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OF THE

Fourth Annual Session

OF THE

MOUNT VERNON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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P. R. O C E E D I N G S.

Saturday, September 5, 1857.

The introductory sermon was preached at half past 11 o'clock, A. M., by Elder T. S. N. King. Text—Rom. 3: 31; “Do we make void the law through faith?” Theme—“The principles and dignity of Christianity.”

A recess was taken till half past 1 o'clock, P. M., at which time, in the absence of the former Moderator, the Clerk convened the Delegates. Elder W. J. Hood was called to the Chair *pro tem.* Prayer by Elder J. M. Cox.

The letters present were read, and the names of the Delegates present enrolled as follows:

<p>Helena: T. S. N. King, H. F. Mooney and J. H. Micks.</p>	<p>Oak Grove: W. T. Breeding, Samuel D. Brooks and J. D. Vann.</p>
<p>Ash Grove: Janies M. Cox.</p>	<p>Ruhama: No delegation. (sent the letter.)</p>
<p>Bible Union: John Satterwhite.</p>	<p>Harmony: G. W. Wilder, R. O. Everette and J. P. Vann.</p>
<p>New Hope: J. C. McCrary and P. S. G. Watson.</p>	<p>Liberty: (Monroe.) W. J. Hood.</p>
<p>Liberty: No delegation.</p>	<p>Shiloh: T. M. Belcher.</p>
<p>Sterling: “ “ (sent letter.)</p>	<p>Cypress Valley: G. W. Few and Wm. McConnell.</p>
<p>Salem: Richard Brown and James Durden.</p>	
<p>Bethel: (or Hickory Ridge) Ezekiel Holland.</p>	

The annual election was then held to choose the Associational Officers, which gave Elder T. S. N. King, for Moderator, Elder P. S. G. Watson, Clerk, J. H. Hicks, Corresponding Secretary, and J. C. McCrary, Treasurer.

The Moderator announced the body duly organized and ready for the transaction of business.

New Churches.—Application was made by two new churches for admission to membership, which was granted, and the hand of fellowship given the delegates: T. M. Belcher, from Shiloh, and G. W. Few and Wm. McConnell from Cypress Valley.

Correspondence.—A minute of the last session of the Union Association was received, showing the names of Elder T. P. Boone and Robert Anthony, as messengers appointed to visit this body, but satisfactory information was verbally given by a brother, why those messengers could not attend. No other correspondence either by Messenger or letter.

It was resolved that, in consequence of the small number of delegates in attendance, but two be placed on any one Committee. The Moderator then designated the following as appointed by him:

1. *On Arrangement*—P. S. G. Watson and H. F. Mooney
2. *On Domestic Missions*—J. M. Cox and J. H. Hicks.
3. *On Education*—W. J. Hood and E. Holland.
4. *On Sabbath Schools*—J. C. McCrary and John Satterwhite.
5. *On Colportage*—W. J. Hood and W. T. Breeding.
6. *On Temperance*—J. P. Vann and Wm. McConnell.
7. *On the Colored Population*—J. H. Hicks and T. M. Belcher.
8. *On Finance*—G. W. Few and G. W. Wilder.
9. *On Religious Exercises*—W. J. Hood and J. P. Vann
10. *On the State of the Churches*—E. Holland and W. J. Hood.

Also, J. M. Cox was appointed to write a letter of Correspondence to the Caroline Association, W. J. Hood, to the Union, and J. P. Vann, to the Rocky Bayou—all the above to report on Monday.

Brother Nathan McKeean, a licentiate from Germantown Tennessee, being present, was invited to a seat in the Association as a visiting minister. Accepted.

The Committee on Religious Exercises announced through the Chair, that Elder Ezekiel Holland would preach on Sabbath morning at 10 o'clock.

Adjourned till Monday, 8 o'clock, A. M. Prayer by the Clerk.

SABBATH, 6th—10 o'clock, A. M.

Elder Ezekiel Holland preached. Text, Rom. 10: 14—“And how shall they hear without a preacher?”

11 o'clock.—Elder P. S. G. Watson. Text Matt. 28: 19, 20—“Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world, Amen.” Theme, Domestic Missions.

2 o'clock, P. M.—Elder T. S. N. King. Text, Matt. 28: 18—“All power is given me in Heaven and in earth.” Theme: Foreign Missions.

8 o'clock.—Elder J. M. Cox. Text Psalms 68: 31—“Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.” Theme, The Colored Population.

The last three ministers were chosen to preach as above by the Board, in compliance with a Resolution of the last Association. By the same authority, on Saturday evening, 8 o'clock, Elder P. S. G. Watson delivered an address on Education.

MONDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Association met, the Moderator in the Chair. Prayer by Elder W. J. Hood.

The Rules of Decorum were read by the Chairman.

During the forenoon of Monday, while the Association occupied the house, two licentiates, Brethren McKean and Clifton, preached at a stand near by to the congregation.

The Committee on Arrangement made their report, which was read and adopted, and the business taken up accordingly.

The report on Domestic Missions received and adopted, [A] but upon motion to adopt the plan proposed in the report, several animated speeches were made, in which J. M. Cox, P. S. G. Watson, and others, advocated the adoption, and H. F. Mooney, J. C. McCrary and others, opposed. The proposed plan was finally laid over till the next Association: the vote

was unanimous except the Clerk. It was then moved by Bro. J. C. McCrary and seconded by Bro. H. F. Mooney, that the following plan be adopted: That a Missionary Agent be appointed by the Moderator of the Association, in each church to raise funds either in money or subscription, to be paid over to the Board. The subscriptions to be paid thus: One-third December 1st, one-third, March 1st, and one-third, June 1st. Adopted.

Upon the adoption of the foregoing, upon motion, the Chair appointed J. M. Cox and J. P. Vann a committee to enumerate the Board for the ensuing year. After a short absence, the committee reported through J. M. Cox, which nomination was confirmed by the entire body. [See appendix J.]

The Committee on education made report which was adopted. [See appendix B.]

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. Report adopted. [See appendix C.]

The Committee on Colportage made report. Adopted; [See appendix D.] W. J. Hood as Colporteur also reported. [See appendix I.]

The Committees on Temperance, [E.] Colored Population, [See appendix F.] State of the Churches and Finance. [See appendix G.] Made reports which were adopted, as may be seen by the reference letters.

Adjourned till called by the Moderator, in the afternoon. 2 o'clock P. M.—The delegates were called to order by the Moderator. The Chairman read the appointments of agents etc., in every church as contemplated in the reports on Domestic Missions, Sabbath Schools and Education—which appointment was confirmed in every case except one—the Moderator was substituted in place of the appointee on Education in the Helena Church. [See appendix K.]

GENERAL BUSINESS.

The Amendment proposed at the last session of this body, was adopted, namely: "Committees on any subject or subjects the Association may direct, may be appointed at an annual meeting to report at the next, and the members of such committee or committees, shall be ex-officio members of the Association to which they are to report, for the purpose of presenting, and with the privilege of advocating the same, but not of voting, unless they should be regular delegates."

The Mount Vernon Church having failed to represent itself for three sessions, was ordered to be dropped from the minutes.

It was resolved that the Board appoint a Minister to deliver a sermon at the next session, at 11 o'clock A. M., on Sabbath, upon the subject of *Missions*, and that at the conclusion, a public collection be taken in behalf of the same.

The annual report of the Board was read and adopted, the Treasurers's report accompanying. [See appendix L.] Also the Treasurer's report to the Association, was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The delegates of the Oak Grove Church asked that the next Association be held with that church—there being no other church put in nomination, it was unanimously agreed as requested. P. S. G. Watson was chosen to preach the Introductory sermon, and J. M. Cox alternate.

Corresponding letters read, received and Messengers appointed as follows: To visit the *Caroline*, Elder W. J. Hood; the *Union*, Jonathan Hobbs and Elder Ezekiel Holland; the *Rocky Bay*, the Clerk to send the letter by mail.

It was ordered that the names of ministers in this State, so far as known, together with their Post-Office address, be in the Minute, also the name of every Association, with the name and Post-Office address of every clerk. [See appendix M.]

The ministers of this Association were called upon to report the amount of missionary labor, etc., performed by them as requested by the last session of this body; but as some were unable to report until their return home, all were requested to furnish their reports by mail or otherwise, to the clerk, in time to appear in the present Minute. [See appendix N.] The ministers were also requested to furnish a report of such services to the next Association. It was

Resolved, That six hundred copies of these minutes be printed: That the Clerk prepare, superintend, and distribute them, and that he receive from the Treasury ten dollars for his services. It was also

Resolved, That we request the members of this Association moving away from the church to which they belong, and into the immediate vicinity of another, to unite with that nearest to them. It was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the members of the Harmony Church and to the citizens generally, for their generous hospitality in sustaining the members of this body during its session.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association be presented to the officers for the manner in which they have discharged their several duties.

The minute was read and approved. There being no further business before the Association, the "parting hand" was sung and the Association adjourned to meet with the Oak Grove Church, Monroe county, Ark., on Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in September 1858. Prayer by P. S. G. Watson.

P. S. G. WATSON, Clerk, }
La Grange, Ark. }
T. S. N. KING, Moderator.

REPORTS

[A]

ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Domestic Missions is compelled reluctantly to report that we are convinced that the plan attempted to be carried out by this Association for the previous years, has proved a failure:- it is from some cause inefficient, therefore, we would recommend the trial, at least, of a different plan. One has been laid before this committee by the Corresponding Secretary of the Association—we have examined it and have come to the conclusion that it will work admirably well—and consequently we heartily recommend the plan to the Association, and hereby request that the necessary steps be taken to put the plan in operation in every county included within this Association.

Truly may we cry out, "the harvest is ripe, but the laborers are few."! The 'Macedonian cry is heard from all parts of our Associational Territory, and it is our bounden duty to use every suitable means to meet the call by sending out into the field, ministers who will point the sinner to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world. If it is our duty, let us do it—do it with all our might. A copy of the plan of the Secretary is herewith presented.

Respectfully,

J. M. COX, Chairman.

The plan furnished by the Corresponding Secretary, and recommended in the above report, of which it forms a part:

CONSTITUTION

Of the _____ County Baptist Missionary Society.

ART. 1. This Society shall be known as the _____ Baptist Missionary Society.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to preach the Gospel of Christ and throughout the County of _____ and to send forth by means of Ordained Baptist Ministers in good standing.

ART. 3. Any person may become a member of this Society by subscribing for the use and benefit of the Society, the sum of twenty-five dollars. Five dollars to be paid in hand and five dollars every year from the first payment, for four years.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall hold office one year from the election, and until their successors shall have been appointed and who shall severally perform the duties usually devolving upon such officers.

ART. 5. Annual elections shall be held at such time and place as shall have been agreed upon at the last election, in order to elect the officers for the ensuing year; and each and every member of this Society shall be entitled to one vote, either in person, or in writing directed to the Recording Secretary.

ART. 6. The officers of this Society shall be Baptists in good standing.

ART. 7. The officers of this Society shall be the Executive Board to transact the entire business, and report annually through the Corresponding Secretary.

ART. 8. At any time after five years from the date of the organization, this Society may be dissolved by the vote of the majority, expressed as in Article 5, and any money on hand may be appropriated as the majority may then and there determine: *Provided*, always, that notice to move a dissolution shall be published three months previously.

ART. 9. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting, by two-thirds of the votes cast on that day.

[B].
ON EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Education, have had the subject under consideration, and herewith present you with the result of our deliberations: That Education imparts knowledge, and that Knowledge is Power; needs no argument before this body. It would be needless to adduce evidence to prove that wealth properly managed, would be a blessing; all admit it; but how shall wealth be obtained is the searching question? So likewise, that education is a good thing—a great thing—and in spreading truth and opposing error—an almost indispensable thing, we as freely admit. Many of us feel the want of it, and are the more anxious, perhaps, that the rising generation in our midst have every facility afforded by the present advanced state of society to obtain liberal educations. And as the best way to give a practical illustration of our views and feelings on this subject, we propose the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved 1. That a Board of Education be appointed by this Association, consisting of one member from every Church.

Resolved 2. That this Board shall hold its first meeting with the Bethel Church on Hickory Ridge, at 11 o'clock, A. M., on Friday the 18th of December next.

Resolved 3. That this Board shall have free power to locate a High School for males, and one for females within the bounds of this Association: *Provided*, the Association be brought under no pecuniary liabilities.

Resolved 4. That a majority of the appointees shall be a quorum, and shall have full power to proceed in the name of this Association, in locating, naming and establishing said Schools, and shall report to the next session of this body.

Resolved 5. That should said Schools be established, we pledge our assistance so far as we consistently can to sustain them.

Resolved 6. That propositions for locating the Schools are hereby solicited, and that they be sent to the Board at its first meeting as named in article 2.

Respectfully submitted,
W. J. HOOD, Chairman.

[C]
ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee ask leave to report that there is a lamentable, if not a sinful indifference on the part of the churches composing this Association, upon the subject of Sabbath Schools. That this is morally wrong, none will deny: It is enjoined upon parents to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; and what means, we would ask, can be more efficiently employed than Sabbath Schools?

That it is denominationally wrong is equally evident. Said a great man, "Give me the educating of your children and I will make your rulers," which is certainly correct; and we by our apathy in this matter, are either suffering our children to grow up untaught, or, we necessitate them to enter the schools of other denominations.

Brethren, this state of things should not longer exist. It is due us as a denomination that it should be rectified—our children demand of us as a change in this matter. Your Committee would therefore, recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Moderator appoint a committee of one or two members in every Church within the bounds of this Association, whose duty it shall be to organize in their respective churches, Sabbath Schools, and who shall report fully their proceedings to the next Association.

J. C. McCRARY, Chairman.

[D]
ON COLPORTAGE.

Your Committee on Colportage beg leave to report as follows, namely, That there has been some little done in that way the past year, and the effect produced has been very good, and this should encourage us to use the best means we can to increase the number and variety of Baptist books within our bounds; for surely there is great need. We think that great success depends much on circulating good books, therefore, we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved 1. That should we obtain a Missionary to travel within our bounds, that he be supplied with books and requested to act as Colporteur.

Resolved 2. That every minister recommend such books in his immediate field as he may think best, and that he be requested to aid in procuring them either through the mail, or from our Colporteur.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. J. HOOD, Chairman.

[E]

ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance asks leave to report as follows; It appears from the report of the Committee on Temperance in 1855, that in Phillips county, there was not a "grog-shop" to be found, and that habitual drunkenness had been almost, if not entirely abandoned, which practice we heartily hope is continued till this time, and will as long as time endures.

We learn from other parts of the Association that there are "grog-shops" and drinking establishments still in vogue, and drunkenness still in practice, though not so much as in former years. We see and know from our own observation that Intemperance is abating rapidly in our country, yet we deem it our indispensable duty to use our influence against the poisonous stuff, therefore,

Resolved, That every member of this Association use all his or her influence, through the churches, to prevent the sale of Spirituous Liquors; and that they lend their aid in this great and glorious cause.

J. P. VANN, Chairman.

[F]

ON THE COLORED POPULATION.

Your Committee on the Colored Population beg leave to report the following, namely: That there is great destitution of the preached gospel among this class of our population. This cannot be denied, and is very much to be regretted, and although this destitution has been presented to the Association year after year, yet little or nothing has been done by us

as a denomination within the bounds of this body to have the gospel preached to this portion of our population.

Your Committee would respectfully call your attention to this destitution and recommend that some steps be taken by this Association to procure the services of a suitable Missionary to supply this great destitution.

Respectfully submitted.

JNO. H. HICKS, Chairman.

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TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATION.

J. C. McGary, Treasurer	Dr.	
Amount paid me at the Session, 1856		851 1
By amount paid T. S. N. King		846 00
Freight on articles		2 25
		<hr/> 848 25
Balance on hand		2 90
Received present session, Sept., 1857,		853 80
		<hr/> 856 70
I received since the adjournment of the Association from the Liberty Church		5 00
		<hr/> 861 70

J. C. CRARY Treasurer.

[6]

ON FINANCE.

We, the Committee on Finance, have examined the Treasurer's Account from Sept., 1856, to Sept., 5th 1857, and find it correct.

GEO. W. WILDER, Ch'm'n.

[H]

ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

The Committee on the state of the churches ask leave to report; That we find the churches generally supplied with monthly preaching—but few are destitute. But we would enter more into detail. New Hope enjoys the labors of Bro. P. S. G. Watson twice a month—to the whites in the forenoon and the blacks in the afternoon. They have a Union Sunday School

Library. Distant from Helena 13 miles, North N. West, on the St. Francis road. E. St. John Martin, Clerk, Lagrange, Phillips Co., Ark.

Sterling Church has monthly preaching. To the whites in the forenoon, and to the blacks in the afternoon, P. S. G. Watson, Pastor. On the Mississippi river 10 miles above Helena. A. B. Young, Clerk, Sterling, Phillips Co., Ark.

Liberty, Phillips county, has monthly preaching—forenoon to the whites, afternoon to the blacks. They have a very large hewed log house, partly finished. Distant from Helena, 20 miles—near the St. Francis road at some beautiful springs. P. S. G. Watson, Pastor, H. L. Cordeil, Clerk, Marianna, Phillips county, Arkansas.

Ash Grove has preaching twice a month. To the whites in the forenoon, blacks in the afternoon. Prayer meeting monthly. J. M. Cox, Pastor. South-East of Augusta, 25 miles, and North-West from Helena 75. Josiah Simpson, Clerk, Cotton Plant, St. Francis Co., Ark.

Helena Church had F. M. Freeman as Pastor till the first of May—since destitute. Weekly prayer meetings and a regular Sabbath School. This church owns a fine large frame house. John Q. Taylor, Clerk, Helena, Phillips county Ark.

Bible Union has had no Pastor for two years—no clerk—nine miles N. W. from Mt. Vernon. Mt. Vernon. (post-office) St. Francis county, Ark.

Oak Grove has monthly preaching. The whites and blacks attend at the same time. A tolerably comfortable hewed log house. Weekly prayer meeting. Distant 25 miles North-West from Helena on a county road. J. M. Cox, Pastor, J. W. Sullivan, clerk. Moro, Monroe county, Ark.

Mt. Vernon Church has failed to send a delegation for three successive sessions, and is consequently dropped from the minutes.

Bethel, (or Hickory Ridge,) has the monthly services of Ezekiel Holland. Distant from Helena twenty-four miles west, on a county road. E. Holland is both Pastor and clerk. Big Creek, Phillips county, Ark.

Liberty, (Monroe county,) has monthly preaching—occasionally to the blacks. From Aberdeen, five miles south-west.

W. J. Hood, Pastor, Benjamin Walker, Clerk. Aberdeen. Monroe county, Arkansas.

Ruhannah has monthly preaching. Distant from Aberdeen, 20 miles south-west. W. J. Hood, Pastor, Jas. M. McAdams, clerk, Casco, Arkansas county, Ark.

Harmony enjoys monthly preaching—weekly prayer meeting. From Lawrenceville, six miles north-west. W. J. Hood, pastor Willis Privett, clerk. Lawrenceville, Monroe county, Ark.

Shiloh was constituted in Prairie county, on the 29th of November 1856, upon eight members, and has monthly preaching. W. J. Hood, Pastor, W. B. Bailey, clerk. Aberdeen. Monroe county, Ark.

Cypress Valley was constituted in Phillips county, on the — of July, upon eight members. Distant from Helena, 20 miles, north-west. T. S. N. King, Pastor, Luther M. Roberts, clerk, Lagrange, Phillips county, Ark.

For the increase etc., we refer you to the Statistical Table.

E. HOLLAND, Chairman.

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MISSIONARY LABOR FROM SEPT. 6, 1856 TO SEPT. 5, 1857.

ELDER J. M. COX'S REPORT.

Dear Brethren:—I herein present you a summary of the ministerial labor performed by me separate and apart from my pastoral services, since the last session of this Association—twelve months:

Sermons Preached,	20
Exhortations Delivered,	5
Miles Traveled,	670
Money Received,	\$15

Respectfully Submitted,

J. M. COX.

ELDER P. S. G. WATSON'S REPORT.

Dear Brethren:—The ministerial labor performed by me, since the last Association, apart from my regular place for preaching as Pastor, is as follows:

Sermons delivered,	40
Exhortations,	38
Witnessed at one of these meetings, conversions,	22
Aided in Ordaining	4
" " Organising Churches,	1
Miles traveled,	544
Cash received above Ferrage	\$16.05
Baptist Books sold, (retail price)	\$139.70
" " on hand " "	4.50
Profits on Books sold, 25 to 30 per cent., I paying freight, etc.	
Included in the above, are my visits to the Union and the Independence Association.	
Respectfully,	P. S. G. WATSON.

ELDER T. S. N. KING'S REPORT.

Dear Brethren,—The ministerial labor performed by myself, (as missionary,) since the last Association, is as follows:

Preached Sermons,	20
Miles Traveled,	336
Assisted in Ordaining Deacons,	4
Assisted in Organising Churches,	1
Cash Received,	\$0.00
Respectfully,	T. S. N. KING.

ELDER W. J. HOOD'S REPORT.

Dear Brethren:—The labor performed by me, since the last Association, apart from my pastoral services, is as follows:

Sermons Preached,	30
Exhortations,	15
Traveled,	400

And visited a goodly number of families etc. [Elder Hood makes no report as to money received.—*Clerk.*]

From April, 1856 to the Association, Sept. 1857, (17 months,) I have bought of the South Western Publishing House, \$169 30 worth of Denominational Books—sold \$95 30, and have on hand \$74 worth. 422 volumes bought and 201 on hand. The above is the price of the books, not including Boxes, Drayage, etc.

Respectfully, W. J. HOOD.

ELDER EZEKIEL HOLLAND'S REPORT.

[Elder Holland's Report has failed to reach me up to the time of publication.—*Clerk.*]

BOARDS AND AGENTS.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

ELDER T. S. N. KING, President, Helena.
 ELDER P. S. G. WATSON, Recording Sec. Lagrange.
 DEACON JOHN H. HICKS, Cor. Sec., Helena.
 DEACON JOHN C. McCRARY, Treasurer, Lagrange.
 DEACON A. H. HOPKINS, Lagrange.

S. B. CARPENTER, "
 J. J. CLINDINING, "
 H. F. MOONEY, Helena.
 R. J. KOONCE, Beach Grove.

EDUCATION BOARD.

T. S. N. King, J. M. Cox, John Satterwhite, P. S. G. Watson, John A. Shepard, A. F. Dunn, Richard Brown, J. P. Vann, E. T. Mitchell, Luther M. Roberts, W. B. Bailey.

The first meeting to be with the Bethel Church, 11 o'clock, A. M., on Friday, December 1857.

SABBATH SCHOOL AGENTS.

J. C. McCRARY, J. D. Taylor, J. Hobbs, P. P. Hill, W. N. Privett, H. L. Cordell, A. B. Young, John Hyman, James Durden, W. R. Baker, W. T. Breeding, J. M. McAdams, E. W. Vann, Benj. Walker, Wm. McConnell and T. M. Belcher.

MISSIONARY AGENTS.

H. F. Mooney, B. J. Johnson, John Satterwhite, A. H. Hopkins, R. J. Koonce, Petter Burrous, Richard Brown, E. Holland, Spence Hall, T. J. McAdam, W. B. Privett, W. J. Hood, G. W. Fern, W. B. Bailey.

MINISTERS IN THIS ASSOCIATION.

ORDAINED: T. S. N. King, W. J. Hood, E. Holland, J. W. Cox, P. S. G. Watson. *Licentiate*: J. Hobbs, H. F. Tewksbury, J. W. Sullivan.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Elder T. S. N. King, Moderator, Helena, Arkansas.
 Elder P. S. G. Watson, Clerk, LaGrange, Ark.
 Deacon J. H. Hicks, Cor. Sec'y Helena, Ark.
 Deacon J. C. McCrary, Treas'r., LaGrange, Ark.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD.

*Dear Brethren:—*As your Board, we ask leave to submit the following as our Annual Report, namely: We have had frequent meetings through the year, but have done nothing.

By the accompanying report of the Treasurer, it will be seen what amount of means are on hand.

We have no suggestions to offer, but leave any recommendations thought to be necessary, to the judgment of the Committee on Domestic Missions.

Respectfully,

P. S. G. WATSON, Cor. Secy

TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD.

Making part of the Annual Report of the Board.

J. C. McCreary, Treasurer, to the Domestic Mission Board,		Dr.
Received of Benj. J. Johnson,		\$20 00
" E. Holland,		12 00
" Richard Brown,		5 00
" James Durden,		5 00
" Salem Church,		7 20
" Bethel "		2 00
" Dr. W. R. Baker,		1 00
" J. M. Cox,		5 00
" J. P. Vann,		5 00
" W. T. Breeding;		10 00
" W. J. Hood,		5 00
" T. J. McAdams,		5 00

\$83 20

It is believed that the amounts subscribed at the last session of this body are generally good, and may be collected when ever called for. There being no Missionary in the field the past year, no effort has been made to collect.

Sept. 5th, 1857.

J. C. McCrARY. Treas. of the Board.

ORDAINED BAPTIST MINISTERS IN ARK. [MISSIONARY

NAMES AND POST-OFFICES.

Aaron, John Lisbon.
 Anderson, Wm. L., Arkadelphia.
 Boatright, C. H., Huntington.
 Baker, Joseph, Fayetteville.
 Butler, R. L., Batesville.
 Baker, R. L., Fayetteville.
 Butler, Martin, Ashley.
 Borah, C. G., Smithville.
 Bolt, A., Benton.
 Barnette, D. G., Darysaw.
 Bell, J. T., Searcy.
 Boone, T. P., Lagrange.
 Carroll, B., Monticello.
 Cheek, C. W., Arkadelphia.
 Carroll, —, Brownsville.
 Cochran, D. M., Mine Creek.
 Coleman, H. H., Co-hamasso.
 Coleman, R. J., Camden.
 Craig, J. T., Tulip.
 Cobb, J. J., Aiken's Store.
 Compere, T. H., Camben.
 Courtney, F., Eldorado.
 Cox, J. M., Cotton Plant.
 Clements, M. E., Lorado.
 Cartwright, A., ———.
 Corker, M. M., Tallgelega.
 Cummings, A. J.
 Cornelius, S. B., Arkadelphia.
 Cary, E., Mine Creek.
 Duden, J. E., Wild Haus.
 Douthat, S., Benton.
 Dunigan, J., Bentonville.
 Denson, N., Fountain Hill.
 Dodson, W. H., Mine Creek.
 Daniel, Wm.
 Dennington, J., Arkadelphia.
 Everett, G., Union Cross-roads.
 Frost, Wm., Rockport.
 Garrett, Jas., Poca-hontas.
 Good, John, Pleasant Laine.
 Gardner, J. H. R. G., Reed's Creek.
 Gray, R. D., Fayetteville.
 Gunter, J., Rome.
 Hall, I. R., Camden.
 Haynes, Edward, Goshald.
 Hesson, John, Lost Creek.
 Hawkins, B., Bennett's Bayou.

NAMES AND POST-OFFICES.

Hawery, D., Fayetteville.
 Harris, M. B., ———.
 Houston, J. M., ———.
 Halliburton, S., Polk Bayou.
 Halliburton, Word.
 Hartwell, Jesse, Camben.
 Harper, S., Franksville, La.
 Haynes, D. R., Union Springs.
 Hargis, R. A., Three Creeks.
 Hill, R. C., Washington, Mo.
 Heath, L., Bentonville.
 Hutcherson, J., Jackson.
 Hood, W. J., Aberdeen.
 Jones, W. S., Bennett's River.
 Jones, Wm., Poca-hontas.
 Jones, B., Center Point.
 Jones, C., ———.
 Johnson, J. G., Batesville.
 Kern, James P., Des Arc.
 King, T. S. N., Helena.
 Kelley, S., Murfreesboro'.
 Lea, Wm. M., Pine Bluff.
 Lindsey, J. Y., Benton.
 Langley, M. L., Arkadelphia.
 Lockwood, J. A., Arkadelphia.
 Miller, J. W., Wild Haus.
 Merrell, A. J.
 Moore, F. P., Searcy.
 Meek, Wm. S., Eldorado.
 Mitchell, J. F., Washburn; Mo.
 McCarthy, John, Des Arc.
 McCullough, J. V., Lamartine.
 Nelson, J. A., Rome.
 Oharr, W. W., New Port.
 Pearce, John, Wittsburg.
 Pulley, Rob't, Lamark.
 Parker, U. H., Lacey.
 Pearce, S. E., Zebulon.
 Pelly, M., Greenwood.
 Royal, Y. R., Montecello.
 Rea es' J., Benton.
 Riley, C. C., Hazelbottom, Mo.
 Remes, J., Benton.
 Seroggin, G. W., Mt. Holly.
 Stephenson, S., Arkadelphia.
 Smeal, J. M., North Fork.
 Smith, A. J.

NAMES AND POST-OFFICES.

San telef, J., Calhoun.
 Thrasher, R. M., Tulip.
 Tomme, J. C., Eagle Creek.
 Veazey, J., Dardanelle.
 Van Horn, T. B., Fayetteville.
 Vaughan, Z. M., Huntsville.
 Wade, A., Hillsboro'.
 Wright, B. Ashley.

NAMES AND POST-OFFICES.

Wood, J. S.,
 Wolf, John, North Fork.
 Wollard, C. A., Batesville.
 Worthington, S. D., Three Creeks.
 Williams, D., Godbald.
 Watson, P. S., G., Lagrange.
 Wells, G. W., Rome.
 Total ordained Ministers, 112.

LICENTIATES.

Adam, Wm. S., Liberty.
 Bird, J., Tulip.
 Baker, L. W., Calhoun.
 Brown, J., Elm Spring.
 Burns, Wm., Camden.
 Chenault, E. N., Little Rock.
 Campbell, G. W., Batesville.
 Davis, W. R.
 Delanter, S., Liberty.
 Elliott, C., Rockport.
 Everett, W. T.
 Estes, W. L., Princeton.
 Gill, J. C., Batesville.
 Hill, J. W., Smithville.
 Howard, J., "
 Harrell, S., Eldorado.
 Hicks, J. A., Seminary.
 Hashall, R., Augusta.
 Henly, B., Batesville.
 Jones, R.
 Lewis, I., Camden.

Lewis, M., Greensboro'.
 Minick, J., Rome.
 McHorse, J. W., Rome.
 Nowlen, S. W., Little Rock.
 Raney, Wm., Polk Bayou.
 Sparrow, W. D., Seminary.
 Sappington, J. M., Elizabeth.
 Stuart, S., Batesville.
 Shelton, A. B., Washburn, Mo.
 Stover, A. J., Fayetteville.
 Spencer, W. C., "
 Talbot, G. B., Cleveland.
 Taylor, J. S., Darysaw.
 Tewksbury, H. F., Sterling.
 Vernon, J. B., Fayetteville.
 Wood, G. B., Farmersville, La.
 Warren, E. A., Camden.
 Yates, A., Princeton.
 Yager, J. B., Freo.
 Total Licentiates, 40.

ANTI-MISSIONARIES.

Armstrong, Thos., Johnson co.
 Bates, Wm. F.
 Branscomb, E., Searcy co.
 Bruton, J., Pope co.
 Chance, J., Conway co.
 Casey, J.
 Daugherty, S., Wittsburg.
 Darvey, I., Benbrook's Mills.
 Dodson, E., Smithville.
 Dodson, T.
 Gipson, Granville.
 Harden, W. P.
 Harris, F. T.
 Hendrixson, Wm., Pope co.
 Harris F. T.

Jeffries, George, Relena.
 Jeffries, Gainer, Liberty.
 Lucas, W.
 Moudy, Thomas, Yell county.
 Purify, Leroy, Liberty.
 Patty, E.
 Rolan, S.
 Robertson, J. M. C., Camden.
 Sisk, M., Wittsburg.
 Stayten, Jehu, Marianna.
 Talbott, J. J., Rapp's Barrens.
 Wright, W. Y., Sterling.
 Willis, Thomas, Johnson county.
 Total ord. anti-Missionary, 28.
 Curzadd, Jos., Greensboro' Lic'd I.

MISSIONARY ASSOCIATIONS, CLERKS AND POST-OFFICES, IN ARKANSAS.

Bartholomew, R. Pully, Lamark.	Mt. Zion, (east) C. H. Boatright,
Columbia, M S M'Donald Pine Flat	Huntsville.
Concord, J. Garrett, Pocahontas.	Mt Sion (west) A Taylor Wttsburg
Caddo River, W F Browning Amity	Rocky Bayou, J C Brickey, Bates'le
Caroline, A. Hinkle, Cadron.	Red River, T A Hearn, Arkadelphia
Dardanelle, R. Veasey, Dardanelle.	Saline, Aaron Yates, Princeton.
Fayetteville, T B Van Horn Fay'lle.	Union, Wm. G. Pursell, Augusta.
Ind'ence, S Halliburton Polk Bayou	White River, Wm. S. Jones, Ben-
Judson.	nett's River.
Liberty, W. G. Cole, Hillsboro'.	Total 18.
M. Vernon P S G Watson Lagrange	

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES,	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND POST-OFFICERS.	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Dead	Whites	Blacks	Total	Minute, Money, Etc., Etc.
Helena,	Phillips,	<i>Destitute,</i>	J. Q. Taylor, Helena,	14	0	0	5	11	0	59	2	62	10.00
Ash Grove,	St. Francis,	J. M. Cox,	Isaiah Simpson, Cotton Plant,	9	2	1	0	3	0	81	11	92	6.00
Bible Union,	St. Francis,	<i>Destitute,</i>		0	0	1	11	2	2			20	8.00
New Hope,	Phillips,	P. S. G. Watson,	E. St John Martin, Lagrange,	9	2	1	12	1	1	65	23	88	8.00
Liberty,	Phillips,	P. S. G. Watson,	H. L. Cordell, Marianna,	1	5	1	2	4	1	46	4	50	5.00
Sterling,	Phillips,	P. S. G. Watson,	A. B. Young, Sterling,	9	2	0	0	0	1	30	11	41	3.00
Salem,	Phillips,	E. Holland,	R. Brown, Big Creek,	8	8	0	0	2	0	22	1	23	4.30
Hickory Ridge,	Phillips,	E. Holland,	E. Holland, Big Creek,	1	3	0	0	0	0			10	2.55
Oak Grove,	Monroe,	J. M. Cox,	J. W. Sullivan, Moro,	10	3	1	2	5	3	36	4	40	4.00
Ruhama,	Arkansas,	W. J. Hood,	J. M. McAdams, DeWitt.	0	3	0	4	0	0			20	2.00
Harmony,	Monroe,	W. J. Hood,	W. B. Privett, Lawrenceville,	21	1	0	3	9	1	58	2	60	5.00
Liberty,	Monroe,	W. J. Hood,	Ben. Walker, Aberdeen,	2	1	0	2	0	0			18	5.00
Shiloh,	Prairie,	W. J. Hood,	W. B. Bailey, Aberdeen,	4	0	0	0	0	0			12	1.50
Cypress Valley,	Phillips,	T. S. N. King,	L. M. Roberts, Lagrange,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	2.00
14 Churches.	5 Counties.	5 Pastors.	Total - - -	88	30	5	41	37	9			544	11.35