

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

Mt. Vernon Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

OAK GROVE CHURCH,

MONROE COUNTY, ARKANSAS,

SEPTEMBER 5—7, 1858.

MEMPHIS:

HUTTON & CLARK, PUBLISHERS, 4 MONROE-STREET.

1858.

PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY, September 5th, 1858—11 A. M.

Elder P. S. G. Watson, who had been chosen to preach the Introductory, and Elder J. M. Cox, alternate, not arriving in time, the service was performed by Elder W. H. Barksdale, of Helena. Text: John xiii, 34.

An intermission of about thirty minutes was given, and then the Messengers were convened by Elder T. S. N. King, the former Moderator. The former Clerk at the table. Same appropriate remarks were made by the Chairman, a hymn sung, and the Moderator led in prayer.

Letters were then read from nine Churches, and the messengers' names enrolled as follows:

HELENA.—W. H. Barksdale, John H. Hicks, and H. F. Mooney.

ASH GROVE.—J. M. Cox, and Lilburn T. Cox.

NEW HOPE.—P. S. G. Watson, J. C. McCrary, and D. S. Everett.

LIBERTY.—H. L. Cordell, and William C. Chastain.

SALEM.—Richard Brown.

OAK GROVE.—Spence Hall, J. W. Sullivan, and Joel Brooks.

RUHAMAH.—T. J. McAdams.

HARMONY.—L. N. Vann.

CYPRESS VALLEY.—L. M. Roberts, and L. N. Townsend.

No other delegates arrived on Saturday.

The above enrolment being made, an election was held to elect Associational Officers for the ensuing year. Upon counting the votes Spence Hall was found chosen Moderator; P. S. G. Watson, Clerk; John H. Hicks, Corresponding Secretary; and J. C. McCrary, Treasurer.

The Moderator took the Chair, addressed the Association in a few brief and appropriate remarks, then read the Rules of Decorum.

Business as follows:

1. The Moderator invited any persons desiring the admission of new Churches, to come forward. A letter was handed in

from the Clarendon Church, but as no messenger was present, the subject was laid over till Monday.

2. Correspondence.—Bro. C. E. Emerson presented a letter from the Caroline Church, and took a seat with the body.

3. All ministers of the Baptist denomination present were invited to sit with us. Accepted by T. S. N. King and Nathan McKeean.

4. Committees appointed as follows :

ON ARRANGEMENTS.—H. L. Cordell and D. S. Everett.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.—W. H. Barksdale and H. F. Mooney.

EDUCATION.—J. H. Hicks and J. W. Sullivan.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—J. M. Cox and T. J. McAdams.

COLPORTAGE.—J. C. McCrary and R. Brown.

TEMPERANCE.—P. S. G. Watson and H. F. Mooney.

COLORÉD POPULATION.—H. F. Mooney and T. J. McAdams.

FINANCE.—J. H. Hicks and Joel Brooks.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.—J. H. Hicks and Joel Brooks.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.—H. L. Cordell and H. F. Mooney.

5. The Committee on Religious Exercises having retired, returned and reported that T. S. N. King preach Saturday night, P. S. G. Watson, Sunday, one o'clock ; and W. H. Barksdale, Sunday night—the last named having been previously appointed by the Board to preach at 11 A. M., on Missions.

6. The Clerk was appointed to prepare a short Corresponding Letter for the Minutes, and to report on Monday.

Adjourned till Monday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by P. S. G. Watson.

MONDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Association convened. A psalm was read by the Moderator, and prayer was offered by J. M. Cox.

The Minutes of Saturday read and corrected.

Business in the following order, as prepared by the Committee of Arrangements :

1. Benjamin Walker, a messenger from the Liberty Church, Monroe county, arrived, presented the letter, and took his seat.

2. A new Church, LINN GROVE, asked admittance through messengers and letter, and was received. The Clarendon Church was also received by letter, the messengers, in consequence of sickness, not being able to attend in person. For particulars, see the Statistical Table.

3. Reports read and disposed of as below :

1. Domestic Missions.—Adopted. A.

2. Education.—Adopted. B. And in connection with it, the

Report of the Board on Education was presented, which elicited considerable discussion as to the locality of the proposed Associational Schools.

Pending the discussion, the Moderator announced the arrival of the hour, appointed by the Committee on Religious Exercises, for preaching.

Adjourned till the afternoon.

Sermon by P. S. G. Watson.

1½ o'clock, P. M.

Met. The subject of Education resumed, and after some further discussion, the resolution following the Report of the Board of Education was adopted. See the conclusion of B.

3. Sabbath Schools.—J. M. Cox, Chairman, was allowed further time to report, and to furnish the same to the Clerk in time to insert in the Minutes. C.

4. Colored Population.—Adopted. D.

5. Colportage.—Adopted. E.

6. Temperance.—Adopted. F.

7. Finance.—Adopted. G.

8. State of the Churches.—Referred to the Committee and Clerk, for want of time and information at present. II.

9. Corresponding Letter read and accepted. I.

10. Reports of the Missionary Board and the Treasurer read, and received. J.

CHOOSE BY BALLOT.

Elder W. H. Barksdale, of Helena, to preach the next Introductory, and Elder J. M. Cox, of Cotton Plant, alternate.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MODERATOR.

1. Committees to report the next session. K.

2. Educational Board. L.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

1. That the 9th article of the Constitution of this Association be so altered as to fix the time for the beginning of the Annual Meetings (after 1859) on Thursday before the first Sunday in October.

2. That the next Annual Meeting be held with the Liberty Church, Phillips county, Arkansas, beginning on Saturday before the first Sabbath in September, 1859. Distance from Helena, twenty miles north-west, near the St. Francis road.

3. That the Clerk have six hundred copies of the Minutes

printed, that he hold twenty-five for general correspondence, and that he have ten dollars for his services.

4. That the list of Ministers names, &c., be again printed as part of these Minutes.

5. That the Board of Missions for last year be continued, except R. J. Koonce, who will shortly leave our Associational limits, and that W. C. Chastain fill his place.

6. That the Missionary Agents of the past year be continued, and that new Churches be requested to appoint one in every Church.

7. That we heartily approve of the movement to publish Baptist Sunday School Books, and that we have full confidence in the wisdom, honesty, and entire competency of all the persons engaged in the enterprise.

8. That we feel the need of a College in our own State, and highly favor the purpose of the State Convention to establish one.

9. That we daily experience inconvenience for want of a Denominational State Paper; and further, that as soon as a sufficient number of subscribers shall have been obtained, we recommend that the paper be published.

10. That J. M. Cox be our messenger to the Caroline Association.

11. That the first meeting of the Educational Board be held on the first Wednesday in November next, at Big Creek Post Office, in the Little Rock road, twenty miles west of Helena.

12. That the Clerk send the Minutes by mail, *unpaid*, to the several Churches.

13. That the thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered, to the Oak Grove Church and to the citizens of its vicinity, for the hospitable and pleasant manner with which they have entertained this body.

14. That we now adjourn to meet with the Liberty Church, Phillips county, Ark., on Saturday before the first Sabbath in September, 1859.

Prayer by W. H. Barksdale.

The "*Parting Hand*" was sung and the *parting hand* exchanged. The Moderator then addressed the messengers in a closing, sympathetic speech, and announced the adjournment of the Association.

SPENCE HALL, Moderator.

P. S. G. WATSON, Clerk.
LAGRANGE, ARK.

REPORTS.

[A.]

ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Domestic Missions, beg leave to report :

Your Association has an area of at least fifty miles square. Within this district, as your Minutes show, there are sixteen Churches at which there is regular preaching, and these Churches are to be supplied by only seven ordained ministers. Such being the case, we cannot—we need not—disguise the fact that action, prompt and immediate action, is demanded at the hands of your body, in the way of supplying the destitute with the living ministry and the furnishing with the bread of life. The Macedonian cry coming up from the dark portions of our Zion is not to be smothered! Too loud, deep, melancholy and thrilling has it sounded in our ears, *now* to be hushed into silence by mere resolutions penned upon paper, contemplating no more than their genteel appearance in type, mourning the existence of these things. A corresponding exertion to remedy the evil *must be put forth*.

That we have the truth, as taught by Christ and his Apostles, we sincerely believe. That it is incumbent upon us to spread this knowledge, who can gainsay? We read the commission given by Christ to his Apostles, to “Go into all the world,” preaching the kingdom of God is at hand. They began at Jerusalem, and soon the whole region of Judea was filled with the knowledge of Christ and him crucified; but not content with this, they pushed the triumphs of the Cross beyond the Roman Province to distant nations; and on in its redeeming power the mission rolled till we have caught the streaming light, radiating all fresh from the Son of Righteousness, enabling us to read upon the providence of God, the lines clearly drawn by the hand of inspiration, “freely ye have received, freely give.” We must then be up and doing. The torch of evangelical truth

must light up the hills and caves within our boundary, and then to other fields must we push, Apostle like, the standard, "for there remaineth much land to be possessed."

Your Committee would therefore suggest that your Executive Board be requested (if a missionary cannot be had amongst us.) to open a correspondence with brethren in other States, for the purpose of securing an efficient missionary, whose duty it shall be to travel through the destitute portions of the Association, hold protracted meetings, organize Churches, distribute denominational books, and to solicit funds for the benefit of the Association.

Your Committee would further suggest that each Church be, and they are hereby requested to send up every year, a missionary fund, to be appropriated to the defraying of the salary of your missionary. Let *no Church fail to send something*, and let it be "as the Lord hath prospered" them—remembering that the Lord loveth a cheerful giver.

Brethren, now is the time to strike! If you do not labor, other denominations will, and they shall take your crown of rejoicing.

May God put it into the hearts of the writer and of the whole Association, to work and to do according to his good pleasure.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. H. BARKSDALE, Chairman.

[B.]

ON EDUCATION.

EDUCATIONAL BOARD MEETING, }
Oak Grove Church, September 7th, 1858. }

The Board convened—J. M. Cox, in the Chair; and P. S. G. Watson, Secretary.

Resolved, That we submit the following as our report to the Association. Carried:

J. M. COX, Chairman.

P. S. G. WATSON, Secretary.

BIG CREEK POST OFFICE, Phillips Co., Ark., }
Saturday, July 24th, 1858. }

On this day the Educational Board met at the above place—Elder J. M. Cox, Chairman, and P. S. G. Watson, Secretary.

Members present: E. Holland, R. Brown, J. M. Cox, and P. S. G. Watson; Dr. Wm. R. Baker, as proxy to cast the votes for A. F. Dunn, of Sterling; J. P. Varm, of Harmony; and J. Satterwhite, of Bible Union.

Resolved, That with the members present we proceed to business. Carried.

The subscription raised by the citizens in and near Big Creek

Post Office, (now Trenton,) amounting to about \$2,000 in cash and eight acres of land, was laid before the Board.

Speeches were then made upon a motion to locate both the contemplated Male and Female Schools at Trenton, after which it was

Resolved, 1st. That we, the members present in person and by proxy, do adopt, *so far as we can*, the proposition to locate both the Schools of the Mt. Vernon Baptist Association at Big Creek Post Office, or Trenton, by receiving the subscription of land and money as above.

2d. That we report the proceedings of this meeting to the Association, and request that body to confirm our acts, as we have not a constitutional majority present.

3d. That we will request the Association to appoint an agent to solicit additional funds to add to the above amount.

4th. That we will do anything else necessary to carry out the present intention to establish a Male and Female High School at the above place.

By unanimous vote, those persons whose names were to the subscription above mentioned, were requested to name the Schools and report the same to the Association in September next. Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. COX, Chairman.

P. S. G. WATSON, Secretary.

[C.]

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools ask leave to report, That they have had the same under consideration, and are involuntarily forced to exclaim, "how vast the field! how little doing." There is fearful inactivity somewhere upon this subject. Its importance, all admit. Its aid in furtherance of spreading the knowledge of gospel truths, is yearly seen where Sabbath Schools are regularly attended. Other denominations understand the great utility of Sabbath Schools, and act accordingly. Baptists in many places are acting *wisely* on this subject, while some others do but little more than pass favorable resolutions and spread upon their Minutes approving reports. These resolutions and reports are good as far as they go, but they will effect but little, unless the design be carried forward into action! *action!*

Finding that so little has been accomplished by any former course adopted, your Committee would, at present, attempt nothing more than to press, *urgently press*, upon your body the *vast* importance of Sabbath Schools as a means of disseminating the truth of the gospel amongst the rising generation in your midst.

We leave the adoption of some efficient plan to the wisdom of your own body. Respectfully submitted.

J. M. COX, Chairman.

[D.]

COLORED POPULATION.

Your Committee on the Colored Population would respectfully submit this, their report :

That it is incumbent upon us to see that our servants have religious opportunities, none, I presume, will call in question. They are creatures of our care, and by a train of circumstances, we are so situated, that we cannot *now*, if we would, throw from us the responsibility of teaching them the good and the right way, that leads to an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that lieth within the vail.

Your Committee, in consideration of the above, offer the following resolutions :

Resolved, That, as masters, we *urge* upon our servants their accountability to their God, the necessity of "repentance toward God and faith in Christ Jesus;" that we clear our skirts of their blood by securing, either through our pastors or otherwise, regular preaching to them at least once a month, and oftener, if practicable.

Resolved, *further*, That our pastors, and other ministers within the bounds of this Association be, and they are hereby requested to preach to the negroes of their respective congregations at least once a month, during the next Associational Year.

All of which is submitted.

H. F. MOONEY, Chairman.

[E.]

COLPORTAGE.

Your Committee on Colportage have been unable to ascertain the amount of Books put in circulation the past year within the bounds of this Association; but having no *regular* colporteur in the field, and but two or three ministers who distribute books, we naturally infer that but few have been disposed of.

That our denominational works could be readily sold, there is little or no doubt; and that such works would set us correctly before the eyes of the community is certain; but your Committee is at a loss to suggest any plan by which so desirable an object can be attained, and would therefore leave the Association entirely free from any suggestion from the Committee, to act as the assembled body may think best, hoping that measures may be taken at once to supply such works.

The Committee rejoices in the fact, that notwithstanding our

apathy in this matter, other denominations are generously assisting us in distributing our *Book of Discipline*.

Respectfully submitted, J. C. McCrARY, Chairman.

[F.]

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance ask leave to report that we look upon the *intemperate* use of ardent spirits by the community in general, but by professors of religion in particular, as one of the greatest curses to christianity found in the nineteenth century, Anno Domini.

A few years ago, hope sprang up in our hearts, on account of a movement in behalf of Temperance begun in Phillips county, included within our Association; but the temporary damming up of the stream has but caused the overbreaking flood to rush with the more wild and fearful impetuosity. Drunkenness is openly indulged in by men of the world, both old and young! And whose blood has not been chilled, and whose heart has not been made to bleed, to see the havoc this same monster of iniquity, *intemperance*, has made amongst the churches of Christ?

Before christians can take their proper position in the militant host of God, and wield their intended influence over the unconverted, they must thrust the monster tyrant from them; and (except for medicinal and mechanical uses,) "touch not, taste not, handle not," the unclean thing!

Churches *should* control its use amongst their own members; they *must* do it, or suffer blight and mildew as a necessary and unavoidable consequence!

As your Committee, we, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend to the Churches composing this Association, to discountenance the use of ardent spirits as a beverage, and also the buying and selling of the article as a livelihood. 1st. By faithful and brotherly admonition. 2d. By exclusion from the Church, if such course be persisted in.

Respectfully, P. S. G. WATSON, Chairman.

[G.]

FINANCE, AND TREAS'R TO FINANCIAL COMMITTEE.

	DR.	
J. C. McCrARY, Treasurer.		
Received at the last Session.....	\$56 70	
Received since from Liberty Church,.....	5 00—	61 70
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Paid for Minutes, 1857.....	\$45 00	
Paid to Clerk, 1857.....	10 00	
Postage on Minutes.....	2 00—	57 00
Balance on hand September 1, 1858.....		\$ 4 70
Amount received Session, 1858.....		53 00
Total.....		\$57 70

J. C. McCrARY, Treasurer.

We, the Committee on Finance, have examined the Treasurer's account from September, 1857, to September, 1858, and find it correct.

JNO. H. HICKS, Chairman.

[II.]

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

The Committee on the State of the Churches, from the imperfect materials at hand, have gathered up the following, which we ask leave respectfully to submit :

HELENA.

This Church is in Helena, the county seat of Phillips; was organized in 1851. It has had as regular pastors: 1. John Bateman; 2. Reuben Jones; 3. F. M. Freeman; 4. Wm. H. Barksdale, the present. The Church owns a house worth from \$3,000 to \$4,000; has a melodeon; Sabbath school; library; weekly prayer meetings, Wednesday nights; preaching every Sabbath. John Q. Taylor, Clerk. Helena.

ASH GROVE.

Ash Grove was organized in 1853, and is on Bayou DeView, St. Francis county, north-west from Helena twenty-five miles, and twenty-five miles south-east from Augusta; preaching twice a month; enjoyed a revival in August last. The Church is in a good condition; owns a hewed log house, and is in a good neighborhood. J. M. Cox, Pastor, and Josiah Simpson, Clerk. Cotton Plant, St. Francis county, Ark.

BIBLE UNION.

This Church was organized in 1853, and is nine miles north-west from Mt. Vernon, St. Francis county. It is unrepresented this year, consequently we know nothing of its present condition. John Satterwhite may act as correspondent for the Church. Mt. Vernon, St. Francis county, Ark.

LIBERTY, (PHILLIPS Co.)

Was organized in 1848; has had as pastors J. M. Cox, A. W. Ellege, and P. S. G. Watson; monthly preaching; occasionally to the Blacks; distant from Helena twenty miles, near the St. Francis road, at same beautiful springs. The Association will be here next September. The Church has a large hewed log house, not entirely finished. The neighborhood is good. H. L. Cordell, Clerk. Mariana, Phillips county, Ark.

STERLING.

This Church was organized in 1854, and is at the mouth of the St. Francis river; has a small frame house; monthly preaching;

a female prayer meeting. In consequence of the caving of the Mississippi banks, the town is *passing away* and the population diminishing. P. S. G. Watson, Pastor. A. B. Young, Clerk. Sterling, Arkansas.

NEW HOPE.

Was organized in 1848, and has had as pastors: Porter Clay, A. W. Ellege, and P. S. G. Watson. It is on the St. Francis road, twelve miles north-west from Helena: meets twice a month in an "every body's" frame house: preaching to the blacks on every other Sunday evening. R. C. Burke, Clerk. LaGrange, Arkansas.

SALEM.

Was once connected with the St. Francis Association, but united with this in 1855: it is south-west from Helena twenty-five miles, on Coffee Creek, Phillips county. It has had Ezekiel Holland as Pastor since its union with this body. Richard Brown, Clerk. Big Creek Post Office, Phillips county.

BETHIEL.

Is on Hickory Ridge, Phillips county, west from Helena twenty-four miles, on a county road: monthly preaching. The Church was organized in 1854, and has had Ezekiel Holland as Pastor ever since. It is unrepresented this year. Ezekiel Holland, Clerk. Big Creek Post Office, Phillips county.

OAK GROVE.

Was organized in Monroe country, in 1854. It is north-west from Helena, on the Spring Creek road to the prairie, thirty miles. The Church has a small hewed log house: monthly preaching. J. M. Cox has been the Pastor from the beginning. Dr. J. W. Sullivan, Clerk. Moro P. O., Monroe county.

RUHAMAH.

Was organized in 1855, in Arkansas county, and is south-west from Aberdeen twenty miles. W. J. Hood has been Pastor from the beginning. T. J. McAdams, Clerk. Long Point, Arkansas county.

HARMONY.

Was organized in 1855, in Monroe county, six miles north-west from Lawrenceville, near the Clarendon road. W. J. Hood has been the only Pastor: monthly meeting. The Church has an unfinished hewed log house. E. W. Vaun, Clerk. Lawrenceville, Monroe county.

LIBERTY, (MONROE COUNTY.)

Was organized in 1853, in the south-west extremity of Monroe county, south-west from Aberdeen five miles. The Church has a hewed log house; monthly preaching by W. J. Hood, who has been the only Pastor. Benj. Walker, Clerk. Aberdeen, Monroe county.

SHILOH.

Was organized in Prairie county, in 1856. W. J. Hood has been its only Pastor. Not being represented this year, we can say but little. Its former clerk was W. B. Bailey. Aberdeen, Monroe county.

CYPRESS VALLEY.

Was organized in 1857, twenty miles north-west from Helena. It has a large unfinished hewed log house; monthly preaching by T. S. N. King. Luther M. Roberts, Clerk. LaGrange, Ark.

CLARENDON.

Was organized in 1858, in Clarendon, (or mouth of Cashe). It has monthly preaching by W. J. Hood, the pastor. Joseph P. Vann is Clerk. Clarendon, Monroe county.

LINN GROVE.

Was organized in 1858, and is south-east from Lawrenceville, Monroe county, five miles. Having chosen W. J. Hood their Pastor, they meet on Monday—his Sundays being engaged. J. C. Erwin, Clerk. Lawrenceville, Monroe county.

For lack of materials, this imperfect sketch is respectfully submitted.

H. L. CORDELL, Chairman.

[I.]

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

*The Mt. Vernon Baptist Association to her sister Associations—
Greeting :*

DEAR BRETHREN: As a body we have met and transacted the business before us very harmoniously. The accompanying Minutes will inform you what we have done, and what we propose to do.

Our territory is large and the laborers are very few, and of those few a part only are engaged all the time in the Gospel field. The harvest is ripe, but the laborers are indeed few.

But one Association has corresponded with us by messenger or letter this session. Even for one corresponding messenger we are glad, but yet we desire a more general, fraternal intercourse with our sister Associations within our reach: and all

those to which we send Minutes by mail, or to which Minutes may be personally presented by any member of this body, are cordially invited to correspond with us.

Any member of any Church of this Association visiting a sister Association with a copy of our Minutes, will be recognized as a messenger from us.

We ask you to join us in prayer to our Heavenly Father, that he would abundantly bless our efforts to extend the conquests of the Cross throughout our land.

With christian esteem,

In behalf of the Association,

P. S. G. WATSON.

[J.]

MISSIONARY BOARD, AND TREASURER TO THE BOARD ANNUAL REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN: Having nothing effective to report, we will not waste your time in lengthened words only.

As a Board we have held frequent meetings, and have used what means we thought best to procure one or more missionaries. We published our call through the *Tennessee Baptist*, and addressed some private letters, but have entirely failed to find a single minister whom we could engage as a missionary for this field. The condition of the Treasury will, of course, be made known by the Treasurer, for having no need for funds we have made no call upon him.

Being required by you to appoint a minister to preach a Missionary Sermon, on the Sabbath of the Association, we have chosen Wm. H. Barksdale, of Helena.

Our Associational territory presents a vast field, destitute of the preached Gospel; it is greatly to be deplored. The most efficient means to remedy this state of things, we leave to the assembled wisdom of the Association.

By order of the Board.

Respectfully submitted.

JNO. H. HICKS, Cor. Sec'ry.

The Treasurer's Report to the Board, included in the Board's Report to the Association.

TO THE BOARD: Owing to the fact that the Board has been unable to procure the services of a missionary, no effort has been made to collect means within the Churches the past year; consequently the Treasurer would refer to the Report of last year, and ask that it be adopted (after the amount collected on Sabbath, at the Association, shall have been added, amounting to \$19.05. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. C. McCARRY, Treasurer.

[K.]

COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT THE NEXT SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION—1859.

1. ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.—P. S. G. Watson, A. H. Hopkins, and Delos S. Everett.

2. ON EDUCATION.—Wm. H. Barksdale, John Q. Taylor, and J. H. Hicks.

3. ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.—J. M. Cox, P. P. Hill, and Benj. J. Johnson.

4. ON COLPORTAGE.—Mark W. Izard, John Satterwhite, and Benjamin Nail.

5. ON TEMPERANCE.—Wm. J. Hood, E. T. Mitchell, and Benjamin Walker.

6. ON COLORED POPULATION.—E. Holland, Richard Brown, and James Durden.

[N. B. By consulting the 7th page of the Minutes of last year, it will be seen that the above Committee-men are expected to attend the next session, whether messengers or not. They are expected to present their own Reports, and have the privilege to defend them if necessary.—CLERK.]

[L.]

EDUCATIONAL BOARD.

John H. Hicks, J. M. Cox, Benjamin Nail, P. S. G. Watson, H. L. Cordell, A. B. Young, James Scaife, Wm. R. Baker, Jas. W. Sullivan, T. J. McAdams, E. W. Vann, E. T. Mitchell, T. M. Belcher, L. N. Townsend, Joseph P. Vann, and J. C. Erwin. First meeting at Big Creek P. O., Nov. 3d.

MISSIONARY BOARD.

Spence Hall, Moro, Monroe Co.; P. S. G. Watson, LaGrange, Phillips Co.; John H. Hicks, Helena, Phillips Co., Corresponding Secretary; John C. McCrary, LaGrange, Phillips Co., Treasurer; A. H. Hopkins, S. B. Carpenter, J. J. Clindining, H. F. Mooney, and W. C. Chastain.

MISSIONARY AGENTS.

H. F. Mooney, B. J. Johnson, John Satterwhite, A. H. Hopkins, Peter Burrous, Richard Brown, E. Holland, Spence Hall, T. J. McAdams, W. B. Privett, W. J. Hood, G. W. Fen, and W. B. Bailey. New Churches will make their own appointments. Liberty was overlooked by the Association.

MINISTERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

ORDAINED.—T. S. N. King, W. J. Hood, E. Holland, Mark W. Izard, J. M. Cox, W. H. Barksdale, and P. S. G. Watson.

LICENTIATES.—J. W. Sullivan, J. Hobbs, H. F. Tewksbury, J. C. Erwin, and D. H. Clifton.

ORDAINED BAPTIST MINISTERS IN ARK. [MISS'RY.]

NAMES AND POST OFFICES.

Aaron, John ; Lisbon.
 Anderson, Wm. L.; Arkadelphia.
 Barksdale, W. H., Helena.
 Bootright, C. H.; Huntsville.
 Buckley, — ; Little Rock.
 Baker, Joseph ; Fayetteville.
 Butler, R. L.; Batesville.
 Baker, R. L.; Fayetteville.
 Butler, Martin ; Ashley.
 Barah, C. G.; Smithville.
 Balt, A.; Benton.
 Barnett, D. G.; Darysaw.
 Bell, J. T.; Searcy.
 Boone, T. P.; Searcy.
 Carroll, B.; Monticello.
 Cheek, C. W.; Arkadelphia.
 Cochran, John ; Brownsville.
 Cochran, D. M.; Mine Creek.
 Coleman, H. H.; Cashamassee.
 Coleman, R. J.; Camden.
 Craig, T. J.; Tulip.
 Cobb, J. J.; Aiken's Store.
 Campere, T. H.; Camden.
 Cox, J. M.; Cotton Plant.
 Clements, M. E.; Lorado.
 Clemmons, — ; Gainesville.
 Cartwright, A., —
 Corker, M. M.; Talladega.
 Cummings, A. J.; Camden.
 Cornelius, S. B.; Arkadelphia.
 Cary, E.; Mine Creek.
 Dugen, J. E.; Wild Haus.
 Douthat, S.; Benton.
 Dunnigan, J.; Bentonville.
 Denson, N.; Fountain Hill.
 Dodson, W. H.; Mine Creek.
 Daniel, W.; —
 Dennington, J.; Arkadelphia.
 Everett, G.; Union Roads.
 Frost, Wm.; Rockport.
 Good, John ; Pleasant Plains.
 Gardner, J. H. R. G.; Reed's Creek.
 Gray, R. D.; Fayetteville.
 Gunter, J.; Rome.
 Henley, B.; Batesville.
 Howard, Jos.; Smithville.
 Hall, J. R.; Camden.
 Haynes, E.; Godbold.
 Hays, A. M.; Camden.
 Hesson, John ; Last Creek.
 Hawkins, B.; Bennett's Bayou.
 Howery, D.; Fayetteville.
 Harris, M. B.; —
 Houston, J. M.; —
 Halliburton, Sam'l ; Even'g Shade.
 Halliburton, M.; Polk Bayou.

NAMES AND POST OFFICES.

Harper, S.; Franksville, La.
 Haynes, D. R.; Union Springs.
 Hargis, R. A.; Three Creeks.
 Hill, R. C.; Washington, Mo.
 Heath, L.; Bentonville.
 Hood, W. J.; Aberdeen.
 Jones, W. S.; Bennett's River.
 Jones, Wm.; Pocahontas.
 Jones, B.; Canter Point.
 Jones, C.; —
 Johnson, J. G.; Batesville.
 Kennard, G. W.; Batesville.
 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.
 Meek, W. S.; Eldorado.
 Mitchell, J. F.; Washburn, Mo.
 McCarthy, John ; Des Ark.
 McCullough, J. V.; Lamartine.
 Nelson, J. A.; Rome.
 Obarr, D. W.; New Port.
 Pearce, John ; Wittsburg.
 Pulley, Robert.; Lanark.
 Parker, U. H.; Lacey.
 Pearce, S. E.; Zebulon.
 Pelley, M.; Greenwood.
 Raney, Wm.; Polk Bayou.
 Royal, Y. R.; Monticello.
 Reaves, J.; Benton.
 Riley, C. G.; Hazlebottom, Mo.
 Renies, J.; Benton.
 Scraggin, G. W.; Mt. Halley.
 Stevenson, S.; Arkadelphia.
 Sneed, J. M.; North Fork.
 Smith, A. J.; —
 Sandefer, J.; Calhoun.
 Thrasher, R. M.; Tulip.
 Tomme, J. C.; Eagle Creek.
 Veazey, J.; Dardanelle.
 Van Horne, T. B.; Fayetteville.
 Vaughan, Z. M.; Huntsville.
 Wade, A.; Hillsboro'.
 Wright, B.; Ashley.
 Wood, J. S.; —
 Wollard, C. A.; Batesville.
 Worthington, S. D.; Three Creeks.
 Williams, D.; Godbold.
 Wells, G. W.; Rome.
 Watson, P. S. G.; Lagrange.

Total, 108.

LICENTIATES.

NAMES AND POST OFFICES.

Adams, Wm. S.; Liberty.
 Bird, J.; Tulip.
 Baker, L. W.; Calhoun.
 Brown, J.; Elm Spring.
 Burns, Wm.; Camden.
 Chenalt, 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.
 Harrell, S.; Eldorado.
 Hicks, J. A.; Seminary.
 Hashall, R.; Tulip.
 Jones, H.; _____.
 Lewis, J.; Camden.
 Lewis, M.; Greensboro'.

NAMES AND POST OFFICES.

Minie, J.; Rome.
 McHorse, J. W.; Romo.
 Narvlen, S. W.; Little Rock.
 Oldham, J. H.; Smithville.
 Sparrow, W. D.; Seminary.
 Sappington, J. M.; Elizabeth.
 Shelton, A. B.; Washburn, Mo.
 Spencer, W. C.; _____.
 Talbot, G. B.; Cleveland. —
 Taylor, J. S.; Darysaw.
 Tewksbury, H. F.; Calvert.
 Vernon, J. B.; Fayetteville.
 Wood, G. B.; Farmersville, La.
 Warren, E. A.; Camden.
 Yates, A.; Princeton.
 Yager, J. B.; Fero.

Total, 35.

[This list is imperfect in many respects. Let us correct it and make it complete. Will every brother of a different Association from this, send me forthwith, by letter, a full list of every *Ordained* and *Licensed Minister* belonging to his own Association? If so, I will form a complete and reliable list.—CLERK.]

NAMES OF ANTI-MISSIONARY MINISTERS IN ARK'AS.

NAMES AND POST OFFICES.

Armstrong, Thos.; Johnson Co. ✓
 Bates, Wm. D.
 Branscomb, E.; Searcy county.
 Burton, J.; Pope county. ✓
 Chance, J.; Conway county. —
 Casey, J.
 Deugherty, S.; Wittsburg P. O.
 Dewey, J.; Izard county.
 Dodson, E.; Smithville.
 Dodson, T.
 Gipson, Granville.
 Harden, W. P.
 Harris, F. T.
 Hendrickson, Wm.; Pope county.
 Jeffries, Geo.; Helena.
 Jeffries, Gainer; Liberty.
 Lucas, W.

NAMES AND POST OFFICES.

Monday, Thos.; Yell county. —
 Purify, Leroy; Liberty.
 Patty, E.
 Roland, S.
 Robertson, J. M. C.; Camden.
 Sisk, M.; Wittsburg.
 Stayton, Jehu; Randolph county
 Talburt, J. J.; Rapps Barrens.
 Wright, W. Y.; Mariana.
 Willis, Thos.; Johnson county. —

Total, 27.

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Cur. add, J.; Green county.

MISSIONARY ASSOCIATIONS.

Bartholomew, Columbia, Concord, Caddo River, Caroline, Dardanelle, Fayetteville, Independence, Judson, Liberty, Mt. Vernon, Mt. Zion (East), Mt. Zion (West), Rocky Bayou, Red River, Saline, Union, White River. Total 18.

ANTI-MISSIONARY ASSOCIATIONS IN ARKANSAS.

Buffalo Association of United Baptists; Little Red River Primitive Baptist Association; Little Hope Association; Point Remove Regular Baptist Association; Salem Association of Regular United Baptists; South Arkansas Primitive Baptist Association; St. Francis River Baptist Association; Union Association of Regular Baptists; Washington Association of Regular Baptists; and the Washington Association. These lie mostly in the western part of the State. Total 10.

PREACHING DURING THE MEETING.

Elder W. H. Barksdale, Introductory; text, John xiii, 34.

" T. S. N. King, Saturday night; "

" W. H. Barksdale, Sunday, 11 o'clock; "

" P. S. G. Watson, Sunday, 1 o'clock; "

" W. H. Barksdale, Sunday night; "

" P. S. G. Watson, Monday, noon; "

" Nathian McKeean, Monday, P. M.; "

" J. M. Cox, Monday night; "

[The meeting from the beginning to the close was conducted with great harmony, for which we render praise and thanksgiving.—CLERK.]

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	BAPTIZED.....	REC'D BY LETTER	RESTORED	DISMISS'D.....	EXCLUDED.....	DEAD.....	WAITED.....	RACED.....	TOTAL.....	MIRYCE MONEY...	MARTING DAY...
Helena.....	Phillips.....	W. H. Baskdale.	J. Q. Taylor.....	Helena.....	12	10	..	4	3	1	72	7	70	\$10 00	1794
Ash Grove.....	St. Francis.....	J. M. Cox.....	Jon. Simpson.....	Cotton Plant.....	16	10	..	..	..	1	108	9	117	0 00	1795
Bible Union.....	St. Francis ..	.....	J. Satterwhite..	Mt. Vernon.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	0 00	1796
New Hope.....	Phillips.....	P. S. G. Watson.	R. C. Burke.....	LaGrange.....	2	1	..	3	..	..	35	3	36	0 00	1797
Liberty, (1st.)...	Phillips.....	P. S. G. Watson.	H. E. Correll...	Mariana.. ..	..	3	..	..	..	..	33	3	36	0 00	1798
Sterling.....	Phillips.....	P. S. G. Watson.	A. D. Young.....	Sterling.....	..	..	..	..	1	..	24	..	24	0 00	1799
Saleni.....	Phillips.....	E. Holland.....	R. Brown.....	Big Creek.....	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	1800
Bethel.....	Phillips.....	E. Holland.....	E. Holland.....	Big Creek.....	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1801
Oak Grove.....	Monroe.....	J. M. Cox.....	J. W. Sullivan..	Moro.....	..	1	..	..	1	..	35	3	38	4 00	1802
Ruhamah.....	Arkansas.....	W. J. Hood.....	J. M. McAdams..	Long Point.....	5	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	2 00	1803
Harmony.....	Monroe.....	W. J. Hood.....	E. W. Vann.....	Lawrenceville..	..	..	..	35	1	..	14	1	15	1 50	1804
Liberty, (2d.)...	Monroe.....	W. J. Hood.....	Benj. Walker...	Aberdeen.....	23	22	..	2	..	..	40	2	42	0 00	1805
Shiloh.....	Prairie.. ..	W. J. Hood.....	W. B. Bailey.....	Aberdeen.....	..	5	..	..	..	..	13	..	13	1 50	1806
Cypress Valley..	Phillips.....	T. S. N. King...	L. M. Roberts...	LaGrange.....	..	2	..	0	..	..	..	..	10	1 50	1807
Clarendon.....	Monroe.....	W. J. Hood.....	I. P. Vann.....	Clarendon.....	1	..	..	1	..	..	16	..	16	2 50	1808
Linn Grove	Monroe.....	W. J. Hood.....	J. C. Erwin.....	Lawrenceville..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1809
16 Churches.					61	70	..	61	11	6	432	74	506	\$32 00	

Nett Gain, 55.