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OF THE

Saline

Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Oak Grove Church,

Hot Spring County, Ark., Oct. 2, 3 and 4, 1897.

FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION.

:- OFFICERS. :-

E. C. ELLIS, Moderator.

JNO. C. ROSS, Clerk and Treasurer,

Next session to be held with Magnet Cove Church, Hot
Spring county, Ark., convening on Saturday at 10
a. m. before the first Sunday in October, 1898.

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Proceedings.

The fifty-eighth annual session of the Saline Baptist Association was called to order at 11 a. m., on the 2d day of October, 1897, by the moderator, John A. Verser.

The introductory sermon was preached on Saturday at 11 a. m., by Bro. M. P. Thomas from the text: 1. Cor. 3:9.

After which the association adjourned to 2 p. m.

SATURDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The association having been called to order at 2 p. m., the moderator appointed Brethren J. W. McDonald, E. C. Ellis and Alex Tucker as reading clerks. The church letters to the association were then read, and the following churches were found to be represented by messengers as follows:

Saline—C. G. Greenway, L. F. James.

Malvern—G. C. Harris, J. L. Hales, George Fuester, John C. Ross.

New Marble—C. T. Glenn.

New Hope—T. J. James, Robert Spurlin.

Flint Ridge—John James, D. C. Shell.

Antioch—J. F. Hinson,

Gravel Hill—W. H. Howard.

Sulphur Springs—Henry Ross, James Brown.

Ouachita—I. J. Selph, W. C. Nix.

Cedar Grove—William Gilmore, J. C. James.

Brush Creek—A. F. Lamb, Joseph Giles, H. Deer.

Taylor's Chapel—John Jordan, A. J. Thompson, P. Stanley.

Bethel—H. Dyer, J. A. Birch.

North Fork—J. T. Holland.

Bismarck—M. P. Thomas, W. B. Hardage.

Oak Grove—A. J. Burnett, B. F. Nugent, J. D. Hardy.

Fairplay—J. M. Floyd, R. J. White.

Magnet Cove—J. M. Power, J. A. Verser, T. T. Ebbs.

Franceway—W. H. H. Yates.

Whittington—W. C. Henry.

Big Creek—D. H. Sandford, D. T. McDougal.

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Pleasant Hill—J. E. Taylor, M. L. Williams.

New Prospect—S. A. Ray, J. P. Dean.

South Fork—W. A. Neighbors.

Hot Springs, First Church—J. W. McDonald, E. C. Ellis,
A. T. Moody.

De Roche—C. H. Montgomery, D. S. Bray.

Friendship—R. F. Russell, W. T. Whitten, J. M. Fowler.

Ten-Mile—R. S. Phillips.

Valley—David Hall, C. C. Keadle.

Reyburn—A. L. Sims, Daniel Wallis, J. M. L. Westerman.

Hickory Grove—W. R. Thornton, R. Hinson.

Lono—E. B. Deer, C. A. Marlow.

Bluff Spring—J. B. Gatlin, James Michael, J. F. Elmore.

Nebo—J. G. Rice.

Petitionary letters were then called for and Smith Creek and Caney churches responded. Owing to the fact that Smith Creek was not represented by messengers, it was not received. Caney church was represented by messengers, W. C. Bray and J. R. Adams, and the hand of fellowship was extended by the moderator.

The organization being complete and the election of officers for the next year being in order, Dr. E. C. Ellis, of Hot Springs, was elected moderator, and John C. Ross, of Malvern, clerk.

The association then adjourned till Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

After the preaching service on Saturday night the moderator announced the following committees:

Associational Missions—J. A. Verser, chairman.

Home Missions—J. M. Power, chairman.

Prayer Meetings—G. C. Harris, H. Deer, B. F. Nugent.

Foreign Missions—W. T. Whitten, W. A. Neighbors, R. S. Phillips.

State Missions—M. P. Thomas, G. C. Harris, D. C. Shell.

Religious Literature—R. F. Russell, W. A. Neighbors and J. T. Holland.

Sunday-school—A. T. Moody, W. C. Nix and W. A. Gilmore.

Total Abstinence—Bennet Malone, Chm'n.

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Ministerial Education—J. A. Verser and A. T. Moody.

Nominations—W. H. H. Yates, J. L. Hales and W. C.

Henry.

Woman's Work—J. W. McDonald, Geo F. Fuester and B. S. Taylor.

Finance—W. R. Thornton, T. T. Ebbs and H. Deer.

Preaching—J. A. Verser, Bennet Malone and deacons of Oak Grove church.

Orphans' Home—G. C. Harris, J. W. McDonald and M. P. Thomas.

MONDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The association was called to order at 8 a. m. Monday.

Church letters being called for, Perla church, with Bro. Jonathan Tucker, messenger, responded; also Ebenezer church with Messengers I. J. Wiggins and J. E. Gullet.

Bro. J. M. Sims, as corresponding messenger from Caddo River Association, was received and given the hand of welcome.

Reports of committees being in order, the Committee on Associational Missions made their report.

The report was discussed by Bros. J. F. Elmore, M. P. Thomas, J. A. Verser, B. S. Taylor, R. F. Russell and J. W. McDonald. The report was adopted. (See report "A.")

Pledges were then taken for the support of associational mission work as follows:

Bethel.....	\$ 1 00	Malvern	10 00
Brush Creek.....	1 00	New Prospect.....	2 50
Big Creek.....	2 50	New Marvel	1 00
J. F. Elmore.....	2 50	Nebo.....	2 50
Corinth	2 50	North Fork.....	5 00
Cedar Grove.....	1 00	New Hope 2.....	1 00
De Roche.....	5 00	Oak Grove.....	2 50
Ebenezer	1 00	Perla	1 00
J. M. Floyd.....	1 00	J. E. Taylor.....	1 00
Flint Ridge.....	2 00	Sulphur Springs.....	5 00
Friendship	5 00	Salem	2 00
Gravel Hill.....	3 00	W. A. Neighbors.....	2 50
Hickory Grove.....	1 00	Taylor's Chapel.....	2 00
Hot Springs.....	25 00	Ten Mile.....	2 50
Lono	2 00	Valley.....	2 00
Magnet Cove.....	5 00	Whittington	5 00

Total amount of pledges.....\$ 108 00

The moderator, together with the association, appointed the following brethren to compose an Associational Board: J. A. Verser, Bennett Malone, E. C. Ellis.

The association then heard the report of the Orphans' Home Committee, and the report was adopted without discussion. (See report "B.")

Bro. Malone read the report on "total abstinence." There was a very interesting discussion upon this subject by Brethren R. J. White, Alex Tucker, J. D. Hardy, M. P. Thomas, J. F. Elmore and J. A. Verser, after which discussion the report was adopted. (See report "C.")

The Committee on Ministerial Education made their report, which was ably discussed by Alex Tucker, J. A. Verser, W. A. Neighbors, B. S. Taylor, W. L. Benson, R. F. Russell, J. F. Elmore, M. P. Thomas, President J. W. Conger, of Ouachita College, and W. A. Clark. Adopted. (See report "D.")

The association then adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

MONDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The association met at 1:30 p. m. Immediately after prayer the report on Woman's Work was read and adopted without discussion. (See Report "E.")

Bro. J. L. Hales, for the Committee on Nominations, made their report. The report was discussed and amended to carry the next association to Magnet Cove, and then adopted. (See Report "F.")

Next, the Committee on Prayer Meeting made a report and the report was adopted as read. (See Report "G.")

The association then heard the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions, which report was adopted without discussion. (See Report "H.")

The report of the State Missions Committee was made next, and an interesting discussion followed by J. W. McDonald, W. A. Clark, G. C. Harris and J. F. Elmore. Adopted. (See Report "I.")

The Committee on Religious Literature reported and the report was discussed by W. A. Clark and Alex Tucker and adopted. (See Report "J.")

Bro. A. T. Moody made the report for the Committee on

Sunday-schools. An able and interesting discussion of the question then followed by Brethren A. T. Moody and M. P. Thomas, after which the report was adopted. (See Report "K.")

Committee on Home Missions reported and the report was adopted without discussion. (See Report "L.")

Bro. W. R. Thornton then read the report of the Committee on Finance, which was also adopted. (See Report "M.")

The treasurer then read his report, which was adopted. (See Report "N.")

Bro. M. P. Thomas then offered the following:

Resolved, That the program of the Ministers' Institute for 1898, and that the constitution, rules of decorum and articles of faith of Saline Baptist Association be published in the minutes.

The resolution was adopted.

Bro. C. T. Glenn offered the following:

Be it resolved, That at least one page of the minutes of the Saline Baptist Association be set apart annually in memory of our deceased brothers and sisters, and that each church be requested that when writing their letters to the association, they include the number and name of their dead since last association.

This resolution was also adopted.

W. A. Clark, of Little Rock, offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Whereas, Dr. W. H. Whitsitt has delivered utterances which are subversive of Baptist principles; therefore,

Resolved, That we demand his resignation or removal and instruct our messengers to the State Convention to vote as a unit against all resolutions or other steps endorsing the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary as long as Dr. Whitsitt remains its president.

The following resolution of thanks was voted;

Resolved, That we extend our hearty thanks to the members of Oak Grove church and the kind citizens of the neighborhood for their liberal hospitality and we pray God's blessings on all the families of the community.

Resolved, further, That the thanks of this association are due and are hereby tendered the moderator for the impartial manner in which he has presided over this body at this session.

The association then chose the following named brethren as messengers to the State Convention: J. W. McDonald, G. C. Harris, M. P. Thomas, R. F. Russell and Alex Tucker.

Dr. E. C. Ellis was appointed a member of the state board, Brethren R. F. Russell, P. C. Lindsey and J. F. Hardage were appointed corresponding messengers to Red River Association.

tion, and J. W. McDonald, C. T. Glenn and W. A. Neighbors to Buckville Association; W. R. Thornton and Montgomery Moore were named for corresponding messengers to Caddo River Association, and G. W. Smith and D. H. Sandford to Pine Bluff Association.

Bro. Bennett Malone was appointed to write a letter on temperance to be printed in the minutes.

By vote the clerk was ordered to have 1000 minutes printed and distributed to various churches in proportion to money sent for minutes, and the clerk to be allowed \$15 for services. The association was then led in prayer by Bro. M. P. Thomas, of Bismarck, after which the messengers took the parting hand. The association then stood adjourned to meet with Magnet Cove church, Hot Springs county, on Saturday at 10 a. m. before the first Sunday in October 1898. Thus closed the harmonious labors of the fifty-eighth annual session of Saline Association.

E. C. ELLIS, MODERATOR.

JNO. C. ROSS, CLERK.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

"A"—ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Associational Missions report as follows: There has been no work done the past year from the fact of no funds on hand. We recommend that this body take pledges for the support of a missionary and that the association appoint a board of three who shall employ a suitable brother to preach in the destitute places.

J. A. VERSER, Chm'n.

"B"—ORPHANS' HOME.

The Home is situated near Monticello and consists of a farm, good two-story building which was presented to the denomination by Miss Hannah Hyatt. We now have fourteen orphans that are being cared for by the Home. They need clothing. We recommend that the churches of this association aid in the support of this great institution by taking regular collections for same.

G. C. HARRIS, Chm'n.

"C"—TOTAL ABSTINENCE.

We, your Committee on Total Abstinence, beg leave to report that we recommend that the members of all our churches wholly abstain from the use of alcoholic liquors unless as a medicine upon a prescription by a reputable physician, and further that they promptly withdraw fellowship from every member who will engage in "social dram-drinking." We further recommend

that the association appoint a suitable man to write a letter on the subject of intemperance to be published in the minutes.

BENNETT MALONE, Chm'n.

Letter on Intemperance prepared by Bro. Bennett Malone:

Having been appointed by Saline Association, to write a circular letter on temperance to be printed in the minutes, I begin with diffidence on account of the greatness of the subject and my own weakness. The subject is one that has occupied the greatest minds and but little can be said that has not been said before; but I hope to stir up the minds of my brethren "by way of remembrance." The saloon swings open more gates to hell than any other power in our cities. The use of alcohol as a beverage cuts down youth in its vigor, manhood in its strength, and age in its weakness. It produces weakness, sickness and death. It makes wives, widows; children, orphans; fathers, friends; and all of them beggars and paupers. It extinguishes natural affections, erases conjugal love, blots out filial attachments, blasts parental hopes and brings age with sorrow to the grave. It covers the land with idleness and crime, it fills our court docket with business, fills jails, alms-houses and penitentiaries, demands our asylums and furnishes victims for the scaffold. It is the life-blood of the gambler, the element of the burglar, the prop of the highwayman and the support of the midnight incendiary. It countenances the liar, respects the thief, esteems the blasphemer.

Men fail to meet their debts and lightly esteem their obligations and lose their self-respect by indulging their appetite for drink, then curse the world and laugh at its ruin—and more, it murders the soul and is the chief source of all the lawsuits and crimes of nearly every sort. Nearly all our church trials are traceable to whisky, and no Baptist church should hold a member in fellowship who will give it countenance in any way, either by manufacturing, buying, selling or drinking. The greatest curse in our churches is "social dram drinking." Members of our churches claiming to be washed by the precious blood of Christ, meet together on the 25th of December to celebrate His birthday with "egg nog" or some other fixed up drink; some of them get beastly drunk, and all more or less so, never think of His name in reverence. No church ought to hesitate one moment when it meets in conference at once to withdraw fellowship from such. Some have said we would depopulate our churches. I reply that our churches would be stronger without such members. Any church holding such in fellowship, ought, and will before many years, be dropped from the association.

The question has been brought up and discussed twice in our association and is gaining advocates, and I hope to see the time when no Baptist church will hold in its fellowship a member who will drink one drop in a social way any more than a thief or a liar, for He that said all liars shall have their part in the lake of fire, said "no drunkard hath eternal life or shall inherit eternal life;" and to drink spirits because you like the taste or effect of it, is to be a drunkard. There is not one word to be said in its favor. It is by some, recommended as a medicine, but the best authorities have agreed that it is neither a food nor a medicine. Any food product, as beef or bread, taken into the stomach is received with avidity, digested and prepared for the use of the body. Not so with alcohol. It is received as an intruder. The bloodshot eye and flushed face are an index to the condition within. A very small quantity will plainly show the effect upon the stomach and other membranes. The

delicate linings of the stomach, heart, brain, liver and lungs are reduced and every tiny vein is inflamed like the blushing rose itself and each indulgence intensifies the result until the system is permanently injured, and the inebriate often transmits to posterity his dreadful habit. In conclusion, let me say a word to young ladies: Be sure you never form an alliance with the young man who takes a social glass. It is better to be an old maid than to be a drunkard's wife with all its miseries. Let your motto be: "The lips that touch liquor shall never touch mine."

"D"—MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Ministerial Education, beg leave to submit the following: In view of the progress made in the general education of our American people and the demands of the mission of the minister of the gospel, we think that our ministers should be men of good sound mind and general intelligence; that we need men qualified mentally as well as spiritually for this most important of all works.

We predicate our statement that our ministers should be men of high degree and intelligence, that they should embrace every opportunity for improvement, upon the admonition of Paul to Timothy, "study to show thyself approved of God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. VERSER, Chm'n.

"E"—WOMAN'S WORK.

Your Committee believe that Christ's church is sufficient to do Christ's work. Paul tells us that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is the man; and that the head of Christ is God, 1 Cor. 11:3 God has declared that her desire shall be to her husband and he shall rule over her. Gen. 3:16.

For says Paul 1 Tim. 2:13, 14) Adam was first found, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

Again "Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach nor to usurp authority over man but to be in silence. Again to the church at Corinth 1 Cor. 14:34, "Let your women keep silence in the churches for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law."

With these scriptures before us, we ask, what are our women to do? Let God answer and his people hear. Titus 2:3, 5. "To the aged women that they be in behavior as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine teachers of good things; that they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husband, that the word of God may not be blasphemed." The work likewise, of the young women is plainly revealed in the word of God. 1 Tim. 5:14. "I will therefore, that the young women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully."

J. W. McDONALD, Chm'n

"F"—NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations, report as follows: We nominate Bro. McDonald to preach the next introductory sermon and Bro. J. M. Clem, alternate. We find that Gravel Hill has called for the next meeting of this body and we ask the association to name the place of its next meeting.

W. H. YATES, Chm'n.

"G"—PAYER MEETING

We, your Committee on Prayer Meeting, indorse the report found in the minutes of our last association which is as follows: "The churches that report regular prayer meetings are the most prosperous. There is great profit in prayer. It has proved a present relief in time of need to all who exercise faith in the Lord. We find that not only the prophets and apostles were profited by it, but we ourselves have the evidence within ourselves.

Believing this to be a fact, we recommend every church in this association to organize a prayer meeting; also the head of each family to erect family altars at home. We find that Daniel prayed three times daily.

G. C. HARRIS, Chm'n.

"H"—FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We your Committee on Foreign Missions, submit the following as our report: We believe the great commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," is just as binding as when first given. And therefore it is a duty as well a privilege devolving on all of Christ's followers to open their hearts, send up their prayers and contribute of their means to support this commission, to see that it is carried out as the great head of the church commands. May God speed the time when blank reports will cease to come to this association and another body is organized for the furtherance of the gospel. We would that all of His people be as obedient to the Macedonian cry as was the apostle Paul.

W. T. WHITTEN, Chm'n.

"I"—STATE MISSIONS.

This year the State Board is aiding seven weak churches and helping support five Associational Missionaries under appointment at a cost of about \$2000 a year. These are all paid to August 15, 1897. We will need \$500 to pay them to November 15, 1897. We would urge hearty co-operation with the State Convention and liberal contribution to its work.

M. P. THOMAS, Chm'n.

"J"—RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

The Committee on Religious Literature report as follows: The Bible is our standard of faith and practice and the final arbiter of all religious controversy. It should be read every day. As a medium of communication between churches, we recommend the Arkansas Baptist as a necessity in every home. We urge our people to take it and read it, and we also recommend the Convention literature for our schools.

R. F. RUSSELL, Chm'n.

"K"—SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

In view of the fact, very few churches show by their letter to this association, that they have Sunday-schools, we, your committee, would recommend that an especial effort be made on the part of all pastors and leaders in church work during the next associational year to establish Sunday-schools in every church with Baptist literature and Baptist teachers. If you have no money with which to buy literature, congregate the young people together and use your Bibles and song-books. Let no church be without a Sunday-school. Show your willingness to teach the children and young people God's Word.

A. T. MOODY, Chm'n.

"L"—HOME MISSIONS.

We consider this one of the most important works as the board is helping the State boards of the South in supplying their destitution and sending mis-

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sionaries to the Indians and Cubans. As God has wonderfully blessed their work, we recommend that our pastors present the claims of this board to their churches and take collections for the Home Mission Board.

"M"—FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to make the following report:

Amount sent for minutes.....	\$44 70
Foreign Missions.....	9 50
Home Missions.....	9 80
Associational Missions.....	1 75

Total.....	\$65 75
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W. R. THORNTON, Chm'n.

"N"—TREASURER'S REPORT.

To amount received from Finance Committee, 1896.....	\$80 75
To amount received from J. A. Verser, Associational Missions....	5 00

Total amount received.....	\$85 75
By amount paid for printing minutes.....	\$30 00
Clerk.....	15 00
State Missions.....	14 80
Foreign Missions.....	10 50
Home Missions.....	3 45

Total.....	\$73 75
Amount minute fund on hand.....	\$6 65
Amount Associational Missions on hand.....	5 35

Total on hand.....	\$12 00
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Respectfully submitted,

JNO. C. ROSS, Treasurer.

Constitution.

Article 1. This Union of churches shall be known and distinguished by the name and title of the "Saline Regular United Baptist Association."

Art. 2. This association shall be composed of delegates from churches in Union. Each church shall be entitled to three (3) delegates, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by their several churches before they take their seats.

Art. 3. The delegates, when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberate body, by the appointment of a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual association, and shall continue in office until their successors are chosen.

Art. 4. The association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which it is composed. It shall regard them as independent bodies in all matters of internal government, and shall only act as an advisory council, assuming no authority, except what is expressly delegated to it by the churches or evidently implied by the very nature of the compact. It nevertheless

claims authority over its members—the delegates from the churches—and in propriety must have power to withdraw from and disown all churches which depart from the principles of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice. It should therefore regard all churches united under this constitution with a vigilant eye for good. Its principle business shall be to promote the declarative glory of God by extending the kingdom of grace on earth, through the medium of preaching the gospel, and the means in accordance with that gospel, and to cultivate union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ, especially with those united in this constitution.

Art. 5. Newly constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this union, on their sending three delegates to the annual meeting of this association, with a petition for admission, and by their delegates agreeing to the abstract of principles herewith published.

Art. 6. The churches in this union shall transmit to every annual session of the association, a written communication, specifying the names of their delegates, their number in fellowship, number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, restored or deceased, since the last session, and all other information which the churches may deem important, which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

Art. 7. This association may have a fund supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches; and all the money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over through the Committee of Finance to the treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold his office during the pleasure of the association. He shall retain and manage the funds agreeably to the order of the association, and shall present annually, for insertion in the minutes, a clear and succinct statement of all the receipts and expenditures.

Art. 8. This association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

Art. 9. This association shall take cognizance of no query sent up from the churches, unless they have endeavored to solve the same, and have failed; nor of any difficulty between churches, unless they have pursued the directions in the 18th chapter of Matthew, and have not been able to settle them. Then the association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them, at its discretion.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the clerk of this association to keep a regular file of the printed minutes of every session of this body, and to deliver over the same to his successor in office.

Art. 11. This constitution may be altered or amended at regular meetings of the association by the concurring voice of two-thirds of the members then present: provided, such alteration or amendment be approved of by the churches comprising this association.

Rules of Decorum.

1. The association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. A moderator and clerk shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

3. The moderator shall be considered a judge of order, and shall have a right to call to order at any time.

4. A member not satisfied with his decision may appeal to the association on the same day but at no other time.

5. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise on his feet and obtaining permission, proceed.

6. The moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person, or otherwise.

7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject or uses words of personal reflection. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of this association, unless withdrawn by him that made it.

8. Every case taken up by the association shall be decided, or withdrawn before another be offered.

9. When a question is taken up, after allowing time for debate, the moderator shall take the voice of the association on the subject, [and the members on the affirmative of the question shall signify the same by rising from their seats and those in the negative shall retain theirs.

10. The moderator shall pronounce the decision before the standers resume their seats.

11. Any member wishing to retire, shall obtain permission from the moderator.

12. No member shall speak more than twice on the same proposition without permission of the association, nor more than once till every member wishing to speak shall have done so, nor shall any proposition be made to close the subject till the debates have been carried through.

13. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used in the association by members in their addresses to one another.

14. No member shall be tolerated in any practice which tends to interrupt public speaking.

15. The names of members shall be called as often as the association may direct.

16. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoint another to his seat during the time; but shall not vote on any question unless the association be equally divided.

17. Any member violating the rules may be reprov'd by the moderator at discretion, but only on the day the breach shall be made.

Articles of Faith.

ARTICLE I. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost. 1 John 5: 7; John 1, 2, 3; 1 Timothy 3: 16.

ART. II. We believe that the Scriptures, comprising the Old and New Testaments, are the Word of God and the only rule of faith and practice. 11. Timothy 3: 15, 16; 11. Peter 1: 2; Romans 15: 4.

ART. III. We believe in the doctrine of election according as God has chosen us in Christ before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy, and without blame before him in love, in whom ye also trusted, after that ye

heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also after ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise. Eph. 1: 4-13; 1 Peter 1: 2; 1. Thes. 2: 13, 14.

ART. IV. We believe in the doctrine of original sin by the fall of Adam. Gen. 3: 6, 7; Romans 5: 12-14.

ART. V. We believe in man's incapacity by his own free will and ability to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature. Isaiah 1: 5, 6; John 6: 44; Eph. 2: 1.

ART. VI. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ only. Jer. 23: 6; Rom. 4: 22; 1. Cor. 1: 30.

ART. VII. We believe that the saints shall be preserved in grace and never fall finally away. Psalms 89: 23-31; Heb. 8: 10-12; John 10: 28.

ART. VIII. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects for baptism, and that immersion is the apostolic mode. Mark 16: 15, 16; Acts 2: 41, 42; Rom. 6: 3, 4, 6, 7; Matt. 28: 19, 20; 1. Cor. 11: 23-26.

ART. IX. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and in a general judgment, and that the felicity of the righteous and punishment of the wicked will be eternal. John 5: 28, 29; 1. Cor. 15: 22-25; Rev. 20: 12, 13, 14, 15.

ART. X. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the gospel but one who is regularly baptized, called and comes under the imposition of the hands of a presbytery. Matt. 28: 19, 20; 1. Tim. 4: 14; Titus 5: 10.

ART. XI. We believe that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's table. Acts 2: 41-47; 18: 8-11; 1. Cor. 11: 23, 24.

ART. XII. We believe that the Lord's day should be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion. Ex. 20: 8; Acts 20: 7; Rev. 1: 10.

In Memoriam.

Bro. Hugh McCallum was born in Monroe county, N. C., December 25, 1822, and moved to Arkansas in 1852, and died at his home in Malvern, Ark., July 25, 1897; being 74 years and 7 months of age.

He was an honored member of the Baptist church at the time of his death, and he always took a leading part in its work. He was made a Master Mason in Rockport Lodge No. 58, in the year 1865. He held many important offices of trust; was twice clerk and once judge of the county; also he served one term as State Senator. He leaves an aged wife, three daughters, and several grandchildren to mourn his loss. His funeral was conducted at the Baptist church in Malvern, by Dr. W. A. Clark, of Little Rock, after which he was laid to rest in Rockport cemetery with Masonic honors. We believe, from evidences he gave near the last, that if he could speak to us, he would but voice the sentiment of the poet:

"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Bro. A. J. Ritter was born in Moore county, N. C., August 23, 1823, and

moved to Arkansas in the year 1855. He professed faith in Christ at the age of 23 years, joined the Baptist church; and was ordained a deacon of Bethlehem church some thirty-five years ago. He also belonged to Marble church, but at the time of his death, was a member of Mountain Valley church. He was a Mason and belonged to Mountain Valley Lodge, No. 407, F. and A. M. Bro. Ritter was a devoted Christian and deacon in his churches, having lived 74 years, 4 months and 21 days, and died in the full triumph of a living faith.

“The battle he fought,
The victory he has won,
Eternal life he sought,
Through the blood of the Holy One.”

Program of Deacons' and Ministers' Institute.

To be held with Ten-Mile Church, commencing Friday night before fourth Sunday in July, 1898. Eld. A. Tucker will preach the Introductory sermon on Friday night; Eld. J. M. Clem, alternate.

1. Saturday morning, 8 to 9 a. m.—Devotional exercises.
2. Nine a. m.—Baptism—subject, mode, design. Assigned to Eld. M. P. Thomas.
3. Relationship between Christ and the church. Assigned to Eld. B. S. Taylor.
4. Evils arising from a multiplicity of denominations. Assigned to Dr. E. C. Ellis.
5. Sunday-morning 9 a. m.—Sunday-school mass-meeting, led by Deacon J. A. Verser.
6. Sermon at 11 a. m. Subject: Church succession. Assigned to Eld. M. P. Thomas.
7. Monday, 8 a. m.—Devotional exercises.
8. Nine a. m. Preacher's call, ordination. Assigned to S. F. Funk.
9. Sermon at 11 a. m.
10. Can any of God's children be finally lost? Assigned to Eld. A. Tucker.
11. Church government. Assigned Eld. O. C. Miller.

Ordained Ministers.

Alex Tucker	Malvern	J. M. Clem.....	Malvern
Ed Hackley	Malvern	J. H. Howard.....	Malvern
J. F. Elmore	Traskwood	R. C. Rhoden.....	Malvern
O. C. Miller	Bismarck	C. C. Warnock.....	Bland
W. H. Floyd	Surl	J. C. Ellard.....	Malvern
L. H. Hargrove	Traskwood	D. Hewitt.....	North Point
R. F. Russells	Friendship	B. S. Taylor.....	Donaldson
W T. Whitten	Honey	J. R. Rowland.....	Donaldson

J. M. Johnson.....	Surry	N. D. Jones.....	Donaldson
W. J. Hardin.....	DeRoche	P. C. Hammond.....	Gifford
W. A. Jarrel.....	Hot Springs	S. F. Funk.....	Burk
J. W. McDonald.....	Hot Springs	C. B. Henderson.....	Bland
J. R. Holcomb.....	Hot Springs	W. R. Parker.....	Bland
John T. Thornton.....	Magnet	W. C. Henry.....	Whittington
J. M. Power.....	Magnet	Jos. Taylor.....	Brazil
G. C. Harris.....	Malvern	W. H. Yates.....	Malvern
J. L. Hales.....	Malvern	M. P. Thomas.....	Bismarek

LICENTIATES.

J. B. Gatlin.....	Traskwood	Geo. Fuester.....	Malvern
M. F. Carpenter.....	Surl	W. B. Kemp.....	Lecroy
J. L. Waldron.....	Surl	John Thompson.....	Malvern

DIVINE SERVICE.

Preaching was had at the times and by the brethren below mentioned:

Bro. M. P. Thomas, of Bismarek, (Introductory) at 11 a. m., Saturday.

Text, 1 Cor. 3: 9.

Bro. J. M. Sims, of Caddo River Association, at 7:30 Saturday evening.

Text, Matt. 28: 19-20.

Bro. J. W. McDonald, of Hot Springs, Sunday morning at 9:30. Text, Heb. 13: 8.

Bro. G. C. Harris, of Malvern, Sunday morning at 11. Text, 2 Cor. 8: 9.

Bro. R. F. Russell, of Friendship, Sunday at 3:30 p. m. Text, Matt. 24: 39.

Bro. W. A. Neighbors, of Garland County, Sunday at 7:30 p. m. Text, 1 Cor. 3: 22-23.

Bro. W. A. Clark, of Little Rock, Monday at 11 a. m. Text, Acts 1: 1.

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	MEMBERSHIP.									PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICES.	CONTRIBUTIONS.					Value of Church Property.
		By Baptism.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	By Relation.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Present Membership.	Day of Meeting.				Minute Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Pastor's Salary.	
Antioch.....	Saline.....	6				3			37		C. C. Warnock.	J. F. Tillery.	Blocher.....	\$1 65				\$25 00	
Big Creek.....	Hot Spring	1	2		1	3	1	1	110	2d.	J. L. Byrd.	R. L. Collier.	Ops.....	1 25					
Bismarck.....	Hot Spring		4			3	4		47	3d.	M. P. Thomas.	B. R. Thomas.	Bismarck.....	90					
Bethel.....	Hot Spring	2	4			3	1		26	1st.	R. M. Lindsey.	Harvey Dyer.	Butterfield.....	50	\$1 50	\$0 50			
Bluff Springs.....	Saline.....	2			3		2		33	3d.	S. F. Funk.	D. Dodrige.	Traskwood.....	1 00					
Brush Creek.....	Grant.....					3	1		48	3d.	W. H. H. Yates.	W. F. Brashear.	Lono.....	1 00					
Corinth.....	Garland.....	6		1		1			34		W. J. Hardin.	Emma Files.	Hot Springs.....	1 50	\$1 25				
Cedar Grove.....	Saline.....	10	3			3	1		33	4th.	S. F. Funk.	J. W. Melton.	Benton.....	1 00					
Caney.....	Hot Spring							1	17		M. P. Thomas.	W. C. Bray.	De Roche.....	50					
Center View.....									4										
Damascus.....																			
De Roche.....	Hot Spring	9	4	3		12	1		153	4th.	R. F. Russell.	J. W. Hardage.	Bismarck.....	1 55			50 00	\$150	
East Union.....									43										
Ebenezer.....	Hot Spring					6			23	1st.	W. T. Whitten.	J. E. Gullet.	Sara.....	75					
Fairplay.....	Saline.....	33	6	5		2	1	1	145	3d.	S. F. Funk.	J. A. Horn.	Surl.....	1 50			30 00	250	
Franceway.....	Hot Spring					2	1	1	83	4th.	W. H. H. Yates.	Louis Wallis.	Malvern.....	1 50					
Flint Ridge.....	Saline.....	11	2	2		8	1		52	2d.	C. B. Henderson.	John James.	Owensville.....	1 00					
Friendship.....	Hot Spring		2			5	5		53	3d.	R. F. Russell.	J. W. Wright.	Honey.....	1 25	2 50	2 50		150	
Gravel Hill.....	Saline.....	3	6			1	3	2	38	4th.	S. F. Funk.	J. T. Smith.	Surry.....	75					
Hickory Grove.....	Hot Spring	1				9	1	1	60	2d.	M. P. Thomas.	W. R. Thornton.	De Roche.....	50				200	
First, Hot Springs	Garland.....	5	12			11	3	3	222	evy	A. J. Faucett.	Hugh L. Hale.	Hot Springs.....	2 75	22 50	22 50	32 00	900 00	5000
Kentucky.....									100										
Lono.....	Hot Spring	2	3	2		2	2		39	4th.	R. F. Russell.	C. A. Marlow.	Lono.....	1 00					
First, Little Rock	Pulaski.....								289	evy	Sam'l Hoffman.	Sam'l Hoffman.	Little Rock.....	2 00					
Magnet Cove.....	Hot Spring		1	1		3	2	2	79	3d.	J. L. Byrd.	Wm. Adkins.	Magnet.....	2 00	1 60	4 10		17 50	
Malvern.....	Hot Spring	4	9	2		2	3	2	121	evy	G. C. Harris.	Jno. C. Ross.	Malvern.....	1 50	3 00	2 60	50	400 00	
Mt. Harmony.....	Garland.....					1	1		19	1st.	J. M. Sims.	W. B. Stricklin.	Oma.....	55				15 00	
New Prospect.....	Saline.....		1			4			23	4th.	C. B. Freer.	C. B. Freer.	Bland.....	75					
Nebo.....	Saline.....	8	3	1		1			22	2d.	C. C. Warnock.	J. M. Hale.	Shoppach.....	50	50	50			
New Hope No. 1.	Hot Spring																		
New Hope No. 2.	Garland.....								22	1st.	O. C. Miller.	Robt. Spartin.	Hot Springs.....	40					
North Fork.....	Saline.....		2			1	2		67	4th.	C. C. Warnock.	J. A. Abel.	Brazil.....	60			40 00	300	
New Marble.....	Garland.....	1							11	4th.	S. H. Jennings.	C. T. Glenn.	Jessieville.....	\$0 75					
Oak Grove.....	Hot Spring		1			11	8		33	4th.	J. M. Clem.	J. R. Hodges.	Social Hill.....	1 50					\$200
Onachita.....	Hot Spring	2	2			3	1	1	50	4th.	N. D. Jones.	J. D. Nix.	Donaldson.....	1 25					
Perla.....	Hot Spring		1			5	3	1	30	1st.	W. H. Floyd.	G. W. Askew.	Malvern.....	1 00	\$1 00	\$1 00	\$32 65		
Pleasant Grove.....	Pulaski.....	10	11	3		1	4	2	84	2d.	C. B. Henderson.	M. P. Carter.	North Point.....	1 80	2 20			30 00	400
Pleasant Hill.....	Hot Spring		8	1		1	1		92	2d.	R. M. Lindsey.	B. A. Davis.	Malvern.....	1 90		3 10			
Rayburn Creek.....	Hot Spring					1	1	2	33	1st.	S. F. Funk.	Daniel Wallis.	Malvern.....	1 00					
Saline.....	Saline.....		1						26	3d.	C. P. Ledbetter.	J. A. Moore.	Benton.....	40					
Sulphur Springs.....	Garland.....	11	4			3	2		55	3d.	W. A. Neighbors.	I. A. Epps.	Price.....	1 05				25 00	
Salem.....	Saline.....					3			45	1st.	Jos. Taylor.	C. G. Greenwood.	Blocher.....	75					
South Fork.....	Garland.....					18			40			J. M. Gardiner.	Hot Springs.....	85					
Taylor's Chapel.....	Hot Spring	4	11			5	4	1	75	1st.	J. M. Clem.	A. G. Hamilton.	Elmore.....	1 00		25		75 00	200
Ten Mile.....	Saline.....	19	2	3	1	1	5		127	2d.	S. F. Funk.	Sid Williams.	Burk.....	1 15					
Union.....	Saline.....	13	8	3		2	3	1	70	3d.	C. B. Henderson.	J. M. Parker.	Bland.....	90			40 00	200	
Unity.....	Saline.....	11	3	1		4	4		51	4th.	C. C. Warnock.	C. P. Carlisle.	Brazil.....	60					
Valley.....	Hot Spring		1						15	4th.	M. P. Thomas.	C. M. Moore.	Valley.....	75					
Whittington.....	Garland.....	7			5	9	1	1	68	3d.	C. C. Warnock.	Daniel James.	Whittington.....	1 00					
Totals.....		182	115	31	7	161	66	29	2347					\$46 80	\$14 55	\$33 05	\$33 00	\$1665 90	\$7050

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