

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

Saline Regular Baptist

ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

BETHEL CHURCH NO 2,

PERRY COUNTY, ARKANSAS,

October 3, 4 and 5, 1885.

OFFICERS.

WM. A. CLARK, D. D., *Moderator.*

ELD. R. M. THRASHER, *Clerk.*

BRO. C. T. GLENN, *Treasurer.*

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MINUTES
OF THE
Forty-Sixth Annual Meeting
OF THE
Saline Regular Baptist Association,
HELD WITH
Bethel Church No. 2 in Perry Co., Ark.,
ON THE
THIRD, FOURTH AND FIFTH DAYS OF OCTOBER, A. D. 1885.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. A. Clark, D. D., by request of Elder D. K. McVay, the appointee, from Acts 16:5, "And so were the Churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily," on Saturday the third day of October, at 11 o'clock A. M., A. D., 1885.

The Association then took a recess till 3 o'clock P. M.

3 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator, Deacon William Daniel, being absent on account of feeble health; Elder W. A. Clark, D. D., was, on motion, called to the chair.

The letters of the Churches were then called for, read, and the names of Messengers enrolled. See table of statistics.

An election of officers for the ensuing year was held, which resulted in the choice of Elder W. A. Clark, D. D., for Moderator, and Elder R. M. Thrasher for Clerk.

The Moderator appointed the Pastor and Deacons of Bethel Church No. 2, a committee to arrange the preaching during the sittings of the Association.

Petitionary letters were called for, whereupon letters were presented from Shiloh Church, Pulaski County; Mountain Valley Church, Garland County, and Saline Church, Saline County. The said Churches, Shiloh, Mountain Valley and Saline, being found regular in organization and orthodox in faith were received into union and fellowship of the Association. The Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to the Messengers, and their names were enrolled. See table.

The following committees were appointed, viz:

1. *On Foreign Missions*.—Elder James E. McGoveran, J. J. Cook and J. W. Henson.

2. *On Ministerial Education*.—Elders J. L. Hales, E. W. Gentry and Joseph Taylor.

3. *On Sunday Schools*.—Elder I. P. Langley, W. A. Brantley and W. A. Neighbors.

4. *On Prayer Meetings*.—Elder J. J. Adams, John Stinson and E. S. Warrington.

5. *On Religious Literature*.—Elder R. M. Thrasher, Elder Joseph Taylor and Joseph H. Daniel.

6. *On Finance*.—William Fowler, P. P. White and G. D. Cate.

7. *On Documents*.—C. T. Glenn, Hansford Deer and George W. Smith.

8. *On Home Missions*.—Elder D. K. McVay, Geo. F. Rowe and J. H. Hammonds.

The Association adjourned to Monday at 8 o'clock A. M.

Benediction by the Moderator.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5th, 8 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder E. W. Gentry.

Renewed the call for letters from Churches; whereupon, Antioch Church, Perry County, presented a letter which was read and Messengers names enrolled.

The minutes of Saturday were read and adopted.

The roll of Messengers was called and absentees marked thus *. See table.

A call for correspondents was made. Caddo River Association presented a letter of correspondence by the hands of her Messengers, Elders O. C. Miller and E. P. Chitwood.

Reports of committees were called for, and the report on Home Missions was read, and, on motion, was recommitted.

The report on Ministerial Education was read and adopted. See Appendix "A."

The report on Sunday Schools was read and adopted. See "B."

The committee on Foreign Missions asked to be continued; and their report was deferred till the next annual meeting of the Association; and Elder Isom P. Langley was added to the committee.

On motion, the report on Foreign Missions last year, was ordered republished this year.

The committee on Prayer Meetings made their report, which was adopted. See "K."

The committee on Documents reported, and, on motion, the sections of the report were considered *seriatim*.

SECTION 1. To hold the next meeting of the Association with the First Baptist Church at Hot Springs, Garland County, was adopted.

SEC. 2. Touching the ordination of Brother J. H. Hammonds, was adopted.

SEC. 3. Respecting the division of the Association, was adopted.

SEC. 4. To grant a letter of dismission to Mt. Harmony Church, Saline County, was adopted.

The entire Report on Documents was then adopted. See "D."

The report of the committee on Religious Literature was read and adopted. See "E."

The committee on Home Missions made their report, which was amended by striking out the words, "select some worthy minister" and inserting instead thereof the words "appoint

Elder R. M. Thrasher." The report was then adopted. See "F."

A collection was then taken for Home Missions amounting to \$151 in cash and subscriptions. See "M."

Elder R. M. Thrasher informed the Association that his acceptance of the appointment as Missionary would depend upon the concurrence of the Churches for which he had agreed to preach as Pastor the ensuing year, and the arrangement of other business.

The Association adjourned to 2 o'clock P. M.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Association convened pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder I. P. Langley.

In the absence of reports, Elder I. P. Langley offered the following resolutions, to-wit :

Resolved, 1. That the members of this Association do pledge their influence, as citizens in their respective counties, to suppress the sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

Resolved, 2. That this body tender a vote of thanks to the brethren and citizens within the neighborhood of Bethel Church No. 2, for their liberality in the entertainment of this Association.

The Clerk was ordered to write a letter of dismissal for Mt. Harmony Church, Saline County, and sign the same officially.

Correspondents were appointed to the following Associations, viz. :

To Red River Association, Elders I. P. Langley and W. R. Thornton. To Pine Bluff Association, Elders C. F. Moore and James E. McGoveran. To Caddo River Association, Elders J. J. Adams and I. P. Langley, and Brother Wm. Bolt. To Judson Association, Elder R. M. Thrasher.

Brother C. T. Glenn offered the following resolution, which was adopted, viz. :

Resolved, That Elder W. A. Clark, D. D., be requested to prepare a written sermon on Home Missions, and that it be published in our minutes.

The Executive Board reported. The report was adopted. See "G."

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted. See "H."

The following brethren were appointed an Executive Board for the ensuing year: Elders I. P. Langley, W. A. Clark and J. L. Hales, and Brothers C. T. Glenn and J. B. Wood.

The Missionaries, Elders D. K. McVay and J. E. McGovern made their report which was adopted. See "I."

The report of the committee on Finance was heard and adopted. See "J."

Elder R. M. Thrasher was appointed to preach the introductory sermon at the next annual meeting of this Association.

Elder R. M. Thrasher was appointed Historian of the Saline Regular Baptist Association, to write a series of articles for the Arkansas Evangel.

Elders I. P. Langley, J. E. McGovern and D. K. McVay were appointed Messengers to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention which is to convene at Hope, in Hempstead County, on Friday before the first Sunday in November next.

On motion of Elder J. J. Adams, the Clerk was instructed to prepare a memorial of Bro L. A. Cook, and publish the same in these minutes.

The Clerk was ordered to have eight hundred copies of the minutes printed and distributed among the Churches; and it was further ordered that he receive twenty dollars for his services.

After a brief address by the Moderator, a hymn was sung and the brethren took the parting hand, brotherly love prevailing. Elder J. J. Adams then led in prayer. The Association then adjourned to meet with the First Baptist Church at Hot Springs, Garland County, Arkansas, on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, at 11 o'clock A. M., A. D. 1886.

R. M. THRASHER, *Clerk*. W. A. CLARK, *Moderator*.

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APPENDIX.

A.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We, your committee, submit the following as our report on Ministerial Education. There is great need of it among ministers of this Association and throughout the State. We suggest that this Association take steps to aid in building a Baptist College in this State, or a High School in the bounds of this Association. By this means all of our young ministers could obtain an education. To those who can not attend school by reason of age, we would recommend the following course : 1. Obtain a knowledge of letters so as to be able to read the Scriptures in their own language. 2. Study those books best adapted to give light on the word. 3. Let the Churches aid them by releasing them as much as possible from secular employments, thereby giving them time for study and preparation for the work whereunto the Master has called them.

J. L. HALES, *Chairman.*

E. W. GENTRY.

B.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sunday Schools find that but few of the Churches composing this Association have Sunday-Schools; but we further find that the few Churches which have Sunday Schools are in a prosperous condition, and the great Master who said "suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven," is

converting our dear children, and is transplanting them from the fields of sin and ruin into the garden of the living God, whose gates are pearl and whose streets are paved with gold. We recommend that each Baptist within the bounds of this Association act as a committee of one to organize a Sunday School in his, or her, Church, or neighborhood; and that they teach the children to contribute each Sunday to the support of the Sunday School work. We, brethren, recommend the use of the International Series of Sunday literature, published by the American Baptist Publication Society. We further recommend that this body employ a Sunday School Missionary.

Trusting that the Baptists of this Association will not rob their dear children of that knowledge which will make them wise unto salvation, we most respectfully submit this report.

ISOM P. LANGLEY,
W. A. BRANTLEY,
W. A. NEIGHBORS.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

And their Pastoffices.

- Elder H. M. Harvey, Little Rock, Pulaski County, Ark.
- Elder W. A. Clark, D. D., Hot Springs, Garland County, Ark.
- Elder J. J. Greer, Hot Springs, Garland County, Ark.
- Elder J. M. Haycraft, Hot Springs, Garland County, Ark.
- Elder J. L. Hales, Malvern, Hot Spring County, Ark.
- Elder S. F. Funk, Malvern, Hot Spring County, Ark.
- Elder J. E. McGoveran, Malvern, Hot Spring County, Ark.
- Elder J. H. Howard, Malvern, Hot Spring County, Ark.
- Elder R. M. Thrasher, Malvern, Hot Spring County, Ark.
- Elder J. T. Thornton, Magnet, Hot Spring County, Ark.
- Elder B. M. Phillips, Bismarck, Hot Spring County, Ark.
- Elder D. K. McVay, Social Hill, Hot Spring County, Ark.
- Elder B. S. Taylor, Donaldson, Hot Spring County, Ark.
- Elder E. W. Gentry, Maddry, Hot Spring County, Ark.
- Elder David Logan, Blocker, Saline County, Ark.
- Elder A. D. E. Williams, Brasil, Saline County, Ark.

Elder J. C. Henderson, Benton, Saline County, Ark.
Elder C. F. Moore, Benton, Saline County, Ark.
Elder J. C. C. Evans, Whittington, Garland County, Ark.
Elder M. L. Langley, Whittington, Garland County, Ark.
Elder W. J. Neighbors, Hot Springs, Garland County, Ark..
Elder I. P. Langley, Hot Springs, Garland County, Ark.
Elder J. W. Rodgers, Perryville, Perry County, Ark.
Elder H. R. Cheek, Perryville, Perry County, Ark.
Elder A. H. Armstrong, Onyx, Yell County, Ark.
Elder J. J. Adams, Harold, Montgomery County, Ark.
Elder Joseph Taylor, Brasil, Saline County, Ark.
Elder I. N. Dunnahoo, Benton, Saline County, Ark.
Elder R. M. Ross, Traskwood, Saline County, Ark.

LICENTIATES

And their Postoffices.

J. M. Power, Magnet, Hot Spring County, Ark.
W. B. Kemp, Social Hill, Hot Spring County, Ark.
J. W. Dorris, Malvern, Hot Spring County, Ark.
S. D. Houston, Bismarck, Hot Spring County, Ark.
W. P. Mann, De Roche, Hot Spring County, Ark.
W. T. Lumpkins, De Roche, Hot Spring County, Ark.
W. J. Hardin, De Roche, Hot Spring County, Ark.
John Lanier, Harold, Montgomery County, Ark.
J. E. Hand, Owensville, Saline County, Ark.
Silas N. Rucker, Traskwood, Saline County, Ark.
G. F. Rowe, Hot Springs, Garland County, Ark.
J. H. Hammons, Aplin, Perry County, Ark.
B. F. Gullett, Social Hill, Hot Spring County, Ark.
David Hall, Social Hill, Hot Spring County, Ark.
John Rowland, Donaldson, Hot Spring County, Ark.
J. E. Williams, Brasil, Saline County, Ark.
W. A. Brantley, Little Rock, Pulaski County, Ark.
J. J. Cook, Perryville, Perry County, Ark.
J. M. White, Cedar Glades, Montgomery County, Ark.

DOCUMENTS.

Your committee on Documents submit the following as their report :

We have examined the letters from the Churches, and find that prosperity, peace and harmony prevail throughout the bounds of the Association. We find that a number of the Churches report prayer meetings and Sabbath Schools and that those Churches are the most prosperous.

We find that Fair Play, Smith Creek, Malvern and Hot Springs Churches, have asked that the next meeting of the Association be held with them. We recommend that it be held with the First Baptist Church of Hot Springs, Garland County, Ark.

We find that Philadelphia Church has asked this body to call a Presbytery, and ordain Bro. J. H. Hammonds to the work of the ministry. We are of the opinion that this body has no such power or authority, and we recommend that the matter be referred back to Philadelphia Church for her action.

As to the division of the Association, we find that some of the Churches have remained neutral on the subject. Some have voted for the resolutions as adopted at our last annual meeting ; while others favor a division, but not according to the resolutions.

Brethren, we are of the opinion that the said proposed division as set forth in the said resolutions is contrary to the spirit of our constitution, and for the peace and harmony of the Churches, and the advancement of the Master's cause, we recommend that we remain united.

We find that Mt. Harmony Church, Saline County, has asked for a letter of dismissal to unite with the Pine Bluff Association. We recommend that the letter be granted.

C. T. GLENN,
G. W. SMITH,
HANSFORD DEER,
Committee.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Your committee on Religious Literature would say that the printed page is a powerful factor for good or evil in the world. The cause of education is advancing, and such interest has been awakened among the masses that we may reasonably conclude that the time will soon come when every child of sane mind in this broad land will be able to read and write. With the progress of education the demand for reading matter will increase. The books read by the young tend, largely, to shape their character and destiny. If the books be good, a noble character will be developed; but, if the literature be pernicious, a bad character will be the result.

Without a good moral character, no one can be truly useful or happy. No book contains such moral or religious teaching as the Bible. No book exercises such power as the Bible in developing and maintaining a noble manhood. No book exerts such influence in building up and supporting good society and good government as the Bible. Were we to consider it merely as it respects its influence in this life and the affairs of this world, the value of the Bible is incalculable. Of all books it is *THE BOOK*. In it, we believe, is revealed the only true religion. It is, therefore, of infinite value to the children of men in directing and shaping their interests and destinies in the world to come. We can not commend too highly the diligent study of this blessed volume. A knowledge of its doctrines is essential, not only to the establishment of a correct faith, or true religious system, but it is also essential in order to be able to discriminate between that which is true and that which is false in the religious systems of this world. They that worship God must worship Him in spirit and in truth: "Thy word is truth." We are commanded to be ready to give every man a reason of the hope that is in us. In order to do this we must study God's word, the Bible, as it is from this rich treasury of religious knowledge that the reason of our hope is to be drawn. Thus it is that the light that is in God's people is to shine in this world.

Books, sermons and tracts on various religious subjects have, in the providence of God, been useful in awakening the impenitent, directing the earnest enquirer to Christ, and in building up God's children in the faith and hope of the gospel. These often go into places where the minister of the Gospel can not go; and coming to the people in the quiet of their homes, they are silent, inexpensive teachers, appealing calmly to the reason and conscience of the readers, often accomplishing a work which the living teacher could not perform.

The Sunday School literature is now an important factor in the influences necessary to the training of our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. It must not only teach the truth, but it must, also, present the truth in a way adapted to the condition and capacity of the minds of the youth. Parents and teachers should be very careful in selecting Sunday School literature. For Bibles, books and Sunday School helps, we recommend our brethren and Churches to send to the American Baptist Publication Society. Send your orders to Lewis E. Kline, 1109 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo.

Finally, brethren, your committee would emphasize the importance of the religious newspaper. It comes a quiet visitor, each week, fresh and sparkling with bright thoughts and suggestions on various subjects. It brings news items, letters, and communications from the brethren and Churches in our State, and throughout the land. It contains accounts of the proceedings of conventions, associations, district meetings, protracted meetings and revivals. It notes the progress of missions in the *home* and *foreign* fields. Its readers are encouraged to study the Bible more diligently, and to be more faithful in the performance of the duties which the Bible inculcates. They keep posted in regard to the work of the denomination in the State and throughout the world, and are thus brought into sympathy and co-operation with their brethren in those enterprises which are of a general character, and thus their field of usefulness is enlarged. Nearly every State in the Union has its Baptist paper. Our own State has the *Arkansas Evangel*, published at Little Rock. We recommend it above

all others. 1. Because it is ably edited and well conducted. 2 Because it furnishes to the Baptists of Arkansas a medium of communication which no other paper outside of the State can, or will, supply; and, 3d, because it is the duty of the Baptists of each State to foster their home enterprises. The price of the *Evangel* is \$2.00 per annum. Address B. R. Womack, Little Rock, Arkansas. We recommend Ford's *Christian Repository* as a good Baptist magazine. Address S. H. Ford, St. Louis, Mo.

One of the demands of this age is that Baptists shall be a reading people. We claim to hold the truth. It is our duty to disseminate the truth. This duty devolves upon every Baptist; but we can not do this successfully unless we make ourselves familiar with the truth. Let us read, reflect, and and ponder. Let us speak, act, and publish the truth, for it is truth that must make the world free.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. THRASHER,

JOSEPH TAYLOR,

JOSEPH H. DANIEL,

Committee.

F.

HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee on Home Missions respectfully submit the following as their report:

We have been greatly encouraged by the reports coming from the Churches of what has been done among them, many of them having had precious seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. But we deplore the financial condition of the Churches, the result mainly of hard times and short crops, we suppose. We are, however, greatly encouraged by the liberality of the brethren shown on yesterday. It proves to us that they are interested in the salvation of their neighbors and neighbors' children.

We recommend that this Association appoint Elder R. M. Thrasher to travel in the bounds of this Association and preach during the ensuing year; and that he commence immediately after the adjournment of this Association. This recommendation will meet with the approval of all who are acquainted with the needs of some portions of the field; yea, truly, we may add, all the field, for the cry comes up from all parts "come over and help us."

D. K. McVay,
J. H. HAMMONDS,
G. F. ROWE,
Committee.

G.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Your Executive Board held a meeting at Malvern, Hot Spring County, in July last. It being ascertained that Elder R. M. Thrasher could not accompany Elder D. K. McVay as Missionary as per appointment of the Association, Elder J. E. McGoveran was appointed to accompany Elder McVay, to receive like compensation for his services, and report to the Association. Respectfully submitted,

R. M. THRASHER, *Chairman.*

H.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

C. T. Glenn in account with Saline Regular Baptist Association:

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To total amount collected and on hand last year.....\$131 10

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By amount paid for printing minutes of 1884.....\$32 00

By Clerk's fees.....	20 00
By amount paid for postage.....	4 00
By amount paid Elders D. K. McVay and James E. McGoveran, Missionaries.....	80 00
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	\$136 00
Balance due Treasurer.....	\$4 90

Respectfully submitted,

C. T. GLENN, *Treasurer.*

I.

MISSIONARY REPORT.

Dear Brethren: Your Missionaries entered upon their work July 18th, and labored till September 27th. During this time we traveled 380 miles; preached 91 sermons; 42 conversions; 34 baptisms; restored 6; ordained 1 minister; collected \$25.15. We have labored in the aggregate 144 days and received for our services \$144.00.

D. K. McVAY,
J. E. MCGOVERAN,
Missionaries.

J.

FINANCE.

Your committee submit the following report. We find the funds sent up by the Churches to be as follows:

Amount sent for minutes, etc.....	\$61 30
Amount sent for Home Missions.....	34 85
Amount collected for Home Missions on Sunday.....	32 25
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Total amount.....	\$128 40

Which is ready to be paid over to the Treasurer.

WM. FOWLER,
P. P. WHITE,
G. D. CATE,
Committee.

PRAYER MEETINGS.

Your committee on Prayer Meetings submit the following report:

Dear Brethren: After hearing the letters read from the several Churches, we notice that a few Churches report a lukewarm condition. Some state that the members are at peace with each other, and others are in a very prosperous state. We observe the Churches which keep up their prayer meetings are the *live* Churches. We, therefore, most earnestly recommend Pastors to urge upon the Churches to keep up their prayer meetings weekly. We earnestly entreat our brethren when they go home to erect family prayer, and to pray fervently for the salvation of their own children and their neighbors' children, that they may come to Jesus and be saved. The Bible teaches us to pray at home as well as at Church. May God help us to pray for the salvation of the children of men, and to God give all the praise.

J. J. ADAMS, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON PREACHING.

Saturday, October 3d, at 11 o'clock, W. A. Clark, D. D; text: Acts, 16 chapter, 5th verse. Saturday night at 7½ o'clock P. M., Elder D. K. McVay; text: Mark 2d chapter and 9th verse. Sunday at 11 o'clock A. M., R. M. Thrasher; text: Romans 10th chapter and 13-15th verses. He was followed by Brother Clark, who took up a collection for Home Missions, which, with the supplement on Monday, amounted to \$32.25. Sunday, 3 o'clock P. M., Elder I. P. Langley; text: John 17th chapter and 4th verse. Sunday night, 7 1-2 o'clock P. M., Elder W. A. Clark; text: Ezekiel 33d chapter and 11th verse. Monday at 11 o'clock A. M., Elder J. L. Hales; text: Matthew 5th chapter and 13th verse. Monday at 3 o'clock P. M., Elder E. W. Gentry; text: 2d Corinthians, 5th chapter and 14th verse. The congregations were large and attentive, and we trust much lasting good will be the result.

COMMITTEE.

COLLECTIONS.

Collections in cash and pledges for Home Missions :

Antioch Church, Saline County (pledge), Bro. Tillery...	\$5 00
Antioch Church, Perry County (pledge), Bro. Johnson...	2 00
Bethel Church, No. 3, Perry County (pledge), Bro. Cook.	5 00
Bethel Church, No. 2, Perry County (pledge), delegates..	10 00
Big Creek Church, Hot Spring County (pledge), E. S. War-	
rington.....	1 00
Big Creek Church, Hot Spring County (pledge), G. W.	
Smith	1 00
Brush Creek Church, Hot Spring County (pledge), Bro.	
Deer.....	3 00
Corinth Church, Garland County (cash), delegates.....	6 00
Cedar Glades Church, Garland County (pledge), delegates.	10 00
Fair Play Church, Saline County (pledge), delegates....	5 00
Gravel Hill Church, Saline County (pledge), delegates....	2 50
Hickory Grove Church, Perry County (pledge), delegates.	2 00
Hot Springs Church, Garland County (pledge), delegates.	12 00
Hot Springs Sunday School, Garland County (pledge),	
delegates.....	6 00
Harmony Church, Garland County (pledge), delegates..	1 00
Kentucky Church, Saline County (pledge), delegates....	5 00
Lone Hill Church, Hot Spring County (pledge), Bro.	
Stanley.....	5 00
Marble Church, Garland County (pledge), delegates....	5 00
Mt. Harmony Church, Saline County (cash), Bro. Cate..	1 00
Malvern Church, Hot Spring County (pledge), delegates.	12 00
Malvern Sunday School, Hot Spring County (pledge),	
delegates	6 00
Hickory Grove Church, Hot Spring County (pledge), Bro.	
Thornton.....	1 00
New Hope Church, Hot Spring County (\$1.00 paid), dele-	
gates.....	2 00
Oak Grove Church, Hot Spring County (cash), delegates.	10 00
Ouachita Church, Hot Spring County (cash), Bro. Nix...	2 50

Pleasant Hill Church, Hot Spring County (pledge), delegates	5 00
Pleasant Grove Church, Pulaski County (pledge), Dr. Sutton	5 00
Philadelphia Church, Yell County (pledge), Bro. Hammonds	2 00
Rock Spring Church, Garland County (pledge), J. J. Adams	5 00
Reyburn Creek Church, Hot Spring County (pledge), delegates	1 00
Salem Church, Saline County (pledge), delegates	1 00
Smith Creek Church, Garland County (pledge), delegates.	1 00
Shady Grove Church, Saline County (pledge), delegates.	1 00
Ten Mile Creek, Garland County (pledge), delegates....	2 00
Saline Church, Saline County (cash), Bro. Edgin	1 00
Magnet Cove Church, Hot Spring County (cash), Bro. Stinson	1 00
Total	\$151 00
	CLERK.

IN MEMORIAM.

Hon. Lemuel A. Cook was born in South Carolina, May 12, 1807. He moved to Lincoln County, Tennessee, with his father in 1816. Here he lived till he arrived at the years of manhood, and was united in wedlock with Miss Minora Black. He moved to Arkansas in 1848, with his wife and eight children, all of whom, except two daughters, preceded him to the tomb.

In 1859 he was married a second time to Mrs. Martha Ann Harbin, who, with one of three sons, survives him and mourns his loss.

He was a member of the Arkansas Legislature in 1856. He was re-elected and served a second term in 1858. He was, also, elected to the State Senate during the late war, but did not serve.

Bro. Cook professed faith in Christ and became a member of the Baptist Church in Tennessee. For several years after he came to Arkansas he was not identified with the Church. In 1867 he became a member of the Magnet Cove Baptist Church, of which he continued an active and useful member till called from labor to rest, which occurred on the 20th day of July, 1885, at his residence in Magnet Cove, Hot Spring County, Arkansas.

These lines are inscribed to his memory by order of the Saline Association.

R. M. THRASHER.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAME OF CHURCH.	NAME OF COUNTY.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	RECEIVED.			DIS-MISS'D.		Total in Fellow-ship.	Sabbath of Meeting.	CONTRIBUTIONS.		NAME OF PASTOR.	NAME OF CLERK.	NAME OF POSTOFFICE.
			Baptism.	Letter.	Restored.	Letter.	Excluded.			Ministers	Home Missions			
Antioch.....	Saline.....	J. L. Tillery, Jas. Elliott, *C. Lindsey.....	2					2	27 4th.	\$ 75	\$2 30	David Logan...	J. L. Tillney.....	Blocker
Antioch.....	Perry.....	Joseph Johnson, *E. H. Rankin, *C. Ellison.....				10	3	13	13	1 00	1 00	J. W. Rogers.....	E. H. Rankin.....	Aplin
Bethel No. 1.....	Yell.....	*J. A. Crawford, *J. M. Crawford, J. F. Crawford.....				2	1	15	15	1 00		J. F. Brice.....	J. A. Crawford.....	Onyx
Bethel No. 2.....	Perry.....	C. M. Guerin, Jas. Fullerton, J. Allison.....	4	4	7	2	1	29	31	2 00	60	J. T. Coates.....	C. M. Guerin.....	Aplin
Bethel No. 3.....	Perry.....	G. D. Cate, J. J. Cook, *A. J. Usery.....	1	4	2		1	3	25 4th.	1 75	1 00	J. W. Rogers.....	G. D. Cate.....	Perryville
Blue Point.....	Perry.....	Not represented.....						16	16				T. A. Strong.....	Aplin
Bethlehem.....	Garland.....	Not represented.....						34					A. J. Ritter.....	Mt Vall'y Spgs
Big Creek.....	Hot Spring.....	*J. M. Johnson, E. S. Warrington, G. W. Smith.....						55	2d.	1 50		D. K. McVay.....	G. W. Smith.....	Malvern
Brush Creek.....	Grant.....	*T. B. Rhodes, H. Deer, *J. H. Deer.....	6	3		4	1	33	3d.	3 00	2 20	S. F. Funk.....	James N. Page.....	Cooper
Corinth.....	Garland.....	G. F. Rowe, A. C. Files, *W. Bettis.....	12			4		30		1 20	1 30	J. R. Holcomb.....	Wm. Farr.....	Hot Springs
Concord.....	Yell.....	Not represented.....						11					W. B. Robertson.....	Onyx
Cedar Glades.....	Montgomery.....	John Boyd, Wm. Bolt.....	16		5			33	3d.	1 00		N. B. Harley.....	H. H. Williamson.....	Cedar Glades
Damascus.....	Hot Spring.....	Letter, but no delegates.....	3	1				19	4th.	1 60		S. F. Funk.....	W. C. Norwood.....	Malvern
De Roche.....	Hot Spring.....	Not represented.....						85					S. D. Houston.....	Bismarck
Ebenezer.....	Hot Spring.....	E. W. Gentry, *W. Henry, *B. Hodges.....		2		1	4	35	1st	1 00		D. K. McVay.....	I. J. Higgins.....	Social Hill
Fair Play.....	Saline.....	Felix Nelson, Wm. Nance, Wm. Floyd.....	4			1	2	85	3d.	2 00		D. K. McVay.....	John Newcomb.....	Traskwood
Franceway.....	Hot Spring.....	Not represented.....						45					R. E. Clardy.....	Gifford
Friendship.....	Montgomery.....	Not represented.....						18					J. E. Thompson.....	Harold
Gravel Hill.....	Saline.....	L. Smith, *W. A. Shell, *T. Smith.....	1	2				17	2d.	1 60		D. Logan.....	J. T. Smith.....	Owensville
Hickory Grove.....	Perry.....	D. R. Bland, W. M. Crownover, *Eli Childs.....	3	1				24	1st.	1 00		J. M. Rogers.....	L. A. McCarty.....	Perryville
Hickory Grove.....	Hot Spring.....	W. R. Thornton, *W. T. Lumpkins *Jno. Wilson.....				1	1	41	4th.	1 55		J. M. Sims.....	W. R. Thornton.....	De Roche
Hot Springs.....	Garland.....	W. A. Clark, I. P. Langley.....	51	31		5	2	133		3 00		W. A. Clark.....	H. Haythornwhite.....	Hot Springs
Harmony.....	Perry.....	*W. N. Tarvin, *J. H. Graves, J. H. Brasil.....	1	1		2		21	1st.	1 00		D. C. Williams.....	J. H. Brasil.....	Long Creek
Kentucky.....	Saline.....	*R. Raney, J. W. Henson, *Isaac Harrison.....	15			12	2	48		1 50		C. F. Moore.....	I. B. Williams.....	Benton
Lone Hill.....	Hot Spring.....	Moses Stanley, R. Stanley, *W. B. Kemp.....				8	1	24	3d.	1 00	1 30	E. W. Gentry.....	M. V. Grigsby.....	Social Hill
Liberty Grove.....	Saline.....	Not represented.....						28					G. W. Wilson.....	Totten
Marble.....	Garland.....	D. H. Smith, C. T. Glenn, I. W. Merriott.....	12	1	1			54	3d.	1 65	1 00	David Logan.....	C. T. Glenn.....	White's Mill
Mt. Pleasant.....	Montgomery.....	S. J. Spear, *G. W. Thompson, *J. A. Muse.....						29	2d.	1 50			S. J. Spear.....	Cedar Glades
Mt. Harmony.....	Saline.....	J. P. Cate.....	8		1			40	4th.			Wm. Tucker.....	W. W. White.....	Traskwood
Mt. Tabor.....	Garland.....	M. C. Melton, G. C. Noles, F. M. Ratliff.....	10	2				34	1st.	1 40		J. J. Adams.....	F. M. Ratliff.....	Cedar Glades
Malvern.....	Hot Spring.....	R. M. Thrasher, J. L. Hales, *J. M. Clem.....	4	7		2		44	1st.	2 50	10 00	R. M. Thrasher.....	J. M. Clem.....	Malvern
Magnet Cove.....	Hot Spring.....	John Stinson, *R. F. Orr, *Wm. Adkins.....	2	5	1	2	3	1	48	2d.	2 65	R. M. Thrasher.....	R. F. Orr.....	Magnet
Mountain Valley.....	Garland.....	Wm. Fowler, J. F. Guerin, *Jas. Cambers.....	3	3				12		1 00		W. J. Neighbors.....	C. F. Guerin.....	Mountain Val
New Hope.....	Hot Spring.....	J. G. Baker, P. P. White, *G. W. Funk.....	16	12				54	1st.	2 00		S. F. Funk.....	S. A. Elliott.....	Lono

STATISTICAL TABLE.—Continued.

NAME OF CHURCH.	NAME OF COUNTY.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	RECEIVED.				DIS-MISS'D.			Total in Fellowship.	Sabbath of Meeting.	CONTRIBUTIONS.		NAME OF PASTOR.	NAME OF CLERK.	NAME OF POSTOFFICE.
			Baptism.	Letter.	Relation.	Restored.	Letter.	Excluded.	Died.			Ministers	Home Missions			
North Fork.....	Saline	Jos. Taylor, *H. C. Thompson, *H. L. Hale....	17	8	2		1	1	1	41	3d..	1 35	.....	A. D. E. Williams	R. H. Ray	Brasil
Oak Grove.....	Hot Spring...	D. K. McVay, J. H. Daniel, *Z. T. McVay.....					1			42	4th.	1 60	4 20	D. K. McVay...	J. H. Hardy	Social Hill
Ouachita.....	Hot Spring...	John Nix, Philip Williams.....	2	1			1		3	45	4th.	1 50	1 50	R. M. Thrasher .	J. A. Marsh	Donaldson
Pleasant Hill ..	Hot Spring...	Nich. Jones, Thos. Southerland, *J. Rowland..	8	3			7		1	73	2d..	2 50	1 00	B. S. Taylor.....	B. A. Davis	Earl
Pleasant Grove ..	Pulaski.....	Geo. W. Sutton, *Frank Noland, *H. Prothro ..	1							44	2d..	1 45	85		H. Prothro	North Point
Philadelphia.....	Perry.....	*A. J. Nelson, *J. N. Baker, J. H. Hammonds..		5				4		25		1 00	.....	W. F. Smith...	A. J. Nelson	Onyx
Rock Spring.....	Garland	J. J. Adams, George McGill, Noah Beloit.....	3				3	3		39	1st..	1 00	.....	J. J. Adams	S. M. Adams	Cedar Glades
Reyburn Creek ..	Hot Spring...	G. W. Carpenter, J. M. Floyd, *B. C. Fitzhugh ..	7	3	3	1				52	1st.	3 35	.....	R. M. Lindsey ..	Dan'l Wallis.....	Malvern
Salem.....	Saline.....	M. C. Brewer, *L. F. James, *W. F. Rose.....	1	1			2		2	46	1st..	80	.....	David Logan	J. W. Hickman....	Blocher
Smith Creek.....	Garland.....	J. M. Evans, *W. H. Rigsby, *J. T. Evans.....		1			2	2		40	1st..	1 50	.....	W. J. Neighbors ..	D. C. Shell	Hill
South Fork.....	Garland.....	W. A. Neighbors, *J. T. Lowery, *W. J. Neighbors	7	3		4		3	1	48	1st..	2 00	.....	David Logan	W. A. Neighbors..	Hot Springs
Shady Grove.....	Saline.....	C. E. Byers	9	3					2	18	2d..	50	50	S. Davis	C. E. Byers	Tatumville
Shiloh.....	Pulaski.....	W. A. Brantley, *J. J. Wilson		2						9		50	.....	H. M. Harvey ..	J. J. Wilson	Little Rock
Saline.....	Saline.....	G. W. Edgin, W. M. James, W. T. James.....	6	4	2					23		1 50	.....	I. M. Dunnahoo ..	S. R. Edgin	Benton
Ten-Mile Creek ..	Saline.....	W. K. Johnson, *J. O. Cruse, *J. F. Green.....		1			1	1		18	2d..	1 50	.....	R. S. Phillips ..	C. S. Phillips	Magnet
Union.....	Saline.....	J. A. Ray, C. B. Clark, *T. R. Warnock.....	3				5		1	42		2 50	.....	J. C. Henderson..	B. B. Clark	Blands
White Plain.....	Montgomery..	Not represented								13			.....		W. D. Gillespie..	Harold
Walnut.....	Saline.....	Not represented								7			.....		John Jones	Brasil
Aggregate.....			234	110	20	16	81	27	29	1933		\$64 95	\$31 40			

Absentees marked * N. B.—Of churches not represented totals given when last reported,