# MINUTES

——OF THE——

# Thirty-Sixth Annual Session

OF THE

# Mt. Vernon Baptist Association,

---HELD WITH THE-

# HELENA GHURGH,

Phillips Gounty, Ark.

October 14, 15 and 16, 1892.

#### OFFICERS:

S. H. KING, MODERATOR.

W. H. PASLAY, TREASURER.

J. H. CASON, CLERK.

Next Session to be held with the Ash Grove Church, Friday before the Third Sabbath in October, 1893.

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# Order of Business.

- 1. Call to order by the Moderator.
- 2. Introductory Sermon.
- 3. Reading of letters and enrollment.
- 4. Election of Officers.
- 5. Petitionary Letters.
- 6. Committee on Religious Exercises.
- 7. Corresponding Messengers Called.
- 8. Reports of Messengers to Corresponding Bodies
- 9. Appointment of Messenger's to Corresponding Bodies.
- 10. Appointment of Standing Committees.
  - 11. Treasurer's Report.
  - 12. Report of Executive Board.
  - 13. Report of Standing Committees.
  - 14. Miscellaneous Business.
  - 15. Correct the Roll of Messengers.
  - 16. Read and Correct Minutes.
  - 17. Adjournment.

# Explanation

By the advice of the Moderator and others, at Helena, I teft the Minutes with the Helena World, on the promise that I should have them within a week. I trust brethren will not blame me for the long delay.

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tion the introductory sermon was deferred to 7:45 P. M.

The hour for effecting a permanent organization was set for 2 P.  $\vec{M}_{*}$ 

On motion Elder H. J. Smith was appointed to preach at U/A. M., and the Pastor of the Helena Church was appointed to conduct devotional exercises until that time. Elder Smith preached from Ex. 14: 15.

### FRIDAY 2 P. M.

The Association was called to order. Prayer by Bro. J. F. Langston.

On motion of Bro. Thornton, S. H. King was elected Moderator by acclamation; J. H. Cason, Clerk, and W. H. Paslay, Treasurer.

Brethren L. J. Wilkes and J. P. Farrer were appointed to read letters from the churches.

The messengers were enrolled as follows:

Barton-J. L. Belsha.

Clarendon-O. J. L. Poland.

LaGrange (New Hope) W. T. Moore.

Helena Eld. M. K. Thornton, J. W. Sanford, T. M. Oldham and Wm. Larkin.

Rehoboth S. H. King, J. F. Langston and A. M. Hopkins,

'Salem  $(H,J,Smith,W,H,Allison and Wm. Thompson <math display="inline">% \left( 1,...,N\right) =1$ 

Trenton R. R. King.

Good Hope L. H. Fowler.
 Ash Grove S. P. Spadding.

Bethlehem J. H. Herst, James Night, Wm. M. King.

Rama Eld. B. F. Holdford.

Wheatley Eld. S. D. Johns.

Forrest City Elds, W. H. Paslay and J. H. Cason,

Poplar Grove J. B. Hodges and N. R. Thomas.

Oak Grove- W. A. S<sub>1</sub> ivy and F. L. Gastavus.

Haynes -J. T. Friar.

Colt- -By letter.

Marianna - J. P. Farrer.

Hebron-T. H. Psalmonds and J. H. Psalmonds,

Brinkley John W. Cooper.

Philadelphia - By letter.

Lone Chapel -- By letter.

Cypress—Z. T. West.

Mars Hill - By letter.

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Eudora—By letter.

Forest Chapel—By letter.

Petitionary letters being called, Howell Church responded.

The church was received in usual form, and J. C. Griffin was recognized as messenger.

Cotton Plant-By letter.

Level Valley-By letter.

Corresponding messengers were invited to seats.

Reports of messengers were called.

Appointments to corresponding bodies: State Convention, J. H. Cason, W. H. Paslay, M. K. Thornton and J. W. Cooper.
Southern Baptist Convention: M. K. Thornton, and J. H. Cason, alternate.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

Finance--J. P. Farrer, J. W. Cooper and F. L. Gustavus.
Visitors were invited to seats: Elder W. A. Clark, editor
of the Arkansas Baptist and Elder C. M. Williams, President of the Central Baptist College accepted the invitation.

The following resolution was presented by Elder W. H. Paslay:

"It is the sense of this Association, that when there are not brothers present to fill the quota of any church, sisters from such church are entitled to be recognized as messengers."

Elders W. A. Clark, W. H. Paslay, H. J. Smith and others favored the resolution. M. K. Thornton, and J. H. Cason and others, opposed. The resolution was adopted.

#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

Associational Missions—M. K. Thornton, L. H. Fowler and F. L. Gustavus.

Home and Foreign Missions—J. H. Cason, Wm. M. King, and J. B. Hodges.

State Missions W. H. Paslay, J. P. Farrer, and S. P. Spalding.

Publications T. M. Oldham, W. P. Holdford, and N. R. Thomas.

Education W. H. Paslay, J. P. Farrer, and W. T. Moore.

Sabbath Schools - H. J. Smith, W. H. Allison, and J. F. Langston.

Nominations Wm. Thompson, J. W. Cooper, and Z. T. West.

Temperance [L. H. Fowler, M. K. Thornton, and  $\widetilde{\Lambda}, M$ . Hopkins.

Ministerial Education J. L. Belsha, O. J. L. Poland, and N. J. Thomas,

Obituaries S. D. Johns, J. H. Hustom, and Wm. Larkin. Queries L. J. Wilkes, W. H. Paslay, and R. R. King.

## FRIDAY 7:30 P. M.

The introductory sermon was preached by J. H. Cason from Matt. 28, 19.  $\sim$ 

A collection for Missions of \$8.45 was taken.

# SATURDAY 8:30 A. M.

After singing, the Association was led in prayer by B. F. Holdford.

Reports of Committees were called.

The Report on Publications was read by the Chairman, discussed and amended. See appendix  $\mathbf{A}$ .

Report on Education was read and adopted. See appendix B.

Report on State Missions was read and adopted. Appendix C.

Report on Foreign Missions was read and adopted. Appendix D.

Report on Home Missions was read and adopted. Appendix E.  $^{\circ}$ 

Report on Associational Missions was read and postponed to 2 p. m. Appendix F. The Report of the Executive Board was referred to the same hour. Appendix G.

The report on nominations was read, amended and adopted. Appendix H.

Ash Grove Church in Monroe Co., five (5) miles south of Cotton Plant on the B. B. road, was selected as the place of next meeting. Time, Friday before the third Sabbath in October 1893. M. K. Thornton was appointed to preach the introductory sermon, and H. J. Smith, alternate.

Executive Board which consists of the officers of the Association and Jesse Hodges, J. P. Farrer, Wm. Thompson, Z. T. West and R. A. Butts.

The Association adjourned to 2 p. m. 11 a. m., W. A. Clark preached from Acts 1: 1.

#### SATURDAY 2 P. M.

Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Bro. Fowler.

The consideration of the report on Associational Missions and the report of the Executive Board were taken up, discussed and adopted.

The following pledges were made:

Helena	825	00
Rehobath	. 15	(10)
Salem	. 10,	()()
Trenton	5	00
Brinkley	. 10	400
Forrest City	. 20	00
Poplar Grove	10	00
Forrest Chapel	. 3	00
Haynes	. '5	()()
Marianna	. 10	00
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Report on Ministerial Support was read and adopted.

Appendix I.

Report on Temperance was read, discussed and adopted.

Appendix J.

Report on Sabbath Schools was read and referred to 9 a.m. Sabbath. Appendix K.

The Association adjourned to 7:30 p. m.:

The Moderator called the Association to order at 7:30 p. m. The minutes were read and corrected.

Bro. Holdford preached from 2 Corinthians 5: 17.

Elder C, M. Williams then addressed the Association on the Claims of Central Baptist College, at Conway.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

Resolved, That this Association return to the Church and Citizens of Helena sincere thanks for their kindness and hospitality, during the session of this body.

On motion the clerk was instructed to publish five

ciation, and to draw on the Treasurer for the expenses of the same, and ten dollars for his services.

# SABBATH 9:30 A. M.

The Moderator called the Association to order. A Sabbath School Mass meeting was addressed by J. H. Cason, S. D. Johns and C. M. Williams.

Preaching at 11 a. m. on the Sabbath. Baptist Church, W. H. Paslay. Collection for Missions \$10.05. J. H. Cason, Presbyterian Church. Collection \$2.25. M. E. Church, H. J. Smith. No collection.

#### SABBATH 3 P M.

Moderator called the Association to order. Addresses were made before a Centennial Mass meeting, by H. J. Smith, "Origin of Modern Missions;" W. H. Paslay, "The Reflex Influence of Missions;" J. H. Cason, "The Cuban Missions," and C. M. Williams "The Progress and Extent of Missions."

The Sabbath School Report was read and adopted. Appendix K.

Treasurer's Report adopted. Appendix L.

The Report on Finances was read and adopted. Appendix M.

After the address by the Moderator, the Association engaged in singing and shaking of hands. Prayer was offered by W. H. Paslay.

The Association adjourned to meet at Ash Grove, on Friday before the third Sabbath in October, 1893.

#### PUBLICATIONS.

#### APPENDIX A.

Your committee would respectfully submit the followings1st. That there be a more earnest and properful reading
of the Bible, the source of wisdom and power, in connection
with the influence of the Holy Spirit.

2nd. We recommend the Arkansas Baptist, as the legitimate and natural medium of communication between the churches and brethren, throughout this Association and State.

3rd. We recommend that the churches in their Sabbath Schools use none but sound Bible or Baptist literature. We cordially recommend the publications of the Southern Baptist Convention, which we are in duty bound to support.

4th. We call especial attention to the Home Field, published at Atlanta, Ga., and to the Foreign Mission Journal published at Richmond, Va.

There are many good papers and periodicals which we would do well to read, but are not called on to mention here.

Respectfully,

T. M. OLDHAM,

B. F. HOLDFORD,

N. R. THOMAS,

Committee.

## REPORT ON EDUCATION.

#### APPENDIX B.

If ignorance is the parent of vice, and virtue an offspring of knowledge, then education and christianity are inseparable companions, and we cannot afford to neglect either, if we wish to be good and great. The church with Christ as the Great Teacher, and the Bible as our text-book, will make us wise unto salvation, and our schools afford ample means' for developing the mind. Our denomination with laudable zeal and a praiseworthy sacrifice, now offers as good facilities for the education of our children as can be found in any State. To those in favor of co-education, Quachita College possesses every advantage and is entitled to our hearty support. To those preferring to educate their daughters at a female school, we now can proudly point them to the Central Baptist College at Conway, which is now ready to receive our daughters and give them a finished education. We take great pride and pleasure in recommending these schools to the Baptists of our State, and urge upon you the necessity of giving them your patronage.

W. H. PASLAY, J. T. FRIAR, W. G. MOORE,

Committee.

# STATE MISSIONS

#### APPENDIX C.

Our State Board for the last few years has made strennous efforts to supply the destitute parts of our State with a pure Gospel. They have done nobly, and we are now reaping the rewards of their labors. We now have flourishing churches, where a short time ago all was dark and forbidding. And if the Board had the hearty co-operation of all the Associations we would soon have Baptist preachers in every available place in the State. But foo many of our Associations seem to think that if they supply the destitution within their own bounds, they have done their whole duty, and suffer the appeals of the State Board to pass by unheeded, and thus paralyze, to a great extent, their labors. Brethren, let us rally to their support and gladden their hearts, and aid them in giving the bread of life to the hungry souls in the less favored portions of our State. We recommend that the collections taken up on the Sabbath be equally distributed between State and Associational Missions.

W. H. Paslay, J. P. Farrer, S. P. Spalding,

Committee

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

#### APPENDIX D.

Our Board located in Richmond, Va., has sent to foreign fields a large number of Missionaries. This has increased the liabilities of the Board. Our Missions were never in a more prosperous condition. No church enjoys the favor of God, that is not exerting itself in sending the gospel to the regions beyond. We beg every member-within our bounds to adopt some definite plan and make arrangements to give something this year to Missions. Let the contribution be in proportion to the blessings you receive.

J. H. Casox.

### HOME MISSIONS.

#### APPENDIX E.

The Home Board is located at Atlanta, Ga. The funds collected by this Board are expended in the Southern States, where there is destitution, and in Cuba. All the money contributed in Arkansas comes back in aid of our State work and much more. We received of Dr. I. T. Tichinon last year about \$2,200, which went into the hands of our own State Board. They give us one dollar for every two that we raise in our own work. Our churches are helping themselves and pushing our own State work by giving to Home Missions. We commend this work to the prayers and sympathics of our brethren.

J H Cason;

Committee.

### ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

#### APPENDIX F.

Your Committee begs leave to report some interest among our churches in this department of work. Our people are realizing more and more the importance of pushing it. But with this interest we have much destitution in our bounds.

Our Executive Board has for many years done a good work by employing two missionaries to do mission work in these parts of destitution, for two months during the summer months, and we would respectfully recommend its continuance.

Our Missionaries, Brethren J. L. Lowe and E. J. A. McKinney did good work the past summer by holding meetings at Howells, Whenthy, Oak Hill, Colt Station and

Spring Creek in which there were quite a number of professions of faith in the Saviour and quite a number of back-slidden Christians brought back to duty.

We would recommend also that our pastors take pains to point out these needs to their churches.

Again, that our Board make some attempt to supplement the salaries paid the weak-but hopeful churches.

> M. K. THORNTON, L. H. FOWLER, F. L. GUSTAVUS,

> > Committee.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD.

#### APPENDIX G.

Your Executive Board, report they employed Elder J. L. Lowe, of Miss., and Elder E. J. A. McKinney of Ark., as Missionaries, for two menths at a salary of \$50 each per month, who held meetings at the following places: Howelf Station, Wheatley, Oak Hill, Colt Station and Spring Creek, with the following results:

Profession of faith	40
Baptisms	25
Additions	

Collected in the field \$19.50.

Their salary has all been paid. Your Board recommend a continuance of the plan pursued for several years past.

S. H. KING, S. D. JOHNS, JOHN P. FARRER. Committee.

## NOMINATIONS:

APPENDIX H.

FYour committee on nominations beg to report:

- That the next session of this body be held with Ash Grove Church, on Friday before the third Sabbath in October 1893.
- 2. That Brother M. K. Thornton preach the introductory sermon. Brother H. J. Smith, alternate.
- That the Executive Board be Jesse Hodges, J. P. Farrer, Wm. Thompson, Z. T. West and R. A. Butts.

WM. THOMPSON,
Z. T. WEST,

Committee.

## MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

#### APPENDIX I.

By Ministerial Support we presume that it was intended that we should consider the financial wants and remuneration, for services rendered by our pastors, and the duties and obligations that each member is under, to give such assistance to his pastor, as lies in his power.

In the first place: The Church of God is the only institution in the world where each member is the only one that has anything to say, as to how much or how little he is to give. If he joins any of the societies, his fees and dues are all fixed, rich and poor all pay alike. If he goes into the markets to buy, there is no distinction. The poor pay as much as the rich. But the humblest and poorest member can have just as much of the grace of God in his heart, and enjoy as many of the benefits of the church, as any other member in the church. And anything that affects the church, its honor, its integrity, its usefulness, or its reputation, should affect all its members alike.

There is no one thing that affects a church more than the

standing of its pastor, and to say that the pastor's influence and power for good depends, essentially upon his ability to live respectably and to meet his obligations honorably, goes without saying. He must have time to make the necessary preparation for his work. That he is bound to appear to the best advantage, is but to state a truth that every thinking person knows to be self-evident.

Therefore we would urge every one, no matter what his circumstances may be, to do something for his pastor, and to do liberally, according to his ability, remembering that in so doing he is doing for Christ's Kingdom, that you are Prenching the gospel by proxy, that you are aiding the cause that is nearer and dearer to you than every other interest in this world-the cause of Christ. Remember the minister is a man like ourselves. He is subject to all the wants and afflictions that any other man is subject to. He needs food and clothing, he needs every appliance to fit him for that preparation of mind, that he can ably and intelligently address the understanding of his hearers; he gannot get these necessaries without money. He cannot make this preparation unless his time is paid for. We believe the laborer is worthy of his hire, and to rob a minister of his due is extortion, and there is no sin mentioned in the Bible condemned in stronger language that

extortion, and there are no surer promises made in God's word

than those made to the liberal giver. O.J. L. POLAND,

## REPORT ON INTEMPERANCE

#### APPENDIX J.

We your committee beg to report that while we are aware that this subject applies to eating, dressing or indulging to excess in many of our habits, yet we also know that in the sense of this body, so far as this report is concerned; it applies to the sale and use of intoxicating spirits, as a beverage, or as intoxicants. While we are not ignorant of the fact that intemperance is the greatest evil we have to contend with, yet we see marked improvement in our country, on this line, to what it was some years ago. Our law-making bodies may not have given this matter as much consideration as some of us had hoped they would give it, yet, some laws have been made which, if properly enforced, will restrict, yery much, the sale of intoxicating spirits.

We hope that ere long we can report on prohibition and would recommend:

First-That we oppose to the bitter end, the legalizing of the sale of whiskey—that no State has a moral right to legalize its sale.

SECOND. In view of the fact that it is legalized, that we set our faces hard against its sale under license, and that we support the officers of the law in prosecuting any violations of the existing laws.

L. H. FOWLER,

Chairman of Committee

## REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

APPENDIX K.

In no period of the world's history has there been such progress as we find in the Nineteenth Century. It is an age of gigantic activities, an era of tremendous responsibilities and great opportunities. In the wild rush for education and wealth, there is great danger of losing sight of the power for good there is in early training, and the vast amount of good to be accomplished by bringing the children of the country under the influence of Bible truth. Early training in the nursery and Sabbath School, is a power for good that the men and women of our country can't afford to neglect.

Your Committee would recommend, that the churches of the Association, where at all practicable organize Sabbath Schools, bring the children in, attend themselves, teach the Bible, and such literature only as is sanctioned by God's word.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. SMITH, W. H. ALLISON,

Committee.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

#### APPENDIX L.

#### DR.

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Paid L. H. Fowler	3 25	00	
Paid Taylor and Peeples			
Paid W. D. Hargraves	14	00	
Paid J. B. Searcy		05	
Paid Association Clerk	10	00	
Paid for printing minutes	37	50	
Paid Lowe and McKinney	100	.00	
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Postage		05 - \$342	35

### Respectfully submitted,

## R. G. HEWLETT,

Treasurer.

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE,

## APPENDIX M.

## The Finance Committee reported the following collections:

For Associational Missions	.\$120	11
For Home Missions	. 4	75
For Foreign Missions	. ' 21	00-
For Minutes	. 41	26
For State Missions	6	11.
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JOHN P. FARRER,

F. L. GUSTAVUS,

J. W. Cooper,

Committee:

# Directory.

J. L. SHIELDS, Goodwin.
W. H. PASLAY, Forrest City.
J. H. CASON, Forrest City.
W. C. KELSO, Caldwell
N. L. WILSON, Moro.
J. L. WILSON, Moro.
J. L. WILSON, Turner.
P. C. CROW, Brinkley.
G. C. GOODWIN, Brinkley.
M. A. THOMPSON, Brinkley.
J. B. PERMINTER, Brinkley.
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J. W. GRAHAM, Wheatley.

6 S. D. Johns, Wheatley.
7 T. E. Night, Clarendon.
M. K. Thornton, Helena.
J. L. Stricker, Marianna.
M. J. Day, (Licentiate) Turner.
T. H. Fowler, Deview.
W. Shadrock, Deview.
R. Alford, Deview.
L.H. Wells, (Licentiate) Deview.
J. T. Stephens, Deview.
John Night, Deview.

# DEATHS.

Marianna.

MATTIE BOBBITT, August 18, 1892.

Hebron.
BELLE ARMSTRONG.

GOOD HOPE.
THOMAS SHADROCH.
SISTER PROCTOR.

Forest Chapel.
RICHARD GRANT.

Rehoboth.
SISTER LOGSTON.

Rama.

MARY LEACH, MAMIE MATTHEWS. V. A. HERST.

Helena.

JOHN HICKS,

JOE WOODALL.

Eighteen others have crossed the river. Their names have not been furnished the Clerk.

# FIRST DISTRICT.

LaGrange Level Valley Helena Rehobøth Salem Trenton	G. C. Goodwin J. L. Wilson. M. K. Thornton W. H. Paslay H. J. Smith	J. Me Dooley E. P. Burrows John Brown B. R. Fitzpatrick A. M. Hopkins	Clarendon LaGrange Holly Grove Helena Vineyard Maryell	ev'ry	9 9	3 1		#공기류공공원당 Total Nembershi	1 00 2 00 2 50 2 00 2 00	2 00 21 00	72 85	\$ 150 00 122 50 120 00 120 00 125 00	18 8 15	Strie Missions.	00000000000000000000000000000000000000	1000 00
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