

# The MOUNT VERNON ASSOCIATION of BAPTIST CHURCHES



FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION  
FORREST CITY, ARKANSAS :: :: 1911

**PROCEEDINGS**

**OF**

**Mount Vernon Association of Baptists**

**FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION**

**HELD WITH**

**First Baptist Church, Forrest City, Arkansas**

**September 1-3, 1911**

Next Session to Be Held with Salem Baptist Church, Cypert, Arkansas,  
Thursday Evening at 7:30, before the First Lord's Day  
in September, 1912.

Associational Sermon, W. H. SLEDGE

## Officers of the Association

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Moderator.....LON SLAUGHTER, Palestine  
Assistant Moderator.....J. W. SIMS, Marvell  
Treasurer.....J. T. SANDERS, Forrest City  
Clerk.....N. C. B. ANDERSON, Forrest City

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G. R. ROEBUCK

J. W. SIMS

G. H. VINEYARD

E. N. HARROD

C. F. THOMPSON

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### Trustees of Association Fund

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## DAILY PROCEEDINGS

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The Mount Vernon Baptist Association met in its fifty-fifth session with the Forrest City Baptist Church, August 31, 1911. This body was to meet with the Clarendon Church but was changed by request.

The moderator, Lon Slaughter, being absent, the body was called to order by the clerk, N. C. B. Anderson, and prayer was offered by B. M. Bogard.

Elder E. P. J. Garrett was elected moderator pro tem., after which letters from the following churches were read by W. H. Sledge and G. H. Vineyard, viz: Salem, Tip, Clarendon, Caldwell, Marlanna, Forrest City, Corinth, Valley Grove, Wheatley, Haynes, Colt, Mars Hill, Brinkley, Poplar Grove, Marvell, Rhohobeth, Oak Grove, Palestine.

On motion that we offer a special prayer for Brother Lon Slaughter, that his sick daughter, Miss Bertha, may be restored to her wonted health. This prayer was led by G. R. Roebuck.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The names of E. P. J. Garrett and Lon Slaughter were placed in nomination for moderator. After some discussion Lon Slaughter was re-elected by a handsome majority. J. W. Slms was elected assistant moderator, J. T. Sanders was re-elected treasurer and N. C. B. Anderson was re-elected clerk.

### VISITORS.

A cordial welcome was extended to the following visiting brethren, viz: E. J. A. McKinney, Little Rock, representing the Baptist Advance; B. M. Bogard, Little Rock, representing the Arkansas Baptist and the Landmark Sunday School Concern; Jno. T. Christian, Little Rock, corresponding secretary of the State Convention; B. F. Holford, State associational missionary.

A petitionary letter was read from the Elaine Church and this body was received into the Association.

The Association adjourned with prayer by E. J. A. McKinney, until Friday morning at 9:30 a. m.

Friday, 9:30 A. M.

Devotional exercises were led by W. H. Gregory. The assistant moderator called the body to order and appointed the following committees:

- Associational Missions—G. H. Vineyard, J. H. Phyper, E. N. Harrod.  
 Divine Service—C. F. Thompson, E. P. J. Garrett and deacons of the Forrest City Church.  
 Education—L. P. Anderson, W. P. Sallis, W. H. Gregory.  
 Finance—J. L. Turner, A. Flora, J. T. Fondren.  
 Foreign Missions—W. H. Sledge, J. G. Sanders, S. R. Walters.  
 Home Missions—E. P. J. Garrett, J. H. Sorrels.  
 Ministerial Education—W. H. Gregory, J. J. King, J. M. Prewett.  
 Publications—G. R. Roebuck, J. M. Dooley, Dana Terry.  
 Nominations—J. L. Turner, G. H. Vineyard, E. P. J. Garret.  
 State Missions—Dana Terry, W. S. Hemenway, G. R. Roebuck.  
 Obituaries—G. R. Roebuck, J. T. Fondren, Lon Slaughter.  
 Orphans' Home—J. W. Sims, J. B. Routh, A. Flora.  
 Sunday School—A. Flora, J. G. Sanders, J. M. Prewett.  
 Temperance—E. P. J. Garret, W. P. Sallis, T. W. Gilliam.

A petitionary letter was presented by J. P. Farrar from the Marianna Missionary Church, and after some discussion, this church was received as a member of the Association.

## 11 A. M., ANNUAL SERMON.

By Dana Terry. Text: Matt. 16:17, 18 and 19.

On motion the Association adjourned until 2 p. m.

Friday, 2 P. M.

The body was called to order by the assistant moderator and devotional exercises were conducted by J. B. Routh, reading 133d Psalm.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Read by J. T. Sanders and adopted as follows:

Forrest City, Ark., August 31, 1911.

To the Mount Vernon Association:

Your treasurer reports as follows:

1910	Receipts Since Last Association.	
Sept. 6.	Cash from Finance Committee at Marvell.....	\$326.90
	Cash at Association for Orphans' Home.....	50.93
	Cash from Bro. Geo. Roebuck, on note.....	2.50
	Cash from Bro. White Heustus, on note.....	2.50

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Sept. 7.	Cash from Tlp Church	5.00
Sept. 12.	Cash from Poplar Grove Church	5.00
Sept. 13.	Cash from Andrew Hllum	5.00
	Cash from Forrest City Church	7.55
Oct. 5.	Cash from Bro. Lon Slaughter	1.00
Oct. 6.	Cash from Bro. Andrew Flora	5.00
Oct. 29.	Cash from Dr. Bean	5.00
	Cash from Bro. H. Vineyard, from Helena Church	5.00
Oct. 31.	Cash from H. A. McGill, on note	5.00
	Cash from Wheatley, on pledge 1909-1910	10.00
	Cash from H. Vineyard, on pledge 1909-1910	5.00
	Cash from Helena Church, last year pledge	5.00
	Cash from Oak Grove Church, on pledge	2.00
	Cash for Texarkana Orphanage, collected at Moro	8.56
	Cash for Monticello Orphanage, collected at Moro	1.00
Nov. 8.	Cash from Clarendon Church	2.00
	Cash from Bro. Outhobus	1.00
	Cash from Bro. H. A. McGill	.50
	Cash from Bro. Dooley, Clarendon	.50
Nov. 10.	Cash from loan made from Planters Bank	200.00
Dec. 8.	Cash, Interest on \$200.00 note	16.00

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Jan. 28.	Cash from Bro. Lon Slaughter	2.00
Jan. 29.	Cash collected at Forrest City, 5th Sunday in Jan.	35 15
Mch. 1.	Cash from Forrest City Church, J. T. Sanders, Feb.	2.50
Mch. 3.	Cash from Bro. Roebuck	1.00
	Cash from J. C. McQueen, .50, and Mrs. George, .25	.75
Mch. 6.	Cash from Bro. Farrar, for Marion People	5.50
Apr. 7.	Cash from Bro. Farrar, for Marion People	5.50
	Cash from Forrest City Church, J. T. Sanders pledge	2.50
Apr. 30.	Cash from Bro. Lon Slaughter	1.00
	Cash from Bro. H. Vineyard	10.00
	Cash from Bro. Roebuck	2.25
	Cash from 5th Sunday Basket Collection at Brinkley	12.69
	Cash from Bro. Lon Slaughter, for Palestine Church	5.00
May 7.	Cash from Bro. Farrar	6.50
June 14.	Cash from Bro. Farrar	6.50
July 1.	Cash from Forrest City Church, May and June	7.50
July 30.	Cash from Bro. Roebuck	4.00
	Cash from Mrs. George	.50
	Cash from Bro. Farrar	6.50
	Cash from Bro. Vineyard	10.00

	Cash from Bro. Slaughter	5.00
	Cash from 5th Sunday Collection at Haynes	2.07
Aug. 29.	Cash from M. T. Manning, interest on notes	18.00
Aug. 30.	Cash from Forrest City Church, Inc. July and Aug., J. T. Sanders	49.25
Aug. 31.	Cash from S. A. Hallum	5.00
	Cash from Forrest City Church, for Monticello Orphanage	47.75
	Cash from Forrest City Church, for Texarkana Orphanage	26.25
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		\$958.58

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## Disbursements Since Last Report.

Sept. 6.	Cash paid J. W. Sims, for Orphans' Home	\$ 50.93
	To balance due treasurer last report	4.52
	To cash N. C. B. Anderson paid J. B. Routh balance on August salary	49.45
	To note due bank, Forrest City	300.00
Sept. 31.	To cash N. C. B. Anderson, part of clerk's fees	10.00
Oct. 29.	To J. B. Routh, balance on September salary	32.15
	To Texarkana Orphanage	8.56
	To Monticello Orphanage	1.00
Nov. 12.	To J. B. Routh, balance on October salary	50.68
	To Landvoight & Vadakin, printing minutes	46.50
	To N. C. B. Anderson, balance due for clerk's fees	5.00
	To N. C. B. Anderson, postage on minutes	2.95
Dec. 3.	To J. B. Routh, balance on November salary	47.88

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Jan. 7.	To J. B. Routh, balance on December salary	34.73
Jan. 30.	To J. B. Routh, balance on January salary	53.33
Mch. 1.	To J. B. Routh, balance on February salary and exp.	12.33
Apr. 10.	To J. B. Routh, balance on March salary	37.83
May. 1.	To J. B. Routh, balance on April salary	44.13
June 9.	To J. B. Routh, balance on May salary	48.33
July 6.	To J. B. Routh, balance on June salary	32.13
Aug. 3.	To J. B. Routh, balance on July salary	20.58

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## PUBLICATIONS.

Read by G. R. Roebuck and discussed by B. M. Bogard and E. J. A. McKinney, and adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Publications, make the following report:

This is a day of books and papers; for that reason we call special attention to the importance of reading good religious literature.

First of all we recommend the reading of the Bible; after that, the reading of other good books and papers, and we put here the claims of our brethren in our own State who have at heart our work. We have in the State four Baptist papers. The Arkansas Baptist, representing the State and General Association; The Baptist Advance, representing the work of the State and Southern Baptist Conventions. The Missionary Baptist and Plain Truth, the former a 16-page paper, the latter a magazine.

Our Baptist people should be informed, hence should take and read our Baptist papers. We especially urge upon you the importance of reading our home papers, as they represent the peculiar interests in the State of our Baptist folks.

We recommend the Landmark Sunday School literature, published by Landmark Sunday School Concern, Little Rock, Ark., and the Convention Series, published at Nashville, Tenn. We urge upon our people the importance of considering the claims of those institutions.

G. R. ROEBUCK,  
DANA TERRY,  
J. M. DOOLEY,  
Committee.

## STATE MISSIONS.

Read by Dana Terry, discussed by J. T. Christian, B. M. Bogard, B. F. Holford, E. J. A. McKinney, and adopted as follows:

We have a great mission field in our State. Our people are awakening to the advantages that lie before them. Many strangers are coming into our midst and we must win them to our cause. We have two active agencies, the State Board of the State Convention, Dr. J. T. Christian, 124 East Fourth street, Little Rock, Ark., secretary, and the Baptist State Association, Bro. O. Echols, Fort Smith, treasurer.

We recommend that our people stand by their respective State work and put the best that in them lies for evangelizing and then for teaching the things of Christ and of His Church.

DANA TERRY,  
G. R. ROEBUCK,  
W. S. HEMENWAY,  
Committee.

Elder A. U. Boone, Memphis, Tenn., was extended a welcome.



**EDUCATION.**

Read by L. P. Anderson and discussed by J. T. Christian and Dana Terry, and adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Education, beg to submit the following:

We are not all doing our duty to the boys and girls within the limits of Mount Vernon Association in order to help them get an education. This failure of duty comes from the way we treat the public school and the public school teacher. We are not awake on this important subject. We are dependent upon the public schools for the foundation of an education, or, in other words, the public school must frame the superstructure that is to be erected. Therefore, we recommend the most loyal support to our public schools, and that we work to make them more efficient. We realize the great educational awakening now State-wide, and we approve the three measures enacted by the last Legislature to improve our common and high schools, namely, consolidation of rural schools, State board of education, and State aid to high schools. The proper carrying out of these laws will give to the boys and girls of every community in our great State the opportunity of a common and high school education. Then, after the boys and girls have completed the course in the home high school, we commend Ouachita College, Central College and Buckner College, and any of our denominational schools.

L. P. ANDERSON,  
W. P. SALLIS,  
W. H. GREGORY,  
Committee.

On motion the body adjourned until 8 p. m.

**Sermon, 8 P. M.**

J. T. Christian preached a very able sermon on the subject, "What the Baptists Have Done for the World."

**ORPHANS' HOME.**

Read by J. W. Sims and discussed by B. M. Bogard and E. J. A. McKinney, and adopted as follows:

In our State we have two Baptist Orphans' Homes, one in connection with the Baptist State Association, located at Texarkana, Ark., and the other in connection with the Convention, located at Monticello, Ark. We feel sure that every one is or should be interested

In one or the other, or in both of these homes, because of what they are and what they stand for in our denominational work. Next to preaching the Gospel to lost souls, stands with me, and should with others, the care for the orphan children of our State, and the heart and life that cannot be touched by an earnest appeal from the orphan must be hard indeed to be touched. The Home in Texarkana has been gradually improved, until at the present every Baptist in the State should be proud that they have a part in it. We have in the past few months done something near four hundred dollars of improvements on the house and yards, and now have a Home that should be the pride of all who are interested therein. In this Home we now have twenty-five children, all of them as bright and happy as orphan children can be, and I am glad to announce that all of them who are old enough have been converted, baptized and added to the Baptist Church. We are, however, more than sad to have to say that the Home is now something about ninety dollars behind on running expenses. Brethren, this should not be, and we therefore recommend that an effort be made tonight to raise this amount. Would God that I could carry this amount with me as I return from this Association. The Home in Monticello now has 127 children therein, and from the best knowledge we can gain, is now something near three thousand dollars behind on running expenses. Brethren of the Convention Churches, this should not be, and may our God, He who loves and cares for the orphan, put it into the hearts of the Convention Churches, and brethren to see that this amount is raised, and the Monticello Home freed from debt, as early as possible. Brethren, God cannot be pleased with conditions like that. May God move upon every friend of the orphan present tonight to give of your means, until you feel it to the heart.

J. W. SIMS.

A collection was taken for our two Orphan Homes, Texarkana, \$25.87, Monticello, \$13.62.

On motion the body adjourned until 9 a. m. Saturday.

Saturday, 9 A. M.

Devotional exercises were conducted by J. W. Sims.

Assistant moderator called the body to order and the resolution which had laid on the table one year for the change of the time of our meeting back to Thursday before the first Sunday in October, was taken up and it was voted down.

#### OBITUARIES.

Read by G. R. Roebuck and discussed by E. P. J. Garrett, G. R. Roebuck and B. M. Bogard, and adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Obituaries make the following report:

Our hearts are made sad in looking over the reports to find that 18 of our number have been called to their reward during the past year. The following is the list of the dead: Sisters D. E. Bell, Haynes, Mary Rice, Corlith; Sallie Greer, Marianna; Preslia Langston, Rhehobeth; Mollie Bonner, Rhehobeth; Susan Cary and Laura A. Clatworthy, Salem; Mary Wall, Marianna. The following brethren, viz: J. B. Hodges, Poplar Grove; F. L. Gustavus, Oak Grove; Elder W. H. Paslay and J. B. Sanders, Forrest City, and Frank Prince, Rhehoeth; Dock Wilson, Salem.

We are sad and heart-broken when we see the places vacant by the death of our brothers and sisters. Still we do not weep as those who have no hope, for we can say with Job, "After my skin, worms devour my body, yet in my flesh I shall see God."

G. R. ROEBUCK,

J. T. FONDREN,

C. F. THOMPSON,

Committee.

On motion the moderator appointed 3 p. m. a special hour for memorial services in behalf of Bro. W. H. Paslay, J. B. Sanders, F. L. Gustavus and J. B. Hodges.

G. R. Roebuck, G. H. Vineyard and H. Beckerstaff were appointed as a committee to prepare the report for this service.

#### NOMINATIONS.

Read by J. L. Turner and adopted as follows:

We, your committee, recommend as members of the Executive Board, the following, viz: G. R. Roebuck, J. W. Sims, G. H. Vineyard, E. N. Harrod and C. F. Thompson.

Trustees of the Forrest Chapel Fund, A. Flora, J. T. Sanders and H. A. McGill.

We also recommend that the next session of the Association be held with Salem Church, on Thursday night, before the first Sunday in September, 1912, and that Elder W. H. Sledge, Helena, preach the introductory sermon.

JOHN L. TURNER,

G. H. VINEYARD,

E. P. J. GARRET,

Committee.

On motion that J. T. Sanders take charge of the \$500 Chapel Fund and use it to the best advantage for the Association.

## ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Read by G. H. Vineyard and discussed by G. H. Vineyard, W. H. Sledge, J. W. Sims, Dana Terry, N. C. B. Anderson, — Alexander, W. H. Gregory, G. R. Roebuck and E. P. J. Garrett. On motion that we do not adopt this report until we have the report of the Executive Committee.

## Sermon, 11 A. M.

By Elder B. M. Bogard. Text: Heb. 6:18.

L. L. Abbot, Little Rock, Ark, who is representing the temperance cause of the State, was introduced to the body.

On motion that we adjourn until 2 p. m.

## Saturday, 2 P. M.

Devotional exercises were conducted by J. W. Sims.

The Executive Committee made the following report, viz:

We, the members of the Executive Committee, submit the following report:

You have at our last Association at Marvell, employed Elder J. B. Routh as missionary at a salary of \$1,000 per year and instructed us, your committee, to borrow money and carry on the work. This we have done to the best of our ability, with the money in hand. We have a balance due of \$170.35. We are obligated by your instructions for this amount and ask that steps be taken to meet this obligation.

We further recommend that this body here assembled signify to their Executive Committee their wishes and plans for another year's work.

The Missionary's report, as follows, by him, will be made a part of this report.

J. W. SIMS, Chairman.

## MISSIONARY REPORT.

I beg leave to submit the following report:

Sermons preached	268
Religious visits	841
Joined by letter	72
Joined by baptism	84
Total admissions	156
Conversions	120
Sunday Schools organized	3
Churches organized	1

Dracons ordained	4
Salary in full	\$961.80
Collected on field and pledges	523.37
Received from treasurer	409.10
Total collected and received	932.47
Balance due for August	48.33
Total in full collected and received from treasurer	980.80
Expenses for February and March	19.00
Balance paid missionary	961.80

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. ROUTH.

The three above reports, viz: Associational Mission, Executive and Missionary reports were adopted as read.

### ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We your committee on this most important work, find that much has been done since last we met, but not as much as should have been done. Brethren and sisters, if you take into consideration the many, many hungry souls in this Association that need your prayers and are waiting on their doorsteps for you to send them the Word of God to fill the aching void, you would open your hearts and pocketbooks and instruct your committee to put half a dozen missionaries in the field instead of one. Now, brethren, we find this fund very much overdrawn, and recommend that we, this body, proceed at once to liquidate this. We recommend a business proposition. We propose to form this Association into a stock company and sell you right now the shares, payable each fifth Sunday.

G. H. VINEYARD,  
E. N. HARROD,  
J. H. PHYPER.

The following amount was paid and subscribed to be paid as soon as possible to our treasurer:

Lon Slaughter	\$ 5.00 pd	H. Beckerstaff	\$ 5.00
G. H. Roebuck	5.00	Elaine Church	5.00
Dana Terry	5.00 pd	J. H. Stevens	5.00 pd
E. P. J. Garret	25.00	Colt Church	5.00
Salem Church	10.00 pd	J. C. Curtis	5.00
Mrs. Arch Dale	2.00 pd	Collection	1.05
J. W. Sims	10.00		



ELD. W. H. PASLAY



J. B. SANDERS



F. L. GUSTAVUS





"UNCLE" JESSE B. HODGES

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**MEMORIAL SERVICE.**

Report read by B. M. Bogard, discussed by G. R. Roebuck, Dana Terry, G. H. Vineyard, N. C. B. Anderson, J. B. Routh, Lon Slaughter, J. W. Sims and B. M. Bogard, and adopted as follows:

**REV. W. H. PASLAY, J. B. SANDERS, J. B. HODGES AND  
F. L. GUSTAVUS.**

With eager, longing, tear-dimmed eyes, we look for the familiar faces of these beloved brethren, saints of the Master, as we gather at this place in convention to attend to the business of our Lord, but in vain, for they are hidden from our natural vision forever.

Earnestly, yearningly and almost helplessly, we listen with bated breath to catch the sound of their voices, in sermon, counsel, advice and song, as we had been accustomed to through so many years in the past, but they are silent, and we shall hear them no more until we enter the Eternal City not made with hands, whose maker and builder is God.

In our despair, as it were, we would appeal to them to guide us by their experience, ripened into wise judgment, in all matters spiritual and concerning the business of our Heavenly Father, and of our dear Lord, but all of these are in vain, for they cannot answer us. They have fallen asleep. They have gone from us. They have taken the journey to the better, fairer, happier land. They are through with this world, with its disappointments, its burdens, its sorrows, its heart-aches, and its cares.

They each lived long, and served well. Each so patiently and tenderly, and meekly, seeking to know, and doing the will of the Master at all times and everywhere. Poor, perhaps, in the possessions of this world, but oh, so rich in the sight of God, the Father. While here they suffered so long and yet so patiently. They endured more physical pain, perhaps, than any within our acquaintance, but the great sorrow and burden of their soul was for lost, sinful humanity. The aching frame, the body, and the consciousness of its decay, was nothing compared with the deep solicitude of their hearts for the souls of men and women who were out of Christ.

Yes, they will be missed. Their families will miss them, the communities in which they lived will miss them, the churches will miss them; but Mount Vernon Association will probably feel as keenly as any of these their departure. They will never be forgotten by us.

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Sooner than we think, we shall all clasp hands with them in that Eternal Home, and, together, we shall spend Eternity with Jesus and the hosts of the redeemed, in that land where there is no more separation, pain, or death. It is sweet to dwell upon the life and death of such saints, but space, perhaps, forbids more.

Bro. W. H. Paslay was born in South Carolina, on the 18th day of December, 1831. He became a member of the Missionary Baptist Church at the age of 13 years. He was a Missionary Baptist preacher for 59 years. He died at the home of his daughter, Sister Etta Johnson, in Forrest City, Arkansas, on the 5th day of February, 1911.

Brother J. B. Sanders was born in North Carolina, on August 19, 1835; and moved with his parents to DeSoto County, Mississippi, when a boy. He joined the Baptist Church when he was 13 years of age, and remained a devout Christian and member of that church until his death, at Forrest City, Arkansas, on November 6, 1910. He moved to Arkansas in 1870, locating in Prairie County, where he lived until a few years ago, when he moved to Forrest City. Six children survive him.

Brother Jesse Hodges was born in North Carolina in January, 1836, coming to Arkansas in his boyhood days. He joined the Baptist Church when 21 years of age and, till his death on February 4, 1911, lived an active and consistent Christian life. Age at death, 75 years and a few weeks.

A peculiar coincidence lies in the occurrence of Bro. Hodges death following that of Bro. Paslay in about four hours.

Brother F. L. Gustavus was born in Berlin, Germany, in 1832, though he came to this country sixty years ago. He joined the Missionary Baptist Church fifty-five years ago, and was a consistent and devout member to the hour of his death, which occurred June 27, 1911, at his home in Lee County, Arkansas. Six children survive him.

Resolved that the foregoing be recorded in the records of the proceedings of Mount Vernon Association, and that same be printed in the minutes, and that copy of same be forwarded members of the families of our beloved brethren.

August 31, 1911.

G. R. ROEBUCK,  
G. H. VINEYARD,  
M. J. MANNING,  
H. BICKERSTAFF  
Committee.

**MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.**

Read by W. H. Gregory and adopted as follows:

Baptists have ever been the advocates and friends of an educated ministry. The Baptists of the South now have in their colleges and seminaries sixteen hundred students preparing for the ministry, forty per cent more than any other denomination in the South. In proportion to membership the Baptists have a greater number of students in their schools and colleges than any other denomination save one, and that one makes an educated ministry compulsory.

These facts will give an idea of what Baptists think of an educated ministry.

We have many institutions for the training of our young men who are preparing for the ministry. Among them we note and recommend as worthy of the support of this Association, and in which our people are especially interested, viz: Ouachita College at Arkadelphia, Ark.; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky.; The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Tex.

While Baptists have done much along this line, there is still much more to do, and we urge upon our people the necessity of doing more in this direction.

Respectfully,

W. H. GREGORY,

J. M. PREWETT,

Committee.

On motion the body adjourned until 7:30 p. m.

**Saturday, 7:30 P. M.**

Devotional exercises were conducted by Jas. Routh.

**FOREIGN MISSIONS.**

Read by N. C. B. Anderson, discussed by J. W. Sims, J. B. Alexander, Lon Slaughter, and was adopted as follows:

In our Lord's commission, given in Matt. 28:19 and 20, we recognize our working orders.

The last year on the foreign field has been the best. Our Southern Baptist Convention is supporting in seven foreign countries, viz: China, Africa, Japan, Italy, Mexico, Brazil and Argentine. We have in these countries 297 churches; 19 of these are self-supporting, 605 preaching stations; baptisms during the year, 3,618; by letter, 751; restorations, 228; total, 4,597; the present membership, 21,343; Sunday Schools, 372; number of pupils, 13,226; contributions from the

native churches, \$66,568.15. A comparison of the foreign giving to the giving of this Association shows that he gives fifteen times as much as we do. In addition to our preaching, we have a teaching and healing force. We have 175 schools, with 4,068 students. We also have 15 medical missions, 7 hospitals; total number treated last year, 40,719.

Total amount given to foreign missions during the year, \$510,008.97. A debt of \$78,614.13. Arkansas Convention contributed last year, \$7,273.66. This Association contributed last year, \$338.54.

May we hear the call, come over and help us. We also heartily commend foreign mission work done by the General Association, but haven't the statistics. We suggest that the churches of this Association determine to do more for foreign missions another year than we have the past year.

W. H. SLEDGE,  
For the Committee.

### TEMPERANCE.

Read by E. P. J. Garrett, discussed by E. P. J. Garrett and L. L. Abbott and adopted as follows:

Since the liquor traffic still exercises its blighting influence in our land and State;

And, since we recognize that the use of liquor as a beverage, and the traffic in that which is detrimental to the physical, mental, social and spiritual welfare of humanity, is opposed to both the spirit and the letter of God's Word;

Be it resolved: First, That our churches do their utmost to prevent the use of liquor in their communities; and,

Second, That we, as churches, furnish financial aid in fighting this curse, not leaving this important work to be done by human institutions.

E. P. J. GARRETT.

A collection, amounting to \$4.25, was taken for Bro. L. L. Abbott, to assist him in his fight for our Master.

### HOME MISSIONS.

Read by E. P. J. Garret and adopted as follows:

The term, Home Missions, as we have been accustomed to use it, is an ambiguous term to the uninitiated. Instead of being limited in its meaning to our own immediate neighborhood, it has come to mean mission work throughout our home land. We who live in the South usually restrict the meaning to our own section of the country.

The mountains both east and west of the Mississippi are the habitation of tens of thousands of people in whose veins courses the purest Anglo-Saxon blood in our land. These people seem, like the black man, to have a decided and unmistakable leaning toward the truth as Baptists preach it. For the most part they are ignorant and untrained; but individuals from that section who have been saved and trained for service, stand in the front rank of Baptist preachers and laymen.

Our cities are teeming with countless thousands of boys and girls, men and women, who are meeting sin in its most attractive forms, and, in too many cases, Christianity in its most unattractive forms, and are being swept down to eternal ruin in appalling numbers. In the three largest cities of the South, Baltimore, St. Louis and New Orleans, there is a saloon for every Baptist man, woman and child. In their fight for very existence the city churches can not meet the increasing need in rapidly growing cities. Baptists have been largely a country people. We need to respond more earnestly to the call of the city.

Foreigners are coming to us in ever-increasing numbers. There was a time when the most of them stopped in the North or along the Pacific coast. Of late years their faces have been turned more and more toward the Southland, and what the near future holds in store for us in the matter of foreign population and Godless ideals we can only surmise.

The black man calls for our sympathy and help. There is no sort of logic that approves missions to Africa and turns a deaf ear to the black man at home. He is here, whether we want him or not, and his presence is a call from our God to tell the story of redeeming love.

Your committee recommends that we lift up our eyes and look upon the harvest that is already white, listen again to the command of our Lord to busy ourselves in the task of reaping, and enter as true servants of God upon the work which He has assigned.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. SORRELS,

A. J. MOORE,

E. P. J. GARRETT.

Committee.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Read by Dana Terry, discussed by Dana Terry, G. H. Vineyard, Lon Slaughter, G. R. Roebuck, J. B. Routh and adopted as follows:

The Sunday School is the school of the church, and as such, ought to be under the control of the church, with officers and teachers elected or approved by the church and contributing to the objects fostered by the church. We recognize the need of trained workers, and recommend that our schools observe this month (September) as "teacher training month," and that classes for the training of teachers be organized. We further recognize the value of a definite aim or purpose and so recommend that our schools seek to attain to the "standard of excellence" as adopted by the Field Workers of the Southern Baptist Convention, or any other equivalent standard. Our schools ought to be of mutual helpfulness to each other, so we recommend the forming of an annual Sunday School Convention, wherein this may be realized.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW FLORA,

J. M. PREWETT,

Committee.

### CHURCH PLEDGES.

The following pledges were taken for coming year:

Forrest City	\$60.00
Haynes	10.00
Helena	50.00
Level Valley	10.00
Mars Hill	5.00
Colt	5.00
Rhehobeth	10.00
Salem	30.00
Tip	10.00
Elaine	10.00
Marvell	15.00

The following are are personal pledges taken for Associational Missions and to be paid quarterly at our fifth Sunday meetings, viz:

G. H. Vineyard	\$40.00
J. W. Slms	20.00
G. R. Roebuck	10.00
Lon Slaughter	20.00
J. H. Stevens	20.00
J. L. Turner	30.00
J. T. Sanders	40.00
J. C. Curtis	10.00
N. C. B. Anderson	5.00

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Read by J. L. Turner and adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to make the following report:

Association	\$129.20
Home Missions	2.00
State Missions	1.75
Orphans' Home, Texarkana	28.87
Orphans' Home, Monticello	13.62
Minutes	21.65
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	\$197.09

JOHN L. TURNER,  
For the Committee.

Resolution: We, the messengers assembled, thank the members of Forrest City Baptist Church and friends for their kind and courteous hospitality in entertaining the messengers assembled in your church and city.

Respectfully Submitted,

G. R. ROEBUCK.

After singing parting hymn and giving the officers a parting good-bye, Elder J. W. Sims declared the body adjourned until Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1912.

LON SLAUGHTER, Moderator.

J. W. SIMS, Assistant Moderator.

R. C. B. ANDERSON, Clerk.



## MESSENGERS.

Wheatley—W. H. Gregory, W. S. Hemenway, E. N. Harrod.

Corinth—Mrs. Jessie Patterson.

Haynes—G. R. Roebuck, W. S. Heustess.

Elaine—J. H. Phyper, Mrs. Arch Dale.

Brinkley—Dana Terry, Andrew Flora.

Salem—J. J. King, J. L. Turner.

Tip—J. R. Sorrels, A. J. Moore, S. J. Morlock.

Marianna—Mr. and Mrs. Ed West.

Marianna Missionary Church—J. P. Farrar.

Poplar Grove—J. P. Cox.

Colt—J. S. Walters, G. A. Pearson.

Oak Grove—H. Bickerstaff, R. P. Price and Mrs. Donna Paslay.

Forrest City—W. P. Brandon, E. P. J. Garrett, J. T. Fondren, J. T.

Longest, J. G. Sanders.

Valley Grove—By letter.

Clarendon—J. M. Dooley, Jessie Dooley.

Mars Hill—J. C. Curtis, E. B. Shaver.

Rhehobeth—W. P. Sallis, T. W. Gillian and Mrs. R. W. Bankston.

Marvell—J. W. Sims, C. F. Thompson, L. P. Anderson.

Caldwell—W. M. Thompson, J. D. F. Brown.

Palestine—J. B. Routh, Lon Slaughter.

Helena—W. H. Sledge, G. H. Vineyard.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	POSTOFFICE	CLERKS	POSTOFFICE
Brinkley.....	Dana Terry..	Brinkley.....	Jno. Westboy ..	Brinkley.....
Blackton*.....			J. B. Sanders..	Blackton.....
Bible Union*.....			J. N. Haynes..	Horton.....
Bethel*.....			Willie Davis ..	Wheatley.....
Clarendon.....			J. M. Dooley..	Clarendon.....
Corinth.....			Lula Ward.....	Keevil.....
Caldwell.....			J. D. F. Brown ..	Caldwell.....
Colt.....			W. J. Gowen ..	Colt.....
Forrest City ..	E.P.J. Garnett	Forrest City ..	W.W.Campbell ..	Forrest City ..
Haynes.....	J. W. Sims. ..	Marvell.....	L. L. Long.....	Haynes.....
Hebron*.....			W. P. Taylor..	Wheatley.....
Helena.....	W.H.Sledge..	Helena.....	C. A. Wooten ..	Helena.....
Level Valley*.....			W. C. Garner ..	Holly Grove.....
Marianna.....	A. Fox.....	Marianna ..	W.W.Thornton..	Marianna.....
Mars Hill.....			W.R.Billingsley	Palestine.....
Marvell.....	J. W. Sims. ..	Marvell.....	C.F.Thompson..	Marvell.....
Monroe*.....			G. W. Grimes ..	Monroe.....
Moon Lake*.....			R. L. Moore ..	Palestine ..
Mosley*.....			Geo. Padget ..	Madison.....
Oak Grove.....	J. B. Routh ..	Little Rock ..	T. F. Spivy ..	Moro.....
Philadelphia ..			S. A. Hallum..	Brinkley.....
Poplar Grove.....			Jessie Cox.....	Forrest City ..
Park Grove*.....	M. J. Day ..	Turner.....	T. E. Knight..	Clarendon.....
Palestine.....			Dr.T.J.Porter..	Palestine.....
Rehobeth.....	J. W. Sims. ..	Marvell.....	C.L.Langston ..	Vineyard.....
River Side*.....			M. Philmore ..	Mou. of St.Francis
Salem.....	J. W. Sims. ..	Marvell.....	J. L. Turner.....	Cypert.....
Trenton*.....	J. W. Sims. ..	Marvell.....	Fannie Porter ..	Trenton.....
Turner.....			J. M. Cooter ..	Turner.....
Tip.....	J. B. Routh ..	Little Rock ..	N.W.Chovrink..	Tip.....
Wheatley.....	J.B.Alexander	Wynne.....	W.S.Hemenway ..	Wheatley.....
Elaine†.....			J. D. Crow.....	Elaine.....
Marianna Missionary†			E.H.McMurry ..	Marianna.....
Valley Grove.....	M. J. Day ..	Turner.....	Cornelius Arch ..	Indian Bay ..
				Total .....

\*Not represented.

†New Churches.