

MINUTES

—OF THE—

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

MT. VERNON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

MARIANNA BAPTIST CHURCH.

LEE COUNTY, ARK.

October 13, 14 and 15, 1899.

S. H. KING, Moderator,
POPLAR GROVE.

LON SLAUGHTER, Clerk,
MARIANNA.

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Statistical Table, Mt. Vernon Baptist Association, for the Year 1899.

FIRST DISTRICT.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICES.	DAYS OF MEETING	MEMBERSHIP.					CONTRIBUTIONS.							No. in S. School.....	Value of Church Property	Orphans' Home.....
					By Baptism.....	Present Membership.	Dis. by Letter.....	Excluded.....	Restored by Letter.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions	Associational Missions..	State Missions..	Ministerial Education..	Minutes.....	Pastor's Salary..			
New Hope...	J. B. Wise.....	W. A. Bobbitt.....	LaGrange	2d.	4	5	1	23								\$ 4 00	47	\$ 600 00	
Level Valley	M. J. Day.....	W. Hall.....	Holly Grove	2d.	10	1	1	34							\$ 1 00	35 00	91	250 00	
Helena...	H. C. Rosamond	T. M. Oldham	Helena	Every	43	10	2	24	222	\$ 5 00	\$20 00	\$ 25 00	\$10 00	\$14 00	1 50	1200 00	91	10000 00	\$ 5 00
Salem	S. L. Holloway	J. L. Turner	Cyper	4th	1	3	1	10	72	2 75	2 75	10 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	150 00	43	750 00	
Cypress Grove	A. A. Andres	W. F. King	Turner															500 00	
Mt. Gilend		G. W. Bratton*	Blackton																
Marvell		E. E. McMurray*	Marvell																
Rehobeth	W. H. Paslay	C. L. Langston	Vineyard	2d and 4th	3	3	15	3	74	1 00	20 00	10 00	10 00	1 50	300 00	11 00	41	600 00	
Park Grove		J. W. Knight*	Clarendon																
Trenton	S. L. Holloway	Alex Tebelman	Trenton	3d.	1	1	2	42			10 00		5 00	1 50	100 00	736 46	60	850 00	2 00
Clarendon..	W. H. Paslay	W. M. King*	Clarendon	3d.				32										1800 00	
Monroe	S. L. Pine	C. L. Whitte	Monroe	4th	1	4	1	3	27	3 00	2 50	1 75		1 00	50 00	2 55	29	450 00	
Raymond		M. A. West*	Raymond					46											

SECOND DISTRICT.

Mt. Olive		T. C. Scafe*	Turner																	
Cotton Plant		G. W. Hill*	Cotton Plant.																	
Brinkley	S. L. Holloway	A. Flora	Brinkley	1st and 3d.	22	9	1	2	2	89	2 55	5 00	16 70	5 00	2 00	300 00	16 00	57	2500 00	3 00
Hebron		T. H. Palmonds*	Wheatley							32										
Philadelphia	S. D. Johns	S. A. Hallum	Brinkley	3d.	2	2	1	6	109	1 50	3 30			1 25					300 00	
Rig Creek	S. D. Sawyer	E. S. Miller	Goodwin	4th.		1		3	20					50			3 50	52	250 00	
Ash Grove	A. A. Andres	J. A. Simpson	Cotton Plant.					1	5	48	2 50	2 50	2 50	2 50	.75	00 00			300 00	
Good Hope	J. A. Thomas	P. H. Y. Burrows	DeVew	1st	13	5	3	1	3	136					1 00			50	500 00	
Moon Lake		S. B. Schlenker*	Goodwin							40									250 00	
Wheatley	S. D. Sawyer	H. L. Waldrop	Wheatley			3		1	14						.75			15		
Pleasant Grove		P. E. Morris*	Howell						25											
Prairie Grove		J. F. Deason*	Hunter																	
Pilgrim's Rest		T. L. Smith*	Palestine																	
Long Chapel		John Horoton*	Brinkley																	
Bethlehem		W. W. King*	Clarendon																	

THIRD DISTRICT.

Abile Union		Rayborn Tacket	Horton	4th		2	3	4	75		5 00	2 50	1 50	75 00	24 00	30	100 00								
Palestine	A. A. Andres	F. M. Gorum	Palestine	2d.	3	10	5	3	2	33		5 00	3 00	1 50	160 00	36 00	41	800 00	4 00						
Duplar Grove	W. H. Paslay	E. B. Smith	McDaniels	1st				1	78		10 00		1 50	150 00	6 00	47	450 00								
Mary Hill	J. A. Bell	P. H. Jones*	Gill's Mill	1st					33								150 00								
Forrest City	A. N. Couch	W. T. Sanders	Forrest City	Every	5	5	6	2	2	121	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	2 50	600 00	175 31	47	7000 00						
Haynes	S. L. Pine	Nannie Friar	Haynes	1st and 3d.	1	1	2	3	45	6 10	5 00	5 00	1 50	300 00			500 00								
First Baptist		A. C. James	Haynes					1	25		5 00		50	13 00	3 00	40	800 00								
Christian Valley	A. A. Andres	W. P. Long	Clifton	4th	2	1	2	1	49								400 00								
Oak Grove	S. D. Sawyer	Win. G. Paslay	Moro	1st	1	5	4	2	51	1 00	1 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	75 00		58	1000 00							
Marion	J. B. Wise	J. P. Farrar, Sr.	Clifton	1st and 3d.	1	8	2	3	79	10 00	10 00	10 00	16 00	2 00	422 00	158 70									
New Hope No. 2		D. E. Hamilton*	Happy						40								40								
		J. D. F. Broon	Colt		2	2	2	2	31						70	60 00	36	450 00							
	R. P. Bain	J. O. Tipton	Colt	3d	2	7	2	2	58	5 00					40	40 00	6 00	37	2 50						
		M. S. Hill	Caldwell						31		5 00				50										
	J. A. Thomas		Wiville						8																
		W. A. Bonham	Augusta																						
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PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1899.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Mt. Vernon Baptist Association met with Marianna Baptist Church at Marianna, Lee county, Arkansas, October 13th, 1899, at 10 A. M., and was called to order by the former Moderator, Deacon S. H. King.

After singing, and prayer by Eld. A. A. Andres, the Introductory Sermon was preached by the appointee, Eld. S. L. Holloway, who gave us a strong sermon from Luke 9:31. Subject: The Transfiguration.

After singing and prayer, the Association proceeded to business. Bros. L. P. Anderson and G. R. Robuck were appointed to read letters, and the following church letters were presented, read, and their messengers enrolled as follows:

Level Valley—W. Hall.

Helena—Eld. H. C. Rosamond, T. M. Oldham, L. M. Bookheart.

Salem—B. Q. Carey, J. L. Turner, W. H. Allison.

Trenton—L. P. Anderson M. L. Wells, Julia Porter.

Moproe—J. W. Grimes.

Forrest City—W. H. Paslay, W. T. Sanders, A. N. Couch.

Haynes—S. L. Pine, G. R. Robuck.

Forrest Chapel—Sister Julia B. Thompson.

Marianna—P. R. Turner, J. P. Farrar, Jr., Lon Slaughter.

New Hope—W. A. Bobbitt.

Rehobeth—S. H. King, W. H. McGrew, F. H. Hopkins.

Big Creek—Jno. Sherman.

Good Hope—S. D. Johns, Newt. Chadwick.

Bible Union—A. J. Thompson.

Palestine—A. A. Andres, H. T. Gorum, Sister Gorum.

Poplar Grove—J. B. Hodge, W. H. Heustiss, Sister Hodge.

Shiloh—J. H. David, J. R. L. Masters.

Cott—T. G. Hewleth, Rob't Cowan, Sister Tipton.

Oak Hill—A. W. McCullars.

Christian Valley—Sisters Mary and Nannie Speed.

Oak Grove—F. L. Gustavus, W. F. Ligon, W. G. Paslay.

Ash Grove—A. A. Andres.

Wheatley—J. N. Beard.

Philadelphia—By letter.

Brinkley—A. Flora, S. L. Holloway.

Euon—J. A. Thomas, T. G. Groce.

Moved by S. L. Pine that we re-elect S. H. King Moderator, and that the Clerk be instructed to cast the ballot. Motion prevailed and Deacon S. H. King was unanimously elected.

Moved by T. M. Oldham that we re-elect Lon Slaughter's Clerk, and that the Moderator be instructed to cast the ballot for him. Motion prevailed and Lon Slaughter was unanimously elected.

Moved by S. L. Holloway that we re-elect Eld. W. H. Paslay as Treasurer, and that the Clerk be instructed to cast the ballot. Motion carried, and Eld. W. H. Paslay was unanimously elected.

Moved by W. H. Paslay that we now adjourn until 2 P. M. Motion carried. Benediction by Eld. W. H. Paslay.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 P. M. Association called to order by the Moderator.

After hymn No. 70, H. B., and prayer by Eld. H. C. Rosamond, letters were called for and messengers enrolled who had come in after adjournment.

Moved by L. Slaughter that W. A. Bobbitt be enrolled as a messenger from New Hope Church. Motion prevailed and so ordered.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us. Visitors: Dr. W. A. Clark of the *Arkansas Baptist*, Eld. W. B. Peebles, agent of Central Baptist Female College, and Judge Freedall of Texarkana.

A call was made for Petitionary Letters. One was presented from Enon Church for membership.

Moved that a committee of three be appointed to inquire into the faith and doctrine of said Church. Motion prevailed and Elds. S. L. Pine, S. D. Johns and Deacon L. P. Anderson were appointed. After a short time the committee reported that they found said Church sound Baptist and organized upon Philadelphia Confession of Faith, and recommended that the Enon Church be received.

Moved that the report of the committee be received and the committee discharged. Motion prevailed and so ordered.

Moved that the Enon Baptist Church be received as a member of this body and her messengers enrolled. After discussion by S. H. King, T. M. Oldham, L. P. Anderson, S. D. Johns, S. L. Pine, W. H. Paslay, J. A. Thomas, motion prevailed, and her messengers, Eld. J. A. Thomas and T. G. Groce came forward and the right hand of fellowship was extended to them by the Moderator, and they were welcomed as members of this body and their names enrolled.

The following committees were appointed, to report to this body as soon as practicable:

State Missions—S. L. Holloway, W. H. Paslay, Lon Slaughter.

Associational Missions—A. A. Andres, P. R. Turner, W. H. McGrew.

Home and Foreign Missions—H. C. Rosamond, S. L. Pine, A. N. Conch.

Publications—W. H. Paslay, S. D. Johns, J. H. David.

Education—L. P. Anderson, L. M. Bookheart, T. G. Hewlett.

Sunday Schools—G. R. Robuck, F. H. Hopkins, H. I. Gorum.

Temperance—T. M. Oldham, B. Q. Cary, W. S. Heustiss.

Obituaries—W. A. Bobbitt, T. M. Oldham.

Ministerial Education—A. N. Couch, G. R. Robuck, J. W. McCullars.

Finance—J. L. Turner, J. B. Hodge, M. S. Wells.

Nominations—Lon Slaughter, L. P. Anderson, G. R. Robuck.

Divine Service—W. A. Bobbitt, L. P. Anderson, Deacons of this Church.

Moved by W. H. Paslay that the report on Home and Foreign Missions be made special order of business immediately after sermon to-night. Motion carried.

Committee on Divine Service reported that Eld. A. N. Couch would preach to-night at 7:30; Eld. J. A. Smith at 11 A. M., the 14th; and S. L. Pine at 7:30.

Committee on Publications made the following report through their chairman, W. H. Paslay:

The Committee on Publications would submit the following: We certainly live in the age Solomon had in his mind, who said, "Of the making of many books there is no end." Since the application of steam to the printing press, books, pamphlets and papers are published with almost lightning rapidity, and it requires great discretion in selecting literature for our families: for read they will, either good or bad literature. It is the duty of the parents to select the literary food for their children. It is very easy to make a wise selection if we will consult our leading denominational papers. It is not simply enough to take a religious paper, but we should supply our households with religious books that teach our distinguishing doctrines. Of course, the Bible should always hold the first place in our researches after truth; but there are books that treat of particular doctrines, and put the Bible doctrines on these points in a condensed form, and are written for the masses who have not the advantage of a liberal education or the time to devote to a more extensive line of study. We recommend our State paper as a necessity, and as auxiliaries the *Foreign Mission Journal*, *Home Mission Journal*, and the publications of the Southern Baptist Convention.

W. H. PASLAY,

S. D. JOHNS,

J. H. DAVID.

Moved by W. A. Bobbitt that the report be adopted as read. After discussion by W. H. Paslay, W. A. Clark, H. C. Rosamond and T. M. Oldham, motion prevailed.

Moved by W. H. Paslay that we now adjourn until 7:30 P. M. Motion carried. Benediction by W. A. Clark.

7:30 P. M. The Association was called to order by singing hymn No. 29, N. B., and prayer by S. L. Pine.

The Committee on Divine Service made the following report: That A. N. Couch would preach at the Presbyterian Church at 11 A. M., Sunday, October 15, and S. L. Holloway at the M. E. Church at 11 A. M.; H. C. Rosamond at the Baptist at 11 A. M., and W. H. Paslay at 7:30 P. M. at the Baptist.

Eld. A. N. Couch gave us a strong sermon from Matthew 28:6, 7. Theme: Resurrection.

The time having arrived as appointed for the report on Home and Foreign Missions, they made the following through their Chairman, H. C. Rosamond:

Our Lord's great commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the

gospel to every creature," is binding upon every member of our churches. The field is the world; hence our work will not be done until every rational person has heard the gospel. Of the one and a half billions of people nearly two-thirds of them are out of Christ and are without eternal life. Since God hath made of one blood every creature under heaven, all these people are our kinsfolk in the flesh. We are responsible, in some sense, for their present condition. Have we sent the gospel to all the world? and if not, why not? Our Lord has given us the command. If we omit a duty it is as great a sin as to commit some overt act. Very many of our people need to pray, "Lord, forgive our sins of omission." Some one asked Dr. Andrew Fuller, "Can the heathen be saved without the gospel?" Dr. Fuller replied: "That is not the right way to put that question. It should be, can we be saved if we do not give the gospel to the heathen?" Have we done what we could to give the gospel to every creature? Our missionaries on foreign fields have been doing excellent work, but the harvest is great and the laborers are few. The cry comes up from many sections, "Come over and help us." In Mexico, Cuba, Porto Rico, Brazil, Japan and China, there are many calls coming to us for men and bibles. In some of these fields our workers often go hundreds of miles to teach and baptize those confessing their sins. We are in great need of more workers. The men and women are ready and calling, "Send me." What we need is more funds for sending them. Our churches have the money. Our pastors should instruct our people in the Christian grace and duty of contributing of our means to the spread of the gospel. Your committee recommend more preaching on Missions, and that we urge our churches to endeavor to get a liberal contribution from every member to some one or all our different branches of Mission work.

H. C. ROSAMOND,
A. N. COUCH,
S. L. PINE.

Moved by W. A. Bobbitt that the report be adopted as read. After discussion by H. C. Rosamond, A. A. Andres, S. L. Pine, L. M. Bookheart, F. L. Bobbitt and J. A. Smith, motion prevailed.

Moved by S. L. Pine that we now take up a collection for Home and Foreign Missions. Motion carried, and a collection of \$21.67 was taken up.

Moved by W. H. Paslay that we now adjourn until 9 A. M. Saturday, October 14th. Motion prevailed. Benediction by A. N. Couch.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14th.

Assembly called to order by the Moderator. S. L. Pine conducted the services, after which a call was made for report of some committee. A report was made on Orphans' Home by S. L. Pine:

For some twenty children. These must be taken care of. The support of this institution, as they may not have the means, and very goods and groceries are in demand; that it takes a great deal of money. We would suggest that in each community the children be collected together and sent. Railroad companies, as a rule, will not take them. That pastors who do not collect money for the orphans should remember that they are to be alive to every good work. That we should give them to receive. Let us not forget the orphans.

S. L. PINE.

Motion made that the report be adopted as read. After discussion by W. H. Paslay, A. A. Andres, S. L. Pine, L. P. Anderson, W. H. Allison, W. A. Bobbitt, H. C. Rosamond and A. N. Couch, motion prevailed.

Moved by H. C. Rosamond that we now take a collection for the Orphans' Home. Motion carried, and a collection was taken amounting to (\$9.05) nine dollars and five cents.

Committee on Associational Missions made the following report through their Chairman, A. A. Andres:

The direct command to preach the Gospel was only given to preachers called of God and qualified by His spirit; but while this is so, the Churches are responsible for the support of preachers. That there is a very great responsibility resting upon, both preachers and Churches, we presume none will deny. We find from a careful study of God's word that preaching is necessary in order to faith, and that faith is necessary in order to salvation. Rom. 10:13-17; Heb. 10:89. It is the imperative requirement of God that the Churches support His preachers. This is clearly taught by precept and example in God's divine truth. See 1st Cor. 9:13-14; Luke 10:7; Gal. 6:6; 2d Cor. 11:8. The Church is the pillar and the ground of the truth. 1st Tim 3:15. The truth makes free. John 8:32. No member of a Church, nor Churches, can offer a legal excuse for not giving to support the Lord's cause. The cause of so much destitution in the bounds of our Association must be mainly attributed to the lack of each member in giving as the Lord has prospered them. We are God's husbandmen, God's building, God's stewards. When the great settling time comes, how will the books stand? Will God say to us, "Well done, good and faithful servants?" or will we be numbered with those who suffer loss, and are but barely saved? Rich opportunities are before us: will we embrace them? Will we go into the hedges and byways, and lanes, and bid them come? Or will we fold our hands and say, like the sluggard, "A little more sleep, a little more slumber," while precious souls are perishing? There are about seventeen hundred Baptists in Mount Vernon Association. Let each individual member ask himself, "What have I done this year for Christ and His cause? Have I been instrumental in bringing one poor soul to Christ? How many sheaves have I gathered? Must I stand in the presence of His Infinite Majesty empty handed?" There is a work for every child of God to do. As we look over the great white fields, already ripe unto the harvest, and see so few laborers, it makes our hearts sad, and we pray, Lord send more laborers into thy vineyard. We ask each member in our Association to consecrate himself to God and His work, that this destitution in our bounds may be greatly reduced; that God may have more glory, and numbers of precious souls may be saved. This can be done if we will all do our duty. May God help us all to feel the great responsibility that rests on each of us! We suggest no plans. God has already given us His own divine plan; by a careful study of His word we can learn our duty to Him. There is a great destitution in our bounds. East of Forrest City there is a large territory in which there has been but little Baptist preaching. Northwest of Palestine is another large and important field which should be occupied. In the southeastern portion of our bounds is a large and rich district in which there is no Baptist preaching. Shall we occupy these fields? The Lord has said, occupy till I come.

A. A. ANDRES,
W. H. MCGREW,
P. R. TURNER.

Moved by A. N. Couch that the report be adopted as read. After discussion by A. A. Andres and H. C. Rosamond, the hour having arrived for preaching, the further discussion was postponed until after preaching.

After singing and prayer, J. A. Smith gave us a grand sermon from Acts. Theme: Witnessing for Christ.

Preaching over, the report on Associational Missions was again taken up, passed by A. N. Couch, H. C. Rosamond and S. D. Johns, and pledges taken follows:

New Hope	\$ 5 00	Bible Union	\$ 5 00
Helena Cash \$15 00	Pledge 10 00	Palestine	5 00
Level Valley	5 00	Poplar Grove	10 00
Salem	15 00	Forrest City	15 00
Rehobeth	20 00	Forrest Chapel	5 00
Trenton	10 00	Marianna	10 00
Monroe	5 00	Colt	5 00
Shiloh	2 20	Oak Hill	5 00
Brinkley	10 00	Haynes	10 00
Ash Grove	2 50	Oak Grove	5 00
Christian Valley	5 00		
Colt	3 00	Total Cash \$15.	Pledged \$175 00
Good Hope	3 00		

Moved by S. L. Pine that we now adjourn until 2 P. M. Motion carried. Ben-
ediction by A. N. Couch

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 P. M. Association called to order by Moderator S. H. King. After
spending a short while in devotional exercises, the report on Associational Mis-
sions continued by discussion by S. D. Johns, J. A. Thomas, S. L. Pine, W. H.
Paslay and S. H. King. Motion prevailed.

Committee on Ministerial Education made the following report through their
Chairman, A. N. Couch:

No one to-day doubts the value of a well trained mind in business or any
avocation. The specialist is always in demand, and since the lawyer, doctor, civil
engineer, in fact all the principal avocations in life demand men of education,
why should the highest calling be expected to be filled well with uneducated men?
We need men of education to defend the "faith once for all delivered to the
saints;" men who can defend the Christian religion against the arguments of
error. We need men whose training is such that they may adorn the doctrines of
God our Savior, not by trying to make them palatable to the aesthetic tastes of a
depraved nature, but to the heart whose loyalty is not doubted. I thank God that
our young men in all avocations are beginning to awake to the need of thorough
preparation, but especially is this true in the ministry. To-day the ministry of the
Baptist denomination are the peers of any class of leaders. The education of our
ministers is not to be that of a specialist, but their training should be general, to
be able to take part in our varied interests and work. Some men can preach bet-
ter without an education than others who have it, but they are the exceptions and
not the rule. God's thoughts are not our thoughts, nor His ways our ways, for
He calls men out of the humblest walks of life. Not many wise, not many noble,
but the poor, who are dependent to a measurable degree upon the denomination
for the training which is needful to make them men thoroughly furnished unto ev-
ery good word and work and rightly dividing the words of truth. The work of a
minister is that of a teacher, and one of his qualifications is that of being apt to
teach. So we should not lay hands suddenly upon any man, but after such trial
as will give the novice a chance to show his aptness to teach. When this fact has
been sufficiently demonstrated, and when we see his willingness to study to show
himself a workman without shame, then it may be time to show ourselves benevo-
lent and help him to further preparation. Hence we recommend that churches
and pastors be slow to lay hands upon those who are totally unable and unprepared
to teach, and that each church shall make contributions to these young brethren
whom the Lord has called. Many of the ministers who are serving God and His
people most acceptably have been beneficiaries of the denomination, and their fruit
is such that we are not ashamed of them or their work. Last year we as an Asso-
ciation pledged only \$74, whereas formerly we were giving \$100. Are we going
backward, or standing still, or shall we go forward? Free tuition accorded to all

who go properly recommended to Ouchita College, whose doors have been open to our young ministers since its founding, and which is doing more for the denomination in Arkansas than any other institution. We hereby commend it to all of our brethren. Respectfully submitted.

A. N. COUCH.
J. W. McCULLARS.
G. R. ROBUCK.

Moved by L. P. Anderson that the report be adopted as read. After discussion by A. N. Couch, W. H. Paslay, S. L. Holloway and H. C. Rosamond, and pledges taken as follows:

Forrest City...	\$10 00	Salem	\$ 5 00
Oak Hill	2 50	Brinkley	10 00
Rehobeth	10 00	Marianna	10 00
Poplar Grove	5 00	S. S. Lagrange	5 00
Haynes	5 00	S. S. Trenton	2 50
Trenton	5 00	Oak Grove	5 00
Level Valley	2 50	S. D. Johns	1 00
Dr. C. T. Chandler	2 50		
Ash Grove	2 50	Total	\$93 50
Helena Pd	10 00		

motion prevailed.

Committee on Temperance made the following report, through their Chairman, T. M. Oldham:

Your Committee on Temperance would make the following report: Temperance is the proper use of all good things, and prohibition of all that is injurious, and in this report we ignore everything except the one great evil and enemy of human happiness—"intoxicants," of whatever name they may be called. In our opinion, the use of intoxicants is the one thing that leads to about nine-tenths of all the crimes of the country, and should be avoided by all right-thinking men, and cannot consistently be tolerated by Baptists; and we recommend the disciplining of all members who persistently continue in the use of intoxicants as a beverage, or are engaged in the making or sale of the same. Respectfully submitted.

T. M. OLDHAM.
W. S. HEUSTISS.
B. Q. CARY.

Moved by W. A. Bobbitt that the report be adopted as read. After discussion by T. M. Oldham, A. A. Andres, H. C. Rosamond, A. N. Couch, W. B. Peebles and J. B. Wise, motion prevailed.

Committee on State Missions made the following report, through their Chairman, S. L. Holloway:

Our State Convention, at its last meeting, passed a resolution that the State Board co-operate with each Association in mission work, and we have information that quite a number of Associations that have heretofore refused to co-operate are now contributing, and are in hearty sympathy with the State work. Last year was regarded as the most prosperous year in all our mission work. Our General Missionary, Bro. Tate, reported 255 conversions in his work. God has wonderfully blessed the work this year. To October 7th there was reported by the number of different missionaries working under the State Board as many as 550 conversions. Yet a good deal of the work has not been reported. Nearly every section of the State has felt the influence of our missionaries. One great thing accomplished has been the absence of personal controversy and bitterness, a more harmonious relation of the different Associations to the general State work, and a greater enthusiasm all over the field to push forward and enlarge the sphere of our missionary work. We would, therefore, ask that this Association renew her recommendation

to all her Churches and urge them to help sustain the work by liberal giving to this part of missions. Let there be no pulling back, nor kicking without a well sustained reason, but let there be a forward move all along the line for the coming year that shall redound to the glory of God and the salvation of many precious souls.

S. L. HOLLOWAY,
W. H. PASLAY,
LON SLAUGHTER.

Moved by S. L. Pine that the report be adopted as read. After discussion by S. L. Holloway, S. L. Pine, J. B. Wise, A. N. Couch, H. C. Rosamond, Lon Slaughter, S. H. King, W. A. Bobbitt and W. B. Peeples, motion prevailed, and pledges were taken as follows:

Helena Ed.	\$10 00	Marianna	\$10 00
Brinkley	10 00	Forrest City	10 00
Rehobeth	10 00		
Salem	5 00	Total	\$55 00

Home Missions, Ash Grove, \$2.50; Foreign Missions, \$2.50.

Committee on Education made the following report through their Chairman, L. P. Anderson:

Man is distinguished from the other animals by the possession of reason. God has given him high moral, social and mental faculties for him to train and to develop. As the mind of man is developed, this difference between him and the brute creation becomes more marked. Education, in its truest sense, is the determining of the individual to self activity. It is a means within itself. If it be true that spirit and reason rule the world, the highest education is of things pertaining to the spirit. It is this kind of education which gives spiritual insight into the beautiful, the sublime and the great. To develop this high idea of education is the function of religion. But there is the other side of this question. Ever since the Divine Edict went forth, "By the sweat of thy brow, thou shalt earn thy bread," men have had to work, beg, or steal. Then the man who is rightly trained is better able to meet the practical duties of life than one whose native faculties have never been drawn out. As a denomination we must educate the masses of our people if we would fulfil our high mission. That Baptist who does not give his children all the possible advantages of an education falls far short of his duty as a parent. We appeal to all the Baptist parents in Mt. Vernon Association. Give your children the very best education you possibly can. Thy to educate them and the way will open up. In our country in our day, higher education is within the reach of any who want it. We warmly recommend Mt. Home College at Mt. Home, Central at Conway, and Ouachita College at Arkadelphia, as offering superior advantages to those of our youths who desire to equip themselves thoroughly for the duties of life.

L. P. ANDERSON,
L. M. BOOKHEART,
T. G. HEWLETT.

Moved by H. C. Rosamond that the report be adopted as read. After discussions by L. P. Anderson, H. C. Rosamond, S. L. Holloway and A. A. Andres, it was moved that we adjourn until 7:30 for preaching, and after preaching to continue the report on Education. Motion prevailed, and benediction by H. C. Rosamond.

7:30 P. M. Association called to order by the Moderator. After singing, and prayer by T. M. Oldham, S. L. Pine preached us a sermon from Amos 3:3. Theme: The Ordinances. After which the report on Education was continued by A. A. Andres and W. B. Peeples. Motion to adopt prevailed.

Committee on Nominations made the following report:

Your Committee recommend Helena as the next place of meeting. Time, Friday at 10 A. M. before the third Sunday in October, 1900. That S. L. Pine preach the Introductory Sermon, with A. A. Andres, as alternate. On Associational Board, S. L. Holloway, L. P. Anderson, G. R. Robuck, F. L. Gustavus and J. B. Hodge. Respectfully submitted.

L. P. ANDERSON,
G. R. ROBUCK,
LON SLAUGHTER.

Moved by A. N. Couch that the report be adopted as read. After discussion by H. C. Rosamond, L. Slaughter, T. M. Oldham, A. N. Couch, motion prevailed:

Moved by H. C. Rosamond that we now elect messengers to the State and Southern Baptist Conventions. Motion prevailed, and S. D. Johns, S. H. King, L. Slaughter, L. P. Anderson and F. L. Gustavus, were unanimously elected as messengers to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Moved by Lon Slaughter that the messengers elected be allowed to fill our quota from any members of the Mt. Vernon Association whom they know to be in good standing that may be present. Motion prevailed:

Eld. H. C. Rosamond was unanimously elected messenger to the S. B. Convention with Eld. W. H. Paslay as alternate.

Moved by L. Slaughter that W. H. Paslay be elected as a member of the State Board from the Mt. Vernon Association. Motion prevailed:

Committee on Obituaries made the following report:

Your Committee on Obituaries would respectfully submit, that this Association has been wonderfully blessed of the Lord. There have been but few deaths among the membership; no ministers or active deacons have died, that we have heard of. Respectfully submitted.

W. A. BOBBITT,
T. M. OLDHAM.

It was moved that the report be adopted as read. Motion carried.

Eld. W. H. Paslay, as Treasurer, made the following report for 1898-9:

DR.		CR.	
From Finance Committee.....	\$238 88	Paid J. A. Smith.....	\$ 32 50
For J. W. Graham.....	14 80	" Printing Minutes.....	25 00
From J. W. Graham.....	1 00	" J. M. Graham.....	24 80
" Ira Grange Church.....	1 00	" Bal. Due Treasurer.....	5 64
" Good Hope Church.....	6 00	" Orphans' Home.....	20 10
" Bro. Belsha.....	3 00	" State Missions.....	31 90
" Level Valley Church.....	3 50	" Clerk.....	10 00
Total.....	\$263 18	" Home Missions.....	6 50
		" Ministerial Education.....	14 00
		" S. S. Board.....	3 00
		" C. F. College.....	4 40
		" Colt Church.....	25 00
		Total.....	\$202 84

Balance on hand, \$60.34. Respectfully submitted.

W. H. PASLAY, Treasurer.

Moved that the report be adopted as read. Motion prevailed.

Moved by L. Slaughter that we now take a collection for J. W. Graham.

Motion prevailed and a collection was taken of \$28.70.

MINUTES OF THE

Moved by W. H. Paslay that we adjourn until 9 o'clock A. M., (October 14th.)
 Motion prevailed. Benediction by W. H. Paslay.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15th.

9 A. M. Association called by the Moderator. After singing hymn No. 142, H. B., and prayer by A. A. Andres, the Committee on Sunday Schools made the following report through their chairman, G. R. Robuck:

Your committee on Sunday Schools are able to congratulate this Association on the fact that nearly all of the Churches represented, report a Sunday School almost equal to the Church membership. In fact, some Churches report an active Sunday School that doesn't have any other service. We feel that there is a manifest interest on the part of our Churches along this line of Church work, and we do hope and pray that this work may continue, until many of our young people may see the importance of seeking their Savior early in life, and that they may find Him to the saving of their souls, and thereby strengthen our Churches spiritually and numerically.

While we feel glad to see a revival in this department of our Church work, still we are not satisfied. Therefore we offer the following suggestions:

First—Let all of our Churches see to the appointment of a Superintendent that is full of the Holy Spirit and given to much prayer.

Second—Select teachers full of Christ, so that while they teach Christ they may also live a Christ life, and thereby give the strongest indorsement possible to what they teach. For it is written, "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap."

Third—We recommend Pilchet's Notes or other books of the kind, for a more thorough preparation of the lesson by our teachers, as we think our advanced quarterly are not altogether sufficient in a teacher's preparation. Respectfully submitted:

G. R. ROBUCK,
 F. H. HOPKINS,
 H. I. GORUM.

Moved by W. A. Bobbitt that the report be adopted as read.

Moved that the report of Sunday School Convention be taken up in connection with above report. Motion carried, and report by P. R. Turner as follows:

This Convention purposes to see there is more life in Sunday School work, thereby bringing active workers into the Church. This Convention asks to be controlled and become auxiliary to this Association in all of its work, and begs your endorsement of its work within the bounds of our Association and the election of officers by you, of this Convention. We further ask the privilege of taking pledges from the Sunday Schools, that we may put in the field a good, live, active Sunday School organizer one or two months of the year. Respectfully submitted.

P. R. TURNER.

Moved that the report be adopted as read. After discussion by G. R. Robuck, A. A. Andres, T. M. Oldham, H. C. Rosamond, J. B. Wise, S. D. Johns, W. A. Bobbitt, motion prevailed. Report of Sunday School Convention now taken up and adopted.

Moved that we now elect the officers of the Sunday School Convention. Motion carried.

Moved by L. P. Anderson that G. R. Robuck be elected President of the Sunday School Convention of the Mt. Vernon Association. Motion carried.

Moved by L. P. Anderson that P. R. Turner be elected Secretary of the Sunday School Convention.

Moved by P. R. Turner that L. P. Anderson be elected Secretary of the Sunday School Convention.

The vote was taken and L. P. Anderson was duly elected and declared Secretary of the Sunday School Convention.

Moved by W. A. Bobbitt that P. R. Turner be elected Treasurer of the Sunday School Convention. Motion prevailed, and pledges taken as follows:

Salem	\$ 2 50	Marianna	\$ 5 00
Helena	5 00	Trenton	5 00
Rehobeth	2 50	Brinkley	2 50
Monroe	1 00	Bible Union Pd	1 00
Poplar Grove	2 50		
Haynes	5 00	Total	\$ 33 00
Oak Grove	1 00		

Moved that we adjourn until 2 P. M. Motion carried and adjourned for preaching.

11 A. M. After singing hymn No 15 in "Manly's Choice," and prayer by Eld. W. H. Paslay, the appointee to preach at this hour at this place, Eld. H. C. Rosamond, gave us a grand and glorious sermon from Proverbs 3:9, 10. Theme: Honoring God with Thy Substance; after which, a collection was taken for State and Associational Missions amounting to \$21.25. Benediction by H. C. Rosamond.

2 P. M. Association called to order by the Moderator, who asked Eld. J. B. Wise to conduct devotional exercises while the Board met to devise a plan of Mission work for this year, and submit to the Association for their approval. The Board made the following report to the Association:

PLAN OF WORK--It is the wish and desire of the Board to get Monroe, Level Valley, Turner, and some other Baptist Church in that locality, to co-operate with us and locate a good and consecrated minister in their midst.

The above plan met with the approval of the Association.

The Executive Board made the following report to the Association, through the Treasurer, W. H. Paslay:

Your Board would submit the following: we employed Bro J. A. Smith to labor as Missionary in the eastern part of the Association. He reports forty-five sermons preached, and five conversions. Owing to the great amount of sickness, he found it impossible to get the people together, and only labored one month. We donated twenty-five dollars to the building of the Colt Church, and thirty dollars to supplement Bro. S. L. Pine's salary at Monroe. We have done the best we could with our limited means and unusual sickness within our bounds. While not satisfied with our work, yet we are not discouraged, and we trust the brethren will still assist in supplying the destitution in our Association. Respectfully submitted,

S. H. KING, W. H. PASLAY, AND OTHERS.

Moved by T. M. Oldham that the report be adopted as read. Motion prevailed.

MINUTES OF THE

A. Flora offered the following resolution:

Resolved. That we as a body extend our thanks to this (Marianna) Church and its friends for their kind and generous hospitality shown us during this session.

Moved by A. N. Couch that the resolution be adopted as read by a rising vote. Motion carried.

Resolved. That the Clerk of this Association be authorized to have six hundred minutes printed, and that he be allowed ten dollars for his services.

W. H. PASLAY.

Moved by T. M. Oldham that the resolution be adopted. Motion carried.

Moved by A. N. Couch that this Association contribute five dollars more to the Clerk for his services. After discussion by F. L. Gustavus, L. B. Wise, A. N. Couch, motion prevailed.

Financial Committee made the following report through their Chairman, J. L. Turner:

COLLECTIONS.			
For Associational Missions	\$136 45	For Orphan Home	\$ 14 05
" State Missions	22 35	" J. W. Graham Fund	28 70
" Home Missions	17 09	" Minutes	29 85
" Foreign Missions	14 58		
" Ministerial Education	2 50	Total	\$266 57
" Sunday School Work	1 00		

J. L. TURNER,
J. B. HODGE,
M. S. WELLS.

Moved that the report be adopted. Motion prevailed.

There being no other business, it was moved by W. H. Paslay that we adjourn to meet with the Helena Baptist Church, at 10 A. M., Friday before the 3d Sunday in October, 1900.

After a very feeling talk from the Moderator, singing hymn No. 82 "Manly Choice," and giving the parting hand, motion prevailed.

Benediction by Elder W. H. Paslay.

LON SLAUGHTER, CLERK.

S. H. KING, MODERATOR.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

Forest City—W. H. Paslay, A. N. Couch, J. D. Barnett and W. D. Har-
graves.

Haynes—S. L. Pine and J. A. Bell.

Marianna—J. B. Wise.

Muswell—J. W. Graham.

De Vore—S. D. Johns.

Helena—H. C. Rosamond, Chas. Anderson and W. H. Giddens.

Frankley—S. L. Holloway and S. D. Sawyer.

M. Daniels—J. A. Smith.

Waville—J. A. Thomas.

Turner—M. J. Day.

Pelostine—A. A. Andres.