

MINUTES

OF THE --

Twenty-Eighth Annual Session

-- OF THE

Mt. Vernon Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

REHOBOTH CHURCH,

Phillips County, Arkansas. October 17, 18 and 19, 1884.

OFFICERS:

J. H. KING, Moderator.

W. H. PASLEY, Treasurer.

G. A. GRAMMER, Clerk.

Next meeting to be held with Forest Chapel Conference, Phillips County, Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1885.

NOTES,

The Mt. Vernon Baptist Association met according to adjournment with the Rehoboth church, Phillips county, Ark., at 11 o'clock, a. m., Friday, Oct. 17, 1884. H. P. Slaughter in the chair.

W. H. Paslay, the appointee, preached the introductory sermon from Matt. 16:18. After an intermission of five minutes, the Association met and sang "When I Can Read My Titles Clear." Prayer by G. A. Grammer.

L. K. Obenchain and S. H. King read the letters from the various churches, and messengers were enrolled. (See statistical tables.)

On motion of W. H. Paslay, the Association proceeded to the election of officers of said body. On motion of L. K. Obenchain, as Bro. S. H. King was the only one nominated for moderator, G. A. Grammer cast the ballot of the Association for S. H. King as moderator.

Nomination for clerk being in order, upon motion W. H. Paslay cast the ballot of the Association for G. A. Grammer.

W. A. Paslay having been nominated, G. A. Grammer on motion cast the ballot of the body for him as Treasurer.

Petitionary letters being called for, the following responded, and the hand of fellowship was extended to the messengers by the moderator: Mt. Gilend, New Hope, Monroe county, New Hope, Lee county.

On motion of L. K. Obenchain, visiting brethren were invited to seats. W. A. Clark, Financial Secretary of the Arkansas Baptist Conference and J. D. Jameson, representing the Arkansas Evangel, responded.

The moderator appointed the following committees: On Divine Service, W. J. Scaife, J. H. Spivey, C. W. Hickey. On Finance: John Farrar, Sr., Jas. Rogers, R. J. Beckerstoff.

On motion of L. K. Obenchain, the regular order of business was suspended, and a committee on Obituaries were added to the list of standing committees, and instructed to report at this session. S. H. King presented the report on Home Mission's, which was adopted after remarks by W. H. Paslay and W. A. Clark. (See Appendix A.)

G. A. Grammer submitted the report on Temperance. Addresses were made by J. D. Jameson, W. A. Clark, G. A. Grammer, and report was adopted. (See appendix B.)

The committee on Divine Service reported that J. L. Wilson will preach to-night, and W. A. Clark at 11 o'clock, to-morrow.

On motion of L. K. Obenchain, the Association adjourned till after preaching to-night.

FRIDAY NIGHT.

After preaching by J. L. Wilson from Gal. 5:1, the Association resumed business.

The moderator appointed a committee on Obituaries: J. K. Obenchain, P. L. Crow, C. E. Sherman. On Edification, J. L. Wilson, W. J. Seale, W. H. McGrew.

Oak Hill church asked to be readmitted to membership, was received and bond of fellowship extended. Bethel church letter was read in session and were enrolled.

On motion of G. A. Grammer, the moderator appointed the following committee: W. H. Paslay, P. L. Gustavus, J. K. Obenchain. On Scriptural Divorce. By permission of the body, W. H. Paslay presented the claims of the Associational Mission work, and the following amounts were paid:

D. Hurst, Pledge, 1882, \$ 2 50	Joseph Rogers	1 00
W. A. Clark	A. W. Perry	1 00
John Walker	P. L. Gustavus	1 00
S. H. King	Mrs. Geo. B. Turner	1 00
W. H. McGrew	S. M. Thompson	25
W. Hutzlow	Mrs. Walls	50
Wm. Thompson	J. L. Wilson	25
W. J. Hicks	June Christi	1 01
J. H. Spivey	J. B. Wyatt	1 00
J. D. Jamieson	T. A. Langston	55
G. A. Grammer	Miss Laura Farrar	50
J. W. Newnam	Miss Willie Starks	50
H. H. Bickertot	Margianna Church	1 00
Henry H. Long	Mrs. Eliza Russell	1 00
W. T. McKinney	Cash	05
Mrs. C. H. Ferguson	Mrs. Henry Douglas	25
Mrs. J. H. Thompson	George B. Turner	1 50

TOTAL AMOUNT.

\$24.01.

G. A. Grammer gave notice that at the next meeting of the Association, he would offer a motion to change the time of meeting from Friday before the third Sabbath in October, to Friday before the fourth Sabbath in October.

On motion of G. A. Grammer the Association adjourned till 8 o'clock, a. m. Prayer by W. A. Clark.

SATURDAY 8:30, A. M.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Song, "O For a Closer Walk With God." Prayer by J. D. Jamieson. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

On motion of G. A. Grammer, a committee was appointed to draft resolutions in reference to the services and resignation of our former moderator, W. P. Slaughter. G. A. Grammer, Geo. B. Turner and T. E. Knight were appointed on said committee.

On motion of W. H. Paslay, the following committee were appointed to draft resolution expressing the sympathy of this body as to the recent affliction of Bro. J. R. Groves, of Memphis, Tenn.: W. H. Paslay, John Walker, William Jones.

W. H. Paslay submitted the report on Foreign Missions. After remarks by brethren Seafie, Clark, Paslay, Gustavus, Jameson, it was adopted. (See Appendix C.)

The following amounts were paid for Foreign Missions:

W H Paslay	\$ 1 00	W T McKinney	50
G A Grammer	1 00	A Friend	05
S H King	1 00	Pearl Bailey 2 years old	05
C B Sherman	1 00	W H Douglass	1 00
W H McGrew	50	Mrs Walls	50
J D Jameson	1 00	J M Blakley	50
Wm Jones	25	J L Wilson	50
Wm Thompson	1 00	Mrs J H Thompson	1 00
W T Seafie	1 00	Mrs Russell	1 00
J H Spiney	50	W C Gillem	50
T W Gillem	60		

Total Amount.

\$ 14.15

L. K. Obeychain offered the report on Sunday Schools. After remarks by S. H. King, G. A. Grammer, W. H. Paslay, C. B. Sherman, W. A. Clark, W. J. Seafie, it was adopted. (See Appendix D.)

W. H. Paslay submitted the report on Publications. Adjourned to hear sermon from W. A. Clark. After preaching from Acts 16:5, he took a collection for State Missions, amounting to \$20.00. Report on Publications being taken up, remarks were made by W. H. Paslay, J. D. Jameson, G. A. Grammer and the report was adopted. (See Appendix E.)

The committee on Divine Service, reported that J. D. Jameson will preach to-night, G. A. Grammer according to appointment last year, will preach the Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock to-morrow, and L. K. Obeychain to-morrow night.

The following churches were added to the roll: Center Grove and Brinkley.

The moderator appointed as committee on Nominations, R. S. Butts, J. R. Whitfield, C. W. Hickey.

On motion W. H. Paslay, W. J. Seafie and R. C. Beckerstoff were appointed to re-district the Association.

S. A. King, Secretary of the Board, submitted his report and after remarks by W. H. Paslay and S. H. King, it was adopted. (See Appendix F.)

The following pledges were made to the Associational Mission Fund:

Marvell Church	2 00	Salina Church	10 00
Philadelphia	5 00	Oak Hill	2 50
Clarendon	10 00	Lone Chapel	1 00
Forest Chapel	10 00	J F Langston	5 00
Pine Fork	5 00	W H McGrew	5 00
Brinkley	5 00	H P Slaughter	5 00
Bethlehem	2 50	John Walker	2 50
Oak Grove	10 00	J P Farrar Sr	5 00
Center Grove	10 00	J P Farrar Jr	5 00
New Hope		W A Bobbitt	2 50
Monroe Ch	5 00		

Total Amount.

On motion, Bethel, Hopewell, and Bible Union Churches having had no messengers for three years were dropped from the list of churches.

G. A. Grammer referred to the Marianna church as needing help to complete their house of worship, and made an appeal to the Association with the following response: H. P. Slaughter, pledge \$10; W. H. Pasley, pledge \$5; W. L. Howard, pledge \$5; Berry Parker, pledge \$5; S. H. King, cash \$2.50; cash by several \$1.25. Total \$28.85.

Report on nominations was submitted and adopted. We recommend that L. K. Obenchain preach the introductory sermon; W. H. Pasley the Missionary sermon. Place of meeting for next year, Forest Chapel church St. Francis county. We recommend as Executive Board, L. K. Obenchain, W. J. Seafie, J. P. Farrar jr., C. W. Hickey and R. A. Butt sr. Adjourned till after services to-night. Prayer by G. A. Grammer.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

After preaching by J. D. Jameson from 1 John 3:2, the Association was called to order. W. J. Seafie presented the report on Education, which, after speeches by J. D. Jameson and J. L. Wilson, was adopted. (See Appendix G.)

W. H. Pasley submitted the report on Scriptural Divorce and after discussion by L. K. Obenchain and W. H. Paslay was adopted. (See Appendix H.)

The committee on resolutions on J. R. Graves presented report which was adopted. (See Appendix I.)

L. K. Obenchain offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be returned to the members of Rehoboth church, and community generally for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained the Association during its present session.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Executive Board of this Association be requested to use every means in their power to have missionary work done within our bounds upon the plan adopted at our last meeting.

The report of Treasurer was read and adopted.

Your Treasurer begs leave to submit the following report for 1883:

To balance on hand	\$ 22.56
Received at Association 1883	129.25
" from Marvell church	10.00
" " Center Grove church	10.00
" " Salem	22.60
" " Forrest Chapel	7.25
" " Bro. Wm. Thomas	1.00
Total	\$202.66
Paid for Minutes	\$ 40.00
Paid for Clerk	10.00
Paid for Foreign Missions	10.00
Paid for Associational Missionaries	113.05
	\$203.05
Balance due Treasurer	15

On motion adjourned until 9:30 o'clock to-morrow.

SUNDAY 9:30 A. M.

Association met. Prayer by J. L. Wilson. W. H. Pasley submitted Circular letter, which after addresses by J. D. Jameson, W. H. Pasley, G. A. Grammer, was adopted. See Appendix J.)

On motion the Clerk was given discretionary powers as to the publication of several hundred copies of Circular Letter.

G. A. Grammer presented report on the services and resignation of Deacon H. P. Slaughter. Adopted. Bro. Slaughter made a brief talk and the Association was led in prayer by J. D. Jameson. (See Appendix K.)

L. K. Obenchain presented report on redistricting the Association. Adopted. (See Appendix L.)

The following brethren were appointed messengers to the State Convention, viz: J. L. Wilson, S. H. King, W. B. Izard, Wm. Thompson, L. K. Obenchain, W. H. Pasley and G. A. Grammer.

The Moderator appointed the following standing committees:

Sabbath Schools.	W. J. Seaford, W. Rogers.
Education.	L. K. Obenchain, R. A. Butts, J. P. Farrar, Jr.
Temperance.	W. H. Pasley, R. J. Biggerstaff, A. W. Perry.
Foreign Missions.	G. A. Grammer, J. L. Wilson, F. L. Gustavus.
Home Missions.	J. P. Farrar, Sr., P. C. Crow, C. W. Hickey.
Publications.	T. E. Knight, John Walker, C. I. Beishas.
Ordinaries.	G. A. Grammer, J. H. Splicey, R. O. Thomas.

W. J. Seaford offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend messengers on their return home to urge their churches to form missionary societies, and to put active members on committees to canvass the churches and neighborhood and report the result to the Secretary of the Board as soon as practicable; or put into active operation some other plan to develop the missionary spirit and raise money for the Master's cause.

At 11:30 a. m. G. A. Grammer preached at the Baptist church from Matt. 10:5. Collection for Associated Missions \$12.85. J. D. Jameson by request, preached at the Campbellite House of Worship from Rom. 1:16, after which a collection of \$13.50 was taken.

The Finance Committee submitted the following report:

Received for minutes	\$ 32.05
" " Foreign Missions from churches	2.35
" " Home	7.85
" " Mrs. Cornelia Ferguson	5.60
Collections Associational Missions Friday night	33.00
Foreign Missions	11.15

TOTAL \$ 122.15

L. K. Obenchain submitted report on Ordinaries, which was adopted. (See Appendix M.)

G. A. Grammer offered the following: "I give notice that at the next session of the Association I will offer a motion to change the time of meeting."

from Friday before the third Sunday in October to Friday before the fourth Sabbath in October.

On motion the clerk was instructed to have 500 copies of minutes, if he thought best, printed and draw on the Treasurer for the amount needed, and that he be allowed \$10 for his services.

On motion of G. A. Grammer the thanks of this body were extended to the Campbells for the use of their house of worship on Sabbath.

On motion, after singing "Shall we Gather at the River," and extending the parting hand, the body adjourned to meet with the Forest Chapel church in Francis county, on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1886. Prayer and benediction by W. H. Paslay.

G. A. GRAMMER, Clerk.
Forest City, Ark.

S. H. KING, Moderator,
Poplar Grove, Phillips Co., Ark.

MINISTERS AND POST-OFFICES:

B. L. Thomas, Forest City, Ark.

T. J. Hunt,

G. A. Grammer,

W. H. Paslay, Wheatley,

F. C. Crow,

W. B. Smith, Holly Grove,

M. A. Thompson, Brinkley, Ark.

L. K. Oberhafer, Marcell,

M. K. McCarthy, Mora,

J. M. Davis, Brinkley,

J. L. Wilson, Charenton,

T. E. Knight,

J. R. Lowery, Cuba, Ark.

APPENDIX:

(A.)

Your committee on Domestic Missions submit the following:

We consider it our imperative duty to have the Gospel preached in the destitute places within the bounds of our Association and as the work must be done by us, without assistance from the State Board, let us realize these facts, and use the means and ability God has given us to build up his cause within our bounds.

The destitution is vast, comprising the southern portions of Phillip and Monroe counties, the Eastern portion of Lee and much of St. Francis.

And we lie supinely on our oars and float down the stream of life, while there is so much for us to do. God may soon call us into judgment, and then what excuse can we tendered for not discharging our duties?

Let us arouse from this state of lethargy and determine by the help of God, we will be more faithful in the future.

S. H. KING, Jr.
L. K. CHENEY, } Committee.

(B.)

TEMPERANCE.

Nearly all are convinced of the terrible evils and disastrous effects of intemperance. Therefore the subject of temperance has been agitating the minds of the people for some time, and many prayers have been offered, many plans have been devised and much labor performed to suppress the monster evil that saps the foundations of society, disturbs the peace of neighborhoods, entails misery upon families, and brings reproach upon the cause of our blessed Master.

We arraign intemperance in all its aspects and gradations as a physical evil unmitigated by any mixture of good; also a moral offense against the laws of God, and the claims of Christian piety unmodified by any indemnifying consideration whatever.

As humanitarians and Christians, we cannot afford to be silent, nor occupy a doubtful position on this important subject. Inspired with the spirit of the Divine Christ, we should do all in our power, by both precept and example, to prohibit the sale and use of all intoxicants as a beverage, prompted by love for our fellow creatures, we should abstain from the use of intoxicants, lest we offend those for whom Christ died.

As Christian citizens interested in the moral welfare of the community and the removal of every impediment to the progress of the Gospel, we should array ourselves on the side of sobriety and good government.

As church members in all kindness, yet in strict adherence to the commands of the Great Head of the church, we should strenuously enforce the

disciple against all disorderly walking, and promptly exclude those addicted to drunkenness.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. GRAMMER, Clerm'n.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee on Foreign Missions would respectfully submit the following:

The aim of Christianity is the subjugation of the world. The kingdoms of this world are to become the king doms of our Lord and his Christ; the world is the field in which we are to labor. The Gospel is to be preached to all the world, beginning at Jerusalem. The scriptures say, "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God?" and asks "How shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach except they be sent?" And we know that it is utterly impossible for the brethren to hear the Gospel of Christ unless a preacher is sent to them, and what is to send them but the Church? It is our duty, a duty we dare not shirk. We must do what we can to illuminate their darkened understandings.

The Lord has greatly blessed our efforts in this glorious work. In As-
sures are daily added to the Church. The papians of New York in Mex-
ico average one for every day. Catholicism with its poisonous influences is
gradually giving place to the saving truths of the Gospel, and in many
parts the Churches are not only self-sustaining, but are supporting Missionar-
ies in other stations. May God speed the work and hasten the day when
every nation, tongue and tribe will bow to the mild sceptre of King Jesus
and ascribe to his name then on every tongue. Last year our State ap-
propriated \$1,000 to this good work and we are solicited for the same amount
this year. Let us heartily respond and assist in increasing the number of
those who stand ready to bear the glad tidings of salvation to those per-
ishing souls.

W. H. PERRY,
R. H. SPALDING, Committee.
J. W. KENNEDY

NATHANIEL H. DODD.

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, do hereby recommend the follow-
ing: After a lapse of nearly three years a century since the commencement of
the work of teaching in South India, we ought to be and
are prepared to exert our observation and expenses that it is a grand and
glorious work, blessed of God to the millions in looking upon the
young and tender mind, and the great and glorious work of
and of the future in the future.

Furnishing a field in which each and every Christian may become an efficient worker; we would urge all to become actively engaged in this great enterprise. We commend what has been done by some of the Churches in this Association, but are sad to know that many are giving no attention to the work.

Brethren, allow us to suggest that the messengers from each Church of this Association on the first Sabbath after their return from this place, organize a Sabbath School and supply it with the literature furnished by Southern Baptist Convention, Macon, Ga., and American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia.

L. K. OBENSCHAIN,
Chairman.

(E.)

PUBLICATIONS.

While we love the Baptist Church, believing it to be the custodian of Christian liberty, and possessing the faith and doctrines of the Saints, and observing the ordinances in their original purity and designs; yet we have a few things against her.

1. We dislike her apathy in the Mission work.
2. Her indifference in regard to the disseminating of religious knowledge, the doctrines that make us a "peculiar people."

You can scarcely find a family of any other denomination that does not take their church paper, make strenuous efforts to scatter books, tracts and papers that teach their doctrines. We find them circulating in our own families, read by our children, and thus imbibing doctrines or opinions which we regard as subversive of the "Truth as it is in Jesus." While comparatively few of our members read our denominational papers or books and make little or no efforts to indoctrinate their children or the world in Bible truths. If we want our Churches to prosper, our Ministry sustained, and the Mission Work advanced, we must educate our membership, and the quickest and most efficient way to do this is by circulating and reading religious literature.

We heartily recommend our own State paper, the "Evangel," the "Tennessee Baptist," "Kind Words" and other Sunday School literature of S. B. Con. books and periodicals of Baptist Book House, Memphis, Tenn., and papers etc. of American Baptist Publication Society of Philadelphia, with other denominational literature so easily obtained.

W. H. PASLAY, }
R. A. BUTTS, } Committee.
F. I. GUSTAVSEN, }

(F.)

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Your Executive Board submit the following report:

In accordance with the plan adopted at the last meeting, your Board employed Brethren Fitzgerald and Milmees as Missionaries during the summer

who preached for two and one-half months. Commencing at Marianna, at which place they found the Baptists scattered and in a cold state. Eight were added by Baptism. At La Grange the Baptists were collected, the membership organized into a church and much good done. Bro. Milnes then went to Breendon, but on account of so much sickness could not continue the preaching. He then went to Ash Grove and Refuge Churches and conducted meetings attended with much success. Bro. Milnes reports 21 additions by experience and Baptism and 11 restored. Bro. Fitzgerald reports 31 by experience and baptism and restoration—total 62.

Our Board recommend a similar or better plan be adopted for the ensuing year and renew our efforts in Domestic Missions with increased energy and zeal.

H. KING,

Secretary of Board.

(16)

EDUCATION.

As the advocates of Education all are glad to know that Baptists of America stand first and we are glad to know that our denomination has many of the best institutions in the country. But in our own beloved State we are deficient in this respect and we therefore hail with pleasure the effort on foot to establish a Baptist College in Arkansas where our sons and daughters can be educated. We recommend that our people do their utmost to educate their children.

We believe it to be the duty of the Churches to assist young men called of God to preach the Gospel, to prepare themselves for this grand work, and recommend that each Church in our Association take collections for this purpose. Bro. J. D. Barnett of Forest City and a member of this body, Bro. E. W. Milnes, of Falcon, Ark., and Bro. J. H. Fitzgerald, of Trenton, Tenn., are at Jackson, Tenn., at school and we suggest that we aid them all we can.

W. J. SCATFE,

Chairman of Committee.

(17)

SCRIPTURAL DIVORCE.

Whereas, the subject of that constitutes a "Scriptural Divorce" is now being agitated by the religious world and the laws of our country seem to conflict with the laws of Christ, and is the ground for dissension and disturbance among our churches it becomes our duty as a denomination to set ourselves right before the church and the world on this subject. Therefore be

Resolved, that believing the Scriptures to be our only rule of Faith and Practice on this as well as all other subjects connected with one denomination, we receive as satisfactory and conclusive the teaching of our Saviour on this subject. By reference to Matt. 5:31-32 Matt. 19:3-10, Mark 10:2-12, Luke 16:18, we find the subject discussed and settled by the only law-giver in

Zion—in which the marriage contract is said to be indissoluble “save for fornication,” and that marriage is a divine institution and can only be dissolved by divine authority: Therefore when separation takes place between man and wife save for this cause and either party marry again they are guilty of the crime of fornication, and if members of the church should be immediately expelled from the membership of the same, and if the party guilty of that crime be a minister of the gospel, he should forever leave his sacred office and hide himself in obscurity.

Resolved, That if any church belonging to this Association should retain in her fellowship any member guilty of like sin, the fact coming to the knowledge of this Association we will immediately withdraw our fellowship from said church and refuse all communications with such until satisfied she has with such offenders as the Bible directs.

W. H. PASLAY, Chr'm'n. Com.

(14)

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY FOR BRO. J. R. GRAVES.

Whereas, We learn with sadness the same affliction that has befallen Bro. J. R. Graves, Editor of the Tennessee Baptist, a minister well beloved by the brotherhood and a bold defender of the faith and worth to the Baptist denomination is incalculable, and whose loss would be irreparable. Therefore be it,

Resolved, That while we recognize the right of our Heavenly Master to do as he pleases with his own, and feeling devotedly that his mind is still unimpaired and trusting that he will soon be able to wield his pen in defense of the truth and gladden the hearts of his many friends; we tender this our expression of condolence to his devoted family—promising to remember him and them in our devotions at a throne of grace, praying that the Great Head of the church will speedily restore him to his wanted health and strength.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be printed in our minutes and also sent to the Tennessee Baptist for publication.

W. H. PASLAY, Chr'm'n Com.

(15)

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To the Baptist brotherhood within the bounds of Mt. Vernon Association, greeting: It is with sadness that we learn of the great destitution that exists within the bounds of our Association, that so many churches are without pastors, that so many of the Lord's sheep are without a shepherd. While we promise to do all within our power to supply you with the “Word of Life,” we would recommend and urge upon you to combine your means and strength in the different locations and by advertising, correspondence and otherwise make a strenuous effort to supply your churches with a pastor.

Brethren it is a duty you owe your family yourself and your God to make

a united and powerful effort to have the Gospel preached unto you and yours. We are glad to learn that in some localities the brethren are holding regular prayer meetings and are making an effort to keep up Sabbath schools. This is commendable and we praise you for it. Brethren persevere, stand fast in the faith, and we pray that our Heavenly Father may soon, regard your cries and supply your wants and build up the waste places in Zion.

Our next Association will be held with the Forest Chapel church, 7 miles South of Forest City. Brethren attend, tell us of your wants and let us assist you with our advice and our prayers. May the Great Head of the church smile on us all and speedily dispel the clouds that hang so loweringly over us, brighten again our moral skies, unfetter the wheel of Zion's car and lead us all in to the path of life.

(K.)

HON. H. P. SLAUGHTER.

Your committee to draft resolutions upon the services and resignation of Deacon H. P. Slaughter as Moderator of this Association submit the following report:

Whereas, Deacon H. P. Slaughter has served the Association as Moderator for nearly twenty years and has made us an efficient officer and by his fidelity to the cause, punctual attendance upon the sessions of the body, impartial decisions and uniform Christian conduct endeared himself to the membership of this Association; And whereas, he has deemed it necessary in consequence of old age and feeble health to ask that he be relieved from further service. It is therefore,

Resolved, That this Association hereby express to him its high appreciation of his devotion to the cause and his consistent life, and beseech the blessings of the Great Head of the church to rest upon our beloved brother, and that in the coming day the Lord may say to him, as we feel we now can say of him, "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

(L.)

REDISTRICTING ASSOCIATION.

Your Committee to redistrict the Association would submit the following:

First District, Helena, Boston, Trenton, Salem, Marvell, Bethlehem, Mt Gilend, Lynn Grove, New Hope, Moproc county, Clarendon, Philadelphia.

Second District, Rehobeth, Center Grove, Lone Chapel, Brinkley, Ash Grove, Refuge, Pleasant Grove, Pine Fork.

Third District, New Hope, Lee county, Marianna, Forrest Chapel, Forrest City, Zion, Oak Hill, Oak Grove.

L. K. OBENCHAIN,)
W. H. PASLAY,) Committee.
W. J. SCAIFE,)

(M.)

OBITUARIES.

Elder J. J. Huckaby was born September 20, 1833, in Lawrence District, S. C., where he was converted and united with the New Hope Church about the year 1855. Then he moved to Phillips county, Ark. in 1871 and became an efficient member of the Cypress Valley Church by which he was called and set apart as a Minister of the Gospel of Christ. He was ordained the first Lord's day in September, 1871; Bro. C. T. Scaife and the chairman constituting the Presbytery. He served the Church of which he was a member afterwards called Rehobeth, Bethel, Pine Fork and Salem very acceptably as Pastor. He departed this life July 26, 1884. His efforts and influence were strongly in favor of Christ and his cause. We and the immediate community of which he was a member, deeply feel his loss. "Though dead he yet speaketh" and may his labors be blessed of the Lord, and the seed sown bring him an abundant harvest.

Elder E. E. Monroe was born in Jacinto, Miss., March 24, 1857. He made a profession of religion August 10, 1875, and joined the Baptist Church. He was licensed December, 1875, and set apart by ordination to the work of the Ministry April 15, 1878; Rev. T. B. Espy being a member of the Presbytery. We know but little of his labors until he joined our Association. He joined Forrest City Church by letter. He was twice married, the last time February 4, 1880, to Mollie Clifton. He was an efficient and faithful minister and served acceptably as Pastor of Oak Hill and Bible Union Churches in St. Francis county. He departed this life August 1, 1883.

FIRST DISTRICT

Helena	C S Belsha, Thos. Wallace	L K Obenchain, C S Belsha	C S Belsha
Barton		no pastor	
Trenton	S H King, L K Obenchain	L K Obenchain	S H King
Marvell	W M King, T E Knight	M A Thompson	W M King
Bethlehem	W J Seafie, W T McKinney, J F Jarrett	J L Wilson	W T McKinney
Salem	R G Thomas, S M Thompson, W M Graham	T E Knight	J H Graham
Mt. Gilend	John Walker	W R Smith	R E Walker
Linn Grove	J B Wyatt, W A Capshaw	J L Wilson	A L Ross
New Hope, Monroe Co.	J L Wilson, J H Pernell	J H Davis	J T Barnes
Clarendon	A W Perry		G W Hollum
Philadelphia			SEC. DISTRICT.
Rehoboth	W H McGrew, Geo B Turner, M J Bickley	no pastor	Geo B Turner
Center Grove	H P Slaughter, W H Douglass, R A Butts	W H Paslay	R A Butts
Lane Chapel	P C Crow, R M O'Neal, J W Newsum	P C Crow	R M O'Neal
Brintley	J W Martin	L K Obenchain	Miss J Simms
Ash Grove			
Refuge	William Jones	J H Davis	G T Copleen
Pleasant Grove			R E Morris
Pine Fork	J R Whitted	no pastor	
			THIRD DISTRICT
New Hope, Lee County	W L Howard, C W Hickey	no pastor	E P Burrow
Marianna	J P Farrar, Sr.; J P Farrar, Jr.; J P Farrar		J P Farrar
Forest Chapel	Joseph W Rogers	W B Paslay	W B Massey
Forest City	G A Grammer	G A Grammer	J T Fondren
Zion	By Letter	B Thomas	Jas Williams
Oak Grove	W H Paslay, J H Sulvey, R J Bickertoff, F L Gustavus	W H Paslay	F L Gustavus
Oak Hill	C B Sherman	G A Grammer	J S Littlefield
Total			