanders' Annual Treasurers' Report of Mt. Vernon Baptist Association.

		DEBIT.	
1905.			
Oct. 14.	To amount of cash on hand.....*		12 07
Oct. 16.	To cash from Trenton Finance Committee. per Bro. Paslay..... ⁴		245 42
Oct. 16.	To cash collections, Orphans' Home.....		50 00
Oct. 16.	To cash collections. Ministerial Education.....		21 00
Oct. 17.	To cash, O. W. Lambert, for Association Missions		1 00
Oct. 20.	To cash collections at Helena, 5th Sunday meeting		12 50
Nov. 13.	To cash from M. T. Manning. Interest on loan....		30 00
1906.			
Jan. 1.	To cash, Sister Bobbet. LaGrange.....		1 00
Jan. 2.	To sale of books.....		1 50
April 30.	To cash collection at Brinkley 5th Sunday meeting.....		10 00
May 9.	To amount received from J. G. Vaughn.....		15 00
July 19.	To amount, sale books, Bro. Paslay.....		1 40
Aug. 7.	To cash from Marianna church, Bro. Cason.....		8 75
Aug. 7.	To cash from Marvell church, Bro. Cason.....		4 65
Aug. 7.	To cash from Trenton church, Bro. Cason.....		1 90
Aug. 7.	To cash on Mission Field, Bro. Cason.....		24 25
Sept. 11.	To sale of Bible.....		3 00
Oct. 8.	To amount Forrest City Baptist church. pledge...		30 00
Oct. 9.	To amount on Mission Field, Bro. Cason.....		4 20
		\$	477 64
	By cash.....		408 48
	To balance.....		69 16
1905.		CREDIT.	
Oct. 16.	By amount paid O. T. Finch, Agent Orphans' Home.....*		50 00
Oct. 16.	By amount paid J. G. Harris for Ministerial Education.....		21 00
Oct. 16.	By cash for treasurer's account book.....		15
Nov. 1.	By amount paid Finance Committee of General Association:		
	For State Missions.....		15 50
	For Foreign Missions.....		15 80
	For Orphans' Home.....		10 00

4. *Mount Vernon Baptist Association.*

Nov. 1.	By amount to Dr. Bean, treasurer, Mt. Vernon High School.....	14 10
Nov. 1.	By amount to J. F. Love for State Convention: For State Missions.....	5 00
Nov. 20.	By amount to J. W. Conger, Ministerial Education.....	10 00
Dec. 12.	By amount to Monroe County Sun, for minutes..	36 85
Dec. 12.	By amount to C. M. Myrick, clerk.....	16 50
1898.		
Jan. 1.	By amount paid J. C. Vaughn, Bro. Paslay's order	55 00
July 10.	By amount paid J. R. Cason, missionary.....	20 00
Aug. 11.	By amount paid J. R. Cason, missionary.	26 00
Aug. 20.	By amount paid J. R. Cason, salary and expenses	13 58
Aug. 27.	By amount paid J. R. Cason, missionary.....	40 00
Sept. 13.	By amount paid J. R. Cason; missionary.....	25 00
Oct. 9.	By amount paid J. R. Cason, salary and expenses	34 00
		\$ 408 48

J. B. SANDERS, Treasurer.

By motion the following hours of meeting and adjournment were adopted:

Meet at 9 a. m.

Adjourn at 12 m.

Meet at 1:30 p. m.

Adjourn at 4 p. m.

Meet at 7 p. m.

Adjourn at pleasure.

By motion the regular business was dispensed with, and J. H. Coleman preached from John 12:32. Adjourned until 7 p. m.

The Association convened at 7 o'clock with Bro. J. H. Cason acting moderator. After thirty minutes spent in devotional exercises Brother Finch preached. Text Heb. 2:9, "The Universal First."

Brother Finch then made a speech in behalf on the Orphans' Home and took a collection amounting to \$11.45.

Adjourned until Friday morning. Prayer by Brother J. E. Newman.

Second Day--Friday, October 19th.

The Association was called to order by the moderator, and after reading the 46th Psalm, Brother J. W. Lipsey led in prayer. Minutes of previous day read and adopted.

Letters from other churches were read and messengers enrolled.

The report of the trustees of the Associational fund was read by W. H. Paslay and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

We have collected and hold in trust the \$500 donated to the Association. Three hundred dollars is bearing interest at the rate of 10 per cent, and two hundred bears 8 per cent per annum. We hope this fund will be increased by donations from other sources and thus give us a permanent basis to operate upon.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. PASLAY.

J. B. SANDERS,

M. J. MANNING.

The report of the Associational Mission Board was read by W. H. Paslay, to which he spoke, and it was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We have had in the field since July Brother J. R. Cason, who has traveled over a great part of our Association and held meetings wherever it was practicable. There is great destitution everywhere, but owing to the fact that the white people are few in each neighborhood and few houses to preach in, the fields are not inviting. Yet we hope some good has been done and a few saved. He finds little organizations in different parts of our Association without pastors, and hence very little interest manifested. What can be done to improve this state of apathy? Only one remedy is apparent, and that's to employ more Missionaries and keep them in the field all the time visiting from house to house, from neighborhood to neighborhood scattering religious truth, both by word and by supplying them with Bibles and other good literature. Now, the question arises: is this plan feasible—is it practicable? Can it be done? Certainly not with the funds we have to operate on. Too few churches give anything to this cause, and so our hands are tied and the cause of God still languishes and souls perish. It remains for the churches to solve the question. If they will come up to the help of the Lord, He will help them. Brethren, we await your action, and we are ready to carry out your instructions.

Respectfully submitted.

W. H. PASLAY, Ch'm,

J. B. SANDERS.

C. F. THOMPSON,

F. L. GUSTAVUS.

G. H. VINEYARD,

LON SLAUGHTER.

The report on Orphans' Home was read and adopted as follows:

ORPHANS' HOME.

Your Committee on Orphans' Home are glad to report that the past year may well be called one of the best years in every way in its history. The Brethren at large have most heartily responded to calls for money and have most handsomely increased the offering for this noble work. There are now about 70 children in the Home, and numbers of others are knocking at the door for admittance.

Therefore, we recommend that the pastors devote at least one service during the year to this blessed work and that our churches respond with liberal contributions for its support. We further recommend that a collection be taken now.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. CASON,

T. M. OLDIAM,

W. W. GARDNER.

The resolution to change the time of meeting of the Association was taken up, and the Association voted unanimously to change the time from Thursday before the third Sunday in October to Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock, before the first Sunday in September.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by J. H. Cason, and after discussion by J. H. Cason, J. W. Lipsey and others, the report was laid on the table until 1:30 p. m., and W. W. Gardner preached from Matt. 27:36, "The Resurrection of Christ." Adjourned, until 1:30 p. m.

AFTERSOON SESSION.

At 1:30 the Association was called to order by the moderator, and J. H. Coleman led in prayer. The report on Foreign Missions was taken up and adopted as follows:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The English word Mission is derived from the Latin "Mitto" (to send.) This Latin and corresponding English are equivalent to the Greek, Apostello (to send forth.) When the Master selected twelve Disciples to be with Him and be sent, as preachers, He named them Apostles. This word becomes the name of the chosen men who were to plant and train the Churches (Luke 6:13.) The world was the field of their operations. "Go Ye Therefore and Disciple all Nations." This discipling of nations was never intended to be left alone to the Apostles. They were commanded to teach the saints to observe (Tereo) to keep in custody all that

was commanded. The first and most distinctive thing was to "Go Ye Therefore and Teach." Paul transmitted to the Churches what he received of the Lord. Thus the things commanded are to descend through the ages "Till He Comes." While the commission was personally received by the Apostles it will remain as the marching orders of the Churches until the Great White Throne shall appear. Now that many false teachers are flocking to Heathen Lands, the necessity for the true Churches of Jesus Christ to go with a full Gospel was never more imperative.

Our Churches will never enjoy the presence of God while doing little or nothing for the Heathen. "Lo. I am with you Always, Even to the End of the Age." will never be realized by a Church in disobedience of the commission.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. CASON.
G. W. MATTHEWS,
S. D. SAWYERS.

The Report on Education was read and after being spoken to by W. P. Tuggle and others was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

A few years ago education did not have the commercial value that it now has. There were few schools and little competition. People made a living easily; many accumulated wealth without an education. But that time has passed away. Conditions have changed and education is a necessity. But to think of education from a commercial standpoint only is narrow. God has given us the power of mental development: the power to reason and think—the greatest distinction in the animal kingdom. If this power is not developed God is not pleased. Ignorance is not only a disadvantage, but a sin, where it can be avoided. Education properly acquired, broadens the view, strengthens the character, increases the enjoyments of life and better fits men and women for the service of God and their duty toward their fellow beings.

We have three excellent colleges in our state—Ouachita at Arkadelphia for young men and young women, Central at Conway for young women only, and Buckner at Witcherville. We urge our people to send their sons and daughters to these institutions for college training. We have within our own Association a most excellent preparatory school, Mt. Vernon High School, at Trenton. This is our property and we feel that we should support it by our prayers, our patronage and our means.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. TUGGLE,
W. K. TROUSDALE,
MRS. J. H. COLEMAN.

8. *Mount Vernon Baptist Association.*

Report on Ministerial Education was read and after discussion by J. G. Harris, J. H. Cason, J. B. Sanders, J. W. Lipsey and others was adopted as follows:

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We find that the growing culture and education among the masses of our people increase the demands upon the ministry. While we, as Baptists, have always advocated that any brother who feels called of the Lord to preach should be permitted to do so without educational limitations, yet Baptists have always encouraged its ministry to secure the best education possible for preaching the gospel.

We recommend a thorough training of our young ministers. We cordially endorse and recommend Ouachita College at Arkadelphia for the education of our young preachers. We urge that our churches take a collection during the year and send same to H. L. Winburn, at Arkadelphia, Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education. We further recommend that a collection in cash and pledges be taken immediately upon the adoption of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. HARRIS,
T. M. OLDHAM,
J. C. HEARD.

A collection was taken which resulted as follows:

Cash.....	\$ 5 00
PLEDGES.	
Brinkley	25 00
Trenton	5 00
Philadelphia.....	5 00
J. H. Cason, Forrest City.....	5 00
J. T. Sanders, Forrest City.....	5 00
J. H. Cason (will raise).....	5 00
Mrs. F. M. Fog, Gill	1 00
Total.....	45 00

Adjourned until 7 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association convened at 7:00 o'clock, and after spending thirty minutes in devotional exercises Brother J. W. Lipsey, of Wynne, preached: Text Roman 10:9, 10, "The Simplicity of Salvation."

Adjourned until 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

Prayer by the Moderator.

Third Day Saturday, October 20th,

The Association was called to order by the Moderator at 9:00 o'clock, who read the 19th Psalm, and Brother V. B. Izard led in prayer.

The report on Associational Missions was read by J. W. Bean, and after discussion by J. W. Bean, S. D. Sawyer, W. H. Paslay and others it was adopted as follows:

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We find there was an effort made by the Board to supply the destitution in the bounds of our Association with the gospel. At the last meeting of the Association the Board made arrangements with Brother J. C. Vaughn for one-fourth of his time, which agreement lasted until January 1, 1906. Since that time the Board has made several efforts to get a missionary in the field, and on July 10th they secured Elder J. R. Cason on a salary of \$50.00 per month and expenses. Brother Cason has worked three months. He has preached sixty-four sermons and had ten conversions. These conversions have been in places where there are no organized churches, therefore he cannot say what churches they united with. We believe Brother Cason has done good faithful work, all of which cannot be estimated by figures. Your committee earnestly recommends that a missionary be kept in the field all the year if the Board can possibly do so. We further recommend that a collection in cash and pledges be taken for this purpose after the adoption of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BEAN,
F. L. GUSTAVUS,
J. W. GRIMES.

PLEDGES FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS:

Forrest City.....	\$ 30 00
Marianna.....	25 00
Clarendon.....	20 00
Brinkley.....	25 00
Haynes.....	10 00
Oak Grove.....	5 00
Christian Valley.....	5 00
Colt.....	10 00
Ash Grove.....	5 00
Hunter.....	2 00
Trenton.....	10 00
Poplar Grove.....	10 00

Rehobeth.....	10 00
Hebron.....	5 00
J. H. Cason.....	5 00
Park Grove.....	5 00
Philadelphia.....	10 00
Monroe.....	5 00
S. D. Sawyer.....	2 50
T. E. Knight.....	2 50
J. R. Cason.....	2 50
Mrs. F. M. Cox.....	1 00
Mrs. P. M. Stewart.....	2 50
J. W. Bean.....	10 00
Josia Grace.....	10 00
Mrs. E. G. Gatten.....	6 00
Mrs. J. E. Phillips.....	1 50
Miss Mary Allen.....	2 00
Total.....	\$237 50

The report of Board of Trustees of Mt. Vernon High School was read as follows:

REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

We are very sorry to report that our school is not in as good condition as it might be. The last term of last year was closed some three months before the end of the session on account of small pox and for other reasons.

We have secured Prof. W. P. Tuggle as principal, who has had charge of the school this session. Prof. Tuggle was fortunate to secure Miss Nilwon Nowlin, a graduate of Hall-Moody Institute, to teach instrumental and vocal music. He reports fine work being done along all lines. However, the attendance is small.

On October 10th, the main building was destroyed by fire. It is thought that the fire caught from the flue. This leaves the Dormitory which has been used for teaching purposes since. We believe that an Academy is needful in our Association where our boys and girls can secure an education both of the mind and heart at a minimum price. Therefore, we recommend that the Association take steps towards rebuilding either at Trenton or at some more suitable place.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BEAN.
 J. T. SANDERS.
 J. B. LOWE.
 F. L. GUSTAVS.
 J. L. TURNER.
 J. G. HARRIS.
 C. F. THOMPSON.
 W. H. ALLISON.
 G. H. VINEYARD.
 Trustees.

By motion, the Moderator appointed a committee—J. H. Coleman, J. W. Bean and G. R. Roebuck—to report at 2:00 o'clock as to whether the school be rebuilt and where.

Brother J. H. Cason then preached the Association sermon using as a text Psalms 9:19.

Adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order and led in prayer by Bro. Paslay. By motion the report of the committee on the Mt. Vernon Academy was made a special order for 2:30. J. B. Sanders then read the report on publications and it was adopted as follows:

PUBLICATIONS.

We recommend a careful and prayerful reading of the Bible, that we study it for ourselves and take no man's interpretation. It gives us the only origin of man: it alone tells how to live to obtain a Home in Heaven when this life is over.

We recommend the reading of such historical books as Ford's, Jarrell's, Theodosia Earnest, Grace Truman The Little Baptist, Etc.

We would further recommend that our members subscribe and pay for and read our state paper, The Arkansas Baptist. We believe it to be in every way worthy of our hearty support.

J. B. SANDERS,
JOSIA GRACE,
J. F. SPIVY.

The Report on State Missions was then read, and after discussion by S. D. Sawyer, and others, it was adopted as follows:

STATE MISSIONS.

The report from our State Missionaries during the year just closing shows very gratifying results. A great harvest of souls has been reaped as a result of their labors, and yet the destitution is appalling. There are vast stretches of territory in our state that has not been reached with the Gospel. Never before in the history of our state work has the time been so inviting for Baptists to occupy the field. We regret to know that the cause of State Missions has not received the support from any church it should have received. There is no branch of mission work fostered by our churches that yields greater returns from the amount invested than that given for State Missions. We would recommend that our churches increase their contributions to this important work of helping to Evangelize our state and the world.

S. D. SAWYER,
H. A. MCGILL,
T. E. KNIGHT.

Brother Oldham then made his report on obituaries by saying that there had not been a death in our Association during the year of any minister, minister's wife or distinguished member of the Association.

The Report on Temperance was then read and after being spoken to by J. H. Sanders, J. G. Harris and others, it was adopted as follows:

TEMPERANCE.

Intemperance is the indulgence of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. When so used it not only deprives families of the necessities of life, but causes the innocent to suffer and to have wounds without cause. Realizing the power of the ballot we urge our brethren to vote for men who will use their influence to abolish the evil from our state. We hereby recommend to our next Legislature that our temperance laws be so amended that when a majority of legal voters at any state election shall declare against license it shall be unlawful to license any saloon in the state.

J. A. SIMPSON.

JOSIA GRACE.

The report of the special committee on Mt. Vernon School was then taken up and the report after amendment, was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

We recommend that the school be rebuilt. That the matter of changing the location be left to the Board of Trustees to locate within thirty days and take steps toward erecting a building.

J. H. COLEMAN.

J. W. BEAN.

G. R. ROEBUCK.

The Treasurer made his report as a part of the report of the Board of Trustees, and it was adopted together with the report of trustees as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Mt. Vernon Association:

As Treasurer of the Board of Trustees I beg to submit the following report:

My last report was made October 12, 1905, and at that time there was due the Treasurer a balance of \$750 41.

TO AMOUNTS PAID OUT SINCE LAST REPORT.

To insurance on building	\$ 22 50
To insurance on dormitory	27 50
To building servant's house	49 20
To postage.....	1 19
To work done by King on dormitory.....	13 75
To painting and papering dormitory.....	225 00
To art squares and furniture and freight.....	90 44
Total.....	\$1188 99
By cash received from pledges of Churches and individuals..	319 62
To balance due Treasurer	\$ 868 37

J. W. BEAN, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

October 17, 1906.

By motion the report on Sunday Schools was made a special feature for Sunday morning at 9 o'clock.

Adjourned until 7 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association convened at 7 o'clock and after some time spent in devotional exercises the report on nominations was read and adopted as follows:

NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations recommend as members of the Executive Board, C. F. Thompson, F. L. Gustavus, Lou Slaughter and G. H. Vineyard.

We recommend as trustees of the Forrest Chapel Church fund, W. H. Paslay, J. B. Sanders and M. J. Manning.

As members of the Board of Trustees of Mt. Vernon High School, J. B. Lowe, J. W. Bean, J. T. Sanders and F. L. Gustavus.

We further recommend that the next session of this body meet with the First Church at Brinkley, and that Elder J. H. Cason preach the Associational sermon.

- Respectfully submitted,

J. G. HARRIS,
S. A. HALLEN.
W. S. HEUSTESS.

Brother Sawyer then preached on the subject, "The Holy Spirit Directing in Missions."

The Committee on Divine Service reported the following services for Sunday: At the Baptist Church at 10 a.m., Sunday School Report. 11 a.m., Preaching by J. G. Harris; at 2:30 p.m. by

J. H. Cason, and at 7:30 p.m. by J. H. Cason. At the Methodist Church at 11 a.m., preaching by J. H. Cason, and at 7:30 p.m. by J. G. Harris.

By motion the Board of Trustees was instructed to collect the insurance on the building of the Mt. Vernon High School, which burned.

The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED: That this Association hereby express its hearty thanks to the members of Colt Church, and the good people of the community for their cordial hospitality during the sitting of this body.

J. G. HARRIS.

Adjourned until Sunday 10 a.m. Prayer by W. H. Paslay.

Fourth Day--Sunday, October 21st.

At 10 a.m. the Association convened and after discussion the report on Sunday Schools was adopted as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We are unable to say how many of the Churches in our Association have a Sunday School, but we do know that a Sunday School is a necessity in every Church from the fact that there are so many homes where the children do not receive religious training. From Eccl. 12:1 "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them," we learn that earnest appeals have been and should be made to the young. Again Isaiah 54:13, "And a little child shall lead them," and II. Tim. 3:15, "That from a little child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

From these passages we see that children have influences for good when properly taught, and that they are capable of attaining unto scriptural knowledge at an early age. Since the Sunday School is a great factor in accomplishing this end, and as it has the authority of God's Word, and as our own experience justifies the above conclusions.

Therefore we urge all our Churches to maintain a Sunday School. We believe the Sunday School is for every member of the Church as well as for the children. We think it an imperative duty of the members to take an active part in this great work of accomplishing good.

G. R. ROBERTS.

J. B. LOWE.

By motion the Board of Trustees of Mt. Vernon High School was instructed to fill any vacancy in the Board made during the year by death, removal, or otherwise.

The program for preaching at the Churches was then carried out as announced by the Committee, and J. G. Harris preached at the Baptist Church at 11 o'clock, on "The Universal Power of the Kingdom of Christ." Dan. 2:44.

A collection was taken for Associational Missions which amounted to \$13.75, this together with the collection at the Methodist church, made a total of \$19.14.

In the afternoon J. R. Cason preached at 2:30 from "He that sinneth Against Me, Wrongeth His Own Soul."

At 7:00 o'clock the Association convened, and the Finance Committee made a report which was adopted as follows:

FINANCE.

For Associational Missions.....	\$ 111 55
For Minute Fund.....	24 50
For State Missions.....	7 50
For Foreign Missions.....	9 65
For Home Missions, S. B. C.....	7 50
For Mt. Vernon High School.....	10 00
For Ministerial Education.....	2 50
For Orphans' Home.....	6 50
Public Collection.....	19 14
Cash from Big Creek.....	50
From Salem, cash.....	17 37
From Marvell, cash.....	10 50
Total.....	\$227 56

J. H. COLEMAN.

J. H. FREEMAN.

G. W. MATTHEWS.

Brother J. H. Cason then preached on the subject of "Heaven," and after the extension of the parting hand, the Association adjourned to meet with the Brinkley Church on Thursday evening, 7:30, before the First Lord's Day in September, 1907.

W. H. PASLAY, Moderator.

J. G. HARRIS, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Hillingsley, Z. T.	.....Gill.
Barnett, J. D.	.....Forrest City.
Coleman, J. H.	.....Brinkley.
Cason, J. H.	.....Forrest City.
Joy, M. J.	.....Turner.
Harris, D. G.	.....Brinkley.
Heard, J. C.	.....Brinkley.
Knight, T. E.	.....Clarendon.
Mahan, R. A.	.....Marianna.
Murphy, A. J.	.....Caldwell.
Ouchain, L. K.	.....Marvell.
Paslay, W. H.	.....Forrest City.
Sawyer, S. D.	.....Brinkley.
Simpson, D. W.	.....Cotton Plant.
Tilley, G. V.	.....Helena.

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 for 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 reproof by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 12. Amendments or alterations shall 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 the general parliamentary rules.

Constitution.

1. The Confederation of Churches shall be called by the name of "Mount Vernon Baptist Association."

2. The object of the 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 shall be 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 mem-

bers 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 September in each year, and not adjourn until all of 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 postoffice 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 the 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 Board 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.





W. H. PASLAY, MODERATOR.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	POSTOFFICE	DAY OF MEETING	MEMBERSHIP					CONTRIBUTIONS										Value of Church Property..																	
					Inc.		Dec.		Number In Sunday School	Missions			To Other Purposes																								
					Baptism	Letter	Restored	Excluded		Died	Letter	Present Membership	Associational	State	Home	Foreign	Ministerial Education	Orphans' Home	Pastor's Salary		Minutes	Academy	Sunday School Work	Other Purposes	Total Contributions												
Big Grove	D W Simpson	H W Stevenson	Cotton Plant	Second	6				50	5	5	5	5	12 80	50 00	75	5 00					88 50	750 00														
Brinkley	J G Harris	Clyde Mitchell	Brinkley	Every Sun.	37	29	1		117	10		39 42	32 40	25 00	800 00	2 00						927 60	3500 00														
Goodwin	Z T Billingsley	H W Howton	Goodwin	Fourth	6	3			29					25	20 00	80						20 50															
Horton	A J Murphy	J N Haynes	Horton	Third	1	1	1		20			1 25			40 00	25						41 50	180 00														
Clarendon	S P Wallers	H A McGill	Clarendon		11	5	3	3	87	28 80	63 00	5 00	5 00		47 53	00	2 50				82 90	130 43	800 00														
Gill	H A McGill	P W Long	Gill		11	5	2		57	28 80	63 00	5 00	5 00		350 00	1 25				50 00	503 05	2000 00															
Forrest City	Z T Billingsley	P W Long	Gill			1			40	10 00	5 00			15 00	1 00						30 00	400 00															
Forrest City	J H Cason	W T Sanders	Forrest City	Every Sun.	2	4			119	30 00	35 00		20 00	50 00	600 00	2 50	10 00			380 00	1150 00	7000 00															
Wheatley	S D Sawyer	W P Taylor	Wheatley		9	5	7		35	2 50				2 50		50					5 50	600 00															
Helena	G V Tilley	W R Miller	Helena	Every Sun.	2	13		1	232	12 50	220 00	125 00	150 07	25 00	67 00	1200 00	2 50	50 00			1833 99	3637 06	16000 00														
Haynes	W H Paslay	Katie Curtis	Haynes	Third	4	3			52	10 00	4 85				150 00	1 00					164 50	1000 00															
Hunter	J H Freeman, Jr	J H Freeman, Jr	Hunter						37	4 50											4 50																
Holly Grove	M J Day	John Brown	Holly Grove	Second	4				37							1 50					1 50	250 00															
Marianna	D R Myers	Marianna	Marianna	Every Sun.	2	1			117	20 00		10 00		35 00	147 05	2 50		115 00		584 40	726 95	4500 00															
Marvell	C F Thompson	Marvell	Marvell			3	4		22	10 00					50						160 50	1000 00															
Monroe	L K Obenchain	J W Thoms	Monroe	First	1	2		1	25	5 00	5 00				71 85	1 00					86 65																
Moro	L K Obenchain	T F Spitz	Moro		8	3	3		65	5 00		5 00			100 00	1 50				30 00	141 50	400 00															
Forrest City	W H Paslay	John Cox, Jr	Forrest City	First	5				81	10 00					150 00	1 50					161 50	350 00															
Clarendon	M J Day	J H Coburn	Clarendon	Second	7		1		71	6 50					100 00	1 50				5 70	113 70	1200 00															
Brinkley	S D Sawyer	S A Hallum	Brinkley	Second	15	2	4		103	5 00	15 00			2 50	75 00	1 00				5 00	103 50	400 00															
Vineyard	W H Paslay	C L Langston	Vineyard	Fourth	7	1	1		90	4 00	4 85		3 75		150 00	1 50					160 95	500 00															
Cypert	J L Turner	J L Turner	Cypert		5	5	1		31	15 00	1 69		1 68	5 00	200 00	1 00	10 00				305 01	850 00															
Colt	N A Chadwick	S W Cowan	Colt	Sec. & 4th				11	4	5 00					50						5 50																
Trenton	Fannie Porter	Trenton	Trenton					12	47	10 00			5 00	5 12	300 00	1 50	10 00	5 00		91 30	368 00	1550 00															
Indian Bay	M J Day	A D Bowden	Indian Bay	First	15				15			10 00			50 00	1 50					51 50																
Ivillie	J M Osborn	Ivillie	Ivillie	First	2	4	4		15							1 00					10 00																
Gill	G H Jones	Gill	Gill						35	5 00						1 00					6 50																
Totals					155	84	30	17	21	58	1623	163	203	40	364	54	175	67	231	15	80	50	200	37	4466	4330	35	82	50	120	00	3070	00	10417	59	43830	00

*Not Represented Statistics of 1905.