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OF THE.

Mt. Vernon
*Baptist * Association,*

HELD WITH

Salem Church,

Phillips County, Ark., October 15, 1897

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FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION.  
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:-: OFFICERS. :-:

S. H. KING, Moderator.
LON SLAUGHTER, Clerk.

Next Session to be held with Poplar Grove Church, St:
Francis County, Ark., Friday before the third
Sunday in October, 1898, at 10 a. m.

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Proceedings.

Pursuant to adjournment the Mt. Vernon Baptist Association met with the Salem Baptist church, Phillips county, Ark., October 15, 1897, at 10 a. m., and was called to order by the former moderator, Deacon S. H. King. After singing hymn No. 26, "Harvest Bells," and prayer by Rev. H. C. Rosamond, the introductory sermon was preached by the appointee Rev. J. A. Smith, who gave us a strong Baptist sermon from Jude 3. Subject, "Con end earnestly for the Faith." After singing, and prayer by Rev. W. H. Pasley, letters from the different churches were called for and read by Bros. Wade Preston and L. P. Anderson. The following were presented and their messengers enrolled as follows:

Clarendon—M. J. Manning.

Level Valley—J. A. Ables.

Helena—Rev. H. C. Rosamond; T. M. Oldham and L. M. Bookheart.

Salem—C. F. Thompson, B. Q. Carey and J. L. Turner.

Cypress—J. H. Hudson.

Mt. Gilead—J. L. Wilson, S. H. Thompson and Joe Thompson.

Marvel—Sisters L. E. Kimbel, T. F. Dawson.

Park Grove—H. Breedèn.

Trenton—L. P. Anderson and J. G. Porter.

Monroe—J. W. Grimes.

Brinkley—Sister Pauline Henderson.

Philadelphia—J. N. Fitzhugh, Tom Turrentine and Sam Fitzhugh.

Big Creek—Jno. Sherman and J. D. Dover.

Ash Grove—B. F. Anderson and J. A. Simpson.

Good Hope—S. D. Johns, S. W. Gibson.

Moon Lake—W. R. Levitt.

Raymond—By letter.

Prairie Grove—J. A. Smith.

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Bible Union—Rayburn Tackett, J. M. Schrem.

Palestine—F. M. Gorum, Sister Lena Williams.

Poplar Grove—J. B. Hodges, W. S. Huestess and Sister Hodges and Huestess.

Mar's Hill—E. B. Shaver.

Forrest City—W. H. Pasley.

Forrest Chapel—Sister Julia Thompson.

Haynes—By letter.

Christian Valley—J. C. King.

Oak Grove—F. L. Gustavus, W. A. Spivey.

Marianna—J. P. Farrar, Sr., N. J. Williams, Lon Slaughter.

Shiloh—J. H. Davids.

Oak Hill—By letter.

Rehobeth—S. H. King, T. M. Gilliam, J. L. Langston.

Pleasant Grove—G. Reneau.

Wheatley—By letter.

New Hope—By letter.

Moved by Rev. H. C. Rosamond that we re-elect S. H. King moderator by acclamation. Motion prevailed and Bro. King was unanimously elected.

Motion made by H. C. Rosamond that we re-elect Lon Slaughter clerk by acclamation. Motion prevailed and so ordered.

Motion made by H. C. Rosamond that we re-elect Rev. W. H. Pasley treasurer by acclamation. Motion prevailed and so ordered.

A call was made for petitionary letters. There being none, the Vincent Baptist church petitioned for a letter of dismission from this association to join the Mt. Zion Baptist Association. After an explanation of the locality, Rev. H. C. Rosamond moved that the letter be granted as requested. Motion prevailed and so ordered.

Moved that we now adjourn until 3 p. m. Motion prevailed and so ordered.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 3 p. m. the body was called to order by singing and prayer by Rev. S. D. Johns. Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us. Visitors: Prof. J. W. Conger, president of Oua-

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chita Baptist College; Rev. G. C. Taylor, agent Central Baptist Female College; Rev. J. G. Doyle, State Sunday-school evangelist; Rev. W. A. Clark, editor Arkansas Baptist; Rev. O. U. Owen, of Lonoke.

The following committees were appointed to report to this body:

State Missions—H. C. Rosamond, F. M. Gorum, J. H. Davids.

Associational Missions—W. H. Pasley, F. L. Gustavus B. Q. Carey.

Home and Foreign Missions—Wade Preston, S. D. Johns, N. J. Williams.

Publications—J. A. Smith, J. A. Simpson, T. M. Gilliam.

Education—M. J. Manning, Lon Slaughter, T. F. Dawson.

Sunday-schools—L. P. Anderson, J. L. Turner, J. L. Wilson.

Temperance—T. M. Oldham, H. Breeden, W. R. Levitt.

Nominations—Lon Slaughter, J. L. Langston, C. F. Thompson.

Obituaries—W. H. Paslay, J. L. Wilson, Wade Preston.

Ministerial Education—J. A. Smith.

Finance—J. P. Farrar, Sr., J. B. Hodges, J. L. Turner.

Motion was made that we elect messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, a'so, Arkansas State Convention.

After discussion by W. A. Clark, W. H. Paslay and H. C. Rosamond the motion prevailed and Rev. H. C. Rosamond was elected messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention and Rev. J. B. Wise, alternate; messengers to the State Convention were Deacon S. H. King, Rev. W. H. Pasley, Rev. Wade Preston, L. P. Anderson and M. J. Manning; alternates, Lon Slaughter and Rev. J. A. Smith.

It was moved that the resolution introduced at the last convention be acted on at this, in regard to changing constitution, be now taken up and acted on.

After discussion by Bros. W. H. Paslay, S. H. King, J. G. Doyle, M. J. Manning, J. L. Wilson the resolution was lost.

The Committee on Divine Service reported that Rev. J. G. Doyle would preach for us at 7 p. m. and Rev. W. A. Clark at 11 a. m., Saturday 16.

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It was moved that we now adjourn until 7 p. m. Motion prevailed and so ordered.

At 7 p. m., October 15th, the body was called to order by singing a hymn. After reading Matthew, 3 chap., Rev. J. G. Doyle preaches us a strong Baptist sermon; subject, "John, the Baptist," after which a call was made for the report of some of the committee, when the following report on State Missions was made through its chairman, Rev. H. C. Rosamond:

Your Committee are rejoiced to say that our State Mission work has gone on well during the past year. Great good has been done, and many souls have been won to Christ through the instrumentality of our missionaries. The State Board has employed eight missionaries at a cost of about \$500 per quarter. The missionaries have all been paid except for the present quarter. There is only about one-half enough money in sight to pay this quarter's salaries. But we are sorry to have to say that our board has not had the means to do one-half the work that they have been asked to do. Several new towns are calling for help. In this State there are ten county towns that have no Baptist church, and there are many large sections where we have no churches. More calls are coming than can be met. Many are perishing out of Christ. God has commanded us to preach the Gospel to every creature. If we allow these fellow-citizens to perish without giving them the Gospel of the Son of God, can we claim to be guiltless of their blood? It is time for us to awake out of sleep. Some claim that three out of every four men in the state are not Christians. Can you and I claim a crown if we allow these people to perish without doing all we can to snatch them from their impending ruin? Men, help and help now,

REV. H. C. ROSAMOND,
F. M. GORUM,
J. H. DAVIDS.

It was moved by W. H. Pasley that the report be adopted as read. After discussion by Bros. H. C. Rosamond, W. A. Clark and W. H. Pasley a collection was taken for State Missions amounting to \$16.40. Motion prevailed and so ordered.

It was moved that we adjourn until 9 a. m., October 16th. After announcements by J. G. Doyle, H. C. Rosamond, W. A. Clark and G. C. Taylor the motion prevailed and so ordered.

Saturday, October 16th, 9 a. m., the association was called to order by singing. Prayer by J. W. Conger.

The Committee on Education made the following report through their chairman, M. J. Manning:

We, Your Committee on Education, beg leave to submit the following report: No argument is needed from us in favor of the proposition that through the education of the young, rests the hope that our form of government so wondrously built by our forefathers, will be preserved in its purity, and the fullest measure of civil and religious liberty secured and maintained. No un-

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educated people that ever lived, or that shall live hereafter, can be very happy in the enjoyment of civil and religious freedom. An ignorant and uneducated people are unable to comprehend the relation they sustain to their fellow-members in society, to the government, to the church, or to God. Without it society is endangered, the church discredited, and governments are overthrown.

Through the education of the people, and especially the young, the highest degree of happiness is secured to the individual and to society, the greatest good to humanity is bestowed, and through it the glory of God is achieved. Civil liberty is thereby appreciated and preserved, the religion of our Lord and Savior, is more thoroughly understood and His kingdom advanced on earth.

It is with the greatest pride that we, as Baptists, are able to call the attention of the world to our own Ouachita Baptist College, with her magnificent buildings and grounds, with an equipment for educational purposes costing the sum of \$75,000. At this college both sexes are taught and ministers given a course of three years' study upon the Bible. And while it can boast of but eleven years of existence, still through the matchless energy and business management of its president and those having control of it, it has 250 scholars enrolled for the ensuing session. It has twenty-two teachers.

Central Baptist Female College, located at Conway, is a monument to the Baptists of Arkansas, and should receive the liberal patronage of Baptists. It has about \$30,000 invested in its buildings and grounds. It has about 125 scholars, with eleven teachers.

Last, but not least in importance, would we mention the Baptist College at Mountain Home in Baxter county, away up in the mountains of our state, is located Mountain Home Baptist College. There it will stand through ages to come as a fountain from which shall be dispensed the richest of intellectual and moral gifts to both boys and girls. With three such colleges within the state we should feel grateful, indeed. God has blessed us far beyond what we deserve perhaps. Duty demands that every effort should be made by the Baptists of this association, to advance the cause of education, using every reasonable argument in favor of the schools herein mentioned. Our ministers should preach about them more. Let us know more about our school, and then let us patronize them more. We especially commend to young brethren who are preparing for the ministry the lectures given in the course for the ensuing term at Ouachita College.

We cannot close this report without submitting as a part of it the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the sense of Mount Vernon Baptist Association that a theological chair should be established at Ouachita Baptist College, and that an endowment be made to maintain said chair, as soon as practicable, and to the end that proper steps may be taken for this purpose our messengers to the State Convention are earnestly requested to induce that body to establish the chair at said university. Respectfully submitted,

M. J. MANNING, Chairman.

LON SLAUGHTER,

T. F. DAWSON.

Moved that the report be adopted as read. After discussion by M. J. Manning, J. W. Conger, G. C. Taylor, J. G. Doyle, W.

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A. Clark and Bro. Owen, motion prevailed and so ordered.

A resolution was offered by W. A. Clark, and after discussion was referred to a committee of three.

Committee: W. H. Pasley, J. A. Smith, M. J. Manning.

Moved that we take a recess for preaching.

Eleven a. m., after singing and prayer by J. W. Conger, Rev. W. A. Clark gave us a strong sermon from Acts 1: 1. The association then resumed business and Rev. J. G. Doyle, State Sunday-school Evangelist, was given an opportunity to tell us of his work and its needs throughout the State; after which it was moved that we adjourn until 2:30 p. m. Motion prevailed and so ordered.

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Association called to order by singing hymn No. 481, in "Harvest Bells," prayer by Rev. Wade Preston.

The Committee on Temperance made the following report through their chairman, T. M. Oldham:

Temperance, as regards the use of alcoholic drinking and not in its general use, is the subject of this report. Because of its awful consequences, the use of alcohol in anything is intemperance, and the only way to be temperate in the use of alcohol, is to let it severely alone. You cannot with impunity, play with a live adder or rattlesnake, no more can you use alcohol with safety. We profess to be Bible Christians, and the Bible says, "Look not upon the wine when it moveth itself aright, for at last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder," and no person ever become a drunkard that did not take the first drink, therefore if they never take a drink they are sure not to be drunk. The resolutions passed from year to year do not seem to do much good, yet the subject is of such vast importance that we must not weary, but keep driving away until the individual churches will be, as it were, compelled to discipline members who use it as a beverage, or aid and abet in the traffic. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this association that the churches should discipline any and all members who use alcohol in any of its forms as a beverage, or aid and abet in the traffic of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

T. M. OLDHAM,
W. R. LEVITT, } Committee.
H. BREEDEN.

Moved by Wade Preston that the report be adopted as read. After discussion by T. M. Oldham, G. C. Taylor, H. Breeden, motion prevailed and so ordered.

Committee on Publications made the following report through their chairman, Rev. J. A. Smith:

Reading is a great source of information, it has been well said, "Reading

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makes a full man." Literature is a potent factor in the formation of character. We can judge the future character of the young, by the books and papers they read in youth. Hence great care should be taken by parents in selecting literature for their children. Baptist parents should put a good selection of Baptist books and Baptist papers into the hands of their children, that they may be thoroughly informed in the doctrines of the denomination. We now have two good Baptist papers published in our State, the Arkansas Baptist, which is permanently established, and is a paper of which every Baptist in the State should be proud. The denomination in Arkansas is under lasting obligations to its editor for his manly defense of Baptist principles. The Arkansas Baptist should be placed in every Baptist home in the State. We also have the Baptist Review, which we recommend as a good, sound Baptist paper. We would recommend for use in our Sunday-schools the Southern Baptist Convention series of literature and the literature published by the American Baptist Publication Society.

Respectfully submitted

J. A. SMITH,
J. A. SIMPSON,
T. W. GILLIAM.

Moved by T. M. Oldham that the report be adopted as read. After discussion by H. J. Smith, L. P. Anderson and G. C. Taylor, motion prevailed and so ordered.

The committee to revise resolution as offered by Eld. W. A. Clark submitted the following report:

We, your committee appointed to revise the resolution on the Whitsitt matter, beg leave to report the following as substituted for the original:

Whereas, Certain utterances made by Dr. W. H. Whitsitt, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, have caused dissatisfaction which may result in division among Southern Baptists; and

Whereas, We believe said utterances to be unbaptistic and damaging to Baptists, therefore;

Resolved, That we deem the action of certain Baptists, who assembled recently in Nashville and in caucus adopted certain resolutions, as inopportune unauthorized and wholly unbinding upon us as Baptists who disapprove of Dr. Whitsitt's course.

Resolved, That we cannot as an association endorse or aid the Seminary so long as Dr. Whitsitt shall remain as president of said Seminary, or so long as his position is allowed to remain unchallenged by the proper persons in control of it. In the interest of harmony and with the kindest regard to him we candidly believe it to be best for the cause of Christ and the Baptists, for Dr. Whitsitt to sever his connection with the Seminary, and we therefore request his resignation. In event he should decline to tender his resignation, we then request that a committee of three from each State within the Southern Baptist Convention, be elected with instructions to formulate or advise the inauguration of some plan that will solve this vexed question.

Resolved further, That our messengers to the State Convention be requested to favor the adoption of a resolution embodying the wish of this association as herein expressed.

W. H. PASLEY, }
J. A. SMITH, } Committee.
M. J. MANNING, }

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Moved by T. M. Oldham that the report be adopted as read. Motion prevailed and so ordered.

Moved by W. H. Pasley that the report on Association Missions be the special order of business immediately after preaching tonight. Motion prevailed and so ordered.

The Treasurer then made the following report:

Report of Treasurer for 1886-1887.

Received from Finance Committee.	\$239 10
A. Flora	5 00
C. H. Pasley	5 00
Miss Lena Williams	1 00
Clarendon church	7 00
Total	\$252 10
By balance due treasurer	\$46 06
Amount paid Foreign Missions	28 25
Ministerial education..	10 00
Home Missions	19 15
State Missions	13 00
J. W. Graham	2 50
Printing Minutes	25 00
Clerk	10 00
J. A. Smith, missionary	25 00
Bro. Sawyer, missionary	25 00
- Postage.	5
Total	\$945 11
Also received and forwarded the following amounts to the Board of Ministerial Education at Ouachita Baptist College.	
From Rehobeth church.	\$15 00
Marianna.	10 00
La Grange church.	5 00
Forrest City church.	10 50
J. B. Hodges and others.	10 00
Total.	\$50 50

Respectfully submitted, **W. H. PASLEY, Treasurer**

Moved by T. M. Oldham that the report be received as read. Motion prevailed and so ordered.

The Executive Board made the following report through their chairman S. H. King:

We employed Rev. D. Sawyer for seven weeks who held meetings at Moon Lake, Fitzhugh's school-house, Philadelphia and Ash Grove. He reports sermons preached, 63; conversions, 45; backsliders reclaimed, 8; amount collected in the field, \$20.15; paid by treasurer, \$25; pledges for ministerial education \$5; total paid, \$50.15; balance due him, \$37.35, which will be paid in a few days. We are greatly encouraged with this department of our work, and would recommend that the work be prosecuted on the same plan.

S. H. KING, Secretary.

Moved that the report be adopted as read. After discussion by W. H. Pasley, motion prevailed and so ordered.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report:

We, your Committee on Nominations, beg leave to submit the following:
That this body meet with the Poplar Grove Baptist church of St. Francis county, Ark., on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1888, at 10 a. m.
That H. C. Remond preach the introductory sermon, J. B. Wise, alternate,
J. B. Wise, A. Flora, John P. Farrar, Sr., L. J. Wilkes, and W. A. Bobbitt
constitute the Executive Board for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

LON SLAUGHTER,

J. L. LANGSTON,

C. F. THOMPSON,

Committee.

Moved by L. P. Anderson that the report be adopted as read. After discussion by Bro. S. D. Johns, moved by Bro. S. D. Johns that Good Hope be substituted for Poplar Grove. After discussion by W. H. Pasley and Lon Slaughter, amendment was lost and report adopted as read.

Committee on Home and Foreign missions submitted the following report:

The spirit that animates the religion of Christ is essentially a missionary spirit. Christ came to offer salvation to all men and the announcement of his advent was a missionary proclamation. His last command was to preach the gospel to every creature. Obedience to this command is just as binding upon us as the command to repent, or any other command, and the expansion and perpetuation of the kingdom of Christ depends upon it. The gospel of Christ is just as much a blessing to humanity today as it ever was, and the whole world needs its regenerating power, its hallowing influences, its refining and civilizing agencies as much as ever before. Hence every consideration connected with man's duty to God and to his fellow men, makes its obligatory upon us to send and carry the gospel to those who are without it. This is an age of marvelous energy and great activity in missionary effort, and we are glad to know that the Baptist denomination is accomplishing much in this mighty work. Our Home Board is prosecuting its work with increasing vigor in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention and sends the gospel throughout this field according to the means placed in its hands. The Foreign Board is carrying on its work with commendable zeal, but is somewhat handicapped for the lack of funds. We have missionaries in China, Japan, Brazil, Africa, Mexico and Italy. We do not know the amounts that have been raised during the past year for these fields, but judging from the past years, we are convinced that the amounts raised are far short of the demands. We would respectfully urge the necessity of a campaign of education on the subject of Home and Foreign Missions. What the people need to prompt them to duty is information. To this end we would recommend the placing in the hands of our people, such literature as is best suited to that purpose, and that the pastors of the churches preach on the subject of missions as often as may be advisable and every effective instrumentality not contrary to the Word of

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God. should be used to awaken our interest on this subject.

Respectfully submitted,

WADE PRESTON.

S. D. JOHNS.

N. J. WILLIAMS,

Committee

Moved by M. J. Manning that the report be adopted as read.
Motion prevailed and so ordered.

Moved by J. A. Smith that a committee be appointed on
Ministerial Education. Motion prevailed. The moderator ap-
pointed J. A. Smith, B. Q. Carey and C. F. Thompson on said
committee.

Moved by B. Q. Carey that a collection be taken up tomor-
row after preaching at 11 a. m., for the benefit of our Bro. J. W.
Graham. Motion prevailed and so ordered.

Moved that we adjourn until 7 p. m. Motion prevailed and
the association adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

The association called to order by singing a hymn. After
prayer by W. H. Pasley, singing hymn No. 14 in "Harvest Bells,"
Rev. W. H. Pasley gave us an excellent and strong sermon from
last verse Acts 27. Subject: "Predestination." After preaching,
association resumed business. The Committee on Associational
Missions being set for this hour, made the following report:

Your Committee on Associational Missions would report that our labors
in this field have been signally blessed again. We know of no labor and money
expended that produces so abundant returns. The blessings and approval of
our loving Lord seems to rest upon this work, and while our destitution is
gradually narrowing, the contributions to State, Home and Foreign Missions
are gradually increasing. So let us thank God, and with renewed energy and
perseverance continue the heaven blessed work until the glorious gospel of the
Son of God is heard each Sabbath in every community within the bounds of
our association. The entrance of God's word giveth light. Let us carry or
send this word until every soul can praise God and say, "Let us be glad and
rejoice for the glory of God is risen upon us." Respectfully submitted,

W. H. PASLEY, Chairman.

B. Q. CAREY.

F. L. GUSTAVUS.

Moved by T. M. Oldham that the report be adopted as read.
After discussion by W. H. Pasley, pledges were made for the
ensuing year as follows:

Clarendon.....	\$10 00	Big Creek.....	2 50
Level Valley.....	2 50	Good Hope.....	5 00
Helena.....	10 00	Prairie Grove.....	5 00
Salem.....	10 00	Bible Union.....	5 00
Mt. Gilead.....	2 50	Palestine.....	5 00
Rehoboth	20 00	Park Grove.....	5 00

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Poplar Grove	10 00	Mar's Hill	\$ 2 50
Trenton	7 50	Forrest City	10 00
Mt. Olive	2 50	Christian Valley	4 00
Monroe	2 50	Oak Grove	10 00
Brinkley	3 00	Oak Hill	5 00
Marianna	20 00	James Fitzhugh	1 00
Forrest Chapel	5 00		
Philadelphia	5 00	Total	\$172 50

Pending the pledges, a collection was taken for the Orphans' Home amounting to \$16.10, after which the report was adopted as read.

J. P. Farrar offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the Mt. Vernon Baptist Association in conference assembled, that the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered, to the Salem Baptist church and citizens of this vicinity for their kind hospitality to the messengers during the sitting of this body.

Moved its adoption and so ordered.

Moved by W. H. Pasley that the clerk be instructed to have 600 minutes printed and he be allowed \$10 for his services. Motion carried and so ordered.

Moved that we now adjourn until 9 a. m. Motion prevailed and so ordered.

Bible Union pledges for State Missions, \$2 50.

MORNING SESSION.

The association was called to order by singing hymn No. 65, "Harvest Bells." Prayer by Rev. J. L. Wilson. Moved by J. L. Wilson that we appoint corresponding messengers to the Grand Prairie Association next year. Motion carried and so ordered.

Committee on Obituaries made the following report:

Since our last session, God in his wisdom has called several of our members from earth to glory. One by one we are passing over the river of death to the city of light. Bro. G. C. Goodwin has gone to reap his reward. May the Lord sanctify his death to the salvation of many, to whom he so faithfully preached. Salem church is mourning over the loss of Bro. J. F. Jarrette; a good man in Israel has fallen. Trenton church has lost the advice and counsel of Bro. A. B. Woodall and Sister Anna Porter. Bible Union, Sisters Anna Adams, Mary Jackson and Bro. W. H. Higgins. Palestine church suffers the loss of Deacon W. M. Howell, who was full of years and good works. Bro. Taylor West, of Raymond church, has also entered the paradise of God. He was a good man full of the Holy Ghost. May our blessed Redeemer comfort the hearts of all those who are separated for a time from their loved ones, and may we who remain get ready for the summons which will soon call us home. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. PASLEY,
J. L. WILSON,
WADE PRESTON, } Committee.

It was moved that the reports be adopted as read. After a

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talk from Wade Preston, W. H. Pasley and J. L. Wilson the motion was carried and so ordered.

The Committee on Ministerial Education made their report as follows:

Preachers are in the highest sense the teachers of the people. They are more, perhaps, to mould sentiment than any other class of men. Hence, they need the highest preparation for their work that is possible. While we believe that a call from God to the great work of preaching the Gospel is absolutely necessary, that no man should ever try to preach without such call, yet, we believe that one who has a divine call can greatly increase his usefulness by thorough literary and theological training. In fact the time has come when a better qualified ministry is demanded. We have two institutions of learning in our own state, that give free tuition to young ministers, Mountain Home and Ouachita Baptist Colleges. We should urge our young preachers to attend one of these schools and give liberally of our means to help pay their board and other expenses. This association has been doing nobly in helping ministerial students in Ouachita College, giving about \$100 a year for that purpose. There are a number of young preachers there now who need help, and others who want to go, but are not able. Therefore, we recommend and urge that individuals and churches in this association pledge and pay at least \$100 into the treasury of the Board of Ministerial Education to help in this great work. Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SMITH, Chairman.

B. L. CAREY,

C. F. THOMPSON.

It was moved by J. L. Langston that the report be received as read. After discussion by W. H. Paslay, J. A. Smith and T. M. Oldham the motion was carried and so ordered, and pledges taken for ministerial education as follows:

Clarendon	\$ 2 50	Poplar Grove	\$ 5 00
Helena.....	5 00	E. B. Shover.....	1 00
Salem.....	5 00	Forrest City.....	10 00
Marvel.....	5 00	Oak Grove.....	2 00
Rehobeth	10 00	Marianna.....	10 00
Mt. Olive.....	5 00	Trenton	2 50
Philadelphia	10 00		
Prairie Grove.....	5 00	Total.....	\$80 00
Palestine	2 00		

It was moved by T. M. Oldham that the treasurer be authorized to pay balance due Orphans' Home and Ministerial Education out of general fund of the association not otherwise appropriated. The motion was carried and so ordered.

The Committee on Sunday-schools made the following report:

That we find only about 40 per cent. of the churches in our association maintaining Sunday-schools. We know not the cause of this great and distressing Sunday-school destitution, unless it be a general apathy on the part of our brethren for this great work, that of rightly training the moral and

religious natures of the youth of our land before the evil days come in which they shall say that they have no pleasure in them.

We realize the deplorable fact that a very small per cent of the adult members of our churches attend Sunday schools at all. They stay at home and in most cases in the country their children do the same.

We would lay great stress on the necessity of country Sunday-schools, wherein children are well grounded in good old Baptist doctrine, so that every member brought up in our churches may be able to give a reason for his faith and practice.

Every Sunday-school capable of doing so, should have mission Sunday-schools under its care. The town Sunday-schools should reach out and organize Sunday-schools where there are none. In most cases in the country the great trouble is the want of a leader to go forward in this work. The people as a rule are glad to have a place to go on Sunday. Then it should be the object of every Sunday-school to prepare leaders to take charge of this branch of the work.

The teaching in our Sunday-schools is not what it ought to be. The scholars do not pay enough attention to the preparation of their lessons, and without having studied the lessons there comes a corresponding lack of zeal and interest for the work. In the good old times of our fathers it was customary for teachers to have their classes memorize verses of Scriptures and answer to their names at roll call by reciting a verse. Such a practice we recommend as a most excellent one, for it instills into their young and receptive minds great and important Bible truths, which they are not apt otherwise to get. Now, most pupils, after the lesson is over, cannot recite the motto text. The remedy for all these evils is the awakening of the churches to a full measure of their duty on this line. More Christ-like consecration is needed. If the churches do not have Sunday-schools it is because they do not want them, for no obstacle can be conceived of to prevent a church that wants to do something for the cause, from having an active, wide-awake, all-the-year-round Sunday-school.

We recommend that when the messengers of this body go home, that those whose churches have no Sunday-schools organize, and those having Sunday-schools, try to have better ones, and they will be blessed of the Lord in their labors to advance his cause in the salvation of souls.

Respectfully submitted,
L. P. ANDERSON, Chairman.
J. L. TURNER.
J. L. WILSON.

Moved by T. M. Oldham that the report as read be adopted. After discussion by L. M. Bookhart, Wade Preston, T. M. Oldham, J. L. Wilson, J. L. Gatty, L. P. Anderson and S. D. Johns, motion carried and so ordered.

Moved by W. H. Pasley that we take a recess for a few minutes before preaching, motion carried and so ordered.

At 11 a. m. the association was called to order. After singing and prayer, Rev. G. C. Taylor preached us a strong gospel sermon from 1 Cor. 15-19. At the close of the sermon a special collection for Bro. J. W. Graham was taken, amounting to \$24,05.

MINUTES OF THE

After a few remarks by W. H. Pasley, the Finance Committee made the following report.

From Home Missions	\$ 5 70	Orphans' Home	
Foreign	5 35	Sunday school	2 00
State	31 35	Received for J. W. Graham	20 00
Associational	194 10		
Ministerial Education	22 50	Total	200 65
Minutes	42 00		

J. P. TURNER, SR., J. B. HODGES, J. L. TURNER.

It was moved by T. M. Oldham that the report be adopted as read. Motion prevailed and so ordered. After a talk from the moderator, there being no other business before the body, W. H. Pasley moved that we now adjourn to meet with the Poplar Grove Baptist church, of St. Francis county, Ark., at 10 a. m., on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1898. Motion prevailed and so ordered. S. H. KING, Moderator.

LON SLUGHTER, Clerk.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	POST-OFFICES	DAY OF MEETING
New Hope	J. H. Wise	C. T. Chandler	La Grange	2d.
Level Valley	M. J. Day	D. F. Wilson	Holly Grove	2d.
Heleas	H. C. Rosamond	R. R. Fitzpatrick	Heleas	Every.
Naem	Wade Preston	J. L. Turner	Cupert	2d and 4th
Cypress Grove	J. L. Wilson	W. F. King	Turner	2d.
Mc Gilead	Wade Preston	G. W. Bratton	Blackton	2d.
Carrell	W. H. Pasley	E. E. McMurry	Marcell	2d and 4th
Renobeth	P. C. Crow	C. L. Langston	Vineyard	2d and 4th
Dark Grove	Wade Preston	T. E. Knight	Clarendon	1st.
Trenton	M. J. Day	J. L. Kendall	Trenton	1st.
Mt. Olive	H. Mortimer Crain	T. C. Scaife	Turner	1st.
Clarendon	J. L. Wilson	J. T. Barnes	Clarendon	2d.
Monroe	A. A. Andrus	C. E. Whitted	Monroe	1st.
Cotton Plant	N. L. Holloway	G. W. Hill	Cotton Plant	1st.
Brinkley	C. G. Goodwin	A. Flora	Brinkley	1st.
Hebron	S. D. Sawyer	W. T. Taylor	Wheatley	1st.
Philadelphia	A. A. Andrus	H. N. Daniels	Brinkley	2d.
Big Creek	S. D. Johns	E. S. Miller	Goodwin	1st. a 3d.
Ash Grove	N. L. Wilson	H. W. Stewman	Cotton Plant	2d.
Good Hope	S. L. Holloway	B. C. Gibson	De View	1st.
Memor Lake	Z. A. Smith	S. T. Schlenker	Goodwin	1st.
Wheatley	P. C. Crow	N. L. Waldrop	Wheatley	1st.
2d Pleasant Grove	J. A. Smith	H. C. Neely	Howell	1st. a 3d.
Raymond	J. B. Whittle	J. C. East	Raymond	1st. and 2d.
Prairie Grove	P. C. Crow	J. F. Deason	Hunter	1st.
Mama	G. C. Goodwin	W. A. Bonham	Augusta	1st.
Long Chapel	R. G. Thomas	John Horoton	Brinkley	1st.
Bethlehem	J. A. Smith	W. W. King	Clarendon	1st.
Bible Union	W. H. Pasley	X. K. White	Caldwell	4th.
Palestine	J. B. Smith	F. M. Gorm	Palestine	2d.
Poplar Grove	J. B. Perminter	Bruce Smith	McDaniels	Sat. a 1st.
Mars Hill	W. H. Pasley	W. K. Leach	Palestine	2d.
Forrest City	J. B. Perminter	W. T. Sanders	Forrest City	Every.
Forrest Chapel	W. H. Pasley	A. C. James	Haynes	3d.
Haynes	J. B. Wise	G. H. Roebuck	Haynes	2d and 4th.
Christian Valley	H. J. Smith	T. W. Long	Clifton	4th.
Oak Grove	J. B. Wise	F. L. Gustavus	Moro	1st.
Marianna	R. G. Thomas	John F. Farrar, Sr.	Clifton	1st and 3d.
2d Vincent		J. W. Ables	Colt	2d.
Shiloh				
Co. t.				
Prospect				
New Prospect				
Oak Hill		M. S. Hill	Caldwell	

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.

New Hope.....
 Level Valley.....
 Helena.....
 Salem.....
 Cypress Grove.....
 Mt. Gilead.....
 Marvell.....
 Rehobeth.....
 Dark Grove.....
 Trenton.....
 Mt. Olive.....
 Clarendon.....
 Monroe.....
 Cotton Plant.....
 Brinkley.....
 Hebron.....
 Philadelphia.....
 Big Creek.....
 Ash Grove.....
 Good Hope.....
 Moon Lake.....
 Wheatley.....
 Pleasant Grove.....
 Raymond.....
 Prairie Grove.....
 Rama.....
 Lone Chapel.....
 Bethlehem.....
 Bible Union.....
 Palestine.....
 Poplar Grove.....
 Mars' Hill.....

	MEMBERSHIP.			CONTRIBUTIONS.						Other Purposes.		Value of Church Property	Orphans' Home			
	By Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Present Membership.	Home Missions	Foreign Missions.	Associational Missions.	Saint Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Minutes.	Pastor's Salary.		
New Hope.....	10	42	35	4	1	1	12	12	12	12	12	12	\$1	\$120	10	5000
Level Valley.....	15	32	39	—	—	—	32	32	32	32	32	32	1	100	10	500
Helena.....	12	32	39	4	1	1	32	32	32	32	32	32	2	100	2	500
Salem.....	10	32	39	4	1	1	32	32	32	32	32	32	3	100	3	500
Cypress Grove.....	15	32	39	4	1	1	32	32	32	32	32	32	4	100	4	500
Mt. Gilead.....	12	32	39	4	1	1	32	32	32	32	32	32	5	100	5	500
Marvell.....	10	32	39	4	1	1	32	32	32	32	32	32	6	100	6	500
Rehobeth.....	15	32	39	4	1	1	32	32	32	32	32	32	7	100	7	500
Dark Grove.....	12	32	39	4	1	1	32	32	32	32	32	32	8	100	8	500
Trenton.....	10	32	39	4	1	1	32	32	32	32	32	32	9	100	9	500
Mt. Olive.....	15	32	39	4	1	1	32	32	32	32	32	32	10	100	10	500
Clarendon.....	12	32	39	4	1	1	32	32	32	32	32	32	11	100	11	500
Monroe.....	10	32	39	4	1	1	32	32	32	32	32	32	12	100	12	500
Cotton Plant.....	15	32	39	4	1	1	32	32	32	32	32	32	13	100	13	500
Brinkley.....	12	32	39	4	1	1	32	32	32	32	32	32	14	100	14	500
Hebron.....	10	32	39	4	1	1	32	32	32	32	32	32	15	100	15	500
Philadelphia.....	15	32	39	4	1	1	32	32	32	32	32	32	16	100	16	500
Big Creek.....	12	32	39	4	1	1	32	32	32	32	32	32	17	100	17	500
Ash Grove.....	10	32	39	4	1	1	32	32	32	32	32	32	18	100	18	500
Good Hope.....	15	32	39	4	1	1	32	32	32	32	32	32	19	100	19	500
Moon Lake.....	12	32	39	4	1	1	32	32	32	32	32	32	20	100	20	500
Wheatley.....	10	32	39	4	1	1	32	32	32	32	32	32	21	100	21	500
Pleasant Grove.....	15	32	39	4	1	1	32	32	32	32	32	32	22	100	22	500
Raymond.....	12	32	39	4	1	1	32	32	32	32	32	32	23	100	23	500
Prairie Grove.....	10	32	39	4	1	1	32	32	32	32	32	32	24	100	24	500
Rama.....	15	32	39	4	1	1	32	32	32	32	32	32	25	100	25	500
Lone Chapel.....	12	32	39	4	1	1	32	32	32	32	32	32	26	100	26	500
Bethlehem.....	10	32	39	4	1	1	32	32	32	32	32	32	27	100	27	500
Bible Union.....	15	32	39	4	1	1	32	32	32	32	32	32	28	100	28	500
Palestine.....	12	32	39	4	1	1	32	32	32	32	32	32	29	100	29	500
Poplar Grove.....	10	32	39	4	1	1	32	32	32	32	32	32	30	100	30	500
Mars' Hill.....	15	32	39	4	1	1	32	32	32	32	32	32	31	100	31	500

Forrest City.....	4	9	120	6 Cents	5.00	10.00		50	600.00	100.00	60	2000.00	
Forrest Chapel.....			47					21	210.00	21.00	21	840.00	
Haynes.....	1	1	1	47	1.00	1.00		1	1.00				
Christian Valley.....	5	1	2	51	80	15	12.00	1	1.00	10.00		80.00	
Oak Grove.....			4	21	2.00	2.00	2.00	1	1.00	1.00	1	500.00	1.00
Marianna.....													
Vincent.....													
Shiloh.....			1	3	29		2.00			30.00		30	
Colt.....													
Prospect.....													
New Prospect.....													
Oak Hill.....			2	6	1	37			2.00		60		
Totals.....			170	69	28.77	\$1.33	1040	\$13	20	\$23.70	\$194	10	\$25