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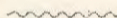
Saline

Baptist ✻ *Association,*

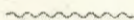
HELD WITH

Magnet Cove Church,

Hot Spring County, Ark., Oct. 1, 2 and 3, 1898.



Next session will be held with Kentucky Church, Saline County,
commencing on Saturday at 11 a. m. before the First
Sunday in October, 1899.



:- OFFICERS: :-

E. C. Ellis, Moderator,

Jno. C. Ross, Clerk.

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Proceedings.

The fifty-ninth annual session of the Saline Baptist Association was called to order at the Magnet Cove Baptist church by the moderator, Dr. E. C. Ellis, on Saturday at 11 a. m., the 1st day of October, 1898. The introductory sermon was preached by Bro. Benj. Cox, of the First Baptist Church, Little Rock. Subject: "Precious Promises."

The association then adjourned till 2 p. m.

SATURDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The association was called to order at 2 p. m., when Bro. J. W. Conger, of Ovachita Baptist College, led in devotional exercises.

Following are the brethren appointed as Reading Clerks:

J. W. McDonald, Benj. Cox, Alex. Tucker and J. W. Conger.

Upon reading the letters from the churches, the following were found to be represented by messengers named:

First Church, Little Rock—Benj. Cox.

Fairplay—C. T. Carpenter, James Langley, J. M. Floyd.

Sulphur Springs—Henry Ross, J. D. Yates, James Brown.

Union—J. M. Parker.

Oak Grove—J. R. Hodges, J. D. Hardy.

Hickory Grove—W. R. Thornton, W. J. Hardin, E. W. Thornton.

Kentucky—Isaac Harrison.

Brush Creek—A. F. Lamb.

Perla—Jonathan Tucker.

Gravel Hill—R. S. Elliott, R. S. Turner, Andrew Smith.

Taylor's Chapel—John Thompson, P. Stanley, Phillip Williams.

Salem—Chas. D. Ewell, L. T. James

New Prospect—C. C. Warnock, J. P. Dean.

Nebo—J. G. Rice.

Ten Mile—John R. Nance.

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 address 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 reproved by the moderator at discretion, but only on the day the breach shall be made.

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Whittington—B. Malone, W. C. Henry, J. C. Sissell.

New Hope—C. C. Rice, E. A. Funk.

Ouachita—W. L. Benson, W. C. Nix, J. A. Selph.

Pleasant Hill—M. P. Goodman.

North Fork—J. T. Holland.

Ebenezer—J. E. Gullet.

Valley—C. C. Keadle.

Big Creek—J. M. Wheat.

Franceway—H. J. Clift.

Cedar Grove—W. T. James, John W. Melton.

New Hope No. 2—Represented by letter.

De Roche—O. C. Miller, R. A. Almond.

Friendship—R. F. Russell, J. M. Fowler, J. R. Gilchrist.

Bismarck—W. B. Hardage, J. D. Hardage.

Reyburn Creek—W. F. Westerman.

Pleasant Grove—F. P. Nowlin.

Long—C. A. Marlow.

Saline—J. A. Moore, P. M. Wright.

Magnet Cove—J. A. Verser, R. F. Orr, J. M. Power.

Malvern—John G. Bull, John C. Ross.

Hot Springs—E. C. Ellis, J. W. McDonald, W. W. McCulloch

Damascus—W. H. Paul, G. C. Norwood.

New Marble—C. T. Glenn.

The association was then declared ready for organization.

A motion to elect officers by acclamation was objected to, but objection being withdrawn, Dr. E. C. Ellis, of Hot Springs, was chosen moderator, and John C. Ross, of Malvern, clerk.

Petitionary letters were then called for, when the following churches with messengers reported:

Pleasant Valley—J. A. Coston, Louis Wallis.

Smith Creek—W. H. Rigsby.

Floyd Valley—M. C. Kizer.

These churches were received and the right hand of fellowship given.

The moderator appointed as a Preaching Committee, Brethren W. R. Thornton, C. T. Glenn, and deacons of Magnet Cove church.

The report was discussed by Alex. Tucker, R. F. Russell and W. A. Clark, after which it was adopted. See report A.

Mt. Harmony church here responded with letter and Messenger N. W. Halcomb.

The report on Religious Literature was then made. Ably discussed by W. A. Clark and W. J. Hardin, and adopted. See report B.

Here reported the Committee on Total Abstinence. It was discussed by J. M. Power, W. J. Hardin, R. F. Russell, John G. Bull, W. W. McCulloch, Alex. Tucker, Isaac Harrison, W. L. Benson, C. C. Warnock, O. C. Miller and W. A. Clark. All these speeches would make interesting reading. The report was adopted. See report C.

The Committee on Home Missions next read its report. Dr. W. A. Clark, Alex. Tucker and J. W. McDonald led the discussion. The report was adopted. See report D.

Association adjourned till 1 p. m.

MONDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

On assembling at 1 p. m. the association was led in prayer by W. J. Hardin.

On motion speeches were limited to three minutes; second speeches by same person, to one and one-half minutes.

Chas. D. Ewell here made the report for the Committee on Ministerial Education. Discussed by Chas. D. Ewell and O. C. Miller. Adopted. See report E.

The committee next to report was that of nominations. It nominated A. J. Fawcett to preach the introductory sermon at next association, with Bro. R. F. Russell, alternate. It also asked the association to name the place of meeting.

By vote the association decided to hold its next session with Kentucky church, Saline county. See report F.

The following resolution was offered by C D Ewell

Be it resolved, That the several churches comprising the Saline Association pledge themselves to contribute the sum of \$2 or more, for the educational support of a minister at the Ouachita Baptist College for one year, said moneys to be paid by the next annual meeting of this association:

A motion to call the roll for pledges to carry out the above resolution was laid on the table.

Bro. James Brown offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Whereas, in our judgment, these so-called "union meetings" have been a great draw back to our denomination and can not be participated in without sacrificing more or less truth. Therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the Saline Baptist Association, withdraw fellowship and support from any church that will tolerate a minister belonging to said church, participating in such meetings (meetings held with other denominations without the exercise of discipline.)

The Committee on Sunday-schools reported and the report was adopted. See report G.

The Orphans' Home Committee reported and the report was adopted without discussion. See report H.

The association next heard the report on Woman's Work, which was adopted without discussion. See report I.

Committee on Prayer Meetings next reported their recommendation and was carried. See report J.

The State Mission Committee made its report and without comment. The report was adopted. See report K.

On motion the collection of Sunday at 11 a. m. was appropriated to State missions.

The Associational Mission Board, appointed at the last meeting of Saline Association, reported, embodying also report on Associational Missions. There was a very lively discussion on this subject, participated in by J. A. Verser, O. C. Miller, C. T. Glenn, Alex. Tucker, R. F. Russell, C. C. Warnock, J. W. McDonald and W. J. Hardin, after which the report was adopted. See report L.

After some discussion, the last years' associational board, Brethren Verser, Ellis and Malone, were continued as an associational board for 1898 99 and it was requested that they co-operate with the State board.

The following pledges were taken for the support of a general associational missionary.

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Bismarck.....	\$ 2 00	Onachita	\$ 1 00
R. F. Russell.....	5 00	Perla	1 00
Brush Creek.....	1 00	Pleasant Grove.....	1 00
Corinth.....	2 00	Rayburn Creek.....	1 00
De Roche.....	5 00	Sulphur Springs.....	5 00
Ebenezer.....	1 00	Salem.....	1 00
Fair Play.....	2 00	Taylor's Chapel.....	1 00
Hickory Grove.....	1 00	Union.....	2 00
Hot Springs.....	25 00	Untly	1 00
Lono.....	1 00	Valley.....	1 00
Maguet Cove.....	5 00	C. T. Glenn.....	1 00
Malvern.....	5 00	Mt. Harmony.....	1 00
New Prospect	2 00	Floyd Valley.....	2 00
J. G. Rice.....	1 00	Pleasant Valley.....	1 00
North Fork.....	1 00	Cooper Creek.....	1 00
Total pledges.....		\$ 80 00	

It was then moved and passed that the State mission board be requested to give \$100 for support of an associational missionary in Saline Association.

On motion Bro. J. W. McDonald was elected a member of the State Mission Board.

Messengers to the State Convention were elected as follows: R. F. Russell, A. J. Fawcett, J. W. McDonald, A. Tucker and W. J. Hardin.

The following corresponding messengers to sister associations were appointed: Pine Bluff, Chas. D. Ewell. Judson, Alex. Tucker. Buckville, C. T. Glenn. Caddo River, W. R. Thornton. Red River, R. F. Russell.

The Association then elected Bro. A. J. Fawcett, of First Church, Hot Springs, a messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Finance Committee made its report and without debate. The report was adopted. See report M.

The treasurer then read his report and it was adopted. See report N.

The following resolution of thanks was offered by Bro. C. T. Glenn.

Resolved, That the thanks of Saline Association are due and are hereby tendered the brethren of Magnet Cove church and the kind citizens of the neighborhood for their hospitality extended to us.

Resolved further, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby extended to Dr. E. C. Ellis, our moderator,

for the impartial manner in which he has presided over this body at the present session.

Above resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Bro. James Brown, of Sulphur, offered the following resolution which was also adopted:

Be it resolved, That we urge the trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary to accept the resignation of Dr. W. H. Whitsitt as president of said seminary and teacher of church history.

Further, That a copy of these be sent to the chairman of the seminary board.

On motion the clerk was instructed to have 1,000 copies of minutes printed and distributed among the various churches according to minute money sent.

The association voted the clerk \$15 for superintending the printing and distribution of minutes.

It being announced that the association was ready to adjourn, a song was sung during which the messengers took the parting hand. Bro. Clark then led the association in a feeling prayer, after which the association stood adjourned to meet with Kentucky church, Saline county, on Saturday at 11 a. m., before the first Sunday in October, 1899. Thus closed the harmonious fifty-ninth annual session of Saline Association.

E. C. ELLIS, Moderator.

JNO. C. ROSS, Clerk and Treasurer.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The introductory was preached Saturday 11 a. m. by Eld. Benjamin Cox. Subject: "Precious Promises."

Saturday night at 7:30, Eld. C. C. Warnock preached from Haggai 1: 7.

Sunday morning at 9, Eld. R. F. Russell preached from Luke 22: 31, 32.

Sunday at 11 a. m. Eld. J. W. McDonald preached from the theme: "The Three Apostasies." Missionary collection, \$11.30.

Sunday at 3 p. m., Eld. N. D. Jones preached from the text, 1. Tim. 4: 8, 9.

Sunday night at 7:30, Eld. W. A. Clark preached from the theme, "David's Slaying of the Phillistine."

Orphans' Home collection, \$11.50.

MINISTERS' AND DEACONS' INSTITUTE.

At last meeting of Ministers' Institute the Committee on Program decided to carry the program of the meeting over to the next, which will be held with De Roche church, commencing Friday night before the third Sunday in July, 1899.

S. F. Funk is to preach the introductory on "The Relation of Pastor and Church."

J. W. McDonald is to preach or write upon "The Doctrine of Apostasy."



REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

A—FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, submit the following report: Christ says that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in all the world. The accomplishment of this glorious prediction devolves upon God's people. We, as Baptists, claim to hold the true Gospel mould—simple Gospel faith without mixture of human tradition. It should be our desire (if we are like Christ, it will be) that the leaven of this glorious Gospel should spread over all nations and its light enter into every benighted mind. God's purpose is to work through human agency. It is the special work of the church and the chief end of its existence. As God has exalted our national banner, given us victory over our enemies and our standard floats over the beautiful isles of the sea, let us, brethren, rally 'round Christ's glorious standard of eternal truth and pray, work and contribute our means as God prospers us for the consummation of that glorious prediction, "For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

ALEX. TUCKER, for Committee.

B—RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We urge more devout and faithful reading and prayerful study of God's word. The Arkansas Baptist being our State paper and one of the greatest forces for good in building up our work at home; and further, being sound to the core and full of the strong meat of the Word, we beg our brethren, one and all, to take it, read it and not forget to "pay for it. We

recommend the convention literature, and as other good and sound Baptist papers would mention the Western Recorder, published at Louisville, and the American Baptist Flag; Fulton, Ky.

J. W. McDONALD,
J. G. RICE,
Committee.

C—TOTAL ABSTINENCE.

We, your Committee on Total Abstinence, beg leave to report that whereas, we are confronted with the greatest evil of the age; and whereas, we have lost ground in the last two years, it behooves us to be more diligent and fight to the best of our ability; and we recommend that all the members of all our churches wholly abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and that any church holding in fellowship such members as indulge in social dram-drinking shall be considered out of order, and shall be dropped from the Association until they discipline such unruly members. We recommend the pastors of our churches give this subject such prominence as it deserves.

BENNET MALONE,
W. L. BENSON,
Committee.

D—HOME MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Home Mission work, report: We look upon this work as being one of the most important works. As the board is helping the State boards of the South in supplying this destitution and sending missionaries to the Indians and other fields, and as God has blessed their work, we recommend that our pastors present the claims of the board to their churches and take collections for home missions.

W. J. HARDIN,
J. M. FLOYD,
HENRY ROSS,
Committee.

E—MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Ministerial Education, beg leave to submit the following: Whereas, The preachers are to teach the people the way of eternal life and the churches their duty and obligation to God and to defend the Bible against skepticism and Bible teaching against false doctrines, it is evident that the minister needs all the training and all the information possible. Therefore, we recommend that ministers strive to prepare themselves for their work, and that churches assist young ministers whom they deem worthy in procuring the best education possible, by giving the money to pay the expenses of said ministers in school. We would recommend Ouachita Baptist College to those who need a literary training. We further recommend that this Association, by contribution or otherwise, raise a sufficient amount of money to keep at least one minister in Ouachita

Baptist College each year. We predicate our statement that our ministers should be men of a high degree of intelligence, and 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."

CHAS. D. EWELL,

J. T. HOLLAND,

J. E. GULLET,

Committee.

F—NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, report as follows: We recommend Bro. A. J. Fawcett to preach the introductory sermon at our next Association; Bro. R. F. Russell, alternate. It is found that Ouachita, Kentucky and Gravel Hill have all petitioned for the next meeting of our body. We find the two former churches beg most earnestly for it. Therefore, we respectfully ask this body to make the selection of one of these churches.

W. W. McCULLOCH,

C. C. KEADLE,

J. M. WHEAT,

Committee.

G—SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sunday-schools, submit the following as our report: We find from the letters sent up to this Association that quite a number have no Sunday-school. We believe it is possible for all our churches to have a Sunday-school if the proper effort is made by our brethren. We believe the school should be a Baptist Sunday-school, and use nothing but Baptist literature and the Word of God. We believe the officers and teachers should be consecrated, godly members of the Baptist church. We believe the growth of our churches depends largely upon our Sunday-schools; and in view of these facts, let us make a special effort to have Sunday-schools, and see to it that our children are taught nothing but the truth, as found in the Word of God.

JOHN G. BULL,

W. C. HENRY,

C. C. RICE,

Committee

H—ORPHANS' HOME.

We are thankful that we now have eighteen orphans in the "Home," and that Eld. W. W. Gardner is asking for funds to erect another house, so that they can care for more children. We earnestly recommend that all the churches help this institution by prayer, by clothes for the children and money for the building.

R. F. RUSSELL,

J. M. POWER,

J. A. MOORE,

Committee.

I—WOMAN'S WORK.

We, your Committee on Woman's Work, beg leave to submit the following: As in Christ there is neither male nor female, all are members of his body, and hence have important duties and offices to perform in carrying on his work. We find that woman was made man's helpmate in the Lord's work under the old and new dispensations. There is no Scriptural authority for setting them apart to the ministry, yet there is ample proof that they performed important aid in spreading abroad the knowledge of the truth. Women accompanied our Savior during his ministry on earth, administered to his wants and by word and deed proclaimed their faith in him as the Savior of sinners and Messiah of the prophets. Therefore, we recommend that they be allowed to co-operate with the brethren in all church work.

R. F. ORR,

W. D. HARDAGE,

JONATHAN TUCKER,

Committee.

J—PRAYER-MEETING.

We, your Committee on Prayer-meeting, submit this, our report: Brethren, it seems to us that enough has been said on this subject to convince any man or woman that unless we pray we can not receive a blessing from God. Christ, our Lord, prayed to the Father; the apostles prayed; Daniel and the prophets prayed; in fact, all of the ancient Christians prayed. Now, brethren, with all of the lights before us as Christians and followers of the meek and lowly Lamb, we ought not to be so forgetful of so important a duty as to have to be reminded of it annually. Now, brethren, we would recommend that each church organize a weekly prayer-meeting, and not only this, but at our leisure hours visit each other's house and engage in family prayer. Oh, brethren, be faithful to duty and we feel assured that there will be an ingathering of souls to the fold of Christ.

C. T. GLENN,

J. M. PARKER,

Committee.

K—STATE MISSIONS.

The State mission work was never more satisfactory. It is occupying many important points and is assisting several Associations throughout the State. Brethren W. E. Atkinson, president, and Ben Cox, secretary, are doing faithful and efficient work without charge. The board is anxious to co-operate with our Association, and we recommend a collection by our churches to contribute to this great work. The Home Mission Board at Atlanta agrees to, and is, paying us \$1,000 a year on condition that we raise \$1,600.

J. W. McDONALD,

R. S. ELLIOTT,

Committee.

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I.—ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

The Missionary Board of Saline Association would report as follows: As directed by the Association at its last meeting, we employed a missionary, Eld. A. Tucker, who has labored a little over three months. His work is as follows: Churches organized, 2; received by baptism, 12; received by letter, 11; received by relation, 1. His salary of \$84.16 has been paid in full. We recommend that the churches comprising each district unite, select and employ a missionary to work in any destitution in their bounds and report to the next meeting of this body. We further recommend that you appoint a missionary board to work and co-operate with the State Convention in mission work. We recommend that this Association appoint a member of the State Board..

J. A. VERSER,
E. C. ELLIS,
B. MALONE,
C. C. WARNOCK,
R. F. RUSSELL,
Board and Committee.

M—FINANCE.

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

Amount Sent for Minutes.....	\$ 43 55
Amount Sent for Foreign Missions.....	9 35
Amount Sent for State Missions.....	50
Amount Sent for Home Missions.....	5 10
Amount Sent for Associational Missions.....	32 40
Total	\$ 90 90

W. R. THORNTON,
M. C. KIZER,
J. M. FOWLER,
Committee.

N—TREASURER'S REPORT.

To Am't Rec'd from Finance Committee, 1897.....	\$ 68 65
To Am't Rec'd from Sunday Collection.....	20 94
To Am't Rec'd from J. A. Verser, State Missions... ..	1 29
To Am't Brought For'd Minute Fund, 1897	6 65
To Am't Brought For'd Associational Missions	5 35
Total	\$ 102 88
Paid for Printing Minutes	\$ 30 00
Paid Clerk.....	15 00
Paid State Missions.....	12 00
Paid Associational Missions	7 10
Paid Home Missions	14 80
Paid Foreign Missions	14 73
Total	\$ 93 63
Balance on Hand.....	9 25

\$ 102 88

JNO. C. ROSS, Clerk and Treasurer.

IN MEMORIAM.

Taylor.—Eld. B. S., was born March 13, 1835; died August 11, 1898. Aged 63 years, 4 months and 29 days.

Bro. Taylor was born in Haywood county, Tenn.; professed faith in Christ at the age of 13 and united with the Methodist church; came with his parents to Arkansas in 1847, and in 1855 he united with and was baptized into the fellowship of the Princeton Baptist church by Eld. R. J. Coleman, and was ordained to the full work of the ministry in August, 1873, by Elds. John Yager, William Dunn and Dr. Laurd. He was pastor and missionary in the fourth district of Judson Association twelve years. He moved to Hot Spring county in 1882, served several churches as pastor and was missionary of Saline Association for three years. Bro. Taylor was married to Temperance E. Edmonson, July 5, 1860. She died August 5, 1892. On July 2, 1896, he was married to Sarah E. Carpenter. Bro. Taylor leaves a wife and five children to mourn his departure. It is thought he died with cancer internal in throat and breast, from which he suffered very much. He bore his afflictions with great patience, and was awaiting the call of the Master. At the time of his death he was a member of old Pleasant Hill church.

One by one we cease our toiling
For the Master here below;
By the angel bands attended,
To our endless rest we go.

HORN—Bro. C. B., was born in Henderson county, Tenn., May 24, 1840. He professed faith in Christ at the age of 35, joined the Baptist church and was ordained a deacon of Piney Creek church some twenty-four years ago. He moved to Hot Spring county, Ark., in 1882, and joined Franceway church, in which he lived a consistent member up till his death.

JNO. A. VERSER, Chm'n Committee on Obituaries.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	MEMBERSHIP.							PASTORS.
		Baptized.	Received by Letter	Restored.	Dismissed by Le ter.	Excluded.	Died.	Present Membership. Sunday of Meeting.	
Antioch.....	Saline.							37	
Big Creek.....	Hot Spring.....	8	1	1	3		2	114	1st. S. F. Funk.....
Bismarck.....	Hot Spring.....						1	37	3d. M. P. Thomas.....
Bethel.....	Hot Spring.....							26	1st.....
Bluff Springs.....	Saline.....							33	3d.....
Brush Creek.....	Grant.....		2	1	2			51	3d. N. D. Jones.....
Corinth.....	Garland.....							31	
Cedar Grove.....	Saline.....	2			7	5		23	4th. J. C. Warnock.....
Caney.....	Hot Spring.....							17	
Center View.....	Hot Spring.....							4	
Damasous.....	Hot Spring.....								
De Roche.....	Hot Spring.....	4	2	2	6	2		154	2d. R. F. Russell.....
East Union.....	Saline.....							43	
Ebenezer.....	Hot Spring.....				6			15	1st. W. T. Whitten.....
Fairplay.....	Saline.....	6	13		10	5		149	3d. S. F. Funk.....
Franceway.....	Hot Spring.....	1	3		1	1		67	4th. Wm. Floyd.....
Flint Ridge.....	Saline.....							52	
Friendship.....	Hot Spring.....	1	4		4	2		51	31. R. F. Russell.....
Floyd Valley.....	Garland.....	2						6	2d. J. O. Boothe.....
Gravel Hill.....	Saline.....	2	3		2			40	3d. S. F. Funk.....
Hickory Grove.....	Hot Spring.....		1		13	1	1	51	2d. M. P. Thomas.....
Hot Springs, First ch.....	Garland.....	3	18		8	2		233	evy A. J. Fawcett.....
Kentucky.....	Saline.....		1	1	6	3	1	71	1st. S. F. Funk.....
Lono.....	Hot Spring.....				2			37	1st. W. H. H. Yates.....
Little Rock First ch.....	Pulaski.....	3	17		21		4	231	evy Benjamin Cox.....
Market Cove.....	Hot Spring.....	1	4	2	14	1	1	70	4th. R. M. Lindsey.....
Malvern.....	Hot Spring.....		2		8			12	1, 3 R. G. Bowers.....
Mt. Harmony.....	Garland.....		2					21	3d. L. N. Warwick.....
New Hope.....	Hot Spring.....	1	2	1				25	N. D. Jones.....
New Hope No. 2.....	Garland.....	2			3			2	1st. O. C. Miller.....
New Prospect.....	Saline.....	10	3		4	1		30	4th. Joseph Taylor.....
New Marble.....	Garland.....		2					13	4th. S. H. Jennings.....
Nebo.....	Saline.....		1		5	1		12	2d. F. M. Deane.....
North Fork.....	Saline.....		2		2	1		58	4th. C. B. Henderson.....
Oak Grove.....	Hot Spring.....	1						34	4th. J. M. Clem.....
Onachita.....	Hot Spring.....		5	1	5	1		50	4th. N. D. Jones.....
Perla.....	Hot Spring.....				9			23	3d. J. M. Clem.....
Pleasant Grove.....	Pulaski.....		2				1	85	2d. C. B. Henderson.....
Pleasant Hill.....	Hot Spring.....	3	7	1	3	3	3	95	2d. R. M. Lindsey.....
Pleasant Valley.....	Hot Spring.....	2	3					11	1st. W. A. Neighbors.....
Reyburn Creek.....	Hot Spring.....	2						30	1st. P. C. Hammond.....
Saline.....	Saline.....	11	4				1	37	3d. C. P. Ledbetter.....
Salem.....	Saline.....	4	1	2	1	6	1	44	1st. C. C. Warnock.....
Smith Creek.....	Garland.....							13	2d. S. F. Funk.....
Sulphur Springs.....	Garland.....	6	4		6	6	2	55	3d. W. A. Neighbors.....
South Fork.....	Garland.....							40	
Taylor's Chapel.....	Hot Spring.....	5	4	1	1	4	1	78	1st. J. M. Clem.....
Ten Mile.....	Saline.....	1		1	6	3		105	2d. S. F. Funk.....
Union.....	Saline.....	2			4			99	3d. C. B. Henderson.....
Unity.....	Saline.....	5	1		1	1		56	1st. C. C. Warnock.....
Valley.....	Hot Spring.....			2				12	4th. M. P. Thomas.....
Whittington.....	Garland.....							70	2d. C. C. Warnock.....
Total.....		88	114	16	163	44	24	2882	

Table.

CLERKS	POST. OFFICE.	CONTRIBUTIONS.							Value of Church Property.
		Min'te Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Associational Missions.	Orphans' Home.	Pastor's Salary.	
R. L. Collie.....	Ops.	\$1 15				\$0 70			
B. R. Thomas.....	Bismarek	1 00				2 60		\$10 00	\$150
W. F. Brashears.....	Lono	1 00		\$0 50	\$0 50				
J. W. Melton.....	Benton	60			50	1 00		15 00	
W. H. Paul.....	Malvern	1 00							
D. S. Bray.....	De Roche	1 50				5 00		100 00	150
J. E. Gullet.....	Sara	50							
J. A. Horn.....	Surl	1 50						31 00	250
R. E. Clardy.....	Giff'rd.	1 00				50			
J. R. Gilchrist.....	Frien'ship	1 50				5 00		50 00	150
M. C. Kizer.....	Wiggs	50							
J. M. Johnson.....	Owensville	50				40			
W. R. Thornton.....	De Roche	65							
H. L. Hale.....	Hot Springs	2 50		35 00	100 00	25 00	\$40 00	1200 00	
Geo. Brock.....	Benton	1 15							
C. A. Mylar.....	Lono	1 00						10 00	400
H. G. Pugh.....	Little Rock	2 00	\$6 70	30 25	10 00			1000 00	25000
Wm. Adkins.....	Wagner	2 35	2 50	2 50				18 35	800
J. C. Ross.....	Malvern	2 00		3 03		4 90	45 00	400 00	2000
W. B. Stricklin.....	Oma	75							
Jas. Marlar.....	Lono	50							
Robert Sparlin.....	Hot Springs	45				1 00			
S. A. Wray.....	Bland	75				2 10			100
C. T. Glenn.....	Jessieville	65							
J. G. Rice.....	Shoppach	50	2 50						
A. B. Holland.....	Brazil	60	3 25					30 00	300
J. R. Hodges.....	Social Hill	1 00		1 00	1 50	2 50			
J. D. Nix.....	Donaldson	1 00		2 00					
E. F. Hackley.....	Perla	1 00				1 00		15 00	
M. P. Carter.....	No th Point	80				1 50		25 00	400
B. A. Davis.....	Malvern	2 00		2 00					
Lewis Walls.....	Surl	50				1 00			
A. H. Huckaby.....	Surl	1 00							
J. A. Moore.....	Benton	1 25							
C. G. Greenway.....	Abilene	50				2 00		12 00	400
I. H. Richardson.....	Barks	65							
I. A. Epps.....	Price	1 00				5 00		34 50	200
A. G. Hamilton.....	Elmore	1 25	1 35	1 50	10 00	4 00			200
J. R. Nance.....	Barks	1 50						50 00	500
J. M. Parker.....	Bland	80						42 00	200
Wm. Thompson.....	Brazil	80							
C. M. Moore.....	Valley	60							
B. Mnet Malone.....	Whittington	50				5 00			
		\$13 55	\$16 30	\$77 78	\$122 50	\$17 10	\$85 00	\$3033 85	\$31200

Saline Baptist Association.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

NAMES.	POSTOFFICES
J. L. BYRD.....	Malvern.
M. P. THOMAS.....	Blsmarck.
O. C. MILLER.....	Blsmarck.
J. C. ELLARD.....	Fairplay.
P. C. HAMMOND.....	Surl.
W. H. FLOYD.....	Surl.
M. L. HARGROVE.....	Traskwood.
J. F. ELMORE.....	Traskwood.
W. H. H. YATES.....	Malvern.
J. M. JOHNSON.....	Owensville.
W. J. HARDEN.....	De Roche.
A. J. FAWCETT.....	Hot Springs.
J. W. McDONALD.....	Hot Springs.
J. R. HOLCOMB.....	Hot Springs.
J. T. THORNTON.....	Magnet.
A. TUCKER.....	Magnet.
J. M. POWER.....	Magnet.
J. L. HALES.....	Malvern.
R. C. RHODEN.....	Malvern.
J. M. CLEM.....	Malvern.
J. H. HOWARD.....	Malvern.
C. C. WARNOCK.....	Bland.
F. M. DEAN.....	Bland.
E. F. HACKLEY.....	Perla.
D. HEWITT.....	Benton.
JOHN THOMPSON.....	Malvern.
W. C. HENRY.....	Whittington
S. P. FUNK.....	Buck.
C. B. HENDERSON.....	Bland.
W. R. PARKER.....	Indie, Texas

LICENTIATES

J. L. WALDRUP.....	Surl.
M. G. WADE.....	Malvern.
GEO. FEUSTER.....	Malvern.
J. A. MOORE.....	Benton.

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 the 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 on 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 sufficient 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.

Articles of Faith.

ARTICLE I. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

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.

ART. III. We believe in the doctrine of election as founded in the foreknowledge of God, through sanctification of the spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.

ART. IV. We believe in the doctrine of original sin by the fall of Adam.

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.

ART. VI. We believe that sinners are justified, in the sight of God, by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.

ART. VII. We believe that saints shall be preserved in grace, and never fall finally away.

ART. VIII. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of baptism, and that immersion is the apostolic mode.

ART. IX. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and in the general judgment; and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

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.

ART. XI. We believe that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's table.

ART. XII. We believe that the Lord's day should be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion.

Corresponding messengers from sister associations being called for, Buckville Association responded with messengers as follows: H. H. Williamson and W. A. Neighbors.

By invitation, Bro. Ben. Cox, of the First Church, Little Rock, addressed the association on the State Board's work.

On motion, the association then adjourned until 8:30 a. m., Monday.

At 9 a. m. Sunday morning the moderator made following announcement of committees:

Associational Missions—J. A. Verser, C. C. Warnock, R. F. Russell.

State Missions—J. W. McDonald, R. S. Elliott, John Thornton.

Foreign Missions—Alex. Tucker, chairman.

Home Missions—W. J. Harden, J. M. Floyd, Henry Ross.

Ministerial Education—C. D. Ewell, J. T. Holland, J. E. Gullet.

Religious Literature—J. W. McDonald, J. G. Rice.

Sunday-schools—J. G. Bull, W. C. Henry, C. C. Rice.

Orphans' Home—R. F. Russell, J. M. Power, J. A. Moore.

Woman's Work—R. F. Orr, W. D. Hardage, Jonathan Tucker.

Total Abstinence—B. Malone, W. L. Benson, M. P. Goodman.

Noninations—W. W. McCulloch, C. C. Keadle, J. M. Wheat.

Prayer Meeting—C. T. Glenn, J. M. Parker.

Finance—W. R. Thornton, M. C. Kizer, J. M. Fowler.

MONDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The association assembled at 8:30 a. m. Dr. Ellis read the 8th chapter of II, Corinthians. Prayer by J. W. McDonald.

Bro. W. A. Clark was recognized as a visitor from Caroline Association.

As a Committee on Obituaries, M. P. Goodman, J. A. Verser and John C. Ross were appointed.

The letter from Unity church with Messenger R. L. Taylor, was read.

Reports of committees being in order, the Committee on Foreign Missions reported.