

The
Mount Vernon
Association
of
Baptist Churches

Fifty-Eighth Annual Session

Forrest City, Ark.

1914

OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATION

MODERATOR—Lon Slaughter, Palestine, Ark

TREASURER—J. L. Turner, Cyfert, Ark

CLERK—Jos. W. Porter, Helena, Ark

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

G. R. ROEBUCK

G. H. VINEYARD

J. T. SANDERS

W. H. SLEDGE

J. W. SIMS

TRUSTEES OF FORREST CHAPEL

LON SLAUGHTER

J. T. SANDERS

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Daily Proceedings

TUESDAY EVENING, OCT. 6, 1914

The Mount Vernon Baptist Association met in its fifty-eighth Annual Session with the First Baptist Church, Forrest City, Ark., and was called to order by Moderator Lon Slaughter.

Devotional exercise was conducted by J. W. Sims.

The roll call of churches was called and W. E. Mathews and N. C. B. Anderson were appointed letter clerks. The following churches were represented, viz:

Trenton, Colts, Palestine, Rondo, Brinkley, Cypert, Forrest City, Wheatley, Haynes, Marianna Mission, Helena, Ash Grove, Marianna, Clarendon, Marvell, Holly Grove, Oak Grove and Elaine.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator, Lon Slaughter was unanimously elected. Upon taking charge of the Association, Bro. Slaughter accepted the nomination with a few well chosen remarks.

CLERK: J. W. PORTER.

TREASURER: J. L. TURNER

Petitionary letters were called for by the Moderator, and the following churches were enrolled:

Holly Grove Baptist Church, Rondo, and West Helena.

VISITORS

The visitors were given an opportunity to address the Association and the following responded: J. B.

South, represented Arkansas Baptist, J. A. Smith, Missionary General Association, L. H. Davis, of Rock Bayou Association, Clarence Levell, of Southern Baptist Convention, R. W. Inlow, Secretary of State Convention, and Rev. Long, representing Baptist Advance.

Association Sermon was preached by Samuel J. Ezell.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at 9 a. m., Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK

After Devotional Services, conducted by J. H. Coleman, Moderator called the Association to order, and the following committees were appointed, viz:

ORDER OF BUSINESS—

W. H. Gregory, W. E. Mathews and J. G. Sanders.

DIVINE SERVICES—

J. L. Turner, T. W. Gillam and Deacons of Forrest City church.

ON PUBLICATION—

J. G. Mathis, H. Bickerstaff and D. F. Anderson.

HOME MISSIONS—

T. W. Gillam, W. E. Mathews, L. O. Fitzgerald, and W. H. Gregory.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS—

J. W. Sims, G. H. Vineyard, J. T. Sanders, and W. H. Sledge.

NOMINATIONS—

G. H. Vineyard, H. Bickerstaff, G. A. Pearson, and T. W. Gillam.

TEMPERANCE—

S. J. Ezell, W. H. Allerson, R. P. Price, and W. H. Gillam.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—

Jas. H. Coleman, J. L. Hughes, W. W. Gregory, and Eland Hall.

STATE MISSIONS—

J. W. Sims, J. E. Sherral, J. T. Sanders, and S.

J. Ezell.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—

W. H. Sledge, J. E. Sherral, D. F. Anderson, and
J. J. Mathis.

FINANCE—

J. L. Turner, J. T. Sanders, and H. Bickerstaff.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—

G. H. Vineyard, J. H. Coleman, T. W. Gillam, and
R. P. Price.

OBITUARIES—

Eland Hall, T. W. Gillam, and R. P. Price.

ORPHANS' HOME—

J. W. Sims, J. H. Coleman, W. H. Sledge, and J.
E. Sherral.

Preaching at 11 o'clock by W. H. Gregory.

Association adjourned until 1:45 p. m.

MESSENGERS

WHEATLEY—W. H. Gregory, Mrs. Hattie Doulah,
and Mrs. Margaret Lower.

BRINKLEY—J. H. Coleman, Mrs. J. H. Coleman,
David Brown, Ben Stagg, and S. A. Hallum.

ASH GROVE—J. L. Hughes and D. F. Anderson.

COLTS—G. A. Pearson, Mrs. Nellie Gillam, and Sis-
ter Alle Dorris.

PALESTINE—Lon Slaughter and J. J. Mathews.

HAYNES—P. W. Long, G. R. Roebuck, and Lee
James, Jr.

HELENA—G. H. Vineyard, W. H. Sledge, Lee Pen-
dergrass, and J. W. Porter.

CYPERT—J. L. Turner, Cramer Turner, Virginia
Thompson, and J. L. Thompson.

WEST HELENA—C. C. Giles, Mrs. E. T. Jacobs, Mrs.
W. T. Barnes, and L. O. Fitzgerald.

MARIANNA MISSIONARY—J. E. Sherrell, J. P. Far-
ra, and Mrs. J. L. West.

ELAINE—Mrs. W. G. Archdale and Mrs. J. W. New-
by.

MARIANNA—Dr. C. T. Chandler, Dr. N. A. Thorn-

Mount Vernon Baptist Association

ton, E. D. Wall, J. E. Mann, Robert Willis, and A. I. Nixon.

COLWELL—G. Royal, J. D. F. Brown, and J. M. Wilson.

TRENTON—H. G. Smith, Miss Fannie Porter, and Mrs. E. W. Welch.

MARVELL—J. W. Sims, W. H. Allison, and C. F. Thompson.

REHOBETH—A. J. Barton, Sam Brown, and W. P. Sallas.

CLARENDON—Represented by letter only.

MORO—R. P. Price, J. F. Gibson, and H. Bickstaff.

HOLLY GROVE—A. A. Riner, Mrs. A. A. Riner, and W. E. Mathews.

POPLAR GROVE—J. D. Henstess, John Cox, and Binky Jolly.

RONDO—T. W. Pyles, A. Thrash, and T. W. Gilliam.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional services conducted by J. W. Sims.

Association was then called to order by Moderator.

Letters from the Elaine and Poplar Grove Churches were read and Messengers enrolled.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

We, your committee on Order of Business, recommend that Morning Sessions begin at 9 o'clock a. m. and that the Afternoon Sessions begin at 2 p. m., and Evening Sessions begin at 7:30 p. m. Each Session to begin with Prayer and to continue at the will of the body.

We further recommend that the time for considering of the various reports of Committees shall be as follows:

Foreign Missions: Thursday morning at 9:45.

Home Missions: Wednesday evening at 7:45.

Associational Missions: at 10:15.

Obituaries: Thursday afternoon, 2:15.

State Missions: at 2:30 Thursday afternoon.

Nominations: Thursday afternoon, 3:15.

Orphans' Home: Thursday evening, at 7:45.

Treasurer's Report: 8:45 Thursday evening.

W. H. Gregory.

A. E. Mathews.

J. G. Sanders.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

The greatest moral reform agitating the public mind today is the suppression of the liquor traffic. Sentiment along this line has grown steadily for the last half century, and it needs to continue to grow until the last manufacturing establishment for the creation of the fire of hell has been suppressed and the infamous business of drunkard making has been driven into perdition, where it belongs. The Churches of Jesus Christ are the great moral forces of this world, and to them more than all others belongs the responsibility for sobriety among the people and the destruction of this evil in the land. Let us continue to agitate against this evil and cleanse our Churches of all those who use this vile stuff as a beverage.

We endorse Hobson's Constitutional Amendment for Prohibition.

S. J. Ezell, Chairman.

W. H. Allison.

J. W. Gilliam.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

Christian Education is Scriptural. It is one of the phases of all denominational work. These phases are Christian Missions, Christian Education and Christian Benevolence. These interests cover the work of our

Churches, aside from all local matters. No New Testament church ought to fail to contribute annually to each of these three trained workers, and the place for our young people to receive this training is in the Christian college. Arkansas Baptists are making it possible for our people to receive this training in the Christian college.

One of the great features of this work is ministerial education. Last year we had more than a half hundred ministerial students who were preparing for greater usefulness. All necessary assistance ought to be given all of these worthy and needy young preachers.

Your Committee would recommend:

1. That all our people and Churches give our Baptist schools their rightful place in their hearts and prayers.
2. That each pastor be asked to preach at least twice a year on "Christian Education" and keep this worthy matter before his people.
3. That regular collections be taken in every Church every year for our Christian colleges and for ministerial education.

We recommend the following schools:

Onachita, at Arkadelphia; for young men and women; Central, at Conway; for young women only; and Dr. G. S. Anderson's Normal Bible School, at Little Rock, for young ministers; also Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Louisville; and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Fort Worth; for young ministers; also Jacksonville College, Jacksonville, Texas; for young ministers.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Coleman, Chairman.
Elam Hall.

J. D. Hensters.

W. H. Gregory.

The Moderator appointed the following committee on B. Y. P. U.

J. H. Coleman.

J. T. Sanders.

L. O. Fitzgerald.

Following is the report and discussed by Clarence S. Leavell:

REPORT ON BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLES UNION

We, your Committee, report as follows:

The B. Y. P. U. is the training service of a Baptist Church. No movement has taken such a place of prominence in the Baptist denomination in as short a time of twenty-five years existence as has the B. Y. P. U. It seeks to enlist the young Christian when he is willing to serve and easily taught and trained, and to enlarge his Christian life, deepen his convictions, give him a thorough denominational education, and fit and equip him for service in church activity. It deepens devotional life, instructs him in Baptist Doctrine and History, enlists him in daily Bible Study, stimulates him in Christian service, enlists him in all Missionary activity of Baptist organizations, and makes of him a fully-developed well-rounded Christian, able to take part both skillfully and intelligently in all activities of a local Baptist Church. Its aim is efficiency in service. It plans to reach the individual, which is the best basis for Church work. We have evangelized and Baptized but we have failed in a large measure in "teaching them to observe all things" and many of our failures are because of this. Our Churches are full of unlighted candles, soldiers that cannot handle a sword, artisans without skill. Our Churches are full of saved young people who can be trained for light and power and efficiency, if we will but do it. So far as building the work of the Kingdom is concerned it is just as important to train our present recruits, as it is to bring in new converts. The B. Y. P. U. will do this, if proper effort is exerted. Even the smallest country Church may most successfully operate a B. Y. P. U., if properly understood, and certainly they

need it, as much or more than the city Church. It will require a little study to understand and appreciate this work. Like anything else worth while, it must be understood in its fundamental principles.

There are 158 Senior Unions in Arkansas, and Mt. Vernon Association has 5. Our State Mission Board places in the field, Mr. C. S. Leavell, of Little Rock, who gives full time to the development of this work together with the Sunday School.

His services are free for the asking, and literature and information will be gladly sent to anyone upon request, and his personal service when possible. The Arkansas State B. Y. P. U. (Rev. E. P. Alldredge, Little Rock, President; and C. S. Leavell, Little Rock, Corresponding Secretary) maintains under its auspices the Arkansas Baptist Summer Assembly, which meets each July at Ouachita College, Arkadelphia. This is a summer encampment in the form of a School of Methods, on B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School work, Mission Study, Women's Work, Devotional activities and general spiritual uplift, led by specialists in these various lines of Christian work. The 1914 session was attended by over 600 Baptist workers.

We recommend:

1. That a B. Y. P. U. be organized in every Church in the Association. If not informed as to how to organize and operate, secure for 50 cents, a copy of the "B. Y. P. U. Manual," the only book in publication on B. Y. P. U. Methods.

2. That every Union send a good representative to the 1915 Summer Assembly.

3. The adoption of the Standard of Excellence and that all Unions strive diligently and prayerfully to maintain that "A-1." Standard of work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. COLEMAN.

L. O. FITZGERALD.

J. T. SANDERS.

Committee.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

Your Committee on Publications submit the following suggestions:

1. We suggest as the Bible is the best of literature we should strive to get our people more in love with its teachings.

2. For our people to become better informed on work as Baptists, we suggest that we, the Messengers, of this Association, do all we can to get them to subscribe for and read our State Baptist papers.

We also suggest that the greatest care possible be taken in the selection of such Sunday School helps as teach the pure Baptist Doctrine.

J. J. MATHIS.

H. BICKERSTAFF.

D. F. ANDERSON.

Motion made and carried that a collection for State General Associational work be taken. Amounting to \$6.00.

Adjournment until 7:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION—7:30 P. M.

Devotional Services conducted by J. E. Sherral; Lesson from 5th Chapter of Matthew; Prayer by Bro. Hall.

Following this the meeting was called to order by the Moderator.

REPORT OF HOME MISSIONS*

Read by W. E. Mathis, Discussed by J. H. Coleman, J. A. McCord, and W. H. Sledge.

Adopted as follows:

HOME MISSIONS

The tremendous influx of Foreign population to our shores makes the Home Mission of tremendous and growing importance. Should we, as Baptists, meet this demand made upon us and claim these foreigners for God

and Home?

Home Missions is a term used to express the effort of the Churches in preaching the Gospel to those people in the home land, who are without preaching. A great work has been done along this line by our Home-Mission Board and other agencies in preaching the Gospel in our home land. But a much larger work is yet to be done. Let us, as Baptists under God, do our duty and save our home land.

T. W. GILLIAM, Chairman.

W. E. MATTHEWS.

L. O. FITZGERALD.

W. H. GREGORY.

At 8 p. m. the sermon by J. A. Smith, Lesson from 1st Chapter of Acts; 8 Verse; Subject: "Witnessing for Christ," was greatly enjoyed and appreciated.

After which the Association adjourned to meet at 9 a. m., Thursday.

9 A. M., THURSDAY

Devotional services by W. E. Matthews, after which the Moderator called the meeting to order.

Reports of Associational Missions, Executive Committee and of Missionaries were read as follows:

ASSOCIATION MISSIONS

Read by J. W. Sims and adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Associational Missions, make the following report:

From our knowledge of the field covered by Mt. Vernon Association, we take the liberty of saying there are great Institutions in the bounds of the Association, and that we are nothing like covering the field. We have had two men on the field the past year; and from their report we find that the work is encouraging. On Bro. J. E. Sherral's field there have been four conversions and four additions to the church. On Bro. Matheny's field

there have been no conversions, but that he has organized a church at Holly Grove with fourteen members.

1. We urge all Churches in this Association that you give us your hearty co-operation, both through your means, your prayers and other efforts, in another year's work; and earnestly beg all Churches, let us lay aside all differences, and join hearts and hands, and means, in our efforts to lead lost souls to Christ. The people in the destitute parts of our Association are anxious for the Gospel, and always hear the Gospel gladly.

We hereby recommend that the Association grant Holly Grove's request for \$5.00 per month, and that we send aid Elaine Church to the amount of \$5.00 per month. We also recommend that the request of Trenton Church for \$5.00 per month, be granted, as Trenton is a very promising and encouraging field, and we know from experience that they cannot yet fully stand by themselves, and unless the Association will help them, that they cannot have a pastor for another year. Their membership are all poor, and they are making a terrible struggle, but cannot longer continue unless we go to their aid. We hope and pray that we may be able another year to do the greatest year's work in the existence of the Association.

J. W. SIMS, Chairman.

J. T. SANDERS.

W. H. SLEDGE.

G. H. VINEYARD.

Committee.

REPORT OF M. P. MATHENY, MISSIONARY

Palestine, Arkansas, Oct. 2, 1914.

To the Executive Committee of the Mt. Vernon Association, Greeting:

As per your request of one year ago I went to Holly Grove, in Monroe County, and Elaine, in Phillips County, and took up the work. I have preached 40 sermons at Holly Grove and organized a Church of 14 members. They have raised some money on a lot and but for the

panic would have secured sufficient for the lot and some for a house. The new church has the good will of the community and bids fair to become a strong Church. I earnestly urge that your Committees foster that work until it becomes self-sustaining.

At Elaine I found seven members of the original organization and the most demoralized condition that I have ever seen. They have a good house but it has a dent of \$600 upon it. This is the most promising and prosperous community that I know in the State. Some 12 or 14 other Baptists have moved in during the year, some of them very substantial, who have signified their purpose to work with the Church and put in their membership as soon as they can procure letters. I preached 31 sermons and had a very promising meeting in progress which was rained out in August. They have very fine crops, and as soon as cotton moves they will be able to pay off at least half their indebtedness. Both Churches paid on my support what was asked and gave \$15.00 and \$25.00 on Associational Missions respectively. I urge that you cultivate this field until thoroughly on its feet. These two Churches have asked for the services of Eld. N. L. Eddy for next year and they will pay him \$400.00. It is my judgment that it would be wise for the Executive Committee to employ him for full time and let him give the other half time to Mission work under your direction. I preached a number of sermons at Monroe, Level Valley and Lawrenceville, but there is hardly enough people in the two latter communities to justify the outlay. I have received all the Committee promised me except the September salary, \$20.00.

Wishing you the largest success and great blessings personally, I am,

Your fellow laborer in the Master's work.

M. P. MATHENY.

REPORT OF J. E. SHERRILL, MISSIONARY

Report of work done in Mt. Vernon Association for one-half time, beginning January 1st, 1914.

First Quarter, 3 Months, collected, \$166.92.

Received of J. L. Turner, \$13.08.

April collected,	\$ 54.96
May collected	62.00
June collected,	51.00
July collected,	45.00
September collected,	56.45

Total **\$369.41**

Due for 5 months, **\$30.59**

Sermons preached, **111**

Miles traveled, **935**

Have not held meeting at Raggio and LaGrange as people are not ready. Will hold one in near future.

Meeting at Caldwell Church greatly revived, 4 conversions, 4 additions to Church.

Humbly submitted,

J. E. SHERRILL.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Read by Jno. L. Turner. Following report was discussed by J. W. Sims, G. H. Vineyard, and J. T. Sanders. Cyfert, Arkansas, Oct. 6th, 1914.

MOUNT VERNON ASSOCIATION IN ACCOUNT WITH JOHN L. TURNER, Treasurer

1913

Sept. 8.

DEBIT

	By cash from Finance Committee...	\$105.39
	By cash from J. T. Sanders, Former Treasurer,	75.02
Sept. 27.	By cash from Forrest City Church	3.00
April 6.	By cash from Clarendon Church...	4.93
Oct. 5.	By cash from Salem Church.....	25.00
	By Balance,	56.44

\$269.78

CREDIT

1913

Sept. 20.

To cash to J. W. Sims (Orphans' Home)	\$ 10.00
To cash to J. A. Smith (State Miss.)	11.05
To cash to W. F. Dorris (Orphans' Home)	5.00

Dec. 1.

To cash to M. P. Matheny	25.00
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1914

Jan. 5.

To cash to M. P. Matheny	20.00
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Feb. 7.

To cash to M. P. Matheny	20.00
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March 6.

To cash to M. P. Matheny	22.50
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April 9.

To cash to M. P. Matheny	12.50
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May 3.

To cash to M. P. Matheny	17.50
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May 20.

To cash to J. E. Sherrell	12.00
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June 8.

To cash to M. P. Matheny	12.50
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July 6.

To cash to M. P. Matheny	14.00
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July 20.

To cash to J. W. Porter, printing minutes	20.00
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To cash to J. W. Porter, postage on minutes	1.65
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To cash to J. W. Porter, work on minutes	15.00
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Aug. 8.

To cash to M. P. Matheny	20.00
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Oct. 5.

To cash to M. P. Matheny	20.00
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\$269.78

1904

Oct. 5.

To balance due, \$56.44

A motion was made by W. H. Sledge and seconded by G. H. Vineyard that we invite the State Board to co-operate and help us to cover the destitution of our Association. The motion was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Read by W. H. Sledge.

Discussed by R. W. Inlow and Eland Hall.

Adopted as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The command of Jesus Christ to evangelize the nations has back of it all power in Heaven and in earth. To decline the task, stupendous as it is, would be to hurl defiance into the face of our risen and glorified Lord.

He came into the world to seek and to save the lost. He gave himself to unremitting toil and sealed his mission from the Father by pouring forth his atoning blood for the remission of sin.

That cross stands at the center of all redemptive activity. From the summit of Calvary we may look forward and upward to the throne of God and "see what is the fellowship of the mystery which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ, to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places, might be made known by the church, the manifold wisdom of God."

The program of our Lord's campaign involves the mediation of his sacrificial death to a lost and sinking world. He has gathered his churches into fellowship with himself and from the throne of his glory is urgently pressing to the battle's front.

Not more clearly did he speak to Saul of Tarsus than today he is speaking to us. Our commission is one with his. To open the eyes of the nations, to turn them from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God that they may receive forgiveness of sins and inheritance along with them which are sanctified by faith that is in Je-

Jesus Christ, our Lord, is the supreme and endless task of Southern Baptists until Christ shall come again. Throughout the length and breadth of the Kingdom the note of triumph is ringing clear and loud. The militant host of God's elect with martial stride is pressing the battle to the gates. Almost, if not quite, we are on the crest of a tidal wave that shall flood the whole earth with its healing waters. From every land the tidings of victory are being borne in upon us. The King is at the doors. Even now, the heralding angels are swiftly flying through the heavens, and whoso hath his ears attuned, may hear the swell and flow of that new song of blessing and glory and thanksgiving and honor and power and might unto our God forever and ever.

W. H. SLEDGE.

J. E. SHERRILL.

J. J. MATHEWS.

D. F. ANDERSON.

11 a. m. Sermon by Rev. R. M. Inlow, his theme: "Our Work."

Association adjourned until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional Exercises conducted by Eland Hall.

After which the meeting was called to order by the Moderator.

FORREST CHAPEL FUND REPORT

Read by J. T. Sanders.

FORREST CHAPEL REPORT TO MOUNT VERNON ASSOCIATION

As Treasurer of the Forrest Chapel Fund, I submit the following report:

I have collected (\$30.00) Thirty Dollars interest on note since last report, leaving a balance due of \$40.00.

which I hope to collect soon, the Convention having been out of work recently.

J. T. SANDERS, Treasurer.

G. R. ROEBUCK.

LON SLAUGHTER.

Motion was made and carried that a collection be taken for the Orphans' Home after the sermon in the evening.

REPORT OF STATE MISSIONS

Read by J. W. Sims.

Discussed by R. M. Inlow and adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on State Missions, respectfully submit the following report:

State Missions is a subject of great importance for the consideration of the Baptists of Arkansas at this time. There is much destitution in our State. Along the railroads new towns are springing and becoming centers of influence of their respective communities. Many of these are destitute of Baptist preaching. There is also a great deal of destitution in country districts which should be supplied with the Gospel. For these reasons and because we are commanded to preach the Gospel to all the people; we recommend and urge the Churches of this Association to do all they can to help other Churches in the State to evangelize Arkansas.

J. W. SIMS, Chairman.

Report on Nominations was read by G. H. Vineyard.

Adopted as follows:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

Forrest City, Arkansas, Oct. 8, 1914.

We, your Committee on Nominations, recommend as Trustees of the Forrest Chapel Fund, the following:

Lon Slaughter, J. T. Sanders and G. R. Roebuck

As members of the Executive Board:

G. R. Roebuck, G. H. Vineyard, J. T. Sanders, W. B.

Sledge, J. W. Sims.

We also recommend that the next Session of the Association be held with the Oak Grove Baptist Church at Moro, Arkansas, on Tuesday night before the Second Sunday in October, 1915.

And that Bro. J. H. Coleman preach the introductory sermon, his alternate to be Rev. J. W. Sims.

H. BICKERSTAFF

G. A. PEARSON

T. W. GILLIAM

G. H. VINEYARD

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Read by G. H. Vineyard.

Discussed by G. H. Vineyard, J. W. Coleman, W. H. Sledge, J. A. McCord, and G. R. Roebuck.

Adopted by the Association as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Ferret City, Ark., Oct. 8, 1914

We, your Committee, recommend as our motto for the coming Associational year: "Every member of the Church a member of the Sunday School."

To have this we must attend regular. See to it if you are a teacher that you are there and on time. If you will give me teachers that are regular, I will show you a good Sunday School. Set an example to your boys and men of punctuality. The time to reach our boys and girls is when they are young. Teachers, prepare yourselves that you may be able to burn deep in the hearts of your classes the unspeakable riches of our Lord and Master.

Make each word cut as a two edge sword.

Our statistics show 1,392 Sunday School Scholars in this Association and this gave increase of 456 from last year's report. You know this is not one-half what our report should be.

We would like to see more interest awakened along this line and pray God's richest blessings on our work.

We further recommend that each teacher try and take a Normal Course.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. COLEMAN.

J. T. SANDERS.

T. W. GILLIAM.

G. H. VINEYARD.

Committee.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

We, your Committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

We find from our letter to the Association that the names of Sisters J. W. Beeks, Etta Fisakerly, Bessie Bowen, Lizzie Royal, W. H. McGraw, Geo. P. Taylor, Bros. J. M. Holland, J. O. Gray, Arnold Cottrell, Z. T. Haynes S. Rutherford, E. C. Metcalf and B. Evans.

A good per cent of this number were well known by this Association. They will be missed in the homes where they lived and the churches to which they belonged.

ELAND HALL.

T. W. GILLIAM.

R. P. PRICE.

The meeting then adjourned until 7:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION

Devotional Services conducted by Lon Slaughter, after which the meeting was called to order for business.

REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The Women's Missionary Union Auxilliary to the Mt. Vernon Association begs to submit the report of its year's work, and respectfully asks that the same be adopted by this body and incorporated in the minutes of same.

The W. M. U. Societies of Mt. Vernon Association were called to order by Mrs. Regan, the presiding officer, at 10 a. m. in the Presbyterian Church of Forrest City.

Arkansas, Oct. 8, 1914.

After devotional exercises, reports from the various Societies of the Association were in order. "Forrest City Gleaners," report was made by Mrs. Murray Hambleton. Clarendon was next. The Messengers on reports from Haines, Marianna, Marvell and Colt had not arrived, so nothing from them this morning, however, they are still expected and may come later in the day. Report from Wheatley made out by Mrs. Hemmingway, read by Mrs. J. T. Sanders. Helena, West Helena and Brinkley sent reports.

The constitution of W. M. U. was read by Mrs. Reagan suggested a report of Young People's Work as desirable, hoping for same next year. She desired that we would more closely adhere to the Constitution putting into practice its precepts. Mrs. Reagan also desires to have the Secretaries of the various Unions fill out their blanks. She sends them four times a year, and return so she will be enabled to send in a full report. Often much work is accomplished for which no credit is received, by the Secretaries failing to return to Mrs. Regan the filled blanks.

Mrs. Reagan opened a discussion which resulted in favor of each W. M. U. on the first meeting day in November of every year devoting that time to the happenings in Mt. Vernon Association, becoming familiar with the work, its needs and its accomplishments, prayer for greater achievements in this particular Association. A Committee at this hour waited on the Union with an invitation to hear Bro. Inlow preach at the Baptist church, which was gladly accepted. The ladies adjourned to meet at same place this afternoon at two o'clock, for the further pursuance of business.

W. M. U. reconvened at 2 p. m., devotional exercises after which Mrs. Jackson, of Little Rock, addressed us for an hour. Her talk was very beneficial and most inspirational. Some helpful suggestions for interesting people in our Missionary meetings. She also told us about Ouachita, its needs and various ways people are

rallying to its support.

Mrs. Coleman, of Brinkley, gave us a heart to heart talk on "Prayer." All she said sank deep into the hearts of her hearers.

The next, a very interesting paper by Mrs. Stillwell, of Helena.

The election of officers for another year then followed. We chose for Associational President, our same efficient and much loved, Mrs. Reagan, of Helena.

Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Jno. B. Norfleet, of Forrest City.

After this, before adjourning, a few minutes were devoted to an open meeting which resulted in an interchange of many helpful ideas.

MRS. M. B. NORFLEET, Sec. and Treas.

Church Buildings	Incidental	Ministerial Education	Colleges	Training School	Orphans	Pastor's Salary	Ass'n Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Benevolent
Brinkley	\$ 2 00	\$ 8 40	\$ 2 00	\$ 29 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 49 15	\$21 00	\$10 50	\$12 55	\$28 00	\$ 4 50
Helena	895 00	67 50	142 15	12 50	79 50		\$5 00		31 85	44 35	12 50
Wheatley	1641 59		2 50	2 50				5 00	5 00	5 00	
Forrest City	187 89	15 00			92 00						32 05
West Helena	131 95				9 60				11 50		
Total	\$1381 43	\$23 40	\$69 50	\$173 65	\$19 00	\$230 25	\$21 00	\$15 50	\$60 90	\$77 35	\$49 05

Brinkley Sunday School and Colportage \$2.00.

Helena Forbes Industrial Home \$2.00.

Total \$2,120.03.

NOTE—Four Unions paid \$1.00 each, pro rata for the year. The Union decided to turn this amount over to the fund for printing Minutes.

A. P. W.

Sermon by Rev. W. H. Sledge.

Following the sermon the Orphans' Home Report was read by J. W. Sims. Adopted and collection taken for same, amounting to \$58.61.

ORPHANS' HOME REPORT

Your Orphans' Home Committee reports the following:

We consider the support, training and caring for the orphans, next in importance to preaching the Gospel to the lost. God himself teaches that pure and undefiled religion is to visit the widow and the fatherless in their affliction and there is no cry that penetrates the heart and life deeper or that reaches higher up toward heaven outside of the cry of a lost soul for mercy and pardon, than the cry of an orphan for food and clothing. We have two Baptist Orphans' Homes in Arkansas, both good homes and worthy of assistance from every person in our land. Our Texarkana home has been unfortunate this year, in that during February the Home was burned down, together with almost all the furniture, both kitchen and household goods being destroyed, either burned or broken by being thrown from the upstairs windows and galleries. We now have the new home completed and have moved into it, and the hearts of the children, both young and old, are rejoicing at the transfer from the old, temporary building to the nice, neat, convenient and commodious new building. There are thirty-two rooms in the new building thus building for the future of the home, as well as the present.

The temporary building and clearing away the wreckage of the old building, cleaning the old brick, etc. cost us about \$900.00. The new building cost about (\$11,000.00) Eleven Thousand Dollars, making our

building expenses right at \$12,000.00 this year. I have had to borrow \$350.00 during the year for running expenses and we had to borrow in Texarkana \$2,000.00 to which paying the contractors for the new building. The \$350.00 note will soon be due, and I, as Treasurer, haven't a dollar to pay on it, all of it must be raised from the friends of the home, and I am asking all who are here tonight to listen to the crying need of the orphan, and give us a good contribution to aid us in paying this note. I am also informed that the Mother-De-homes are sadly in debt, and are very much in need of help for running expenses. Let us forget tonight the scarcity of money, and give until we hurt, and hurt real bad for the benefit of these homes. We recommend that the Sunday Schools of our Churches all give one Sunday's collection in each month to one or the other of these homes, and that each Church in our Association take one or more Church collections during the year for these homes.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. SIMS

FINANCE REPORT

Read by J. L. Turner and adapted

We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following report:

Collected for Minutes and Clerk	\$ 20.00
Association Missions	77.25
State Missions	8.05
Home Missions	
Foreign Missions	2.05
Orphans' Home	

TOTAL \$107.35

J. L. TURNER

H. BICKERSTAFF

RESOLUTIONS—ADOPTED BY ASSOCIATION

RESOLVED: That in view of the fact that it is impossible to arrange our work for another year without some financial foundation upon which to stand, that we request every Church in the Association that failed to send up a contribution to this Association that they make a collection at once, and forward same to J. L. Barker, Care of Arkansas, who is our Treasurer, in order that we may know how to plan for another year's work, and also request all Churches in the Association to make some pledge to our work, same to be paid during this Associational year.

J. W. SIMS.

RESOLVED: That we order the Clerk to have 500 Minutes printed, and that he be authorized to draw on the Treasurer of the Association for any amount that the Minutes should cost above the amount sent for Minutes by the Churches.

RESOLVED: That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the Clerk \$12.00 for his services.

RESOLVED: That we extend our heartfelt thanks to the members of Forrest City Baptist Church, as well as the good citizens of Forrest City, for the many Christian courtesies which have been extended to this Association. Especially do we appreciate it, considering the conditions under which they have labored not knowing but were to entertain the Association until about a week before its time of meeting.

Motion was made that we adjourn to meet with the Oak Grove Baptist Church, at Moro, Ark., Tuesday before the Second Sunday in October, 1915.

With a few well-chosen and touching remarks the Moderator declared the Association adjourned by singing the Hymn "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again," during which parting greetings were extended the officers of the Association.

LEX SLAUGHTER, Moderator
J. W. BARTER, Clerk

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Postoffices	CLERKS	Postoffices	MEMBERSHIP					Sunday School Attendance	MISSIONS				Ministerial Education	Orphan's Home	Minutes	Pastor's Salary	Sunday School Literature	College and Schools	Other Objects	Total Contributions	Value of Church Property	W. M. U.	B. Y. P. U.			
					Increase	Decrease	Baptism	Restoration	Letters		Deaths	Exclusion	Membership	Association												Foreign	Home	State
Brinkley	J. H. Coleman	Brinkley	F. H. Ford	Brinkley	11	20	20	13	3	160	141			\$ 58 75	\$ 43 30	\$ 75 50		\$ 49 15	\$ 2 00	\$ 962 35		\$ 29 00	\$ 143 14		\$169 10	\$34 45		
Blackton																												
Bible Union																												
Big Creek																												
Clarendon			W. F. King	Clarendon						1	54	25	\$ 4 50				\$ 50		\$ 25 00	10 00	5 00		\$ 2500 00					
Corinth																												
Caldwell	J. E. Sherril	Marianna	J. D. F. Brown	Forrest City	4					32	60	\$ 5 00					84 00					1000 00						
Colt			W. J. Gowen	Colt	10	15	13	2		127	80			\$ 25 00		\$ 12 85	\$ 1 00	\$ 5 00	203 55	8 84	30 56	200 00	69 51					
Elaine	N. L. Eddy		W. G. Archdale	Elaine										\$ 32 75		\$ 62 30		\$ 3 00	150 00			\$ 178 00						
Forrest City			Lottie Hamilton	Forrest City	1	2	8	2		142	163	\$ 32 75						\$ 3 00	678 90	104 32	234 50	692 90	1805 67					
Marianna Mission			F. H. McMurry	Marianna																		586 32						
Haynes			Netty Long	Haynes	2	2	2				38	\$ 10 00					\$ 1 00					11 00	1800 00					
Helena	W. H. Sledge	Helena	C. A. Wooten	Helena	1	25	8	1		222	218		\$175 00		\$189 85	\$60 00	\$125 00	1800 00	291 27	383 10	123 25	1557 95						
Hunter																												
Marianna	S. T. Ezell	Marianna	W. A. Thornton	Marianna	8	4	6	3		253	250		\$ 60 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 63 65	\$30 00	\$150 00	\$ 2 50	1200 00	106 00	95 00	2731 86	4562 51	35000 00	70 00			
Holly Grove	M. P. Matheny	Little Rock	W. E. Mathews	Holly Grove										\$ 15 00				\$ 1 00	150 00			166 00						
Marshall																												
Marvell	L. K. Oberchain	Marvell																										
Oak Grove	J. W. Simms	Marvell	C. F. Thompson	Marvell	2	2	1			50		\$ 15 00	\$ 2 05	\$ 2 05	\$ 39 75		\$ 84 94	\$ 2 00	225 00	40 55	97 00	60 90	681 39	4250 00				
Moon Lake	M. T. Matheny	Texarkana	T. J. Spivy	Moro	1	1				70	82	\$ 10 00		\$ 8 00	\$ 16 22		\$ 6 50		240 00	24 50		405 22	305 22					
Philadelphia																												
Poplar Grove			J. D. Hustess	Poplar Grove						22								\$ 1 55	30 00		27 50		500 00					
Palestine	J. J. Mathews	Palestine	J. H. Stephens	Palestine	1	1	1	1	1	37	73			\$ 58 10		\$ 77 00	\$ 2 00	200 00	44 26		93 30	463 06	500 00					
Rehobeth	J. W. Sims	Marvell	C. L. Langston	Aubrey	4	3	1	2		53	21	\$ 10 00		\$ 51 45		\$ 9 20	\$ 1 25	200 00		15 25		285 90	600 00					
Rondo	Eland Hall		Mrs. W. N. Haley	Rondo	10	1		1									\$ 75					11 30						
Riverside														\$ 25 00		\$ 4 10		\$ 82 77	\$ 1 50	200 00	23 40	68 00	403 77	1250 00				
Salem	J. W. Sims	Marvell	J. L. Turner	Cypert							50	\$ 5 00					\$ 5 00	\$ 2 00	200 00	20 00	8 35	240 35	800 00					
Trenton	J. W. Sims	Marvell	Fanny Porter	Marvell																								
Turner																												
Tip											60		\$ 5 60	\$ 3 50			\$100 00	\$ 1 00	500 00	49 44		123 67	994 72		164 50			
Wheatley	W. H. Gregory	Haynes	W. F. Heningway	Wheatley										\$ 2 50		\$ 6 10		\$ 9 60	\$ 1 00	200 00		254 00	1086 43	2330 32	4500 00	131 35		
Valley Grove																												
West Helena			Mace Cldham	West Helena	15		7			51	70	\$ 2 50																
Ash Grove			W. S. Psalmons	Cotton Plant	7	2	7			22																		
Total														\$119 75	\$421 40	\$112 95	\$522 17	\$91 00	\$704 16	\$26 05	\$5241 80	\$737 52	\$1112 85	\$5194 40	\$14647 48	\$53205 22	\$604 46	\$34 45