PROCEEDINGS

OF

Mount Vernon Association of Baptists

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

HELD WITH

Salem Church, Cypert, Arkansas Aug. 29-Sept. 1, 1912

Next Session to be Held with Colt Baptist Church, Colt, Ark., Thursday evening at 7:30, before the First Lord's Day in September, 1913

> . Associational Sermon, J. A. SMITH Alternate, M. P. MATHENY

The MOUNT VERNON ASSOCIATION of BAPTIST CHURCHES



FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION SALEM CHURCH, CYPERT, ARK., 1912

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

LON SLAUGHTER, Palestine
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J. T. SANDERS, Forrest City

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

The Mount Vernon Association of Baptist Churches met in its fifty-sixth session with the Salem Baptist Church, August 29, 1912

After devotional exercises the Moderator, Lon Slaughter,

called the body to order.

L. P. Anderson and J. A. Wheeler were appointed reading clerks and the following churches reported, viz: Moon Lake. Colt. Mars Hill. Forrest City, Marvell, Oak Grove, Palestine, Trenton. Tip. Marianna Missionary, Brinkley, Helena, Salem, Rehobeth, Clarendon, Haynes, Hunter, Marianna, and Big Creek.

FELCTION OF OFFICERS.

Lon Slaughter was unanimously re-elected Moderator, N. C. B. Anderson, Clerk, and J. T. Sanders, Treasurer.

VISITORS.

A cordial welcome was extended to the following visiting brethren, viz: , S. Rogers, representing Ouachita College and the Baptist Advance, and W. F. Dorris, Financial Agent of the Monticello Orphans' Home.

The introductory sermon was preached by W. H. Sledge.

Text: Luke 15:8-10.

The Moderator appointed the following committees, viz:

Publication - G. R. Robuck, G. W. Mathews.

Home Missions M. P. Matheny, G. A. Pearson, G. R. Roebuck,

Nominations J. W. Sims, J. L. Turner, G. H. Vineyard.

Associational Missions G. H. Vineyard, J. W. Bean, G. R. Roebuck.

Temperance W. H. Sledge, N. A. Chadwick, R. P. Price.

Ministerial Education Dana Terry, H. Bickerstaff, J. J. King.

Obituary - L. P. Anderson, G. W. Mathews, R. P. Price.

State Missions J. A. Smith, T. W. Gilliam, J. A. Belsha,

Foreign Missions . W. H. Sledge, Dana Terry, N. A. Chadwick,

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Sunday School L. P. Anderson, G. R. Roebuck, T. W. Gilliam.

Finance J. L. Turner, H. Bickerstaff.

On motion the Association adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Friday.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 1912.1

MORNING SISSION.

9:00 a.m. Devotional exercises were conducted by M. P. Matheny, after which the body was called to order by Moderator.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

was read by G. R. Roebuck and discussed by G. R. Roebuck, M. P. Matheny, representing The Baptist, and J. S. Rogers, and adopted as follows:

We, your commuttee, submit the following report:

This is a day of books and papers; for this reason much reading is being done or almost all subjects. This is necessary and right, for it is necessary that we be informed to act intelligently. For religious information we must read the Bible and prayerfully consider the divine subjects therein freated. We have a great many doctrinal books, written by some of our ablest brethren; also papers and Sunday school books published outside of the State that we endorse and recommend, but we include with this number those published in our own State.

The Baptist and The Advance, published at Little Rock, are our medium for communication, and we recommend these to our churches

We also recommend the Sunday School Concern, Little Rock, Ark., publishing Sunday School Literature. This work is ably edited by Dr. G. S. Anderson. We urge that our churches secure samples of this work and give it such endorsement as its merits demand.

G. W. MATHEWS.

G. R. ROBUCK.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

was read by M. P. Matheny and discussed by M. P. Matheny, G. H. Vineyard, and W. H. Sledge, and adopted, as follows:

Missions means the preaching of the gospel to the destitute. Home Missions with Southern Baptists means the preaching of the gospel/to the destitute in the Southland. There are two channels through which this work may be done, viz: Southern Baptist Convention and the General Association.

The Association believes that one mission of the church is to preach the gospel in all the world for a witness unto nations. The Convention believes that in addition to that they ought to have schools. You pay your money and take your choice. The how may be with you a serious question, but the main thing is to do it. If others don't see the how as you do, don't make that an excuse for doing nothing. The churches are responsible under the commission for doing the work, and not as to the how of others.

Great stress is being laid upon the evangelization of the heathen and the Catholics abroad, but our first duty is to take care of the heathen and the Catholics flocking to our shores. Our greatest peril as a nation and people come from the Catholic people the servants of the Pope, who are overrunning our country. Home Missions means the evangelization of these people within our borders. Let us be up and doing ere they bring our people under the dominion of the mother of harlots.

M. P. MATHENY,

G. A. PEARSON,

G. R. ROBUCK,

Committee.

11:00 a. m. Sermon by Elder M. P. Matheny, Text, Eph. 3:21.

On motion the body adjourned until 2:00 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:00 p. m. After devotional exercises by Dana Terry the body was called to order by the Moderator for transaction of business.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

was read by Dana Terry and was ably discussed by J. S. Rogers, Dana Terry, J. W. Sims, and W. H. Sledge, and adopted with amendment as follows:

The education of preachers is one great object in Christian Education. Last year there were fifty of our young preachers in Ouachita College. They receive free tuition and some help on other expenses when it is necessary. 875.00 will keep a man in Ouachita a year. The Bible Department is arranged with special reference to the preachers, but the classes are open to all, and Old Testament is

required of all who graduate. For the education of our preachers we have the Southwestern Seminary of Fort Worth.

Ministerial Education is just as important as any general interest of the kingdom, and must be put on the same basis. We, therefore, recommend first, that each pastor in the Association proach at least once a month on Ministerial Education. Second, That regular collections be taken in every church every year for Ministerial Education. Third, That we encourage our preacher boys to avail themselves of these opportunities. Fourth, That earnest, unceasing prayer be made for this work.

DANA TERRY.

For Committee

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

was read by J. W. Sims, and adopted, as follows:

We, your committee, recommend as members of the Executive Board tre tollowing, viz: G. R. Roebuck, G. H. Vineyard, Dr. J. W. Bean, W. H. Sledge and J. W. Sims.

As Trustees of the Forrest Chapel Fund: I on Slaughter, J. T. Sanders and G. R. Roebuck.

We also recommend that the next session of the Association be held with the Colt Baptist church on Thursday night before the first Sunday in September, 1913; and that Elder J. A. Smith preach the introductory sermon; his alternate, M. P. Matheny.

J. W. SIMS. J. L. TURNER. G. H. VINEYARD.

On motion that our Moderator appoint five members of this Association to investigate the charges made against the First Baptist Church of Marianna by the Missionary Baptist Church of the same place, the following were appointed, viz: G. R. Roebuck, W. H. Sledge, H. Bickerstaff, J. W. Sims, and J. B. Lowe.

THE CHARGES

We withdrew from the First Baptist church of Marianna, for the following reasons:

- 1. Because of her affiliations with other denominations in union meetings. \sim
- 2. Because of the church government, which is Presbyterial rather than Congregational, being conducted by the pastor and those officers of the church whom he associates with him.

3. Because of her loose discipline, holding in her membership without protest, whiskey drinkers, card players, dancers, etc., and we can no more fellowship these things in the Mount Vernon Association than in the local church, and we therefore ask that the Association appoint a committee to investigate these charges, and if found true, say by vote whether she endorses the action of the church and will hold her in fellowship.

This letter was read and approved in regular conference Sunday night, August 18, 1912.

M. P. MATHENY, Moderator,

E. H. McMURRY, Church Clerk.

RESOLUTION.

In view of the fact that about all of our preachers and a large portion of our laymen leave our Association before Sunday, be it resolved that we change the date of our meeting to Tuesday night before the second Sunday in October.

On motion adjournment was taken till 8:00 p. m.

NIGHT SESSION.

8:00 p. m. Deevotional exercises were conducted by J. W. Sims.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

was read and ably discussed by W. H. Sledge, G. R. Roebuck, Lon Slaughter, M. P. Matheny, and J. S. Rogers, and adopted, as follows:

The liquor interest is recognized as one of the greatest sins to our homes, State and churches. We have made progress in contending against evil. Our people everywhere frown upon the habit of intoxicating liquors. Not only have our churches come to the high standard of temperance, but we have reached the point helping our non-church men with this great evil. We face a serious problem at this time on the 9th of September. Our people will have an opportunity to rid our fair State of the saloon.

The liquor trust in and out of the State is making every effort and telling every untruth possible to retain the saloon.

We most carnestly urge our people to do their utmost to rid our State of this, the greatest curse among us.

W.H.SLEDGE,
For the Committee.

On motion the body adjourned until Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 1912.

MORNING SESSION.

9:00 a. m. Devotional exercises were conducted by W. F. Dorris. Reading, Romans 12:1, 2,

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

was read by N. C. B. Anderson, discussed by G. R. Roebuck, J. W. Sims, and W. F. Dorris, and adopted, as follows:

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

We find from our letter to the Association that the names of eighteen of our-flock have gone to their heavenly home since we last met, viz: Sisters S. G. Hopkins., Lizzie McGlotten, Ruth Kirby. Sister Horan, Alma Myers, Nellie Cobb, Nonie Clark, Emma Prewett, Jennie Davis, Mary Curtis, Mrs. Piney Bell; Brethren B. Q. Cary, W. H. Tyner, G. W. Willis, Sam Johnson, M. M. May, J. N. Billingsley and W. S. Huestess.

A good per cent of this number was well known by this Association. They will be missed in the homes which they lived and this loss will be keenly felt by the Mt. Vernon Association.

> L. P. ANDERSON, G. W. MATHUS, R. P. PRICE,

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT

was read by W. H. Sledge and ably discussed by the reader, and adopted, as follows:

We quote the commission in our churches, some of our people believe in it, and live up to it; but the majority of our people do not know the meaning of it. We might account for some of the influence among us for this reason. Your committee is of the opinion that to preach the gospel to the heathen is as much the will of God as to baptize a believer at home and the man who refuses to give to Foreign Missions has no right to claim-the promise, "Lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world." We are made sad to note that twenty-six churches in this Association did not give a cent to Missions last year. Is this the sin of the preachers or the people?

We most earnestly urge our pastors to preach and take at least one public collection during the year.

> W. H. SLEDGE. For the Committee.

11:00 a. m. Sermon by Elder J. A. Smith. Text, Matt. 11:28-30

On motion the organization adjourned until 2:00 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:00 p. m. Devotional exercises were conducted by W. F. Dorris and body was called to order by the Moderator.

STATE MISSIONS REPORT

was read by I. A. Smith and adopted as follows:

There is great need of more gospel preaching in Arkansas, because there are many destitute fields in the State. The obligation to do this work rests on the Baptist churches of the State; as they are the only people who preach a full gospel. Therefore, we should give liberally of our means and urge all to give for the support of Missions in the State.

> I. A. SMITH. For the Committee.

MISSIONARY REPORT.

I beg leave to submit the following report: Sermons preached, 95; miles travelled, 1,282; visits with families, 162; profession of faith, 1; additions to church by baptism, 1, by letter, 5; total, 6. Time labored, four and a half months @ \$75.00... Amount received on salary from Committee \$150.00

\$336,40 Total received

\$1.10 Balance due on salary..... Respectfully submitted. I. A. SMITH, Missionary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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Sept.	2—Cash, Lon Slaughter	5.00
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Total Total	20
Total	81
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Respectfully submitted	
J. T. SANDERS.	

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

was read by G. H. Vineyard and discussed by G. H. Vineyard, W. H. Sledge, and M. P. Matheny, and adopted as follows in connection with the Treasurer's report:

We, your committee, beg leave to report on this important work. "Progress," but in such a half hearted way, it has been difficult for the committee to decide what really was the aim of the Association. We find your entire territory has had but one missionary, and him one-half of his time, the remaining time was paid by the Moro church, \$187.50, and Palestine, \$150.00. By this arrangement we are out of debt and ready for another year's work.

Brethren and Sisters, your committee thinks this a destitute condition of affairs, and wants to urge upon one and all to join hands and resolve by the help of God during the coming year we

are going to help save somebody.

Instruct your committee to employ two missionaries and send them into the destitute country to preach the gospel to the many sick and dying.

G. H. VINEYARD, DR. J. W. BEAN, G. R. ROBUCK.

A motion prevailed that we instruct our Executive Board to employ five young ministers to work within the hounds of the Mount Vernon Association next summer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

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was read by L. P. Anderson, and discussed by L. P. Anderson and G. R. Rochuck, and adopted, as follows:

We, your committee, on Sunday schools submit the following:

From the church letters to this Association, we find that the Sunday school work is not making the progress it ought to make. We think the cause of this non-progress is lack of interest and that our churches are not alive to the great good to be accomplished through a proper and regular study and teaching of the Bible through the media of our Sunday schools.

We recommend that a Sunday School Institute of the churches of this association be held at each Fifth Sunday Meeting and that

Sunday morning be given to this work.

We recommend that the Executive Committee have prepared in connection with the program of every Fifth Sunday Meeting a special program for the Sunday school work.

L. P. ANDERSON. G. R. ROEBUCK.

T. M. GILLIAM.

Committee.

On motion the hody adjourned until 8:00 p. m.

NIGHT SESSION.

8:00 p. m. Sermon by Elde: W. F. Dorris, who preached an able sermon on the following subject: "The Supremacy of the Word of God."

There being no further business the body adjourned till 10:00 a.m. Sunday.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1912.

MORNING SESSION.

10:00 a.m. Devotional exercises were conducted by W. F. Dorris, after which short talks were made on Sunday school work by Lon Slaughter and N. C. B. Anderson.

REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOMES

was read by J. W. Sims and discussed by J. W. Sims and W. F. Dorris after the morning sermon. The report was adopted, as follows:

We, your committee, on Orphan Homes make the following report:

In the State of Arkansas, we now have two Baptist Orphan Homes, located at Monticello and Texarkana. In our opinion there is not only

room, but actual need, of the two Homes.

In the Texarkana Home we now have thirty-six children, and a home and a few acres of land, of which every Baptist in the State should be proud. In this Home we also have some cows, hogs.

chickens and horses-such things as are necessary for the good of

any good regulated Home. Sad, is it also, for me to have to say that, also in this Home we now have five or six cases of typhoid fever, Brother Carter himself, now being in bed with said fever; also very sad, indeed, it is, that on last Thursday night, one of the little girls in the home passed away from time into eternity.

It is my painful duty, also to state that we are now about \$600 behind with the running expenses of the Texarkana Home. This is due partly to the fact that we have had extra expenses on account of sickness and partly to the fact that our churches and individuals have grown somewhat careless as to the interest of the Home. Our property at Texarkana is worth about ten or twelve thousand dollars,

We are reliably informed that they have one hundred and torty-nine children in the Monticello Home, all of them obedient and orderly children. Still it is sad that they, too, have a sad affliction in their Home, some thirteen of the children being now down with Pellagra.

The Monticello Home also has some three hundred and twenty acres of land, a large and well built brick house and a large number of cattle, hogs, horses, etc., all in fine order. They need help and need it now. We need help at Texarkana and need it sooner than now.

At the Monticello Home they are overrun with children and are badly in need of a boys' dormitory, which they are now endeavoring to build, also a hospital is badly needed at each of the homes, in fact we now have our Texarkana Home about full of children, and hereby recommend that our trustees accept the offer of 40 acres of land from the town of Malvern, and sell our present property and build suitable buildings at Malvern for the Home. We also recommend that a collection now be taken to be divided between the two Homes, and that everybody here contribute to the very best of their ability. May God's richest of blessings rest upon each of these Homes, and may the afflicted children in each of them be speedily restored to health.

J. W. SIMS.

For the Committee.

11:00 a. m. Elder W. F. Dorris preached a soul-stirring sermon from the following: I. God's Eternal Decree. Ps. 2:7, 8. II. Fulfillment. Acts 13:30-33. III. Executing of the Plan by the Churches. Matt. 28:18-20. IV. Glorious Results. Rev. 7:1-17.

The following were the donors of the handsome collection of \$109.45:

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. W. Turner .	5.0
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Dr. Hall	7.0
Mrs. Thompson	
Robert Henderson	2.0
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Mrs. Dawson	1.0
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Confection	7.9

On motion the body adjourned till 2:00 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION. .

2:00 p. m. The body was called to order by the Moderator.

THE FINANCIAL REPORT

was read by J. L. Turner, and adopted, as follows:

We, your committee, on Finance, beg leave to submit the following report:

Association		87.25
		4,00
Orphans Home, Monticello		54.70
Orphans Home, Texarkana		58.75
Minutes and Clerk		35.40
	Respectfully,	

J. L. TURNER.
For the Committee.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we order the clerk to have five hundred minutes printed, and that he be authorized to draw on the treasurer of the Association for any amount that minutes should cost above the amount sent by this Association.

Resolved, also, That we pay the clerk lifteen dollars for his services.

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt thanks for the many Christian courtesies which has been extended to this Association by the good people of Salem church and surrounding community, who have assisted us in having one among the best meetings in the bistory of its organization.

The Moderator, in brief but well-chosen remarks, declared the Association adjourned by singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," during which parting greetings were extended to the officers of the Association.

LON SLAUGHTER, Moderator.

N. C. B. ANDERSON, Clerk.

WESSENGERS.

Big Creek By letter.

Brinkley Dana Terry.

Clarendon By letter.

Colt · G. W. Mahews, G. A. Pearson.

Forrest City N. C. B. Anderson,

Helena W H. Sledge, G. H. Vineyard, and J. A. Wheeler.

Hunter By letter.

Haynes G. R. Roebuck, J. T. Friar.

Marvell J. W. Sims, C. F. Thompson, L. P. Anderson, Dr. J. W. Bean, and Mrs. Dawson.

Mars Hill By letter.

Moon Lake Mrs. C. S. Moon, Effic Cavanaugh,

Marianna, First Church By letter.

Marianna, Missionary J. L. Belcha.

Oak Grove H. Bickerstaff, R. P. Price.

Palestine Lon Slaughter, J. A. Smith.

Rhehobeth T. M. Gilliam.

Salem J. J. King, W. L. McGloffin, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Turner,

Tip-N. A. Chadwick, Lizzie Collier, Nora Totty.

Trenton-Lon Porter, Fannie Porter, Mrs. Joe Taylor.

STATISTICAL TABLE

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