

Proceedings  
OF THE  
**Mt. Vernon**  
*Baptist Association,*

HELD WITH

Poplar Grove Church,  
St. Francis County, Ark., October 14, 1898.

~::~ OFFICERS: ~::~

*S. H. King, Poplar Grove, Moderator.*  
*Lon Slaughter, Marianna, Clerk.*

Next session to be held with Marianna Baptist Church, Lee  
county, Ark., on Friday before the Third Sunday  
in October, 1899, at 10 a. m.

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# Proceedings.

Pursuant to adjournment the Mt. Vernon Association met with the Poplar Grove Baptist Church, St. Francis County, Ark., October 14, 1898, at 10 a. m. and was called to order by the former moderator, Deacon S. H. King, after singing No. 163 Harvest Bells and prayer by Eld. S. L. Holloway.

By motion of Eld. W. H. Pasley the regular order of business was suspended, and instead of having the introductory sermon, we now proceeded to organize by calling for letters, enrolling messengers and electing officers. Motion prevailed.

Bros. L. P. Anderson and S. L. Holloway were requested to read letters when the following were presented and messengers enrolled:

Clarendon—By letter.

Helena—Eld. H. C. Rosamond, T. M. Oldham.

Salem—J. J. King, C. F. Thompson, Robt. Foster, Sister Allison.

Rehobeth—S. H. King, J. B. Love, F. H. Hopkins.

Trenton—L. P. Anderson, Sister Wells, May Kendal, Fannie Porter.

Philadelphia—S. D. Sawyer, Robt. Morgan.

Ash Grove—D. H. Gideon, B. F. Anderson.

Poplar Grove—O. W. Lambert, J. A. Whittington, W. S. Heustess.

Mars Hill—E. B. Shaver.

Forrest Chapel—C. R. Hines, Sister Julia Thompson.

Haynes—G. R. Robuck, Eld. S. L. Pine, Sister Nannie Friar.

Christian Valley—J. C. King, Sister Nannie Speed.

Shiloh—J. H. Davids, J. R. Lamastus, J. H. Hardin.

Coit—Eld. L. E. Finney, T. G. Hewlett, Sister Sallie Holland.

Oak Hill—J. A. Bell, J. W. McCulloch, J. M. Wilson.

Palestine—W. T. Holwell, Sisters Lena Williams and Mary Holwell.

Big Creek—E. S. Miller, J. R. Sherman, W. Houten.

Bible Union—J. P. Janes.

Forrest City—Eld. W. H. Paslay, Eld. W. J. Robinson, J. B. Sanders, J. D. Barnett.

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

Hebron—T. H. Psalmonds.

Moon Lake—Samuel Jaynes.

Raymond—Sister M. A. West.

Good Hope—By letter.

Pleasant Grove—By letter.

New Hope No. 2—C. F. Berline, Eld. William Guest.

Pilgrim's Rest—T. L. Smith.

Marianna—Eld. J. B. Wise, Lon Slaughter.

Moved that Elds. J. B. Wise and Lon Slaughter be received and enrolled as messengers from the Marianna church in the absence of letters. Motion prevailed.

Moved by Eld. H. C. Rosamond that we now proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year. Motion prevailed.

Moved by Eld. H. C. Rosamond that we elect Deacon S. H. King moderator for the ensuing year by acclamation. Motion prevailed.

Moved by Eld. H. C. Rosamond that we elect Lon Slaughter clerk for the ensuing year by acclamation. Motion prevailed.

Motion by Eld. J. B. Wise that we elect Eld. W. H. Paslay treasurer for the ensuing year by acclamation. Motion prevailed.

Petitionary letters were called for when the following were presented:

New Hope, No. 2, from Crittendon county and Pilgrims Rest from St. Francis county.

Moved that they be received and their messengers enrolled. Motion prevailed and messengers enrolled in proper place.

After singing Hymn No. 70, Harvest Bells, and prayer by Eld. J. B. Wise, Eld. H. C. Rosamond, the appointee to preach the introductory sermon, gave us a strong gospel sermon from Galatians 6: 2. Subject, "Bear ye one another's burdens," after which which we had prayer by Eld. J. A. Smith.

The following committees were appointed to report to this body:

State Missions—S. L. Pine, F. H. Hopkins, D. H. Gideon.

Associational Missions—H. C. Rosamond, W. J. Robinson, Robt. Morgan.

Home and Foreign Missions—S. L. Holloway, L. P. Anderson, O. W. Lambert.

Publications—J. B. Wise, T. M. Oldham, E. B. Shaver.

Education—L. P. Anderson, G. R. Robuck, J. C. King.

Sunday-Schools—G. R. Robuck, J. H. Davids, F. L. Gustavus.

Temperance—L. E. Finney, S. D. Sawyer, J. A. Bell.

Nominations—Lon Slaughter, C. F. Thompson, W. H. Pasley.

Obituaries—T. M. Oldham, S. L. Holloway, L. P. Anderson.

Ministerial Education—W. H. Paslay, J. B. Lowe, T. G. Hewlett.

Finance—C. F. Thompson, G. R. Robuck, W. S. Huestess.

Orphans' Home—J. B. Wise, J. B. Sanders.

Motion by Eld. J. B. Wise that a committee on Orphans' Home be appointed. Motion prevailed and committee appointed.

Moved by Eld. W. H. Paslay that we now adjourn until 3 p. m. Motion prevailed. Benediction by Eld. S. L. Holloway.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Three p. m. Body called to order by singing No. 163, Harvest Bells. Prayer by Eld. L. E. Finney.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us. Visitors: Eld. W. A. Clark, editor Arkansas Baptist; Eld. W. W. Gardner, agent Orphans' Home, and Eld. G. C. Taylor, agent Central College.

Reports of committees being called for, Eld. W. H. Paslay, as a member of the Executive Board, made the following report:

Dear Brethren: Acting upon your instruction, we employed Bros. Watson and Howell to labor in the western part of the association and Bro. H. J. Smith in the northern and eastern part, principally in the bottom east of the St. Francis River. While there has not been as many conversions this year as in former years, yet we think work has been done in the way of encouraging and strengthening weak churches and in securing their co-operation in our associational work, one or two churches have been reinstated and one organized in a very destitute portion of our territory north of Palestine which we think with proper culture will grow and fill a long-felt want in that portion of our association. We have a new pastor added to our list—Bro. Finney, of Colt, whom we trust will supply that part of the field with the pure Word of God. The greatest obstacle we have to contend with, is from some of our preachers who, like the dog in the fable, will not eat the provender themselves, nor suffer others to do so. They will not co-operate with our associational work, nor supply the churches in their locality. They object to our employing and paying missionaries to work in their fields, and yet say they can not preach unto them for want of a support. We would advise these churches to co-operate and employ a good, zealous, consecrated preacher, and do what they can to support him, and if there is a deficit, ask the board for help. In view of the situation, we would suggest to the association that we change our plans somewhat, and instead of employing men to preach for two or three months and leave the field vacant and disorganized, that we assist these weak churches in sustaining a pastor or pastors. The people must have the gospel preached unto them. The command is given to the churches, and as churches are composed of individuals, it becomes the duty of every Christian to aid in this work of evangelizing the world. While we have done much, much more remains to be done. We hope this subject will be thoroughly discussed by this body, and that the Holy Spirit will direct and



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bless our future efforts. We here append the report of our missionaries, all of which is respectfully submitted.

J. B. WISE,

A. FLORA,

JNO. P. FARRAR, SR.,

W. A. BOBBITT,

S. H. KING,

W. H. PASLEY,

L. J. WILKS,

LON SLAUGHTER,

Executive Board.

Moved by L. Slaughter that the report of Committee on Associational Missions be taken up in connection with above report. Motion prevailed, and the said committee made the following report through their chairman, Eld H. C. Rosamond:

Baptists are great believers in apostolic practices. We believe that the command to preach the gospel to every creature is binding upon everyone of us. It was given to the churches. The church that does not do all in its power to preach the gospel to every creature, has no right to expect the blessings of God to rest upon it. Are not many Baptists guilty of the charge? "Ye have robbed me in tithes and offerings." Our revivals are meager, because our contributions are meager. We are not doing what we should for the conversion of our neighbors. God's Word affirms that the liberal soul shall be made fat, but it also affirms that there is that withholdeth more than is meet; it tendeth to poverty. We believe that our financial and spiritual poverty is the result of our covetousness. Baptists have plenty of money, but they need to be taught that all we have belongs to God, that we are God's stewards, and are responsible for the way we handle his funds. There is very much destitution in the bounds of this association. Are we not responsible for this destitution? Is it not our imperative duty to take this rich territory for Christ? It is time for every Baptist to awake out of sleep and occupy the field. In view of these startling facts, your committee recommends that every pastor in the bounds of this association be requested to preach frequently on missions and take collections in each church he serves. 2. That each church be requested to make earnest efforts to get, at least two contributions yearly for missions from every member in that church. 3. That some one or more members be appointed in every church to see that an effort be made to induce the members to adopt some systematic plan of giving to the Lord. 4. We also recommend that our board be instructed to adopt the recommendations embodied in the report of our retiring board and expend the most of the available funds in assisting weak churches in sustaining pastors. 5. That the association discourage the organization of so many weak churches, but that we concentrate our efforts and build up the organizations now existing. 6. That the association advise our churches not to employ any man as pastor who is not thoroughly missionary in his preaching and practice.

H. C. ROSAMOND,

W. J. ROBINSON,

ROBT. MORGAN,

Committee.

Moved by Eld J. B. Wise that the two reports be adopted as read. After discussions by Elds. W. H. Paslay, H. C. Ros-

among, L. P. Anderson, S. H. King and W. A. Clark. Motion prevailed.

Moved that we now adjourn until 7:30 p. m. Benediction by Eld. W. A. Clark. Committee on Divine Service announced that Eld. W. J. Robinson would preach for us at 7:30 p. m.

Seven-thirty p. m. The body called to order by Eld. W. H. Pasley, moderator, pro tem. After spending a few minutes in prayer and song service, Eld. W. J. Robinson gave us a strong sermon from 2 Cor. 9: 8 Subject, 'Our ability to give.' Prayer by T. M. Oldham. The association proceeded to business.

Moved by L. Slaughter that we now take pledges for associational missions for the ensuing year. After remarks by Eld. W. H. Pasley, motion prevailed, and the following pledges were taken:

Helena .....	\$10 00	Christian Valley.....	5 00
Salem.....	10 00	Oak Grove.....	5 00
Trenton.....	10 00	Marianna.....	10 00
Brinkley.....	5 00	Shiloh.....	2 50
Philadelphia.....	5 00	Colt.....	5 00
Big Creek.....	5 00	Oak Hill.....	5 00
Ash Grove.....	5 00	New Hope No. 2.....	2 50
Bible Union.....	7 50	Rehobeth.....	20 00
Palestine.....	5 00	Forrest Chapel.....	5 00
Poplar Grove.....	10 00	Pilgrim's Rest.....	2 50
Mars Hill.....	2 00		
Forrest City.....	10 00	Total.....	\$152 00
Haynes.....	5 00		

The Committee on Temperance made the following report through their chairman, Eld. L. E. Finney:

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit the following report: We believe that one of the greatest obstacles with which we have to contend as a denomination, is that home-wrecking, poverty-making, soul-destroying evil we call rum. Our advance along all lines of Christian work, which is the result of more teaching and better teaching, demands that we array our forces against this evil as we have never done before. The little brown jug which each of our ancestors is reputed to have kept under his bed, has produced a generation of drunkards. The intemperance being practiced by a great many who profess to be followers of Christ, is producing a harvest of men without a particle of influence. As long as Baptist churches tolerate an occasional toddy, the dram drinkers and those who actually go away from home and get drunk, it is worse than useless to pass resolutions on temperance. Paul says temperance is a fruit of the spirit and temperance in strong drink is certainly total abstinence. If the money spent by the Baptists of Mt. Vernon Association for tobacco was given to the mission work, we could put competent men in the home field and send a neat surplus to the

foreign work. Is not the tobacco habit in nearly, if not every case, gross intemperance?

L. E. FINNEY,

S. D. SAWYER,

J. A. BELL,

Committee.

Moved by T. M. Oldham that the report be adopted as read. After discussion by Elds L. E. Finney, T. M. Oldham, W. A. Clark and W. W. Gardner, motion prevailed.

Committee on Divine Services announced that Eld W. A. Clark would preach for us tomorrow at 11 a. m.

Moved by T. M. Oldham that we now adjourn until 9 a. m. tomorrow. Motion prevailed. Benediction by Eld W. A. Clark.

### SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Nine a. m. The body was called to order by the moderator. After singing Hymn No. 298, Harvest Bell's, and prayer by Eld. W. W. Gardner. Minutes read, and it was moved that the word Elder should be used instead of Reverend. Motion carried and change made.

Moved by J. B. Sanders that we limit discussions to fifteen minutes for the chairman of a committee, and five minutes for other brethren who wish to speak. After discussion by S. H. King and J. B. Sanders, motion was lost.

The Committee on Publications made the following report through their chairman, Eld. J. B. Wise:

In this age of many books, it is of great importance that parents make careful selection of the material read by the rising generation. If we do not get good books and papers in the hands of our children, the mongers of cheap and pernicious publications will furnish them with that which poisons the mind and degrades the soul. Your committee urges the brethren of this Association to supply themselves with Landmark Baptist books and papers, so that we may the better represent the bone and sinew of that sect everywhere spoken against. As such a publication, we commend the Arkansas Baptist, of Little Rock; the Foreign Mission Journal, of Richmond, Va.; the Home Field, of Atlanta, Ga., and the publications of the Sunday-school Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, of Nashville, Tenn. But above all we urge the careful study of the Bible, which is the Word of God. It is sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

J. B. WISE,

T. M. OLDHAM,

E. B. SHAVER,

Committee.

Moved by Eld. W. H. Paslay that the report be adopted as read After discussion by Elds. W. A. Clark, J. B. Wise, S. L. Pine, H. C. Rosamond and J. D. Barnett, motion prevailed.

Bro. T. M. Oldham offered the following resolution:

Resolved, 1. That we heartily endorse the action of the General Association of Kentucky in demanding the resignation or removal of W. H. Whitsitt; and now that he has tendered his resignation,

Resolved, 2. That we urge its early acceptance by the trustees.

Resolved, 3. That we will pledge our hearty sympathy and support to the seminary as soon as Whitsitt's resignation is accepted and a sound Baptist is made president of the institution.

Moved by L. Slaughter that the resolution be adopted as read. After remarks by T. M. Oldham, motion prevailed.

Eld. W. H. Paslay read the following report as treasurer of this Association:

Oct. 1897.	Received of Finance Committee.....	\$336 10
" "	R. S. Thomas.....	5 35
" "	Wheatley church.....	75
" "	LaGrange church.....	1 00
Dec. 2	Bro. Belsha.....	5 00
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Feb. 7,	R. G. Church.....	5 50
" "	Gleaners, Forrest City.....	2 50
" 14	Rehobeth, State Missions.....	7 10
March 9	Poplar Grove church, Foreign Missions.....	3 00
" 29	Rehobeth, Ministerial Education.....	8 25
June 11	Rehobeth, State Missions.....	6 50
" "	Sunday-school Board.....	4 00
July 16	Bro. Dawson, Associational Missions.....	2 50
" 18	Helena church.....	12 40
Sept 27	Forrest City church.....	10 00

Total.....\$409 95

Oct. 1897.	By amount paid J. W. Graham.....	\$24 05
" "	Foreign Missions.....	5 70
" "	State Missions.....	31 35
" "	Orphans' Home.....	25 00
" "	Ministerial Education.....	24 00
" "	Printing Minutes.....	25 00
" "	Clerk.....	10 00
" "	S. D. Sawyer.....	37 35
Dec. 3	Ministerial Education.....	5 00
" 14	State Missions.....	5 50
" "	State Missions.....	9 60



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March 9	Foreign Missions.....	3 00
" 29	Ministerial Education.....	8 25
June 26	Ministerial Education.....	6 50
" "	Sunday-school Board.....	4 00
July 5	H. J. Smith.....	5 00
Sept.	R. A. Watson.....	88 55
"	Bro. Howell.....	95 00
"	Orders, postage, etc.....	2 74
Total.....		\$415 59
Balance due Treasurer.....		\$5 64

Moved by Eld. H. C. Rosamond that the report be received as read. Motion prevailed.

Moved by Eld. W. H. Paslay that we take a recess of five minutes and re-assemble for praching. Motion prevailed.

At 11 a. m., after a few minutes spent in prayer and song service, Eld. W. A. Clark gave us a strong Gospel sermon from 1. Samuel 17: 29. Subject: "Israel, the power of God." After song and prayer by Eld. H. C. Rosamond, Eld. W. H. Paslay moved that we adjourn until 2 p. m. Motion prevailed. Benediction by Eld. W. H. Paslay.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. and after singing and prayer by S. L. Pine, the Committee on Orphans' Home made the following report through their chairman, Eld. J. B. Wise:

Your committee submit the following: Three years ago Miss Hannah Hyatt conceived the idea of becoming a burden bearer, that she might lift to usefulness and to heaven all the dependent orphan children in our State. For this purpose she gave to us her real estate, upon which to build a home, to be under the control of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. We now have an elegant brick building, with six large rooms, occupied by eighteen children, in that home, looking to us for their support and education. The morals of the home are all that anyone could expect. The children attend Sunday-school and church services regularly. A literary school is taught in the home of the same grade as the public schools of the State. The teaching of this day-school and the supervision is given without any cost to us. Our present building is full, and we must have more room. We have to look to the friends of orphan children, and especially to the Baptists of our own State, for enlarged facilities to care for this class of the Lord's poor, which we always have with us. Let us give the home our prayers and our financial support. Let us respond as an Association to this noble work and build up a home of which we will be

proud and that will be honoring to God. We recommend that a report on the Orphans' Home be made a part of our regular program.

J. B. WISE,  
J. B. SANDERS,  
Committee.

Moved by Eld. J. B. Wise that the report be adopted as read. After discussion by Elds. J. B. Wise, L. E. Finney, W. W. Gardner the motion prevailed, and a collection amounting to \$19.60 was taken

Committee on State Missions made the following report through their chairman, Eld. S. L. Pine:

The year that is closing has been one of the grandest in our history as a people. Harmony prevails throughout the State on the question of missions. Under the present system more has been accomplished than in former years. We think the board made no mistake in selecting Eld. C. F. J. Tate as the State missionary. His work has proved this, and we should thank God for directing the board in their choice. Therefore, we would ask all of the churches in this Association to help sustain the work by liberal giving to this part of missions. We think that each church should pledge itself, when sending messengers to an Association, the amount they will give for the ensuing year. Let there be a move all along the line for the coming year that may redound to the glory of God and the salvation of many precious souls.

S. L. PINE,  
D. H. GIDEON,  
F. H. HOPKINS,  
Committee

Motion made by Eld. H. C. Rosamond that the report be adopted as read. After being discussed by Eld. W. H. Paslay, motion prevailed.

Motion made by Eld. J. B. Wise that our messengers to the State Convention be instructed to pledge this Association for one hundred dollars for State missions. Motion prevailed.

Motion made that we now appoint messengers to the State Convention. Motion prevailed, and the following brethren were appointed: Eld. W. H. Paslay, Lon Slaughter, S. H. King, Elds. H. C. Rosamond and S. L. Pine. An amendment was made and passed authorizing the delegates to fill vacancies that may occur from members of this Association who may be there.

Motion made that Eld. H. C. Rosamond be elected as messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention, and Eld. J. B. Wise as alternate. Motion prevailed.

Committee on Home and Foreign Missions made the following report through their chairman, Eld. S. L. Holloway:

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Mark 15: 16. "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?" Rom. 10: 14, 15. These Scripture quotations, with many others that might be presented, show that the only way of salvation is faith in Jesus Christ, and that the true spirit of the religion of Christ is a missionary spirit. His last and great command was to preach the Gospel to every creature; and this command is just as binding upon us as it was upon the apostles. Therefore, every consideration of our duty to God, for his glory and to our fellow-men for their future happiness, makes it imperative upon us to send or carry the Gospel to those who are without it. Our missionary boards are prosecuting their work with earnestness and vigor and are sending the glad news throughout their respective fields according to the means placed at their command. We have missionaries on all the continents and on many islands of the sea. God has shown his approval of their work by the success he has granted them and by the open doors which are presented to us. Never before have such opportunities been offered to our people. We believe that God has broken the power of Catholicism in the West Indies and in the Philippine Islands. We believe, also, that the present complications in China indicate that he is breaking the power of superstition, lifting the veil of ignorance and opening the way for the Gospel in that bright land as perhaps he has never done before. These conditions bring great opportunities, with commensurate responsibilities, to all God's children. Our people usually act when they are properly informed. Therefore, we recommend and urge that our pastors teach the importance of the subject and place in the hands of our people such literature as will give full information on the subject. Our Home Field and the Foreign Mission Journal will do it.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. HOLLOWAY,  
L. P. ANDERSON,  
O. W. LAMBERT,

Committee.

Motion made by Eld. H. C. Rosamond that the report be adopted as read, after discussion by Brethren S. L. Holloway, H. C. Rosamond and J. B. Sanders. Motion prevailed.

Committee on Education made the following report through their chairman, L. P. Anderson:

It has been said that there is nothing great in the world but man, and nothing great in man but mind. God has endowed us with great moral and intellectual facilities, and each individual is under the threefold duty to himself, to his country and to his God to attain the highest practical development. The proper education of mind and heart prepares us not only for the duties, trials and responsibilities of this life, but for the life to come. No school nor college that fails to emphasize and develop the moral element in education can be called an all 'round developer of character. It is lacking in that characteristic which will enable girls and boys to meet the duties of

citizens, of fathers and of mothers. We point with pride to our Ouachita College, with its well-equipped buildings, its able president and faculty of twenty-two teachers, its matriculation, so far this year over 300 students, and its long roll of alumnae and alumni, who have gone out from its walls to bless mankind with their labors, as a college that meets all the requirements of a Christian education, and may the time soon come when it shall be the great Baptist university of Arkansas. Central College for young ladies, with all the modern improvements in building, and with an efficient corps of eleven teachers, claims our warmest support. Away up in the mountains of northwest Arkansas, in Baxter county, where the air is pure and living is cheap, is located Mountain Home Baptist College, holding out its helping hands to all boys and girls wanting to be something and to make something out of themselves in life more than mere camp followers. We, your committee, respectfully submit the foregoing.

L. P. ANDERSON,

G. R. ROBUCK,

J. C. KING,

Committee.

Motion made by Eld. J. B. Wise that the report be adopted as read. Motion prevailed.

Eld. S. L. Holloway asked permission to introduce a resolution, which was granted, and he introduced the following set of resolutions, to-wit:

Whereas, In recent years there has been a decided advancement in popular education along all lines; and,

Whereas, We have now in our State on a substantial basis Baptist colleges for the higher education of our young men and women; and,

Whereas, In our judgment there has arisen a necessity for training schools or academies, which will better prepare our boys and girls for a collegiate course, and for the duties and pursuits of life; be it

Resolved, First, That such a training school or academy be established by and in the bounds of this association;

Second, That a board of trustees, composed of brethren who are members in good standing of the churches of this association be appointed, to whom shall be entrusted the work of securing a location, procuring suitable buildings, the employment of teachers, and whatever else may be necessary for the establishment and conduct of such a school;

Third, That the trustees be required to make a full report in writing each year to this body of the condition of the school, with such recommendations as in their judgment may seem best for the successful promotion of the school;

Fourth, That the board of trustees shall consist of nine brethren, the terms of three of them to expire each year and their successors to be elected by this body in annual session assembled;

Fifth, We hereby instruct the board not to accept and locate said school, without it is a free gift, and this association will not pledge itself for any amount of money.

Motion made by S. L. Holloway that the resolution be



adopted, after discussion by brethren S. L. Holloway, W. H. Paslay, L. P. Anderson, J. B. Wise, J. B. Sanders, S. H. King and G. R. Robuck. The motion prevailed.

Committee on Divine Service reported that Eld. L. E. Finney would preach at 7:30 p. m. Motion made by S. L. Pae that we now adjourn till 7:30. Motion prevailed and Eld. J. B. Wise pronounced the benediction.

At 7:30 p. m. the association was called to order by Eld. W. H. Paslay, moderator pro tem, and after a few minutes spent in song and prayer service, Eld. L. E. Finney preached to us from Eccl. 7:29; subject, "Inventions," after which L. P. Anderson made a motion that the following brethren be elected as trustees of the proposed school, to-wit:

S. L. Holloway, Brinkley; G. R. Robuck, Haynes, and Lon Slaughter, Marianna, one year. L. J. Wilks, He'ena; Alex. Tebelman, Trenton, and S. H. King, Poplar Grove, two years. W. H. Alison, Marvell; M. J. Manning, Carendon, and H. I. Gorum, Palestine, three years.

The motion prevailed.

Committee on Ministerial Education, made the following report through their Chairman, Eld. W. H. Paslay:

The advantages of an education of intellectual training are too apparent to admit of arguments. No lawyer or physician would think of entering upon their profession without suitable preparation. If necessary for these avocations, how much more so for the minister, the highest, noblest and most responsible position entrusted to men? God calls men to this great work. Yet they are commanded to study the Word, search the Scriptures, so that they may be able to rightly divide the Word of Truth. Those who teach error have taken every advantage to array their sophistries in attractive garments, so as to hide their false teachings. So that it requires an expert to detect their fallacies. Truth needs no adorning, but the minister of the gospel should be able to disrobe error of its deception, expose its deleterious influences, and lead men's minds out into the light of God. In view of these facts, our ministers should possess all the advantages that a thorough education can give. The education of a minister must be general in its character. Since he has to meet and counteract error in its diversified forms, ready for an attack from any quarter, I am glad that our denomination has recognized this necessity, and have made preparations for the education of our ministers. We no longer bear the stigma of being an ignorant, bigoted sect, but our ministers are the peers of any class of leaders. We do not say that a man can not preach and be able to do a great amount of good without a finished or collegiate education; yet he will labor under great disadvantages and often

suffer shame, when he feels himself unable to meet and expose the errors of the enemies of truth. The minister is emphatically a teacher of the people, and how can he teach what he does not know? The blind leading the blind. We recommend and urge upon our young ministers the duty of educating themselves. Tuition is free in our colleges, and with the proper grit and a little help from the churches, any preacher can acquire a moderate education at least. We recommend that our churches raise the usual amount for this noble work, and that they refuse to ordain any man to the ministry who is totally unprepared to teach or instruct the people.

W. H. PASLEY,  
J. B. LOWE,  
T. G. HEWLETT,

Committee.

Motion was made by J. B. Sanders that the report be adopted as read after being discussed by Eld. W. H. Paslay and pledges taken as follows for Ministerial Education:

Helena.....	\$5 00	Poplar Grove.....	5 00
Salem.....	5 00	Forrest City.....	10 00
Rehobeth.....	10 00	Haynes.....	2 50
Trenton.....	5 00	Oak Grove.....	2 00
Brinkley.....	5 00	Marianna.....	10 00
Hebron.....	5 00	Oak Hill.....	2 00
Philadelphia.....	5 00		
Ash Grove.....	2 50	Total.....	\$74 00
Bible Union.....	2 00		

Motion prevailed.

Committee on Nominations made the following report through their Chairman, L. Slaughter:

Your Committee on Nominations, beg leave to submit the following: That this body meet with the Marianna Baptist church at its next session, viz., Friday, before the third Sunday in October, 1899, at 10 a. m., and that Eld. S. L. Holloway preach the introductory sermon and Eld. S. L. Pine, alternate, and that the Executive Board consist of Eld. J. B. Wise, J. P. Farrar, Sr., L. J. Wilkes, W. A. Bobbitt and John Prewitt for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

LON SLAUGHTER,  
W. H. PASLAY,  
C. F. THOMPSON,

Committee.

Motion made that the report be adopted as read. After discussion by Brethren L. E. Finney, Lon Slaughter, J. B. Sanders and W. H. Paslay, motion prevailed.

Motion made by Eld. W. H. Paslay that we now take a collection for our afflicted brother, Eld. J. W. Graham. Motion prevailed and a collection of \$14.31 was taken.

Motion made by G. R. Robuck that the clerk be instructed

to procure blank letters annually and send one to each church in this association. Motion prevailed.

Motion made by Eld. J. A. Bell that we take up a collection tomorrow after 11 a. m. service, for State missions. Motion prevailed.

Moved that we adjourn until Sunday morning 9 a. m. Motion carried.

Committee on Divine Service reported Eld. J. B. Wise to preach at 11 a. m. Sunday, and G. C. Taylor at 3 p. m.

Benediction by Eld. G. C. Taylor.

### SUNDAY MORNING

The body called to order by moderator After singing hymn No. 326, "Harvest Bells," and prayer by Eld. G. C. Taylor, the Committee on Sunday schools made the following report through their chairman, G. R. Robuck:

We are sorry to note a decrease in our Sunday-school work, there being now only about 35 per cent of the churches in our association maintaining Sunday-schools. Some of these schools too have a very short life of it, lasting only two or three months during the summer. Of the enrollment in Sunday-school we find the average attendance is only about 25 per cent. These are not encouraging facts, and should arouse our people to put forth more effort along these lines of the work. Baptists should accept the well-known and long established principle, that education forms the common mind, and give more attention to the instruction of their young people. This indifference to Sunday-school work is a gross neglect of one of our most important duties. Can we expect a steady growth of our denomination and the maintenance of Baptist doctrine in its purity, when we so shamefully neglect the training of our own children? Again we urge Baptists to do more Sunday-school work, and hope that our next report will show not a decrease, but an increase.

Respectfully submitted,

G. R. ROBUCK,  
E. L. GUSTAVUS,  
J. H. DAVID,

Committee.

Motion made by T. M. Oldham that the report be adopted as read. After discussion by Brethren G. R. Robuck, L. P. Anderson, J. B. Wise, G. C. Taylor, W. H. Paylay, and T. M. Oldham, motion prevailed.

Motion made by Eld. W. H. Paslay that we now adjourn until after sermon tonight at 7:30. Motion carried.

At 11 a. m. Eld. J. B. Wise gave us a strong sermon I.

John 3: 2. After which as per agreement we took a collection for State Missions which amounted to \$16 51

At 3 p. m. Eld G. C. Taylor gave us a splendid sermon from Luke 14: 23. After which we took a collection for Central Female College amounting to \$4.42.

At 7:30 p. m., after spending a few minutes in prayer and song service, Eld. J. A. David preached to us Subject, "The Doers and not Hearers of the Law are Justified"

Committee on Obituaries made the following report through their chairman. T M. Oldham:

Your Committee on Obituaries are able to congratulate this association on the fact that there has been so few deaths in our bounds during the past year. We only call to mind one deacon, Bro. John Langston, of Rehobeth, a good man of influence and great worth to his church and community. God in his great mercy has spared our ministers, and we are not aware of the demise of any others of prominence in our bounds for which we should be profoundly grateful. Respectfully submitted,

T. M. OLDHAM,  
S. L. HOLLOWAY,  
L. P. ANDERSON,  
Committee.

Moved by Eld W. H. Paslay that the report be adopted as read. Motion carried

Bro. T M Oldham presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are herewith heartily extended to this, the Poplar Grove church and their friends for the generous and loving hospitality shown to this body during its present session.

Motion made that the resolution be adopted Motion prevailed

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

Moved by J. B. Wise that the treasurer be instructed to pay to Bro. J. W. Graham \$10 out of associational funds. Motion carried

After a few remarks by W. H. Paslay the Finance Committee made the following report:

Home Missions.....	\$ 3 50
Foreign Missions.....	3 50
State Missions.....	31 41
Associational Missions.....	120 85
Ministerial Education.....	14 00



Sunday-school work.....	3 00
Orphans' Home.....	19 00
Minutes.....	33 00
Central College.....	4 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$223 00</b>

C. F. THOMPSON,  
G. R. ROBUCK,  
W. S. HEUSTESS,  
Committee.

It was moved by W. H. Paslay that the report be adopted as read. Motion carried

After a talk from the moderator there being no other business before the body, W. H. Paslay moved that we now adjourn to meet with the Marianna Baptist church, of Lee county, Ark., at 10 a. m. on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1899. Motion carried.

S. H. KING, Moderator.

LON SLAUGHTER, Clerk

## ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

W. H. Paslay.....	Forrest City
W. J. Robinson.....	Forrest City
J. D. Barnett.....	Forrest City
L. E. Finney.....	Colt
S. L. Pine.....	Haynes
J. B. Wise.....	Marianna
N. L. Wilson.....	Oak Forrest
J. W. Graham.....	Marvell
S. D. Johns.....	De View
J. A. Bell.....	Haynes
H. C. Rosamord.....	Helena
S. L. Holloway.....	Brinkley
S. D. Sawyer.....	Brinkley
J. H. David.....	Wheatley
J. C. Cook.....	McDaniel
J. A. Smith.....	Marvell
H. J. Smith.....	

# Statistical Table

# CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS, ETC.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERSHIP.					FINANCIAL TRAIL.					No. in Sunday school.	Value of Church Property.	Orphan's Home.
	By Baptism.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Ins. by Letter.	Excluded.	Present Members.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.			
New Hope						35		\$7.00	\$2.45		35	\$500.00	\$11.50
Level Valley						182		19.00	17.40	5.00	100	3000.00	\$2.15
Helena	14	6	12	5	1	81	\$15.00	6.30	10.00		59	850.00	\$3.90
Salem													
Cypress Grove													
Mt. Gilead						58	2.50						
Marvell								20.00	9.15	10.00	1.50	200.00	6.00
Behobeth													
Park Grove													
Trenton	4	1	4	1		50		28.00		2.50	1.50	150.00	8.50
Clarendon	9					32			10.00		1.55	200.00	
Monroe													
Mt. Olive													
Cotton Plant													
Brinkley	3	6	2			61		5.00	5.00	12.00	1.50	15.00	40
Hebron	5	12				32		2.50			1.10		
Philadelphia	2	1	10	7	4	112					2.00	1.55	19
Big Creek	4	12				21		35	1.25		1.15	5.00	
Ash Grove	1	4	3	3	1	70	2.50	2.50	2.50	1.50	1.50	50.00	47
Good Hope													
Moon Lake	2					40							
Wheatley													
Pleasant Grove						35							
Raymond						46						5.00	
Prairie Grove													
Pilgrim's Rest											1.00		
Lone Chapel													
Bethlehem													
Bible Union	1		3	6	1	83			5.00	2.50	1.00	75.00	
Palestine		1	1	1	3	29		3.00			1.03	16.00	48
Poplar Grove	5	3				33			10.00		1.50	150.00	5.00
Mars Hill													
Forrest City	2	2	1	3	3	124	7.50	10.00	10.00	10.00	2.50	600.00	186.50
Haynes						48			5.00	5.00	1.50		
Forrest Chapel						25							
Christian Valley						48							
Oak Grove						1.00							
Marianna	2	2	3	3	1	78	33.00	20.00		10.00	2.00	365.00	127.10
New Hope No. 2						40							
Shiloh	6	6	1	3		32							
Colt	15	13	3			56							
Oak Hill	4	3	2	3	3	45							
Total	82	51	15	65	45	1658	\$21.00	\$112.85	\$153.62	\$64.35	\$94.00	\$3095.45	\$1172.76

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICES.	Days of Meeting.
New Hope	J. B. Wise	C. T. Chandler	LaGrange	3d
Level Valley				
Helena	H. C. Rosamond	B. R. Fitzgerald	Helena	evy
Salem	J. L. Holloway	J. L. Turner	Cypert	4th
Cypress Grove				
Mt. Gilead				
Marvell				
Behobeth	W. H. Paslay	C. L. Langston	Vineyard	2d
Park Grove				
Trenton	S. L. Holloway	J. L. Kindall	Trenton	3d
Clarendon	H. M. Craine	W. M. King	Clarendon	
Monroe				
Mt. Olive				
Cotton Plant				
Brinkley	S. L. Holloway	A. Flora	Brinkley	1st
Hebron	J. C. Cook	T. H. Psalmonds	Wheatley	3d
Philadelphia	S. D. Sawyer	W. N. Daniels	Brinkley	3d
Big Creek		E. S. Miller	Goodwin	3d
Ash Grove	A. A. Andrews	H. W. Steroman	Cotton Plant	1st
Good Hope	S. D. Johns	L. B. Winfree	De View	
Moon Lake	N. L. Wilso	S. B. Schlenker	Goodwin	1st
Wheatley				
Pleasant Grove	J. H. David	P. E. Morris	Howell	
Raymond	T. C. Croy	M. A. West	Raymond	
Prairie Grove				
Pilgrim's Rest	H. J. Smith	F. L. Smith	Palestine	4th
Lone Chapel				
Bethlehem				
Bible Union	L. E. Finney	Rayborn Tacket	Pine Tree	4th
Palestine	J. A. Smith	F. M. Gorum	Palestine	2d
Poplar Grove	W. H. Paslay	E. B. Smith	McDaniel	1st
Mars Hill	J. C. Cook	W. K. Leach	Palestine	
Forrest City	W. J. Robinson	W. T. Sanders	Forrest City	evy
Haynes	S. L. Pice	Nannie Friar	Haynes	1st
Forrest Chapel		H. C. James	Haynes	
Christian Valley	J. B. Wise	P. W. Long	Clifton	4th
Oak Grove	S. D. Sawyer	F. L. Gustavus	Clifton	1st
Marianna	J. B. Wise	J. E. Farrar, Sr.	Happy	3d
New Hope No. 2		D. E. Hamilton	Colt	3d
Shiloh	L. E. Finney	E. D. Hardy	Colt	1st
Colt	L. E. Finney	J. O. Tipton	Colt	1st
Oak Hill	J. A. Bell	M. S. Hill	Caldwell	1st