

MINUTES

—OF THE—

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Mt. VERNON

BAPTIST + ASSOCIATION

—HELD WITH—

MARIANNA CHURCH,

—LEE COUNTY, ARK.—

OCTOBER 14, 15, AND 16, 1887.

OFFICERS.

S. H. KING, MODERATOR. W. H. PASLAY, TREASURER.
L. K. OBENCHAIN, CLERK.

Next Session to be Held with the Salem Baptist Church,
Phillips County, Arkansas, Friday Before the Third
Sunday in October, 1888.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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

AN INTERMISSION.

Messengers reassemble. Moderator and Clerks in their seats.

2. Letters read and Messengers enrolled.
3. Election of officers for ensuing year.
4. Petitionary letters.
5. Call for correspondence.
6. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.
7. Committees appointed:— Missions, Associational, State
Home and Foreign.
Education.
Sabbath Schools.
Nominations.
Temperance.
Finance.
Religious Exercises.
Correspondence and Messengers of sister Associations.
8. Contributions from Churches received.
9. Resolutions and propositions in order.
10. Report of committees.
11. Report of Board.
12. Printing Minutes—number determined.
13. Reading Minutes before adjournment.
14. A parting address by the Moderator.

MINUTES.

The Mt. Vernon Baptist Association met pursuant to adjournment with the Marianna church, Lee county, Arkansas, Friday at 11 o'clock a. m., October 14th, 1887.

The appointee, G. A. Grammar, being absent the introductory sermon was preached by ~~Rev.~~ L. K. Obenchain from John 17: 11. After an intermission of five minutes the Association was called to order by former Moderator S. H. King. The former clerk being absent the Moderator appointed L. K. Obenchain clerk *pro tem*.

T. D. Ware and F. M. Prewitt read the letters from the various churches, and delegates names were enrolled as follows:

Barton—Represented by letter.

Bethlehem—T. E. Knight, W. M. King.

Salem—W. Thompson, J. F. Jarratt.

Cypress—C. S. Belsha, Dr. Hall.

Clarendon—D. Hurst.

Rehoboth—J. F. Langston, J. H. Armstrong.

Center Grove—W. H. Douglass, R. A. Batts.

Lone Chapel—R. M. O'Neal, John Jacob.

Pleasant Grove—E. G. Griffon, M. L. Rano.

Pine Fork—N. L. Wilson, W. Scott.

New Hope—E. P. Burrous, W. L. Howard.

Marianna—W. A. Bobbitt, E. L. Black.

Forrest City—F. M. Izard, F. W. Prewett.

Zion—B. F. Thomas, N. R. Thomas.

Oak Grove—R. Bickerstaff, W. F. Ligon.

Oak Hill—R. J. Hewlett, W. C. Kelso, H. H. White.

Mars Hill—W. W. Jones, E. B. Shafer.

Big Creek—M. K. McCarty, J. D. French, C. C. Wyatt.

Poplar Grove—J. B. Hodges, W. S. Heustess, J. A. Whittington.

Hopewell—C. L. Long, P. W. Long.

Shiloh—John Ables.

Oakland—By Letter.

Prairie Grove—D. R. Nuffer.

Hebron—R. P. Clifton.

Bible Union—P. Rev. Wm. Elliott.

Forest Chapel—J. H. Thompson, R. H. Sparkman, D. Bell.

Philadelphia—M. A. Thompson, J. W. Dicus, J. B. Cooksil.

Mt. Gilead—T. Bryan, L. Armstrong.

Pilgrim Rest—J. J. Smitherman, J. L. Grider.

Level Valley—By Letter.

Brinkley—W. H. Paslay.

Helena—T. D. Ware.

On motion of W. H. Paslay, the Association proceeded to the election of officers which resulted in the election of S. H. King Moderator, W. H. Paslay, Treasurer, L. K. Obenchain, Clerk.

Adjourned to meet at 2:30 p. m.

Benediction by W. H. Paslay.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

On motion, visiting brethren were invited to seats.

M. D. Early, corresponding secretary Arkansas Baptist State Convention, responded.

On motion, the order of business was revised so as to dis-

tinguish between Association, State, Home and Foreign Missions. Committees were appointed as follows :

MISSIONS.

Associational—T. D. Ware, C. S. Belsha, D. Hurst.

State—R. G. Hewlett, W. S. Heustess, W. M. King.

Home—N. L. Wilson, J. H. Armstrong, Wm. Elliott.

Foreign—L. K. Obenchain, Wm. Thompson, Geo. Dickson.

Education—W. H. Paslay, J. F. Langston, T. E. Knight.

Sabbath Schools—C. W. Hickey, W. A. Bobbitt, F. M.

Prewett.

Nominations—E. L. Black, J. F. Jarrett, W. H. Douglass.

Temperance—B. F. Thomas, W. W. Jones, W. F. Ligon.

Finance—R. H. Sparkman, M. K. McCarty, J. B. Hodges.

Religious Exercise—J. H. Thompson, J. H. Spivey, J. B.

Whitted and the deacons of Marianna church.

Petitionary letter from Prairie Grove church was presented. On motion was received and right hand of fellowship extended to messengers.

Petitionary letter from Hebron was presented. On motion was received and right hand of fellowship extended to messengers.

On motion, the Bible Union Church was restored to membership in this body.

On motion, W. A. Bobbitt was added to the committee on temperance.

Committee on religious exercises reported that R. G. H. Hewlett would preach to-night and T. D. Ware to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

On motion, the Moderator was added to the committee on associational missions.

On motion, the hours of meeting were fixed as follows: Meet at 8:30 o'clock a. m. Spend half an hour in devotional exercises; adjourn at 12:30 p. m. Meet at 2 o'clock p. m., and adjourn at will.

On motion, adjourned to meet after preaching to-night.
Benediction by M. D. Early.

FRIDAY NIGHT.

After preaching by R. G. Hewlett from John 2d Timothy 4:2 the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended.

Letters from Philadelphia and Mt. Gilead churches received and messengers enrolled.

Correspondence called for. M. D. Early, of Caroline, responded.

Committee on State Missions reported :

Your committee on state missions submit the following: We are profoundly grateful to God for the success which has attended the efforts of His people during the past year, in giving the gospel to the perishing thousands within our great state. Arkansas may truly be said to be almost a mission field. That it is our duty as far as possible to occupy this vast territory for Christ will not be questioned by any true missionary we put here.

Our state Board has had on this field during the past year fifteen men: some in the towns and some in the country. These men have all done a good work for the Master. The Board could have put at least one hundred men to work if it could have had the means with which to send them out.

What we most need among our people to enable us to do great things for God and humanity, is some systematic plan which will commend itself to the great body of our people. One that will reach the poor, the rich, the young and the old.

Your committee is of the opinion that the plan is at hand, and we herewith submit it for your prayerful consideration:

1st. Get your churches to appoint a committee to be known as a committee on missions.

2nd. That said committee be requested to see every member of the church, and as far as possible get said members to

agree to pay weekly or monthly as the Lord may prosper them to the cause of missions.

3. That all monies thus raised to be paid into the treasury of the church, thereby making the church the custodian of all funds thus raised.

4. That the church from time to time appropriate the funds to the Associational, the State, the Home, and the Foreign Boards, as the necessities may demand.

5. Your committee would further recommend that as a means to greatly aid the churches in putting the above plan into successful operation, the mission book, adopted by the state Board which can be had at the small cost of thirty-five cents per copy, and can be procured upon application to M. D. Early, Little Rock, Ark. This association contributed \$85.78 to state missions the past year.

R. G. HEWLETT. }

W. S. HEUSTESS. } Committee.

Which, on motion, after remarks by R. G. Hewlett, T. D. Ware and M. D. Early was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

On motion, adjourned to meet Saturday morning at 8:30.

Benediction by T. D. Ware.

SATURDAY.—MORNING SESSION.

At 9 a. m., after devotional exercises, the association was called to order by the moderator.

On motion, C. C. Wyatt was received as a member from Big Creek church, instead of C. Sanford.

The committee on education reported:

We, your committee on education, would respectfully submit the following: Since ignorance and vice are closely allied, so education and civilization, with all their concomitant blessings, are inseparable companions.

All nations are apprised of this fact, and knowing that in order to develop their varied resources, and to elevate their subjects and thereby keep pace with the progressive march of science,

are making strenuous efforts to educate their subjects.

But, intellectual training does not necessarily make a man or nation great; and we find that those nations who have regard for the moral as well as the mental training occupy a position that others may envy, but never reach:

If education is so essential to develop, energize and support all other industrial pursuits, how much more important when applied to the great work assigned us of rescuing the sons and daughters of Adam:

Here we have error in every guise to combat skepticism and sophistry to meet infidelity and ritualism to antagonize us at every step, and all these, spirits of satanic origin advocated by educated talents. To successfully overcome this unrelenting opposition to that which is dearer to us than our lives, our sons and daughters ought to receive that moral and intellectual training that the interest demands.

In educating our children great wisdom is to be exercised in selecting teachers, schools and books. Our denomination in the state has long felt the deficiency in this important matter, and by prayer and zeal, wisdom and means combined, have succeeded in establishing a college at Arkadelphia for the education of both sexes, and now ask for that support which is necessary to make it a permanency, and which it is justly entitled to. No school can prosper without children and money. The denomination has both. Shall we withhold them, or shall we not rather rally to the support of these noble brethren who have labored so faithfully to establish this school? This school has all the necessary advantages for ministerial education also, and while we are praying for more laborers in the Lord's vineyard, let us make an effort to encourage, by our means and prayers, those young ministers who are struggling to obtain an education and have not the necessary funds. This is a part of our work that has been sadly neglected hitherto and now demands our serious attention.

W. H. PASLAY, Ch'm.

Amendment offered by T. D. Ware :

In view of the great importance of an educated ministry, we would most heartily recommend that this association support some one young man studying for the ministry at Ouachita College; further, that the churches of this association pledge one hundred and twenty-five dollars for the purpose, and that a committee be appointed to superintend the work, and that the young man supported must have the indorsement of the associational Board.

On motion, after speeches by W. H. Paslay, J. H. Armstrong, T. D. Ware, R. G. Hewlett, M. D. Early, was adopted.

PLEDGES TAKEN FOR MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Helena, by T. D. Ware...	\$10 00	W. C. Kelso.....	\$1 00
Pleasant Grove.....	5 00	Mars Hill, W. W. Jones...	2 50
Oak Hill.....	5 00	Marianna, J. D. Brown...	5 00
Pine Fork.....	5 00	Prairie Grove.....	2 50
Big Creek.....	5 00	Salem, Wm. Thompson...	5 00
Hebron, R. P. Clifton....	2 50	Bible Union, Wm. Elliott.	2 50
Philadelphia, Thompson.	2 50	W. H. Douglas, (paid)....	5 00
Cypress, C. S. Belsha....	5 00	Pilgrim Rest, Snuthernan.	2 00
John Ables.....	1 00	W. H. Paslay.....	5 00
Forest Chapel delegates..	5 00	J. W. Williams.....	1 00

On motion of B. F. Thomas, M. D. Early was invited to present the claims of Ouachita College, at some suitable time.

Petitionary letter from Pilgrim Rest church, was presented, after explanation by L. K. Obenchain, and remarks by B. F. Thomas.

Pending discussion, on motion, adjourned to meet for preaching.

After preaching by T. D. Ware, from Phillipeans, ii:5, the association resumed business.

Petitionary letter from Level Valley church, presented.

On motion of B. F. Thomas, a committee consisting of W. H. Paslay, R. G. Hewlett and L. K. Obenchain, was appointed, to whom should be referred the letters from Pilgrim Rest and Level Valley churches.

On motion, a committee was appointed on Religious Literature, consisting of R. G. Hewlett, M. A. Thompson and J. F. Langston.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock p. m.

Benediction by M. D. Early.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing, and prayer by M. A. Thompson, the association resumed business.

The committee to whom was referred the petitionary letters from Pilgrim Rest and Level Valley churches, reported as follows:

Your committee, to whom was referred the letters from Pilgrim Rest and Level Valley churches, petitioning for membership into this body, would respectfully submit the following: While we regard the manner of their organization irregular, and contrary to the general usage of the Baptist denomination, and highly inexpedient, and would most earnestly discourage a repetition of similar proceedings, yet, in view of all the facts in the case, would recommend the reception of the above churches into the association.

W. H. PASLAY,	} Committee.
L. K. OBENCHAIN,	
R. G. HEWLETT.	

On motion of F. M. Prewett, adopted.

On motion, W. A. Forbes, editor *Arkansas Baptist*, was invited to the courtesies of this body.

Committee on Temperance submitted the following: Every Christian ought to be thankful to God for the unprecedented success of the temperance reformation. Four states, by large majorities, have adopted a constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicants as a beverage. Some seventeen states have passed a law providing that the nature of alcoholic drinks and narcotics, and their effects upon the human system, shall be taught in all the public schools. The congress of the United States by a majority almost amounting to

unanimity, passed a similar law for the District of Columbia and territories. The plan of prohibiting by local option is doing a vast amount of good in a large number of states, among which our beloved Arkansas stands prominent.

The drink traffic assails the most sacred rites and interests of humanity. It is more destructive to the human race than war, famine and pestilence combined. Every philanthropist ought to throw the full force of his influence against it. Therefore we would advise all Christians to use all proper means to establish the rule of total abstinence for the individual, and total prohibition for the state. It is, therefore, our solemn duty to do all in our power to bring the church of Christ up to the standard of New Testament discipline in reference to intemperance as well as all other sins.

One of the grandest revolutions now going on in the world, is the one to abolish the traffic in intoxicant as a beverage. If any one will carefully investigate the contest for constitutional prohibition in the states of Michigan, Texas and Tennessee, they will see arrayed on the side of prohibition the largest portion and best part of the different religious denominations, with tears, and prayers and arguments, appealing to the word of God, to science, to history, to facts, presenting the temporal interests for time and the spiritual interests for eternity, thus appealing to the people to stop the ravages of this monster evil. On the other side are arrayed the advocates of blood and money, including some of the most degraded of the human race, with the millions procured at the expense of broken hearts, and blasted hopes, and blood, and death, and ruins in every horrid form; degrading church members, corrupting the ballot box, bribing politicians, assassinating their opponents, bribing juries, using the poor, ignorant Africans, and the tenfold more degraded immigrants from all parts of the world, to back them up in robbing the wife of her husband, the mother of her sons, the community of its peace and safety; assailing everything sacred and holy, and encouraging everything vile and degraded. We now appeal to every one who reads this report, after praying to God for direction, to choose on which side of this tremendous contest they will throw their influence.

- B. F. THOMAS, }
 - W. A. BOBBITT, } Committee.
 W. F. LIGON. }

On motion, after speeches by W. H. Pasley, B. F. Thomas, M. D. Early and R. G. Hewlett, adopted.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported :

Your committee on Foreign Missions respectfully submit the

following: The spirit of missions is the spirit of Christ, and since the world is the field, we can not confine our labors within any circumscribed bounds. While we have urgent claims upon us, within the bounds of our association and state, yet we can not ignore the claims of the foreign fields. God is abundantly blessing our cause in the distant fields. The moral darkness is gradually disappearing before the rising light of the gospel.

This department of our work is under the control of the S. B. C., and they are calling upon us for help. Let us heed their cry and assist them with our money and prayers.

L. K. OBENCHAIN,
Wm. THOMPSON, } Committee.
GEO. DICKSON, }

On motion, after remarks by W. H. Paslay, B. F. Thomas and a collection of \$23.50 for Foreign Mission, adopted.

The committee on Home Missions reported.

On motion, report was recommitted.

Committee on Associational Missions reported as follows:

BRETHREN: It is certainly true that while other interests coming before this body demand our most careful consideration, nothing is of such importance as our associational work. The harvest truly is great and the labors are few. The report of our board shows that from two months work done by M. K. Thornton and A. C. Ball that the Lord has greatly blessed them, and that there is still much to be accomplished. There are places within our bounds where there has been no preaching in the last three years, and many other places where there is great destitution. The committee would recommend that our churches be advised to adopt the best possible system of securing funds for this much needed work. And that the pastors of churches as far as possible look after the destitution in the bounds of their churches. Whenever the associational and state work is strengthened then the interest of the Home and Foreign is advanced. We would recommend a hearty co-operation with our state board, and that all appointments of our board be reported to the state board, and ask them to ratify the same simply that our work may be one. We would also recommend that the plan pursued by the executive board for the last three years, of employing missionaries during the summer months and fall months, be continued.

T. D. WARE, Chr'm.

On motion, after discussion by T. D. Ware and M. D. Early, adopted.

Pending discussion, on motion; by W. H. Paslay, adjourned to meet to-night after preaching.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

After preaching by W. H. Paslay from Rom. vii: 24, the association convened for business.

The committee on religious exercises reported that M. D. Early would preach at the Baptist Church to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m. T. D. Ware at the Methodist Church, and W. A. Forbes at the Presbyterian Church the same hour.

Resumed the discussion of associational missions by introducing the report of the executive board, which is as follows:

At a meeting of the board during the session of the association at Brinkley, it was ascertained that after defraying all expenses of the association there was on hand \$——. The board decided to use a part of the amount in assisting weak churches in sustaining their pastors. At a meeting of the board on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in May in pursuance of the above decision the amount of \$50.00 was appropriated to Brinkley church and \$15.00 to Mars Hill. At the same meeting the secretary of the board was instructed to correspond with the presidents of Jackson University, Tenn., Clinton College, Miss., and Ouachita College, Ark., with a view to securing the services of two young men to act as missionaries in the Mt. Vernon Association, which resulted in employing M. K. Thornton and A. C. Ball from Clinton College for two months, beginning the 15th of July and ending the 15th of September at a salary of \$50.00 per month each. Their report is as follows: Baptized 52, restorations and conversions, 106; amount collected, \$17.90; held six protracted meetings and organized two churches.

The meetings were held in the southwestern portion of Phillips and southern part of Monroe, and in other sections of country where there had been but little or no preaching. The board instructed the missionaries when they commenced a meeting to continue as long as there was hope of doing good. They usually held their meetings from ten days to two weeks. They found the destitution so great that in order to do the work as instructed, the time for which they were employed was exhausted before they could occupy the whole field.

S. H. KING, Chr'm.

Which on motion, after remarks by W. H. Paslay and S. H. King, and taking the following pledges for associational missions was adopted:

Helena.....	\$30 00	Marvell.....	\$25 00
Salem.....	15 00	Bethlehem.....	5 00
Mt. Gilead.....	2 50	Cypress.....	5 00
Clarendon Hurst.....	2 50	Philadelphia.....	5 00

New Hope.....	5 00	J. F. Langston.....	5 00
W. H. Douglass.....	5 00	Pleasant Grove.....	5 00
Brinkley.....	10 00	Pine Fork.....	5 00
Lone Chapel.....	2 50	W. A. Bobbitt.....	5 00
J. P. Farrar.....	2 50	I. D. Brown.....	5 00
G. A. Bolick.....	5 00	G. Slaughter.....	2 50
Forest Chapel.....	10 00	James Slaughter.....	2 50
Forrest City.....	20 00	B. F. Thomas.....	1 00
R. Bickerstaff.....	2 50	Zion.....	1 00
W. F. Ligon.....	2 50	Oak Hill.....	5 00
Mars Hill.....	5 00	Big Creek.....	5 00
Poplar Grove.....	10 00	Miss Laura Farrar.....	2 50
Wm Elliott.....	2 50	Mrs. L. Thomas.....	1 00
Pilgrim Rest.....	5 00	Level Valley.....	5 00
Hebron.....	2 50	Prairie Grove.....	1 00

Committee on nominations reported :

We, your committee on nominations, beg leave to recommend as members of the executive board, T. D. Ware, J. A. Farrar, sr., Wm. Thompson, L. J. Wilkes, W. A. Bobbitt.

To preach the introductory sermon, R. G. Hewlett and W. H. Paslay alternate. Place of next meeting, Salem church.

Adopted.

W. H. DOUGLAS, Chr'm.

Committee on religious literature reported :

Your committee would report the following: The press is a mighty power in our land, largely for evil—a great evil it is true, but also a means of immeasurable good in the advancement of every noble christian interest. The price of literature has been so reduced in this age as to place it in the power of almost every man to provide good religious reading for himself and those dependent on him for religious instruction. Among the various publications of the day that we deem worthy of Baptist patronage, we would recommend: 1st. The Arkansas Baptist published at Little Rock, as having a special claim upon Arkansas Baptists. 2d. For Sabbath Schools the various Kind Words publications published at Atlanta, Ga. 3rd. The Foreign Mission Journal published by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention at Richmond, Va.

R. G. HEWLETT,
W. A. THOMPSON, } COMMITTEE.
J. F. LANGSTON,

On motion, after speeches by W. H. Paslay, W. A. Bobbitt, B. F. Thomas and W. A. Forbes was adopted.

On motion, adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock a. m. Benediction by T. D. Ware.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Association met in Sunday School mass meeting at 9 o'clock.

After singing and prayer by N. L. Wilson, addresses on the subject of Sabbath Schools by J. R. Brown and R. G. Hewlett.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported as follows:

We your committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report:

CHURCHES.	SCHOLARS.	AVERAGE.
Shiloh.....	54	30
Rehobeth.....	65	40
Forrest City.....	68	50
Poplar Grove.....	40	25
Forrest Chapel.....	78	60
New Hope.....	30	25
Pine Fork.....	26	18
Marianna.....	43	20
Pilgrim Rest.....	35	30
Marvell.....	30	—
Brinkley.....	80	40
Oak Grove.....	27	20
Center Grove.....	50	—

We see from the above that twelve out of thirty-two churches have reported Sabbath Schools. We look upon this state of affairs with regret when we consider the great importance of the work. Brethren there is no field of christian labor where so many can be employed to such great advantage nor where the average christian can accomplish so much for the Master. It is the candid opinion of this committee that if you would advance the interest of the Baptist cause you must teach the children the Bible in its purity and simplicity. We therefore recommend that the church be urged through these messengers not to defer the organization of Sabbath Schools and to use Baptist literature.

W. A. BOBBITT, Chr'm.

On motion, after speeches by T. D. Ware, W. A. Forbes, M. D. Early and N. L. Wilson was adopted.

Adjourned to meet at 2:30 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:30 o'clock the association met. After singing and prayer by A. C. Ball a letter from Helena church was read and messengers enrolled.

Messengers appointed to the state convention: W. H. Paslay, T. D. Ware, N. L. Wilson, R. G. Hewlett, R. A. Lee.

On motion, parties having subscribed for ministerial educa-

tion be requested to send the money to the treasurer, (W. H. Paslay) at Brinkley, Ark., by the first of January, 1888.

Committee on Home Missions reported :

Your committee on Home Missions would submit the following :

This Mission is under the auspices of the home board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The field of this board embraces Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas—together with the Indian Territory and the Island of Cuba. The work in Cuba is a marvell in modern missions.

Arkansas has been asked for five hundred dollars the present year. About three hundred and fifty of this amount was pledged at the last Baptist State Convention.

This board has done a grand work in Arkansas, and we most respectfully ask that our churches contribute of their means to help in this great work.

J. H. ARMSTRONG, } Committee.
N. L. WILSON, }

On motion, after remarks by M. D. Early and voluntary contribution, Brinkley, \$2.50; New Hope, \$2.50; other contributions, \$6.60; total, \$11.50. By request of W. H. Paslay special prayer was made for Cuba by M. D. Early. Discussed further by T. D. Ware and was adopted.

Claim of Ouachita College was presented by W. A. Forbes and M. D. Early.

Notes taken to the amount of \$95.00; cash \$25.65.

On motion, adjourned to meet after service to-night.

Benediction by L. K. Obenchain.

NIGHT SESSION.

After preaching by W. A. Forbes, the association convened for business.

On motion, the clerk was instructed to have five hundred copies of minutes printed; that he be allowed ten dollars for his services; and that he send blank associational letter to church clerks.

Committee on Finance reported.

On motion, said report was recommitted.

After correction, committee reported :

Collections for associational purposes	\$179 95
Collections for state missions	15 10
Collections for foreign missions	31 55
Collections for minutes	50 75
Collections for Cuban missions	11 50

Collections for state missions on Sabbath.....\$ 23 10

Total.....\$311 95

Adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1887.

To ballance on hand for 1886.....\$ 66 10

To amount received for home missions..... 132 85

To amount received for foreign missions..... 20 45

To amount received for state missions..... 25 00

To amount received for minutes..... 37 05

Total.....\$281 45

CONTRA.

By cash paid M. D. Eearly.....\$ 25 00

By cash paid J. B. Searey..... 20 J5

By cash paid for minutes..... 32 40

By cash paid clerk..... 10 00

By cash paid for postage and money order..... 72

By cash paid Mars Hill church..... 15 00

By cash paid Brinkley church..... 50 00

By cash paid M. K. Thornton..... 87 40

By cash on hand to balance..... 40 48

Total.....\$281 45

W. H. PASLAY, Treasurer.

Adopted.

Resolution by T. D. Ware :

Resolved, That this body tender to the church and citizens of Marianna, our hearty thanks for their kind and cordial hospitality given us during our stay with them. Further

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be extended to the Methodist and Presbyterian brethren. for the use of their houses of worship.

Remarks by the Moderator.

On motion of W. A. Bobbitt, after singing "How Firm'a Foundation, Etc.," and extending the parting hand, the association adjourned to meet with Salem church, Phillips county, Ark., six miles south-west from Marvell, on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1888.

Prayer and benediction by W. H. Paslay.

L. K. OBENCHAIN, Clerk, LaGrange, Ark.

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

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Clerks.	Post-office.	Days.	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Died.	Members.	No. in S. School	Minutes	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	E. S. Contribution	Salary.
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FIRST DISTRICT.

Helena.	T. D. Ware	W. R. Miller	Helena.	Every	1	4	12	8	67	30	2 50	10 00	3 00	700
Pilgrim Rest.	A. C. Ball	J. L. Grider	Indian Bay.	1st	27	4			20	35	1 00	7 00		3 00
Level Valley.		John Brown.	Pine City		11	2	2		15		1 00	6 85		
Cypress.	J. L. Wilson	B. L. Belsha.	Turner.	2d	3	1	2	2	54		1 50	5 00		
Bethlehem		M. W. King.	Clarendon.			1			30		2 00			
Clarendon.	M. A. Thompson	T. M. Dooly.	Marvell	4th	8	1	3	3	54	40	1 75	2 50		
Salem	W. H. Paslay	J. F. Jarrett.	Brinkley	3d	7	6	1	2	66	30	2 50	15 00	2 50	200
Philadelphia.	M. A. Thompson	G. W. Hollum			12	1	1		64		1 00	4 25		
Mount Gilead.	T. E. Knight	J. H. Graham	Dunn		9	1		1	28					
Barton.	L. K. Obenchain	J. L. Belsha.	Barton.	4th	1	2			12		1 25			
Marvell	J. H. Armstrong	W. H. Ward	Marvell	2d		3			25			25 00		

SECOND DISTRICT.

Pleasant Grove.	J. M. Davis	R. E. Morris	Cotton Plant		3	4	2		2	33	2 00			
Lone Chapel	T. E. Knight	R. M. O'Neal	Brinkley	2d	4	7	1	1	2	38	1 50			40
Rehoboth	J. H. Armstrong	G. B. Turner	Poplar Grove.	4th	1	2	1	2	58	40	1 50	5 00	7 50	50
Pine Fork	N. L. Wilson	G. Vondron	Moro	4th	13	3	1	3	34	26	2 00		2 00	25
Center Grove.	J. H. Armstrong	R. A. Butts	Spring Creek.	3d				3	44	50	2 00			100
Hebron		Sorrell.			6	2			30		1 25	1 40		
Brinkley	W. H. Paslay	A. Flora	Brinkley	1st & 3d	1	5	1		52	80	2 00	10 00	35 00	300

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Oakland	L. K. Obenchain	Kate Leftwich.	Phillips Bayou.	2d		1			1	1	17		\$ 1 00				\$ 100		
Mars Hill	J. H. Armstrong	W. K. Leach	Palestine	1st	2	3	4				21		1 00	6 00					
Big Creek	M. K. McCarty	C. C. Wyatt	Goodwin	4th	3	2	1				42		1 50						
Bible Union.	B. F. Stokes		Forrest City		21	6	1				42		75						
Marlanna	R. A. Lee	J. P. Farrar	Clifton	2d&4t	2	8		5		5	51	43	2 00			22 95	600		
Poplar Grove.	W. H. Paslay	J. M. Massey	Mill Brook.	2d	6					1	31	40	1 50	10 00	2 25	5 00	150		
Forrest City	G. A. Grammer	J. F. Fendren	Forrest City	Every	2	1	1	6	1	2	98	68	2 50	15 90		62 00	720		
Oak Grove	L. K. Obenchain	F. L. Gustavus	Moro	1st		1	1	9	15	5	64	27	2 00	15 00			150		
Forest Chapel	R. A. Lee	J. W. Rogers	Haynes	3d	5	1	1	2	2		91	78	3 00	10 00			250		
Prairie Grove.	T. E. Knight	S. A. Fisher	Hunter	3d	2	3	2	2			8		75						
New Hope.	L. K. Obenchain	E. P. Burrows	La'range	3d		4				1	35	30				7 00	200		
Zion	R. F. Thomas	J. S. Uery	Forrest City	4th				1			28		75	1 00	2 50				
Hopewell.		P. W. Long	Clifton						2		20		1 50						
Oak Hill.		N. H. White		3d	16	6			4	1	67		2 00	5 00					
Shiloh	W. C. Kelso	Z. T. Borwell.	Colt.	1st	6				4	2	21	54	1 00						
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