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**FORTY-FIFTH
ANNUAL SESSION**

—OF THE—

**MOUNT VERNON
BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION**

—HELD WITH—

**FORREST CITY
BAPTIST CHURCH,
ST. FRANCIS COUNTY, ARKANSAS,
OCTOBER 18, 19 AND 20, 1901.**

**S. H. KING, Moderator,
POPLAR GROVE, ARK.**

**W. H. PASLAY, Treasurer,
FORREST CITY, ARK.**

**L. P. ANDERSON, Clerk,
TRENTON, ARK.**



1901

Meetings of Mt. Vernon Association Since Organization

NAME OF CHURCH	COUNTY	TIME	MODERATOR	CLERK	TREASURER	PREACHER
Mt. Vernon	St. Francis	1853	M. W. Izard	T. S. N. King	Jno. C. McCrary	T. S. N. King
Helem	Phillips	1854	Reuben Jones	T. S. N. King	Jno. C. McCrary	P. S. G. Watson
Ash Grove	St. Francis	1855	J. M. Cox	P. S. G. Watson	Jno. C. McCrary	P. S. G. Watson
New Hope	Phillips	1856	Spence Hall	T. S. N. King	Jno. C. McCrary	P. S. G. Watson
Harmony	Monroe	1857	T. S. N. King	P. S. G. Watson	Jno. C. McCrary	T. S. N. King
Oak Grove	Monroe	1858	Spence Hall	P. S. G. Watson	Jno. C. McCrary	W. H. Barksdale
Liberty	Phillips	1859	Spence Hall	W. H. Barksdale	Jno. C. McCrary	W. H. Barksdale
Trenton	Phillips	1860	Spence Hall	W. H. Barksdale	Jno. C. McCrary	B. B. Black
Mt. Vernon	St. Francis	1861	T. S. N. King	W. H. Barksdale	Jno. C. McCrary	H. F. Thomas
Mt. Zion	Phillips	1865	Spence Hall	W. H. Barksdale	Jno. C. McCrary	W. H. Barksdale
New Hope	Phillips	1866	Spence Hall	W. H. Barksdale	Jno. C. McCrary	W. M. Raper
Shiloh	Monroe	1867	H. P. Slaughter	W. H. Barksdale	E. L. Black	R. H. Woiverton
Mt. Vernon	St. Francis	1868	H. P. Slaughter	W. H. Barksdale	E. L. Black	J. F. Marshall
Rising Sun	Arkansas	1869	H. P. Slaughter	S. H. King	W. D. Mayfield	J. M. Cox
DeWitt	Arkansas	1870	H. P. Slaughter	S. H. King	T. M. Oldham	W. H. Roberts
Trenton	Phillips	1871	H. P. Slaughter	S. H. King	W. D. Mayfield	J. T. Marshall
Mt. Gilend	Monroe	1872	H. P. Slaughter	S. H. King	W. D. Mayfield	J. K. Murphy
Forrest City	St. Francis	1873	H. P. Slaughter	J. K. Murphy	J. K. Murphy	L. K. Obenchain
Rig Creek	Arkansas	1874	H. P. Slaughter	J. K. Murphy	J. K. Murphy	W. H. Paslay
Prairie Grove	Prairie	1875	A. H. Ferguson	H. Halliburton	E. T. Mitchell	T. M. Freeman
Ash Grove	Monroe	1876	H. P. Slaughter	A. M. Rus-e'l		A. M. Russell
Forrest Chapel	St. Francis	1877	H. P. Slaughter	L. K. Obenchain	W. H. Paslay	W. H. Paslay
Oak Grove	Lee	1879	H. P. Slaughter	L. K. Obenchain	W. H. Paslay	W. H. Paslay
Forrest City	St. Francis	1880	H. P. Slaughter	G. A. Grammer	W. H. Paslay	W. H. Paslay
Spring Creek	Lee	1881	H. P. Slaughter	G. A. Grammer	W. H. Paslay	W. H. Paslay
Salem	Phillips	1882	H. P. Slaughter	G. A. Grammer	W. H. Paslay	W. H. Paslay
Ash Grove	Monroe	1883	H. P. Slaughter	G. A. Grammer	W. H. Paslay	W. H. Paslay
Rehobeth	Phillips	1884	S. H. King	G. A. Grammer	W. H. Paslay	W. H. Paslay
Poplar Grove	St. Francis	1885	S. H. King	B. N. Bulleman	W. H. Paslay	L. K. Obenchain
Brinkley	Monroe	1886	S. H. King	G. A. Grammer	W. H. Paslay	W. H. Paslay
Marianna	Lee	1887	S. H. King	L. K. Obenchain	W. H. Paslay	L. K. Obenchain
Salem	Phillips	1888	R. G. Hewlett	L. K. Obenchain	W. H. Paslay	R. G. Hewlett
Forrest City	St. Francis	1889	S. H. King	L. K. Obenchain	W. H. Paslay	W. H. Paslay
Good Hope	Woodruff	1890	W. H. Paslay	L. K. Obenchain	R. G. Hewlett	L. K. Obenchain
Haynes	Lee	1891	W. H. Paslay	J. H. Cason	R. G. Hewlett	J. H. Cason
Helena	Phillips	1892	S. H. King	J. H. Cason	W. H. Paslay	J. H. Cason
Ash Grove	Monroe	1893	S. H. King	J. B. Permenlee	W. H. Paslay	H. J. Smith
Marianna	Lee	1894	S. H. King	Lou Slaughter	W. H. Paslay	W. A. Giboney
Rehobeth	Phillips	1895	S. H. King	Lon Slaughter	W. H. Paslay	W. B. Peoples
Brinkley	Monroe	1896	S. H. King	Lon Slaughter	W. H. Paslay	J. B. Wise
Salem	Phillips	1897	S. H. King	Lon Slaughter	W. H. Paslay	J. A. Smith
Poplar Grove	St. Francis	1898	S. H. King	Lon Slaughter	W. H. Paslay	H. C. Rosamond
Marianna	Lee	1899	S. H. King	Lon Slaughter	W. H. Paslay	S. L. Holloway
Helena	Phillips	1900	S. H. King	L. P. Anderson	W. H. Paslay	A. A. Andrews
Forrest City	St. Francis	1901	S. H. King	L. P. Anderson	W. H. Paslay	J. A. Smith



MOUNT VERNON HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.



DORMITORY FOR YOUNG LADIES.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Mt. Vernon Baptist Association convened with Fort City Baptist Church, in its forty-fifth annual session, at 10 a. m., the 18th day of October, 1901, with former moderator S. H. King in the chair.

After singing "Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me," and prayer by Elder W. H. Sledge of Helena, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. A. Smith of Haynes, theme, "The Good Old Way," from Jeremiah, 6:16: "Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls."

Len Slaughter and D. H. Gill were appointed by the moderator to read to the Association the church letters. Churches represented by letter and by messengers present are as follows:

New Hope—T. J. Persell.

Level Valley—By letter.

Helena—L. M. Bookhart, T. M. Oldham, W. H. Sledge, G. H. Vineyard.

Salem—B. Q. Carey, Miss Alice Carey, C. F. Thompson.

Cypress Grove—J. W. Smith, J. L. Wilson.

Marvell—By letter.

Rehobeth—S. H. King, Miss Lizzie McGrew, F. H. Hopkins.

Park Grove—By letter.

Trenton—L. P. Anderson, D. H. Gill.

Chareaden—C. M. Myrle.

Raymond—By letter.

Cotton Plant—By letter.

Prinkley—W. B. Williams, G. W. Thomasson.

Big Creek—J. P. Dover, H. W. Howton.

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Ash Grove—J. A. Simpson, David Simpson, Lillie Simpson, Iona Anderson.

Moon Lake—G. W. Tyler.

Bible Union—J. M. Higgins.

Palestine—H. I. Gorum, R. S. Tucker, R. P. Bailey.

Poplar Grove—W. S. Hustiss, Jno. Cox, J. B. Hodges.

Maple Hill—P. H. Jones, Z. T. Billingsley, E. B. Shafer.

Forest City—A. N. Couch, G. W. Pearson, S. A. Moore, J. D. Barnett.

Haynes—J. A. Smith, Mrs. M. E. Weatherly.

Forest Chapel—Sister J. P. Thompson.

Christian Valley—J. C. King, Miss Abbie West, Mrs. Willie West.

Oak Grove—F. L. Gustavus, T. F. Spivey.

Marianna—J. D. Adcock, Lon Slaughter, M. J. Williams.

Shiloh—J. P. Harbin, J. S. Walters.

Cott—G. W. Matthews, T. G. Hewlett, Sister Nettie Cotton.

Cahwell—By letter.

On motion the clerk cast the ballot of the body for S. H. King, as moderator, and A. N. Couch cast the ballot for L. P. Anderson as clerk, and W. H. Paslay as treasurer.

Adjourned to meet 1:30 p. m.

Penetration by W. H. Paslay.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing, and prayer by S. D. Sawyer, the moderator announced the following committees:

1. DIVINE SERVICE—Deacons of the Church, A. N. Couch, W. H. Paslay, P. H. Hopkins.
2. STATE MISSION—A. N. Couch, W. H. Paslay, H. B. Williams.
3. ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS—Lon Slaughter, D. H. Gill, H. I. Gorum.
4. HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS—J. A. Smith, A. A. Adams, W. S. Hustiss.
5. PUBLICATIONS—H. I. Gorum, S. D. Sawyer, C. F. Thompson.
6. EDUCATION—D. H. Gill, J. L. Wilson, L. M. Bookhart.
7. SUNDAY SCHOOL—W. H. Sledge, J. B. Sanders, T. E. Knight.
8. ORPHANS' HOME—A. N. Couch, T. G. Hewlett, Jno. Cox.
9. TEMPERANCE—J. D. Adcock, T. M. Oldham, B. Q. Cox.
10. MILITARY—T. M. Oldham, J. P. Dover, J. M. Higgins.

11. MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—G. H. Vineyard, C. M. Myrick, M. J. Williams.
12. NOMINATIONS—S. D. Sawyer, Lon Slaughter, G. W. Tyner.
13. FINANCE—G. W. Thomason, S. A. Moore, J. W. Smith.

Visitors then and afterwards recognized: R. C. Medaris, State Missionary; Elder Reeves; Dr. W. A. Clark, of the Arkansas Baptist; Prof. J. W. Conger, J. G. Doyle, State Sunday School Work; J. S. Thomas, of the Chapel Car; Elder Lucado, of Little Rock.

On Motion State Mission was made the order for Friday night.

Bro. Lon Slaughter called up his motion of one year ago to change time of the meeting of this Association to Thursday at 10 a. m., before the 3rd Sunday in October of each year. Carried.

Lon Slaughter for A. Flora offered the following, which ~~must~~ lie on the table for one year:

To the Mt. Vernon Association.

Dear Brethren:—

Whereas, the time of holding our Association conflicts with the laity of the church attending, therefore I would recommend that the time of holding the Association be changed from Friday before the 3rd Sunday in October, to Thursday before the 3rd Sunday, in September, which time will suit merchants, planters and all, thus increasing the attendance.

Resolved, That this be voted on and if adopted become a part of the minutes.

ANDREW FLORA.

On Motion the Trustees of Mt. Vernon Association High school made their annual report:

REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

Report of Trustees of the Mt. Vernon High School, Forrest City, Ark., October session, 1901.

We, the Trustees of the Mt. Vernon High School, would beg to make the following report:

The school opened on Sept. 11, 1901, with an enrollment of 36 pupils, twelve more than in 1900.

The outlook is very favorable, and with proper care and push there seems to be no reason why the school should not, in the near future, rank with those of many years its senior. Prof. Anderson seems untiring in his efforts as principal, and we think the right man in the right place. You will see from the treasurer's statement herewith submitted and made a part of this report, that the school financially is in fine condition, only owing \$168.58, almost, if not

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all of which was necessary for furnishing a dormitory for the accommodation of girls from abroad, and for some things necessary for the school room.

With this favorable report we feel that it is due the trustees and officers of the school that the Association raise at once the balance due, and pay it off. The school owes to the Mt. Vernon Association about as a free gift.

As the term of the trustees, Allison, Gorman and M... ing, expire, and S. L. Holloway has moved to another association, it will be necessary for the body to elect their successors.

We ask that the clerk of this Association be instructed to have this record advertised in the minutes of this next session.

LOX SLAT HITER.

L. J. WILKES.

Financial statement of Mt. Vernon High School at Trenton, Arkansas:

To amt't paid out.....	\$159.18
By amt't collected.....	11.00

Bal. old acct. due treasurer.....	\$ 78.01
Aug. 22, 1901.	

Financial statement for furnishing home for the girls and for blackboard and globe for school:

For home.....	\$ 100.72
For blackboard and globe.....	1.00

\$ 101.72

By cash given Aug. 22.....	33.75
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Bal. due for home and school.....	\$ 80.00
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Total amt't yet due.....	\$ 108.58
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J. W. BEAN.

Treasurer of Board of Trustees Mt. Vernon High School, Trenton Ark.

Oct. 12, 1901.

Reviewed by L. M. Slaughter, L. P. Anderson, W. H. Bledsoe, L. H. G. S. H. Kling, and adopted.

CONTRIBUTORS AND PLEDGES FOR THE SCHOOL:

Trinity Church.....	\$25.00
Maryland Church.....	15.00
S. H. Hill.....	10.00
W. H. Sawyer.....	2.50
W. H. Sawyer.....	3.00
W. H. Sawyer.....	1.00
W. H. Sawyer.....	1.00
W. H. Sawyer.....	10.00
W. H. Sawyer.....	10.00

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Archibald College	2.50
Franklin Church	5.00
J. T. Sanders	2.00

Resolution of A. N. Couch, D. H. Gill was elected trustee to fill the vacancy in the board of the Mt. Vernon High School caused by the moving of S. L. Holloway to another location, and S. D. Sawyer, C. F. Thompson and W. H. Paslay were elected trustees whose terms shall expire in 1911.

Committee on Divine Service, per A. N. Couch, made their report:

COMMITTEE ON DIVINE WORSHIP.

Report preaching at 7:30 p. m. Thursday night, Rev. Paslay.

Friday, 7:30 a. m., R. C. Medaris.

Saturday, 11 a. m., J. G. Doyle.

Sunday, 7:30 p. m., D. H. Gill.

Sunday 11 a. m., Mt. Baptist church, Medaris.

Sunday 7:30 a. m., J. D. Adcock.

W. E. Churchill, W. C. Davidson, Pastor, Eld. C. M. Mystic.

Bro. W. A. Clark, 7:30 p. m.

Bro. W. A. Clark, 7:30 p. m., Mt. Baptist church (cont.), A. J. Smith.

W. H. PASLAY.

A. N. COUCH.

Resolution to 7:30 p. m.

Resolution by J. D. Adcock.

EVENING SESSION.

After preaching by R. C. Medaris, text, Romans, 8:28: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." A. N. Couch read the report on State Mission.

On motion speeches were limited to 5 minutes. Discussed by A. N. Couch, A. A. Andrus, R. C. Medaris, J. D. Adcock, M. Bockhart, Bro. Reeves, W. H. Sledge, W. H. Paslay, J. B. Sanders, T. M. Oldham. Motion made by J. A. Smith and carried that State Mission report be referred back to the committee to report Saturday morning.

Adjourned to 9 a. m. tomorrow.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

After song service, and prayer by T. M. Oldham, the fol-

having referred report of the Committee on State Missions, as amended, was adopted:

STATE MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on State Missions, beg leave to submit the following:

Though there has been great effort by our State Board to evangelize the desolate places of our State, yet there is much destitution. God has enjoined it upon us to preach the Gospel to every creature, and shall we fold our hands and let even our neighbors in this State go without the light of the gospel? Other things are progressing, and God has said "Go," so we must keep step with the mechanical progress or become fossils in God's government. Our churches should be educated to give more and more to this work. For every dollar invested yields a greater per centage of income than anywhere else expended. Our State Board is the servant of the churches and needs our sympathy and prayers more than our abuse, and if we are not pleased with it as a servant and want to give it instructions, well, we recommend that we express our confidence in the integrity of the present State Board and their faithfulness to the Master.

We further recommend the State Convention to elect or direct its board to elect four missionaries to do actual mission work under the direction of the State Board, and that the board provide for its own clerical or corresponding work.

We heartily endorse the plan of the State Board in employing general missionaries in different parts of the State (such as White and Medaris).

A. N. COUCH.
W. H. PASLAY.
W. B. WILLIAMS.

Moved that R. C. Medaris be allowed to take a collection for State Missions.

The treasurer made report as follows:

REPORT OF TREASURER FOR 1900-01.

Oct. 18.	To balance on hand.....	\$ 72.48
" "	Received from Finance Committee—	
" "	For Bro. Graham.....	34.05
" "	For Orphans' Home.....	34.05
" "	For State Missions.....	34.25
" "	For State Sunday Schools.....	2.00
" "	For Ministerial Education.....	16.50
" "	For Minutes.....	31.25

" "	For Associational Missions.....	167.00
" "	From Rama Church.....	2.85
Nov. 17.	For Marlanna Church Ass'nal Missions..	25.00
" 28.	For J. L. Belsha.....	5.00
Jan 19.	For Bro. Knight, Associational Missions..	4.00
Total		\$428.53

Additional.

Collected and forwarded \$5.00 for Ministerial Education from Poplar Grove Church; \$10.00 from Rehobeth.

Reported Bro. Day sent to Orphans' Home.....	\$10.00
Helena Church for State Missions.....	25.00
Helena Church for Ministerial Education.....	25.00
Sister Kendal for State Missions.....	5.00
Sister Kendal For Ministerial Education.....	5.00

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Oct. 18.	By Amount paid Bro. J. W. Graham.....	\$ 34.05
" "	" Amount paid Bro. W. W. Gardner.....	34.05
" "	" Amount paid Bro. Barton.....	34.25
" "	" Amount paid Bro. Sawyer.....	40.00
Dec. 12.	" Amount paid Ministerial Education....	10.00
" "	" Postage and money orders.....	.20
" 28	" J. B. Wise.....	20.00
" "	" Clerk, L. P. Anderson.....	15.00
Jan. 25.	" Printing Minutes.....	38.46
" "	" Postage and money orders.....	.20
Apr. 16.	" Amount paid Bro. Gill.....	10.00
" 30	" Amount paid Bro. Gill.....	15.00
May 1.	" Amount paid Bro. Hall	10.00
" 14	" Amount paid Bro. Gill.....	20.00
" "	" Amount paid Bro. Hall.....	40.00
" "	" Postage and money orders.....	.20
June 5.	" Amount paid Bro. Gill.....	10.00
" 28	" Amount paid Bro. Gill.....	15.00
July 10	" Amount paid Bro. Gill.....	10.00
Aug. 20	" Amount paid Bro. Gill.....	8.00

\$364.67.

Balance on hand

(3.86)

\$428.53

W. H. Sledge read the following:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We can hardly estimate the importance of Sunday school work. While the existence of the church is not determined by the existence of the Sunday school, at the same time the

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activity is largely deterred by it.

By examining the returns of last year we find that 28 churches out of 41 have no Sunday school. We deplore this state of affairs, and feel that some steps should be taken to remedy it at once. We believe wherever there is a church there should be a Bible Sunday school taught by converted men and women. The Sunday school should exist first for the benefit of men and women, both adult and junior. Second, for the instruction of the children. We earnestly urge our pastors to speak publicly upon this very important department of our work, and bid to our brethren to see to it that their children are directed to the Holy Scriptures. All of this of course is for the sake of the salvation of the lost and the building up of the church.

Respectfully submitted

W. H. SLEDGE.

J. B. SANDERS.

T. E. KNIGHT.

Read and by J. G. Doyle, L. P. Anderson, W. H. Sledge, Elder Landa, J. D. Adcock, and adopted.

Resolving at 11 a. m. by J. G. Doyle, subject, "No Room for Christ" from Luke, 2:7.

Adjourned to 1:20 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order by moderator. Song service by J. D. Adcock, and prayer by W. D. Sawyer.

Report of Executive Board made by W. H. Parlay, as follows:

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We, your Executive Board, would submit the following report for this year under the instructions given us:

We employed Bros. Barton, Hall and Gill to serve as missionaries. They jointly spend six months on the field, preached 110 sermons, baptized 31, restored 3, organized two Sabbath schools and collected in the field \$70.05. We are devoutly thankful to our Heavenly Father for the success that has attended our efforts. We are encouraged to persevere in this noble work. We would recommend that we keep at least one good consecrated man in the field for the next associational year, and that we extend what help we can to those churches that are struggling to become self-sustaining.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. PARLAY.

Clerk of Ex. Board.

As connected with the above, Lon Slaughter read report

on Associational Missions:

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Associational Missions, beg leave to submit the following:

Recognizing the importance of preaching the Gospel, and the duty laid upon us as children of God individually and collectively as an association, therefore, as an association, we are responsible to God and will be held accountable by Him for those who are lost in our bounds, unless we perform our duty and send the preached word to those who have had it not, and have faith in Him who gives us many souls as a reward for our duty as performed, which is in keeping with His power. We are not faithful watchmen as co-workers with Him if we fail to do these things. We reiterate last year's report that Mt. Vernon should have one or more live missionaries, whose duty it shall be to go and labor in the destitution of this association. Set out the stakes, brethren, take in more ground, until we cover the entire territory of this association. Let us also supplement the salaries of pastors of weak churches, as far as possible, that they may have preaching at least once a month. We believe that the Board should meet at least once every three months, and as far as practicable with weak churches that are planning and praying for greater work for the Master, that the weak churches may catch some of the fire and be constrained to do greater work for their Master. We recommend enlargement along all lines, and that pastors do all they can to supply the destitution within their reach, and report same to the Associational Board. Let us as co-laborers and saints of the Lord cultivate the field in which He has placed us, so that when our work is done here upon earth and God calls us home we may receive the welcome plaudit, Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

LON SLAUGHTER.

H. I. GORUM.

D. H. GILL.

Discussed by A. N. Couch, D. H. Gill, Lon Slaughter, W. H. Paslay, and adopted.

PLEDGES FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Level Valley	\$ 5.00
Helena	50.00
Salem	15.00
Marvell	5.00
Rehobeth	20.00

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Clarendon	10.00
Haymes	15.00
Christian Valley	5.00
Trenton	15.00
Oak Grove	5.00
Colt	5.00
Shiloh	5.00
Brinkley	10.00
Ash Grove	2.50
Moon Lake	4.00
Wild Union	2.50
Palestine	5.00
Mary Hill	5.00
Forest Chapel	5.00
Forest City	20.00
Marianna	25.00
Poplar Grove	10.00
Caldwell	5.00
J. A. Smith	10.00

Total \$250.00

The following pledged work:

A. N. Couch, work or money.

J. D. Adcock, work.

D. H. Gill, work.

C. M. Myrick, two weeks work.

W. H. Paslay, two weeks work.

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

Whereas, the use of intoxicants of any and all names as beverages is, in the minds of your committee, a disgrace to any professed follower of the Lord Jesus Christ, and, whereas, we believe the Missionary Baptist church to be the pride of the Lamb of God, and, whereas, we believe it impossible for her to be presented to Him "without spot or wrinkle" so long as her members are guilty of the afore-said evil, we recommend strict discipline on the part of every church composing the Mt. Vernon Association for any of their members who are in any way connected with the sale of any intoxicant drink or intemperance of any and all kinds.

J. D. ADCOCK.

T. M. OLDHAM.

B. Q. CAREY.

Spoken on by J. D. Adcock, R. C. Medaris, T. M. Oldham, B. Q. Carey, and adopted.

The following report on Education was read by D. H. Gill:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

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

We regard it useless to dwell on the importance of education. This is recognized by most every one at present. But in this day of false views of education, we would emphasize the importance of correct education. The object of education is for developing faculties of the soul. Many, regarding education as chiefly for preparing one for business, are taking special or business courses without the proper foundation for such education. The result is an incomplete preparation for the duties of life. To avoid such we recommend that the people take advantage of our educational advantages that our children may be fully developed for all the duties of life. But no education is complete without religious training. No man can fulfill his duties without Christ, and that training which ignores Christ and his religion is not only useless but is a positive injury. For a full education we recommend that our people patronize the Mt. Vernon High School, and our state colleges, Ouachita, Central and Mt. Home, where the best advantages can be had at the smallest costs.

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. GIEL,

Chairman.

J. L. WILSON,

L. M. BOOKHART.

After discussion by J. W. Conger, J. G. Doyle, A. N. Couch, J. S. Thomas, it was adopted.

The following resolution, offered by H. I. Gorum, was passed:

Resolved, That this Association elect the following brethren as messengers from this body to the next state convention, which meets at Paragould, viz: W. H. Paslay, C. M. Myrick, J. A. Smith, T. M. Oldham and Lou Slaughter.

Resolved, further, That we instruct these messengers to vote against any movement to continue the office of corresponding secretary.

Adjourned to meet at 7:30.

Benediction by J. S. Thomas.

EVENING SESSION.

After preaching by D. H. Gill, from First John 1:7: "But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanseth us from all sin," business was resumed.

The feeble health of Bro. King preventing his attendance, Bro. Slaughter was elected moderator pro tem.

The report on Orphans' Home, as amended, is as follows:

BAPTIST HOME.

Report on our Baptist Home, located at Monticello, Ark.

We beg leave to submit the following:

We have a nice brick building, commodious, well located, and a lot of 40 acres of land. Mrs. Hannah Hyatt Gardner is matron of the home, and W. W. Gardner representative of the home. There are now 45 children in the home. A school has been maintained during the school months to instruct the small children who cannot go to the public school.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. ADCOCK,

Chairman,

A. N. COUCH.

Discussed by Bros. Lucado, R. C. Medaris, W. A. Clark, J. S. Thomas, J. D. Adcock, J. W. Conger, C. M. Myrick, L. P. Anderson, A. N. Couch.

PERSONAL PLEDGES FOR ORPHANS' HOME.

J. P. Blanton	\$ 1.00
G. W. Tyner	1.00
G. W. Matthews	1.00
J. D. Adcock	2.50
W. B. Williams	1.00
Cash	18.16

Total\$24.06

Report on Ministerial Education, per C. M. Myrick:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

There is no doubt the need of an educated ministry was never greater than now. The greatest work ever committed to men is that of preaching the Gospel of Christ, and the better equipped the ministry is, the better and greater the progress of the cause of our Savior. The great truths of the Bible, upon which Baptist principles stand, and upon which the salvation of men depend, must be presented to the lost world in power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit, and to meet the demands of the age our preachers must go out well prepared not only to preach but to meet the issues of the day. This being true, the minister should have the best preparation possible. Our own beloved Onachita College affords excellent advantages for our young ministers, giving them tuition free, as well as other advantages. There are now about 20 young ministers in the college, many of them depending upon the churches for support. We recommend that each of our churches and pastors take a greater interest in this important work and see that help is rendered these young preachers.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. MYRICK,

G. H. VINEYARD,

N. WILLIAMS.

The report was adopted.

PLEDGES FOR MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Helena	\$15.00
Ash Grove	2.00
Trenton	10.00
Forrest City	10.00
Caldwell	2.00
Erinkley	7.50
Rehobeth	10.00
Poplar Grove	5.00
Haynes	5.00
Salem	5.00
Palestine	2.50
Clarendon	5.00
Marianna	10.00

Total\$89.00

A motion was made and carried that all churches failing to report to this body as provided in the Constitution be dropped from the roll of membership.

Home and Foreign Missions reported through J. A. Smith:

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Baptist churches are under obligations to give the Gospel to the world. Christ says to us, "Go, teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 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." God so loved the world that he gave His Son to die for it. If we are God's children we love the world of mankind well enough to give them the Gospel. Our home and foreign missionaries are doing a great work, but the field is so broad and the harvest is ready to be reaped; we need more laborers in the harvest.

The Foreign Board has increased the number of missionaries under its direction. This calls for increased contributions. Brethren, we have been doing very little in this association for foreign missions. Let us try to do more loyalty to our Lord's demands that we give of our means to send the Gospel to the Heathen. We recommend that every pastor not only preach on missions, but distribute such literature as will give information on the subject, and take collections for the great work.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. ANDRUS.

WHITE HUESTES.

J. A. SMITH.

After Discussion by W. H. Paslay, J. D. Adcock, D. H. GIL, A. N. Couch, it was adopted.

Ordinary Committee, by T. M. Oldham, reported:

OBITUARY COMMITTEE.

We, your committee, take great delight in reporting that so far as we are informed our kind and gracious Heavenly Father has been so merciful to us that we have lost no minister of the Gospel nor any leading or prominent member, for which we should and hope do feel devoutly thankful.

Respectfully,

T. M. OLDHAM.

On the adoption of this report by a rising vote a special prayer of thanksgiving was offered, led by W. H. Paslay.

Committee on Nominations, through, their chairman, S. D. Sawyer, made report, which, with amendment by W. H. Paslay, is as follows:

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION.

Your committee recommends Clarendon as the next place for the meeting of the Association, at 10 a. m. on Thursday, before the third Sunday in October, 1902. That A. N. Couch preach the introductory sermon; alternate, J. D. Adcock.

On Associational Mission Board, Lon Slaughter, J. B. Sanders, F. L. Gustavus, J. B. Hodges and L. M. Bookhart.

S. D. SAWYER.

LON SLAUGHTER.

G. W. TYNER.

The report was adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

We, your Committee on Publications, beg leave to submit the following report:

Realizing the importance of having good literature in our homes and Sunday schools, and the evil influence of impure and unwholesome literature as is kept in some of our Baptist homes, we recommend The Arkansas Baptist, a paper which we believe represents our views and principles and maintains and fosters the interest of our denomination, be adopted by this body.

We also recommend any other books and periodicals of the Southern Baptist Convention series.

C. F. THOMPSON.

S. D. SAWYER.

H. GORUM.

W. H. Paslay was elected a member of the State Executive Board.

A. N. Couch was elected a messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention, with Lon Slaughter as alternate.

Adjourned to 9 a. m., Sunday.

Benediction by D. H. Gill.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

After singing No. 247, "Hymns New and Old," and prayer by J. L. Wilson, business was resumed with S. H. King in the chair. Bro. King called the clerk to the chair and introduced the following:

Whereas, The health of our afflicted Brother Graham no longer permits him to go from place to place to visit his friends, and it becomes necessary that he have a permanent home,

Be it resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to find him a suitable home, and that this body assume the payment of his expenses in the same.

Discussed by S. H. King, B. Q. Izard, B. Q. Carey, L. M. Bookhart, A. N. Couch, J. B. Sanders, and adopted.

W. H. Paslay, B. Q. Carey, C. F. Thompson were appointed the committee.

Pledges and collections for Bro. Graham:

S. H. King, 1 mo. board,

Helena \$10.00

Cypress Grove..... 2.50

S. D. Sawyer..... 1.00

Cash 18.50

The following, offered by T. M. Oldham, was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to Forrest City Baptist Church, and to the people of all denominations of the entire town, for their kind and unstinted hospitality.

Resolved, by D. H. Gill, and carried, that the Executive Board be instructed to employ J. A. Smith as associational missionary at a salary of \$50 per month.

Business of the Association was had to give the Executive Board time to meet.

PROCEEDINGS OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Board held a meeting with eight members present, and after a full discussion of the work and plans, upon motion employed Elder J. A. Smith, associational missionary, for one year, at a salary of \$50.00 per month. Bro. Smith to begin work at once. An appeal is made to all the churches to give their prayers and their money to make

1901-1902 the most glorious year of harvesting in the history of Mt. Vernon Association.

H. H. KING,

Chairman of Board.

L. P. ANDERSON,

Clerk.

11 a. m., Preaching by H. C. Medaris, subject, "Plan of Salvation," from Acts, 4:12: "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." Bro. Medaris was given permission to take a collection for State Mission, which amounted to \$10.45 in cash, and \$12.00 in pledges.

Adjourned to 3 p. m.

Benediction by W. H. Paslay.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After devotional exercises by C. M. Myrick the body transacted business.

Motion by A. N. Couch:

Resolved, That the introductory sermon be preached after organization or at the will of the body. Carried.

Resolved, by A. N. Couch, That the thanks of this Association be given to the Presbyterians for the use of their house as a committee room during the sitting of this body. Carried.

Motion by W. H. Paslay: That the clerk be authorized to have 500 copies of the proceedings of this meeting printed, and that he be allowed \$15.00 for his services.

Our faithful and honored moderator, Bro. S. H. King, at this time made beautiful and touching remarks to the body, thanking the brethren for their kindness and Christian support in his duties as chairman.

Adjourned to 7:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Preaching by J. D. Adcock, subject, "Knowledge of Christ," from Phil. 3:8.

Business was resumed with Lon Slaughter moderator pro tem.

The financial report was read by G. W. Thomasson and adopted.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully submit the following report:

MOUNT VERNON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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Associational missions	\$210.50
State missions	150.45
Home missions	17.50
Foreign missions	32.50
State Sunday School Board	31.00
Ministerial education	15.00
Orphans' Home	18.10
Minutes fund	28.95
Collection for Bro. J. W. Graham	18.50
Total	\$528.50

GEO. W. THOMASON,

J. W. SMITH,

S. A. MOORE.

By motion the Association adjourned to meet with the Clarendon Church, Thursday before the third Sunday in October, 1902, at 10 a. m.

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again," was sung, and brethren gave each other the parting hand, after which the Association was dismissed by our beloved brother, W. H. Paslay.

S. H. KING, Moderator.

L. P. ANDERSON, Clerk.



STATISTICAL TABLE, MT. VERNON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, FOR THE YEAR 1901

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	POSTOFFICES	Days of Meeting.	by Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Discharged by Letter.	Excluded	Disc'd	Present Membership.	Home Missions	Foreign Missions.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Ministerial Educational.	Minutes.	Pastor's Salary	Other Purposes	Number in Sunday School	Value of Church Property	Orphans' Home
New Hope	D. H. Gill	Moses Burke	LaGrange	3rd	1	...	...	6	...	1	11	...	...	\$ 5 0	...	\$15 00	\$ 75	\$ 50 00	\$ 5 00	15	\$ 500 00	...
Loyal Valley	S. D. Sawyer	Britt Ables	Holly Grove	1st	10	...	...	21	...	5	131	\$15 00	\$25 00	2 00	\$110 00	25 00	1 00	1200 00	4 28	99	2 6 00	...
Helen	A. H. Sledge	R. T. Hitchford	Helen	Every	...	24	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	15 0	5 00	5 00	2 50	150 00	31 50	46	12000 00	\$30 00
Salom	J. H. Paslay	J. L. Turner	Cypert	3rd	1	2	...	2	...	3	63	7 50	7 50	5 00	...	...	1 00	60 00	...	...	750 00	3 00
Cypress Grove	A. D. Sawyer	E. G. Williams	Turner	2nd [3rd]	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	...	...	4 75	...	...	50	...	...	54	500 00	...
Matted	W. H. Dealey	E. E. McMurry	Marvell	Fri. before	6	...	...	3	...	6	6	...	...	20 00	...	10 00	2 50	300 00	...	...	...	...
Rehabeth	W. H. Paslay	C. L. Lanston	Vineyard	2nd, 4th	...	...	...	...	...	1	17	...	...	...	...	...	1 00	58 00	...	...	...	...
Park Grove	J. H. Gill	R. M. Knight	Clarendon	2nd	1	...	...	...	...	1	47	...	...	15 00	...	5 00	1 50	200 00	20 00	54	1000 00	...
Trenton	C. M. Myrick	Miss Fannie Porter	Trenton	2nd, 4th	5	...	...	6	...	1	51	...	...	...	...	...	1 50	600 00	50 00	5	1000 00	28 50
Clarendon	...	Geo. H. Chapline	Clarendon	Every	9	11	...	...	...	...	33	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Monroe	...	Will Walker	Raymond	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Raymond	...	Jno. Weaby	Brinkley	Every	9	4	4	...	...	1	86	...	5 00	10 00	11 00	10 00	2 00	...	...	61	2500 00	5 00
Carbon Plant	J. W. Thomas	S. A. Hallum	Brinkley	3rd	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Brinkley	C. D. Sawyer	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Philadelphian	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Log Creek	C. A. Andrews	J. A. Simpson	Carbon Plant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	3 00	...	75	...	1 00	75	12 50	5 00	28	100 00	1 50
Ash Grove	...	R. L. Moore	Palestine	2nd	1	...	2	...	...	...	62	...	...	13 05	...	1 00	1 50	100 00	...	27	...	...
Mountain Lake	...	Wm. Dunn	Pine Tree	4th	...	...	...	3	...	1	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
High Union	C. A. Smith	Q. P. Bailly	Palestine	2nd	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Palestine	W. H. Paslay	Jno. Cox, Jr.	McDaniels	1st	16	...	...	...	...	...	49	...	...	5 00	...	...	1 00	600 00	100 00	23	7000 00	...
Papier Grove	...	H. Jones	Gill	1st	1	2	1	5	1	2	130	...	10 00	15 00	18 45	...	1 75	...	...	68	...	...
Mary Hill	A. N. Couch	W. T. Sanders	Forest City	Every	...	14	1	8	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Forest City	J. A. Smith	Miss Nannie Friar	Haynes	1st, 3rd	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Forest Chapel	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 50	125 00	...	40	400 00	...
Christian Valley	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 50	600 00	66 00	62	3500 00	44 00
Oak Grove	A. A. Andrews	T. P. Spivey	Moro	1st	7	2	...	1	8	...	54	...	2 40	5 00	...	45 00	1 25	16 00	...	...	...	50
Marianna	J. D. Adams	J. P. Farrar	Clifton	Every	3	10	...	6	...	...	91	5 00	5 00	20 00	30 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
New Hope No. 2	Bro. Guest	D. E. Hamilton	Happy	3rd	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	...	...	...	...	1 66	10	...	...	...	100 00	...
Whitish	D. H. Gill	J. I. Fisher	Caldwell	4th	13	...	...	...	...	1	38	...	...	9 80	...	1 63	75	...	...	...	...	...
Chapel	D. H. Gill	W. J. Littlefield	Caldwell	1st	10	6	...	...	...	...	26	...	...	25 85	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Union	J. A. Thomas	Randolph Cox	Caldwell	2nd	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	50 00	...	81	500 00	...
Rain	J. A. Thomas	W. A. Bonham	1 85	5 00
Wolf	A. A. Andrews	W. N. Waldrop	...	1-4, 3rd	12	4	...	4	6	...	56	\$26615 00	\$212 50
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