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BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

→ Held with Rose Bud Church, White County, Ark., ←

OCTOBER 11-13, 1884.

OFFICERS:

B. D. TURNER, Moderator. J. G. HOLLAND, Clerk.
J. G. DOYLE, Treasurer.

Next Session to be held with Lonoke Church, Lonoke County, Ark., on
Saturday before the first Lord's Day in September, 1885.

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MINUTES.



The Caroline Baptist Association convened with Rose Bud Church, White county, Ark., on Saturday, October 11th, 1884, at 10 o'clock, and after singing, by the congregation, "Nearer my God to thee," was called to order by John G. Holland, former clerk; on motion, B. D. Turner. was chosen as temporary Moderator, and after the reading of the seventeenth Psalm, prayer was offered by Eld. R. J. Coleman

The churches composing the Association were then called, by the former clerk, and the messengers, present therefrom, were enrolled as follows:

[This list also includes such messengers as appeared afterwards, during the session of the Association.]

Austin—F. R. Young.

Beebe—Grant Tayler, Eld. J. G. Doyle.

Bethlehem—No letter or messenger.

Cabot—Eld. R. J. Coleman.

Carlisle—Letter, but no messenger.

Centre Hill—J. W. Smith, Jas. Edwards, J. F. Redus,
Henry Morgan.

Cypress Valley—Letter, but no messenger.

Des Arc—Letter, but no messenger.

Eighth St.—Dissolved.

Elon—Hugh Anderson.

El Paso—Eld. J. G. Nunn, W. H. Vann, Zeb Warren.

Friendship—E. W. South.

Greenwood—Wm. Thurman, J. M. Rooker.

Gumwoods—G. I. Rose, J. Harbour.

Harmony—J. T. Fortson, E. F. Parks.

Hickory Plains—No letter or messenger.

Jacksonville—Letter, but no messenger.

Judsonia—Eld. J. Cheany, Robt. Owen and E. W. Briggs.

Kensett—No letter or messenger.

Ky. Valley—T. F. Hodges, J. F. Hodges, Eld. W. H. Hodges.

Liberty—H. G. Watson, J. P. Rogers, G. W. Branch.

Lonoke—W. N. Branstford, J. B. Beard.

Mt. Pleasant—No letter or messenger.

Mt. Vernon—L. C. Elliott, W. M. Arnold, Jerome Garrett.

New Hope—J. T. Lucas, P. S. Deal, C. O. Lanier.

Pleasant Hill—J. M. Robinson, M. L. Robinson.

Rose Bud—Eld. R. W. Davis, W. B. Moon, A. L. McKay.

Searcy—Eld. A. J. Kincaid, John G. Holland, Ben. C. Black, A. J. McGinnis.

Shiloh—No letter or messenger.

South Antioch—Wm. Jones, J. B. Armstrong.

Sharon—E. N. Davis.

Vilonia—J. M. Evans, R. R. Welch, J. G. Dobbins.

Walnut Plains—No letter or messenger.

Wattensas—O. U. Owens, N. E. Verser.

West Point—No letter or messenger.

Zion Hill—No letter or messenger.

The Association then proceeded to a permanent organization, by the election of the following officers: B. D. Turner, Moderator; John G. Holland, Clerk; Eld. J. G. Doyle, Treasurer.

A call was made for petitionary letters from churches, for membership in this Association, and the following responded:

Second Church, Little Rock, by her messengers, B. D. Turner and W. F. Blackwood, on motion was received, and

the hand of fellowship extended to Bro. Blackwood, by the Moderator.

Rock Spring Church, Lonoke county, by her messengers, T. T. Sentell and R. B. Russell, on motion was received, and the hand of fellowship extended to the messengers, by the Moderator.

On motion, immediately after assembling this afternoon was fixed as the time for the preaching of the introductory sermon.

On motion, visiting brethren were invited to seats with us

On motion, adjourned to 1:30 o'clock P. M

1:30 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Moderator, who announced the appointment of the following committee:

On Preaching - Eld. R. W. Davis and Bros. W. B. Moon and A. L. McKay.

The introductory sermon was then preached by Eld. Doyle, to the Association and a large and attentive congregation, from Daniel ii : 44. "And in the days of these kings shall the God of Heaven set up a Kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the Kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these Kingdoms, and it shall stand forever."

The committee on Preaching made the following report:

Eld. M. D. Early to preach Saturday night at 7 o'clock; Eld. Josephus Cheany, on Sunday afternoon; Eld. B. R. Womack, on Sunday night at 7 o'clock.

R. W. DAVIS, Chairman.

Eld. B. R. Womack, editor of the Evangel, being present, addressed the Association in behalf of said paper.

On motion, the Moderator was directed to appoint a special committee of three, on the subject of Temperance.

Eld. M. D. Early addressed the Association on the subject of Denominational Education.

On motion, the following order of business was adopted:

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call for letters, and enrollment of messengers from churches.

2. Admission of new members.

3. Admission of Correspondence.

4. Election of officers.

5. Appointment of the following committees: on Preaching; on Missions; on Sunday Schools; on Publications; on Finance. Special committees may be appointed and report at any time.

6. Call for Missionary reports.

7. Call for report of standing committees.

8. Elect Missionary and fix his salary.

9. Appoint time and place for next annual session.

10. Elect ministers to preach next annual sermons.

11. Miscellaneous or new business.

But this order may be suspended at any time, by a vote of the Association.

On motion, adjourned until 8:30 o'clock on Monday morning—Prayer by Eld. M. D. Early.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

The Moderator announced the appointment of committees as follows:

On Missions: Elds. R. J. Coleman and R. W. Davis, and Brp. W. F. Blackwood.

On Sunday Schools: Eld. J. G. Doyle and Bros. O. U. Owens and E. W. Briggs.

On Publications: Elds. A. J. Kincaid and J. G. Nunn and Bro. Grant Taylor.

On Finance—John G. Holland, F. R. Young and J. P. Rogers.

Special Committee on Temperance—Eld Josephus Cheany and Bros. L. C. Elliott and J. F. Redus.

Eld. M. D. Early preached an able and interesting sermon, from Psalms, LXXXIV. 11. "For the Lord God is a sun and a shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."

SUNDAY, 11 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The missionary sermon was preached at the Baptist church, by Eld. A. J. Kincaid,—from Acts XX. 35. "I have shewed you all things, how, that laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."—to a large and attentive congregation, and it is hoped that much and lasting good may result from the efforts.

At the close of the sermon, a collection was taken up for missions, and the sum of \$33.00 realized thereby.

SUNDAY, 2:30 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Eld. Josephus Cheany delivered an excellent sermon, from Mark XVI. 16. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

SUNDAY, 7 O'CLOCK P. M.

Eld. B. R. Womack, editor of the Evangel, preached an able and impressive sermon, upon the subject of Foreign Missions and the duty of Baptists in relation thereto; after which a collection was taken up, and \$8.50 realized for Foreign mission purposes.

The Sabbath services were all largely attended, and we trust many persons will be greatly benefitted by the day's labor.

MONDAY, 8:30 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and

was called to order by the Moderator, who read a portion of scripture, after which Eld. V. Turner offered prayer.

The minutes of Saturday's proceedings and Sunday's exercises were read and adopted.

A call was made for corresponding messengers from other bodies, whereupon Eld. V. Turner from *Little Red River Association*, responded, and was invited to a seat in the Association.

The special committee on Temperance made their report, which was adopted, after discussion and slight amendment, as follows:

Your committee on Temperance would report:

That the mighty tide of Intemperance is only partially stemmed, and regarding Alcohol as the invention of the evil one, and to mankind the most formidable and insidious foe of the age, let it be

RESOLVED, 1. That as the sense of this Association the only safe rule, for individual practice, is, *Total Abstinence*.

RESOLVED, 2. That we believe the object which should be kept constantly in view, is Absolute Prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks in our commonwealth.

RESOLVED, 3. That to this end, our Churches, Pulpits and Sabbath schools should each continue to give the weight of its moral influence to the securing of the same.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOSEPHUS CHEANY,
J. F. REDUS.

The committee on Publications made their report, which was adopted, as follows:

We, your committee on Publications, would report as follows:

The importance of this subject cannot be too highly appreciated nor over estimated. The power of the printing press is an acknowledged fact that needs no argument

by way of proof. This fact is substantiated by observing that almost every organization, every party, or society of any kind, has taken advantage of this acknowledged power of the printing press, to disseminate their views, foster their institutions, and accomplish the ends in view in such organization.

Almost everything, to-day, has its paper—its press. The children of this world, in the wisdom of their generation, have laid hold upon, and are utilizing this mighty power to the furtherance of their causes and interest. This truth needs no more than mere statement—we all know it. Therefore the children of Light and Truth should lay hold upon, and use this mighty instrument and power—as they are doing to a considerable extent and well, but not enough. We should not in this be one whit behind the children of this world. Nay, verily; but far ahead, for the printing press, with its mighty power and influence, is no less powerful for the furtherance of God's cause, than the interests and causes of the children of the world. It should and would be, under the contract of God's children, supported by their prayers and means, a greater power for truth and righteousness than it possibly could be for the furtherance of the interests of any mere worldly organization, society or enterprise.

The power of the printing press is an increasing power. While it is true, that there are a large number of people, especially of our people, who have not been, nor are yet, a reading people—to their shame be it said, yet we live in a reading age, and amidst a reading generation. In this fact lies the power, the increasing power, of the printing press to reach the minds and influence the people.

With this plain fact before us, we, as God's true church, holding his pure truth, and charged with the duty of giving it to a World in sin and error, superstition and idolatry, we cannot afford, as a church, to be indifferent, and not be guilty before God of not doing what we ought to have done.

Neither can we as individual Christians, in our social

sphere, be indifferent to this and not be guilty in failing to use one of the greatest instruments for good which God has put within our power and reach.

Therefore, because of these and many other reasons that might be assigned, we, your committee would recommend, as the voice of this Association:

That every member of this body, and of the churches composing it, who can consistently do so, to subscribe at once for our state denominational paper, 'The Arkansas Evangel.

First—Because of the above mentioned reasons.

Second—Because it is our own home enterprise.

Third—Because we cannot afford to be without a state denominational paper.

Fourth—Because we owe it to God and his cause, to be just as well informed on all the subjects and issues of the day, and of the Truth, the propagation and defense of which is committed to us.

Fifth—Because we owe it to ourselves, our own minds and souls, our families and friends, who are dependent upon us for such information.

And last, but not least, because we cannot have a state denominational paper, such as we need and want, unless we do subscribe for it.

In addition to the Evangel, we would recommend the Tennessee Baptist, published at Memphis, and the Western Recorder, published at Louisville, Ky.; as good, sound denominational papers—thoroughly devoted to the interests of Christ's Truth and Kingdom, and the defense of the Faith once delivered to the saints.

We also recommend the various publications of the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia; the Southern Baptist Convention, Macon, Ga., and the Baptist Book House, Memphis, Tenn.

A. J. KINOID,
GRANT TAYLOR,
J. G. NUNK.

Bro. J. M. Evans, of Vilonia Church, was excused for the remainder of the session.

On motion, Elds. R. J. Coleman and J. G. Doyle and Bro. Grant Taylor were appointed a committee on Memorials of deceased ministers of the Association.

On motion, adjourned to 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

1:30 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Association convened pursuant to adjournment.

The committee on Sunday Schools made their report, which was adopted, as follows :

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to make the following report : We regret to see, from the reading of the letters from the churches, that there is but little interest manifested in so great and important a matter as we consider the Sunday school work to be ; but we were pleased to see, that there is even some little interest manifested. We would respectfully urge the necessity of the Baptists of Caroline Association taking a greater interest in this work than has heretofore been done, knowing and believing as we do, that it is a great work, and one in which every Christian can engage, and thereby help to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We recommend as Sunday School literature : first, the Bible ; then, the International lessons as used in Kind Words and the publications of the American Baptist Publication Society of Philadelphia.

We would respectfully urge each Church, in this Association, to have a Sunday school, under its immediate charge—electing its Superintendent and teachers, and to organize Sunday schools in localities where there are no Churches.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. DOYLE,
O. U. OWENS.

The committee on Missions made a report, recommending the ceasing of Missionary work by the Association, ex-

cept through the State Board, and that the funds on hand be turned over to that Board, which, after considerable debate, failed of adoption.

The Missionary Board made the following report :

We, your Missionary Board, report as follows: On returning home from the Association at Austin, we prepared a circular letter, on the subject of Missionary contributions, etc., and in connection with the report of Missions as made at last Association, had printed over nine hundred copies, and sent them out to the various churches early in the year, so that all might see what was requested of them and required of the Board.

In pain we must say, we received not a single response from any church. Not a cent! Therefore we could not do anything. So, our report is simply, nothing done for want of means.

A. J. KINCAID,
JOHN G. HOLLAND.

On motion the report was received, and the Board was continued for another year, and the Associational Mission funds placed at their disposal, for such missionary work as they may deem best.

The Finance committee made the following report:

We, your committee on Finance, beg leave to report the following receipts at this session:

Minutes fund	.	.	.	.	\$ 46.25
Associational Missions	.	.	.	.	60.65
"	"	Sunday collection			83.00
"	"	Ladies, Gumwood ch.			3.35
State	"	"	Austin	"	9.00
Foreign	"	.	.	.	50
"	"	Sunday collection			8.50
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					\$161.35

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. HOLLAND,
F. R. YOUNG.

On motion, the funds were ordered paid to the Treasurer, to be by him paid out to the various purposes directed by the Association.

Eld. R. J. Coleman made a report on the history of the Association, which was received without reading, and ordered to be printed in the minutes of this session.

Eld. J. G. Doyle, Secretary of Ministerial Education reported as having

Received from all sources	-	-	\$57.70
Paid to Bro. J. J. Taylor,	-	-	\$44.50
" " " Smith,	-	-	5.00
" " " O. P. Miles,	-	-	5 00—54.70

Leaving balance on hand	-	-	\$3.00
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On motion, Bro. Doyle was continued as such Secretary, and was directed to pay balance in his hands to Bro. Smith.

On motion, Saturday before the 1st Sunday in September, 1885, was fixed as the time, and Lonoke Church, Lonoke county, selected as the place, of holding the next session of the Association.

Eld. Josephus Cheany was selected to preach the Introductory sermon, with Eld. R. W. Davis, his alternate.

Eld. A. J. Kincaid, to preach the Missionary sermon, on Sunday at 11 o'clock A. M., with Eld. J. G. Doyle, his alternate.

The Treasurer made the following report :

J. G. Doyle, Treasurer,

In acct. with Caroline Association.

To cash on hand last report	-	-	\$ 4.05
" " rec'd from Finance Committee	-	-	172.60
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			\$176.65

By amount paid Eld. M. Green,	-	33.00
" " " " J. D. Fletcher,	-	22.00
" " " " John G. Holland,	-	52.90—110.90

Balance on hand	-	-	-	\$65.75
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The Clerk made the following report :

John G. Holland, Clerk,

In acct. with Caroline Baptist Association.

To balance on hand last report, - - - \$ 5.15

" cash rec'd from Treasurer, , - - - 52.90

\$58.05

By services, - - - 15 00

" postage on minutes, - - - 4.05

" cash for printing minutes, - 39.00

\$58.05

On motion, the clerk was directed to have 800 copies of the minutes printed, to distribute the same to the churches, and have \$15.00 for his services.

By permission of the Association, Eld. V. Turner, spoke in behalf of Sulphur Spring Church, Faulkner county; and thereupon a collection was taken up, to aid said Church in building a house of worship, and the sum of \$18.50 raised for that purpose. The clerk was directed to send the church, two copies of our minutes, when printed.

The following resolution, introduced by Bro. O. U. Owens, was adopted:

RESOLVED, that we tender our thanks to the Moderator, for the dignified and impartial manner in which he has presided over the body during this session.

The following was adopted :

RESOLVED, that the thanks of Association are hereby extended to Rose Bud Baptist Church, and the citizens of Rose Bud and vicinity, for their generous hospitality and courtesy in entertaining the members of the Association and visiting brethren and sisters.

A letter of grievance was presented from S. J. Ethridge and others, complaining of the recent action of Kentucky Valley Church, and asking the advice of the Association in reference thereto.

On motion, they were advised to call a council from

the sister churches, to assist them in the adjustment of their difficulties with Kentucky Valley Church; and it was suggested, that said Church ought to agree with said aggrieved brethren in an effort to settle their differences by such council.

Messengers to the Baptist State Convention, to be held at Pine Bluff, were selected, as follows : B. D. Turner, Eld. R. J. Coleman, Eld. Josephus Oheany, Eld. J. G. Doyle and Eld. A. J. Kincaid.

The congregation joined in singing, during which the messengers and visiting brethren and sisters gave each other the hand of love and parting, and on motion, the Association adjourned, to meet with Lonoke Church, Lonoke county, on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in September, 1885, at 10 o'clock A. M. Prayer by Eld. R. J. Coleman.

B. D. TURNER, Moderator,
Little Rock, Ark.

JOHN G. HOLLAND, Clerk,
Searcy, Ark.

HISTORY OF CAROLINE ASSOCIATION.

The Caroline Association was organized in the year 1853, with Atlanta Church, at what was then known as "Grand Pap" Sanders' Spring, two miles west of the town of Austin, Prairie (now Lonoke) county. There were five churches that went into the organization : Atlanta, Beth-el of Conway, Des Arc, Hickory Plains and Siloam. Eld. L. Hall was chosen moderator, and Dr. Hinkle, clerk. Ministers present—L. Hall, John McCarthy, J. B. Carroll and J. McKeern.

1854—Met with Walnut Grove Church, Conway county; same officers chosen. Eld. J. Keern was chosen as mission-

ary for the next year, at a salary of \$150.00, to be paid by the body, and all besides that he could collect from the field. From the lack of minutes, it cannot be ascertained what else was done at the session; the above facts were gathered from a few brethren who were present and still survive.

1855—Met with Hickory Plains Church; Eld. G. W. Thompson, Moderator, and Sebron Jackson, Clerk. A missionary society was formed at this meeting, to meet every quarter, each member of which agreed to pay five dollars annually for three years, for missions. Eld. J. B. Carroll was employed as missionary, at a salary of five hundred dollars, and did a good work. Ministers present—I. Hall, J. McCarthy, J. B. Carroll, G. W. Thompson and C. B. Walker.

1856—Met with Antioch Church (now El Paso); the same officers were chosen. Three new churches were added: Pleasant Hill, Unity (now New Hope) and Watten-sas. Eld. J. B. Carroll was continued as missionary.

1857—Met with Siloam Church, Conway county; same officers chosen. One new church was added—Union, which worshipped where the Beebe church now stands; it was removed to Stony Point in 1866, but afterwards carried back to Beebe, and the name changed. The Atlanta church was removed to Austin and the name changed. Eld. Carroll was continued as missionary.

1858—Met with Des Arc Church, and same officers chosen. Elds. J. M. Cox and J. Franklin had come into the bounds of the Association. James Keern was silenced from preaching, and cut off from the Church, in 1856, for dissipation.

1859—Met with Austin Church, and same officers chosen. Nothing farther of the proceedings are definitely known, though some brethren, who still survive, think the missionary work was kept up.

1860—Met with Bethel Church, Conway county. Eld.

G. W. Thompson, Moderator, and Eld. J. Cox, Clerk. The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. L. R. Hall, in place of Eld. H. T. Weatherly, deceased. There were twenty-four churches, viz: Antioch, Austin, African (Pulaski County), Bethel, Bethlehem, Brownsville, Cypress Valley, Des Arc, Galla Creek, Hickory Plains, Liberty, Little Rock, Macedonia, Mt. Zion, New Hope, Piney Grove, Pleasant Grove, Pleasant Hill, Siloam, Springfield, Union, Walnut Plains and Wattensaus—24. Baptized 19; received by letter 19; excluded 7; died 11; restored, 11; white members, 635; colored, 67. The brethren had taken it into their heads and hearts to build up a first-class female school, to be located at Austin, Prairie county, and had made a subscription, for the purpose, of \$2500. The enterprise was defeated by the late war. The body was alive to all the enterprises of the day—Sunday-Schools, Education, Missions and Temperance—and some strong men had come into the bounds of the Association, as will be seen from the following list of ministers: I. R. Hall, B. H. Bearden, H. E. Bell, J. H. Franklin, C. B. Walker, J. M. Cox, G. W. Thompson, W. M. Thompson, J. B. Carroll, B. F. Bailey, Cynus Crosby, P. S. G. Watson, J. F. Hooten, E. N. Chenault, S. K. Melton, L. D. Turle, E. B. Dover, John Lea and Moses Green, and Wilson Brown, colored.

1861—Met with the Austin Church; Eld. G. W. Thompson, Moderator, S. Jackson, Clerk. Nothing of importance of their work has been learned, except that their desires to advance the interests of the Churches had not waned, though the war, then in progress, had caused a weakening of their forces and a blockading of their wheels, in consequence of which the body was much discouraged.

1862—Met with Austin Church, again, on account of the condition of the country. Nothing of importance has been learned of their work. The body adjourned in confusion, before the advancing forces of the Federal Army, and did nothing more until after the close of the war.

1866—The Association was revived, in 1866, by a call

from a convention held at Anstin in June preceding. It was then composed of twelve churches, most of which were feeble, but in a prospering condition. There were 212 baptisms reported, and a membership of 653. There were only five ordained ministers belonging to it: Elds. E. B. Dover, T. P. Boone, M. Green, R. J. Coleman and C. B. Walker—only three of whom were in active pastoral service—Green, Coleman and Boone.

1867—Met with Des Arc Church. There were seventeen churches represented, with a total membership of 993. Baptisms reported, 208. Three ministers had been added to the former number—Elds. W. H. Robert, J. M. Cox and W. B. Beaver. The two last have gone to their reward. Elds. M. Green and J. M. King did some missionary work, that year, at the instance of Pleasant Hill church. A missionary fund was raised during the session, by subscription, and Eld. A. M. Russell chosen missionary. The following ministers were also added to the list: S. G. Allen, John Carroll, G. G. Holloway, A. Jenkins, D. Lewis, Wm. Thompson, J. M. King and A. M. Russell.

1868—Met with Mt. Vernon Church. Baptisms, 202; total membership, 1292. The list of ministers was increased by John McCarthy, who has long since gone to his reward. The churches generally were in quite a revival state. Several church houses built—Austin, Mt. Vernon and Pleasant Hill. There was no report published of mission work, though no doubt a very good work was done.

1869—Met with Pleasant Hill Church. Baptisms, 229, total membership, 1419. One new church was added, making 21. One minister added—Eld. J. G. Bledsoe. From the minutes it seems there had been no missionary the preceding year; but two were employed for the next year—M. Green, to the whites, at a salary of \$500, and G. G. Holloway, to the colored; for which a subscription was taken up of \$38.70.

1870—Met with West Point Church. Churches, 22; baptized, 184; total membership, 1683. Two new ministers

were added: T. B. Espy (who has been called home) and T. P. Jones. There was contributed, to Foreign missions, \$20.00; to Indian missions, \$3.00.

1871—Met with Greenwood Church, at Butlerville. B. D. Turner, Moderator; H. C. Hinton, Clerk. T. B. Espy preached the Introductory sermon, from Gal. iv, 22; missionary sermon, by R. J. Coleman, from Ephesians i, 11. Collections for missions, \$30.50. H. H. Beavers had been employed as a missionary, at a salary of \$500.00. From his report, there was one church organized by him, and two revived. Baptisms, 150; total membership, 1788; churches reported, 25. Eld. J. M. King was employed as a missionary, at a salary of \$500.00.

1872—Met with Lonoke Church. Baptisms, 122; churches added, 5; represented, 26; not represented, 4; total membership, 1666. Eld. J. M. King reports that five new churches had been organized. His salary had been fixed at \$500.00; but the minutes do not show that more than \$400.00 was paid.

1873—Met with the El Paso Church. Baptisms, 146; membership, 1735—several churches having largely over 100 in membership, and general prosperity seemed to be the condition of most of the churches. Eld. M. Green was missionary for five months of that year, at a salary of \$50.00 per month.

1874—Met with Judsonia church. Eld. J. D. Fletcher served as missionary for a part of the year, at a salary of \$240.00. There was one new church organized, and 23 baptisms.

1875—Met with Beebe Church. Baptisms, 120; churches reported, 36; total membership, 1801. There was no missionary in the field that year, but about \$44.00 was paid to different brethren for missionary work.

1876—Met with Des Arc Church. Eld. T. P. Boone, Moderator; Eld. J. C. Shipp, clerk. Eld. T. B. Espy preached the Introductory sermon. Only nineteen churches, out

of 84, represented. Baptisms, 14; total membership (of the churches represented) 1112. Corresponding and visiting brethren were present; from Mt. Vernon Association, B. F. Thomas; Pine Bluff, Ben. Thomas; San Jose, Cal., Eld. Wm. Hildreth; and Dr. J. B. Hartwell, representative of Southern Baptist Convention. Eld. M. H. Neal preached the Missionary sermon. No account is given of any missionary work that year.

1877—Met with Center Hill Church. Baptisms reported, 105; churches enrolled, 34—several having gone into the formation of a new association, Grand Prairie; total membership, 1550. There seems to have been no missionary work done during the year. The minutes are quite defective, as there is no report of funds for any purpose.

1878—Met with Hickory Plains Church. Baptisms, 53; churches, 84; membership 1524. The interest and zeal of many of the churches seems to have waned, as the number of baptisms are less than ever before. Eld. M. H. Neal was elected Missionary, but, from the minutes, it seems he did not enter into the work at all, and that nothing was done in that line, although there was a considerable amount pledged by different brethren for missions, as well as some \$26.00 paid to Foreign Missions. No list of ministers given.

1879—Met with Mt. Vernon Church. J. P. Eagle, Moderator; W. F. Blackwood, Clerk. Eld. R. J. Coleman preached the Introductory sermon. 31 churches represented, out of 36; baptisms, 13; membership, 1800. Paid, to missionaries in the Association, \$100.00; to state missions, \$20.00; Foreign missions, \$10.00.

1880—Met with Eighth Street Church, Little Rock. Baptized, 122; membership, 1691. There was no general missionary in the field, but several of the brethren did missionary work, under direction of the Secretary, for which the Association paid them \$105.00. Eld. J. P. Eagle, Moderator; J. M. Mallett, Clerk. Dr. R. S. James preached the Introductory sermon.

1881—Met with Liberty Church. Baptisms, 215; membership, 2191. Two new churches among the number. Ordained ministers, 28—licentiates, 3. The minutes show, missionary work done by several brethren, for which the Association paid \$100.00—leaving about \$140.00 in the Treasurer's hands.

1882—Met with Searcy Church. J. P. Eagle, Moderator; John G. Holland, Clerk, and J. G. Doyle, Treasurer. Introductory sermon was preached by M. D. Early; the missionary sermon, by M. Green. Churches represented, 30. Amount paid for missions, \$197.00 M. Green was elected missionary for the next year, at a salary of \$500.00.

The committee find, that from the revival of the Association, in 1866, it has recommended Sunday-Schools to be organized in all the churches; this recommendation has been adhered to by some of the churches, in which a pretty good work seems to have been done. There have been several Sunday School conventions organized; the one now in existence has been pretty well attended some years—others poorly attended. The Association as a body, and many of the churches, have from time to time contributed liberally for the support of Foreign, State and Indian missions, but the amounts contributed cannot be ascertained. At some periods the Associational missionary work was carried on by a Board; at other times by a Secretary; while in some instances the Association itself elected the missionary. As near as can be ascertained, the aggregate amount paid for missionary work in the Association, from 1866 to 1882, was about \$4,500.

R. J. COLEMAN,
Chairman.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICE.	Days of Meeting.	R.—Bap'm.	R.—Letter.	Restored.	D.—Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total Members.	Min. Fund.	Missions.
Austin.....	J G Doyle.....	M R Robinson....	Austin.....	1 & 3	2	3	...	14	...	1	80	2 00	9 00
Beebe.....	J G Doyle.....	T M Battle.....	Beebe.....	4	24	1	...	2	...	1	102	1 50	11 25
Cabot.....	R J Coleman.....	S H Pettus.....	Cabot.....	4	3	8	...	...	...	...	54	1 50	16 90
Carlisle.....	G G Thomas.....	B D Muzzy.....	Carlisle.....	.....	2	...	...	2	...	...	25	1 15	.....
Center Hill.....	R J Coleman.....	H D Mullens.....	Centre Hill.....	1	19	8	...	1	5	1	159	3 00	.....
Cypress Valley.....	J G Melton.....	G Apple.....	Austin.....	4	14	7	...	7	1	1	63	50	.....
Des Arc.....	P A Haman.....	F M Green.....	Des Arc.....	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	29	75	18 80
Elon.....	J J Sawyer.....	J P Linder.....	Shelby.....	3	2	...	...	9	...	...	21	1 00	1 10
El Paso.....	J G Doyle.....	Allen White.....	El Paso.....	2	1	2	3	18	1	2	196	2 50	4 55
Friendship.....	J J Sawyer.....	E M Granberry...	Jacksonville...	2	4	4	...	2	...	...	123	1 50	.....
Greenwood... ..	J J Sawyer.....	W M Short.....	Rutledgeville.....	4	2	1	...	2	2	2	77	2 00	.....
Gumwoods.....	.....	E Woodward.....	Groveland.....	2	3	...	...	2	3	1	100	1 00	7 85
Harmony.....	J G Melton.....	T J Robbins.....	Faulkner Gap..	2	...	1	...	3	...	...	48	1 00	.....
Jacksonville.....	J G Melton.....	J M Stovall.....	Jacksonville.....	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	.....	9 10
Judsonia.....	J Cheney.....	C C Smith.....	Judsonia.....	Every	20	3	4	27	...	1	184	2 60	45 85
Ky. Valley.....	W H Hodges.....	J A Chambliss.....	Mt. Vernon.....	2	...	3	...	2	2	...	34	1 00	.....
Liberty.....	R J Coleman.....	R J Ailer.....	Walkers.....	.....	1	...	...	...	...	3	98	2 00	1 00
Lonoke.....	J D Fletcher.....	D R Boone.....	Lonoke.....	Every	6	4	1	6	4	1	169	2 50	41 85
Mt. Vernon.....	R W Davis.....	R N Fowler.....	Mt. Vernon.....	3	...	1	...	11	8	2	12	3 00	.....
New Hope.....	J J Sawyer.....	J T Lucas.....	Lonoke.....	1	10	8	4	9	1	4	75	2 00	5 50
Pleasant Hill.....	R J Coleman.....	J H Jordan.....	Cabot.....	3	16	...	1	4	3	...	91	1 50	7 15
Rock Spring.....	J G Nunn.....	T T Entell.....	Cabot.....	.....	...	...	...	1	...	1	21	1 00	.....
Rose Bud.....	R W Davis.....	S J Thomas.....	Rose Bud.....	2 & 4	...	3	2	1	1	1	70	2 50	5 25
Searcy.....	A J Kincaid.....	John G Holland.....	Searcy.....	Every	16	10	...	5	1	1	145	2 50	50 15
Second ch. L. Rock	.....	R H Taylor.....	Little Rock.....	Every	3	45	...	...	...	...	48	1 00	.....
Sharon.....	J G Melton.....	G. W. Gibson.....	Cabot.....	1	14	...	3	...	...	2	41	1 75	3 00
South Antioch.....	.....	J R Edwards.....	Beebe.....	1	...	3	...	6	...	...	50	1 00	.....
Vilonia.....	J M Davis.....	G B Farmer.....	Vilonia.....	4	...	2	...	5	...	...	37	1 00	1 00
Wattensaw.....	J M King.....	J W Thompson.....	Lonoke.....	1	12	9	3	...	...	...	38	1 50	2 00
					183	173	27	187	21	28	2202	\$46 25	\$242 00

ORDAINED MINISTERS.



JEFFERSON BISHOP,	-	-	-	-	-	Clear Water.
J. M. BRUNDIDGE,	-	-	-	-	-	Quilman.
JOSEPHUS CHEANY,	-	-	-	-	-	Judsonia.
R. J. COLEMAN,	-	-	-	-	-	Cabot.
G. R. CROVIN,	-	-	-	-	-	Butlerville.
R. W. DAVIS,	-	-	-	-	-	Rose Bud.
J. G. DOYLE,	-	-	-	-	-	Beebe.
J. P. EAGLE,	-	-	-	-	-	Lonoke.
J. M. FERGUSON,	-	-	-	-	-	Vilonia.
J. D. FLETCHER,	-	-	-	-	-	Lonoke.
W. H. HODGEN,	-	-	-	-	-	Beebe.
A. J. KINCAID,	-	-	-	-	-	Searoy.
I. M. KING,	-	-	-	-	-	Lonoke.
F. G. MELTON,	-	-	-	-	-	Cabot.
W. C. NEWELL,	-	-	-	-	-	Mt. Vernon.
J. G. NUNN,	-	-	-	-	-	El Paso.
L. J. O'KELLEY,	-	-	-	-	-	Lonoke.
J. J. SAWYER,	-	-	-	-	-	Cabot.
J. F. D. SHEFFEY,	-	-	-	-	-	Mt. Vernon.
M. A. WEST,	-	-	-	-	-	El Paso.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.



W. A. BONHAM,	-	-	-	-	-	Judsonia.
H. H. DAVIS,	-	-	-	-	-	Rose Bud.
J. J. DOYNE,	-	-	-	-	-	Lonoke.
A. W. FILES, 2ND CH.	-	-	-	-	-	Little Rock.
T. H. GRANBERRY,	-	-	-	-	-	Jacksonville.
JOHN G. HOLLAND,	-	-	-	-	-	Searoy.
J. F. D. SHEFFEY,	-	-	-	-	-	Mt. Vernon.
GRANT TAYLOR,	-	-	-	-	-	Beebe.
L. F. TAYLOR,	-	-	-	-	-	Austin.