

SALINE

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



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MINUTES
OF THE
Saline Baptist Association
1906

CONTAINING
THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SIXTY-SEVENTH SESSION
SEVENTIETH YEAR

HELD WITH
BRUSH CREEK CHURCH, HOT SPRINGS COUNTY, ARKANSAS
OCTOBER 6, 7, 8, 1906

NEXT SESSION

To be held with Pleasant Hill Church, Hot Springs County, Arkansas, to convene at 9:30 a. m., on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1907. Elder J. W. McDonald to preach the introductory sermon; Elder A. F. Lamb, alternate.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1 Devotional exercises.
 - 2 Call for letters from the Churches.
 - 3 After reading letters and enrolling Messengers, elect officers.
 - 4 Introductory sermon
 - 5 Call for petitionary letters.
 - 6 Invite visiting brethren to seats.
 - 7 Appoint Committee on Divine Service.
 - 8 Appoint the usual Committees
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- 1 Call for the reading of the Minutes of first day.
- 2 Roll of Messengers, and marking the name of absentees.
- 3 Call for the reports of Committees and Treasurer's report.
- 4 Appoint place of holding the next session.
- 5 Miscellaneous business.
- 6 Adjournment.

PROCEEDINGS

SATURDAY, FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

The Association convened with Brush Creek Church on this day, October 6, 1906, and after a few minutes spent in devotional exercises, led by Elder A. Tucker, the Body was called in business session by Elder M. P. Thomas, former Moderator, who appointed Brothers J. W. McDonald, J. H. Howard and J. C. Ross to read letters from the churches.

Letters were read from the following list of churches, giving names of Messengers representing same, to wit:

- ANTIOCH—By letter.
- BISMARCK—N. W. Holcomb.
- BIG CREEK—E. S. Warrington, W. W. Morrison.
- BRUSH CREEK—A. S. Rhodes, W. F. Brashears, C. T. Appleget.
- BLUFF SPRINGS—J. E. Dawson, J. B. Gatlin, J. W. Nichols.
- BETHLEHEM—C. R. Powell.
- CEDAR GROVE—By letter.
- CENTRAL PARK—J. A. Rader, J. F. Suit.
- CORINTH—A. C. Files.
- CENTER VIEW—W. H. Lecroy, James Hughes, George Thomas.
- DAMASCUS—W. H. Paul, Lode Paul.
- DE ROCHE—C. C. Orr.
- EVENING SHADE—By letter.
- FRANCEWAY—W. A. Carver, Steve Denny.
- FAIRPLAY—J. A. Langley, J. H. Floyd.
- FRIENDSHIP—E. A. Fowler, W. F. Rhodes, J. R. Gilchrist.

- HOT SPRINGS FIRST CHURCH—J. W. McDonald
 HOT SPRINGS SECOND CHURCH—D. C. Hardin, W. R. Reeder, J. W. Brock.
 HICKORY GROVE—M. P. Thomas.
 KENTUCKY—J. W. Hinson.
 RITTLE ROCK FIRST CHURCH—L. G. Luckett.
 LONO—J. M. Stags, Frank Deer, Joe Elliott.
 LONSDALE—Allen Nesbitt.
 MALVERN FIRST CHURCH—J. B. Searcy, J. C. Ross, Connie Goodwin.
 MALVERN SECOND CHURCH—J. M. Clem, R. H. Sebrin, W. R. Chambers.
 MIDWAY—D. S. Bray
 MAGNET COVE—W. M. Adkins, J. F. Green.
 MT. NEBO—J. G. Rice, Walter Jones.
 NEW HOPE NO. 1—Elija Stiles, T. O. Phillips.
 NORTH FORK—T. B. Green.
 OAK GROVE—J. G. Scott
 OUACHITA—W. A. Hammond, I. J. Selph.
 PLEASANT GROVE—M. P. Carter.
 PLEASANT HILL—B. A. Davis, John Porterfield, W. M. Barton.
 REYBURN CREEK—D. T. McDougal, A. Tucker, W. F. Westerman.
 SMITH CREEK—By letter.
 SWEET HOME—W. N. Reynolds, J. M. Siratt.
 TAYLOR'S CHAPEL—J. Monro Hall.
 TEN MILE—A. B. Shockley.
 TRASKWOOD—W. A. Woodall, Levy Brown.
 WHITTINGTON—William Pigg.

At 11 a. m. Elder M. P. Thomas preached the introductory sermon. Text: I Cor. xiii : 13 Theme: "Faith, Hope, and Love." Prayer led by Elder J. H. Milburn. Adjourned till 2 p. m. A bountiful dinner was served on the grounds.

At 1:30 p. m. Elder D. C. Hardin called a good-sized congregation together and delivered quite an interesting and telling speech on temperance.

Evening Session.

Reassembled at the hour named. The Moderator read first chapter I Peter. Prayer led by Elder J. A. Rader.

The Messengers from Damascus Church, Brothers W. H. and Lode Paul, being present with no letter, on motion, they were seated as members of the Body.

Malvern Second Church was received on petitionary letter, and her Messengers welcomed and given right hand of fellowship by the Moderator.

The Association now permanently organized by electing Elder A. Tucker as Moderator and A. B. Shockley Clerk and Treasurer.

The following named brethren were welcomed and recognized as visitors:

Elder J. H. Milburn, of Union City, Tennessee.

Elder S. L. Holloway, State Sunday-school Missionary, representing the American Baptist Publishing Society.

Elder Harvey Beachamp, Field Secretary of the Sunday-school Board of the S. B. C.

Elder H. J. P. Horn, representing Ministerial Education in Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

Elder O. T. Finch, representing the Arkansas Baptist Orphans' Home at Monticello, Arkansas.

Brother L. N. Gozy, Corresponding Messenger, from Judson Association.

Brother J. W. Morris, Judson Association,

The Moderator appointed as a Committee on Divine Services, the pastor and deacons of Brush Creek Church, and Brothers J. C. Ross and J. F. Green.

Adjourned to meet at 7:30 p. m.

Night Session.

Came together by singing and prayer. Elder Harvey Beachamp delivered a very interesting discourse on Sunday-school work, using as a text Matt. xxviii: 19-20. Theme: "Teach."

SECOND DAY, SUNDAY—Forenoon Services.

A large congregation assembled at 9:30, and Elder J. M. Clem, who had been appointed to preach at this hour, read Rom. xx, selected as a text Rom.: 1-16, and preached a good sermon; after which the Moderator announced the usual committees.

At 11 a. m. Elder J. H. Milburn preached at the church, and Elder J. A. Rader at the school house. Collections for State Missions were taken at these services, resulting in a total of \$20 75. This was paid over to the Treasurer, \$11 being designated for the State Convention, and \$9 75 for the State General Association.

Afternoon Services.

Reassembled at 1:30 in devotional exercises, conducted by Elder S. L. Holloway. At 2:30 Elder J. B. Searcy preached an interesting sermon, Text: Rom. I: 14 15. Prayer led by Elder D. C. Hardin.

Night Services.

At 7:30 Elder C. R. Powell preached an interesting sermon. Text: Heb. ii: 3, 4. Theme: "Salvation"

THIRD DAY, MONDAY—Forenoon Session.

The Association came together at the appointed hour by singing and prayer. The Moderator called for the reports of committees.

Elder M. P. Thomas, who had been put in the field as Associational Missionary by the Executive Committee, submitted his report, and it brought about a lively discussion as to whether or not the work Elder Thomas had done was missionary work, as he had done his work with the churches and pastors, and not in any of the destitute points of the Association; but his report was finally adopted, as follows:

MISSIONARY REPORT.

No. of days spent in the field.....	75
No. of sermons preached.....	59
No. of visits.....	30
No. of miles traveled.....	345
No. of baptisms.....	3

No. of Restorations.....	1
No. of exhortations.....	25

PLACES VISITED.

Hickory Grove Church.

CASH RECEIVED.

Churches.	Amt.
De Roche.....	\$ 2 15
Bismarck.....	3 00
Caney.....	1 00
Friendship.....	—
Midway.....	—
Taylor's Chappel.....	—

Churches.	Amt.
Fourcelook.....	\$ 2 35
Franceway.....	14 50
Valley.....	—
Total amount received.....	\$ 23 00
Amount due.....	100 00

Respectfully submitted.

ELDER M. P. THOMAS.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Report read, discussed, and adopted, as follows:

Your Committee feel that the time has come for immediate action by this Association. The destitution north of Hot Springs, embracing the northern part of Garland and the northwestern part of Saline

Counties, is appalling. Years ago we had several self-sustaining churches in that field. To day we have but one ordained Baptist preacher located in that territory, and because of bodily affliction he is unable to serve any church as pastor. Some effective work the past year has been accomplished at Traskwood and in the southern part of the Association, but our needs in the northern territory should be immediately supplied, and all other destitute parts of our Association, so far as the funds will admit. We urge, therefore, that pledges and cash contributions be called for, and that a wise, effective preacher be employed and located for all his time in the above-mentioned territory.

We further recommend, that an executive committee of three brethren be named, whose duties shall be to collect all pledges and secure and contract with said Missionary when secured, and report to and give needed information from time to time to the churches concerning his work.

J. W. McDONALD,	} Committee.
J. M. CLEM,	
A. B. SHOCKLEY,	

Pledges as follows were taken for Associational Missions:

Churches.	Amt.	Churches.	Amt.
Bethlehem.....	\$ 10 00	Malvern 1st Church....	\$ 25 00
Bismarck.....	5 00	Malvern 2d Church....	10 00
Brush Creek.....	5 00	North Fork.....	7 00
Center View.....	5 00	Pleasant Grove.....	2 50
Central Park.....	10 00	Reyburn Creek.....	1 50
Corinth.....	5 00	Smith Creek.....	2 50
De Roche.....	5 00	Sweet Home.....	5 00
Evening Shade.....	2 50	Ten Mile.....	5 00
Fairplay.....	5 00	Traskwood.....	5 00
Franceway.....	5 00	Whittington.....	2 50
Friendship.....	5 00	PERSONAL.	
Hot Springs 1st Church	25 00	J. L. Deer.....	1 00
Hot Springs 2d Church	5 00	Charley Jones.....	2 50
Little Rock 1st Church	25 00	B. A. Davis.....	5 00
Lonsdale.....	10 00	J. W. Henson.....	2 00
Lono.....	5 00	E. S. Warrington (paid)	1 00
Magnet Cove.....	5 00		
Midway.....	5 00	Total.....	\$220 00

The above pledges were made by the Messengers representing the churches named, except in a few instances where no one was present from a certain church some brother well acquainted with the

church vouched for or suggested the amount said church would likely be willing to pay

It now being 11 a. m., the hour appointed for preaching by Elder S. L. Holloway, on motion, the Association adjourned until 1:30 p. m. Elder Holloway delivered a short address on "Undefiled Religion," and gave way for Elder Finch to present the claims of the Orphans' Home, and he did so in a masterly and enthusiastic manner; and took a collection for the Home, resulting in \$25 49 cash and \$10 in pledges; also quite a number of brethren agreed to take collections at their church and forward same to Brother Finch at an early day. Adjourned. Closing prayer by Elder Holloway.

Afternoon Session.

The Association was called to order promptly at 1:30, and the following resolution offered by Elder J. B. Searcy was read and, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That Brethren J. W. McDonald, J. M. Clem and J. C. Ross are hereby appointed an executive committee to carry out the work contemplated by the report on Associational Missions, and that the matter of salary to be paid to the man or men employed be left to them.

Sunday-school report adopted, as follows:

Your Committee on Sunday Schools submit the following as our report: Knowing by experience and the study of God's Word the great need of teaching the gospel to the lost in order to bring about their salvation, therefore we would recommend that each church that have no Sunday school, organize at once and begin to teach God's Word. We further recommend that this Association appoint J. C. Ross, J. M. Clem and J. R. Gilchrist as a Sunday-school Committee, whose duty it shall be to look after the Sunday-school work in the Association during the year. Respectfully submitted.

N. D. JONES,	} Committee.
A. S. RHODES,	
E. S. WARRINGTON,	

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Report was read, and very warmly discussed by Brothers Lamb, Finch, and others, and adopted, as follows:

Your Committee on Ministerial Education beg leave to submit the following report: God's leaders in every nation and age have been men whose minds and hearts have been trained both in hidden knowledge and knowledge acquired by diligent and faithful study.

We believe in a God called Ministry, and men thus called to a work greater than that of angels and archangels should study to show themselves workmen worthy of Him who has called and commissioned them, so that they may be able to "rightly divide the Word" and thus fulfill their ministry of "Wise Master-builders" in the Kingdom of God's dear Son. Inasmuch, therefore, as we have in our own Ouachita College at Arkadelphia, Arkansas, a well-equipped training school for ministers, we continue to urge upon the Association its claims, and beseeching our churches to make regular contributions to its work

J. W. McDONALD,	} Committee.
J. M. CLEM,	
J. W. ROWLAND,	

PASTORAL SUPPORT.

Report read and discussed favorably by Brothers Searcy, Clem, Powell, McDonald and Milburn, and adopted, as follows: Your Committee on Pastoral Support would say that we regard this a subject of vital importance. The ministry is not a proposition like law and medicine, that men may select for themselves; but it is a calling of God. No man not called of God ought ever to enter the ministry, and those who do enter this calling are under obligations to devote their time and powers to this work. Paul charged Timothy: "Give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine." He also said: "Meditate upon these things. Give thyself wholly to them that they, profiting, may appear to all." It is evident that no man can do the best work in the pastorate who does not comply with this charge of the apostle, and if he does comply with it, he has no time to make a living for himself and those dependent upon him. It would seem unreasonable that God would call men and demand that they give themselves wholly to preparing for and doing the work of the ministry, and at the same time make no provisions for their support. But He has made as ample provisions for the pastor's support as He has made binding on him the obligation to serve. On this subject Paul wrote: "Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charge? Who planteth a vineyard and eateth not of the fruit thereof, or who feedeth a flock and eateth not of the milk of the flock?" After several verses more along the same line, the apostle concludes by saying: "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they who preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel."

There is nothing more plainly taught in the Scriptures than that the man who devotes his time and energy to the work of the ministry and the pastorate in the highest form of that work should have

an ample support from those to whom he ministers. Said Paul to the Church at Corinth: "If we sow unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we reap your carnal things?" We would in conclusion urge that both pastors and churches strive to come up to the Scriptural standard on this subject, and if we do, the waste places in Zion will soon be built up and the wilderness and solitary places will blossom as the rose. Respectfully submitted.

J. B. SEARCY,
W. A. HAMMOND, } Committee.
B. A. DAVIS,

STATE MISSIONS.

Report read and, on motion, adopted without discussion, as follows: Your committee offers the following as our report: We recognize the fact that the responsibility of preaching the Gospel to every creature rests on the Churches of the Lord Jesus Christ. This duty devolves upon us as Baptists, because we claim to be the only people who preach a full Gospel; and we further claim as Baptists, that our Church has a succession with the First Church, of which Christ was the founder, and to which Christ gave the Commission. In view of the foregoing, your committee is of the opinion that the realization of these facts would move us to provide Baptist preaching in every community in the bounds of our State. We further find that the destitution in our State is great, and we would recommend that all our churches contribute liberally to State Missions, and continue to co-operate in State Mission work with the General Association of Baptist Churches of Arkansas.

We also recognize the fact that the destitution in our State has been partly supplied with the preached Gospel by the Missionaries of the General Association and the Missionaries of the State Convention. While we, as your committee, recommend the co-operation of the churches with the General Association in State Mission work, yet we recognize the fact that we have another medium of co-operation of the churches in our State work in the body of the State Convention, and that any church or individual have a right to co-operate with either body, as they may elect, or may contribute directly to the Missionary on the field; and we would further urge the churches and individual members of the same to contribute by all means to the Mission work in our State by or through some of these channels.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. HOWARD, }
J. C. ROSS, } Committee.
J. A. LANGLEY,

NOMINATIONS.

Report read recommending Fairplay Church as the next place of meeting, but after a lively discussion, in which Malvern First Church made a strong appeal for the next session, a motion finally prevailed amending the report to read as follows:

Your Committee on Nominations would recommend that the Saline Association hold its next session with Pleasant Hill Church, and that Elder J. W. McDonald preach the introductory sermon, Elder A. F. Lamb, alternate. Respectfully submitted.

J. G. RICE,
J. A. LANGLEY, } Committee.
E. A. FOWLER,

PRAYER MEETINGS

Report read and adopted, as follows: The Prayer Meeting is often said to be the thermometer of the Church, as it measures its spiritual warmth. It is also said to be the pulse of the Church, for in it you can feel the spiritual pulsations of the Church's life. It serves as well to increase the spiritual warmth and quicken the spiritual life. For these reasons every Church should have a weekly prayer meeting, and every Church can have one even though it only has one monthly preaching. Two or three can meet together in Christ's name and have His presence, for He has promised it. Let every pastor exhort his Church to maintain a regular prayer meeting. One member of a Church with the right determination and consecration can keep up a prayer meeting. If this line of work is diligently carried out great good will result. Revivals will be born, the Church strengthened, souls saved, and God's name glorified. Respectfully submitted

L. G. LUCKETT, }
D. S. BRAY, } Committee.
J. F. GREEN,

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Report submitted and adopted, as follows: World wide Missions are so clearly taught that it is difficult to understand how the Children of God can be indifferent regarding this duty, since Christ our Lord said: "Teach all nations," "Preach the Gospel to every creature," and that "Ye are my witnesses, both in Jerusalem and in Judea and Samara, and to the uttermost parts of the earth." Every lover of our Lord ought to esteem it not only a privilege but a duty to

take part in this great work. In view, then, of our known duty to send the Gospel to those who have it not, we, your committee, would therefore recommend that pastors of Churches preach to their congregations regarding their duty in contributing to this line of work; and that systematic action be taken in the collection of funds for the spread of the Gospel in foreign lands. Respectfully submitted.

M. P. THOMAS,
J. B. SEARCY,
E. A. FOWLER, } Committee.

TEMPERANCE.

Report read and, on motion, adopted, as follows: A prominent liquor journal admits that the tide of public sentiment in this decade is strongly in favor of prohibition. If this be so, and there are many evidences of the truth of this statement, the friends of prohibition should regard it as "a sound of going in the tops of mulberry trees." Many of the counties of Arkansas are totally dry, and the Lord of Hosts is with us, and we should follow His leadings with greater zeal and determined purpose to drive out the saloons until there will not be one left in Arkansas.

What we need is for every friend of prohibition to not only never touch a drop as a beverage, but fight it with the ballot. If every Baptist connected with the Churches of this Association would stand firm and faithfully against the liquor traffic, they could soon drive it from this country. This is our duty before God, and we ought to esteem it a high privilege to aid in such a blessed cause. If all our people could be made to realize the mighty evil of strong drink—if they could just know how awful the suffering and disgrace it brings about—they would rise up in their might, and its days would be numbered. God speed the day when no liquor will be sold, and God hasten the time when it can not truthfully be said some Baptists drink liquor.

(Signed) D. C. HARDIN,
W. M. ADKINS, } Committee.
W. A. WOODALL,

FINANCE.

Report read and adopted, as follows: We, your Committee on Finance, ask leave to submit the following report: We have carefully examined the letters from the different Churches submitted to us, and have tabulated the amounts due the different funds, which we find to be as follows, to-wit:

Amounts sent up for Minutes and Clerk.....	\$ 39 56	Sunday School and Colportage.....	25
Associational Missions.....	42 50	Ministerial Education.....	50
State Missions.....	12 10	Ministerial Relief.....	50
Home Mtssions.....	6 35	Orphans' Home.....	8 80
Foreign Missions.....	7 60	Total.....	\$118 16

Respectfully submitted.

J. C. ROSS,
J. H. FLOYD,
W. F. WESTERMAN, } Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 8, 1906.

RECEIPTS.

Amounts received of Finance Committee, October 2, 1905:

For Associational Missions.....	\$115 92
For State Associational Missions.....	9 20
For Foreign Missions.....	3 00
For Orphans' Home	7 00
For Minutes.....	48 35
To amt. received of Midway Ch. by D. S. Bray—Minutes...	1 25
To amt. received of Midway Ch. by D. S. Bray, Asso. Mis..	4 00
To amt. received public collection for Orphans' Home	30 35
To amt. rec'd of Pleasant Grove Ch by M. P. Carter, Minutes	90
To amt. rec'd of Pleasant Grove Ch, by M. P. Carter, Ass. Mis.	2 40
To amt. rec'd of Pleasant Grove Ch. by M. P. Carter, O. Home	2 40
To amt. rec'd of Cedar Grove Ch. by J. W. Melton, Minutes.	75
To amt. rec'd of Cedar Grove Ch. by J. W. Melton, For. Mis.	65
To amt. rec'd of Cedar Grove Ch. by J. W. Melton, O. Home	1 50
To amt. rec'd of Hot Springs Ch. for Traskwood Ch..	11 00
To amt. rec'd of Hot Springs Ch for Minutes.....	1 50
To amt. rec'd of Evening Shade Ch. for Minutes	1 00
To amt. rec'd of Evening Shade Church for Orphan's Home	2 20
To amt. rec'd of Smith Creek Ch. for Minutes	85
To amt. rec'd of Smith Creek Ch. for State Missions.....	1 00
To amt. rec'd of Smith Creek Ch. for Home Missions	1 00
To amt. rec'd of Smith Creek Ch. for Foreign Missions.....	1 00
To amt. rec'd of Smith Creek Ch. for Orphan's Home.....	1 15
To amt. rec'd of Central Park Ch. for Minutes.....	2 00
To amt. received of E. S. Warrington for Asso. Missions...	1 00
To amt. brought forward, Minute fund.....	25 77
To amt. brought forward Asso. Missions, incl. Brown bill...	45 63

To amt. rec'd public collection State General Association ...	9 75
To amt. rec't public collection State Convention.....	11 00
Total.....	\$343 52

DISBURSEMENTS.

By amount paid for printing Minutes	\$ 31 00
By amount paid Associational Clerk.....	15 00
By amount paid for postage mailing out Minutes.....	6 32
By amount paid J. W. McDonal for Traskwood Ch.....	50 00
By amount paid Matron of Orphans' Home.....	37 35
By amount paid W. R. Cross for State Missions.....	9 20
By amount paid W. R. Cross for Foreign Missions.....	3 00
By amount paid M. P. Thomas, Associational Missionary...	100 00
By amount paid C. R. Powell, Foreign Missions	1 65
By amount paid C. R. Powell, Home Missions.....	1 00
By balance on hand, Minute Fund.....	27 23
By balance on hand, State Missions.	21 75
By balance on hand, Orphans' Home.....	7 25
By balance on hand, Associational Missions.....	32 77

Total.....\$343 52

Fraternally submitted.

A. B. SHOCKLEY, Treasurer.

WOMAN'S WORK.

Report read and adopted, as follows: In every stage and step of Christian civilization can be seen the beneficent operation of female influence. In a marked degree is this true as it applies to the Baptist brotherhood of Arkansas. The Master's cause called into existence a few years ago in this State that loyal band of Christian workers known as "The Baptist Women Mission Workers." Your Committee would like to report what the women have accomplished during the past year, but we haven't the statistics at hand.

To this band of workers this Association should give its hearty approval and co-operation. Our pastors and papers should encourage and lend them a helping hand.

(Signed)

J. W. BROCK,
W. R. CHAMBERS, } Committee.

ORPHANS' HOME.

Report read and adopted, as follows: We, your Committee, are glad to report that the past year has been one of almost phenomenal

success. There has been very little sickness among the children, and yet there has been a greater number in the Home than ever before. There are about seventy being cared for, and the contributions, considering the crop failures, have been the best in the history of the Home. We would recommend that the pastors of this Association devote at least one service during this year to this great work, and close the same by taking a good collection, following the offering with prayer that God bless our beloved Matron and Rev. O. T. Finch, of Little Rock, whose duty it is to raise the money for the support of the Home, to whom all contributions should be sent,

Respectfully submitted.

N. W. HOLCOMB, }
R. H. SEBREN, } Committee.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to have printed and distributed the usual number of Minutes of this session, and that he be allowed twenty dollars for his services.

A motion was unanimously adopted extending the thanks of this body to Brush Creek Church and community for their kindness shown in entertaining the Messengers and visitors, and to the Moderator for his patience and kindness toward all.

It now being late in the afternoon, and quite a number of the Messengers already on their way home, a motion carried to adjourn.

Closing prayer by Elder J. H. Milburn.

Thus closed the Sixty-seventh Session of the oldest and one of the greatest Associations in our beloved State.

A. B. SHOCKLEY, Clerk and Treasurer.

ELDER A. TUCKER, Moderator.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS

CHURCHES	SUPERINTEND- E. & T.	SECRETARY	POST OFFICE	Number of Pupils	Cost of Literature
Big Creek	E. S. Warrington	W. D. Wheat	Ops	60	\$ 3 00
Bluff Springs	L. Brown	Ellen Nantze	Traskwood	43	.....
Brush Creek	A. S. Rhodes	Hattie Brashears	Lucian	40	.....
Bethlehem	John Cullins	.....	Little Rock	75	20 00
Central Park	O. C. Stone	Elijah Hunt	Hot Springs	107	44 00
Cedar Grove	J. F. James	R. C. Newcomb	Alum	20	2 50
De Roche	J. M. Orr	.....	Duffie	45	3 00
Friendship	J. W. Hardage	.....	Friendship	35	7 00
Fairplay	W. K. Johnson	W. H. Hendrix	Slocumb	70	4 00
Hot Springs 1st Ch	E. C. Ellis	Maud Finley	Hot Springs	140	.....
Hot Springs 2d Ch	F. M. Shouse	J. D. Brock	Hot Springs	101	90 80
Little Rock 1st Ch	H. P. Edmonson	K. L. Fletcher	Little Rock	300	.....
Lonsdale	J. H. Richardson	H. Richardson	Lonsdale	75	8 10
Malvern 1st Ch...	B. F. Draper	Mattie Bull	Malvern	125	75 00
Malvern 2d Ch...	.....	.....	.....	60	.....
Midway	J. W. Turell	Ray Sanders	Haney	50	5 00
Magnet Cove	John Adkins	.....	Magnet	.....	.....
North Fork	T. H. Green	Ora Hetoh	Brazils	60	25 00
Oak Grove	Dan Scott	Lucy Hodge	Social Hill	.....	.....
Pleasant Grove ..	John Presley	.....	North Point	35	.....
Reyburn Creek ..	W. T. Westerman	Anna Batchelor	Reyburn	40	.....
Lmth Creek	W. M. Cain	J. H. Rigsley	Lonsdale	45	.....
Sweet Bome	J. M. Siratt	Eva Siratt	Sanders	20	.....
Taylor's Chapel ..	.....	.....	.....	25	.....
Ten Mile	T. L. Ripperrs	Bert Faught	Burk	40	9 35
Total				1611	

ORDAINED MINISTERS, CHURCHES. POST OFFICES AND COUNTIES

CHURCHES	POST OFFICE	COUNTY
Big Creek—J. L. Byrd.....	Opps.....	Hot Spring
Bluff Springs—J. B. Gatlin.....	Traskwood..	Saline
Bethlehem—J. C. Vaughn.....	Little Rock..	Pulaski
R. C. Newsom.....	Little Rock..	Pulaski
F. W. Adams.....	Little Rock..	Pulaski
F. P. Davis.....	Little Rock..	Pulaski
C. R. Powell.....	Little Rock..	Pulaski
Corinth—G. F. Rowe.....	Hot Springs..	Garland
Central Park—J. A. Rader.....	Hot Springs..	Garland
B. G. Phillips.....	Hot Springs..	Garland
De Roche—W. J. Hardin.....	De Roche...	Hot Spring
C. H. Montgomery.....	Durant.....	Indian Ter.
Friendship—R. F. Russell.....	Saginaw	Hot Spring
Fairplay—P. C. Hammonds.....	Slocumb....	Saline
W. H. Floyd.....	Traskwood..	Saline
J. F. Elmore.....	Traskwood..	Saline
Hot Springs 1st Ch.—W. T. Amis..	Hot Springs..	Garland
J. W. McDonald.....	Hot Springs..	Garland
Hot Springs 2d Church—D. C. Hardin	Hot Springs..	Garland
N. H. Harley.....	Hot Springs..	Garland
A. Meadows.....	Hot Springs..	Garland
T. B. Burk.....	Hot Springs..	Garland
Little Rock 1st Ch.—R. G. Bowers..	Little Rock..	Pulaski
T. F. Landreth.....	Little Rock..	Pulaski
Malvern 1st Ch.—J. B. Searcy.....	Malvern	Hot Spring
R. C. Rhoden.....	Malvern	Hot Spring
Malvern 2d Ch.—J. M. Clem.....	Malvern	Hot Spring
J. H. Howard.....	Malvern	Hot Spring
North Fork—T. H. Green.....	Brazils.....	Saline
Reysburn Creek—A. Tucker.....	Butterfield ..	Hot Spring
Sweet Home—J. W. Burks.....	De Roche...	Hot Spring
Taylor's Chapel—J. J. Thomson.....	Elmore.....	Hot Spring
H. Roberts.....	Elmore..	Hot Spring
Ten Mile—S. F. Funk.....	Slocumb....	Saline

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

Article 1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Art. 2. 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. 3. We believe in the doctrine of election as founded in the fore-knowledge of God, through sanctification of the spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.

Art. 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin by the fall of Adam.

Art. 5. 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. 6. We believe that sinners are justified, in the sight of God, by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.

Art. 7. We believe that saints shall be preserved in grace, and never fall finally away.

Art. 8. 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. 9. 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. 10. 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. 11. We believe that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's table.

Art. 12. We believe that the Lord's day should be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion.

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 obtain permission to 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 raising 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 Baptist Association."

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

ART. 3. The messengers, 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 act only 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 messengers 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 principal 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 messengers to the annual meeting of this Association, with a petition for admission, and by their messengers 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 messengers, their number in fellowship, number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, ex-communicated, 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 contribution 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 eighteenth 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.

PASTORS, CLERKS, POST OFFICES AND COUNTIES

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	POSTOFFICE	COUNTY
Antioch	John Lemar	B F Vaughn	Blocher	Saline
Big Creek	J M Clem	E O Collie	Ops	Hot Spring
Bismark	J W Harden	G R Diffie	Bismark	Hot Spring
Brush Creek	N D Jones	W F Brashears	Lucian	Hot Spring
Bluff Springs	Wm Winston	Ballard Gatlin	Traskwood	Saline
Bethlehem	J C Vaughn	R G Neusom	Little Rock	Pulaski
Cedar Grove	S F Funk	J F James	Alum	Saline
Central Park	J A Rader	Ira Ross	Hot Springs	Garland
Center View	S F Funk	Geo Fumor	Lonsdale	Garland
Corinth		T L Files	Hot Springs	Garland
Damascus		W H Paul	Malvern	Hot Spring
Deroche	R F Russell	C C Orr	Duffie	Hot Spring
Evening Shade	S F Funk	J C Norman	Whittington	Saline
Fairplay	J T Kelley	John Johnson	Slocumb	Saline
Franceway	M P Thomas	H G Clift	Gifford	Hot Spring
Friendship	A F Lamb	A L Lindsey	Friendship	Hot Spring
Hot Springs, 1st ch ..	W T Amis	Mrs M G Th'm'son	Hot Springs	Garland
Hot Springs, 2nd ch ..	D C Hardin	J D Brock	Hot Springs	Garland
Hickory Grove		W R Thornton	Deroche	Hot Spring
Kentucky		W W Shellito	Grape	Saline
Little Rock, 1st ch ..	Ben Cox	O L Eaton	Little Rock	Pulaski
Lonsdale	J W McDonald	H Richardson	Lonsdale	Garland
Lono	S F Funk	E B Deer	Lono	Hot Spring
Malvern 1st ch	J B Searcy	J C Ross	Malvern	Hot Spring
Malvern 2nd ch	J M Clem	G W Smith	Malvern	Hot Spring
Magnet Cove	A Tucker	Harry Verser	Magnet	Hot Spring
Midway	J M Clem	I H Phillips	Honey	Hot Spring
Mt. Nebo	Joe Taylor	J G Rice	Shoppach	Saline
New Hope No. 1		J D Rucker	Lono	Hot Spring
North Fork	C C Warnock	J A Able	Brazils	Saline
Oak Grove	J W Barks	J R Hodges	Social Hill	Hot Spring
Onachita		T P Nix	Donaldson	Hot Spring
Pleasant Grove	E Webber	Geo Prothro	Frank	Pulaski
Pleasant Hill	A F Lamb	B A Davis	Donaldson	Hot Spring
Reyburn Creek	A Tucker	W F Westerman	Reyburn	Hot Spring
Smith Creek	C C Warnock	A C Huchingson	Owensville	Saline
Sweet Home	J W Burks	W N Reynolds	Sanders	Hot Spring
Taylor's Chapel	A F Lamb	J Monro Hall	Elmore	Hot Spring
Ten Mile	H Lecroy	J E Williams	Slocumb	Saline
Traskwood	J W McDonald	Mrs R Winters	Traskwood	Saline
Unity	Joe Taylor	W C Carlisle	Brazils	Saline
Whittington		J C Sissell	Whittington	Saline

TABLE OF STATISTICS, 1906.

CHURCHES	INCREASE				DECREASE				Present Membership	Sunday of Meeting	PAID TO MISSIONS				OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS					Value of Church Property
	By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	Total Increase	By Letter	By Ex-communication	By Death	Total Decrease			Associational	State	Foreign	Home	Minutes	Orphan's Home	Sunday School Work	Ministerial Aid	Pastor's Salary	
Antioch	1	1		2	2	1		3	22	Second First				2 00	1 00					
Big Creek	2		1	3	13	1	1	15	105					1 26	1 50		3 00			
Bismark									19						1 00				25 00	
Brush Creek					15		1	16	43						1 00					
Bluff Springs									37						1 00					
Bethlehem	7	10		17	6			6	42	Every		3 00	2 00		1 00	10 00	20 00		455 00	1000
Cedar Grove	4	6	2	12		1		2	30						75	1 50	2 50		35 00	
Central Park	18	11		29	1	22		23	117	Every		23 00	3 50		2 00		44 15	70 46	900 00	4000
Center View						1	6	7	19	Third			3 10	3 10	1 00				30 00	
Corinth						8		10	35											
Damascus									28											
Deroche	2				7	4	3	14	150		3 85				1 50		3 00			700
Evening Shade					4			4	44	Fourth					1 00	2 20				
Fairplay	12			12	4	8	2	12	264	Third		6 05			2 25		4 00		38 00	
Franceway	1	2	1	4	9			9	08		14 50			1 00	1 25	1 35				
Friendship	1	2		3	2			2	55	Third	5 00	2 50	2 50		1 50		7 00		50 00	600
Hot Springs, 1st ch	14	18		32	5		1	6	220	Every	25 00	275 00	150 00	150 00	2 00	90 00	21 00	100 00	1500 00	30000
Hot Springs, 2nd ch	33	28		61	3	4		7	123	Every	11 00	32 75			1 50	50 55	90 80	30 20	1100 00	1200
Hickory Grove									86											
Kentucky	5	6	2	13	8		1	9	43		2 00				75					
Little Rock, 1st ch	60	70		130	25			25	547	Every	12 50		800 00		2 00				1800 00	30000
Lonsdale	9	11		20	11	2		13	45						50		8 10	6 00	50 00	1000
Lono					2			2	57						70					
Malvern 1st ch	21	13		34	41	2		43	275	Every	10 00	65 00	36 88	26 87	2 50	67 25	78 00	52 00	800 00	3500
Malvern 2nd ch	18	14	1	33					65	2d & 4th		6 50			1 50					
Magnet Cove	6	3	3	12	5			5	100	2d & 4th		5 00	7 00		1 20				80 00	
Midway	19	7		26	2			2	63		1 70				65		5 00	9 50	54 00	
Mt. Nebo						1	1	1	18						1 50	2 00				
New Hope No. 1						3		3	27						50					
North Fork	4	1	3	8	4			5	56		1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	25 00	1 00	75 00	300 00
Oak Grove	1	1	1	3	1		1	2	41						75				16 85	300 00
Ozachita					2			3	5				4 25		1 40					
Pleasant Grove									40		2 40				90	2 40			60 00	400 00
Pleasant Hill	10	8		18	1			1	104	Second		4 20			1 50					
Reyburn Creek		2		2		1		1	57		50				1 50					500 00
Smith Creek						1	1	1	32			1 00	1 00	1 00	85	1 15			150 00	
Sweet Home	13	3		16					44						1 25					700 00
Taylor's Chapel	1	4		5	7	10		17	79		1 55				1 50					
Ten Mile			1	1	12	4		16	64	Fourth	1 05	10	10		1 50	45	9 30		50 00	500 00
Traskwood	3	11		14			1	1	19			2 00	2 00	50	50	12 00			60 00	
Unity					3		1	4	71						85					100 00
Whittington	1				2		1	3	58						50					
Totals	267	244	15	526	204	66	25	295	3453		\$74 85	\$430 20	\$1031 04	\$ 184 22	\$47 41	\$ 250 85	\$ 320 85	\$ 278 16		

Churches not represented: Belleview, Bivens Grove, Caney, Fourchelook, Gravel Hill, Salem, Sulphur Springs, Social Hill, Shady Grove, Union, Pleasant Valley, Mount Harmony, Valley. Total; 13 churches, over 500 members, making the total number of members in the association about 4000.