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The delegates from most of the churches composing the Mount Vernon Baptist Association, together with a goodly number of persons from the surrounding country, assembled with the Ash Grove Church, the above date at 11 o'clock A. M., and listened to the Introductory Discourse, delivered by Eld. P. S. G. Watson, alternate; (Elder Renben Jones, the principal, having returned to Virginia.) Text — "I speak as unto wise men; judge ye what I say." 1 Cor. tenth chapter, and fifteenth verse.

After a short recess, the delegates again assembled. The former Moderator and Clerk being absent, Elders J. M. Cox and P. S. G. Watson were chosen pro tem.

The Throne of Grace was addressed by Elder W. J. Hood, of Monroe county.

Letters from the churches were then read, and the names of the delegates enrolled. Deacon Spence Hall was called as Assistant Clerk.

*Mt. Vernon.*—Neither letter nor delegate.

*Helena.*—Spence Hall, H. F. Mooney, and \*T. S. N. King.

*Ash Grove.*—Parley P. Hill, Benjamin Johnson, and John Cliff.

*Bible Union.*—Peter Parker, Reuben Satterwhite, and \*B. F. Naile.

*New Hope.*—John C. McCrary, John P. Clindining, and P. S. G. Watson.

*Liberty.*—Wm. H. Williams, F. M. Hill, and J. M. Cox.

*Sterling.*—H. F. Tewksbury, Wm. N. Martin, and Peter Burrous.

*Salem.*—Richard Brown, Thos. Durden, and James Durden.

*Hickory Ridge.*—No delegate until Monday.

*Oak Grove.*—Thos. Brooks, Samuel Brooks, and \*Henry Ingram

\* Absent.

The above enrollment being made, an election was held to choose permanent officers for the body, which gave the following: J. M. Cox, Moderator; P. S. G. Watson, Clerk; J. C. McCrary, Treasurer.

Upon application by letter and delegates, three new churches were added—Liberty, Monroe county, W. J. Hood and E. T. Mitchell, delegates; Harmony, same county, E. W. Vann, Joseph P. Vann, and \*Jesse Vickory, delegates; Cuhamah, Arkansas county, T. G. Warthy, and T. J. Mc Adams.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**—A letter and several Minutes, from the Union Association, were presented by Elder N. P. Moore, and Brethren Wm. G. Pursell, and Robert H. Marshall, which were received, and the Messengers invited to sit with us in council.

Committees upon the following subjects were appointed by the Moderator, and confirmed by the Association:

*On Arrangement.*—Spence Hall, P. P. Hill, and John Clift.

*On Domestic Missions.*—P. S. G. Watson, H. F. Mooney, and John C. McCrary.

*On Education.*—P. S. G. Watson, Joseph P. Vann, and W. J. Hood.

*On Sunday Schools.*—P. P. Hill, Peter Parker, and John H. Johnson, (alternate of Benj. Johnson.)

*On the Colored Population.*—John P. Clindining, Richard Brown, and H. F. Tewksbury.

*On Temperance.*—Wm. N. Martin, E. T. Mitchell, and Henry F. Mooney.

*On Colportage.*—P. S. G. Watson, Spence Hall, and H. F. Mooney.

*On Religious Exercises.*—John Clift, P. P. Hill, and Spence Hall.

*On Finance.*—Richard Brown, Peter Parker, and John P. Clindining.

*On Church History.*—H. F. Tewksbury, P. S. G. Watson, and H. F. Mooney.

After a short absence, the Committee on Religious Exercises reported, through their Chairman, that they had appointed Elder N. P. Moore, of Searcy, to preach on Sabbath, at 11 o'clock A. M.; and Elder W. J. Hood, of Monroe county, to preach at 3 P. M.

Brethren whose names are prefixed to the following Associations, were chosen to write Corresponding Letters, and present them on Monday:

John C. McCrary, Caroline; P. S. G. Watson, Union; Spence Hall, Rocky Bayou; P. P. Hill, Cold Water, Miss.

On account of the rejection of our delegate, last year, by the St. Francis Association, an anti-Missionary body, it was resolved that we offer no further correspondence. And because of the Mt. Zion

Association, (cast,) holding in fellowship an excluded Minister from a church in this, it was determined to send no Messenger to that body.

Adjourned until Monday, 9 o'clock A. M.

**SABBATH.**—Almost incessant rain until near noon. After which Elder N. P. Moore delivered a very impressive discourse to as large a congregation as could have been expected under the circumstances. There was no evening service.

MONDAY—10 O'CLOCK.

The Association convened. Prayer was offered by Deacon Spence Hall. H. F. Tewksbury was called as Assistant Clerk. The Minutes of Saturday read. The roll called, and absentees noted.

The letter from the Hickory-Ridge Church was read, and the delegate, Isaac D. Mooney, took his seat in the Association. Elder E. Holland, the other delegate, not present.

The Committee of Arrangement reported, and was discharged. See Appendix A.

The Committee on Domestic Missions asked indulgence until the afternoon. Granted.

The Committee on Education reported. The Committee was discharged; but the further consideration of the report deferred till the afternoon.

The Committee on Temperance reported. The report received, adopted, and the Committee discharged. Appendix C.

The Committee on Colportage reported—received, adopted, and Committee discharged. Appendix D.

The Committee on Church History reported—received, and the Committee discharged. Appendix E.

The Committee on Sunday Schools reported—received, and the Committee discharged. Appendix F.

The Committee on the Colored Population made report—received, and the Committee discharged. Appendix G.

The letters to the several Associations were read, adopted, and Brethren appointed Corresponding Messengers as follows:

Caroline, Prairie County, October 19th, 1855.—Elder J. M. Cox; Brethren B. J. Johnson, and John Clift.

Union, Jackson County, Friday, October 5th, 1855.—Elder J. M. Cox; Brethren P. G. Ray, P. P. Hill, and J. P. Hobbs.

Rocky Bayou, Independence County, September 11th, 1855.—Elder W. J. Hood, and Brother Joseph P. Vann.

Cold Water, (Miss.), ———, 1855.—Elder P. S. G.

Watson; Brethren Amos Koonce, and H. F. Mooney. [For want of time, P. P. Hill was released from preparing a letter to this Association, and P. S. G. Watson to write, subject to a amendment by Amos Koonce, and H. F. Mooney.]

The Committee on Finance reported—adopted, and the Committee discharged. Appendix L.

A reconsideration of the vote in relation to the Mt. Zion Association, was moved and carried; and the following resolution adopted:

*Resolved*, That Elder J. M. Cox, and Brethren W. H. Williams and H. L. Cordell, be appointed to visit the Mt. Zion Association; and, if satisfaction be given to them, a correspondence will be considered as opened with that body.

The amendments to the 5th and 16th Articles of the Constitution, proposed last year, were adopted. The 5th, by adding—"a Corresponding Secretary:" the 16th, by—"and the officers of this Association shall be ex-officio officers of the Board."

In pursuance of this amendment, Deacon Spence Hall was elected Corresponding Secretary.

Brethren Benjamin J. Johnson, E. W. Vann, and William H. Williams, were appointed a Committee to nominate the Board for the next year; which nomination was confirmed by the Association, and the Committee discharged. Appendix L.

Ajourned until 1 o'clock P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

The Committee on Domestic Missions reported—report received, adopted, and the Committee discharged. Appendix B.

The Annual Report of the Board read and received. Appendix H.

The report on Education again called up; and, after remarks were made by Spence Hall and others, it was *rejected* on the ground that the churches were unable to carry into effect the object contemplated in the report.

Deacon Hall offered the following resolution, which was *unanimously* adopted:

WHEREAS, The exigency of the times demand that Baptists should retain the old landmarks of their ancestry, *obtain* and *sustain* the *truth* at all hazards; and as a denomination sustain the exponents of Bible faith, together with those who faithfully expose and oppose all error and *isms* of the world; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That this Association do most cordially and emphatically approve the course of Elder J. R. Graves, editor of the Tennessee Baptist, in his recent and continued controversy with Alexander Campbell and others; and hail with pleasure his successful

efforts in exhibiting; in their true light, the baneful *isms* now extant.

Be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of the foregoing resolution be forwarded to the Tennessee Baptist, Nashville, Tennessee, for publication.

P. S. G. Watson was chosen to preach the next Introductory, and T. S. N. King, alternate.

Brother Hall inquired whether the churches had made collections for Domestic Missions, as contemplated by resolution of last year. When it was found that none had been paid, Brother Hood introduced the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the churches state, in their next letters to the next Association, the amounts they will contribute for Domestic Missions.

On motion of Brother Watson,

*Resolved*, That a subscription be forthwith taken, for Domestic Missions, within the bounds of this Association, to be paid to the Treasurer, quarterly; and that the Deacons be requested to carry out the same plan in the several churches. Appendix J.

By vote it was determined to hold the next Association with the New Hope Church.

*Ordered*, That the list of Ministers and Associations, within the State, be continued in the present Minutes.

*Resolved*, That Brother Watson have five hundred copies of the Minutes printed; and that he be allowed \$10 for his services.

*Resolved*, That the Introductory Sermon be printed: with the Minutes, if there is enough money on hand; if not, then in any way the Clerk may think best.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association be presented to the citizens of this vicinity, for their hospitality and kind attention to the members of this body.

On motion of Brother Hall,

*Resolved*, That we cordially recommend to the Baptists, within our bounds, the following publications: The Tennessee Baptist, Nashville, Tenn.; Home and Foreign Journal, Richmond, Va.; Children's Book, Nashville, Tenn.; Southern Review and Eclectic, Nashville, Tenn.; American Baptist Memorial, Philadelphia.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association be presented to the officers of the body, for the manner in which they have discharged their duty.

On motion, adjourned until Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in September, 1856.

Prayer by P. P. Hill.

J. C. COX, MODERATOR,  
Cotton Plant., St. Francis Co.

P. S. G. WATSON, Clerk,  
Lagrange, Phillips Co.

# APPENDIX.

## [A.]

### REPORT ON ARRANGEMENT.

Your Committee on Arrangement submit the following order for the transaction of business: 1. Domestic Missions; 2. Education; 3. Sabbath Schools; 4. Colportage; 5. Temperance; 6. Colored Population; 7. Church History; 8. Correspondence; 9. Finance; 10. Questions and Resolutions—general business.

SPENCE HALL, CHAIRMAN.

## [B.]

### DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The Committee on Domestic Missions ask leave to report that we view with sorrow the wide-spread destitution within our Associational limits. As a united body, we extend over parts of the counties of Phillips, St. Francis, Monroe, and Arkansas, with but few ministers; and not all, even of this small number, are released from the cares of the world, and wholly devoted to the work of the gospel ministry. We have had, the past year, one Missionary the whole time; one more, a part only. In conclusion, we offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of this Association be earnestly requested to prosecute, with vigor, to the utmost of their means, the object for which they were created. And, further,

Resolved, That we will second their labors to the extent of our ability.

Respectfully,

P. S. G. WATSON, CHAIRMAN.

## [C.]

### ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance ask leave to report that one year ago could be found one, if not several "grog-shops" in every little nook and corner of Phillips county. Drunkenness stalked abroad unabashed, without restraint. A great change has come over that part of our Association. Now a place cannot be found where ardent spirits are retailed. To see a drunken man now, is very rare. This has resulted from the



License Law. Nothing of importance has been accomplished in other parts of the Association. Therefore,

Resolved, That every member of this Association use all the influence in their power, through the churches, to prevent the sale of spirituous liquors, and lend their aid in this great and glorious cause.

W. N. MARTIN, CHAIRMAN.

[D.]

### ON COLPORTAGE.

Your Committee on Colportage submit the following. This is a subject that demands our special attention :

We are gratified to learn that, as a general thing, all we need, as Baptists, to insure strength and efficiency, is that our principles be made known ; that light and truth be disseminated. Circulate ! Circulate !

Our efforts should be especially directed to the extensive circulation of the Bible—the Baptist chart—and our denominational works. Your Committee, therefore, feel that they can do nothing better than re-recommend the same action presented before this body at its last session, to-wit: We would recommend that the services of some suitable person be procured, by the Board, to act as Colporteur for this body, whose duty it shall be to see that he be supplied with suitable books ; and that it shall be the duty of every member of this Association to aid him as far as in their power, in visiting every family within their reach. We further take pleasure in stating that books of a denominational, historical, and literary character, can be procured at the Book-store of Taylor & Bliss, Helena, Arkansas ; to which place we cordially recommend all wanting such books:

P. S. G. WATSON, CHAIRMAN.

[E.]

### ON CHURCH HISTORY.

The Committee on Church History ask leave to report: New Hope Church is supplied with the public ministration of the Word twice a month : to the whites in the forenoon ; the blacks in the afternoon. No Sabbath school, though owning a good Library. Thomas P. Boone was ordained to the work of the gospel ministry in April last. Distant from Helena, thirteen miles northwest. P. S. G. Watson, Pastor ; E. H. J. Martin, Clerk, Lagrange, Phillips county.

Helena Church had the pastoral services of Reuben Jones, until the first of July, when he returned to Virginia ; since, no Pastor. Small Sabbath school—twenty scholars ; two officers. T. S. N. King, resident Minister ; John Q. Taylor, Clerk, Helena, Phillips county.

Sterling Church lost its house of worship by fire ; also a Sunday School Library—expect to obtain another soon ; Sabbath school part of the time ; Prayer-meetings most of the time. Licensed H. F. Tewksbury to preach the gospel. Colored persons preached to irregularly. P. S. G. Watson, Pastor, (monthly ; ) H. F. Tewksbury, Clerk, Sterling, Phillips county.

Liberty Church, Phillips county, has preaching monthly. Occasion-

ally to the slaves, on Sabbath evenings. Recently prayer and exhortation meetings, every Sabbath, for the colored. No Sabbath school. Efforts are now being made to build a good house of worship. Distant from Helena, twenty miles northwest. P. S. G. Watson, Pastor; H. L. Cordell, Clerk, Mariana, Phillips county.

Ash Grove Church enjoys monthly preaching: to the whites in the forenoon; blacks in the afternoon. Regular monthly prayer-meetings. South of Augusta, twenty-five miles; northwest of Helena, seventy-five miles. No Sabbath school. J. M. Cox, Pastor; Josiah Simpson, Clerk. Cotton Plant. St. Francis county.

Bible Union Church has monthly preaching—none to the blacks, distinct from the whites. Has a Sabbath school, and regular prayer-meetings. Distant nine miles northwest from Mt. Vernon. John Pearce, Pastor; Wm. N. Privett, Clerk, Mt. Vernon, St. Francis county.

Oak Grove Church holds preaching monthly; prayer-meetings twice a week. No Sabbath school. The blacks regularly supplied by the Pastor. J. M. Cox, Pastor. From Helena, west thirty miles. J. W. Sullivan, Clerk, Moro, Monroe county.

Salem Church had the labors of Ezekiel Holland, as Pastor, until the first of summer; since, without. From Helena, southwest twenty-five miles. Nothing else to report. Richard Brown, Clerk, Big Creek, Phillips county.

Mt. Vernon Church, in Mt. Vernon, St. Francis county, failed to represent itself. From the best information obtained, it is supposed to have gone down. The former Clerk was J. Satterwhite, Mt. Vernon, St. Francis county.

Hickory-Ridge Church has monthly preaching. Surrounded by other denominations. Sabbath school part of the time. Distant from Helena twenty miles, southwest. Ezekiel Holland, Pastor; Isaac D. Mooney, Clerk, Big Creek, Phillips county.

Liberty Church, Monroe county, was organized in March, 1854. Monthly preaching—occasionally to the slaves. Neither prayer-meetings nor Sabbath schools. From Aberdeen, five miles, southwest. W. J. Hood, Pastor; Benjamin Walker, Clerk, Aberdeen, Monroe county.

Rubamah Church was organized last May, in an entirely new settlement. Monthly preaching. Nothing else of interest. From Aberdeen, fifteen miles, southwest. W. J. Hood, Pastor; James M. McAdams, Clerk, Caseo, Arkansas county.

Harmony Church was organized in May last by W. J. Hood, T. P. Boone, and P. S. G. Watson, upon "three" members. For its present condition, see the statistical table. W. J. Hood, Pastor. From Lawrenceville, five miles, north. Reuben Everett, Clerk, Lawrenceville, Monroe county.

For the increase or diminution of all the churches, we refer you to the statistical table.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. F. TEWKSBURY, CHAIRMAN.

[F.]

## ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to state that they cannot do better than to recommend the re-adoption of the report of last year upon the same subject—namely: “It is too late now to doubt the propriety and utility—nay, the moral necessity of Sabbath schools. It is a part, and an important part, of that system of instrumentalities, which is compatible with the word of God, in preaching the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Time and experience have fully tested its great importance to the moral and religious culture of the rising generation; and God has set His seal upon it as a nursery of the Christian church. Not to name others, in one respect it would commend itself as peculiarly characteristic of, and appropriate to the present age; and that is, that it furnishes a field in which every member of the church can find something to do; and it is peculiarly the duty of private members to attend to, and carry on Sabbath schools.”

Your Committee propose the following resolution:

Resolved, That it be, and is hereby suggested to every church in our limits, to establish one or more Sabbath schools in her bounds; and that they report annually to the Association, the state and condition of their schools, respectively.

P. P. HILL, CHAIRMAN.

[G.]

## ON THE COLORED POPULATION.

The Committee on the Colored Population ask leave to report that in those churches where the word of God has been preached to the colored people, it has proved, as we trust, the means of converting many souls to Christ; and has also had a good effect upon many others, in making them more obedient, sober, industrious and honest. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Board procure the services of two white preachers to labor among the colored population within our bounds; and that they respectfully call upon the owners of slaves to assist in the support of those preachers. But in case the Board should fail in procuring suitable ministers, we would urge upon Pastors and Deacons the necessity of rendering a supply, in every church, to that class of our fellow beings, who we fear have been too much neglected.

JOHN P. CLINDINING, CHAIRMAN.

[H.]

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD.

The Board of the Mt. Vernon Association submit the following report of their proceedings for the past year:

Immediately after their appointment, the members met, and organized by appointing Elder P. S. G. Watson Chairman; T. S. N. King, Secretary; and John C. McCrary, Treasurer. They then proceeded to adopt measures, so far as in their power, to carry out the objects of the Association. Brother James M. Cox was appointed a Missionary to and for Oak Grove Church, in Monroe county; Ash Grove Church, in St. Francis

county—and a new interest, then, soon expected to be constituted in Jackson county—at a salary of \$400: he agreeing to look to the churches and brethren for \$275 of the amount—the remainder (\$125) was supplied by the Domestic Mission Board, at Marion, Alabama.

At the same time an effort was made to secure a minister, or ministers, for the Mount Vernon, Grove Spring, and Bible Union Churches, who had requested this service of the Board; but it was near the last of November before they succeeded. Elder A. J. Merrell signified his willingness to serve the churches, if agreeable to them. But when the Board notified these churches of the fact, it was surprised to learn they, or some of them, had made other arrangements. In this state of things, a new field was finally arranged for Elder Merrell, to-wit: from St. Francis to Lawrence county, including the intermediate points, at a salary of \$300 per annum. He depending on his field for \$200 of this amount, the Board applied to, and received aid from the Alabama Board, for him, for the remaining \$100.

In the month of April last, Elder Thomas P. Boone was appointed a Missionary and Agent of the Board, for the western portion of the Association, at a salary of \$300 per annum, to commence on the first of July, last. He relies on his field for \$200 of this sum, and the Alabama Board furnishes the remainder.

Your Board have been anxious to secure the labors of one or more ministers to preach to the colored part of our population; but two insuperable obstacles have prevented the accomplishment of any thing in this department of our labor—one is, that not a dollar has been at our disposal for the purpose; and the other is, the extreme difficulty of securing the services of a suitable individual. But if the man, or the men, could be found, it is obviously vain to think of effecting any thing in this respect until the churches contribute funds for the purpose.

As Missionary Baptists, we are in favor of all the benevolent objects of the day; but the Board would take the liberty to express its conviction of the paramount claims of Home Missions. We can turn neither to the right hand or to the left, without hearing loud calls upon our charity. But, brethren, we have done wind work enough in passing resolutions, and declaring our principles. Let us now practice what we preach. You need not expect laborers, unless you furnish their hire. No gospel minister preaches for the sake of the hire; yet, if they preach, their time is of the value of money, to themselves and to their families, for temporal necessities. We would respectfully express the hope that the churches and brethren, in the missions heretofore assigned to different ministers, have fully made up their contributions for this service: but, if not, we trust they will soon do so; for those brethren cannot continue to preach, unless their temporal wants are supplied.

The following will show what has been accomplished by your Missionaries, to-wit: Elder J. M. Cox has preached regularly to the Ash Grove Church, the Oak Grove, Smyrna, and the Enon, together with many destitute neighborhoods. The sum of his labors are as follows: Miles traveled, 2,264; sermons, 161; addresses, 42; prayer-meetings, six; families visited, 219; cash received, \$57 65; pledged, cash, \$40; professions, 42; deacons ordained, two; baptized, 20; received by let-

ter. ten. A sufficient amount is further pledged to meet his salary as pledged by the Board—\$400.

Elder A. J. Merrell has preached at various churches and points; but has had the care of no church. The Bible Union had chosen a pastor before he arrived; and the Mt. Vernon had gone beyond recovery. He reports for the eight months under appointment: Miles traveled, 1,367; sermons, 86; addresses, eight; religious visits to families, 120; witnessed the conversion of ten persons, and seven baptisms; received on salary, \$12 50.

T. S. N. KING, COR. SEC.

[I.]  
ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance report that, upon settlement with the Treasurer, they find that he paid for printing the Minutes, last year, \$55 70 which was the entire amount on hand. They report, as contributed by the churches, for printing the Minutes, &c., this year, \$50 30.

RICHARD BROWN, CHAIRMAN.

[J.]  
SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

J. M. Cox, \$5; Spence Hall, \$10; J. C. McCrary, \$5; H. F. Mooney, \$5; Wm. N. Martin, \$5; F. M. Hill, \$5; P. G. Ray, \$5; P. S. G. Watson, \$5; E. T. Mitchell, \$10; H. F. Tewksbury, \$5; Peter Burrous, \$5; Thomas Durden, \$2; W. J. Hood, \$5. Total, \$72.

[K.]  
CONTRIBUTIONS TO ASSIST IN PUBLISHING THE  
INTRODUCTORY SERMON.

H. F. Mooney, \$1; W. G. Purssell, 50 cents; B. J. Johnson, \$1; Reuben Satterwhite, 50 cents; Peter Parker, 50 cents; Thomas Durden, 50 cents; J. C. McCrary, \$1; Wm. N. Martin, 50 cents; J. T. McAdams, 50 cents; Thomas Brooks, 50 cents; P. P. Hill, 50 cents; T. G. Warthy, 50 cents; E. T. Mitchell, \$5; A. H. Hopkins, \$1; Richard Brown, 50 cents; E. W. Vann, \$1; John Clift, 50 cents; Spence Hall, \$1; P. G. Ray, \$1. Total, \$18.

[L.]  
THE BOARD FOR 1855.

ELDER T. S. N. KING, PRESIDENT, Helena.  
DEAC'N SPENCE HALL, COR. SEC., "  
ELDER P. S. G. WATSON, REC. SEC., Lagrange.  
DEAC'N J. C. MCCRARY, TREASURER, Helena.  
ELDER J. M. COX, Cotton Plant.  
DEAC'N J. H. HICKS, Helena.  
H. F. MOONEY, "  
DEAC'N A. H. HOPKINS, Lagrange.  
H. F. TEWKSBURY, Sterling.

NAMES OF MINISTERS IN THIS ASSOCIATION.

ORDAINED.—T. S. N. King, J. M. Cox, Ezekiel Holland, W. J. Hood, T. P. Boone, P. S. G. Watson. LICENTIATE—H. F. Tewksbury.

## ORDAINED BAPTIST MINISTERS IN ARK. [MISSIONARY.]

## NAMES AND POST-OFFICES.

Aaron, John, Lisbon.  
 Anderson, Wm. L., Arkadelphia.  
 Bontricht, C. H., Huntsville.  
 Baker, Joseph, Fayetteville.  
 Butler, R. L., Batesville.  
 Baker, R. L., Fayetteville.  
 Butler, Martin, Ashley.  
 Borah, C. G., Smithville.  
 Bolt, A., Benton.  
 Barnett, D. G., Darysaw.  
 Bell, Jas. T., Searcy.  
 Boone, Thos. P., Lagrange.  
 Carroll, B., Montecello.  
 Cheek, C. W., Arkadelphia.  
 Carrol, —, Brownsville.  
 Cochran, D. M., Mine Creek.  
 Coleman, H. H., Cachamasso.  
 Coleman, R. J., Camden.  
 Craig, J. T., Tulip.  
 Cobb, J. J., Aiken's Store.  
 Compere, Thomas H., Camden.  
 Courtney, F., Eldorado.  
 Cox, J. M., Cotton Plant.  
 Clements, M. E., Lorado.  
 Cartwright, A., —.  
 Corker, M. M., Talledega.  
 Cummings, A. J.  
 Cornelius, S. B., Arkadelphia.  
 Cary, E., Mine Creek.  
 Duren, J. E., Wild Haus.  
 Deuthat, S., Benton.  
 Daugan, J., Bentonville.  
 Denson, N., Fountain Hill.  
 Dodson, W. H., Mine Creek.  
 Daniel, Wm.  
 Dennington, J., Arkadelphia.  
 Everett, Geo., Union Cross-roads.  
 Frost, Wm., Rockport.  
 Garrett, Jas., Pochahontas.  
 Good, John, Pleasant Plains.  
 Gardner, J. H. R. G., Reed's Creek.  
 Gray, R. D., Fayetteville.  
 Gunter, J., Rome.  
 Hall, Isom R., Camden.  
 Haynes, Edward, Godbald.  
 Hesson, John, Lost Creek.  
 Hawkins, Benj., Bennett's Bayou.  
 Hawery, Daniel, Fayetteville.

## NAMES AND POST-OFFICES

Harris, M. B., —.  
 Houston, J. M., —.  
 Halliburton, Sam, Polk Bayou.  
 Halliburton, Word., Polk Bayou.  
 Hartwell, Jessa, Camden.  
 Harper, S., Franksville, La.  
 Haynes, D. R., Union Springs.  
 Hargis, R. A., Three Creeks.  
 Holland, E., Big Creek.  
 Hill, R. C., Washburn, Mo.  
 Heath, Lewis, Bentonville.  
 Hutcherson, John, Jackson.  
 Hood, W. J., Abordeon.  
 Jones, Wm. S., Bennett's River.  
 Jones, Wm., Pochahontas.  
 Jones, B., Center Point.  
 Jones, C., —.  
 Johnson, J. G., Batesville.  
 Kennard, G. W., Batesville.  
 Kern, James P., Des Arc.  
 King, T. S. N., Helena.  
 Kelley, Sam'l, Murfreesboro'.  
 Lea, Wm. M., Pine Bluff.  
 Lindsey, J. Y., Benton.  
 Langley, M. L., Arkadelphia.  
 Lockwood, J. A., Arkadelphia.  
 Miller, J. W., Wild Haus.  
 Merrell, A. J.  
 Moore, F. P., Searcy.  
 Meek, Wm. S., Eldorado.  
 Mitchell, J. F., Washburn, Mo.  
 McCarthy, John, Des Arc.  
 McCullough, J. V., Lamartine.  
 Nelson, J. A., Rome.  
 Obarr, D. W., New Port.  
 Pearce, John, Wittsburg.  
 Pulley, Rob't, Lanark.  
 Parker, U. H., Lacy.  
 Pearce, S. E., Zebulon.  
 Pelly, M., Greenwood.  
 Royal, Y. R., Montecello.  
 Reaves, J., Benton.  
 Riley, C. C., Hazelbottom, Mo.  
 Remes, J., Benton.  
 Scroggin, G. W., Mt. Holly.  
 Stephenson, S., Arkadelphia.  
 Sneed, J. M., North Fork.  
 Smith, A. J., —.

## NAMES AND POST-OFFICES.

Sandofer, J., Calhoun.  
 Thrasher, R. M., Tulip.  
 Tommo, J. C., Eagle Creek.  
 Venzoy, James, Dardanolle.  
 Van Horne, T. B., Fayetteville.  
 Vaughan, Z. M., Huntsville.  
 Vaughan, A. J., Huntsville.  
 Wade, A., Hillsboro'.  
 Wright, Brantly, Ashly.

## NAMES AND POST-OFFICES.

Wood, J. S., ———.  
 Wolf, John, North Fork.  
 Wollard, G. A., Batesville.  
 Worthington, S. D., Three Creeks.  
 Williams, Daniel, Godbold.  
 Watson, P. S. G., Lagrange.  
 Wells, G. W., Rome.  
 Total ordained Ministers, 112.

## LICENTIATES.

Adams, Wm. S., Liberty.  
 Bird, J., Tulip.  
 Baker, L. W., Calhoun.  
 Brown, J., Elm Spring.  
 Burns, Wm. Camden.  
 Chennault, E. N., Little Rock.  
 Campbell, G. W., Batesville.  
 Davis, W. R., ———.  
 Delanter S., Liberty.  
 Elliott, Charles, Rockport.  
 Eyefett, W. T., ———.  
 Estes, W. L., Princeton.  
 Gill, John C., Batesville.  
 Hill, J. W., Smithville.  
 Howard, Joseph, Smithville.  
 Harrell, S., Eldorado.  
 Hicks, J. A., Seminary.  
 Hashall, Robert, Augusta.  
 Henly, B., Batesville.  
 Jones, R., ———.  
 Lewis, Imri, Camden.

Lewis, Moses, Greensboro'.  
 Minick, J., Rome.  
 Mellorse, J. W., Rome.  
 Nowlen, S. W., Little Rock.  
 Ramey, Wm., Polk Bayou.  
 Sparrow, W. D.; Seminary.  
 Sappington, J. M., Elizabeth.  
 Stuart, Samuel, Batesville.  
 Shelton, A. B., Washburn, Mo.  
 Stover, A. J., Fayetteville.  
 Spencer, W. C., Fayetteville.  
 Talbott, G. B., Cleveland.  
 Taylor, John S., Darysaw.  
 Tewksbury, H. F., Sterling.  
 Vernon, J. B., Fayetteville.  
 Wood, G. B., Farmersville, La.  
 Warren, E. A., Camden.  
 Yates, A., Princeton.  
 Yager, J. B., Freo.  
 Total Licentiates 40.

## ANTI-MISSIONARIES.

Armstrong, Thomas, Johnson co.  
 Bates, Wm. F.  
 Branscomb, E., Searcy county.  
 Bruton, James, Pope county.  
 Chance, John, Conway county.  
 Casey, Jesse.  
 Daugherty, S., Wittsburg.  
 Darvey, Israel, Benbrook's Mills.  
 Dodson, Elias, Smithville.  
 Dodson, Thomas.  
 Gipson, Granville.  
 Harden, W P.  
 Harris, F T.  
 Hendrixson, Wm, Pope county.  
 Harris, F T.

Jeffries, George, Helena.  
 Jeffries, Gainer, Liberty.  
 Lucas, W.  
 Moudy, Thomas, Yell county.  
 Purify, Leroy, Liberty.  
 Patty, E.  
 Roland, S.  
 Robertson, J M C, Camden.  
 Sisk, M, Wittsburg.  
 Stayton, Jehu, Mariana.  
 Talbott, J J, Rapp's Barrens.  
 Wright, W Y, Sterling.  
 Willis, Thomas, Johnson county.  
 Total ord. anti-Missionary 28.  
 Curzadd, Jos., Greensboro'. Lic'd 1.

Missionaries ordained, 112; Licensed, 40; Total 152.

Anties ordained, 28; Licensed, 1; Total, 29. Grand Total, 181.

## MISSIONARY ASSOCIATIONS, CLERKS AND POST-OFFICES, IN ARKANSAS.

Bartholomew, R Pully, Lanark.  
 Caddo River, W F Browning, Anity.  
 Columbia, M S McDonald, Pine Flat.  
 Caroline, A Hinkle, Cadron.  
 Concord, James Garrett, Pochontas.  
 Dardanelle, Rob't Venzoy, Dardanelle.

Fayettev'e, T B VanHorne, Fayettev'e	Rocky Bayou, J C Brickoy, Batesville
Inde'ence, S Halliburton, Polk Bayou	Red River, T A Heard, Arkadelphia
Judson	Saline, Aaron Yates, Princeton
Liberty, W G Cole, Hillsboro'	Union, Wm G Purcell, Augusta
Mt Vernon, P S G Watson, Lagrange	White r'vr, Wm S Jones, Bennett's r'vr
Mt Zion (east) C H Bontright, Huntsv'e	Total 18.
Mt Zion (west) A Tyler, Wittsburg	

### ANTI-ASSOCIATIONS.

Buffalo Association of United Baptists; Little Red River Primitive Baptist Association; Little Hope Association; Point Remove Regular Baptist Association; Salem Association of Regular United Baptists; South Arkansas Primitive Baptist Association; St. Francis River Baptist Association; Union Association of Regular Baptists; Washington Association of Regular Baptists; and the Washington Association. These lie mostly in the western part of the State, from Missouri to Louisiana. Total 10.

### GRAND TOTALS.

Associations,	28
Ministers,	181

These figures are undoubtedly below the reality. Will some Brother, in every Association in the State, be so kind as to mail to my address a copy of their Minutes for 1855?

P. S. G. WATSON, CLERK.

### STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Dead.	Whites.	Blacks.	Total.
Mt. Vernon .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Helena .....	5 3	..	..	5 2	3 62	3	65	..	..
Ash Grove .....	22 7	..	1 1	2 71	..	..	71	..	..
Bible Union .....	5 6	..	2 ..	..	32	..	32	..	..
New Hope .....	25 6	1 2	4 1	66	12	78	..	..	..
Liberty, (1st) .....	6 4	..	2 1	34	4	38	..	..	..
Sterling .....	7 2	..	2 ..	23	1	24	..	..	..
Salem .....	4 ..	2 ..	1 12	1	13	..	..	..	..
Hickory Ridge .....	.. 1	..	..	7	..	7	..	..	..
Oak Grove .....	7 2	..	5 7	2 39	..	39	..	..	..
Liberty, (2d) .....	1 9	..	..	1 17	..	17	..	..	..
Harmony .....	17 7	..	..	23	1	24	..	..	..
Ruhamah .....	.. 11	..	..	11	..	11	..	..	..
Totals .....	99 58	3 17	17 11	397 22	419	..	..	..	..