

Saline Baptist Association



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REV. J. W. MCDONALD AND WIFE, GRACE TRUMAN

well as "preach" His word. The great commission says "teach" and we believe no church can fulfill the commission as it ought to be without a Sunday School or some other service that does the work of a Sunday School.

We must remember that God set teachers in the church as well as apostles and prophets. So we believe that the offices of Sunday School teachers are of divine appointment, and that those whom God leads in that direction ought to be diligent and faithful in the performance of their duties. We do not think that the Sunday School should be looked upon as simply a place for children. All church members ought to attend and give every encouragement possible to the Sunday school.

We note with sorrow that many of our churches are not keeping up his work. We should urge our brethren to organize Sunday Schools in every church and destitute neighborhood where it is possible to do so.

We think the missionary of the association ought to pay special attention to the organization of Sunday Schools where there are none, and seek to strengthen those already organized.

We desire to commend the Sunday School Missionary work which is being done in Arkansas by the Sunday School Board and we recommend that all our people give it their moral and financial support.

R. F. RUSSELL,

J. A. LANGLEY,

HENRY RICHARDSON,

The report was discussed by Bro. Ellis and Beauchamp and laid over until Monday.

The committee on Divine Service announced that Elder R. E. Sutton would preach at the Baptist house and Elder W. W. Gardener at Methodist house tonight. Adjourned.

SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICES.

Good congregations at both houses. Bro. Sutton and Bro. Gardener preached very interesting sermons. Elder H. Beauchamp concluded at the Baptist house. Quite a number came forward for prayer. Elder H. J. P. Horn led the closing prayer. Adjourned to meet at 8 a. m. Monday.

MONDAY FORENOON.

Met at the appointed hour. The Moderator in the chair. After singing prayer was offered by Bro. Gardener. The Moderator read and commented on the part of the second chapter of the second Thess. Prayer by Bro. Horn.

The call for letters was renewed and three from the following named churches handed in and read.

Bell View—By letter.

Hickory Grove—Wm. R. Thornton, L. M. Thornton and E. W. Thornton.

North Fork—Represented by letter.

It now being in order for the reports of the committees, a motion prevailed to limit speeches to five minutes, except that the chairman

of each committee be allowed ten minutes, and that the discussion of any report not to exceed one hour.

The Moderator called for reports and the committee on FOREIGN MISSIONS submitted the following, which was adopted after being discussed favorably by a number of the brethren:

"We believe the commission, as given in Matthew, 28: 19, 'Go ye therefore and teach all nations,' was to the churches who are to send the gospel to all the world. We would recommend that the pastors preach at least two sermons a year on missions and urge the churches to contribute more for mission work. We further recommend that the churches send their contributions to any field or person they may elect."

J. A. VERSER,

S. F. FUNK,

J. A. RADER.

Committee.

The report on Religious Literature was read, amended and adopted as follows:

"Your committee would recommend for Sunday Schools the literature furnished by the American Baptist Publication Society and Nashville Sunday School Board, and as religious papers, The Baptist Landmark, The American Baptist Flag and The Baptist Advance. Also any other good Baptist journal in or out of the state our people desire to take.

ORLANDO C. WILLIAMS,

W. H. CRAFT,

J. A. RADER,

Committee.

On motion A. B. Shockley was elected treasurer of the association for the ensuing year.

The committee on Ministerial Education reported as follows:

"Dear Brethren:—In the judgment of your committee one of the greatest questions which now confronts the Baptists of Arkansas is the mental and moral training of the men in our midst upon whom God has laid His hand in a call to the ministry of His Son. We believe furthermore that when God calls a man to preach, He calls every faculty and power with which the man is endowed, and that he owes it to God to train and develop these powers to their fullest capacity, and if he is not able to do so with his own means, we are under heavy obligations to him, ourselves and to God to help him in doing so. Therefore, we most earnestly recommend that the churches comprising this association give freely into the hand of our Board of Ministerial Education of Ouachita College frequent contributions and we are sure it will be used wisely and discreetly in helping those who cannot help themselves; and we would most heartily recommend our chain of Baptist schools and colleges as the very best places for the training of our Baptist young people for positions of usefulness and responsibility. These schools belong to the Baptists of Arkansas and are second to none and equalled by few in

thoroughness of work and spiritual influence. Respectfully submitted,

J. M. WALKER,
J. W. YORK,
W. T. AMIS,

Committee.

After a lively discussion of the foregoing report it was adopted and a cash collection of \$6.50 was taken for Ministerial Education and paid over to the treasurer; also the following pledges:

Malvern Church	\$10 00
Hot Springs, First Church	10 00
Ten Mile Church	1 00
Total	\$26 00

Adjourned to meet at 1 p. m. Closing prayer by Elder J. A. Scarboro.

MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at the appointed hour. The Moderator read 1st chapter of 1st John. Prayer offered by Bro. E. C. Ellis.

The committee on Woman's Work submitted their report, which was on motion adopted as follows:

"Your committee would recommend that the women organize in all our churches, and come in touch with the organization of the state, as we think from their work during the past year a great good has been accomplished. We pray that God's blessings may be with them in their work, and that they contribute liberally to missions and furnish themselves with needed literature concerning woman's work and organization. Respectfully submitted."

L. G. LUCKETT,
J. A. M'LARD,
J. G. SCOTT,

Committee.

The following report on Temperance was read and adopted:

We, your committee on Temperance, submit the following:

Temperance does not mean that people should drink a little whiskey, but it means an absolute, total abstainence. It is with profound thanks to God the law-living and Christian voting people that we report the glad tidings that the sin monster of this age has been driven out of Hot Spring County. It admits of no question whatever that the sale, the buying and drinking of intoxicating liquors is the indirect, if not the direct, cause of nine-tenths of the crimes committed against God and civilization in this age. It is this, as nothing else, that is filling our jails and penitentiaries with our boys who might otherwise be a pride to their day and generation, and an honor to God. Therefore, we recommend that the churches in this association make the drinking of intoxicating liquors a bar to and a test of fellowship in the churches. Respectfully submitted,

J. M. WALKER,
WILLIAM ADKINS,
PETER STANLEY,

Committee.

The report on PASTORAL SUPPORT was submitted by the committee and quite a number of interesting speeches were made on the subject. It

was really amusing to hear some of our pastors relating their experiences in serving certain churches. Pardon us, brethren, for noting one or two incidents related. One brother said that a few years ago he often walked ten miles across the country in order to serve a church as pastor, and his salary for the years' work consisted of a load of wood and a gallon of butter milk. Another brother stated that he once heard a lay member say that there were two classes of preachers he never wished to hear preach. The one who goes about preaching against a salary and hunting a job. The other man plows five days in a week and preaches on Saturday and Sunday.

The report as follows, was unanimously adopted:

Your committee seeing that many pastors of the churches have to work on the farm or at some other trade or profession, it seems in order to make a support for themselves and family, with absolutely no time in which to prepare as they should to preach the gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and knowing from reports that many of our churches pay very little toward the support of their pastors, we earnestly urge our pastors to strive to show our people their duty as it is written in God's blessed word, concerning the support of the gospel. Respectfully submitted,

C. H. MONTGOMERY,
R F. RUSSELL,
J. C. ROSS,

Committee.

The report of the Associational Missionary was read and adopted as follows:

Owing to sickness in my family, I did not begin work until July 15th last. I have labored as your missionary two months and five days. I preached sixty-eight sermons, baptized twenty-two converts, received by letter seven, assisted in ordaining two deacons and organized one Sunday School.

Total amount of my salary.....	\$72 17
I have collected in full as follows	
From Pleasant Grove Church.....	\$ 5 10
From Gravel Hill Church, by R. S. Elliott.....	1 00
From Ten Mile Church, by C. A. Williams.....	5 00
From Bell View Church	3 60
From Union Church, by J. M. Parker.....	2 50
From Union Church, by C. C. Warnock.....	2 50
From A. B. Shockley, Theas. Association.....	33 52
From J. W. McDonald, collected at Howard's School House	3 00
From J. W. McDonald, collected at Evening Shade Church	2 25
From J. W. McDonald, collected at Center View Church...	2 70
From J. W. McDonald, collected at So. Hot Spgs Church	11 00

Total \$72 17 \$72 17

Dear Brethren:—I have found a good interest manifested in Sunday School work at the churches I have visited.

I find we have several small churches close together, and I would recommend that some of these churches be encouraged to unite and

make stronger churches. I think a mistake has been made in organizing small churches too close together.

I would recommend that the Association employ a missionary for full time or two for half time.

There is a large field in the north and northwest bounds of our Association in which a great mission work needs to be done. Respectfully submitted,

C. C. WARNOCK, Missionary.

On motion the cash collection of \$10.20, received on Sunday after the sermon by Bro. Walker, was ordered paid into the Treasury as Associational Mission funds.

The committee on Asociational Missions submitted their report. Discussed by several of the brethren favorably, and a motion prevailed to elect one missionary for at least four months and pay him a salary of seventy-five dollars per month. Also a motion carried that the Association instruct its executive committee to release their pastors long enough some time during the year to go to some destitute point in the bounds of the Association and hold at least one meeting. The report as follows, was unanimously adopted:

We, your committee, find from the report of Elder C. C. Warnock, our Asociational Missionary, that he has labored in the bounds of this Association since July 15th last, two months and five days, and we believe has accomplished some good work. But your committee feels sure that there is a pressing need for work within our limits, and that there is serious destitution within our bounds.

We recommend that this Association elect such number of missionaries as it may deem best, with positive instructions from this Association that the work of said missionary or missionaries, shall be performed, not with the churches supplied with pastors, but in the needy and destitute parts of this Association. Fraternally submitted,

JOHN C. ROSS,

A. C. FILES,

C. A. WILLIAMS,

Committee.

On motion the Association went into an election of missionary and agreed to pay him seventy-five dollars per month for at least four months' services. After ballot Elder J. W. McDonald of Hot Springs was declared elected.

On motion Bros. J. A. Verser, E. C. Ellis, J. D. Houpt and A. B. Shockley were elected an executive committee to collect and pay our missionary, and receive his reports, etc.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The obligation to evangelize or to place the gospel within the reach of every creature in the home land as well as in the far off nations of earth is the mission of the churches of Jesus Christ. To fail in meeting this obligation is to entirely fail in the object for which the churches were left in the world. In every community, in every state and nation and tongue and kingdom, the fields are white unto the harvest, and are ready for the laborers to thrust in the sickle and reap the golden sheaves for the Master.

State Missions or giving the gospel to the destitute in our own state,

is one department in this world-wide evangelization which lies before the Lord's people. In this, as in other mission fields, we are merely "playing at missions." There is sufficient need in our state to engage the energies of all the churches in its territory. If all the Baptist churches in Arkansas would arise in their might and say, "Every man and woman in the state shall hear the gospel," it could be easily accomplished.

Here is work enough to enlist the energies of both the General Association and the State Convention. Let there be a holy rivalry between these two general bodies in the great work of supplying this destitution. Let each try to outstrip the other in distributing the bread of life to the perishing, and while this Association has pledged co-operation with the State General Association, we recognize the right of each church, according to the time honored principle of Baptists, to be free and independent to labor in whatever way seems best to them.

L. S. FOSTER,
E. C. ELLIS,
J. H. HOWARD,

Committee.

The foregoing report was adopted without discussion.

The report on Orphans' Home was read, spoken to by Bro. Gardener and on motion adopted as follows:

The duty and privilege of caring for the orphan is clearly taught in the scriptures, and always shares in the favor of God. He has spoken plainly upon the subject. "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widow in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." "Blessed is he that considereth the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble." "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth to the Lord; and that which he giveth he will repay him."

In our Orphans' Home at Monticello, Ark., our churches in the state are caring for sixty-two fatherless children. Let us all be represented in their support. The management of the Home finds it necessary to enlarge the present buildings or erect other buildings, so to this end our contributions should be enlarged this fall. We earnestly recommend that the churches take a collection on or about Thanksgiving day, as a building fund for the Home, and that boxes of clothing and supplies be sent to the Orphanage wherever practicable, and that all our pastors be especially requested to look after this work.

L. S. FOSTER,
J. H. HOWARD,
J. A. VERSER,

Committee.

A cash collection of 9.45 was received for the Orphan's Home and paid to Elder W. W. Gardener, also Bro. G. W. Edmondson paid Bro. Gardener \$1 for the Home, and Bro. M. P. Carter pledged \$2 to be paid by Pleasant Grove Church.

The report on Nominations was read and adopted as follows:

Your committee on Nominations find that two churches, namely Malvern and Franceway, have asked for the next meeting of this Association. We leave that matter to be decided by this body. We recom-

mend that Elder J. W. McDonald preach the introductory sermon at the next session, and Elder C. C. Warnock alternate.

C. H. MONTGOMERY,
A. C. FILES,
J. A. VERSER,

Committee.

A motion that the next session of the Association meet with France-way Church on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1905, carried by a large majority.

The following resolution offered by Bro. Ellis was adopted:

Resolved, That we endorse the Temple Messenger, edited by Bro. W. T. Amis of Hot Springs, as a valuable aid and channel of communication of our work throughout the bounds of this Association.

The report of the Finance Committee was read and on motion was adopted.

Your Committee on Finance report as follows:

Received for Associational Missions.....	\$ 57 70
Received for State Missions.....	6 90
Received for Foreign Missions	14 35
Received for Minutes	47 22
Received for Orphans' Home	10 55
Received for Associational Missions, public collection	18 30
Total	\$155 02

L. BROWN,
D. S. BRAY,

Committee.

Report on prayer meeting read and adopted.

We, your committee on Prayer Meeting, submit the following:

Every church should have a regular prayer meeting. No church can be alive and prosperous without it; therefore we would urge our churches that do not now have regular prayer services, to organize in this good work at once. We recommend that our pastors preach on this subject and stir the churches up to a diligence of their duty on this line.

F. D. NELSON,
M. T. GOODMAN,
E. A. FOWLER,

Committee.

The following resolution of thanks offered by Bro. Amis was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Saline Association express its very great appreciation for the generous manner in which the body has been entertained by the church and friends of this community

The Treasurer read his report, and on motion adopted as follows:

Treasurer's Report

For the Year Ending October 1, 1904.

To amount received of Finance Committee:		
For Associational Minutes, October 5, 1903	\$ 55 90	
For Associational Missions	42 90	
For Home Missions	1 40	
For State Missions	-12 26	
For Foreign Missions	6 75	
For Orphans' Home	2 10	
For Ministerial Relief	3 50	
Received of Ten Mile Church, Associational Missions	14 45	
Received of Smith Creek Church, Associational Missions	5 00	
Received of Pleasant Valley Ch., Associational Missions	5 00	
Received of Corinth Church, Associational Missions	5 50	
Received of Bro. —— (Lost record of name and church)		
July 16, 1904, Associational Missions	2 00	
Brought forward from last year, Associational Missions	17 50	
Over disbursements, Minute Fund	18 55	
Total amount received	\$192 81	

DISBURSEMENTS:

By amount paid for printing Minutes	\$ 32 50
By amount paid Associational Clerk	15 00
By amount paid W. C. C. Dorough for Home Missions	1 40
By amount paid W. C. C. Dorough for State Missions	12 26
By amount paid W. C. C. Dorough for Foreign Missions	6 75
By amount paid W. C. C. Dorough for Orphans' Home	2 10
By amount paid W. C. C. Dorough for Ministerial Relief	3 50
By amount paid Eld. C. C. Warnock, Associational Mis'nary	30 00
Over disbursements, Associational Missions	62 35
Over disbursements, Minute Fund, to balance	26 05
Total	\$192 81

Fraternally submitted,

A. B. SHOCKLEY, *Treasurer*,
Burk, Ark.

A motion carried that the clerk be allowed \$15, and that he be instructed to have the usual number of minutes printed.

On motion corresponding messengers to sister associations were elected as follows:

Red River—Elders J. H. Howard, J. M. Walker and R. F. Russell.
Pine Bluff—Elder A. F. Lamb and Henry Ross.

It was announced that Elder Scarboro would preach at 7:30 tonight.

The business of the session now being completed, a motion to adjourn prevailed. An appropriate hymn was sung and the fraternal spirit that had dominated throughout the entire session, reached a climax in a hearty hand-shake, with a heart felt, "God bless you, my brother," and with tear dimmed eyes at the thought of this being, perhaps, the last meeting of this grand old association to many of us, the association was led in a fervant prayer by Bro. J. A. Verser.

ELDER J. W. M'DONALD, Moderator.
A. B. SHOCKLEY, Clerk.

Sunday School Statistics

CHURCHES	Superintendent	Secretary	Postoffice	Kind of Literature Used	No. of Pupils
Bellview	Jno. T. Evans	Miss Roa Shell	Owensville	SBC	—
Big Creek	E. S. Warington	W. D. Wheat	Ops	ABPS	45
Brush Creek.....	A. S. Rhodes	.....	Lucian	ABPS	46
Bethlehem.....	Jno. Cullmin	.....	Little Rock	ABPS	50
Caney	W. B. Crumby	.....	Duffie	.....	62
Cedar Grove	J. F. James	Maud Blacklock	Alum	ABPS	47
Center View	W. W. Canada	A. L. Bland	Price	.....	35
Central Park.....	B. G. Phillips	J. J. Hickman	Ht. Springs	SBC	125
Demascus	Albert Paul	.....	Malvern	.....	57
Deroche	J. M. Orr	.....	Duffie	.....	40
Fair Play	J. H. Floyd	.....	Surl	ABPS	65
Friendship	O. M. Burnett	.....	Friendship	.....	45
Fouch Luke	J. Smith	Chas. Liley	May	.....	30
HotSprings, 1st Ch.	E. C. Ellis	Robert Ellis	Ht. Springs	SBC	180
Hot Springs, 2d Ch.	.....	.....	Ht. Springs	.....	.....
Little Rock, 1st Ch.	H. P. Edmonson	R. Fletcher	Little Rock	.....	.....
Lonsdale	J. H. Richardson	Alice Richardson	Lonsdale	SBC	35
Malvern .....	.....	.....	Malvern	SBC	100
Midway	J. M. Caldwell	.....	Honey	.....	45
Reyburn Creek	D. T. McDougal	Nettie Sims	Gifford	.....	.....
Smith Creek	W. M. Cain	John James	Owensville	SBC	38
Social Hill .....	.....	.....	Grape	SBC	.....
Taylor's Chapel ...	J. H. Deer	.....	Elmore	.....	30
Ten Mile	T. L. Rippito	D. L. Nance	Burk	ABPS	60
Unity	A. W. Green	A. E. Carlisle	Brazils	42

Total.....

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Ordained Ministers, Churches, Postoffices and Counties

CHURCHES AND MINISTERS	Postoffice	County
Big Creek--J. L. Byrd	Ops	Hot Springs
Bluff Springs--J. B. Gatlin.....	Traskwood	Saline
Brush Creek—A. F. Lamb	Sandy Sp'ngs	Hot Springs
Bethlehem—W. A. Clark, T. M. Mitchell, F. P. Davis	Little Rock	Pulaski
Caney—J. W. Burks, J. W. Holt.....	Deroche	Hot Springs
Center View—J. A. Davis.....	Price	Garland
Central Park—B. G. Phillips	Hot Springs	"
Corinth—G. F. Rowe, L. Warwic	" "	"
Deroche—C. H. Montgomery, W. J. Hardin.....	Duffie	Hot Springs
Fair Play—P. C. Hammons, W. H. Floyd, M. L. Hargrove, John Elmore	Surl	Hot Springs
Friendship—R. F. Russell.....	Saginaw	" "
Gravil Hill—R. S. Tanner	Owensville	Saline
Hot Springs, First Church—W. T. Amis, I. G. Murray, J. W. McDonald	Hot Springs	Garland
Hot Springs, Second Church—N. H. Harley.....	" "	"
Little Rock, First Church—Ben Cox, B. N. Brown, J. W. Fletcher	Little Rock	Pulaski
Magnet Cove—J. T. Thornton	Magnet	Hot Springs
Malvern—J. M. Walker, J. H. Howard, J. M. Clum	Malvern	Hot Springs
New Hope, No. 1—N. D. Jones, J. D. Rucker	Donaldson	" "
Reyburn Creek—A. Tucker	Butterfield	" "
Taylor's Chapel—J. J. Thompson	Elmore	" "
Ten Mile—S. F. Funk	Slocomb	Saline
Unity—Joseph Taylor	Braziles	"
Whittington—W. C. Henry	Whittington	"

Licentiates

CHURCHES AND MINISTERS	Postoffice	County
Kentucky—P. W. Gates	Grape	Saline
Reyhurn Creek—J. M. L. Westerman, M. G. Wade	Surl	Hot Springs

HISTORY AND STATISTICS

—OF—

The Saline Baptist Association

The Association was organized at Spring Creek Church, near Benton, Saline County, Ark., October 1, 1836. Eld. S. Henderson, Moderator, and Robert Daniel, Clerk. Churches represented: Spring Creek, Union, Saline, of Saline county; Mt. Gilead, Hot Springs county; Mt. Bethel, Clark county; Mt. Olive, Hempstead county. Total, 6. For three years, during the war of the 60's, there was no meeting of the Association, this being the sixty-fifth annual session. She is the oldest Association west of the Mississippi river, and with one exception she has the largest membership of any Association in the State. Just across, in Tennessee, (excuse us for digressing) we find the Holiten Association having held her one hundred and fourteenth annual session.

In North Carolina and Virginia, when they were colonies under England, the noble patriot Patrick Henry defended the Baptist preachers before England's colonial officers. Thomas Jefferson, who wrote the Declaration of Independence, made inquiry in regard to the government of Baptist churches and Associations, that he might get a model by which to form the Constitution of the United States. The oldest Association in the United States is the Philadelphia Association. The oldest endowed school in existence in America is the Brown University, once Rhode Island College, and it has always been a Baptist school.

Date	CHURCH	COUNTY	MODERATOR	CLERK	No. Churches Represented.	Number Baptisms.....	Total Membership..
1836.	Spring Creek.....	Saline.....	S Henderson....	Robt Daniel....	6	.....	73
1837.	Bethel.....	Clark.....	"	M Bozeman....	6	20	103
1838.	Mt. Olive.....	Hempstead.....	I C Perkins....	"	7	11	138
1839.	Spring Creek.....	Saline.....	"	"	9	12	125
1840.	Mt. Zion.....	Hempstead.....	"	I T Fairchild....	10	5	141
1841.	Snady Grove.....	Union.....	"	M Bozeman....	13	31	200
1842.	Bethel.....	Clark.....	"	E W Russell....	13	116	357
1843.	Mine Creek.....	Hempstead.....	"	G H Cobb....	20	159	621
1844.	Liberty.....	Union.....	"	E W Russell....	25	206	810
1845.	Mt. Gillead.....	Montgom'ry.....	"	"	29	111	1023
1846.	Red River.....	La Fayette.....	"	"	26	45	871
1847.	Union.....	Saline.....	J B Pratt....	A Daniel....	26	150	917
1848.	Brownsville.....	Dallas.....	I C Perkins....	"	31	153	1071
1849.	Philadelphia.....	Saline.....	W H Bayless....	E W Russell....	19	101	743
1850.	Spring Creek.....	"	"	"	24	73	866
1851.	Bluff Springs.....	Dallas.....	H H Coleman....	"	26	212	1095
1852.	Spring Hill.....	Jefferson....	W H Wyatt....	"	27	64	1117
1853.	Spring Creek.....	Saline.....	H G Smith....	A Yates....	28	111	1133
1854.	New Hope.....	Dallas.....	H H Coleman....	"	29	130	1170
1855.	Philadelphia.....	Saline.....	J Y Lindsey....	S W Nowlin....	24	68	871
1856.	North Fork.....	"	"	"	18	57	697
1857.	Franceway.....	Hot Springs.....	"	"	23	33	779
1858.	South Fork.....	Saline.....	"	H McCollum....	22	9	747
1859.	Spring Creek.....	"	"	"	24	44	803
1860.	Mt. Pleasant.....	Montgom'ry.....	"	"	25	54	849
1861.	Big Creek.....	Saline.....	"	W T Poe....	23	59	771
1862.	Hot Springs.....	Garland....	"	H McCollum....	12	10	391
1863.							
1864.							No record, probably on account of war between the states.
1865.							
1866.							We think the Association met in 1866-67.
1867.							

1868.	Marble.....	Saline.....	Thos Whitten....	R M Thrasher....	7	21	828
1869.	Smith Creek.....	"	J H Henderson....	"	28	212	1065
1870.	Fair Play.....	"	"	"	31	114	1148
1871.	Mt. Pleasant.....	Montgom'ry.....	R M Thrasher....	N M Daniel....	33	159	1235
1872.	Salem.....	Saline.....	"	"	34	101	1266
1873.	Brush Creek.....	Irant.....	"	"	41	49	1293
1874.	Friendship.....	Montgom'ry.....	"	"	41	124	1360
1875.	Oak Grove.....	Hot Spring.....	"	"	41	23	1296
1876.	Ten Mile.....	Saline.....	"	"	41	91	1279
1877.	South Fork.....	Garland.....	"	"	34	121	1087
1878.	Magnet Cove.....	Hot Spring.....	"	R B Clyde....	39	95	1105
1879.	Kentucky.....	Saline.....	W M Daniel....	C T Glen....	39	112	1273
1880.	Marble.....	Garland.....	"	"	39	136	1423
1881.	Lone Hill.....	"	"	"	42	89	1434
1882.	Smith Creek.....	"	"	"	46	103	1510
1883.	South Fork.....	"	"	J E McGovern....	47	64	1272
1884.	Union.....	Saline.....	"	R M Thrasher....	48	96	1459
1885.	Bethel.....	Perry.....	W A Clark....	"	34	174	1313
1886.	H Spgs 1st Ch.....	Garland.....	"	"	26	116	1203
1887.	Smith Creek.....	"	Isaac Harison	B N Hultzman....	21	200	1361
1888.	Malvern.....	Hot Spring.....	R M Thrasher....	C T Glen....	55	221	2534
1889.	Salem.....	Saline.....	J C Henderson....	Hugh Mc Colum....	50	373	2712
1890.	Reyburn Cr'k.....	Hot Spring.....	G W Reeves....	J H Bennett....	52	278	2816
1891.	Heroche.....	"	"	J D Kenedy....	50	196	2329
1892.	Big Creek.....	"	J A Verser....	S L Hollaway....	38	167	2539
1893.	Ten Mile.....	Saline.....	"	CT Glen....	43	166	2607
1894.	North Fork.....	"	E C Ellis....	J C Ross....	47	164	2747
1895.	Lono.....	Hot Spring.....	"	"	33	116	2238
1896.	Fair Play.....	Saline.....	J A Verser....	J W McDonald....	47	254	2898
1897.	Oak Grove.....	Hot Spring.....	E C Ellis....	J C Ross....	49	182	2947
1898.	Maynet Cove.....	"	"	"	52	182	2947
1899.	Kentucky.....	Saline.....	"	A B Shockley....	45	245	2813
1900.	Ouchita.....	Hot Spring.....	J A Verser....	"	37	180	2397
1901.	Malvern.....	"	W A Clark....	"	43	304	3036
1902.	Little R 1st Ch.....	Pulaski.....	"	"	42	207	3238
1903.	Lonsdale.....	Garland....	"	"	49	271	3707
1904.	Friendsiph	Hot Spring.....	J W McDonald....	"	44	301	3470

The time and place of organization and data of the first few years of Saline Association was compiled from the original manuscript and furnished us by Dr. W. A. Clark, to whom we are due our thanks for same.

THE CLERK.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This union of churches shall be known and distinguished by the name and title of the "Saline Baptist Association."

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

Article 3. The messengers, when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberate body, by the appointment of a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by ballot at each annual Association, and shall continue in office until their successors are chosen.

Article 4. The Association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which it is composed. It shall regard them as independent bodies in all matters of internal government, and shall act only as an advisory council, assuming no authority, except what is expressly delegated to it by the churches, or evidently implied by the very nature of the compact. It nevertheless claims authority over its members—the messengers from the churches—and in propriety must have power to withdraw from and disown all churches which depart from the principles of this contract by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice. It should therefore regard all churches united under this constitution with a vigilant eye for good. Its principle business shall be to promote the declarative glory of God by extending the kingdom of grace on earth, through the medium of preaching the gospel, and the means in accordance with the gospel and to cultivate union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ, especially with those united in this constitution.

Article 5. Newly constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this union, on sending three messengers to the annual meeting of this Association, with a petition for admission, and by their messengers agreeing to the abstract of principles herewith published.

Article 6. The churches in this union shall transmit to every annual session of the Association, a written communication, specifying the names of their messengers, their number in fellowship, number baptized, received by letters, dismissed, excommunicated, restored or deceased, since the last session, and all other information which the churches may deem important, and which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

Article 7. This Association may have a fund supplied by the voluntary contribution of the churches; and all the money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over through the Committee on Finance to the Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold his office during the pleasure of the Association. He shall retain and manage the funds agreeably to the order of the Association and shall present annually, for insertion in the Minutes a clear and sufficient statement of all the receipts and expenditures.

Article 8. This Association shall furnish the churches with the Minutes of every session.

Article 9. This Association shall take cognizance of no quarry sent up from the churches, unless they have endeavored to solve the

same, and have failed; nor of any difficulty between churches, unless they have pursued the directions in the 18th chapter of Matthew, and have not been able to settle them. Then the Association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at its discretion.

Article 10. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of this Association to keep a regular file of the printed minutes of the session of this body, and to deliver over the same to his successor in office.

Article 11. This constitution may be altered or amended at regular meetings of the Association by the concurring voice of two-thirds of the members then present; provided, such alteration or amendment be approved of by the churches comprising this Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

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

Article 2. We believe that the Scriptures, comprising the Old and New Testaments, are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

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

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

Article 5. We believe in man's incapacity, by his own free will and ability to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.

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

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

Article 8. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of baptism, and that immersion is an apostolic mode.

Article 9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and in the general judgment, and that the felicity of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

Article 10. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel but one who is regularly baptized, called, and comes under the imposition of the hands of a presbytery.

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

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

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.
3. The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order, and shall have a right to call to order at any time.
4. A member not satisfied with his decision may appeal to the association on the same day, but at no other time.
5. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise on his feet, and obtaining permission, proceed.