

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MT. VERNON BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION
HELD AT
TRENTON, ARK.



OCTOBER 12, 13, 14, 15, 1905
FORTY-NINTH SESSION

Next Session will be held with Colt Baptist Church, Thursday before the
Third Sunday in October, 1906, at 10 a. m.

W. H. PASLAY, Moderator
Forrest City, Ark.

J. B. SANDERS, Treasurer
Forrest City, Ark.

C. M. MYRICK, Clerk
Trenton, Ark.

MEETINGS OF MT. VERNON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION SINCE ORGANIZATION.

NAME OF CHURCH	COUNTY	TIME	MODERATOR	CLERK	TREASURER	PREACHER
Mt. Vernon	St. Francis	1853	M. W. Isard	T. S. N. King		
Helema	Phillips	1854	Reuben Jones	T. S. N. King	John C. McCrary	T. S. N. King
Ash Grove	St. Francis	1855	J. M. Cox	P. S. G. Watson	John C. McCrary	P. S. G. Watson
New Hope	Phillips	1856	Spence Hall	T. S. N. King	John C. McCrary	P. S. G. Watson
Harmony	Monroe	1857	T. S. N. King	P. S. G. Watson	John C. McCrary	T. S. N. King
Oak Grove	Monroe	1858	Spence Hall	P. S. G. Watson	John C. McCrary	W. H. Barksdale
Liberty	Phillips	1859	Spence Hall	W. H. Barksdale	John C. McCrary	W. H. Barksdale
Trenton	Phillips	1860	Spence Hall	W. H. Barksdale	John C. McCrary	H. B. Black
Mt. Vernon	St. Francis	1861	T. S. N. King	W. H. Barksdale	John C. McCrary	H. F. Thomas
Mt. Zion	Phillips	1863	Spence Hall	W. H. Barksdale	John C. McCrary	W. H. Barksdale
New Hope	Phillips	1866	Spence Hall	W. H. Barksdale	John C. McCrary	W. H. Barksdale
Shiloh	Monroe	1867	H. P. Slaughter	W. H. Barksdale	E. L. Black	R. M. Raper
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
Hig Creek	Arkansas	1874	H. P. Slaughter	J. K. Murphy	J. K. Murphy	W. H. Paslay
Prairie Grove	Prairie	1875	A. H. Furgeson	H. Halliburto	E. T. Mitchell	T. M. Freeman
Ash Grove	Monroe	1876	H. P. Slaughter	A. M. Russell		A. M. Russell
Forest 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	
Spring Creek	Lee	1881	H. P. Slaughter	G. A. Grammer	W. K. Paslay	W. H. Paslay
Salem	Phillips	1882	H. P. Slaughter	G. A. Grammer	W. H. Paslay	G. A. Grammer
Ash Grove	Monroe	1883	H. P. Slaughter	G. A. Grammer	W. H. Paslay	G. A. Grammer
Rehobeth	Phillips	1884	S. H. King	G. A. Grammer	W. H. Paslay	G. A. Grammer
Poplar Grove	St. Francis	1885	S. H. King	G. A. Grammer	W. H. Paslay	W. H. Paslay
Brinkley	Monroe	1886	S. H. King	B. N. Hullsman	W. H. Paslay	L. K. Obenchain
Marlanna	Lee	1887	S. H. King	G. A. Grammer	W. H. Paslay	W. H. Paslay
Salem	Phillips	1888	R. G. Hewlett	L. K. Obenchain	W. H. Paslay	L. K. Obenchain
Forrest City	St. Francis	1889	S. H. King	L. K. Obenchain	W. H. Paslay	R. G. Hewlett
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
Helema	Phillips	1892	S. H. King	J. H. Cason	W. H. Paslay	J. H. Cason
Ash Grove	Monroe	1893	S. H. King	J. B. Perminiter	W. H. Paslay	H. J. Smith
Marlanna	Lee	1894	S. H. King	Jon Slaughter	W. H. Paslay	W. A. Gibson
Rehobeth	Phillips	1895	S. H. King	Jon Slaughter	W. H. Paslay	W. B. Peebles
Brinkley	Monroe	1896	S. H. King	Jon Slaughter	W. H. Paslay	J. B. Wise
Salem	Phillips	1897	S. H. King	Jon Slaughter	W. H. Paslay	J. A. Smith
Poplar Grove	St. Francis	1898	S. H. King	Jon Slaughter	W. H. Paslay	H. C. Rosamond
Marlanna	Lee	1899	S. H. King	Jon Slaughter	W. H. Paslay	S. L. Holloway
Helema	Phillips	1900	S. H. King	L. P. Anderson	W. H. Paslay	A. A. Andrus
Forrest City	St. Francis	1901	S. H. King	L. P. Anderson	W. H. Paslay	J. A. Smith
Clarendon	Monroe	1902	W. H. Paslay	L. P. Anderson	J. B. Sanders	W. H. Paslay
Salem	Phillips	1903	W. H. Paslay	C. M. Myrick	J. B. Sanders	S. D. Sawyer
Haynes	Lee	1904	W. H. Paslay	C. M. Myrick	J. B. Sanders	C. M. Myrick
Trenton	Phillips	1905	W. H. Paslay	C. M. Myrick	J. B. Sanders	J. A. McCord

PROCEEDINGS

First Day—Thursday, October 13th,

The Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Association met this day at 10 o'clock with the Trenton Church, and was called to order by the former moderator, Elder W. H. Paslay, who read a Scripture lesson from Psalm 119. Elder G. W. McCarly lead in prayer. The moderator appointed Lon Slaughter and J. W. Cook to read the letters from the churches. During the session the following churches reported by letter and messengers:

FARREST CITY—Elders W. H. Paslay, J. A. McCord and Mrs. Garland Fondrew.

MARVELL—J. L. Belsha, J. W. Smith and Elbert Kendall.

OAK GROVE—F. L. Gustavus.

HUNTER—J. H. Freeman and J. F. Deason.

MARIANNA—Elder R. A. Mahan, Mrs. R. A. Mahan, Lon Slaughter and Miss Bertha Slaughter.

HELENA—Elders G. E. Tilley, J. W. Cook, T. M. Oldham, G. H. Vineyard.

CHRISTIAN VALLEY—Ed West, R. O. Long and Mrs. F. M. Cox.

LEVEL VALLEY—T. G. Barkley.

SHILOH—J. P. Hardin and C. A. Austin.

COLT—Mrs. G. W. Mathews.

PHILADELPHIA—By letter.

BRINKLEY—Elder J. G. Harris, Miss Lula Hurst and Miss Edna Holbridge.

ASH GROVE—J. A. Simpson and G. J. Hamilton.

BIG CREEK—D. M. Brantley.

BIBLE UNION—Elder A. J. Murphy.

MONROE—J. T. Grimes and B. F. Scott.

SALEM—Elder C. M. Myrick, J. J. King and A. E. Jarrett.

TRENTON—B. Q. Carey, E. L. Porter and W. J. Kirkland.

VALLEY GROVE—Was received on a petitionary letter; no messengers present.

PARK GROVE—John Coburn and John Harris.

HAYNES—Lee James and Miss Ida Briley.

POPULAR GROVE—J. B. Hodges.

REHOBETH—J. B. Lowe, W. H. Allison and Mrs. Fannie Lowe.

CLARENDON—By letter.

HERRON—By letter.

Election of Officers.

Brother Lon Slaughter moved that the clerk cast the vote of the body for Elder W. H. Paslay for moderator, and it was so done.

Brother J. W. Cook moved that Brother Lon Slaughter cast the vote of the association for Elder C. M. Myrick for clerk, and it was done.

The moderator made touching remarks pertaining to his election as moderator.

Brother Lon Slaughter moved that the clerk be requested to cast the vote of the body for J. B. Sanders for treasurer, and it was so done.

Committees.

The following committees were appointed by the moderator, and the same were announced during the sitting of the body:

DIVINE SERVICE—C. M. Myrick, J. W. Bean and J. W. Cook.

FINANCE—Lon Slaughter, C. F. Thompson and J. H. Freeman.

STATE MISSIONS—R. A. Mahan, J. D. Belsha and J. F. Deason.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS—J. W. Cook, Elbert Kendall and John Cohn.

EDUCATION—D. M. Brantley, J. P. Hardin and J. H. Harris.

NOMINATIONS—G. H. Vineyard, Lee James and J. B. Lowe.

PUBLICATIONS—J. W. Smith, J. B. Hodges and Lon Slaughter.

ORPHANS' HOME—F. L. Gustavus, A. J. Murphy and B. Q. Carey.

OBITUARIES—B. Q. Carey, J. W. Cook and John Harris.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—C. M. Myrick, G. V. Tilley and J. J. King.

TEMPERANCE—W. H. Allison, C. A. Austin and T. M. Oldham.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—J. G. Harris, G. H. Vineyard and C. F. Thompson.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—J. G. Harris, J. A. McCord and G. V. Tilley.

Invitations were extended to visiting brethren and the following responded:

Elder O. W. Finch, Little Rock, Ark., representing the Orphans' Home at Monticello.

Elder J. H. Milburn, Union City, Tenn., representing "The Baptist Flag."

Elder G. W. McCarly, England, Ark.

A motion to adjourn for dinner and invite Elder J. H. Milburn to preach, was carried, and he preached an excellent sermon—text Rom. 8:9.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:30 o'clock the association was called to order by the moderator; prayer by Elder A. J. Murphy. A petitionary letter was read from Valley Grove Church, and the church was received into the association. Letters from other churches were read and messengers were enrolled.

The association spent some time in devotional exercises; prayer by T. M. Oldham.

The committee on divine services announced that Elder O. W. Finch would preach the introductory sermon at 11 o'clock to-morrow.

The body adjourned until 7 o'clock.

Prayer by the moderator.

EVENING SESSION.

The association convened at 7 o'clock and engaged in devotional exercises; prayers by J. A. Simpson, J. W. Cook and Elder R. A. Mahan. Elder O. W. Finch preached—text Rom., 1:16. After the sermon the report of the committee on orphans' home was read by F. L. Gustavus. Elder O. W. Finch, representing the home, was invited to speak to the report which he did, and took a collection amounting to \$26.20. The finance committee also turned over to Brother Finch, with this \$26.20, the money sent up by the churches, amounting in all to \$50.00. Elders J. A. McCord and G. W. McCarly spoke to the report, and the same was adopted, as follows:

ORPHANS' HOME—We, your committee on orphans' home, beg to submit the following report:

We recognize the fact that we have no more important charge as Baptists than the orphans' home at Monticello. We are glad to report that the year has been a happy one at the home. We now have sixty-six children under the State law, our adopted children, looking to us for a support. Winter is approaching; food, coal and suitable clothing must be provided. We therefore recommend that the pastors in Mt. Vernon Association present this worthy cause to their churches at least once each year and take regular and liberal collections, and that all churches and associations receive prompt and proper receipts. Send amounts collected immediately to Rev. O. T. Finch, Lock Box 276, Little Rock, Ark. We further recommend that our churches remember that we are under special obligations to but one orphans' home, and located at Monticello, Ark.

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. GUSTAVUS,

A. J. MURPHY,

B. Q. CAREY,

Committee.

Second Day—Friday, October 14th.

Friday morning at 9 o'clock the moderator called the association to order; prayer by Elder G. V. Tilley. Minutes of the first day's work was read and adopted.

Elder W. H. Paslay read the treasurer, J. B. Sanders', report, which was adopted as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Annual report of J. B. Sanders, treasurer of Mt. Vernon Baptist Association from October 16th, 1904, to October 12th, 1905.

1904.	DEBIT.	
Oct. 15.	To amount received from finance committee at Haynes,	
	Ark	\$343 53
Nov. 30.	To amount received from Oak Grove Church parsonage	1 00

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Dec. 1.	To amount received from J. W. Duckworth, per Paslay	35 00
19.	To amount received from J. W. Duckworth, per Paslay	50 00
20.	To amount received from loan fund of association	21 30
1905.		
Jan. 2.	To amount received from J. W. Duckworth, per Paslay	34 87
24.	To amount received from Rehoboth Church	6 05
28.	To amount received from Helena Church on pledge	17 00
	To amount received from Marianus Church on pledge	20 75
Feb. 4.	To amount received from Salem Church per J. L. Turner	10 00
	To amount received from Trenton Church, per Miss Porter	6 75
	To amount received from Maryell Church, per J. L. Belsham	5 00
	To amount received from books sold	4 35
13.	To amount received from interest loan fund of association	32 50
May 1.	To amount received from T. L. Knight	5 00
2.	To amount received from collectors at fifth Sunday meeting—Colt	8 10
	To amount received from sale of books—J. C. Vaughn	13 00
	To amount received from Forrest City Church on pledge	16 00
	To amount received from sale of books—Paslay	75
June 1.	To amount received from sale of books—Paslay	90
10.	To amount received from sale of books—Paslay	90
Aug. 2.	To amount received from Trenton Church	3 25
Oct. 9.	To amount received from Forrest City Church on pledge	14 00
		850 00
Nov. 1.	To amount received from J. W. Duckworth in 1904 on pledge	26 32
Total		926 32
1904.		
CREDIT.		
Oct. 17.	By amount due old treasurer	56
	By amount paid Paslay & Johnson on colporteur's wagon	71 00
	By amount paid for books for colporteur	40 40
	By amount paid W. H. Paslay	37 00
Nov. 19.	By amount paid printing minutes	20 30
	By amount paid C. M. Myrick, clerk's fee and postage	20 00
4.	By amount paid ministerial education, Ouachita College	8 15
	By amount paid finance committee of general association	66 03
Dec. 19.	By amount paid horse-doeing bill	3 40
Jan. 3.	By amount paid on salary as missionary	25 00
	By amount paid for books—Scarborough	7 20
	By amount paid for books—J. N. Hall	132 31
	By amount paid express on books	2 48

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Feb.	11.	By amount paid books A. M. B. Pub. Society.....	7 45
	28.	By amount paid expenses A. J. Vaughn	
Mar.	4.	By amount paid for corn for horses.....	5 35
		By amount paid for book—A. M. B. Pub. Co	31 20
	30.	By amount paid J. C. Vaughn on salary	50 00
May	2.	By amount paid expenses on books.....	3 60
		By amount paid books, balance due J. N. Hall	60 08
Oct.	11.	By amount paid W. H. Paslay	\$632 50
			50 32
			\$683 82
		Balance on hand	3 40
		Total	\$686 32

Elder W. H. Paslay read the report of the Associational Mission Board, to which he spoke, and the report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

On last January we employed Brother Vaughn to act as missionary and do colportage work. Owing to the unprecedented bad weather he could do very little work selling books, the roads being so bad and the water so high he could not use the wagon to any advantage. He made permanent arrangements to preach at LaGrange, Christian Valley, Moro, and Caldwell, and by his request we agreed to release him for the work. This to a great extent supplied the destitution in the eastern part of the association and was a great relief to the board. Brother Murphy had located near Bible Union and supplies that church and other destitute places in that part of the association; and now we must look after the western division of the association where there is still a need of the Gospel being preached and souls saved. We would recommend a continued effort to occupy all the field. We report the association out of debt.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. PASLAY,
Chairman.

W. H. PASLAY,
C. F. THOMPSON,
E. L. GUSTAVUS,
G. H. VINEYARD,
LON SLAUGHTER,
R. A. MAHAN,

Committee.

Elder J. G. Harris read the report of the committee on Sunday Schools, which was discussed by J. G. Harris, J. W. Cook, G. W. McCarty and T.

M. Oldham. The hour having arrived for the introductory sermon further discussion of this report was postponed until after preaching. Elder J. A. McCard, the appointee, preached the introductory sermon—text Matt. 16:18; subject, "The Church."

A motion prevailed to adjourn until 2:30. Prayer by Elder J. H. Milburn.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:30 the association convened; prayer by Elder M. J. Day. Discussion of the Sunday school report was continued; B. Q. Carey and J. W. Cook spoke and the report was adopted as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We are glad to report that about three-fourths of the churches in this association report Sunday schools; but realizing the great blessings derived both in the spiritual uplift of the church and in the winning of souls to Christ, we earnestly urge every church in our association to look well to the work of the Sunday school in teaching the Word of God. It is estimated that from 80 to 90 per cent. of the conversions come from the Sunday school. The obligation placed upon us by our Saviour is to make disciples of all nations. If we are wise in carrying out this command we will lead the young to Christ before habits of vice are formed in their character and their lives are steeped in sin. The purpose of the Sunday school is to do this thing.

We call the attention of our churches to the lectures and institutes which stimulate and strengthen the Sunday school forces. We also call attention to the importance of establishing and maintaining Sunday school libraries from which good religious Baptist books and periodicals can be placed in the hands of the children to read.

We ought not only to continue but enlarge this fruitful work, for we feel that the future of the kingdom of our Master depends to a large extent upon the work done in our Sunday schools and the reading matter circulated among our people. Respectfully submitted,

J. G. HARRIS,
G. H. VINEYARD,
C. F. THOMPSON,

Committee.

A motion by Lou Slaughter prevailed to adjourn, and the body as a whole visit the Mt. Vernon High School and new dormitory for girls. After visiting the school and going through the buildings the association resumed business.

A motion prevailed to take up the resolution to change the time of meeting from October to August, which was offered a year ago to be voted upon at this session. The matter was discussed by J. A. McCard,

C. M. Myrick, Lon Slaughter, L. P. Anderson, J. G. Harris, W. H. Allison and B. Q. Carey, and the motion to change the time was lost, the vote being 17 to 18.

Brother G. H. Vineyard read the report of the committee on nominations which was adopted as follows:

NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee on nominations, recommend as members of the executive board, C. F. Thompson, F. L. Gustavus, Lon Slaughter and G. H. Vineyard. We recommend as trustees of Forrest Chapel church fund W. H. Paslay, J. B. Sanders and M. J. Manning.

We also recommend that the next session of this association be held with the Colt Baptist Church, at Colt, Ark., and that Elder George V. Tilley preach the introductory sermon, Elder C. M. Myrick, alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

L. V. JAMES, Jr.,
J. B. LOWE,
G. H. VINEYARD.

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EVENING SESSION.

At 7 o'clock the association convened and engaged in devotional exercises; prayers by R. A. Mahan and J. A. McCard. Elder J. G. Harris preached—text John 10:14; subject, "The Lord Shepherd." After the sermon the body resumed business.

Brother Lon Slaughter moved to have a standing committee for the year to arrange programs and select places for the fifth Sunday meetings. The motion prevailed and the moderator appointed G. H. Vineyard, J. W. Cook, Lon Slaughter and C. F. Thompson as said committee.

The report of the board of trustees of Mt. Vernon High School was selected as a special order of business for 10 o'clock Saturday.

The association adjourned until 9 o'clock Saturday; prayer by Elder J. A. McCard.

Third Day—Saturday, October 14.

Saturday, 9 a. m., the moderator called the association to order; prayer by C. M. Myrick. Elder R. A. Mahan read the report of the committee on state missions. R. A. Mahan, W. H. Paslay, J. G. Harris, C. M. Myrick and J. W. Cook spoke to the report and the same was adopted as follows:

STATE MISSIONS.

We, your committee, submit the following:

At present there seems to be no reason why we should not expect greater results this year than in the last year. We have had six or eight

missionaries in the field—some for all and some for part of their time. Let us not feel that the victory is won; we have only begun the much needed work in our State. There is yet great destitution which calls loudly for immediate attention and assistance.

In submitting this report we present for your consideration that which seems to us to be the best course to pursue under the existing circumstances in our State. The spirit in which our work is done will aid materially in accomplishing our aims. All that we do, and especially all Christian work, should be done for the glory of God. No one can be a loyal citizen of our State and of our Master's kingdom who does not seek to cause our State to become more and more obedient to Him who ruleth over all.

Believing that our State mission work is for the glory of God let us guard zealously the spirit as well as the method in which we labor. Let the same spirit be in us that was in our Master, and Paul, the apostle, when he said "I rejoice, you, and will rejoice, when Christ is preached, even though it be done through envy and strife." Much more, then, let us rejoice when it is preached by our own brethren who differ from us only in method. Let us pray God to bless the truth they preach and to lead them and us to a better understanding of His will and to a more scriptural method of mission work.

We would suggest a careful and prayerful study of God's word as the all-sufficient guide in our work, for in it is to be found the plan given under inspiration and practiced by the followers of Christ, who had seen and heard and promised to obey Him. We feel assured that this will lead us as we should go, because it is of God and has received His approval and blessing so long as practiced by His followers.

Now that crops are short, making matters a little closer than usual, let us be faithful to that One who was, and shall be, true to us to the uttermost. Let us be sure our Master's cause is not neglected this year. We urge every church to take a collection, if they haven't already done so, before the general association meets. Respectfully submitted,

J. F. DEASON.

J. L. BISHA.

R. A. MAILAN.

The board of trustees of Mt. Vernon High School not being ready to report, after preaching at night was selected as a time for said report. A motion made by Elder G. V. Tilley provided to have a committee appointed now, to report next year on the spiritual condition of our churches. The Moderator appointed as said committee J. C. Vaughn, A. J. Murphy and J. G. Harris.

A motion prevailed authorizing the clerk of the association to get up a uniform letter for the churches and send two of said blank letters to each church with the minutes.

Elder J. G. Harris read the report of the committee on education, which is as follows:

EDUCATION.

We feel that in this age of increased responsibilities and opportunities for usefulness to our fellow man we should encourage and promote education in every possible way. Without the education of our children we are withholding from them the greatest blessing of life and the capabilities for making the most of the talents with which God has blessed them. The time has never been when the opportunities were better for obtaining an education. We have two most excellent colleges—Ouachita, situated at Arkadelphia, for the education of young men and young women, and Central College, at Conway, for young women only, and urge the importance of our people sending their sons and daughters to these schools for their college training. We are profoundly grateful also for our high schools and academies for the work they are doing.

We call attention to Mt. Vernon High School. It is the property of this association and we feel that we ought to support it by our prayers, our patronage and our means. We heartily recommend for a high school course the Mt. Vernon High School. We further recommend that a collection in cash and pledges be taken in this connection to liquidate the debt upon this school so they will not be hampered in their work.

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. BRANTLEY,
J. P. HARDEK,
J. G. HARRIS,

Committee.

The above report was discussed by L. P. Anderson, R. A. Mahan, N. C. B. Anderson, G. V. Tilley, W. H. Paslay, and a collection in cash and pledges for Mt. Vernon High School was taken by J. G. Harris, which is as follows:

PLEDGES FOR HIGH SCHOOL.

Hebron Church	\$ 50 00
Forrest City Church	25 00
Brinkley Church	25 00
Marianna Church	25 00
Salem Church	10 00
J. B. Lowe	10 00
L. P. Anderson (will raise)	25 00
G. W. Grimes..	5 00
Haynes Church	10 00
Mrs. M. F. Cox	5 00
Oak Grove Church..	5 00
Christian Valley Church..	5 00

Mrs. C. F. Thompson	10 00
Colt Church	5 00
Ladies' Aid Society, Trenton	10 00
Ash Grove Church	5 00
W. H. Paslay, paid	5 00
Miss Ida Briley	5 00
Bob Henderson, paid	1 00
Level Valley Church	2 50
Valley Grove Church	2 50
Hunter Church	5 00
J. L. Belsha, paid	1 00
Miss Jonie Turner	5 00
Miss Blanche Turner	5 00
Mack King, paid	1 00
Hat collection	6 10
Total cash	14 10
Total pledges	255 00

Total cash and pledges \$269 10

The people of Trenton provided dinner on the grounds, after which the body adjourned to 2 o'clock. Prayer by J. G. Harris.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock the association convened. Prayer by R. A. Mahan.

J. G. Harris read the report of the committee on ministerial education, to which he and the moderator spoke, and the report was adopted.

J. G. Harris took a collection in pledges and cash as given below for ministerial education.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We find that the growing culture and education among the masses of our people increase the demands upon the ministry. While we, as Baptists, have always advocated that any brother who feels called upon to preach should be permitted to do so without educational limitations, yet Baptists have always encouraged its ministry to secure the best education possible for preaching the gospel.

We, your committee, recommend a thorough training of our young ministers. We cordially endorse and recommend Onachita College, a Arkadelphia, for the education of our young preachers. We urge that the messengers of our churches take a collection during the year and send same to the Rev. H. L. Winburne, secretary of the board of education, a Arkadelphia, for this important work. Respectfully submitted,

J. G. HARRIS.

J. A. McCARD,

G. V. TILLEY.

PLEDGES FOR MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Forrest City Church	\$ 10 00
Brinkley Church	15 00
Marianna Church	10 00
Trenton Church	5 00
Helena Church	25 00
Poplar Grove Church	5 00
Haynes Church	5 00
Marvell	5 00
Salem	5 00
Rehobeth	5 00
R. A. Mahan, paid	10 00
C. M. Myrick	5 00
Hebron Church	2 50
Ladies' Aid Society, Helena	10 00
Ladies' Aid Society, Forrest City	5 00
Hat collection	11 00
Total cash	21 00
Pledges	112 50

Total cash and pledges

\$133 50

J. W. Cook read the report of the committee on associational missions and the same was discussed by Lon Slaughter, W. H. Paslay, F. L. Gustavus and C. M. Myrick. Pledges were taken for associational missions as below and the report was adopted.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Your committee, to whom was referred the matter of associational missions, beg leave to report as follows:

We find from the best sources obtainable that there was an effort made to supply the destitute places in the bounds of the association with the gospel by the board in January last. Brother C. E. Vaughn was employed and equipped with colporteur wagon and about one hundred dollars' worth of books. In consequence of an extremely wet spring little could be accomplished. Later LaGrange, Moro, Marvell and Christian Valley called Brother Vaughn one Sunday each, the board by mutual consent releasing him from their special work. Brother A. J. Murphy has recently settled at Bible Union and will be a great help to the work in the northwestern portion of St. Francis county. Your committee would earnestly recommend that another colporteur be employed and kept busily engaged at points most needed. In the northern part of St. Francis county are a few brethren trying to maintain, with aid from Helena, a Sunday school. These brethren need help. Throughout St. Francis a good work could be done.

We recommend that a special collection be taken Sunday morning for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN COBURN,

E. KENDALL,

J. M. COOK,

Committee.

PLEDGES FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Forrest City	\$ 30 00
Christian Valley	5 00
Haynes	10 00
Marianna	20 00
Marvell	10 00
Oak Grove	5 00
Poplar Grove	10 00
Salem	10 00
Trenton	10 00
Helena	50 00
Helmon	2 50
Total	\$142 50

L. P. Anderson read the report on temperance which was discussed by Paslay, Tilley, Myrick, Cook and Mahan, and the report was adopted as below.

TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on the question of temperance, beg to report the following: Intemperance is the overindulgence in anything. When a man uses anything to an excess it becomes intemperance. That the mere use of some things is intemperate; therefore, the only way to be temperate in them is to discontinue their use. To use anything not beneficial to man, as tobacco, intoxicants, profanity, etc., is intemperance. On the other hand, to fail to develop the powers of soul, mind and body is intemperance and a great sin. It is the intemperance of laziness and idleness; it is this negative intemperance that furnishes us with moral and intellectual dwarfs. Your committee is aware that this negative side of the temperance question is ignored by our people.

We point to the apostle Paul as a great example of positive and negative temperance. Positively, he was well developed in his threefold being, and he did those things which would be good for brethren to imitate, and negatively he held his body in subjection and would refrain from doing those things, even to the eating of meat, that might cause his brothers to err. Realizing the power of the ballot we urge upon our brethren to vote for moral, clean, upright men only, and thus to help keep out of office bad

men, drunkards, gamblers and all those the influences of whose lives will not elevate the citizenship of our country. Respectfully,

W. H. ALLISON,

Chairman.

C. A. AUSTIN,

T. M. OLDHAM,

Committee.

The association adjourned; prayer by the moderator.

EVENING SESSION.

At 7:30 p. m. the association convened; prayers were offered by J. W. Smith and F. L. Gustavus. Elder R. A. Mahan preached at this hour. Subject, "God's Quarantine Law." After the sermon C. M. Myrick read the report of the committee on foreign affairs, to which J. A. McCord spoke and the report was adopted as below.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee would emphasize the very great importance of foreign missions; the time was, and now is, when the salvation of millions, for whom Christ died, depends upon foreign missions. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life," but "how can they believe in Him, of whom they have not heard, and how can they hear without a preacher, and how can they preach except they be sent?"

We need nothing to attach importance to this work save the words of our Lord, "Go ye unto all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Nor do we need a greater incentive than that we are doing the will of Him who died for us, and that, though we go weeping, bearing precious seed, "We shall come again rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves," even precious souls, to lay, as trophies, at the Master's feet. We need no greater promise than "Lo, I am with you always" and "My word shall not return unto Me void."

The people are dying out of Christ; the cry is coming across the waters saying, "Come over and help us." Men and women are saying, "Here am I; send me." But lo, the means are not sufficient for demands. Nevertheless we are glad to say that many have gone and others are going, and the foreign work is increasing every year, and while the harvest is white the force of reapers is increasing and God's spirit is helping His children to open their hands, their purses and their hearts to thrust in the sickle and gather the golden grain for the Lord.

We would urge our pastors to emphasize the importance of this work and our churches to continue their gifts to foreign missions.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. MYRICK,

G. V. TILLEY,

J. J. KING.

C. F. Thompson read the report of the board of trustees of Mt. Vernon High School and with it the treasurer's report, and the same were adopted as follows:

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MOUNT VERNON HIGH SCHOOL.

Your board would respectfully submit the following as our annual report to your body:

We are gratified beyond measure to be able to report that the school is in better condition than it has ever been in its history. There are already enrolled more pupils than were ever enrolled at this time of the year, and the condition of the school in a general way is hopeful and healthy. The enrollment to date reaches forty-four; the number enrolled during the whole of last year, and the school confidently expects an enrollment during the year of at least seventy-five.

W. J. Walker continues as the principal of the school, and during the past year has been able to get the work well in hand and now understands the needs and condition of the school better than ever before, having spent a large part of the summer traveling over the territory embraced by the Association, meeting the people and arousing interest and enthusiasm wherever he could. In this way, and by judicious advertising in the newspapers of the counties in the Association, he has been able to bring the school prominently before the public.

The management of the school has thought best to add the new Department of Education, Drawing, Bookkeeping and Physical Culture, and has procured the services of Miss Mabel A. Eddy of Chicago as directoress. The new department is expected to prove highly successful, and meet the requirements of most schools of its character.

We are pleased to state that Miss Jennie D. Hitchens, a teacher of several years' experience in the best colleges of the South and East, has charge of the Department of Vocal and Instrumental Music. She is most capable, and the school never employed a better instructor.

A handsome new Dormitory for Girls has been erected right at the school building, thus adding to the comfort and convenience of the girls who may attend. The home is supplied with the best kind and character of furniture that can be afforded.

The girls in the home are carefully looked after by the principal and his family and the lady teachers, while the principal takes special interest in the boys, thus enforcing a firm but kind discipline.

We would respectfully ask and kindly urge all the Baptists of this Association to help us in our efforts to build up our school—that you work and pray for and patronize the Mt. Vernon High School.

We herewith submit the Treasurer's Report as a part of our report, and

we respectfully ask each member of this Association present to put this matter before his church on his return home and ask for a collection for the same.

Respectfully submitted,

G. R. ROEBUCK,
J. G. HARRIS,
C. M. MYRICK,
C. E. THOMPSON,
W. H. ALLISON,
G. H. VINEYARD,
J. B. LOWE,
J. W. BEAN,
LOX SLAUGHTER,

Trustees.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Mt. Vernon Association :

As treasurer of the Board of Trustees I beg to submit the following report. My last report was made on October 12th, 1904, and at that time there was a balance of \$29.29 in the treasury.

RECEIPTS.

Amount on hand last report	\$ 29 29
Received from play for school room	10 00
Received from pledges	202 00
	\$ 241 29

DISBURSEMENTS.

Work on school building	\$ 3 00
Shades for the home	6 00
Widow glass and putty	1 85
Insurance on school house, etc.,	22 50
Pillows and bedding for Dormitory	9 92
Postage	1 01
Fence	30 79
Rent on home	120 00
L. P. Anderson, for work	20 00
Total expenditures	\$ 224 07
Total receipts	241 29
Balance	\$ 17 22

DORMITORY.

Cost of New Dormitory	\$1396 88
Cash received on pledges for Dormitory	\$620 25
Balance as shown above	17 22
Balance due the Treasurer	\$ 759 41

I hold papers with pledges that will amount to over \$500.00. Should

these subscriptions be paid off at once it would greatly lessen the amount due.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BEAN,

Treasurer Board of Trustees.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

Lon Slaughter read the report on Publications. J. W. Cook moved to amend the report by adding the "Baptist Advance" to the recommendations. The matter was discussed by Slaughter, Cook, McCord, Paslay, Myrick and Mahan and the amendment was lost. Then the report was adopted, as follows:

REPORT.

Your Committee on Publications report as follows: We know there are a great many so-called Baptist periodicals and books. You can get any kind of book on any kind of subject you wish.

We are going to recommend a few to be read and studied for the ensuing associational year. The first in importance is published at Philadelphia, Nashville and, we believe, at some other places. It is a book of truest history and finest poetry. By the prayerful study of this book you can learn all about our church, its origin, authenticity and perpetuation. It is a book of one author, but of many writers, all of whom agree. To read this book aright you learn not only how to live, but how to die. The name of this wonderful book is the HOLY BIBLE. Let it be daily read around every Christian hearthstone, and glorious will be the results.

Then we commend the American Baptist Flag as an exponent of sound Baptist polity and one whose editor is brave and fearless in defense of landmark Baptist principles.

We further recommend on religious fiction the reading of such books as Grace Truman, Theodocia Earnest or Evangel-Wiscman. To those who wish additional information on church government we refer them to J. M. Pendleton's Manual. On church history, W. A. Jarrell and S. H. Ford are standard and orthodox and authentic.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. SMITH,

Lon SLAUGHTER,

J. B. HODGES,

Committee.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, that the thanks of this body be and are hereby extended to the pastor and members of Trenton Baptist church for their kind hospitality extended to the messengers of this association during the sitting of this body.

J. A. McCORD.

Resolved, that at the next meeting of this body we change the time of meeting from Thursday before the third Sunday in October to Thursday before the first Sunday in September.

J. G. HARRIS.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your committee on finance, beg leave to report as follows: We find there has been collected and reported during the past associational year, divided as follows, to-wit:

For Associational Missions	\$120 52
For Associational Minutes.....	32 65
For State Missions	20 55
For Foreign Missions	15 80
For Home Missions	4 75
For Mount Vernon High School	14 10
For Ministerial Education	31 00
For Orphan's Home	61 65
Cash collection for Association	17 20
	\$317 22

LON SLAUGHTER.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

To the Mount Vernon Association:

The trustees for the associational fund beg to report that there is loaned the sum of three hundred dollars upon real estate security in the hands of said trustees, which bears interest at the rate of ten per cent. per annum. Brother M. J. Manning is responsible and looking after this matter and has paid the interest thereon at said rate for one year to November 30, 1905. \$30.00.

W. H. PASLAY,

J. B. SANDERS,

M. J. MANNING,

Trustees.

The Association adjourned until Sunday morning, 10 o'clock. Prayer by R. A. Mahan.

Sunday morning at 10 o'clock the Association assembled and Lon Slaughter conducted a Sunday School mass meeting. Interesting talks were made by J. W. Cook and Elder J. A. McCord. At 11 o'clock Elder G. V. Tilley preached. Text, Acts, 6: 14, 15. Subject, "The Conversion of Saul." A collection for associational missions was taken amounting to \$17.20. At the same hour R. A. Mahan preached to the colored people. Text, Matt., 27:22. At that service a collection amounting to \$7.25 was taken and at the request of the colored people was sent to C. E. Smith, Africa. At 2:30 Elder J. A. McCord preached. Text, Ps., 17: 15. At 7:30 Elder G. V. Tilley preached to the colored people and Elder W. H. Paslay preached at the church. After the sermon the brethren and sisters took the parting hand and the association adjourned to meet with the church at Coit, on Thursday before the third Lord's Day in October, 1906.

C. M. MYRICK,

Clerk.

W. H. PASLAY,

Moderator.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

Elder D. W. Simpson	Cotton Plant, Ark.
Elder S. D. Sawyer	Brinkley, Ark.
Elder A. J. Murphy	Caldwell, Ark.
Elder J. G. Harris	Brinkley, Ark.
Elder Z. T. Billingsly	Gill, Ark.
Elder J. A. McCord	Forrest City, Ark.
Elder W. H. Paslay	Forrest City, Ark.
Elder J. D. Barnett	Forrest City, Ark.
Elder G. V. Tilley	Helena, Ark.
Elder M. J. Day	Turner, Ark.
Elder R. A. Mahan	Marianna, Ark.
Elder C. M. Myrick	Trenton, Ark.

RULES OF DECORUM.

ARTICLE 1. The association shall be opened by singing and prayer.

ARTICLE 2. The moderator, clerk and treasurer shall be elected by ballot by the members present.

ARTICLE 3. The moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal.

ARTICLE 4. The moderator shall be entitled to the privilege of speaking as other members, but not to vote unless a tie.

ARTICLE 5. All questions shall be introduced by motion, and if seconded shall be opened for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been discussed for a reasonable time, the moderator shall, when the question is called for, proceed to take it by calling for the yeas and nays, and if a call for a division is made, he shall call for a standing vote.

ARTICLE 6. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the moderator. Only one shall speak at the same time, and shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject to make personal reflections.

ARTICLE 7. No person shall speak more than once upon any subject, until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity, nor more than twice without permission.

ARTICLE 8. Every subject introduced for discussion shall be decided before another is offered, unless it be laid over by motion with the consent of the mover and the association.

ARTICLE 9. The names of the messengers shall be called whenever the association shall direct, and absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the moderator.

ARTICLE 10. The appellation "Brother," shall be used in addressing each other.

ARTICLE 11. Any member violating the rules shall be subject to reproof by the moderator.

ARTICLE 12. Amendments or alterations shall be made to these rules when a majority may deem it necessary.

ARTICLE 13. Any case coming before the association not provided for in these rules shall be governed by general parliamentary rules.

CONSTITUTION.

1. The confederation of churches shall be called by the name of "Mount Vernon Baptist Association."

2. The object of the association shall be to promote the glory of God on earth by preaching the gospel of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, the universal spread of the bible, the word of the true and living God, and by other appropriate means.

3. This association shall consist of messengers from the churches now forming this union, and such other Baptist churches as may hereafter be received as constituent members thereof.

4. Every church shall be entitled to three representatives without regard to the number of their members, respectively, and to an additional one for every fifty members exceeding fifty; provided, that no church shall ever be entitled to more than five. A certificate of appointment or letter from their respective churches shall be evidence that they shall be so delegated.

5. The officers of this association shall be a moderator, a clerk or clerks, a corresponding secretary and a treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot, by a majority of the members present, immediately after the names of the delegates are enrolled, which officers shall perform all duties, respectively, usually devolved on such officers, and continue to exercise their respective functions until they shall be superseded by a subsequent election.

6. The clerk shall preserve a regular record of the association and have it present at the meeting of the body, and when they vacate their offices deliver the same, with all other books and papers relative to said office, to their successors.

7. The association shall regard the churches as independent bodies in all their internal affairs and exercise no ecclesiastical jurisdiction, or claim any legislative or judicial prerogative over them; nevertheless, the association may exercise authority over its own members, the representatives of the churches, and power to withdraw from all churches which may depart from the gospel as understood and held by this body by becoming either heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice, and should therefore regard the churches united in this association with a vigilant eye for good, and may give at its own discretion, and in its own way, advice or information, when sought, to any church connected with it.

8. It shall be the duty of the association to ascertain the general condition of its constituent churches; devise means to promote their harmony

and increase their spirituality and efficiency, to promote the cause of truth and righteousness.

9. The association shall hold annual sessions, to convene on Thursday before the third Lord's Day in October, in each year, and not adjourn until all of the business shall have been regularly finished, except when circumstances imperiously demand. The place of meeting shall be determined at each previous session and published in the minutes.

10. Baptist churches not before united in the association, or those dismissed from other associations, may be admitted as members of this union on application by a written petition or letter, presented by one or more messengers duly appointed by some church or churches, provided they give satisfactory evidence that they are orthodox in faith and correct in the practice of the gospel ordinances.

11. Every minister of the gospel (either ordained or licentiate) whose membership is in or who may be a pastor of any church belonging to this body, shall be ex-officio a member of this association, with the privilege of offering resolutions and speaking, but not of voting unless specially delegated by some church.

12. When in session the association will be governed by such rules of decorum as it may adopt for itself.

13. It shall be the duty of the churches, respectively, annually to report to the association their general condition; the number of members in fellowship; the number baptised, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, restored, and dead during the year, and the names and postoffice addresses of all ministers (whether ordained or licensed), designating each, and also the name and address of their clerks. They shall also report on any special matter required, and send up such contributions as they may willingly contribute to aid the body to disseminate more widely the truth as contained in the Holy Scriptures and the establishment of the Redeemer's kingdom on earth.

14. The neglect or failure of a church to be represented by a messenger, or messengers, in the association for three consecutive years, shall be cause to withdraw from such church at the discretion of the association.

15. This association may correspond by letter or messenger with any other religious body of the same faith or order.

16. A board consisting of five members, any three of whom shall constitute a quorum, shall be elected at each annual meeting, whose duty it shall be to devise means to carry forward the benevolent objects of the association, and the officers of this association shall be ex-officio members of the board.

17. The minutes of the board shall be publicly read and corrected, if necessary, and then signed by the moderator and clerk before the association adjourns.

18. Any amendment may be made to this constitution at any meeting of the association by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided the same shall have been published in the association's minutes of the preceding year.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	POSTOFFICE	DAYS OF MEETING	MEMBERSHIP						CONTRIBUTIONS											
					Inc.		Dec.		Number in Sunday School	Total	To Missions				To Other Purposes							
					Letter	Home	Letter	Home			Ass't	State	Home	Foreign	Misses	Orphans	Pastor's Salary	Minutes	High School	Sunday St. Wk	Other Purp's	Total Church
Ash Grove	R. D. Sawyer	D. W. Simpson	Cotton Plant	Second & 4th	9	2	2	2	56	25	\$ 2 50	\$ 2 50	\$ 2 50	\$ 2 50				1 00				\$ 11 00
Bible Union	A. J. Murphy	J. N. Haynes	Horton	Third	1	1	1	1	20								10 00	25				41 50
Brinkley	J. H. Harris	John Westby	Brinkley		5	13	7	7	56	57	1 00	41 50	1 25			16 00	200 00	2 00		25 00	5 00	304 50
Big Creek	Z. T. Billingsley	H. W. Howton	Goodwin	Fourth	6	1	1	1	20									50				50
Colt	G. W. McCarty	R. T. Simmons	Colt	First & 3d	1	1	1	1	74	102	5 00					25	10 68	50				46 43
Clarendon		W. F. King	Clarendon	Every Sunday	2	2	2	2	42	62	5 00	60 00						1 25		90 00	200 00	353 25
Christian Valley	J. C. Vaughan	P. W. Long	GHI	Third	3	4	1	2	40		5 12					4 15		1 00				10 27
Forrest City	J. A. McCord	W. T. Sanders	Forrest City	Every Sunday	3	8	8	5	126	78	30 00			40 00	10 00	24 20	100 00	2 50			500 00	1216 70
Hebron	J. L. Wilson	W. P. Taylor	Whentley					5	11								1 00	1 00				1 00
Helen	G. V. Tiley	H. R. Fitzpatrick	Hele n	Every Sunday	12	6	13	1	23	150	50 00	42 40	75 00	100 00	60 00		120 00	2 00	145 00	288 02	581 60	3218 02
Haynes	W. H. Paslay	Miss Kate Briley	Haynes	Third	1	2	1	1	45		18 50						1 50		13 00			83 00
Hunter	R. D. Sawyer	J. F. Denson	Hunter	Second	4				33		1 50		1 00			1 00		50				4 00
Level Valley	M. J. Day	John Brown	Holly Grove	Second	1	1	6	1	37	12							1 50					1 50
Marianna	R. A. Mahan	D. R. Myers	Marianna	Every Sunday	2	1	9	3	115	65	23 75	41 00	1 00	42 75	25 00	23 00	720 00	2 50	150 00	48 00	92 70	1301 75
Marvell	C. M. Myrick	E. E. McMurry	Marvell	Second	2	5			25	61	12 50	3 00		3 00		3 00	75 00	1 00	50 00	9 00	74 15	230 05
Monroe	J. L. Wilson	J. W. Grimes	Monroe	Fourth	5		2	4	24	20	3 00							1 00				4 00
Oak Grove	J. C. Vaughan	T. F. Spiry	Moro	Second				10	55		5 00	2 00		3 55			75 00	1 50			1 80	158 05
Poplar Grove	W. H. Paslay	John Cox	Forrest City	First				4	71		10 00						150 00	1 50				161 50
Park Grove	M. J. Day	John Coburn	Clarendon	Second	13	2	12		50		2 50					2 50		1 50			785 00	740 50
Philadelphia	R. D. Sawyer	S. A. Hallum	Brinkley	Second	4	1		2	91		5 00					2 50	100 00	1 25				118 75
Rehabeth	W. H. Paslay	C. L. Langston	Vineyard	Fourth		1		4	85	69	15 00					10 00	150 00	2 00	48 50			225 50
Salem	C. M. Myrick	J. L. Turner	Cypert	Fourth				13	6	46	15 00	7 05		7 05		7 05	250 00	1 00	107 00	10 75	102 28	506 08
Shiloh	N. A. Chadwick	S. W. Cowan	Colt	Second & 4th				4	11	57	5 00							50				5 50
Trenton	C. M. Myrick	Fannie Porter	Trenton	First & 3d	1	9	1	1	56	77	10 00	10 00				5 00	300 00	1 50	18 25	25 05	331 50	881 85
Valley Grove	M. J. Day	A. D. Bowden	Indian Bay	First	15			1	23								50 00	1 50				
Totals					\$ 71 28	76 50	20	1481	825		\$ 211 29	\$ 537 45	\$ 80 75	\$ 198 75	\$ 110 00	\$ 118 05	\$ 850 00		\$ 701 75	\$ 517 22	\$ 2679 21	\$ 1040 72

Cypress Grove, Cotton Plant, Palestine, New Hope and Caldwell were not represented.—Clerk.