# Mount Vernon

ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS

Fifty-Second Annual Session

Helena, Arkansas Nineteen Hundred and Eight.

# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE.

# Mount Vernon Association of Baptists

Fifty-Second Annual Session

HELD WITH

First Baptist Church, Helena

SEPTEMBER 3-7, 1908.

Day in September, 1909.

Association Sermon, M. T. WEBB.

#### OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

#### MODERATOR:

J. G. HARRIS, BRINKLEY.

#### CLERK:

ARTHUR FOX, MARIANNA.

#### TREASURER:

J. B. SANDERS, FORREST CATY.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

. EMERSON, F. L. GUSTÁVUS, G. H. VINEYARD, W. H. PASI LON SLAUGHTER.

#### TRUSTEES OF ASSOCIATION FUND.

M. J. MANNING, W. H. PASLAY, J. B. SANDERS.

# TRUSTEES OF BAPTIST COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE OF BRINKLEY, ARKANSAS.

#### Term Expiring 1909.

J. F. GARDNER, Tupelo. J. G. HARRIS, Brinkley.
H. B. DUDLEY, DeWitt. J. T. SANDERS, Forrest C

LEE PENDERGRASS, Helena.

#### Term Expiring 1910.

ARTHUR FOX, Marianna. G. H. VINEYARD, Helena. G. W. EMERSON, Clarendon. J. W. WEBB, Stuttgart. R. H. SANDERS, DeVall's Bluff,

#### Term Expiring 1911.

J. H. COLEMAN, Hazen.
A. FLORA, Brinkley.
D. H. GILL, Newport.
J. T. TURNER, Cypert.
F. L. GUSTAVUS, Moro.

# 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 All questions shall be introduced by motion, and if seconded shall be opened for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second.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 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 the general parlimentary 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 everbe intitled to more than five. A certificate of appointment or letters from their respective Churches shall be evidence that they shall be so delegated.
- 5. The officers of the 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 heterodux 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 rightcourses.
- 9. The Association shall hold annual sessions to convene on Thursday before the first Lord's Day in September in each year, and not adjourn un-

til 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.

IF. Every minister of the gospel (ordained or licentiate) whose menbership is in, or who may be the 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 baptized, 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 addresses 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 adjourn.
- 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 the preceding year.

# Daily Proceedings of the Mount Vernon Association of Baptists

# Thursday Evening, September 3, 1908.

The Mount Vernon Association of Baptists met in its Fifty-Second Annual Session with the First Baptist Church, Helena, Phillips county, Arkansas. Called to order by Clerk J. G. Harris, in the absence of Moderator W. H. Paslay.

Devotional exercises conducted by Arthur Fox. Hymn. "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing." Scripture, Phil. iv:1-19. Quotations of scripture from audience on "Brotherly Love" followed by hymn "Jesus Lover of My Soul" and prayer by W. M. Burr.

The temporary moderator appointed Arthur Fox clerk

pro tem.

The roll of churches was called and L. P. Anderson and V. G. Hinton appointed letter clerks and the following churches were represented: Ash Grove, Brinkley, Clarendon, Christian Valley, Forrest City, Hebron, Helena, Mars Hill, Marianna, Poplar Grove, Philadelphia, Riverside.

#### Election of Officers.

FOR MODERATOR—The name of J. G. Harris was put in nomination by W. M. Burr and the name of Lou Slaughter by J. B. Sanders. V. G. Hinton and — Kinshaw were appointed tellers. Ballot cast: Slaughter 15; Harris 20. By motion of Lon Slaughter it was made unanimous in favor of J. G. Harris.

FOR CLERK-By motion of A. Flora, with unanimous

consent, the rule to elect by private ballot was suspended and W. M. Burr cast the ballot of the Association for Arthur Fox.

FOR TREASURER—Under like suspension the motion prevailed authorizing the clerk to cast the ballot of the Association for J. B. Sanders.

The former moderator's absence due to his very ill health, the present moderator submitted the following message to the Association to be wired him, W. H. Paslay.

"Eld. W. H. Paslay—Forrest City, September 3, 9:10 p. m.:—The Mount Vernon Association of Baptists send greeting: We mourn your illness which prevents your presence. We pray the Lord for your speedy recovery. Rom. v:1-6."

On motion the clerk was so authorized.

On motion the time for the Association sermon was set for the 11 o'clock hour Friday morning, September 4th.

#### VISITORS.

Visitors were given an opportunity to address the Association and the following responded: C. R. Powell, editor of Arkansas Baptist; G. W. Mayberry of Current River Association; V. G. Hinton, representing the Baptist Advance. Mrs. Routh, mother of our Association missionary, was present and introduced to Association.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet in devotional exercises at 8:30 and in regular session 9 o'clock Friday morning, September 4. Prayer by W. E. Pippin.

J. G. HARRIS, Moderator. ARTHUR FOX. Secretary.

# Friday Morning, September 4, 9 o'clock.

Devotional exercises conducted by C. R. Powell. Hymn, "Jesus Lover of My Soul." Scripture rend Rom. xii. Hymn, "Amazing Grace." The Moderator called the Association to order and appointed the following-

#### Committees.

- ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS-Lon Slaughter, G. W. Hallum, F. L. Gustavus.
- DIVINE SERVICES—Pastor and Deacons of Helena Baptist Church.
- EDUCATION-W. E. Pippin, C. F. Thompson, Geo.
- FINANCE-Lee Pendergrass, A. Flora, J. B. Hodges.
- FOREIGN MISSIONS—Arthur Fox, Robert Willis, Z. T. Billingsby.
- HOME MISSIONS-M. T. Webb, J. P. Farrar, J. S. Walters.
- MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—G. W. Emerson, M. S. Hill, J. S. Taylor.
- NOMINATIONS-M. I. Day, W. E. Burr, A. H. Taylor.
- OBITUARIES-L. K. Obenchain, A. Moore, J. R. Sorrels.
- ORPHANS HOME-J. B. Routh, J. J. King. B. Q. Carey.
- PUBLICATION-J. B. Sanders, W. E. Pippin, W. J. Hall.
- SUNDAY SCHOOL-W. G. Mathis, H. G. Vineyard, G.) R. Roebuck.
- STATE MISSIONS-W. M. Burr., G. W. Slaughter. G. J. Hamilton.
- TEMPERANCE-L. P. Anderson, J. E. Newman, C. F. Thompson.

# Report of Treasurer J. B. Sanders

was read and adopted as follows:

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#### DEBIT.

Sept. 2.	To Cash on hand	\$128	37
•	To Collections for Orphans Home	52	50
_	To Amount for Ministerial Education.	31	72
	To Amount from Finance Committee at Brinkley	299	
Sept. 5.	To Sale of Books		25
Sept. 30.	Fifth Sunday Collection at Forrest City		00
c eper	From A. F. Cagle, Missionary from field		30
Oct. 3.	From G. W. Emerson for Clarendon Church		()()
Nov. 5.	From G. W. Emerson for Clarendon Church		00
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Jan. 1.	From Emerson for Clarendon Church	-	00
Jan. 8.	Sale of Books From Collections from field—J. B. Routh		50
	From Collections from field—J. B. Routh		85
Feb. 1.	To amount from Emerson Clarendon Church		00
Mar. 6.	To amount from Emerson Clarendon Church	5	00
Mar. 30.	From L. Slaughter on pledge	13	00
	Fifth Sunday Collections at Hunter	2	25
	Amount of collections from field J. D. Routh	70	55
Apr. 6.	From Emerson for Clarendon Church	5	00
Apr. 13.	From Poplar Grove Church on pledge	3	91
Apr. 24.	From Poplar Grove Church on pledge	10	
May 5.	From Brinkley Church on pledge		00
May 8.	From Emerson Clarendon Church		00
May 22.	Amount raised for J. D. Routh for helping in a meeting		****
,	Forrest City Church	92	66
June 1.	Fifth Sunday collections at Haynes	11	
June 3.	From Emerson for Clarendon Church		.00
July 6.	From Emerson for Clarendon Church		00
Aug. 5.	From Emerson for Clarendon Church		00
Aug. 26.			55
Aug. 31.	From Colt Church on pledge	10	
Sept. 1.	From Forrest City Church by Gleaners on pledge	192	
	Received from J. B. Routh collections on field since May	20	
sept. 30,	From Forrest City Church balance on church pledge	20	w
	Total \$	1064	Q1
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Sept. 1.	By cash paid to Mrs. Gardner for Orphans Home at		
1.	Prinkless	\$ 53	50
	Brinkley Paid J. G. Harris for Ministerial Education	31	70
Sept. 30,	Amount paid A. F. Cagle, Missionary	1	.30
Oct. 30.	C. Moshio in full	76	
	C. Mathis in full	107	
	A. F. Cagle in full	51	
Nov. 1,	Amount for Coat Minutes and Clerk's Salary		80
	Amount for State Missions to State Association		50
	Amount for Foreign Missions to State Association	*3	00

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í	J. B. Routh, Missionary	32 15
Jan. 30.		25 00
Feb. 20.		29 (G
Apr. 1.		63 20
		70 55
	Amount on Slaughter pledge	
	Amount Fifth Sunday collections at Hunter	9 95
	Overpaid Routh in January	
May 13.		37 75
May 22.	Routh for Forrest City Church collections	
Sept. 1.	Paid Routh, Missionary 1	
	Total	07 70
	Balance on hand	54/11

No business before Association, it was addressed by C. R. Powell.

#### **LETTERS**

from following churches read and their messengers seated: Caldwell, Colt, Rehobeth, Wheatley.

#### Visiting Brethren

W. G. Mathis and F. P. Turner, "The Orphan's Friend," addressed the Association.

# Words of Welcome

were tendered the Association by Pastor Burr of the Helena church assuring the messengers and visitors to the Association that they were gladly received and warmly welcomed. W. E. Pippin, pastor of Forrest City church, was asked by the Moderator to give response to the fitting and happy words of welcome, which he did to the satisfaction of all.

On motion Association adjourned for recess of fifteen minutes, reassembling at 11 o'clock for the annual sermon.

#### Sermon.

Hymn, "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing." Prayer by J. B. Routh. Hymn, My Faith Looks up to Thee." Text, Matt.xxviii:19-20. Brother Harris spoke on the text from the theme "Enlargement." He dwelt in his introductory on the authority of the Great Commission. His first thought on this theme was:

- 1. Make Disciples.—This he said was the theme of John the Baptist, of Jesus, the Christ, of the early church and must be ours. He further stated that if we enlarge we must—
- 11. Teach the Truth—God's word on (4) regeneration, that Baptists stand alone on a "converted membership." (2) That we must teach the ordinances, Baptism and Lord's Supper. Again he stated that to enlarge we must guard well—
- 111. The Spirit is which We are to Work.—(1) Have our conscience based on God's word. (2) Have the courage that hates sin, courage that can stand before enemies, kings and present the truth. (3) We must have the spirit of humility, Christ growing within us and self dying out of us. In his conclusion he appealed for the enlargement of our work.
- After prayer by Arthur Fox, and as we sang "Rescue the Perishing," Brother Harris asked as many as would endeavor, by his Master's help, to enlarge His work, to give him and each other their hand, and the Association responded.

Association, by motion, adjourned till 2 p. m.

J. G. HARRIS, Moderator.

ARTHUR FOX, Clerk.

#### Friday Afternoon, 2 O'clock.

Called to order by moderator, singing hymn, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus ." G. W. Enerson led in prayer. The moderator called for the

READING OF CHURCH LETTERS received since morning session and following churches represented: Haynes, Maryell, Monroe, Oak Grove, Level Valley, Salem, Trenton, Valley Grove.

### Report on Temperance.

This report read by L. P. Anderson, after warm diskussion by Powell, Burr. Sanders, Slaughter, Gustavus, Dav. Webb, was adopted as follows:

The temperance cause has been rapidly gaining ground both in the state and in the nation. There are more dry counties in Arkansas and more dry states in the nation than ever before. This is compatible with sound political economy and an advancing Christian civilization, for it is cheaper for the home, for the community, and for the state to do without the use of intoxicants.

Intemperance is the hydra-headed monster whose bite means death, death and damnation. Then realizing the evils of the liquor traffic, we recommend that the several Baptist churches comprising this Association take a firm stand on this question and see to it that they do not have on their church rolls members who are addicted to strong drink, and members who vote for sale of any kind of intoxicants.

We further recommend that we give the officers of the law our loyal support in suppressing blind tigers and in prosecuting all violators of local

option laws.

We recommend also that each messenger of this Association be appointed as a committee in the interest of temperance and requested to urge all voters in their respective communities to attend the state election on September 14, 1908, and cast their votes against licensing the sale of intoxicating liquors.

And again, we recommend as an Association and fully endorse, the Anti-Saloon League organized in the state and their fight for state wide prohibition.

On motion the Association set the 8 o'clock hour for preaching.

The committee on Divine Service made report and C. R. Powel asked to preach at the stated hour.

#### Report on Home Missions

was read by M. T. Webb and after discussion by him, adoptted and reads as follows:

We your committee on Home Missions Work submit the following report: In our southland new fields, greater opportunities, and more enlarged usefulness is pressing upon us. Every other nation is coming to us. Railroads and new territory are opening up to us, hence enlarged responsibilities are upon us. And since our Baptist Brotherhood of the Southern Baptist Convention conceived the plan of united effort to occupy and give the Gospel to all who are in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention.

We recommend that our brethren lay this responsibility upon their hearts and pray God to help us as we labor together and by the grace of God to do more for the advancement of His kingdom in our homeland.

M. T. WEBB. J. P. FARRAR. J. S. WALTERS.

#### Report on Orphans Home.

Read by J. B. Routh and adopted. The discussion to be after sermon at night, F. P. Turner to represent the orphans home at Monticello, C. R. Powell the orphans home at Arkadelphia. The report reads as follows:

We beg leave to report that the past year has been the most prosperous in the history of our orphans homes. There are now two Baptist orphanages in the state of Arkansas, which should solicit the interest and support of every Baptist in the state. These homes are located one at Monticello and the other at Texarkana. We find the need for the support of these children greater than ever before. We recommeed that the pastors and Baptists of Mt. Vernon Association put forth every effort possible to clothe and care for these children.

Respectfully submitted.

J. B. ROUTH. B. G. CARY. J. J. KING.

Association adjourned to meet at 7:30 p. m. Prayer by J. E. Newman.

S. G. HARRIS, Moderator.

ARTHUR FOX. Clerk.

# Friday Evening. 8 O'clock.

Association called to order by moderator singing hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Prayer by M. J. Day. The twenty-sixth chapter of Acts was read by J. E. Newman and—

#### Sermon

by C. R. Powell, subject, "Saul of Tarsus Made Into Paul the Missionary." He spoke first of Paul's parentage, that he was of good blood, that blood "will out."

Second, That Paul was a man of conviction, open heart.
Third, He spoke of Paul's conversion, that his experi-

ence lasted him down to Nero's block.

Fourth, Paul's call to preach, and after his call to ministry he was as strong for Christ as he was against Christ before his conversion.

Fifth. Paul's death. A finished life.

Prayer by G. W. Mayberry. After singing hymn, "Stand up for Jesus" F. P. Turner made an earnest appeal on "Orphanage." After address of F. P. Turner C. R. Powell made a few statements of condition of orphans home at Arkadelphia.

Offering was taken in which F. P. Turner received for the home at Monticello \$21.50, and C. R. Powell for home at Arkadelphia \$20.45. Association adjourned to meet Saturday morning at 8:30. J. G. HARRIS, Moderator.

ARTHUR FOX. Clerk.

#### Saturday Morning, September 5, 8:30.

Devotional exercises conducted by G. W. Mathis. Hymn "Amazing Grace." Scriptures Ps. ii.

Association called to order at 9 o'clock by moderator.

#### Letter Read

from church at Hunter and messenger seated. The order of the day being Associational Missions.

### The Report on Associational Missions

was read by Lon Slaughter, as follows:

There is yet a field for much labor within our bounds for the salvation of souls. The work is pressing itself upon us, and we should respond to the

call cheerfully by giving of our means and doing all we can in every way to

the advancement of our Master's kingdom within our bounds.

While we feel very grateful for the work of our missionary the past year, his work has been wonderfully blessed, but have we done all that we could; has each member done his or her part by paying, praying and talking for the Master? Brethren, this is your work, a work that is laid at your very door by the Master for you to do. Will you do it? Let us arise in our might and go to work until wo cover the whole field and take it for the Master.

While we have done fairly well the past year, we should do better, go

forward.

Therefore our committee would urge each member to give as the Lord prospers him, until we contribute at least fifty cents per member for this

work. This would enable your Board to do more work.

We would recommend that our Board continue the plan as now pursued, by keeping one or more missionaries in the field continually, that many souls may be saved.

LON SLAUGHTER.
F. L. GUSTAVUS.

G. W. HALLUM.

#### Report of Executive Committee

was read by J. G. Harris in connection with the report of Associational Missions and is as follows:

We your committee according to your instruction of one year ago employed Brother J. B. Routh as missionary for all time at a salary of \$75 per month. He began work the first of November, 1907. The wisdom of this act will be seen by his report which shows more than 200 public professions of faith and some 155 baptisms. We have asked Brother Routh to submit his report in this connection to be made a part of the report of this committee. With deepest humility we express our thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for His blessings upon our work the past associational year. To Him be the glory and honor. Let us press the work with greater zeal the coming year. We are glad to report that we are out of debt with a balance of \$72.85 in the treasury.

J. G. HARRIS, Secretary.

#### The Report of Missionary

was submitted by him as follows:

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Began service November 1, 1907. Sermons preached	321
Religious visits	633
Miles traveled	4460
Joined the church by letter and statement	62
Joined by experience and baptism	156
Waiting for baptism	12
Professions	
Total additions to church	227
Sunday schools organized	D
Salary in full Collected on field	\$750 00
Collected on field	455 31
Received from transurar	210 40
Received on pledge from I. Slaughter	43 00
Missionary due Treasurer	18 71

Colt	\$ 1	01	Caldwell					
Christian Valley	56	97	Ash Grove			9	1	50
Forrest City		66	Goodwin			terrup.	7	20
			Level Valley	-				80
Hunter		84					16	00
Mars Hill		55	Marvell				16	75
Monroe	2	40	Newcastle					
Palestine	22	25	Oak Grove		«		31	50/ 20
Rabbit Ridge		50	Salem				66	65
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Wheatley	34	00	Rehobeth				0	10
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Total			*	4		8	457	77

Brethren, when I came and took hold of the work, it was with difficulty for a time to locate and survey the field. I find the needs are great, the laborers are few, but if all the churches would feel the needs and importance of this work and would give their prayers and support the results for the Baptists of the Mount Vernon Association would be marvelous. As I look out upon the field and see the opportunity and possibilities for the Baptists of this part of the state I almost feel the voice of God saying "This land is your inheritance and you must go up and take it." I must say in conclusion that God has some of the noblest Baptists in this part of the state, who have at all times stood by the work, have prayed, and given of their means. O brethren, let us be faithful to this work is the prayer of your missionary.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. ROUTH.

After discussion of these reports by Lon Slaughter, J. B. Routh, W. J. Hall, M. J. Day, W. E. Pippin, W. M. Burr, J. B. Sanders, L. K. Obenchain and L. P. Anderson they were adopted and the following churches made pledges for

	Associations	al Missions.	/
Ash Grove	\$10.00	Mars Hill	\$ 5 00
Brinkley		Marvell	10 00
Christian Valley	10 00	Monroe	5 00
Clarendon		Oak Grove	10 00
Caldwell	5 00	Park Grove	5 00
Colt	15 00	Poplar Grove	15 00
Forrest City	30 00	Philadelphia	0 00
Haynes	10 00	Rehobeth	19-00
Hebron	10,00	Riverside	10 00
Helena	50 00	Salem	20 00
Hunter	10 00	Trenton	10 00
Marianna	30.00		
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#### Recommendation

offered by Lon Shaughter was adopted by Association, viz: That this Association recommend to the Executive Board the re-election of J. B. Routh as Missionary for the next Associational Year, 1908-9.

#### R. G. BOWERS.

Missionary Secretary of the State Convention, being present and called on by the Association to address them, bore them words of greeting.

#### Report on Obituaries.

We, your committee, beg leave to make the following report: As a matter of information to the people, we tried to get the names of all the members who have died in the Association during the past year, but found it too difficult a task. We find from the letters thirty-five deaths reported. We suggest that hereafter the clerks give the Halles during the year. Read by L. K. Obenchain and adopted.

L. K. OBENCHAIN,
A. J. MOORE, We suggest that hereafter the clerks give the names of members who die

J. R. SORRELS.

#### Report on Ministerial Education.

Rerd by G. W. Emerson and after discussion by him, adopted by Association:

We in no measure depreciate the great work done by the uneducated ministers, but in this advanced age of education and enlightenment we insist that general and theological education upon sane, practical and scriptural lines will greatly add to the ability and power of those whom God has called to teach His word and His salvation to the peoples of the earth. In fact, it appears now to be essential, and but few of God's ministers are undertaking to teach and préach the Holy Writ without first procuring at least a reasonable amount of education.

Inasmuch as there are numerous churches throughout the land without pastors and numerous fields where there are no churches and many souls without the Gospel, some of which is in our own association and also numerous young men who are offering their lives to the Ministry and are, with scarcely an exception without means of procuring an education and qualify. ing themselves for the Lord's works the question suggests itself. "What

are you going to do about it?"

We, your committee, recommend that the Association give great prominence to this subject; that pledges to a "Ministerial Education Fund" be taken at this meeting from all the churches of the Association, each church, of course, placing its subscription where it may desire and that each Paster in the Association be requested to keep this subject prominently before his church and its members and urge them to a greater interest in this great department of our work.

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall, they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach except they be sent?" Romans 10: 14-15. GEORGE W. EMERSON,

M. S. HILL. I. S. TAYLOR.

Churches made pledges for Ministerial Education as fullaws:

Ash Grove 8 2 50 Brinkley 25 00 Clarendon 30 00	Helena \$25 00 Marianna 15 00 Oak Grove 2 00
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INDIVIDUAL	PLEDGES.
Cox, Mrs. M. F \$1.00 Emerson, G. W 75.00 Forester, Mrs. J. M 1.00 Forester, J. M 1.00 Hale, W. H pd 1.00 Total	Hewlett, Mrs. T. J
Collection from audience for Ouachita Collection from audience for Buckner Total	4 55

#### Report of Committee on Nominations

read by W. M. Burr and adopted by Association as follows:

We recommend as members of the Executive Board G. W. Emerson. F. L. Gustavus, G. H. Vineyard, W. H. Paslay and Lon Slaughter.
As trustees of the Forest Chapel fund, W. H. Paslay, J. B. Sanders

and M. J. Manning.

We further recommend that the next session of the Association be held with the First Baptist church of Marianna, and that Elder M. T. Webb preach the Association sermon.

M. J. DAY.

W. M. BURR. A. H. TAYLOR.

#### Report on State Missions.

We believe that the first business of Arkansas Baptists is to see that the people of Arkansas have the gospel preached to them in its purity and completeness. We owe a duty to the whole world, but our first duty is to our own people. We believe further that our duty to the world is best discharged by a faithful discharge to our people at home. To neglect the home field is, in the end, to fail in the foreign field. It is to the home field that we must look for the men and money to carry the gospel to the regions beyond.

It is gratifying to know that our people recognize and are acting on this principle. The work through the state is being pushed with vigor and success. We may be divided in our forces, and may not be agreed as to methods, but all are united as to the work to be done and the imperative

duty of doing it.

Much progress has been made. More than \$30,000 have been raised and expended in the work during the past year; about one hundred laborers have been in the field, and more than five thousand souls confessed Christ through their labors, and about four thousand have been baptized into the fellowship of our churches. This is good for one year's work. Our hearts thrill with joy and praise as we read these figures. God has greatly blessed the work.

But much remains to be done. We have scarcely touched the needs of our state. Even in the bounds of our own Association the need is great.

Our Boards are pressing the work as much as the money put into their hands allow them to do. The resources for carrying on the work come from about one-fifth of the churches in the state, the other four-fifths contributing little or nothing. The problem is to bring our non-contributing churches into line in this great work. We recommend that the work of interesting our churches of this Association in all our mission work be laid upon our Executive Board and that they be asked to try and secure a contribution for our state work from every church in the Association.

Respectfully submitted.

W. M, BURR G. W. SLAUGHTER. G. J. HAMILTON.

Read by W. M. Burr, discussed by R. G. Bowers, C. R. Powell, M. T. Webb and adopted.

# Report of Committee on Divine Services FOR THE LORD'S DAY

was read by W. M. Burr and adopted.

First Baptist Church, 11 a. m Methodist Church, 11 a. m. Tent, 3:30 p. m.	Arthur Fox M. T. Webb R.G. Bowers
Tent, 8 p. m.	J. G. Harris
First Baptist, colored, 11 a. m.	W. E. Pippin
First Bapkist, colored, 8 p. m.	J. B. Routh

#### Report on Publications

read by J. B. Sanders, and adopted as follows:

One of the most helpful means in the proclamation of the gospel is found in the golden treasury of good literature. While good literature is very helpful, bad literature is bad in every way. A reader becomes a part of all he reads, hence the necessity of guarding our children against the

most of the modern novels, and other publications of like nature. parents are standing in their own light, and sinning against the welfare of their children when they fail to provide good and wholesome literature for their homes. In this day children are going to read something, and if parents fail to provide literature that is elevating, the children will manage to get/hold of that which is demoralizing and degrading. The Bible will always remain the standard of good literature; its pages should be closely perposed and diligently studied by both young and old. We recommend the reading of such denominational papers only as stand unflinchingly and faithfully for the peculiar doctrines held by Baptists; We endorse and commend the good work being done by the Baptist Publishing Company of Little Rock in distributing religious and doctrinal tracts, furnishing Bibles and Testaments to the poor free. We recommend that a collection be taken for the Bible and Tract department of this company.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. SANDERS. W. J. HALL. W. E. PIPPIN.

Collection taken amounting to \$7.65.

#### Report on Sunday Schools

read by W. G. Mathis and adopted, viz:

We, your Committeee on Sunday Schools, beg to report as follows: Realizing that God has placed it upon His churches to evangelize the world, and that there is an element that can be reached through the Sunday School that is not being reached by other evangelical methods, therefore, your committee urge the importance of the organization of Sunday Schools in every church and communities where there is no church, and that all such schools be under the auspices of a Baptist church.

We further recommend greater efforts upon the part of our Baptists in maintaining a Sunday School and furnishing the community in which it resides with Baptist literature.

We further recommend the closest cooperation upon the part of pastors and members in carrying forward this great work.

Respectfully Submitted.

W. G. MATHIS, G. M. VINEYARD, G. R. ROBUCK.

#### Report on Foreign Missions,

read by Arthur Fox, discussed by him and adopted:

When our Lowly Lord was about to remove His blessed feet from off earth's soil to the Chariot Clouds that bore Him heavenward, He left with us, to us and for us, His last and parting message for execution: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of The Father, and of The Son and of The Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; And, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Three times He sounds with undying emphasis and immortal power, this great commission. First, an upper chamber in Jerusalem on the night after The Resurrection and a little later on upon a mountain in California and the Mount of a little later on upon a mountain in Galilee: and then again on the Mount of

Olives just before His ascension. Thus forcefully presented this commensurate commission to make Christ known from the Rivers to the end of the earth. And while this command was given to the followers of Christ in the first generation of the Christian era, it was given for all time and for every Christian in his or her own time.

Regeneration and missions go hand in hand, in fact they are one and inseparable. When we are born of the spirit we know it; we want others to be born likewise; that is the spirit of missions, and if we have no longing for the salvation of others we have no missionary spirit within us. "must be born again." The force of our realization of this experience of salvation determines the earnestness of missions within us, and it follows that the test of our Christianity is the strength of our mission spirit, the interest we have for the evangelization of the world.

The carrying out of this commission has behind it Jesus; all the power of heaven and earth, to back us. Thus the Lord added to this great commission the words assuring us that He would give us His presence and His power: "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Would you notice that the only guarantee of Chirst's abiding presence and power is to those who are consecrated to the spirit of this commission.

The spiritual outlook for the foreign field is encouraging and should inspire us to greater efforts in taking "the gospel to every creature." There is resting on us as Missionary Baptists the greatest responsibility, having as we have the firmest foundation, the truest principles, the soundest doctrine, and the most glorious hope, and as such it behooves us to be diligent in business and fervent in the spirit.

Last year under the Convention we as Baptists of Arkansas gave \$10,000 for foreign missions. This year it is our plan to give \$15,000. More than ninety cents out of every dollar given for foreign missions under the Convention gets to the missionaries in the foreign field. It takes less Baptist

money to save souls than of any other denominatian under the sun.

We cannot all go to the foreign field in person, but we can all go by our means. By our prayers, our plans and our purse we can preach the gospel to every creature. We can multiply ourselves as many times as we have workers in the field. A heart that is not as big as the whole world is a mighty narrow, stingy, self-centered heart. Why not be as large as the whole world by our prayers, plans and purse? Let us do our very best and enlarge our work in foreign missions. Is it not true that?

"We might all do more than we have done, And not be a whit the worse; It never was loving that emptied the heart Nor giving that emptied the purse."

ARTHUR FOX. ROBERT WILLIS.

On motion Association adjourned till 7:30 p. m. J. G. HARRIS, Moderator. ARTHUR FOX. Clerk.

# Saturday Evening, 8 O'clock.

Called to order by moderator. Prayer offered by Arthur Fox.

# Report of Trustees of Association Fund

read and adopted. viz:

Amount on hand \$500 loaned at 8 per cent per annum on real estate security. Amount of interest due November 1, 1908, \$40. Herewith paid by M. J. Manning \$24, balance due by W. H. Paslay November 1, 1908, \$16.
M. J. MANNING.
W. H. PASLAY.
J. B. SANDERS.

On motion the Association instructed the clerk to have five hundred minutes printed and to distribute the same to the church clerks, and that the clerk of the Association be allowed \$15 for his services, the expenses of same to be paid out of treasury.

#### Amendment Offered

by Lon Slaughter to the Constitution as follows:

Resolved. That the Constitution be so amended as to allow each church in this Association to elect one member of the Executive Board at the same time the messengers are elected, which members shall become a part of the regular Executive Board as now elected by this body.

#### Sermon.

Hymn, "Alas and Did My Savior Bleed." R. G. Bowers read II Chron.xvi:11-17, 1-13, and took as his text II Chron. xvii:1-3, 6. From the text he took the subject: "Some Elements in Living Christianity." He said in part:

The text presents us some principles that are essential to

Christian living to which we would call attention:

1. His heart was lifted up in the ways of the Lord.

He began immediately to put out heathen worship. He fortified his realm with garrisons. fortification against sin. Some we are in need of are (1) fortification of an unfailing tribunal. This can only be had by following God's will. (2), Fortification for plan of life.

Power in planning-no plan no power, no doing, no accomplishments. Jesus planned; I love to think of Jesus' life expressed in His own words: "It is finished." (3). Fortification of high ideals and ennobling love.

I love to think of men who soar high. Henry's soaring love for liberty as was expressed by his life and immortal words "Liberty or Death."

Our lives are measured by our love. Most enpobling love is love for Jesus.

4. Fortification of a quick volition-many lose because they cannot quickly say "no," because they cannot quickly will to say "I will."

5. Fortification of Daily Prayer-How much we need

pleading for a closer life, must come by prayer.

6. Fortification of a fixed allegiance—no questioning about how you will stand when the battle comes. "Be ye steadfast, immovable."

Hymn, "How Firm a Foundation."

# Report on Education.

Read by W. E. Pippin.

We, your committee on education, report as follows: Education means more to the commercial world today than ever before. Conditions have changed and education is a necessity, but to think of education from a commercial standpoint only is narrow. God has given us the power of making development, the power to reason and think, the greatest distinction in the animal kingdom. If this power is not developed God is not pleased. Ignorance is not only a disadvantage, but a sin, for it can be avoided. An education, properly acquired, broaders our views, strengthens our character, increases the enjoyment of life, and better fits men and women for the service of God and their duty toward their fellowman. We, as Baptists, need to put forth a greater effort in giving our girls and boys a Christian education, for when the heart and mind are both cultured, our boys and girls can go out and bless the world. We recommend the following schools: First, the Ouachita at Arkadelphia, for young men and women; Central at Conway, for young women only, and Buckner at Wicherville, for young men and young women, and Maynard Academy. All of these schools should solicit the patronage of every Baptist in the state, We should not forget our own school here at Brinkley.

C. F. THOMPSON.

#### REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

#### Baptist Collegiate Institute, Brinkley, Ark.

We are glad to report that we now have some five thousand Baptists in sympathy and cooperation with our school including three Associations, namely: Mount Vernon, Grand Prairie and White River Valley. We have made some substantial advance during the year although not what we had hoped to do. . We have felt the panic in our work. We now have the fox lowing property: A campus of nearly two acres, valuation \$1,000; two lots with a two-story dormitory, valued at \$2,500. Pledges and building material to the amount of \$2,500; making a total of some \$6,000. We have also adopted plans for our main building, which we hope to begin work on in the near future and have it ready for opening school not later than September. 1909. The building when complete will cost some \$15,000.

Our financial agent, J. G. Harris of Brinkley, has done the work

assigned to him without cost to the Board, the Brinkley church allowing him to do this work in connection with his duties as passor. His expenses have been taken care of without taking it out of the funds for the building.

We are glad to report to you that he is to continue this work. We recommend the following changes in our constitution:

That Section II be changed as follows: "That the same shall be controlled and supervised by a Board of Trustees of fifteen members elected from the district at large subject to the approval of the Association in cooperation with said school.'

That Section III be changed as follows: "One-third of the whole number of said trustees shall annually be retired from office and others, or the

same persons be elected to fill the vacancies.'

We have elected the following trustees to serve as indicated below:

Those whose term expires in 1909

J. F. Gardner, Tupelo; J. G. Harris, Brinkley; H. B. Dudley, DeWitt; J. T. Sanders, Forrest City: Lee Pendergrass, Helena.

1910 Arthur Fox, Marianna; G. H. Vineyard, Helena; G. W. Emerson, Clarendon; J. W. Webb, Stuttgart; R. H. Sanders, DeVall's Bluff.

1911 J. H. Coleman, Hazen; J. L. Turner, Cypert; A. Flora, Brinkley; D. H. Gill, Newport; F. L. Gustavus, Moro.

J. H. COLEMAN, President. G. H. VINEYARD, Secretary.

These reports were discussed by W. E. Pippin, J. G. Harris and R. G. Bowers and adopted.

#### Report of Executive Board.

Your Board in regular meeting re-elected J. B. Routh as Missionary at a salary of \$1000.00 per annum.

W. H. Paslay, J. B. Sanders and J. G. Harris were retained and are to arrange for our Fifth Sunday meetings and publish in each of our papers three weeks before each Fifth Sunday.

And that our next meeting be held at Wheatley, beginning on Friday J. B. SANDERS.

night before the Fifth Sunday.

Special prayer was offered by W. M. Burr for Missionary J. B. Routh and his field of labor.

#### Resolutions.

Resolved, That we, the Baptists of Mt. Vernon Association extend to the Baptist church of Helena and her beloved pastor and wife our heartfelt thanks for their kind hospitality while in session.

W. E. PIPPIN.

Adjourned.

J. G. HARRIS, Moderator. ARTHUR FOX, Clerk.

#### Sunday Morning, 10 O'clock.

Association called to order by moderator.

road by Loe Pendergrass and adopted as follows:

# Report of Committee on Finance

o Association missions	\$314
o minute fund	24
o state missions	
o foreign missions	5
o orphans home	9
ministerial education	' 2
mount collection Sunday morning	24

Singing hymn "God be with You," the parting hand -was given.

Association adjourned to meet with the First Baptist Church, Marianna, on Thursday before first Lord's day in September, 1909.

J. G. HARRIS, Moderator.

ARTHUR FOX. Clerk.



#### REPORT OF

#### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

Mount Vernon Association convened September 4 at Helena, Ark., in the Presbyterian church, with Mrs. J. M. Forrester as chairman. Call to order. Devotional exercises by chairman. Address of welcome, Mrs. Russwurm, Helena. Response, Association Missionary Mother, Mrs. Routh, Organized—Mrs. J. M. Forrester, permanent vice-president, Helena; Secretary, Mrs. D. W. Neel, Forrest City; Mrs. Chas. Thompson, treasurer.

Paper. "Work Among Children and Young People," by Mrs. Harris, Brinkley; read by Mrs. W. M. Burr, Helena.

Discussion.

Paper. "The Importance of Mission Study." Mrs. Reagan, Helena. Discussion.

Adjournment in order.

# September 5, 10 O'clock a. m.

Devotional exercises.

Paper. "Material Side of the Aid." Mrs. Burr, Helena.

Paper. "Social Side of the Society." Mrs. E. F. Hodges, Forrest City; read by Mrs. D. W. Neel, Forrest City. Discussion.

Churches Represented—Heleha, Mrs. Vineyard; Forrest City, Mrs. Neel; Brinkley, Mrs. McFarland; Marvell, Mrs. Thompson; Rehoboth, Mrs. Lankston; Colt. Marianna, Caldwell, Salem. Mrs. Henlette.

#### MESSENGERS.

ASH GROVE-G. I. Hardleton, A. J. Moore.

BRINKLEY—L. P. Anderson, J. G. Harris, A. Flore, Ida McFarland, Edna Haldridge.

CHRISTIAN VALLEY-Mrs. F. M. Cox.

CLARENDON-M. T. Webb, G. W. Emerson.

COLDWELL-M. S. Hill.

COLT-J. S. Walters, Geo. W. Pearson, Mrs. F. W. Hewlett, Mrs. Sallie Holland.

FORREST CITY—W. E. Pippin, J. B. Sanders, Mrs. D. W. Neel.

HAYNES-G. R. Roebuck, Lee James, Jr.

HEBRON-A. H. Taylor, H. Henard, S. R. Sorrels, I. S. Taylor.

HELENA-Lee Pendergrass, G. H. Vineyard, J. N. Forrester.

HUNTER-J. W. Porter, W. M. Burr, J. B. Routh.

LEVEL VALLEY-W. J. Hall, A. Garner.

MARIANNA—Arthur Fox, Lon Slaughter, Geo. Slaughter, J. P. Farrar, Robert Willis.

MARS HILL J. T. Billingsley, J. C. Curtis, E. B. Shafer.

MARVELL-C. F. Thompson, Mrs. C. F. Thompson.

MONROE-J. W. Grimes.

OAK GROVE-F. L. Gustavus, Miss Mattie Milley.

PARK GROVE-M. J. Day.

PHILADELPHIA-G. W. Holland

POPLAR GROVE-J. B. Hodges, C. W. Henstess, J. P. Cox.

REHOBETH-W. H. Allister, W. P. Sallis.

RIVERSIDE-Mrs. McDonald.

SALEM-J. J. King.

TRENTON-B. G. Carey.

VALLEY GROVE-M.-J. Day.

WHEATLEY-Mrs. Kate Henderson.

WIVILLE-Not Represented.

#### ORDAINED MINISTERS.

BARNETT, J. D., Forrest City.
BILLINGSLEY, Z. T., Gill.
BURR, W. M., Helena.
DAY, M. J., Turner.
FOX, ARTHUR, Marianna.
HARRIS, J. G., Brinkley.
HEARD, J. C., Brinkley.
OBENCHAIN, L. K., Helena.
PASLAY, W. H., Forrest City.
PIPPIN, W. E., Forrest City.
ROUTH, J. B., Brinkley.
SAWYER, S. D., Brinkley.
WEBB, M. T., Clarendon.
WILLIS, J. L., Brinkley.

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