

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

MT. ZION

Missionary Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

LUXORA CHURCH,

Mississippi Co., Arkansas, October 10, 11 and 12, 1901.

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION,

FORTY-NINTH YEAR.

OFFICERS:

**J. H. KITCHENS**, Moderator, Jonesboro, Ark.

**B. H. PARRISH**, Clerk, Paragould, Ark.

**H. F. WRIGHT**, Treasurer, Nettleton, Ark.

Next Session to be Held at Old Mt. Zion Church, Greene County, Ark., at 10 o'clock a. m., Thursday before the Second Sunday in October, 1902.

# PROCEEDINGS.

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Luxora, Mississippi Co., Ark., Oct. 10, 1901.

## FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

House called to order at ten o'clock a. m. After singing "How Firm a Foundation," Eld. W. J. Bearden led in prayer, which was followed by singing "My Faith Looks Up to Thee."

Former Clerk, J. A. Hammond, being absent, B. H. Parrish was elected temporary Clerk. Moderator appointed J. N. Hartley, H. F. Wright and Dr. W. H. Borum Committee on Credentials, and F. Bozeman and T. B. Kitchens Reading Clerks. Corresponding letters from the following Churches were presented and read, viz.: Walcott, First Church Jonesboro, Vincent, Mt. Zion, New Hope, Ingram Chapel, Antioch, Cherry Valley, Monette, Paragould, Cottonwood Grove, Brookland, Clear Lake, Big Bay, Bethabara, Nettleton.

Committee on Credentials reported, as follows: We, your Committee on Credentials, find that all members present named in letters read are in good standing and entitled to seats in this body; also, the members of the Executive Board and all ministers present that are in good standing in the Churches of Mt. Zion Association.

J. N. HARTLEY.

W. H. BORUM.

H. F. WRIGHT.

On motion, report was adopted, as read. The body then proceeded to effect permanent organization. On motion, the rule of electing by ballot was suspended, and the temporary organization made permanent, with Dr. J. H. Kitchens, Moderator; B. H. Parrish, Clerk; H. F. Wright, Treasurer. Petitionary letters were read from the following Churches, viz.: Indian Mound, Clauch, Manila, Lambethville, Frenchman's Bayou and Marion. The Committee on Credentials reported favorably on same, and they were, on motion, re-

ceived into our body, and the right hand of fellowship extended to their members by the Moderator. Visiting brethren, as follows, were enrolled: J. W. Kyle and A. Martin, of Memphis Association; Dr. Ben M. Bogard, of the Arkansas Baptist; L. N. Paukey of Palmersville, Tenn.

The following Committees were appointed by the Moderator:

Divine Services:—E. P. Minton and Messengers of Luxora Church.

Foreign Missions:—F. Bozeman, E. S. Holmes and N. W. Calaway.

Home Missions:—W. J. Bearden, H. F. Wright and J. R. Thompson.

Ministerial Education:—T. B. Kitchens, Stephen Staley and Anderson Davis.

Woman's Work:—J. W. Hiatt, J. N. Markhart, W. H. Meredith, Mrs. Effie Kuykendall, Miss Willie Hay, Mrs. G. H. Means, Mrs. H. F. Wright, Miss Annie Carpenter, Miss Hodge, Miss Prince.

Obituaries:—N. S. Mosher, H. B. Ewart and Chas. Hogue

Literature:—P. S. Osborne, J. E. Bryant and J. F. McLain.

Ministers and their Postoffices:—J. J. Mathis, H. K. Garrett and W. P. Allen.

Nominations:—W. E. Stotts, Dr. W. H. Borum and A. H. Ryan.

Orphans' Home:—R. C. Medaris, P. H. Ramsay and Geo. Seymour.

On Temperance:—P. C. Barton, E. B. Clark and Edgar Prince.

At 11 o'clock Eld. W. J. Bearden delivered a strong, practical sermon, selecting as his text, Rev., 1: 12-13. The body then adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The body met pursuant to adjournment. After song,



and prayer by J. W. Hiatt, a petitionary letter was read from Thorn Grove Church, and, upon motion, it was received and its messengers seated. A letter from Shiloh Church, also, was read, and upon recommendation of Committee on Credentials, its messengers were seated.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Home Missions submit the following as our report:

Home Missions is doing a great work. Its fields of operation are the Southern Cities, the Western States and Cuba; besides it is helping the various Southern States in their Mission work. It is helping our own beloved State \$2,300 annually, \$300 of which is paid to our corresponding secretary's salary. We therefore recommend a hearty co-operation by this Association with the Home Mission Board. We recommend that we take pledges now for Home Missions to be paid during the year.

W. J. BEARDEN, }  
J. R. THOMPSON, } Committee.  
H. F. WRIGHT. }

After discussion by W. J. Bearden, J. N. Hartley and J. B. Wise, the following pledges were received:

#### PLEDGES FOR HOME MISSIONS.

Evadale.....	\$ 5.00	Big Bay (W. E. Stotts) .....	1.00
Shiloh.....		Cherry Valley.....	2.00
First Church Jonesboro.....	50.00	Bethabara.....	5.00
Paragould.....	50.00	Monette.....	
Vincent.....	2.00	Cottage Home.....	
North Jonesboro.....	5.00	Nettleton (by H. E. Hogan) ....	2.50
Mt. Zion.....	2.50	Indian Mound.....	1.00
Ingram Chapel.....	1.00	Marion.....	2.50
Cottonwood Grove.....	5.00	Claunch.....	1.00
New Hope.....		Lambethville.....	5.00
Brookland.....	1.00	Manila.....	2.00
Walcott.....	1.00	Thorn Grove (Bro. McLean) ....	1.00
Clear Lake.....	1.00	Luxora.....	10.00
Antioch.....	1.00	Total.....	\$157.50

The report was then adopted by unanimous vote.

The Committee on Foreign Missions then submitted its report, which was discussed by F. Bozeman and J. B. Wise.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We hail with joy the increasing measure in which our

Lord's commission is getting hold upon the hearts of Southern Baptists. More and more we are apprehending the truth that the Gospel is to be carried unto the ends of the earth. In proportion as we have recognized this as our Father's will, and have reached forth glad hands to the work, He has blest us in the work. For two years past, the Foreign Mission Board, by the direction of the Convention, has enlarged its work 25 per cent., and since the last session of the Convention the work has been pushed as vigorously as available men and money will permit. In all cases, the enlargement in results has far excelled that of expenditures.

In this great work, the record of this Association is far from satisfactory. Last year only seven Churches reported contributions, amounting to only \$143.25. This year, of the twenty-six Churches which have reported, only five report contributions, totaling \$149.95. Of this, we should be heartily ashamed—so ashamed as to resolve, with steadfast purpose, that we will do better in the future, else, for the sake of consistency, cease to call ourselves Missionary Baptists.

We earnestly submit the following recommendations:

1. More preaching by the pastors of the Association, and more prayer for missions.
2. The abundant and persistent circulation of missionary tracts and literature.
3. That pledges be now taken for this work during the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS BOZEMAN.

E. S. HOLMES.

N. W. CALAWAY.

#### PLEDGES FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Evadale.....	\$		First Church Jonesboro.....	\$100 00
Vincent.....	2 00		Paragould.....	50 00
North Jonesboro.....	5 00		Mount Zion.....	1 00
Ingram Chapel.....	1 00		Cottonwood Grove.....	2 00
New Hope.....			Brookland.....	
Walcott.....	1 00		Clear Lake.....	1 00
Antioch.....	1 00		Big Bay.....	
Cherry Valley.....	2 00		Bethabara.....	
Monette.....			Nettleton (by W. E. Hogan).....	2 50
Indian Mound.....			Marion.....	2 50
Claunch.....	1 00		Lambethville.....	
Manila.....	1 00		Thorn Grove.....	
Luxora.....	5 00		Carson's Lake.....	3 00
Shiloh.....			Frenchman's Bayou.....	2 00
Luxora ch. (Mrs Emerson).....	1 00		Total.....	\$184 00

After taking pledges, as recommended by the report,



it was unanimously adopted.

NIGHT SESSION—THURSDAY NIGHT.

House called to order by Moderator and, after singing, was led in prayer by Eld. Ben M. Bogard. The following Resolution was offered by J. N. Hartley:

Resolved—That it is the sense of this body that the office of Corresponding Secretary be changed to that of General Missionary, whose duty it shall be to preach in places of real destitution, and, also, conduct the necessary correspondence of the State Board, subject to the direction of the Board; and we recommend to the State Board that Eld. A. J. Barton be given the position of Missionary, at \$1,500 per year and necessary expenses.

J. N. HARTLEY.

BEN M. BOGARD.

F. BOZEMAN.

J. H. KITCHENS, JR.

E. P. MINTON.

J. N. ROBERTSON.

The foregoing resolution was discussed by J. N. Hartley, Ben M. Bogard, J. N. Robertson, Dr. Kitchens and W. J. Bearden, and was unanimously adopted.

An enjoyable feature of the night service, was the delivery of the address of welcome by Hon. J. B. Driver, mayor of Luxora, in behalf of the town, and the address of welcome on the part of the Church, by Pastor, E. P. Minton, in behalf of the Church, and responses by F. Bozeman and B. H. Parrish. The services of the evening closed by an hour's devotional exercises, in which highly appreciated talks were made by Brethren J. N. Hartley, J. N. Robertson, B. M. Bogard, Jas. Smith, W. E. Stotts, J. H. Kitchens, Meredith, H. E. Hogan, H. F. Wright, J. F. McLain and J. B. Wise. Adjourned to meet at 8:30 a. m. Friday morning.

FRIDAY—SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Song.

Led in prayer by P. C. Barton. Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved, after some minor correction. Upon motion, the reading of report on Associational Missions, was set for 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The Committee on Ministerial Education submitted its report which was discussed by T. B. Kitchens, W. H. Merideth, H. E. Hogan, W. J. Bearden, P. C. Barton and J. B. Wise. The report read as follows:

#### MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

God has given us our mental endowments, as well as every other qualification we possess, and expects faithful use of the same when consecrated to His service.

The great need of the hour is consecration of talent to the service of God. This Association has long since committed itself to the question of educating for the ministry.

In the business world education is considered of first importance to success in any department. Why not be so considered when dealing in spiritual matters? It was commanded of old that study was necessary for the workman that he might show that he be ashamed of his work, that the word might be rightly divided, giving each his portion in due season.

Our Baptist denomination has its institution of learning for higher education of the ministry. We would recommend those of our young men who are preparing for the ministry to take a course preparatory to that work in Ouachita College, and if practicable, to spend a year or two in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

That we pledge ourselves as an Association to contribute to both of these institutions.

That Brother J. N. Lawless, who has been assisted financially by this Association for the past three or four years and who will complete his course this year at Ouachita College, we give such help as we can and to that end we recommend our usual pledges.

The letters of this Association show a contribution of \$92.92 to Ministerial Education. This is not as large as it should have been. Brethren, let us not forget or pass lightly such noble work.

T. B. KITCHENS,  
STEPHEN STALEY, } Com.  
N. A. DAVIS.



Pledges for Ministerial Education were recorded as follows:

Evadale .....	\$ 5.00	Paragould (paid 50c) .....	25.00
Vincent .....	5.00	Mt. Zion .....	5.00
North Jonesboro .....	10.00	Marion .....	2.50
W. E. Stotts, (paid) .....	1.25	Ingram Chapel .....	1.00
J. N. Markart .....	1.25	Cottonwood Grove .....	2.00
Walcott .....	2.50	Clear Lake .....	2.00
Antioch .....	1.00	Bethabara .....	1.00
Cherry Valley .....	2.00	Nettleton .....	2.00
Monette (paid) .....	2.00	J. W. Kyle .....	1.00
W. T. Allen .....	1.00	Luxora .....	2.00
Manila .....	1.00	Claunch .....	1.00
Thorn Grove .....	1.00	Lambethville .....	1.00
Jas. Smith (paid) .....	1.00	Mrs. E. Emerson (paid) .....	.50
First Church Jonesboro .....	50.00	Total .....	\$130.00

Report on State Missions was submitted by the committee, and after being discussed by P. C. Barton, E. P. Minton, J. N. Hartley, J. N. Markhart and R. G. Medaris, was adopted. The report read as follows:

#### STATE MISSIONS.

The work done and being done by the workers of the State Mission Board this year is an occasion of great joy and deep gratitude to God. Never in the history of our denomination in this State has God more signally blessed our State Mission work. But this work has been done under trying circumstances, together with much opposition on the part of some who, it seems to us, should have been spending their time and influence in helping the work. The following brief summary of the work will let our people know something of the present year's work for three quarters, ending Aug. 1, 1901.

As far as the reports have been received: Sermons preached, 2839; conversions, 931; baptisms, 477; additions to the churches, 983; churches organized 8; Sunday schools organized, 21; number of church houses built or being built about 10; money raised for church buildings and other missionary purposes \$6621.92. Our cause has been established in many places that were destitute of Baptist preaching at the beginning of the year, and churches that have been assisted by the board will not only be self-sustaining, but will be liberal in their contributions to all of our denominational enterprises after this year. When we meet in Convention at Paragould there will be reported more than 1000 conversions, 1000 additions and 600 baptisms, the other parts of the reports will be encouraging. The work this year under the present plan will exceed in



magnitude that done the three years, 1897-98-99, when our plans were different from what they are now. But there is much work yet to be done. Many county seats, and many other important towns in which we have a small, struggling Church, or none at all, and in most of these places there is no Baptist house of worship; then, there are many rural districts crying for help. Surely, our motto should be, "Go Forward!" In view of these things, your committee most heartily recommend that this Association, by adopting this report, endorses this work as carried on this year.

We further recommend that pledges be now taken to be paid before the Convention.

J. N. HARTLEY, } Committee.  
A. A. RYAN. }

Bro. P. C. Barton presented the following

#### RESOLUTION:

Whereas—The State Board has appropriated \$200, and \$100 has been paid; and,

Whereas—This Association can meet all her debts without the remaining \$100. Therefore,

Resolved, That this Association donate the \$100 remaining unpaid to relieve the State Board in this hour of need.

With explanation, the above resolution was adopted.

The following pledges were recorded for State Missions.

#### STATE MISSION PLEDGES.

Evadale .....	\$ 2 00	Ingram Chapel, paid.....	1 00
First Jonesboro.....	50 00	Brookland.....	1 00
Shiloh, paid.....	1 00	Walcott.....	2 50
Vincent.....	2 00	Clear Lake, paid.....	2 00
North Jonesboro.....	5 00	Antioch.....	2 00
Bay (W. E. Stotts).....	1 00	Luxora.....	5 00
Cherry Valley.....	2 00	Marion.....	5 00
Nettleton.....	2 00	Claunich.....	1 00
Monette, paid.....	2 00	Manilla.....	1 00
Lambethville, paid.....	1 00	E. P. Minton.....	5 00
J. W. Kyle.....	1 00	Cash.....	10 34
H. B. Ewart, paid.....	50		
Mt. Zion.....	2 50	Total.....	\$ 107 84

The Committee on Nominations submitted its report which was adopted after slight changes were made.

## REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, beg leave to report that this body convene with the old Mt. Zion Church, in Greene County—Eld. E. P. Minton to preach the introductory sermon, Eld. H. E. Hogan, alternate.

We nominate, for the Executive Board, J. H. Kitchens, P. C. Barton, T. B. Kitchens, J. N. Markhart, A. A. Ryan, N. S. Moser and J. W. Seay. As messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, Eld. J. N. Hartley; alternate, Eld. E. P. Minton. To the State Convention, J. N. Robertson, S. O. Boon, W. J. Bearden, J. H. Kitchens, J. W. Hiatt; or, in their absence, any of our members present.

To Sister Associations:—Gainesville Association: J. N. Robertson and P. C. Barton. Mt. Vernon Association: Dr. W. H. Borum and Wm. Smith. Spring River: J. W. Seay and James Smith. Current River: H. F. Wright and P. C. Barton. For State Board, P. C. Barton. Transportation Committee: Wm Smith, T. B. Kitchens and W. J. Bearden.

We recommend Eld. J. B. Wise as Missionary for this Association.

Resolved—That we tender our heart-felt thanks to the good people of Luxora and this Church for their generous hospitality and kind invitations; to the Frisco Railroad for the favor in giving us reduced rates.

DR. W. H. BORUM,	} Committee.
A. A. RYAN,	
W. E. STOTTS,	

## SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Met at 2:00 p. m. After singing, led in prayer by H. F. Wright. Letters from Clark's Chapel, Hydrick and Luxora were read, and messengers seated. Petitionary letter read from Frenchman's Bayou, and, upon motion, messengers seated. The Moderator gave the hand of fellowship to the messengers.

The Associational Executive Board submitted its report, and, upon motion, it was referred to the Committee on Associational Missions. J. N. Markhart, Treasnrer of



Mt. Zion Association, also, read his report, which was, likewise, referred to Committee on Associational Missions. The report on Associational Missions was read by J. N. Robertson, and discussed by J. B. Wise, R. C. Medaris, J. N. Hartley, H. E. Hogan and P. C. Barton. Pledges were recorded, and the report was then adopted.

#### ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

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

1. The spirit of missions is the nature of God fixed in every saved soul.

2. Christ has, first of all, commanded us to be witnesses of Him in Jerusalem. (At home.)

3. The destitution is long and wide, and the "Macedonian Cry" is heard in every direction.

4. It remains for us to go up and possess the land.

1. All Baptists should go in prayer and spirit.

2. Go with our money and our presence.

Bro. Wise has done good work at Manila, Evadale, Frenchman's Bayou, Marion, Nettleton, and many other points. He has preached, and God has wonderfully blessed his work, as he will so report, himself. [See report of Secretary of Board.]

Our territory runs from about thirty miles south of Memphis, on the west side of the river, north, to Missouri line, and from Cache River, on the west, to the Mississippi River, on the east—hundreds of square miles where Baptist preaching is not heard. We, therefore, recommend that the same plan of mission work be prosecuted next year as has been this year, with an addition of earnestness and zeal. We further recommend that each Church pledge at least fifty per cent. more this year than last for this great work of Mt Zion Association.

Brethren, we need your help! God needs your help! Lost men and women need your help!! Will you help?

J. N. ROBERTSON,	} Committee.
H. E. HOGAN,	
JAMES SMITH,	

Pledges for Associational Missions were recorded, as follows:

## PLEDGES FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Evadale.....	\$ 7 50	H. E. Hogan.....	\$ 2 50
First Jonesboro.....	300 00	J. W. Seay.....	5 00
Paragould.....	75 00	J. W. Hiatt (paid).....	5 00
North Jonesboro.....	25 00	Mrs. Kuykendall (paid).....	5 00
Mt. Zion.....	20 00	W. O. Edwards.....	5 00
Ingram Chapel.....	2 00	Mrs. Means.....	1 00
Cottonwood Grove.....	7 50	Cache Valley.....	5 00
New Hope.....	2 00	Nettleton.....	12 50
Brookland.....	5 00	Monette.....	7 50
Walcott.....	15 00	Luxora.....	15 00
Clear Lake.....	6 00	Marion.....	5 00
Antioch.....	7 50	Clauneh.....	5 00
Bay.....	5 00	Manila.....	5 00
Cherry Valley.....	10 00	Thorn Grove.....	2 00
Bethabara.....	5 00	Hydrick.....	5 00
J. C. Bryant.....	2 00	Ladies of Hydrick Ch.....	5 00
P. C. Barton.....	20 00	Clark's Chapel.....	1 00
J. B. Wise.....	5 00	Frenchman's Bayou.....	5 00
Francis Bozeman.....	5 00	Charles Hogue.....	2 00
J. N. Robertson.....	5 00	W. M. McKinney.....	1 00
Dr. J. H. Kitchens, jr.....	5 00	H. F. Wright.....	10 00
H. B. Ewart (paid 50c).....	1 50	J. F. McLain.....	5 00
G. L. Bohanning.....	5 00	Vincent.....	5 00
J. N. Markhart.....	5 00	Total.....	\$464 00

## REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD, OCT. 13, 1900, TO OCT. 11, 1901.

To the Mt. Zion Association, in her Forty-Eighth Session Assembled:

Dear Brethren:—We, your Executive Board, in the beginning of our report, wish to return our thanks unto you for your confidence and esteem, and for the liberal way in which you have stood by our Missionary, and for the noble financial support you have given; and unto our Lord for His blessings upon our work.

On October 14, 1900, your Board held her first meeting at the North Jonesboro Baptist Church, and all of the members were present. It was unanimously agreed to employ a General Missionary for all his time, and to aid such destitute Churches as we could, in securing pastors, by supplementing their salaries.

At our meeting on October 25, 1900, we unanimously agreed to employ Eld. J. W. Hiatt as our Missionary for the year, at a salary of \$600.00 and expenses. Bro. Hiatt asked for time to consider the matter, and during the month of November, notified us that he could not accept the work. We then got into correspondence with Eld. J. B. Wise, of Mariana, and invited him to be present at a called meeting to be held at the residence of Dr. J. H. Kitchens. On December 5th, all members of the Board were present at this meeting, except Bro. W. A. Edwards. By motion and second and a unanimous vote, we employed



Eld. J. B. Wise as our General Missionary, at a salary of fifty (\$50) dollars per month and all necessary expenses; and the following is the work done by him, beginning December 12, 1900. [See report on Associational Missions.]

Sermons preached,	-	-	190	
Addresses,	-	-	63	
Total,	-	-		253
Miles traveled,	-	-		3013
Churches organized,	-	-	2	
Sunday Schools organized,	-	-	2	
Prayer meetings organized,	-	-	2	6
Visits made	-	-		543
Conversions or professions,	-	-		42
Baptisms,	-	-	16	
Received into Churches by letter,			32	
"    "    "    " restoration			9	
"    "    "    constituted			10	67
Collections on field,	-	-	\$241.65	
Expenses,	-	-	39.47	
Net balance on salary,	-	-	<u>\$202.18</u>	
Total cost of work for 10 months				
is, salary of Bro. Wise,	-	-	\$500.00	
Expenses of "    "	-	-	39.47	
Total cost of work,	-	-	<u>\$539.47</u>	
In addition to this, we have paid,				
during the year, all of our old in-				
debtedness, which amounted to				
			\$120.00	

We have not been able to aid the weak Churches any, for want of the means to do so, but would recommend that we so increase our contributions for the coming year that at least some of our most important weak Churches may be aided.

P. C. BARTON, Secretary.

J. N. MARKHART,

TO ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS,			DR.	CR.
To cash, State Mission Board,	.....		\$100 00	
To " Last Association	.....		36 18	
To " Fifth Sunday Collection	.....		37 55	
To " McCrory	.....		1 70	
To " Blythesville	.....		4 00	
To " Marked Tree	.....		3 30	
To " Monette Church	.....		5 00	
To " Mosher	.....		1 50	
To " Thorn Grove Church	.....		2 00	
To " Ingram's Chapel	.....		1 00	
To " N. Jonesboro	.....		54 96	
To " 1st	.....		134 46	
To " Paragould	.....		50 00	

To " Bethabara	10 09
To " Mt. Zion	0 50
To " Walcott	20 00
To " Vincent	7 70
To " Nettleton	13 75
To " Manila	13 85
To " Bay	6 0
To " Marion	51 50
To " Cache Valley	2 16
To " Luxora	10 00
To " Clear Lake	3 00
To " Unity	5 00
To " Ky. Chapel	1 05
To " R P Bain	5 00
To " Brookland	11 05
To " Antioch	5 00
To " Bonnaville	3 97
To " Hydrick	2 00
To " Cherry Valley	1 75
To " Lake City	1 30
To " Fellowship	14 05
To " New Hope	1 40
To " Fr'hman's B'you	21 30
To " Cottage Home	2 80
To " Indian Mound	1 25
To "	9 13
By amount paid E J A McKinney	\$ 46 03
By " " H F Wright	74 40
By " " J B Wise—ten months' salary..	500 00
By expenses of "	39 47
	<u>\$639 90—\$639 90</u>

Committee on Divine Services announced preaching at seven o'clock by Eld. J. N. Hartley. The body adjourned to meet at 7:00 p. m.

#### SECOND DAY—NIGHT SESSION.

At 7 o'clock body assembled. Eld. J. N. Hartley preached a sermon of great power, choosing as his text, Psalms, 27:10—"When my Father and my Mother For-sake me, Then the Lord will take me up." At the close of the sermon, the Committee on Orphans' Home submitted its report, which was discussed by R. C. Medaris, P. C. Barton, Dr. J. H. Kitchens, jr., and J. N. Markhart. A cash collection was taken, amounting to \$14.25, after which the report was adopted. Adjourned.

#### ORPHAN'S HOME.

Every Baptist in our state should thank God that we have such an institution as the Arkansas Baptist Orphan's Home, located at Monticello. This institution was started in the year 1894, and has grown to be one of the best Orphan's Homes in the South. The large, magnificent build-



ing which has been in course of construction for some time, is nearing completion. The Board of Trustees has paid cash for all work done, and no debt is upon the house; but they need a few more hundred dollars with which to complete this building. There are now about 40 children in the Home, and others are seeking admittance. Something like 75 or more children can be accommodated in the buildings when they are completed. The running expenses of the Home are large, and our Churches should be regular contributors to this part of the work; and, that all may have an opportunity to help in this work, your Committee recommend that a collection be taken for this purpose some time during this meeting.

Resolved—That we believe the Trustees of the Orphan's Home should place some of the children, from time to time, in good homes. Therefore, we would suggest this course to our State Convention, soon to assemble in Paragould.

R. C. MEDARIS.

P. H. RAMSEY.

## SATURDAY—THIRD DAY.

### MORNING SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Letters were read from Harrisburg, Bethel and Pleasant Grove. The roll of delegates read, and correction made.

The report on Sunday Schools was submitted, and, after being discussed by J. B. Wise, P. C. Barton, J. N. Hartley, R. C. Medaris, E. P. Minton, J. G. Seymour, Dr. J. H. Kitchens, jr., W. J. Bearden, W. H. Meredith and H. E. Hogan, was amended and adopted.

### SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The importance of Sunday Schools, and the obligation to maintain them, is no longer questioned by an intelligent public. The indifference to the work is widespread and appalling. It becomes necessary, therefore, to give line upon line, and precept upon precept, so that we may arouse the sleeping energies and awake to action the dormant hosts of our Zion in teaching our children the word of our God.

There are only eleven schools reported to this Association, with an enrollment of 542 pupils—with more than half of these in two schools. This is, indeed, an indifferent showing for the Churches of our great Association. Brethren, let our efforts and motto be, a live Sunday School in every Church within our territory

We recommend to the State Convention the discontinuance of the present plan of the Sunday School and Colportage work, and the management and support of the work by our Convention.

J. B. WISE.

J. W. SEAY.

G. L. BOHANNING.

Report on Literature was submitted, and was spoken to by J. W. Hiatt, R. C. Medaris, J. I. White, E. P. Minton, W. J. Bearden, J. B. Wise and Jas. Smith. Adopted.

#### LITERATURE.

There can be no question as to the importance of good literature in the home. It is the incentive which often controls our acts, the silent forces coming into our lives, largely molding our characters. It is the great engine of power that moves our thoughts through channels of either good or bad influence.

The Bible, the great book of God—the only thing revealing the moral character of God—should not only be read carefully and prayerfully, but studied.

We recommend, and insist that, papers or books coming into Baptist homes, be carefully examined by heads of families before going into the hands of children. The Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va., by Foreign Mission Board, should be in every home; also, the Home Field, published by the Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

J. W. HIATT,	} Com.
J. C. BRYANT,	
P. H. OSBURN	
J. F. MCLAIN,	

It was moved, and carried, that a collection be taken at each service tomorrow (Sunday) for the benefit of Monette Baptist Church. The body adjourned to meet at 2:00 p. m. Prayer by J. B. Wise.



## THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Body called to order. Prayer by W. J. Bearden. Committee on Obituaries submitted its report. Speeches to the report were in the nature of a memorial service, and touching talks were made by Brethren N. S. Moser, T. B. Kitchens, J. N. Robertson, E. P. Minton, P. C. Barton, J. W. Seay, Dr. W. H. Borum, H. E. Hogan A. A. Ryan, J. N. Markhart, H. F. Wright, W. H. Meredith, A. Martin, J. N. Hartley, L. W. Pankey and Bro. Edwards.

## OBITUARIES.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, would submit the following report: We know that the Lord has been very good to us, in preserving our lives up to this good time and this good Associational meeting. But we find that death has robbed us of the fellowship of some very worthy brethren and sisters. viz.: Eld. J. M. Settlemoire, Eld. Joe Stotts, Eld. Tate, Capt. J. M. Lambeth, O. H. Wallace, sr., Emily Hutchings, S. M. Hopkins, sr., J. H. Kitchens, sr., Mattie Puryear, sr., Sadie Douglas, Chas. Williams, Ruben Seay, sr., Julia Crews, C. L. Smith, sr., Lena Cooper, Sam Thompson, sr., Martha Bridges, sr., Jane Brown, Adeline———, sr., Joicy Robinson, sr., Baw, Wm. Cathie, sr., Erma Huxtable, G. W. Archie, some of whom were very prominent members in the Churches to which they belonged, and quite a number of others, numbering about thirty-five in all, have died since our last report, and gone to God, who is able to take care to the uttermost. Silently the shades of evening gather around our lonely doors; silently it brings before us faces we shall see no more in this life; but, thanks be to God, they tell us of a city where no storm-clouds rise, and when we are all there, we shall see, face to face, and know as we are known.

N. S. MOSER,	} Com.-
H. B. EWART,	
CHAS. HOGAN,	

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Ministers and their Postoffices submitted its report, which was amended and received, as follows:

## MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

W T Allen, .....	P M Huddleston, Harrisburg.
W J Bearden, Paragould.	J G Henson, Claunch.
F Bozeman, Jonesboro.	H E Hogan, Nettleton.
J F Clark, Heradon.	W H Meredith, Paragould.
G H Faulkner, Crowley.	J F McLain, Bay.
R M Ford, Harrisburg.	J J Mathis, Manila.
J D J Faulkner, Paragould.	J N Robertson, Paragould.
W K Garrett .....	W H Rooks, Wynne.
J N Hariley, Paragould.	G M Settlemoire Cherry Vall'y
J M Huddleston, .....	H F Wright, Nettleton.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Foreign Missions,	- - - -	\$3 00.
Home	" - - - -	2 00.
State	" - - - -	2 00.
Sunday School Work,	- - - -	2 00.
Association,	- - - -	33 59.
Minutes,	- - - -	42 00.

The report was received.

Committee on Divine Services announced, as follows: Preaching tonight by H. E. Hogan; Sunday at 11:00 by R. C. Medaris; Sunday night by W. J. Bearden. Sunday School Mass-Meeting at 10:00, and short addresses by F. Bozeman, W. J. Bearden, J. W. Hiatt and others.

It was moved, and carried, that the Clerk be paid the usual fee for his services, and the balance of the amount sent in from the various Churches for minutes, be used in getting out as many copies of the minutes as possible.

The hour having arrived for the report on Woman's Work, the Committee submitted the following report:

## WOMAN'S WORK.

We all recognize the Scriptural fact that women are most excellent helpers in the Vineyard of the Lord. We, therefore, insist that these women be urged upon to thoroughly organize their work throughout the Association, and correctly keep all records, and make their annual report to this body through their Central Committee.

J. W. HIATT.

W. H. MEREDITH.

J. N. MARKHART.



After discussion by J. W. Hiatt, P. C. Barton, F. Bozeman, E. P. Minton, N. S. Moser and Mrs. Kuykendall, it was adopted by unanimous vote.

Committee on High School made a brief report, and, upon motion of W. J. Bearden, the Committee was discharged.

J. N. Hartley made the following motion, which was carried: That P. C. Barton, Francis Bozeman, W. J. Bearden, T. B. Kitchens, J. N. Robertson and B. H. Parrish constitute a committee, empowered to select a site and erect a building for a Baptist High School within the bounds of Mt. Zion Association. It is the sense of this body, that we should have a building, by the next Association, and that this body delegate full power to said Committee to select a site and erect a building, if they think best to do so. Upon motion of E. P. Minton, J. N. Hartley was added to above Committee.

Special request was made that J. N. Hartley, F. Bozeman and W. J. Bearden speak to the report on Temperance, after preaching tonight.

Adjourned to meet at 7:00. Prayer by F. Bozeman.

#### THIRD DAY—NIGHT SESSION.

At 7:00 p. m. Eld. H. E. Hogan delivered an appropriate sermon, selecting as his text, Nehemiah, 2: 13.

The Committee on Temperance submitted its report. This report was ably discussed by P. C. Barton, J. N. Hartley, F. Bozeman, W. J. Bearden, J. W. Kyle, James Smith and Rev. Mr. Lindsey, Methodist minister of Luxora. The report was adopted.

#### TEMPERANCE.

The magnitude of the evil, and the curse of intoxicants is becoming more and more recognized among and by our people. It is no longer an open question, whether any Church may be, in any way, connected with this traffic, directly or indirectly.

We recommend, that we co-operate with the Anti-Sa-

loon League of Arkansas in its efforts to rid our fair land of the blight and curse of the giant intemperance.

We would further recommend that our Churches be affectionately urged—firmly, but lovingly—to discipline any and all members who may be connected with, or, in any way, responsible for the liquor traffic; whether it be to drink, to vote for it, or to rent property for its sale.

And, as we believe that our Lord would have us temperate in all things, and as the use of tobacco and other narcotics is now a greater curse than the liquor traffic was fifty years ago, we urge our people to abstain from the use of tobacco, and that our preachers, especially, are admonished to abstain from the use of tobacco, as example is the strongest preaching they can do.

P. C. BARTON.	} Committee.
EDGAR PRINCE.	
E. B. CLARK.	

On motion, the Association adjourned, to meet with Old Mt. Zion Church, next session. The coming session will be the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of Mt. Zion Association.

This closed a most pleasant and harmonious meeting of the body. The reports from the various fields show that the Lord has worderfully blessed the labors of His servants, and we are strengthened, and encouraged to press forward for even greater things the coming year.

The parting hand was given while singing, "God be With You till We Meet Again."

B. H. PARRISH,

CLERK.

J. H. KITCHENS,

MODERATOR.



## ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe only in one true, living God—Father, Word and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe that, by one man, sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.

4. We believe that Jesus Christ, by the Grace of God, tasted death for every man; through His meritorious death the way of Salvation is made possible for God to have mercy on all that come unto Him upon Gospel terms.

5. We believe that, being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

6. That at such only are true believers as endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special providence watches over their welfare, and they are kept by the power of God, through faith, unto salvation.

7. We believe there will be a resurrection of the dead and a general and universal judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

8. We believe that the visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men and women who have obtained with each other and given themselves to the Lord, and each other, having agreed to keep up the Godly discipline, according to the rules of the Gospel.

9. We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of the Church, and the government thereof is with the body.

10. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Ordinances of the Gospel, and to be continued until His second coming.

11. We believe that true believers are the only fit subjects of baptism, and that immersion is the only mode.

12. We believe that none but regular baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's table.

13. We believe that the Lord's day ought to be observed and set apart for the worship of God, and that no work or worldly business ought to be transacted thereon, works of piety, mercy and necessity excepted.

14. We do not design to impose these Articles of Faith on any Church, as a rule, but have given them as our views of our Scripture doctrine.