

Proceedings.

The sixtieth annual session of the Saline Baptist Association was called to order by the moderator, Dr. E. C. Ellis, at 11 a. m. on the 30th day of September, 1899.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. A. J. Fawcett, of the First Baptist church, Hot Springs.

The association then adjourned until 2 p. m.

SATURDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The association was called to order at 2 o'clock and devotional exercises were held for half an hour, led by Eld. J. W. McDonald.

The moderator appointed the following brethren as reading clerks: A. J. Fawcett, J. W. Melton, C. D. Ewell and C. B. Henderson.

The letters from the churches to the association were then read, and forty-three churches were found to be represented by messengers, as follows:

Antioch—John Tillery, John Taylor.

Bethel—J. C. Belote, Green Gentry.

Big Creek—D. H. Sandford, J. L. Byrd.

Bismark—W. B. Hardage.

Brush Creek—A. F. Lamb, Thomas E. Toler.

Caney—W. C. Bray.

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

DeRoche—R. B. Caldwell, P. Montgomery.

Fair Play—J. M. Floyd, Chas. White, Geo. Miller.

Flint Ridge—H. M. Warford.

Floyd Valley—J. O. Booth.

Friendship—R. F. Russel, E. A. Fowler, J. W. Wright.

Franceway—W. A. Carver.

Hickory Grove—W. R. Thornton.

Hot Springs, First Church—A. J. Fawcett, J. W. McDonald, Dr. E. C. Ellis.

Little Rock, First Church—Benjamin Cox, Mrs. C. B. Davidson.

Lono—Frank Deer, E. F. Wait.

Malvern—J. M. Clem, T. D. McKown.

Magnet Cove—R. L. Cook, Wm. Adkins, A. Tucker.

Nebo—J. G. Rice, G. Roberts.

New Hope No. 1—A. Rucker, E. A. Funk.

New Hope No. 2—C. F. Baker.

New Marble—C. T. Glen.

New Prospect—S. A. Ray, C. C. Warnock, C. C. Wright.

North Fork—J. T. Holland.

Perla—Robert Chappel, J. Tucker.

Pleasant Hill—Wm. Hammond.

Pleasant Valley—J. A. Coston.

Reyburn Creek—Wm. Westerman.
 Salem—C. D. Ewell, G. I. James, L. F. James.
 Saline—P. M. Wright.
 Smith Creek—J. H. Rigesby, J. H. Richardson.
 Sulphur Springs—Thos. Floyd, Wade Craft.
 Taylor's Chapel—J. J. Thomas.
 Ten Mile—S. F. Funk, J. H. Warford, A. B. Shockley.
 Union—C. W. Glass, C. B. Henderson.
 Unity—Joseph Hill.
 Whittington—Daniel James, G. D. Burgess, J. N. Malone.
 Oak Grove—J. R. Hodges, R. Stanley.
 Ouachita—W. L. Benson.
 Kentucky—Isaac Harrison, Geo. Brock, H. G. Laster.

A motion to invite visiting brethren to seats with us was carried, and the following brethren responded: Albert F. Riley, representing the Female Baptist College, Conway, Ark.; W. W. Gardner, representing the Orphans' Home, Monticello, Ark., and W. A. Clark, representing the *Arkansas Baptist*.

The report of the Preaching Committee was received.

On motion the association adjourned until 9 a. m. Monday.

Just before devotional services Sunday morning the moderator announced the following committees:

Home Missions—Benj. Cox, C. B. Henderson, J. C. Belote.

Associational Missions—R. F. Russell, C. B. Henderson, W. R. Thornton.

State Missions—J. W. McDonald, S. F. Funk, Tom D. McKeown.

Foreign Missions—A. J. Fawcett, C. C. Warnock, C. T. Glen.

Prayer-meetings—J. M. Clem, W. L. Benson, J. M. Floyd.

Sunday-schools—Benjamin Cox, J. L. Byrd.

Total Abstinence—A. J. Fawcett, A. F. Lamb, R. M. Zeigler.

Orphans' Home—R. F. Russell, Isaac Harrison, Wm. Adkins.

Nominations—S. F. Funk, H. F. Deer, A. B. Shockley.

Finance—W. L. Thornton, J. W. Melton, J. A. Coston.

Ministerial Education—J. W. McDonald, Tom D. McKeown.

Preaching—Gilford Laster, C. T. Glen, C. D. Ewell.

Religious Literature—A. Tucker, C. D. Ewell, Geo. Brock.

The report of the Preaching Committee resulted as follows:

Bro. W. A. Clark preached at 7:30 Saturday night and Bro. Benj. Cox at 11 a. m. Sunday. Sister C. B. Davidson conducted a woman's meeting at 2:30 p. m. Bro. J. O. Booth preached at 3 p. m. and Bro. W. W. Gardner, Sunday night at 8 o'clock.

MONDAY—MORNING SESION.

Devotional exercises were held at 8:30, led by Bro. A. J. Fawcett. At 9 the association was called to order by the moderator.

Petitionary letters were then called for, and Cooper's Creek and Evening Shade responded. Evening Shade's messengers were: R. M. Zeigler, J. C. Norman, J. C. Ray. Cooper's Creek: P. H. Files, L. R. Henderson. These churches were received and the moderator extended the right hand of fellowship. Bluff Springs and Corrinth churches were represented by letters only.

Reports of committees being in order the treasurer's report was received and adopted. (See Report A).

The report of Committee on Orphans' Home received and eloquently and earnestly discussed by Bro. W. W. Gardner and adopted. (See report B).

A collection was then taken for the Home, and among the contributions was ten dollars contributed to Mrs. Hannah Hyatt Gardner, the matron of the Home, by Bro. Donahoue, of Kentucky church.

On motion, from 11 a. m. to 12 m., was set apart for the discussion of State and associational missions.

The report of Committee on Religious Literature was received and adopted without discussion. (See report C).

The Committee on Home Missions reported, and the report was adopted as read. (See report D).

The Committee on Sunday-schools made their report, and it was ably and enthusiastically discussed by Bros. Benj. Cox and J. G. Doyle. The report was laid over for the evening session. (See report E).

The report of State missions was then heard, which was discussed very ably by Bro. J. N. Glen and Eld. J. W. McDonald and adopted. (See report F).

The following committee was appointed to recommend a missionary to take the field in this association: Benj. Cox, S. F. Funk, C. B. Henderson and W. B. Hardage.

Eld. A. Tucker, the associational missionary for last year, made his report which was adopted.

Next came the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions. The report was adopted. (See report G).

Brethren Pace and Conger were here welcomed as visitors from Arkadelphia, Bro. Conger representing Ouachita Baptist College.

The committee selected to recommend a missionary now made their report. The report was adopted. (See report H).

The following pledges were taken for the support of the associational missionary:

Big Creek.....	\$ 4 00	Franceway	\$ 2 50
Bethel	5 00	Friendship	5 00
Bismark	2 50	Hot Springs, First Church,...	25 00
Brush Creek	2 50	Lono	1 00
Corinth	5 00	Little Rock, First Church....	25 00
Caney	3 00	Magnet Cove	5 00
Deroche	5 00	Reyburn Creek	1 00
Malvern	10 00	Sulphur Springs	5 00
Mt. Harmony	2 00	Salem	4 00
New Prospect	5 00	Taylor's Chapel	5 00
Nebo	2 50	Ten Mile	5 00
New Hope No. 2	2 00	Union	5 00
North Fork	5 00	Unity	2 00
New Marble	2 50	Evening Shade	5 00
Oak Grove	5 00	Cooper's Creek	3 00
Ouachita	1 00	Floyd Valley	2 00
Perla	1 00	Blaff Springs	1 00
Pleasant Grove	5 00	Smith Creek	1 00
Pleasant Hill	1 00		
Fair Play	2 50	Total	\$173 50

The following are personal pledges for the same purposes as the above:

A. Tucker	\$ 2 00	Young People's Union, M'v'n	\$ 5 00
J. W. Henson	1 00	First Associational District ..	5 00
J. M. Clem	5 00	Second Associational District ..	10 00
Isaac Harrison	1 00	Third Associational District ..	5 00
H. G. Laster	1 00	Fourth Associational District ..	5 00
J. W. McDonald	5 00		
Hot Springs S. S.	5 00	Total	\$ 60 00
Ladies' Aid Society, L. R.	5 00		173 50
Young People's Union, L. R.	5 00		
Grand Total			\$233 60

A motion to adjourn until 2 p. m. prevailed.

At 2 o'clock sharp the association came together by singing led by Bro. Benj. Cox.

The following brethren were appointed an Executive Committee whose duties are to raise and collect funds and to whom our associational missionary is to make reports of work done: Benjamin Cox, W. B. Hardage, J. G. Bull, A. J. Fawcett, J. A. Verser.

The report on Sunday-schools laid over during the morning session, was now taken up and adopted. (See report E).

The Committee on Total Abstinence reported that they favored and would recommend that the same report made by the committee on this subject at Oak Grove church during the association in 1897, be inserted in the minutes of the present meeting. Adopted. (See report I).

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was received and adopted without discussion. (See report J).

The Committee on Prayer meeting submitted their report. Adopted as read. (See report K).

Bro. J. W. McDonald now came forward and requested that prayer be offered in the interest of our beloved Bro. J. M.

Powers, of Magnet Cove, who has for a long time been lingering on the bed of affliction, and whose family is in almost a destitute condition. A very feeling and earnest prayer was held, led by Bro. J. M. Glen, after which a collection was taken for this deserving family. Five dollars and seventy-five cents was collected and sent to the brother.

The Committee on Nominations made their report which was adopted. (See Report L).

A motion was made to have the Committee on Prayer-meetings to report first at the next session of this body. Motion carried.

The association then chose the following named brethren as messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention: Eld. A. J. Fawcett, messenger; Dr. E. C. Ellis, alternate. Elders J. M. Clem, J. W. McDonald, Benj. Cox, R. F. Russell and Dr. E. C. Ellis as messengers to State Baptist Convention.

On motion Eld. J. W. McDonald was elected to represent this body on the State Mission Board.

A motion prevailed that a committee be appointed on obituaries and that the clerk be instructed to have a memorial page in the minutes inscribed in a black border. The following named brethren are the committee appointed to report in 1900: Elders J. W. McDonald, C. B. Henderson.

The report of the Finance Committee was next received and adopted. (See Report M).

On motion the clerk was elected treasurer and allowed \$15 for his services in superintending the printing and distribution of minutes.

A resolution of thanks was offered by Bro. J. W. McDonald and amended by Bro. C. D. Ewell so as to embrace the moderator and clerk as follows:

Resolved, That we, the messengers to the meeting of this association, tender our thanks for the cordial hospitality extended to us by the people of this community; also for the faithful services of the clerk and the impartial manner in which the moderator has presided over this body during this session.

The resolution was adopted as amended.

A motion to adjourn carried. A song was sung during which the messengers took the parting hand.

The association then adjourned, prayer by Eld. A. J. Fawcett, to meet with Ouachita church, Hot Spring County, at 10 a. m., Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1900. Thus closed the sixtieth session of the Saline Baptist Association, one of the most harmonious and fraternal meetings of its history.

E. C. ELLIS, Moderator,

A. B. SHOCKLEY, Clerk and Treasurer.

Reports of Committees.

A—TREASURER'S REPORT.

For the year ending September 30, 1899. Amounts received of Finance Committee, October, 1899:

To amount brought forward from last year.....	\$ 9 25
" " received for minutes.....	43 55
" " received for associational missions.....	41 90
" " received for State missions.....	11 80
" " received for foreign missions.....	9 35
" " received for home missions.....	5 10
" " received for Orphans' Home.....	11 55
" " received of J. M. Clem, June 30, 1899, collected at district meeting (associational).....	1 45

Total amount received..... \$133 91

By amount paid W. A. Clark for printing minutes.....	\$ 30 00
" " paid Alex. Tucker, Assoc'l Missionary 1898....	24 46
" " paid Benj. Cox for State missions.....	11 80
" " paid E. B. Miller for foreign missions.....	9 35
" " paid A. G. McManaway for home missions....	5 10
" " paid W. W. Gardner for Orphans' Home.....	11 55
" " paid J. C. Ross, Assoc'l clerk.....	15 00
" " paid Alex. Tucker, missionary for 1899.....	17 44
Balance on hand minute fund.....	7 80
Balance on hand Assoc'l missions.....	1 45

\$133 91

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN C. ROSS, Treas.

B—ORPHANS' HOME.

Your committee would submit the following:

In 1894 Miss Hannah Hyatt offered to our church at Monticello eighty acres of land for the purpose of building an orphans' home, which was accepted. At the meeting of our convention at Lonoke of that year, the enterprise was adopted and a board of trustees appointed.

We now have a building 20x60, two stories high, with six large rooms, and a farm of forty acres, all of which is under cultivation by the boys in the home. At our last meeting we had eighteen children in the home. Now there are 26, 13 of whom have been baptized and are members of the Baptist church at Monticello. The home is under the management of Mrs. Hannah-Hyatt Gardner. The children are receiving a good education. All this is done without any cost to you. But brethren, we must have more room in the home. We have eight children in a room and five beds in each of these rooms. Others are seeking admission, but there is no room for them. Our board is doing all it can to get the money to build the main building. Half of the amount for that purpose is on hand. Your committee would ask all the churches of this association to aid in this great work. Will you give us a good collection today?

ISAAC HARRISON,
R. F. RUSSELL,
WM. ADKINS,
Committee.

C—RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Too much emphasis can not be placed upon the duty, as well as privilege developing upon Christians as to the profit as well as the need of read-

ing God's word. "Search the scriptures" was enjoined by Christ upon the Jew and applies with equal importance to Christians today. We recommend the *Arkansas Baptist* as our State organ. We also recommend the publications of the American Baptist Publishing Society and the series of publications under the supervision of the Southern Baptist Convention.

ALEX. TUCKER,

C. D. EWELL,

GEO. BROCK,

Committee.

D—HOME MISSIONS.

We, your committee, would recommend very hearty co-operation in the work of the board. Wonderful results have been accomplished for the Indians on the frontier, among the foreign population and in Cuba and other adjacent places. We would call especial attention just now to the latter field of work. Great opportunity means great responsibility. In the providence of God many new doors have been opened. Let us see to it that Baptists are not backward in entering and occupying these important stations. We would also emphasize work among our foreign population. Our own interest demands earnest effort in this respect. We must labor among them in self-respect, for if we do not assimilate them they will assimilate us. But above these reasons there is the higher and nobler motive that God has called us to be co-workers with him in bringing sinners into the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus. Let us not be willing to pay the expenses of our missionaries to foreign lands and then refuse to do anything for these same foreigners when they come to us bearing their own expenses. We would also call attention to the fact that for several years the Home Board has been paying \$1,000 a year to aid our cause in Arkansas. The board is deeply interested in our work. Let us be equally interested in the work of the board.

C. B. HENDERSON,

BENJ. COX,

J. C. BELOTE,

Committee.

E—SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Last year's report says we find from the letters sent up to this association that quite a number have no Sunday-schools. We regret very much that it may truthfully be applied to this year's report also. We are convinced that many of our churches underestimate the importance of this branch of our work, and seem to lose sight of the fact that the twig is bent much more easily than the tree, and that although there is no saving virtue in the work itself, the Lord very often sees fit to bless this means to that end. Besides, that if the Sunday-school were never blessed in the salvation of the lost, even then the moral effect of storing the mind with Bible truths would more than repay all effort put forth. Furthermore, we must not forget that there is no better way to reach irreligious parents than through their children. Many mothers and fathers will testify to this truth. We earnestly hope that at our next meeting Sunday-schools will be represented in every one of our churches. That our people will become zealous in this noble feature of our work, and that we look upon these schools as organized for the benefit of all, and that none is too old or too young to enjoy its privileges and take part in its duties. We also recommend that the hearty support of our churches and schools be given Bro. J. G. Doyle, the faithful representative of the Sunday-school Board.

BENJ. COX,

J. L. BYRD,

Committee.

F—STATE MISSIONS.

The evangelization of our great and growing State is one of the greatest problems and questions that confronts us as an association at this time. When we remember that there are countries almost destitute of Baptist

preaching and Baptist churches, and large, important, and growing towns in the same condition, we are made to feel like falling on our faces and crying unto our God for both men and means to enable our board to supply the destitution. The thought and fact that more than seventy thousand Baptists in this State can sit still and withhold their contribution is appalling. Ten cents from each Baptist in the State would enable the board to spend more than seven thousand dollars in supporting missionaries in this destitution. While the destitution is great, God has and is greatly blessing the missionaries on the field. More baptisms will doubtless be reported this year than in any year past. Another encouraging feature is the harmonious co-operation of all our associations with the State Board. Your committee would recommend that our relations be continued as heretofore; that pledges be now taken and that a committee of five be appointed on nominations who shall recommend to this body an associational missionary whose duties shall be outlined by the association and amount of salary agreed upon.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK D. MCKEOWN,
J. W. McDONALD,
S. F. FRANK,

Committee.

We, your associational committee, heartily concur in the above report and earnestly urge its adoption.

C. B. HENDERSON,

R. F. RUSSELL,

W. R. THORNTON,

Committee.

G—FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The committee begs to submit the following: It is unfortunate that we misconstrue the terms used to designate the different features of the system of missions. The terms, "Associational, home and foreign missions," apply not to different missions, but to different features of the same great system of missions as taught by our Lord in the last commission. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Loyalty to the master's command requires that his people do all that lies within their power to most fully carry out this last command. Recently published reports of our foreign missionaries very greatly encourage us in this work. The cry now is for men—men to occupy new and promising fields. This means greater contribution to this feature of our work. Our Foreign Mission Board, which has under its supervision the work in foreign lands, is located in Richmond, Va., and Dr. R. J. Willingham is the secretary, to whom all contributions should be sent, and the amount should be reported to Rev. C. W. Daniel, Pine Bluff, Ark. We most heartily recommend the *Foreign Mission Journal*, published at Richmond, Va., which abounds in valuable information with reference to the foreign mission work. The price of this periodical is 35 cents; single copy, 25 cents for clubs of ten or more.

A. J. FAWCETT,

C. T. GLEN,

C. C. WORNICK,

Committee.

*H—ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

The report of the committee on associational missions was, in substance, as follows:

Recommended Eld. R. F. Russel as missionary, and that he be sent into the field by this association to labor his full time, and that he be allowed \$30 per month for his work, to be paid quarterly by the several churches in this association, and that pledges be taken for this purpose.

BENJ. COX,

S. F. FUNK,

C. B. HENDERSON,

W. B. HARDAGE,

Committee.

*The clerk could not find the original report.

I—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, Chairman.

Letter on Intemperance prepared by Bro Bennett Malone:

Having been appointed by Saline Association to write a circular letter on intemperance to be printed in the minutes, I begin with diffidence on account of the greatness of the subject and of 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, fiends, beggars and paupers.

It extinguishes natural affections, erases conjugal love, blots out filial attachment, blasts parental hopes and brings age with sorrow to the grave. It covers the land with idleness and crime, it fills our court dockets 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 blasphemers.

Men fail to meet their debts and lightly esteem their obligations and lose self-respect by indulging the 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 of our church trials are traceable to whisky, and no Baptist church should hold a member in fellowship who will give countenance in any way, either by manufacturing, buying, selling or drinking. The greatest curse in our church 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 blood-shot 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 his posterity his dreadful habit. In conclusion let me say a word to young ladies. Be sure 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."

J—MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

No subject is of more importance to our denomination than that of ministerial education. Other denominations are paying a great deal of attention to this matter in the State of Arkansas, and we must be up and doing and meet them. We think it is a duty due to God, by one who is called to the highest position that a man can fill, to prepare himself, to the best of his ability, to fulfill his duties and do the greatest good to mankind. In view of the fact that great men and great preachers existed before books were ever invented, yet we urge and insist that our young ministers prepare themselves. We have in Arkansas the Ouachita Baptist College, and its reputation for scholarship is high, not only in Arkansas but throughout this great United States, and we earnestly call the attention of our young ministers and young men who feel that they are called to the ministry, to this Baptist institution. At no time in the history of America could an education be procured so cheap as at the present time. We would urge that different churches in this association take up collections for the benefit of ministerial students.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. McDONALD,
TOM D. McKEOWN,
Committee.

K—PRAYER-MEETING.

We, your committee on prayer-meeting, submit the following as our report:

1. Prayer is the life of the church, and the life of the Christian, and brings us in close touch with God where we can make our wants known.
2. Therefore we recommend that all of the churches in this association hold weekly prayer-meetings and pray for the church and each other; the salvation of sinners and the advancement of Christ's kingdom.
3. We find the churches that have regular prayer-meeting services in a more prosperous condition than those that do not. So, my brethren, let us always pray. Let us pray with and for each other, remembering God's promises to hear and answer prayer.

W. L. BENSON,
J. M. FLOYD,
J. M. CLEM,
Committee.

L—NOMINATIONS.

Your committee on nominations recommend Bro. R. G. Bowers, of Malvern, to preach introductory sermon at our next session; Bro. W. H. Yates, alternate. We find that Ouachita church is anxious for the next meeting of this body, and we hereby recommend that we meet with her in our next association.

A. B. SHOCKLEY,
S. F. FUNK,
H. F. DEER,
Committee.

M—FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report as follows:

To amount sent for minutes.....	\$48 45
" " " " associational missions.....	23 75
" " " " State missions.....	6 75
" " " " home missions.....	9 35
" " " " foreign missions.....	4 15
" " " " Orphans' Home.....	60
To amount received Sunday's collection.....	12 60

Total	\$106 65
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W. R. THORNTON,
JOHN W. MELTON,
J. A. COSTON,
Committee.

Ordained Ministers.

— Bowers, R. G., Malvern.	— Johnson, J. M., Surry.
— Booth, J. O.	— Jennings, S. H., Jessieville.
— Byrd, J. L., Malvern.	— Lamb, A. F., Leno.
— Cox, Benj., Little Rock.	— Lindsey, R. M., Ops.
— Clem, J. M., Malvern.	— Ledbetter, C. P., Benton.
— Dean, F. M., Bland.	— McDonald, J. W., Hot Springs.
— Ellard, J. C., Surl.	— Miller, O. C., Bismark.
— Elmore, J. F., Traskwood.	— Power, J. M., Magnet.
— Floyd, J. H., Surl.	— Rowland, J. K., Donaldson.
— Funk, S. F., Burk.	— Rhoden, R. C., Malvern.
— Fawcett, A. J., Hot Springs.	— Rowe, G. F., Hot Springs.
— Gatlin, J. B., Traskwood.	— Russell, R. F., Friendship.
— Hammond, P. C., Surl.	— Thomas, M. P., Bismark.
— Harden, W. J., DeRoche.	— Tucker, Alex., Butterfield.
— Howard, J. H., Malvern.	— Thornton, J. T., Magnet.
— Hales, J. L., Malvern.	— Thompson, J. J., Malvern.
— Henderson, C. B., Bland.	— Taylor, Joseph, Brazil.
— Hackley, Edward, Saginaw.	— Warnock, C. C., Bland.
— Jones, N. D., Donaldson.	— Yates, W. H. H., Malvern.

LICENTIATES.

Montgomery, C. H., Bismark.	Wade, M. G., Malvern.
Moore, J. A., Benton.	Waldroup, J. L., Burk.

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.

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.

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.

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STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	By Baptism.	By Letter.	By Restoration.	By Death.	By Dismissal.	By Exclusion.	Present Membership.	Males.	Females.	Sunday of Meeting.	For Minutes.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Orphans' Home.	Pastor's Salary.	Value of Church Property.
Antioch.....	Saline	9	1	2	1			43				\$1.00							\$ 25.00	
Bethel.....	Hot Springs	1	4		1			9			2nd	.75								\$ 250
Big Creek.....	Hot Springs	7	4	1	3	6	1	116			2nd	2.00		\$ 1.65	\$.65					
Bluff Springs.....	Saline							20			4th	.75			1.75					
Bismark.....	Hot Springs	5						45			1st	1.00	\$ 3.50						25.00	100
Brush Creek.....	Hot Springs	5	2			2		52	19	33	3rd			.25	.25	\$.25			20.00	300
Corinth.....	Garland	1						29				1.00	.05						35.00	200
Cooper's Creek.....	Hot Springs							11			1st	.50							12.00	
Caney.....	Hot Springs	7	4			3		30	11	19	2nd	.85								
Cedar Grove.....	Saline			1			2	20	8	12	2nd	.50							8.00	
De Roche.....	Hot Springs	7	3	1		7	4	150			2nd	1.25	5.00						50.00	150
Evening Shade.....	Garland	10	7			1		27			4th	1.20							25.00	
Fairplay.....	Saline	4	5	1	14	3		140			3rd	1.50	7.00	1.00			1.00	19.50		250
Flint Ridge.....	Saline			1				44			3rd	1.00	2.00							
Floyd Valley.....	Garland	1						7	3	4	2nd	.50	2.00						7.00	
Franceway.....	Hot Springs	9	1	1	2	4		79			4th	1.75								
Friendship.....	Hot Springs	10	6		2	2		57	23	34	3rd	1.00	2.00	2.00	2.00			50.00	150	
Hickory Grove.....	Hot Springs							47	11	36	2nd	.85							200	
Hot Springs 1st Ch.....	Garland	25	20	6	12			212	69	144	evy	2.50	25.00	100.00	50.00	0.00		1200.00	3500	
Kentucky.....	Saline	3						1	67	21	46	1st	1.50						100	
Little Rock 1st Ch.....	Pulaski	37	53	2		6		317			evy	2.00		35.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	1000.00	25000	
Lono.....	Hot Springs	3				2		41	13	28	1st	.75						15.00	400	
Malvern.....	Hot Springs	38	20	2				176	53	123	2.00	5.00	26.47					500.00	2000	
Magnet Cove.....	Hot Springs	34	5	1	1	5	1	100	33	67	4th	2.00	5.00	3.00	2.25				800	
New Hope No 1.....	Hot Springs	1	4		1	5		30	7	23	2nd	.50						10.00	100	
New Hope No 2.....	Garland		1		1			21	5	16	1st	.25						5.00	200	
Nebo.....	Saline	7	1					28	14	14	3rd	.50	1.00				.35			
New Marble.....	Garland	3	5					20	9	11	4th	.85								
New Prospect.....	Saline	2	2	1	1	1	1	31	15	16	4th	.75	2.00					25.00	100	
North Fork.....	Saline	10	8		2	1		75			4th	1.65	3.20					35.00	300	
Oak Grove.....	Hot Springs				2	4		36	11	25	4th	1.00	1.26			3.50			200	
Ouachita.....	Hot Springs		1		2	10		40	15	25	4th	1.50	1.85	2.85	1.85	1.90		400		
Perla.....	Hot Springs	3	1	1	1			23	13	10	3rd	.50	2.00		.60	3.00		200		
Pleasant Hill.....	Hot Springs	1					3	93			2nd	1.80	1.25					400		
Pleasant Valley.....	Hot Springs							11	3	8	1st	.50	1.00							
Reyburn Creek.....	Hot Springs	1	1	1	1	1		28	7	21	1st	.50	.50							
Salem.....	Saline	1	1					38			1st	1.00	2.00					24.00	250	
Saline.....	Saline	1	2			3	2	32	14	18	3rd	1.30			.25		.25		75	
Smith Creek.....	Garland	1		1	1			18	7	11	2nd	.50						20.00		
Sulphur Springs.....	Garland		4					54	25	29		1.00	5.00					6.75	250	
Taylor's Chapel.....	Hot Springs	2	5		2	3	3	77	27	50	1st	1.25	.50			.04			200	
Ten-Mile.....	Saline	3	1	3	2			96			2nd	1.30		1.00	1.40	.10		35.00	500	
Union.....	Saline			4	5	4		80	46	43	3rd	1.00	2.00					25.00	200	
Unity.....	Saline	4	2	3	2			63	28	35	2nd	1.00						24.00	200	
Whittington.....	Saline				3	1	4	61	33	28	3rd	.75	.60							

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.
Antioch.....	Saline.....	F M Dean.....	J F Tillery.....	Blocher.....
Bethel.....	Hot Spring.....	Wm Floyd.....	J M Davis.....	Butterfield.....
Big Creek.....	Hot Spring.....	A F Lamb.....	R L Collier.....	Lono.....
Bluff Springs.....	Saline.....	J B Gatlin.....	E Dodridge.....	Traskwood.....
Bismark.....	Hot Spring.....	R F Russell.....	J H Hardage.....	Bismark.....
Brush Creek.....	Hot Spring.....	N D Jones.....	W F Bardshears.....	Lono.....
Corinth.....	Garland.....	F F Rowe.....	A C Files.....	
Cooper's Creek.....	Hot Spring.....	G F Rowe.....	L R Henderson.....	Opal.....
Caney.....	Hot Spring.....	R F Russell.....	W C Bray.....	De Roche.....
Cedar Grove.....	Saline.....	F M Dean.....	W R James.....	Benton.....
De Roche.....	Hot Spring.....	R F Russell.....	D S Bray.....	De Roche.....
Evening Shade.....	Garland.....	C C Warnock.....	R M Zeigler.....	Hot Springs.....
Fairplay.....	Saline.....	S F Funk.....	C H White.....	Surl.....
Flint Ridge.....	Saline.....	J M Johnson.....	J H James.....	Owensville.....
Floyd Valley.....	Garland.....	J O Booth.....	W C Kizer.....	Wiggs.....
Franceway.....	Hot Spring.....	W H Yates.....	R E Clardy.....	Gifford.....
Friendship.....	Hot Spring.....	N D Jones.....	J W Wright.....	Honey.....
Hickory Grove.....	Hot Spring.....	R F Russell.....	W R Thornton.....	De Doche.....
Hot Springs 1st Ch.....	Garland.....	A J Fawcett.....	J H Kinford.....	Hot Springs.....
Kentucky.....	Saline.....		J O Caney.....	Benton.....
Little Rock 1st Ch.....	Pulaski.....	Benjamin Cox.....	H G Pugh.....	321 West Second Street
Lono.....	Hot Spring.....	W H H Yates.....	E F Walt.....	Lono.....
Malvern.....	Hot Spring.....	R G Bowers.....	Joo C Ross.....	Malvern.....
Magnes Cove.....	Hot Spring.....	J W McDonald.....	R F Orr.....	Magnet.....
New Hope No 1.....	Hot Spring.....	N D Jones.....	E A Funk.....	Lono.....
New Hope No 2.....	Garland.....	J O Booth.....	Robert Sparlin.....	Hot Springs.....
Nebo.....	Saline.....	F M Dean.....	J G Rice.....	Shoppoch.....
New Marble.....	Garland.....	S H Jennings.....	C T Glen.....	Jes-eville.....
New Prospect.....	Saline.....	F M Dean.....	S A Wray.....	Bland.....
North Fork.....	Saline.....	C C Warnock.....	A B Holland.....	Brazil.....
Oak Grove.....	Hot Spring.....	J M Clem.....	J R Hodges.....	Social Hill.....
Ouachita.....	Hot Spring.....	R M Lindsey.....	J D Nix.....	Donaldson.....
Perla.....	Hot Spring.....	J M Clem.....	J Tucker.....	Malvern.....
Pleasant Hill.....	Hot Spring.....	A F Lamb.....	B A Davis.....	Malvern.....
Pleasant Valley.....	Hot Spring.....	J O Booth.....	Louis Wallis.....	Malvera.....
Reyburn Creek.....	Hot Spring.....	P C Hammonds.....	W F Westerman.....	Surl.....
Salem.....	Saline.....	C C Warnock.....	C D Ewell.....	Rubicon.....
Saline.....	Saline.....	O P Ledbetter.....	J A Moore.....	Benton.....
Smith Creek.....	Garland.....	S F Funk.....	J H Richardson.....	Burk.....
Sulphur Springs.....	Garland.....	J O Booth.....	W H Henderson.....	Lawrence.....
Taylor's Chapel.....	Hot Spring.....	J M Clem.....	P L Williams.....	Elmore.....
Ten-Mile.....	Saline.....	S F Funk.....	J E Williams.....	Burk.....
Union.....	Saline.....	F M Dean.....	J M Parker.....	Bland.....
Unity.....	Saline.....	C C Warnock.....	Wm Thompson.....	Brazil.....
Whittington.....	Saline.....	S F Funk.....	J N Malone.....	Whittington.....