

# MINUTES

—OF THE—

## MT. VERNON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

TRENTON, PHILLIPS COUNTY,  
September 28th, 1871, 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Mt. Vernon Baptist Association met this day, with the Trenton Church, according to its adjournment.

Eld. J. T. Marshall, appointed at the last meeting, preached the introductory sermon from Mat. xxvii. 42 verse: "He saved others; himself he cannot save."

After preaching, an intermission of ten minutes was announced.  
10 O'clock, A. M.

The delegates to compose the Association assembled for business. The former Moderator and Clerk in their seats. Prayer by Bro. Holland.

The letters from the Churches which are constituent members of this body were called for and read, and names of delegates enrolled, to-wit:

- Bethel Church—W. S. and T. L. Turney, E. Holtzclaw.
- Trenton Church—Rev. W. H. Robert, C. T. Seafie, S. H. King.
- Helena Church—Rev. W. D. Mayfield, Wm. Porter.
- Clarendon Church—J. L. Chauncy.
- Mt. Gilliard Church—T. B. Mathis, C. L. A. Graham.
- New Hope No. 2—Letter.
- Point Deluce Church—Eld. J. T. Marshall, T. J. Monsey, E. B. Langham.
- Salem Church—J. F. Garrett, Wm. Thompson, J. N. Thompson.
- Linn Grove Church—John Walker.
- DeWitt Church—W. H. Holliburton, J. A. Gibson.

Big Creek Church—R. H. Parker, J. B. Synco.

Rising Sun Church—Eld. J. H. Spann, J. E. Turner.

Pleasant Grove Church—Letter.

Forrest Chapel Church—John Taylor, J. H. Thompson.

Forrest/City Church—J. H. Crabtree.

Ash Grove Church—Eld. J. M. Cox, R. Hood, R. D. Welch.

Shiloh Church—Elds. W. M. Raper, E. Holland, G. W. Dew.

Marianna Church—C. A. Wilson, J. P. Farrer.

Blackfoot Church—J. E. Hopkins.

Spring Creek Church—H. P. Slaughter, J. F. Langston.

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the choice of Bro. H. P. Slaughter, Moderator; S. H. King, Clerk, and W. D. Mayfield, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.

The following committee on religious exercises was appointed: J. A. Gibson, W. J. Scaife, T. B. Mathis, John Taylor, J. L. Chaney.

Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Friday morning. Prayer by Bro. Garrett.

9 O'CLOCK, A. M., FRIDAY.

Association met according to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. Cox. Letters and delegates received from the following churches:

Hopewell—Wm. McLendon, J. F. Wright.

Pine Fork—J. R. Capshaw, W. H. Clarke.

New Hope—Eld. J. K. Murphy.

Petitionary letters being called for, the following was received: From Bayou Meter Church asking to be received as a member of this body. Letter accepted and the church received to membership.

Visiting brethren invited to sit with us and aid us by their counsel; accepted by Bro. Graham.

Committee on Domestic Missions called upon to report. Bro. Mayfield, chairman of the committee, made the following report:

"Your Board on Domestic Missions has been able to do nothing during the past year on account of having no funds. Should the churches meet their pledges, your Board will be able with God's help to do something in the coming year."

W. D. MAYFIELD, Chairman.

After much discussion by brethren Mayfield, Cox, Spann and Scaife; the report was received and adopted.

By Bro. Rober.

RESOLVED, That in view of the great spiritual destitution within our bounds it becomes the imperative duty of our churches to send the Gospel to the destitute souls who are perishing there. That our laymen be encouraged to hold prayer meetings and thus carry out

tidings of salvation to the destitute. That this Association use its utmost means to have the Gospel preached at Walnut Bend, Old Town and Clarendon. Resolution adopted.

Finance committee appointed, consisting of Brethren J. P. Farrer, Wm. Porter, J. H. Thompson. Adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m. Prayer by Bro. Cox.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Assembled for business. Prayer by Bro. Murphy. Moved to suspend order of business to receive Petitionary letters. Letter received from Hickory Ridge Church, asking to be received into the membership of this Association. The Church was received as a member of this body, and right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates.

Committees on Education, Sabbath Schools and Temperance granted further time. Moved to adjourn until 9 o'clock Saturday morning. Prayer by Bro. Scaife.

SATURDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Called to order. Singing. Prayer by Bro. Mayfield. Roll called. Minutes read and adopted. Committee on Education reported. After much animated discussion by Brethren Mayfield, Cox, Holland, Scaife, Halliburton, report adopted. See Appendix A.

Bro. Mayfield, Secretary State Board, made an appeal to the Association for funds to educate the young ministers of our State.

The following amount was paid and pledged:

Eld. J. M. Cox.....	\$25.00	J. T. Marshall.....	\$ 5.00
J. A. Gibson.....	30.00	J. H. Crabtree.....	10.00
W. H. Halliburton.....	10.00	Richard Hood.....	5.00
H. P. Slaughter.....	15.00	T. B. Mathis.....	5.00
Forrest Chappel.....	10.00	E. Holland.....	5.00
J. N. Thompson.....	25.00	John Walker.....	2.00
W. M. Raper.....	10.00	J. E. Garrett.....	5.00
W. H. Robert.....	5.00	Willie Robert.....	10.00
John Farr.....	5.00	J. J. Robert.....	10.00
George Sanford.....	5.00	C. T. Scaife.....	10.00

Moved and carried to adjourn until 2 o'clock, p. m. Prayer by Bro. Murphy.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Called to order for business. Singing. Prayer by Bro. Robert.

Bro. Mayfield made an appeal for funds to rebuild the Baptist Church in Helena, which was entirely destroyed by wind last spring. About one hundred and fifty dollars was paid and promised.

Committee on Sabbath School reported. After remarks, report received and adopted. See Appendix B.

Committee on Temperance reported. Report received and adopted. See Appendix C.

Resolution introduced at the last meeting of the Association changing time of meeting from Thursday to Saturday before the 1st Sunday in October, was taken up. After some discussion the change was made. The Association will hereafter meet on Saturday.

By Brother Robert :

**RESOLVED**, That this Association now assembled in this time of religious controversy, do reaffirm its views on the subject of Baptism and communion as follows :

1st. We believe that in order to Gospel Baptism, it is necessary that not only that there be a correct action, but a Gospel subject—a properly authorized administration, and a correct motive in the same.

2nd. We regard the Lord's Supper as a church ordinance, and believe that it should be confined strictly to the fellowship of the church. That there should be as many communion tables as there are churches in our land ; that one member commune with another, not of right but courtesy.

The following query was introduced by the clerk :

"Do the Baptists of the Mt. Vernon Association condemn dancing by the members of its churches, and should they expell members who persist in engaging in the same."

After much animated discussion by Brethren Mayfield, Holland, Gibson, Spann and Halliburton it was determined to adjourn until 7 o'clock to-night, then resume the discussion of the query and finish the business of the Association.

7 O'clock—Night.

Assembled for business. Singing. Prayer by Bro. Marshall. The query on dancing taken up and discussed by Brethren Crabtree, Slaughter, Robert, Cox and Spann. The following answer to query was introduced by Bro. Mayfield :

"The church should kindly labor with such members, and endeavor to reclaim them ; in the event they will not desist, they should be excluded from the church." The answer was UNANIMOUSLY adopted.

The following resolution was adopted :

**RESOLVED**, That we recommend to the churches of this Association to subscribe for the Home and Foreign Journal, published at Richmond, Virginia, monthly, at twenty-five cents per copy, and do all they can at least once a year to aid in the support of the Foreign Mission Board of the S. B. Convention.

It was moved and carried to take up a collection to-morrow after morning services for Domestic Missions. It was determined to hold the next session of the Association with Mt. Gilliard church, fifteen miles east of Clarendon, Monroe county.

It was moved and carried to correspond with the Caroline Association, and Bro. J. M. Cox was appointed a messenger to that body.

Bro. J. K. Murphy was elected to preach the next introductory sermon. Bro. C. T. Scaife alternate.

The following brethren were appointed Delegates to the State Convention: Elds. W. D. Mayfield, W. H. Robert, J. K. Murphy, J. M. Cox, J. T. Marshall, J. H. Spann, and J. N. Thompson.

The following committee were appointed to report at next session of this body:

ON EDUCATION—Elds. J. K. Murphy, J. M. Cox, and W. H. Halliburton.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOL—Eld. W. H. Robert, J. P. Farrer, J. H. Thompson.

ON TEMPERANCE—Elds. J. T. Marshall, W. M. Raper, J. F. Garrett.

By Bro. J. A. Gibson:

RESOLVED, That this Association tender their thanks to the Trenton church and the community adjacent, for the very kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained us during the session of this body; and we pray to God to shower his choicest blessing upon them, and may the members of the church live in peace and harmony. Adopted

By Bro J. M. Cox:

RESOLVED. That the Association tender its thanks to the Moderator and Clerk, for the able manner in which they have discharged the duties devolving upon them as such officers. Adopted.

The executive board of last year continued, consisting of brethren W. D. Mayfield, T. M. Jacks, J. Q. Taylor, H. P. Slaughter, S. H. King.

The clerk was instructed to have the Constitution and Articles of Faith published with these minutes; also instructed to have five hundred copies of the minutes printed. The clerk was allowed ten dollars for his services.

After an able and impressive parting address by the Moderator, a farewell hymn was sung amid tears of brotherly love.

Adjourned to meet on Saturday before the first Sabbath in October, 1872, with the Mt. Gilliard Church, fifteen miles east of Clarendon, Monroe county.

H. P. SLAUGHTER, Moderator,  
Sylarsville, Monroe county.

S. H. KING, Clerk,  
Trenton, Arkansas.

# APPENDIX.

[A.]

## Report on Education.

Your committee on Education beg leave to report that for want of information from the several churches composing this Association, they are unable to give to the Association the condition of education in the bounds thereof, there being no reports or statistics on the subject of education from any of the Churches composing the same.

In view of the great importance of this subject, your committee regret exceedingly their inability to present the state of education within the bounds of our Association in an intelligent, comprehensible form for the guidance of its future deliberation and action.

As a means of avoiding a want of information on this subject for the future guidance and action of the Association, your committee respectfully submit for the consideration of this Association, and ask the adoption of the following resolution :

**RESOLVED,** That each Church composing the Mt. Vernon Association be requested to send up to the next meeting thereof, a statement of the amount of funds contributed by it for educational purposes, with such other information on the subject as shall tend to the promotion of the same.

W. D. MAYFIELD, Chairman.

[B.]

## Report on Sunday School.

We, your committee on Sabbath School, would respectfully report that they are fully convinced that there is a great dearth of interest manifested upon this very important subject throughout the country, and would urge upon the churches within the bounds of this Association, the importance of having a well conducted Sabbath School with each church; and as far as possible to meet every Sabbath and instruct the children in the great plan of salvation as it is revealed in God's Holy word.

Whilst we would not condemn Union Sabbath Schools, we would urge all churches that can possibly do so, to maintain exclusively a

Baptist Sunday School, where the whole truth of the Bible as we understand it, may be taught.

We would recommend that the churches provide for the young Baptist books and Baptist literature, and that any kind of reading matter that falls short of teaching God's truth as Baptists understand it, be excluded as far as lies in our power.

We would recommend to the churches to send up to the next Association full statistics of the Sunday Schools connected with them, and where they have no School to mention the fact, as this is the only way we can arrive at a true estimate of the number and condition of the Sabbath Schools within the Association.

We would recommend to the Sabbath Schools "Kind Words" and "Young Reaper," as papers in every way worthy of their support, and calculated to do much good to the young, and also the denomination where they are read.

J. A. GIBSON, Chairman.

[C.]

### Report on Temperance.

IN VIEW of the wide-spread desolation all over our land, from the excessive use of Spirituous Liquors and the frequent indulgence of the same, on the part of some of the members of our churches, both by selling and drinking; we recommend that the churches and every individual member do all in their power, both by the enforcement of strict discipline and by the advocacy of every laudable effort made, to discountenance said evil. To raise our fellow-man from the degradation and ruin, to which intemperance would consign them.

J. K. MURPHY, Chairman.

# CONSTITUTION.

1. This confederation of Churches shall be known and called by the name of "MOUNT VERNON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

2. The object of this Association shall be to promote the glory of God on earth, by the preaching of the gospel of his Son Jesus Christ, our Savior; the universal spread of the Bible, the word of the true and living God, and by other appropriate means.

3. This Association shall consist of Messengers from the Churches now forming this Union, and such other Baptist Churches as may hereafter be received as constituent members thereof.

4. Every Church shall be entitled to three representatives, without regard to the number of their members respectively; and to an additional one for every fifty members exceeding fifty; PROVIDED, That no Church shall ever be entitled to more than five. A certificate of appointment, or letter from their respective churches, shall be evidence that they have been so delegated.

5. The officers of this body shall be a Moderator, a Clerk or Clerks, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot, by a majority of the members present, immediately after the names of the delegates enrolled; which officers shall perform all the duties, respectively, unusually devolved on such officers, and continue to exercise their respective functions until they shall be superseded by a subsequent election.

6. The Clerk shall preserve a regular record of the Association, and have it present at the meeting of the body; and when they vacate their office, deliver the same, with all other books and papers relative to said office, to their successors.

7. The Association shall regard the churches as independent bodies in all their internal affairs, and exercise no ecclesiastical jurisdiction or claim any legislative or judicial prerogative over them; nevertheless, the Association may exercise authority over its own members, the representatives of the churches, and power to withdraw from, and disown all churches which may depart from the Gospel as understood and held by this body, by becoming either heterodox in faith, or disorderly in practice; and should, therefore, regard all the churches united in the Association with a vigilant eye for good; and may give, at its own discretion, and in its own way, advice or give information when sought, to any church connected with it.

8. It shall be the duty of the Association to ascertain the general condition of its constituent churches; devise means to promote their harmony, and increase their spirituality and efficiency to promote the cause of truth and righteousness.



9. The Association shall hold annual sessions, to convene on the Thursday before the first Lord's day in October, in each year, and not adjourn until all of the business shall have been regularly finished, except circumstances imperiously demand. The place of meeting shall be determined at each previous session and published in the minutes.

10. Baptist Churches not before united in the Association, or those dismissed from other Associations, may be admitted as members into this Union, on application by a written petition or letter, presented by one or more messengers duly appointed by such church or churches; PROVIDED, They give satisfactory evidence that they are orthodox in faith, and correct in the practice of the Gospel ordinances.

11. Every minister of the Gospel (either ordained or licensed) whose membership is in, or who may be a Pastor of, any church belonging to this body, shall be ex-officio a member of the Association, with the privilege of offering resolutions and speaking, but not of voting, unless specially delegated by some church.

12. When in session, the Association shall be governed by such rules of decorum as it may adopt for itself.

13. It shall be the duty of the churches respectively; annually to report to the Association their general condition; the number of members in fellowship; the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, ex-communicated, restored, and dead during the year; and the names and post-office address of all ministers, whether ordained or licensed, designating each—and also the name and address of their Clerks. They shall also report on any special matter required, and send up such contributions as they may willingly contribute to aid the body to disseminate more widely the truth as contained in the Holy Scriptures, and the establishment of the Redeemer's kingdom on the earth.

14. The neglect or failure of a church to be represented by a Messenger or Messengers in the Association for three consecutive years, shall be cause to withdraw from such churches at the discretion of the Association.

15. This Association may correspond by letter and Messengers with any other religious body of the same faith or order.

16. A board consisting of five members, any three of whom to constitute a quorum, shall be elected at each annual meeting, whose duty it shall be to devise means to carry forward the benevolent objects of the Association; and the officers of this Association shall be ex-officio officers of the Association.

17. The minutes of the Association shall be publicly read and corrected if necessary, and then signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

18. Any amendment may be made to this Constitution at any meeting of the Association, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present; PROVIDED, The same shall have been published in the minutes of the preceeding year.

## Declaration of Faith.

I.—OF THE SCRIPTURES.

We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has  
 been for its author, salvation for its end,<sup>4</sup> and truth without any mixture  
 of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will  
 judge us,<sup>5</sup> and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the  
 sure centre of christian union, and the supreme standard by which all  
 human conduct, creeds, and opinions should be tried.

IT'S ALL IN THE DRINK WATER - IT'S LEFT.

1. The first of these is the fact that the Government has not been able to secure the necessary funds to carry out its policy. This is due to the fact that the Government has not been able to secure the necessary funds to carry out its policy.

18. John 11:12. As yet he said to them, "Let the grave be open for me, that I may go and see my friends and my brethren." John 11:13. They said unto him, "There is no grave open for thee, because thou shalt be dead four days."

Exodus, ix. 3; Phil. iii. 2; 1 Cor. i. 7; 1 Pet. iv. 11.

1 John. i. 1. Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits: whether they are of God: Isaiah viii. 20. To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them. 1 Thes. v. 21. Prove all things. 2 Cor. xiii. 5. Prove your own selves. Also, Acts xxi. 11: 1 John. iv. 1: 1 John. v. 1: 1 Cor. xii. 1: 1 Cor. xiv. 11.

## II.—OF THE TRUE GOD.

We believe that there is one, and only one, living and true God, an infinite, intelligent Spirit, whose name is JEHOVAH, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and earth; <sup>1</sup> inexpressibly glorious in holiness, <sup>2</sup> and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; <sup>3</sup> that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; <sup>4</sup> equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption. <sup>5</sup>

## PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

John iv. 24. God is a spirit. Ps. cxlvii. 5. His understanding is infinite. Ps. cxviii. 18. Then whose name is JEHOVAH, art the Most High over all the earth. Heb. ii. 13. Rom. i. 20. Jer. x. 16.

in Rev. iv, 8. What-like unto Thee-glorious in holiness? Isa. vi, 3; 1. Pet.

Mark all, in. Then shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. Rev. iv. 11. Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory, and honor, and power, for thou hast created all things, and for thy name's sake, and we worship thee. 1 Chron. 29. 10, 11, 12, 13.

Mat. xvi. 13. to ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, &c.

of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost. John xv. 26. When the Father will send the Spirit of Truth, even the Spirit of Truth.

*I am the Father, he shall be like me.* 1 Cor. xii. 6. 1 John i. c.  
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Letter 11.15. For through him the Son we - th have an access by one Spirit

unto the Father. 2 Cor. xiii, 14. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Rev. i, 4, 5; Comp. ii, 7.

### III.—OF THE FALL OF MAN.

We believe that man was created in holiness, under the law of his Maker; but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state; in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners; not by constraint but choice; being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, positively inclined to evil; and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defence or excuse.

#### PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

Gen. i, 27. God created man in his own image. Gen. i, 31. And God saw every thing that he had made, and behold, it was very good. Eccl. i, 2; Acts xvii, 26; Gen. ii, 16.

Gen. iii, 6, 24. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat: and gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat. And the Lord God said, Behold, thou art become as one of us, knowing good and evil: and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden the cherubim, and he put there a flaming sword which kept the way of the tree of life.

Rom. v, 12. By one man's disobedience many were made sinners. John iii, 6. He that is born of the flesh is flesh. Rom. vii, 5. We have turned, every one of us, from God.

1 Pet. ii, 1, 2. Wherein we are made partakers of his sufferings, that we may also partake of his glory. 1 John i, 8. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 1 John ii, 1. For the wrath of God is kindled against all unbelief.

1 John iii, 4. Whosoever committeth sin, is of the devil, who keepeth the children of disobedience. 1 John iii, 9. Whosoever is born of God, he keepeth himself, and he that hath received his seed, he will not sin. 1 John iv, 17. The love of God is that we abide in him, and he abide in us, that we may bring forth much fruit to the glory of the Father.

### IV.—OF THE WAY OF SALVATION.

We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace; through the Mediatorial offices of the Son of God; who by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon Him our nature, yet without sin; honored the Divine law by his personal obedience; and by his death made a full atonement for our sins: that having risen from the dead, He is now enthroned in Heaven; and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection. He is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all-sufficient Savior.

#### PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

Eph. ii, 5. By grace ye are saved. Mat. xviii, 11; 1 John iv, 10; 1 Cor. iii, 5, 7; Acts xv, 11.

John iii, 16. For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. John i, 1, 14.

Phil. iii, 6, 7. Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men.

Isa xlii, 21. The Lord is well pleased for his righteousness sake: He will magnify the law and make it honorable. Phil. ii, 9; 1 Cor. v, 21.

Isa liii, 4, 5. He was wounded for our transgressions; he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed. Mat. xx, 28; Rom. iv, 25, iii, 24, 26; 1 John iv, 10; 1 Cor. xv, 1, 3, Heb. ix, 13, 14.

Heb. i, 8. Unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever. Heb. i, 2; viii, 1; Col. iii, 1, 4.

Heb. viii, 25. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the utmost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. Col. iii, 9. For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. Heb. ii, 18. In that he himself hath suffered, being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted. Heb. ii, 20; Ps. xiv.

### V.—OF JUSTIFICATION.

We believe that the great Gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in Him is Justification; that Justification includes the

pardon of sin;† and the promises of eternal life on principles of righteousness;‡ that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood;§ by virtue of which faith His perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God;|| that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.\*\*

### PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

- \* John i. 16. Of his fullness have all we received. Eph. iii. 8.  
 † Acts xiii. 39. By him all that believe are justified from all things. 1 Cor. iii. 11, 12; Rom. viii. 1.  
 ‡ Rom. v. 9. Being justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. Zach. xiii. 1; Mat. ix. 12; Acts x. 43.  
 § 2 Rom. v. 17. They which receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness, shall reign in life by one Jesus Christ. Titus iii. 5, 6; 1 Per. iii. 7; 1 John ii. 25; Rom. v. 21.  
 || Rom. iv. 4, 5. Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. Rom. v. 21; vi. 21; Phil. iii. 7, 9.  
 \*\* Rom. v. 19. By the obedience of one, shall many be made righteous. Rom. iii. 21, 26; iv. 23, 24; 1 John ii. 12.  
 †† Rom. v. 1, 2. Being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ; by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Rom. v. 3. We glory in tribulation also. Rom. v. 11. We also joy in God. 1 Cor. i. 31; 1 Cor. xiii. 21; 1 Tim. iv. 8.

### VI.—OF THE FREENESS OF SALVATION.

We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel;† that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial, penitent and obedient faith;‡ and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth but his own determined depravity and voluntary rejection of the Gospel;§ which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation.

### PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

- \* Isa. lv. 1. Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters. Rev. xxi. 6. Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. Luke xiv. 17.  
 † Rom. xvi. 26. The Gospel—according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith. Mark i. 15; Rom. i. 15, 16; John v. 40. Ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. Mat. xxiii. 38.  
 Rom. ix. 22; Prov. i. 24; Acts xiii. 46.  
 ‡ John iii. 18. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. Mat. ix. 24; Luke xiv. 27; 2 Thes. i. 8.

### VII.—OF GRACE IN REGENERATION.

We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated, or born again;‡ that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind;† that it is effected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy Spirit, in connection with Divine truth;‡ so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel;§ and that its proper evidence appears in the fruits of repentance and faith and newness of life.†

### PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

- \* John iii. 3. Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God. John iii. 6, 7; 1 Cor. i. 11; Rev. viii. 7, 9; xxi. 27.  
 † 2 Cor. v. 17. If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature. Ez. xxxvi. 26; Dent. xxx. 6; Rom. ii. 28, 29; 7, 5; 1 John iv. 7.  
 ‡ John iii. 8. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the spirit. John i. 13. Which were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. James i. 18. Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth. 1 Cor. i. 30; Phil. ii. 13.  
 § 1 Pet. i. 22, 23. Ye have purified your souls by obeying the truth through the Spirit. 1 John v. 1. Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ, is born of God. Eph. v. 26, 27; Col. iii. 9, 11.  
 †† Eph. v. 9. The fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, and righteousness, and truth. Rom. viii. 4; Gal. v. 22, 23; Eph. iii. 11, 12; Mat. iii. 8, 10; vii. 20; John v. 4, 8.

## VIII.—OF REPENTANCE AND FAITH.

We believe that repentance and faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces, wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God; whereby being deeply convinced of our guilt, danger and helplessness, and of the way of salvation by Christ;† we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession, and supplication for mercy;‡ at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest and King, and relying on Him alone as the only and all sufficient Savior.¶

### PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

\* Mark i. 15. Repent ye, and believe the Gospel. Acts xi. 18. Then hath God, also, to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life. Ephes. ii. 8. By grace ye are saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. 1 John v. 1. Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God.

† John xvi. 8. He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment. Acts ii. 37, 38. They were pricked in their heart and said, "men and brethren what shall we do?" Then Peter said unto them, "repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of your sins." Acts xiv. 21, 22.

‡ Luke xviii. 13. And the publican smote upon his breast, saying, "God be merciful to me a sinner." Luke xv. 18, 21; James iv. 7, 10; 2 Cor. vii. 11; Rom. x. 12; Ps. li.

¶ Rom. x. 9, 11. If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thy heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. Acts iij. 26, 43. Heb. iv. 14; Ps. li. 6; Heb. i. 8; viii. 25; 2 Tim. ii. 12.

## IX.—OF GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE.

We believe that Election is the eternal purpose of God, according to which he graciously regenerates, sanctifies, and saves sinners;‡ that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end;† that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely free, wise, holy and unchangeable;‡ that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, love, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of his free mercy;¶ that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree;‡ that it may be ascertained by its effects in all who truly believe the Gospel;‡ that it is the foundation of Christian assurance;‡ and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves the utmost diligence.††

### PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

†† Tim. i. 5, 9. Be thou not therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of his prisoners; but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the Gospel, according to the power of God: who hath saved us and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began. Eph. i. 3, 14; 1 Pet. i. 1, 2. Rom. xi. 5, 6; John iv. 16; Rom. xiv. 9.

‡ 2 Thess. ii. 13, 14. But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren, beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: whereunto he called you by our Gospel to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Acts xiii. 48. John x. 16. Mat. xx. 16. Acts xv. 14.

‡ Ex. xxxiii. 18, 19. And Moses said, I beseech thee, show me thy glory. And He said, I will cause all my goodness to pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee, and will begin to show to whom I will be gracious and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. Mat. xx. 15. Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with my own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good? Eph. i. 11. Rom. ix. 23, 24; Jer. xxxi. 3; Rom. xi. 28, 29; Jam. i. 17, 18; 2 Tim. i. 9; Rom. xi. 32, 36.

†† 1 Cor. iv. 7. For who maketh thee to differ from another? And what hadst thou that thou didst not receive? Now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory as if thou hadst not received it? 1 Cor. i. 29, 31; Rom. iii. 27; iv. 16; Col. iii. 12; 1 Cor. iii. 5, 7; xv. 10; 1 Pet. v. 10; Acts i. 24; 1 Thess. ii. 13; 1 Pet. ii. 9; Luke xvii. 7; John xv. 16; Eph. i. 16; 1 Thess. ii. 12.

‡ 2 Tim. ii. 10. Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal Glory. 1 Cor. ix. 22. I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. Rom. viii. 28, 30; John vi. 37, 40; 2 Pet. i. 10.

†† 1 Thess. i. 4, 10. Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God, for our Gospel came unto you, not in word only, but in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance, etc.

‡ Rom. viii. 28, 31. Moreover, whom he did predestinate, them he also called, and whom he called, them he also justified; and whom he justified, them he also glorified. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? Isa. xlii. 16; Rom. xi. 29.



### XIII.—OF A GOSPEL CHURCH.

We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptised believers,\* associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel,† observing the ordinances of Christ;‡ governed by his laws;§ and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by his word;|| that its only scriptural officers are Bishops or Pastors, and Deacons,¶ whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus.

#### PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

\* 1 Cor. i. 1, 13. Paul—unto the church of God which is at Corinth. Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were ye baptised in the name of Paul? Mat. xviii. 17; Acts v. 11; viii. 1; xi. 31; 1 Cor. iv. 17; xiv. 23; 3 John 9; 1 Tim. iii. 5.

† Acts ii. 41, 42. Then they that gladly received his word were baptised, and the same day there were added to them about three thousand souls. 2 Cor. viii. 5. They first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God. Acts ii. 47; 1 Cor. v. 12, 13.

‡ 1 Cor. xi. 2. Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances as I delivered them unto you. 2 Thes. iii. 6; Rom. xvi. 17, 20; 1 Cor. xi. 23; Mat. xviii. 15, 20; 1 Cor. v. vi; 2 Cor. ii. vii; 1 Cor. iv. 17.

§ Mat. xxviii. 20. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. John xiv. 15; xv. 12; 1 John iv. 21; John xiv. 21; 1 Thes. iv. 2; 2 John vi; Gal. vi. 2; All the Epistles.

|| Ephes. iv. 7. Unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. 1 Cor. xiv. 12. Seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church. Phil. i. 27. That I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind, striving together for the faith of the Gospel. 1 Cor. xii. xiv.

¶ Phil. i. 1. With the Bishops and Deacons. Acts xiv. 23, xv. 22; 1 Tim. iii. Titus i.

### XIV.—OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER.

We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion in water of a believer,\* into the name of the Father, and Son, and Holy Ghost;† to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in the crucified, buried, and risen Savior, with its effect, in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life;‡ that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation; and to the Lord's Supper,§ in which the members of the church by the sacred use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ|| preceded always by solemn self-examination.¶

#### PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

\* Acts viii. 36, 38. And the eunuch said, see here is water, what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Phillip said, if thou believest with all thy heart thou mayest. And they went down into the water, both Phillip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. Mat. iii. 5, 6; John iii. 22, 23; iv. 1, 2; Mat. xxviii. 19; Mark xvi. 16; Acts ii. 38; viii. 12; xvi. 32, 34; xvii. 8.

† Mat. xxviii. 19. Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Acts i. 47, 48; Gal. iii. 27, 28.

‡ Rom. vi. 4. Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also, should walk in newness of life. Col. ii. 12; 1 Pet. iii. 20, 21; Acts xxii. 16.

§ Acts ii. 41, 42. Then they that gladly received his word were baptised, and there were added to them, the same day, about three thousand souls. And they continued steadfastly in Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. Mat. xxviii. 19, 20; Acts and Epistles.

|| 1 Cor. xi. 26. As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come. Mat. xxvi. 29, 30; Mark xiv. 22, 25; Luke xxii. 14, 20.

¶ 1 Cor. xi. 28. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. 1 Cor. v. 1, 8; x. 32; John vi. 26, 71.

### XV.—OF THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.

We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath,\* and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes,† by abstaining from all secular labor and sinful recreations;‡ by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private§ and public;|| and by preparation for that rest that remaineth for the people of God.¶

#### PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

\* Acts 20, 7. On the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached to them. Gen. ii. 3; Col. ii. 16, 17; Mark ii. 27; John xx. 19; 1 Cor. xvi. 1, 2.



† Ex. xx. 8. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Rev. i. 10, I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day. Ps. cxvii. 24. This is the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.

‡ Isa. lviii. 13, 14. If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord honorable; and shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words; then shall thou delight thyself in the Lord, and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob. Isa. lvi. 2, 8.

\* Ps. cxviii. 15. The voice of rejoicing and salvation in the tabernacles of the righteous.

† Heb. x. 24, 25. Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is. Acts xi. 26. A whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. Acts xiii. 44. The next Sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God. Lev. xix. 30; Ex. xlvi. 3; Luke ix. 10; Acts xvii. 2, 3; Ps. xxvi. 8; lxxxviii. 3.

‡ Heb. iv. 3, 11. Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest.

## XVI.—OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

We believe that Civil Government is of Divine appointment, for the interest and good order of human society; and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored, and obeyed;† except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ,‡ who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the Prince of the kings of the earth.<sup>1</sup>

### PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

\* Rom. xiii. 1, 7. The powers that be are ordained of God. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Deut. xvi. 18; 2 Sam. xxiii. 3; Ex. xviii. 21; Jer. xxv. 21.

† Mat. xxii. 21. Render therefore unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's, and unto God the things that are God's. Titus iii. 1; 1 Pet. ii. 13; 1 Tim. ii. 1, 8.

‡ Acts ix. 28. We ought to obey God rather than man. Mat. 10, 28. Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul. Dan. iii. 15; 18; vi. 7, 10; Acts iv. 18, 20.

\* Mat. xxii. 10. Ye have one master, even Christ. Rom. xiv. 4. Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? Rev. xix. 16; And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. Ps. ii. Rom. xiv. 9, 13.

## XVII.—OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED.

We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the spirit of our God, are truly righteous in His esteem;‡ while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are, in His sight, wicked, and under the curse;<sup>1</sup> and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.<sup>2</sup>

### PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

\* Mat. iii. 18. Ye shall discern between the righteous and the wicked; between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not. Prov. xii. 26; Isa. v. 26; Gen. xviii. 25; Jer. xv. 19; Acts x. 34, 35; Rom. vi. 16.

† Rom. i. 17. The just shall live by faith. Rom. vii. 6. We are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held, that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter. 1 John ii. 29; If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him. 1 John iii. 7; Rom. vi. 18, 22; 1 Cor. xi. 32; Prov. xi. 31; 1 Pet. iv. 17, 18.

‡ 1 John v. 19. And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. Gal. iii. 10. As many as are of the works of the law, are under the curse. John iii. 35; Isa. lvii. 21; Ps. x. 4; Isa. lv. 6, 7.

\* Prov. xiv. 32. The wicked is driven away in his wickedness, but the righteous hath hope in his death. See, also, the example of the rich man and Lazarus. Luke xvi. 25. Thou in thy lifetime receivest thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and thou art tormented. John viii. 21, 24; Prov. x. 24; Luke xii. 4, 5; ix. 23, 26; John xii. 25, 26; Eccl. iii. 17; Mat. vii. 13, 14.

## XVIII.—OF THE WORLD TO COME.

We believe that the end of this world is approaching; that at the last day Christ shall descend from Heaven,† and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution;‡ that a solemn separation will then take place;§ that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.<sup>2</sup>



## PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

1 Pet. iv. 7. But the end of all things is at hand : be ye therefore sober and watch unto prayer. 1 Cor. vii. 29, 31 : Heb. i. 10, 12 : Mat. xxiv. 35 : 1 John ii. 17 : Mat. xxviii. 39, 40 : 2 Pet. iii. 3, 13.

† Acts i. 11. This same Jesus which is taken up from you into Heaven, shall come in like manner as ye have seen him go into Heaven. Rev. i. 7 : Heb. ix. 28 : Acts ii. 21 : 1 Thes. iv. 13, 15 : v. 1, 11.

† Acts xxiv. 15. There shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust. 1 Cor. xv. 12, 50 : Luke xiv. 14 : Dan. xii. 2 : John v. 28, 29 : vi. 40 : xi. 25, 26 : 2 Tim. i. 10 : Acts ix. 42.

† Mat. xii. 39. The angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just. Mat. xiii. 37, 53 : xxvi. 30, 31 : xxv. 31, 33.

† Mat. xxv. 35, 41. And these shall go away to everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal. Rev. xii. 11. He that is unjust, let him be unjust still : and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still : and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still : and he that is holy, let him be holy still. 1 Cor. vi. 9, 10 : Mark ix. 43, 48 : 1 Pet. ii. 9 : Phil. iii. 19 : Rom. vi. 22. 2 Cor. v. 10, 11 : John iv. 36 : 2 Cor. iv. 18.

† Rom. iii. 5, 6. Is God unrighteous, who taketh vengeance? (1 speak as a man.) God forbid : for how then should God judge the world? 2 Thes. i. 6, 12. Seeing it is a righteous thing with God, a recompense tribulation to them that trouble you, and to you who are troubled, rest with us : when he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe. Heb. vi. 12 : 1 Cor. iv. 5 : Acts xvii. 31 : Rom. ii. 2, 16 : Rev. xx. 11, 12 : 1 John ii. 28 : iv. 17.

\*Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God? 2 Peter iii. 11, 12.



# Statistics of the Church, 1870-71.

Churches.	Delegate.	Post Office.	Pastors.	Domestic Missions.									
				Baptized	Received by letter	Restored	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Died	Total in Fellowship	Association Fund		
1st District, 2nd District, 3rd District, 4th District.													
Rising Sun.....	Eld. J. H. Spann, J. E. Turner.....	Crockett's Bluff	J. H. Spann.....	27	7	2	2	3	2	74	\$ 4 00		
DeWitt.....	W. H. Halliburton, J. A. Gibson.....	DeWitt.....	T. B. Altom.....	1	3	1	2	3	2	53	3 25	\$ 40 00	
Big Creek.....	R. H. Parker, J. B. S. neo.....	St. Charles.....	J. H. Spann.....	1	5	...	2	2	6	53	3 25	10 00	
ew Hope No. 2.....	Letter.....	DeWitt.....	J. T. Marshall.....	14	...	...	5	...	1	49	3 00		
Point Deluce.....	J. T. Marshall, T. J. Monsey, E. B. Langham.....	DeWitt.....	J. T. Marshall.....	7	...	...	...	...	...	25	4 00	3 00	
Liberty No. 2.....	Not represented.....	Aberdeen.....	J. T. Marshall.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	38			
Boyau Meter.....	Letter.....	DeWitt.....	J. T. Marshall.....	1	1	...	...	...	...	12	2 00	3 00	
New Hope.....	Eld. J. K. Murphy.....	Helena.....	J. K. Murphy.....	7	15	...	15	2	1	64	2 00		
Helena.....	Eld. W. D. Mayfield, Wm. Porter.....	Helena.....	W. D. Mayfield.....	...	2	...	...	1	1	60	5 50		
Spring Creek.....	H. P. Slaughter, J. F. Langston.....	Sylarsville.....	J. K. Murphy.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	41	2 55	2 50	
Oak Grove.....	Not Represented.....	Moro.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37			
Blackfoot.....	J. E. Hopkins.....	North Creek.....	W. H. Robert.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Trenton.....	Elds. W. H. Robert, C. T. Seafie and S. H. King.....	Trenton.....	W. H. Robert.....	2	2	...	4	3	...	56	3 50	10 00	
Salem.....	J. F. Garrett, Wm. Thompson, J. N. Thompson.....	Trenton.....	C. T. Seafie.....	10	4	2	1	3	...	55	3 00	15 00	
Hickory Ridge.....	L. R. Lucado, W. S. Woodall.....	Trinston.....	...	3	6	...	...	...	...	9	1 50	1 50	
Shiloh.....	Elds. W. M. Raper, E. Holland, G. W. Dew.....	Brinkley.....	Wm. M. Raper.....	13	5	...	18	5	1	42	2 50	2 50	
Bethel.....	W. S. & T. L. Turner, E. Holtzelaw.....	North Creek.....	J. G. A. Davis.....	10	14	2	1	...	...	37	4 50		
Linn Grove.....	John Walker.....	Clarendon.....	E. Holland.....	2	1	...	...	2	1	34	3 00		
Philadelphia.....	Not Represented.....	Cotton Plant.....	J. M. Cox.....	13	7	...	7	1	6	56	5 00		
Ash Grove.....	Eld. J. M. Cox, R. Hood, R. D. Welch.....	Moro.....	W. M. Raper.....	8	4	...	...	...	2	37	3 00		
Pine Fork.....	J. R. Capshaw, W. H. Clark.....	Clarendon.....	W. M. Raper.....	5	10	...	2	1	...	22	5 00		
Mt. Gilliard.....	T. B. Mathis, C. L. A. Graham.....	Forrest City.....	W. H. Barksdale.....	...	10	...	...	...	...	69	3 00	3 00	
Forrest Chappel.....	John Taylor, J. H. Thompson.....	Forrest City.....	J. K. Murphy.....	25	10	2	2	1	...	56	3 00	3 00	
Forrest City.....	J. H. Crabtree.....	Marianna.....	...	6	2	...	...	...	2	30	2 00	3 00	
Hopewell.....	Wm. Melendon, J. F. Wright.....	Marianna.....	J. K. Murphy.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	2 00		
Bible Union.....	Not Represented.....	Cotton Plant.....	J. M. Cox.....	3	9	...	25	1	2	35	2 00		
Marianna.....	C. A. Wilson, J. P. Farrier.....	Clarendon.....	W. H. Robert.....	2	4	...	4	...	1	20	2 75	10 00	
Pleasant Grove.....	Letter.....												
Clarendon.....	J. L. Chaney.....												

# Order of Business, As Observed by this Body.

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1st. Called together by the Moderator for the purpose of hearing the Introductory Sermon.

## AN INTERMISSION.

Delegates re-assembled, Moderator and Clerk in their seats.

2nd. Letters read and Delegates enrolled.

3rd. Election of officers for ensuing year.

4th. Petitionary Letters.

5th. Call for Correspondence.

6th. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.

7th. Committees Appointed— Domestic Missions.

8th.       "               "               Education.

9th.       "               "               Sabbath Schools.

10th.       "               "               Temperance.

11th.       "               "               Finance.

12th.       "               "               Religious Exercises.

13th.       "               "               Correspondence and Messengers  
Sister Associations.

14th. Contributions from Churches received.

15th. Determine place of next Annual Meeting.

16th. Resolutions and Propositions in Order.

17th. Appoint a brother to preach the Introductory.

18th. Executive Board nominated.

19th. Report of Committees.

20th. Report of Board.

21st. Printing of Minutes, and number determined.

22nd. Reading of Minutes before adjournment.

23rd. A parting address by the Moderator.