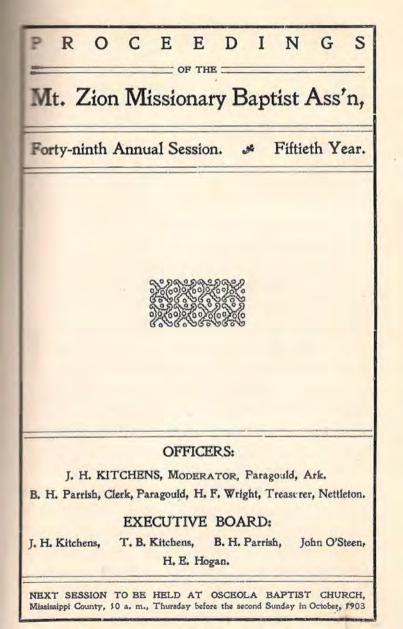
# MOUNT ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

JUBILEE SESSION October 9-12th 1902



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### MT. ZION BAFTIST CHURCH, Walcott, Greene Co., Ark., Oct. 9, 1902.

MT. ZION ASSOCIATION IN ITS FIFTIETH ANNUAL SESSION IN THE MEETING HOUSE OF MT. ZION CHURCH \* \* \* \* WHERE ORGANIZED FIFTY YEARS AGO



HE BODY WAS CALLED TO ORDER by J. H. Kitchens, Moderator. J. B. Wise was elected temporary clerk. Prayer by Elder E. P. Minton. Moderator appointed P. C. Barton, H. E. Hogan and J. W. Hiett Committeeon Credentials. Elder E. P. Minton and R. C. Medaris were appointed reading clerks. Letters

from the following churches were read: Antioch, Bay, Evadale, Clear Lake, Cottonwood Grove, Cherry Valley, Hydrick, Ingram's Chapel, Indian Mound, Luxora, First Church Jonesboro, North Jonesboro, Mt. Zion, New Hope, Vincent and Wynne. The Committee on Credentials made the following report:

#### CREDENTIALS.

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

> P. C. BARTON, J. W. HIETT, H. E. HOGAN, Committee.

The report was adopted as read.

### ROLL OF MESSENGERS:

Antioch Church—F. M. Johnson, R. H. McKay, Steve Staley, Frank Johnson, Sisters L. and Willie Hay.

Bay Church-J. C. Williams and J. F. McClain.

Blytheville Church—J. A. Ashlin, Sisters Fannie Redding and Ella Ashlin.

Brookland Church-N. W. Callaway.

Cache Valley Church—J. W. West, S. A. J. Casey and E. R. C. Biggs.

- Cottonwood Grove-D. Coleman.

Cherry Valley Church-Letter.

Cottage Home—G. W. Phillips and C. C. Smith. Claunch—D. A. Felts, W. T. Allen and J. T. Bates.

Clear Lake—G. L. Bohannon, R. H. Crow, H. B. Ewart and S. Cable.

Evadale Church-Letter.

Frenchmen's Bayou Church-Letter.

Hydrick Church—Guy W. Pitts, J. R. Hill and Sister Maud Pitts.

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Indian Mound Church-Henry Duke.

Ingram's Chapel Church-Letter.

Jonesboro First Church-W. L. Gage, H. C. Kitchens, Sisters Eltha Kitchens, Ruth Wise, P. C. Barton and J. W. Hiett.

Luxora Church-J. J. Holand, James Angel, Histors J. M. Landrum and Jennie Holland.

Manilla Church-J. Mathis.

Mangrum Church-Letter.

Monette Church-Letter.

Mt. Zion Church—A. A. Ryan, E. S. Holmes, B. F. Bowlin and Lee Swindle.

Nettleton Church—H. F. Wright, H. E. Hogan, and Sister H. F. Wright.

New Hope Church—T. C. Carter, C. C. Carter and W. J. Reynolds.

New Hope Church-L. N. Sanders and C. V. Anthony.

North Jonesboro Church—W. E. Stotts, G. W. Osborn, Eli Osborn, Sisters Effie Moser and Huldah Osborn.

Osceola Church-Letter.

Paragould Church—John O'Steen, B. H. Parrish, A. R. McKinney, Roger Williams, J. B. Moore, John R. Thompson and Sister Allie B. Kitchens.

Shilough Church-P. H. Ramsay and R. A. Ford.

Vincent Church-Sisters W. H. Borum and Katie Borum.

Walcott Church—A. Sheffield, J. A. Sheffield, W. P. Bowlin and J. W. Light.

Wynne Church-E. C. Faulkner.

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Ministers of Mt. Zion Association in Attendance-A. B. Bohannon, J. M. Huddleston, J. N. Robertson, W. H. Meredith, W. J. Bearden, E. C. Faulkner, G. H. Faulkner, J. B. Wise, R. C. Medaris, E. P. Minton, J. W. Hiett, J. F. McClain, H. F. Wright, H. E. Hogan and B. T. Stokes.

Members Executive Board—J. H. Kitchens, T. B. Kitchens, P. C. Barton, J. N. Markhart, A. A. Ryan, N. S. Moser and J. W. Seay.

Visiting brethren who were invited to seats—Elder E. D. Cooper, of Gainesville Association; Elder J. M. Minton, of Jonesboro Association; Elder B. M. Bogard, of the Arkansas Baptist; Elder T. C. Mahan, of Black Rock and Elder R. C. Medaris, General Missionary of the Baptist Convention, who represented the Home Field, the Foreign Mission Journal and the Baptist Advance. The last named paper is the new State paper, which advocates our organized work, and hence is the means of communication afforded the working forces of the organization of Arkansas Baptists.

### PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

J. N. Markhart moved that the rules be suspended and that the clerk cast the vote of the Association for J. H. Kitchens for Moderator. Motion was carried by unanimous vote and he was declared duly elected Moderator. W. J. Bearden moved that the Moderator cast of the body for B. H. Parrish for clerk, which being done he was duly elected. It was then moved and carried the clerk

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Treasurer. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote and he was declared duly elected.

Adjourned. Prayer by H. E. Hogan.

# THURSDAY-AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order by Moderator and after singing was led in prayer by R. C. Medaris. Petitionary letters were read from Osceola Church, Blytheville. Churches were admitted and the right hand of fellowship given to messengers who were duly seated and given all the privileges of the body.

Moderator announced the following committees:

Divine Service—Elder G. H. Faulkner and Messengers Mt. Zion Church.

Foreign Missions-Elder E. C. Faulkner, W. P. Bowlin and E. S. Holmes.

State Missions-Elder R. C. Medaris, G. W. Osborn and N. W. Callaway.

Home Missions-Elder J. W. Hiett, A. A. Ryan and G. T. Hay.

Associational Missions—John O'Steen, Elders Medaris and Wright.

Literature—A. R. McKinney, J. B. Moore and H. B. Ewart.

Nominations-Elders W. J. Bearden, H. E. Hogan and J. F. McClain.

Sunday-Schools-B. H. Parrish, J. N. Markhart and J. J. Holmes.

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Ministerial Education—Elder A. B. Bohannon, Ben Bowlin and S. H. Johnson

Woman's Work-Elder W. J. Bearden, G. W. Phillips and N. S. Moser.

Ministers and Their Postoffices-Elder H. F. Wright, D A. Felts and R. H. Crow.

Orphans' Home-Elder J. B. Wise, T. B. Kitchens and D. Coleman.

Temperance-Roger Williams, P. C. Barton and S. Cobbs.

Obituaries-W. E. Stotts, A. C. Williams and J. A. Ashlin.

Memorial Service--R. C. Medaris, E. P. Minton and J. W. Hiett.

The remainder of the afternoon was devoted to a devotional exercise led by E. P. Minton. The 116th Psalm was read by Bro. Minton, and comments were made upon it. Elder G. H. Faulkner led a most spiritual prayer. Talks were made by Brethren Hiett, Medaris, Osborn, J. H. Kitchens, Bearden, Barton, Moore, McClain, Hogan, Tyner, Bogard and Bohannon. Most touching references were made to the brethren who founded Mt. Zion Association fifty years ago, and eloquent tributes were paid to the bre hren who have wrought so nobly and so well since the organization of the Association, many of whom have long since gone to their reward.

The Committee on Divine Service announced that R. C. Medaris would preach at 7:30 tonight (Thursday night).

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Adjourned to meet at 8:30 Friday morning.

At 7:30 Elder R. C. Medaris preached a most excellent sermon, in which he dwelt at length upon the differences that exist as to our methods of work, showing in a most conclusive way that Baptists have enough to do to fight sin in all its various forms, and hence no time to fight each other. The sermon was well received, and was followed by a hearty handthaking, which was participated in by all present.

# FRIDAY-MORNING SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Modorator. Prayer by R. C. Medaris. Minutes read and approved. Letters from Claunch, Brookland, Manilla and Shilough churches were read, and messengers neated, as given in Roll of Messengers. Committee on Divine Service reported that E P. Minton would preach the Introductory Sermon at 11 o'clock.

The report of the Committee on Literature was read by A. R. McKinney. It was discussed by A. R. McKinney, R. C. Medaris, B M. Bogard and J. H. Kitchens, and then passed without a dissenting vote.

#### LITERATURE.

We, your Committee on Literature, beg leave to make the following report:

Good, pure literature in the home is of paramount importance. The development of the mind through the use of this literature we believe to be the most powerful earthly means of upbuilding the Kingdom of Christ.

To this end we recommend that the Bible (the only literature that reveals the character and will of God) be not only read, but studied carefully. We further recommend that all other literature, before going into the -7-

hands of our children at home or elsewhere, be carefully scrutinized, and all that is objectionable be withheld from the child.

> A. R. MCKINNEY, J. B. MOORE, Committee.

Elder E. C. Faulkner read the report on Foreign Missions. It was spoken to by E C. Faulkner, J. B. Wise, R. C. Medaris, J. W. Hiett and A. R. Mc-Kinney. Report adopted.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions beg to report as follows:

For the past several years "Expansion" has been the motto of our Foreign Board and the success of our missionaries has justified the additional outlay of men and money. Last year twenty new missionaries were sent out, until now we have 115 missionaries and 171 native assistants, a total of 286 workers. The contributions have been sufficient to keep the Board clear of debt and often a balance over at the close of the conventional year.

That the good work may go on, we earnestly recommend that preachers take and read The Foreign Mission Journal and circulate it among the churches, and preach one sermon, at least, during the year on the subject of Foreign Missions, and take collection for same.

> E. C. FAULKNER, W. P. BOWLIN, E. S. HOLMES, Committee.

The Introductory Sermon was preached at 11 o'clock by E. P. Minton. This was more of a history of Mt. Zion Association than a sermon. The speaker's long residence within the bounds of Mt. Zion Association, and his personal acquaintance with the leading preachers and laymen during the past thirty years, enabled him to give a history which was at once interesting, entertaining and instructive. His tribute to Elders Lloyd, Paramour, Smith, Clements, O'Barr and Pierce was eloquent and timely, and his closing exhortation inspired his hearers to undertake

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greater things in the name of Him whom we love and serve.

# FRIDAY-AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Bro. B. T. Stokes led in prayer. Letters from Walcott, New Hope and Cottage Home churches were read, and delegates seated. Elder T. C. Mahan, of Black Rock, was enrolled as a visitor.

Elder J. B. Wise read the report on Orphans' Home. The report was spoken to by J. B. Wise, W. J. Bearden, P. C. Barton and J. W. Hiett, and adopted.

#### ORPHANS' HOME.

Your Committee rejoices greatly in the prosperity that has attended the work of the Orphans' Home since its first beginning. There are now about fifty-eight children in the Home, and their helpless condition as orphans appeals to our sympathy and generosity. We appreciate the faithful and efficient care of these children. We are glad to know that the building has been enlarged and the facilities increased.

We recommend that the churches increase their donations to this noble institution for our helpless orphan children, and we further recommend that we, as an association, believe that the Trustees of the Home should be instructed by our State Convention to provide homes for the children in good Baptist homes, as provided for under Article VII of the By-Laws of said Home. J. B. Wisz,

J. B. WISE, T. B. KITCHENS, D. COLEMAN, Committee.

Elder A. B. Bohannon read the report on Ministerial Education. Bro. Bohannon made a strong speech in support of the report as read, and the report was then passed by a unanimous vote.

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Education, in its best sense, is vastly more than simply the accumulation of knowledge. Its aim is completeness. In all departments of life the need is men who are capable of bringing all their powers to bear upon conditions as they arise. We are facing conditions that demand ripenessreadiness to meet these conditions. Truth is the ultimate end of all life's activities. Truth is the great leveler in the affairs of men. The best education, therefore, is the bringing of the whole man under the power of truth. Intellectually, morally and spiritually our great need is to rise up into higher spheres, above the mists and logs of mysticism and uncertainty. The ministry must lead the way upward,

No class of men is so weighted with the responsibility of leadership as God's embassadors. They must stand at the front in every movement for the unlifting of humanity. They must be able to see, and hear, and feel, that they MAY REVEAL TRUTH. God is speaking as never before to the consciences of men. God's ministers must stand as interpreters of the thousandfold utterance of His purposes and plans. Louder than ever in the past is the call for an educated ministry. Whatever libertics others may have. Baptists simply have no other alternative. They must educate their people. Here is a necessity as wide as our denominational life.

Our great system of colleges, academies and seminaries has risen up in answer to this deep need. Baptists are today leading the world in the matter of Christian education. These schools are our own institutions. They need and deserve our support. This Association has one student for the ministry in school-Bro. Lawless, in Rochester Seminary, N. Y. Our churches have contributed the insignificant sum of \$47 84 for this work this year. It is the sense of your Committee that our contributions to this. cause are out of all proportion to the importance of the work and the advantages we derive from it. We recommend that the vast importance of this great cause be laid upon the hearts of our people.

> A. B. BOHANNON. B. F. BOWLIN. S. M. JUHNSTON, Committee.

The report on Sunday-Schools was read by B. H. Parrish, and, after being discussed by B. H. Parrish, J. J. Holland and Elder J. W. Hiett, was - Sher the East adopted. HERE IN ST.

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### SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

We welcome the opportunity of submitting our account of the year's work within the bounds of our Association for our instruction as regards the future. w "" web at

The importance of the Sunday-Schools and the obligation of maintaining them are no longer questioned by an intelligent public It becomes necessary, therefore, that we 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 churches in teaching our children the Word of God. In casting up the reports of our churches, we find there are only

In view of the fact that so many of our churches report no Sundayschool, we recommend the employment of a Sunday-School missionary and colporter to organize Sunday-Schools and in those of our churches where there are none.

We recommend the use of our S. B. C. Literature and Helps.

B. H. PARRISH, J. N. MARKHART, J. J. HOLLAND, Committee.

The Committee on High School, appointed at the previous meeting of the Association, made its peport. The report was discussed by P. C. Barton, J. B. Wise, J. W. Hiett, W. L. Gage, J. H. Kitchens and T. C. Mahau. The report was then adopted by a unanimous voie.

#### HIGH SCHOOL.

We, your Committee on High School, are greatly reloiced to be able to report that we have bought the Normal School property of Jonesboro at a cost of \$5,050, and have raised about \$1,000 toward the liquidation of the debt.

This property consists of a block of about five acres, with a twostory brick building of four rooms, well seated, and is situated in a beauliful grove in the southwest part of the city, and is well worth \$10,000.

We recommend the appointment of a board of seven trustees to represent this body in the transference and control of the property. Said board to consist of P. C. Barton, President; Y. A 'Cole, Secretary; J. W.' Illett, T. B. Kitchens, G. W. Puryear and Z. T. Matthews.

Since it is necessary to raise about \$4,000 cash to liquidate the entire dobt, we recommend that a collection of cash and subscriptions be taken and turned over to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

> P. C. BARTON, W. J. BEARDEN, T. B. KITCHENS, E. P. MINTON, B. H. PARRISH, Committee.

Motion was made and carried that the report on Associational Missions and the report of the Executive Committee be set for 10 o'clock a. m. Saturday.

Committee on Divine Service announced that

Elder E. C. Faulkner would preach at 7:30 p. m.

Elder J. W. Hiett read the report on Home Missions, which was adopted without discussion.

### HOME MISSIONS.

Home Missions is only a convenient division in the great work of preaching the gospel to every creature.

Its field is in this country and in Cuba. We all recognize its importance as a factor in the preaching of the gospel throughout our beloved Southland and Cuba.

We insist that our churches give it more consideration hereafter than they have hitherto done. J. W. HIBTT.

A. A. RYAN,

Committee.

Prayer by T. C. Mahan. Adjourned.

### FRIDAY- EVENING SESSION.

The night session was opened by song and prayer led by J. H. Kitchens. An especially enjoyable feature was the singing of the songs, "Oh, for a Closer Walk with God," "When I Can Read My Title Clear" and "Amazing Grace," by the entire congregation. Every heart seemed lifted up to God and every voice sung His praise. Brethren Mahan, Wright and Medaris led in prayer. A special prayer was offered for the sick daughter of Sister Key. The prayer was led by Elder R. C. Medaris.

The hour for preaching having arrived, Bro. E. C. Faulkner occupied the pulpit. He used as his text the latter part of Exodus, xiv:15: "Speak unto the Children of Israel, that they go forward." The sermon was a strong, practical, missionary sermon,

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in which the speaker set forth our duties and obligations along the lines of work fostered by the denomination. It was listened to with marked attention and enjoyed by all.

At the close of the sermon Bro. R. C. Medaris took a cash collection for Foreign Missions. The collection amounted to \$35.05.

Following the collection was a remarkable prayer offered up by our faithful old colored brother, Thomat Clemons. As he hovered under the very shadow of the Cross and lifted this body up on the bosom of almost matchless supplication, all felt that we were indeed on "holy ground," and that "surely God is in this place."

Benediction by E. C. Faulkner.

# SATURDAY-MORNING SESSION.

Association called to order by Moderator. After inging "How Firm a Foundation," was led in prayer by J. B. Wise. Minutes read and approved. Corresponding letter from Cache Valley Church read and her messengers seated.

Report of Committee on Nominations was read by W. J. Bearden. It was discussed by W. J. Bearden, J. B. Wise, E. C. Faulkner, H. E. Hogan, J. W. Hiett, P. C. Barton. J. J. Holland, E. P. Minton, John O'Steen, A. B. Bohannon, J. H. Kitchens, J. B. Moore and W. L. Gage, and, after some minor changes, adopted as given herewith:

#### NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, recommend the following raport:

That this body meet in its next session with Osceola Church. Elder J. N. Robinson to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder J. F. McClain, Alternate.

We nominate J. H. Kitchens, John O'Steen, H. E. Hogan, B. H. Parrish and T. B. Kitchens for members of the Executive Board. As Messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention, A. B. Bohannon; as Alternate, R. C. Medaris. As Messengers to the State Convention, J. W. Hiett, J M. Landrum, E. C. Faulkner, W. J. Bearden and J H Kitchens, and in their absence any of our members present. To Sister Associations: Gainesville-W J Bearden and A. B. Bohannon; Mt. Vernon-E. C. Faulkner and Dr. W. H. Borum; Spring River-E. P. Minton and A. A Ryan; Current River-J. N Robertson and H. E. Hogan; State Board-W. J. Bearden; Transportation Committee-R. C. Medaris, T. B. Kitchens and J. J. Holland.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the Mt. Zion Church and community (who have so often invited and entertained this Association during the past fifty years) for their kind hospitality.

> W. J. BEABDEN, H. E. HOGAN, J. F. MCCLAIN, Committee.

Committee on Divine Service reported that T. C. Mahan would preach at 11 o'clock a. m.

The report on Associational Missions was read by John O'Steen. It was discussed by W. J. Bearden and J. B. Wise, Associational Missionary, but the time for preaching having arrived, it was passed by common consent to be taken up in the afternoon.

At 11 o'clock Rev. T. C. Mahan, of Black Rock, Ark., occupied the pulpit. He chose as his text II Timothy, ii:19: "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are His." The preacher was at his best, and presented in a clear and thoroughly com-

umhensive manner the doctrine of the "Security of the believer." The great audience was carried from point to point in the splendid discourse, and every mont was made to rejoice as they listened to the projentation of these great truths as taught in God's Word. At the close of the sermon the congregation mug "How Firm a Foundation," and all participated in an old-fashioned hand-shaking. Shouts were mingled with the song; tears of joy were shed hy many whose hearts were too happy for utterance; obs and heart-throbs were heard and felt, and all these were but feeble expressions of the praise and gratitude to Him who is the author of our salvation, and who hath so surely placed us on the Firm Foundation, the "Rock of Ages," even Christ Jesus, our Lord.

# SATURDAY-AFTERNOON SESSION.

Moderator called the body to order at 1:30. Prayer was led by J. B. Moore. The question of Associational Missions was taken up, and J. B. Wise concluded his speech. It was further discussed by J. W. Hiett, P. C. Barton, W. J. Bearden, R. C. Medaris and W. L. Gage. The report was adopted as follows:

### ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Associational Missions submit the following: It is with pleasure, and with deep gratitude to God for His blessings, that we note the success that has attended the labors of our missionary, J. B. Wise, the past year. He has organized two churches and five or six Bunday-schools, and witnessed about fifty additions to the churches. While we have done a good work in the past year, there is yet a great work to be done. Our weak and struggling churches need the help of wise and earnest missionaries to go among them, and by the preaching of the gospel, prayer and the distribution of Baptist literature, encourage them in the Lord's work.

There is another greatly important work that must be done to carry on the Lord's work in this field, and that is the awakening and directing of the missionary spirit and efforts of our people.

In view of these things, your committee recommends the following:

1. That the Association or Executive Board elect a missionary for all his time.

 That where it becomes necessary, the Executive Board, when requested to do so, aid in securing and supporting pastors in places where our cause is weak and which cannot be supplied by the missionary.

3. That a committee of three be appointed, whose duty it shall be, in co-operation with the pastors of our churches and the Executive Board, to hold as many missionaries with our churches as practicable.

> JOHN O'STEEN, R. C. MEDARIS, H. F. WRIGHT, Committee.

A collection was taken at this point for Associational Missions, and cash from the following was recorded: T. B. Kitchens, \$5; H. B. Ewart, \$5; Walcott Church, \$2.70; Mt. Zion Church, \$4; Manilla Church, 25c.; Antioch Church, \$2; John O'Steen, \$1; S. M. Johnson, \$1; Cash, 80c. Total, \$22.25

Report of Committee on Woman's Work was read by W. J. Bearden, and was passed without discussion.

### WOMAN'S WORK.

We all recognize the importance of woman's work in our churches. Women wield an influence over our young people, and especially over children, that no other can. We would urge upon our churches to see to it that their women organize Aid or Mission Societies in their churches, and that a correct report be kept and sent with their church letters to the next session of this body. W. J. BEARDEN.

W. J. BEARDEN, N. S. MOSER, G. W. PHILLIPS, Committee.

The report on Temperance was read by Roger Williams. The report being clear, pointed and seemthat it be passed without discussion, as "it was good upped without discussion, as "it was good

### TEMPERANCE.

No subject that can come before this body demands more definite the heroic attention than the one before us—the cause of Christian Temmance. No evil is so widespread and so destructive as the evil of intemmance. The saloon curse is the right arm of Satanic power. No class of isty is exempt from the blight of its withering breath. There is no in which such unmitigated evil can be justified. It answers no natui or righteous demand. Its very life depends upon the creation of an inval, demoralizing and degrading appetite. In its insatiable greed of an it overrides every principle of honesty, integrity and purity. It incluse the home, the State and the Church. Its one and only demand is that, and in its merciless greed it is as remuseless as an earthquake. But than all, this deadly thing, this diabolical plunderer of the virtue of only, this hydra-headed monster that is debauching and imbruting our and degrading our girls, and dragging its slimy trail into almost any mone, is here by the consent of a so-called Christian people.

It is the sense of your committee that the time is at hand when we must do something more than adopt resolutions concerning it We must We must draw sharp, distinct lines between right and wrong in our memory. The firm, steady hand of church discipline must be interposed of drive this hateful thing from our midst. The church member who in my manner indorses, aids or condones the saloon curse is an unqualified after to the church, the home—to God and Humanity.

We recommend that all our churches take such action in the matter will bring their members who assist this thing to repentance, if possibut, failing in this, will rid the church of responsibility for such membership.

We recommend, also, that members again be earnestly requested to singlate from the use of tobacco and all other narcotics.

> ROGER WILLIAMS, P. C. BARTON, Committee.

It was moved and carried that the report of State Missions be brought up after the night service.

#### RESOLUTION.

Since we enter upon a new epoch in the history of this Association, and as hitherto we have had no Board of Ministerial Education, and since we have taken a long stride forward in an educational line, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we elect three members of this body as a "Board of Ministerial Education."

The above resolution was carried by unanimous vote, and the following brethren were elected to constitute the Board: P. C. Barton, J. W. Hiett and J.oN. Markhart.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received fo	r Minutes	38	40
Received for	or Foreign Missions.	39	35
Received for	r Home Missions	2	25
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H. F. WRIGHT, Treasurer.

#### OBITUARIES.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, would submit the following raport: 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 come into some of our homes and taken from us some good, worthy brethren and sisters. We report the following losses

Paragould-Two charter members, Sisters Josie Barnett and Ethel Newsom; also Sisters Sol Ware, Williams, Thompson, Daisy Mitchell and Bro. M. L. Green.

Shilough-Sister M. Reeves.

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Cottage Home-Bro Sam Starke.

Osceola-Bro. F. M. Tucker, Sister Beulah Hale.

Jonesboro--Sisters W. A. Maywood, Mary Loftie; Brethren John Ferguson, Robb Cox.

Wynne--Bro, Doc Harris.

Walcott--Sister May Earsie.

Cache Valley--Sister Mary Crider, Bro. D. H. Staurkie.

Manilla-- Bro. Johnson, Sister Laura Matthis.

Luxora--Sister Susan Colback, Brethren Willie Yarbrough, Joe P. Brown.

Vincent--Sister Mary G. Rasbery.

Mt. Zion--Bro. J. M. Miles.

Some of the departed were very prominent members in the churches to which they belonged, and have gone home to God, who is able to take care to the uttermost. The shades of evening gather around the lonely homes; silently they bring 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 ever rise, and when we are all there we shall see face to face, and know as we are known. W. E. Storts,

J A. ASHLIN.

J. C. WILLIAMS,

Committee.

Elder H. F. Wright read the report on Ministers and their Postoffices.

### MINISTERS OF MT. ZION ASSOCIATION.

W. J. Bearden Paragould	A. B. Bohannon Paragould
J. N. RobertsonParagould	J. M. Huddleston Paragould
W. H. Meredith Paragould	R. P. WatkinsJonesboro
G. L. BurtinJonesboro	J. B. WiseJonesboro

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K P. Minton	Jonesboro
F. Bozeman	Jonesboro
H. F. Wright	Nettleton
W, H. Pruitt	
II. Duke	Nettleton
N. B. Osment	Monette
R. M. Ford	Harrisburg
J. M. Casey	Light
C. W. Knight	Wynne
J. G. Hinson	Claunch
II. E. Hogan	Luxora

R. C. MedarisJonesboro
L. F. YancyJonesboro
J. F. McClain
L. L. FrazellNettleton
W. L. Wright Tyronza
I. M. Voss Carson
P. M. HuddlestonHarrisburg
E. C. FaulknerWynne
J. M. Settlemoir. Cherry Valley
G. W. JohnsonLuxora
G. H. Faulkner Crowley
H F WRIGHT

D. A. FELTS, R. H. CROW, Committee.

The Association then adjourned.

# SATURDAY-EVENING SESSION.

The Association was called to order, and opened by singing "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?" Prayer by J. J. Mathis. Elder H. F. Wright filled the pulplt. He chose as his text II Timothy, iv:1—"Preach the Word." Bro. Wright handled the subject clearly and in a style peculiarly his own. He gave a clear-cut definition of the words of the text, and dwelt at some length on the duty of the minister of the gospel to preach the truth as it is recorded in the revealed word. It was a strong sermon, and was closed with a very appropriate and touching appeal to the sinner.

R. C. Medaris read the report on State Missions. The report was discussed by him for some minutes, and he also took a cash collection for same, which amounted to \$10.11. The report was adopted.

#### STATE MISSIONS.

It's with joy that your Committee on State Missions reports much work done by the missionaries of the Executive Board of the Arkannu Paptist State Convention. Some forty or more workers have been, and are still, preaching the gospel of Christ, organizing churches, Sunday schools and prayer-meetings, building houses of worship, disseminating religious literature, and standing by and advancing the educational interests and orphanage of the Convention.

God has shown His approval of this work by blessing the labors of these missionaries. A large number of souls have been led to Christ, and are today rejoicing in the Savior's love and service Churches have been organized and houses of worship built.

But it is true that, while much work has been done, there remains a vast destitution in the State, and owing to the building of new railroads and the building of new towns, this destitution is increasing. We must occupy these growing centers of influence; and there is destitution in the rural districts, and to these places we must carry the gospel. We, the Baptists of Mt. Zion Association, must stand with our brethren in this work, for some of the best churches in our territory were assisted in their struggling days by the State Mission Board, and this Board stands ready to help us when requested to do so.

Brethren, now is the time for our churches to rally to the support of of this work, therefore, we recommend:

1. That we make as large contributions as we can to State Missions between now and the convention at Conway, November 14, 1902.

2. That all our churches be represented by messengers in the coming session of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Respectfully submitted.

R. C. MEDARIS, G. W. OSBURN, N. W. CALLAWAY, Committee,

#### RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this body that the messengers of the churches, in association assembled, select the Associational Missionary. T. B. KITCHENS.

The above resolution was discussed by T. B. Kitchens, E. C. Faulkner, G W. Osburn and A. R. McKinney, and then adopted as read.

The Association then proceeded to the election of a missionary. Elders H. F. Wright, R. C. Medaris and J. B. Wise were placed in nomination, and R. C. Medaris receiving a majority of the votes cast, was declared elected. Upon motion, his election was declared unanimous.

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#### RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the Clerk be requested to secure a cut of the oldest inters of the Association, both those who are living and those who are and give the cuts in the Minutes, together with a short biographical is of those noble men of God and faithful ministers of Jesus Christ. R. C. MEDARIS.

It was moved and carried that the Executive Heard of Mt. Zion Association be authorized to elect Hunday-school missionary and colporteur, as provided for in the Sunday-school report.

Adjourned.

Benediction by H. F. Wright.

### SUNDAY.

Two hours were spent in memorial service. Elders J. B. Wise, A. B. Bohannon and J. M. Huddleston made good talks on "Early Baptist Ministers Citizens." Elder J. M. Minton, one of the oldest ministers in this part of the State, made a touching speech on "Early Baptist Preachers as Baptists." Elder J. W. Hiett and J. H. Kitchens spoke on "Early Baptist Ministers as to Ability."

Rev. R. C. Medaris preached the "Jubilee Sermon." The sermon was based upon the 25th chapter of Leviticus. It was a masterly effort. The preacher was at his best. He brought out clearly and powerfully the great beauty in the Jewish jubilee year as observed in the olden time, and still more powerfully and grandly did he bring out the supe-

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riority of the Christian's jubilee. Many hearts were greatly rejoiced throughout this most enjoyable service.

At the close of this service the collection for Associational Missions was taken, and the collection in cash and pledges amounted to about \$400. A very highly commenable offering was made by J. II Kitchens. He was born in 1852, the year Mt. Zion Association was organized. His jubilee offering wat a fifty-dollar bill.

The afternoon service consisted of short talke by Brethren Mathis, J. M. Minton, P. C. Barton, J. H. Kitchens, W. L. Gage and Clements. The part ing hand was given and a genuine love-feast was indulged in. Thus closed one of the most pleasant and profitable sessions of Mt. Zion Association. The people entertained well, and have the sincere thanks of the visiting messengers. It will be long remembered by all who attended, and this session will be a most pleasant memory to all who attended. To God give all praise.

B. H. PARRISH, Clerk. J. H. KITCHENS, Moderator,



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# APPENDIX.

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

### Ministers.

REV. E. P. MINTON.

The subject of this brief sketch was born in North Alabama, in 1847, and is now fifty-five years old. He was converted in 1865, and joined Old Salem Church, Cherokee County, in 1866. He was baptized by his father, Sylvanus Minton. He moved to Arkansas in 1872, and after spending two years in this State, he went to Texas and spent two years. He returned to Arkansas in 1876, and has been a resident of Jonesboro aud a member of the First Baptist Church for the past twenty-six years. He was ordained by Philadelphia Church, Craighead County, in 1873, R. P. Peramour, J. M. Minton and Sylvanus Minton, serving as presbytery.

Elder Minton has been a busy man for all these years, and has served as pastor a number of the leading churches of this part of the State. He has been pastor of the following churches: Jonesboro,

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Harrisburg, Wynne, Black Rock, Walnut Ridge, Imboden, Hardy, Herman, Philadelphia, Macedonia, Oak Grove, Big Bay, Rector, Piggott, Cherry Valley, Bethel, Antioch, Pocahontas, New Hope (Caighhead county), New Hope (Cross county) and Bonnerville.

He served eight years as Moderator of Mt. Zion Association and five years as Clerk. He has been associated with the leading spirits of the Association for more than a quarter of a century, and his influence has been widely felt. He is a man of strong personality, loyal to his friends, strong in the "faith once delivered to the saints," earnest and consecrated. He has at all times been in harmony with his brethren, and has never been led off after strange doctrines. He says: "I have tried to appreciate my brethren Their friendship and fellowship have been worth a great deal to me. I have been with them in sunshine and shadow; we have wept together and we have rejeiced together." He has been instrumental in the hands of God in the salvation of many souls. His strong character, his loyalty in the Master's service, his jovial, generous good nature. render him one of the leading members of Mt. Zion Association, and perhaps no one within its bounds is better known or more highly esteemed.

# ELDER JOHN PEARCE

Came to Crowley's Ridge about 1848 to 1850. He was the leader in all that territory which afterward became Mt. Zion Association. He organized the Accordance and did more preaching than any other man in it for several years. He was the missionary life of it up to and during the War of the Rebelhon.

# ELDER D. W. OBEAR

Tame to Mt. Zion Association about the time of its organization, and was in its organization. He was a Greek and Latin scholar—something very rare in those days. He was a very logical preacher, but was not much of a pastor and did not take with the people. He and Pearce both died in the latter '70s.

# ELDER THOMAS D. LLOYD

Began to preach soon after the organization of the Association. He did not have the ability of either Pearce or Obear, but was full of energy, and was more popular than Obear, with all his learning. He was, first and last, pastor of most of the churches of the Association, and did a great work.

# ELDER M. E. CLEMENTS

Came into the Association soon after its organization. He did not live many years, but was the leader of the Association while he lived. Had he lived, he would have done a great work. He was the father of Bro. Samuel Clements, of Mt. Zion church.

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### ELDER ROBERT P. PARAMORE

Came to the Association about the close of the Cloud War. He first settled near Mt. Zion Church, of which he became pastor. He afterward moved to near Philadelphia Church, in Craighead county, and became her pastor. He was the strongest, all-round preacher and pastor that was ever in the Association. His churches were built up in members, and in unity and spirituality. He was a builder in the truest sense.

### ELDER WASH CATE

Came to the Association about 1870. He was a good preacher. His chief work was the building of the old frame church house at Jonesboro.

# ELDER W. T. SMITH

Came into prominence soon after the war. He was a fair preacher for his day. He was the Moderator of Mt. Zion Association for eleven sessions. He was noted for his order at these meetings The Association erected a monument, at a cost of \$50, to his memory for this noble work. It stands at his grave at Philadelphia Church.

# ELDER J. M. MINTON

Came to the Association soon after the war. He has been pastor of several of the best churches in the

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Association, and did a good work. He was at the Jubilee Services, and seemed to enjoy the memory of other days. As he listened to the old songs of his younger days and heard the old preachers given oredit for what they had done, he felt that after he was gone his brethren would not forget his labors in the Lord.

### Laymen.

There were some noble laymen in Mt. Zion Association from the first, such as Wiley Hutchins, of Mt. Zion; Thomas White and William and R. S. Cooper, of Macedonia; Coulson Sharp, Simpson and Martin Albright and W. D. Peterson, of Philadelphia Church; Ajax and Samuel Tyer and J. P. Hydrick, of Lebanon Church; A. J. English, of New Hope Church, Cross county, and A. Pagan, of Bethabara, and later of North Jonesboro Church.

### Mount Zion Association.

This Association was organized in the year 1852 At the organization there were representatives from five churches, namely: Mount Zion, Macedonia, Lebanon, Union and Pleasant Valley. The total membership of these five churches is not given. At the meeting in 1854 there were messengers representing seven churches with a total membership of 164. The meeting in 1855 was attended by messengers

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from ten churches and these ten churches reported a membership of 237. Two more churches were added at the next meeting in 1857 and the membership of the twelve churches is put at 248. Twelve churches in 1861 report 288 members and two of the twelve do not report their membership. Five years later we have reported from sixteen churches a total membership of 617. Up to this time there was seldom more than one committee appointed at the meetings and that was the Committee on Arrangements. This committee arranged for all the work of the Association during its sitting. The work increases rapidly from this time and the membership also increases and in 1870 we have twenty.two churches which report a total of 792 members. Ten years later, in 1880 we find, however, only eighteen churches reported and a total membership of 721. At the meeting in 1890 we have thirty-six churches and the membership increased to 1828. In 1900 the meeting was held with North Jonesboro Church and twentyeight churches sent messengers and reported a membership of 1868. At the Jubilee Session in 1902, held with Old Mount Zion Church, there were thirty churches represented and the total membership of the Association, according to our best information, is now 2635. The total value of church property within the bounds of the Association is more than \$40,000.

The representation has fluctuated from year to year. A large number of the churches have with-

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and some to join other associations where it would be more convenient for them to attend. Nearly all the mission work done during the life of this Association has been done in the last fifteen years as shown in another part of this sketch.

### Missions.

All the Missionary work of the Association was done by the preachers until 1877. In that year One hundred and three dollars was paid by her Executive Board for Missionary work. In 1877 about \$60 was paid for such purposes; in 1888, \$277; in 1889, \$435; in 1890, \$436; in 1891, \$400; in 1901, \$639. The marked increase in the finances for Missions has been due more to the laymen than to the preachers.

In 1888 J. H. Kitchens, Jr., P. C. Barton, W. G. Maywood, W. L. Gage and C. Wall were elected members of the Executive Board.

At a meeting held early in January, 1888, these laymen resolved that they would do a large part of the work that had cost considerable money, and that they would do it free of cost. Maywood, Gage, Barton and Kitchens visited all the churches in Greene and Craighead counties. Maywood was on the Board only one year, Gage, Barton and Kitchens continuing the work.

After a few years Alfred Pagan was put on the board from North Jonesboro and T. B. Kitchens

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from Paragould and each member took the matter up in his own church. There has always been understanding to that effect between the member the board and it has saved many dollars to the Association. J. H. Kitchens is the present chairment of the board and has been for four years. P. C. Barton has been secretary for almost the same time but is not a member at this time. B. H. Parrish the present secretary and T. B. Kitchens treasure The other members are John O'Steen and Elder Hogan of Luxora Church.

Besides her work in associational missions Mount Zion Association has paid about \$100 a year to ministerial education for the past fourteen years.

# J. H. Kitchens Jr.,

Professed a hope in Christ and joined the First Baptist Church of Jonesboro, Ark., in 1887 and was sent as a messenger from that church to the Mount Zion Association in October, 1887. He was elected a member and chairman of the Executive Board of Mount Zion Association at that session which office he has held ever since. In 1899 he was ordained a Deacon and remained a member of that church until January 1902, when he moved his membership to Paragould, Ark. He was elected Moderator of Mount Zion Association, at Bay, in 1896 and has been re-elected six times, the last at the Jubilee Session in October 1902. He was elected a member of the State Mission Board in 1896 and is still a member of

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that board. During the last four years he has been treasurer of the Baptist State Convention and also of the State Mission Board having been elected in 1998 and which offices he still holds and he has rendered very efficient service.

The need of men of good executive ability is great in all departments of our work and the colloges have not failed to recognize the merits of the ubject of this sketch, he having been elected a member of the board of Ouachita and Central Col-



J. H. KITCHENS JR., AT 25.

leges in 1897, and upon the consolidation of these schools into the Ouachita-Central system he was retained a member of the consolidated Board. He is a firm believer in organized work, his own Association being proof of his faith. He also believes in economy in the expenditure of Mission Funds and has never, in all his religious life, charged one cent for postage or exchange or interest on over-draft, but has paid it out of his own money. He set aside one-tenth of his gross income to the Lord's service.

(NOTE-It was our purpose to add several other sketches and photo but owing to failure of the brethren to respond we have been compelled in close this edition without them. We hope to add them from year to year!

# ERRATTA.

Section 3 of the report on Associational Missions found on page 16 of of these minutes should read. "That a committee of three be appointed, whose duty it shall be, in co-operation with the pastors of our churche and the Executive Board. to hold as many missionary rallies with our churches as practicable."



# STATISTICS OF MT. ZION ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES,	CLERES AND POSTOFFICES.	NUMBER MEMBERS	VALUE OF PROPERTY		
Antioch. Blytheville	Craighead Mississippi	J. N. Robinson, Paragould H. F. Wright, Nettleton	Frank Johnson, Gubertown A. C. Ralph, Blytheville	114 12	\$ 600		
Bay	Craighead	J. G. Henson, Claunch J. M. Huddleston, Paragould	W. H. Moore, Bay N. W. Callaway, Brookland	83 24	500 500		
Cache Valley Clear Lake	Greene Mississippi	G. H. Faulkner, Crowley H. F. Wright, Nettleton.	Joel W. West, Light R. H. Crow, Armorel	74 40	500		
Claunch Oherry Valley	Craighead Cross	J. G. Henson, Claunch E. P. Minton, Jonesboro	Mrs. W. T. Allen, Claunch J. R Mayo, Cherry Valley	22 39	300 600		
Cottage Home Cottonwood Grove Evadale	Craighead Crittenden Mississippi	H.F. Wright, Nettleton J.W. Kile Locke, Tennessee J.N. Robertson, Paragould	A. D. Phillips, Nettleton J. W. Franklin, Bord, Tenn Calvin Greer, Evadale	27 14 46	600		
Frenchman Bayou Hydrick	Mississippi Poinsett	A. Martin, Bardstown H. F. Wright, Nettleton	W. F. Speck, Bardstown M. Pitts, Hydrick	20	500		
Indian Mound Ingram's Chapel	Poinsett	None. J. F. McClain, Bay.	J. H. Allen, Greenfield R. L. Hodge, Weona	31 36	=		
Jonesboro-First Ch. Jonesboro-North "	Craighead	F. Bozeman, Jonesboro W. J. Hearden, Paragould	E. A. Peterson, Jonesboro P. S. Osborn, Jonesboro	275 190	14,000 600		
Luxora. Manilla	Mississippi Mississippi	H. E. Hogan, Nettleton	J. C. Spann, Luxora. M. L. Mathis, Manilla	68 34	500		
Monette Mount Zion Nettleton.	Greene. Craighead	None. J. D. J. Faulkner, Paragould H. F. Wright, Nettleton	I. M. Hammack, Monette B. F. Bowlin, Walcott. W. K. Garrett, Nettleton	45 164 63	1,250 500 800		
New Hope	Craighead	B. T. Stokes, Jonesboro J. F. Clark, Herndon	W. T. Carter, Jonesboro, L. N. Sanders, Tyronza	50 18			
Osceola.	Mississippi Greene	None. A. B. Bohannon, D.D., Paragould	J. K. P. Hale, Osceola T. B. Kitchens, Paragould.	100 872	15,000		
Shilough Unity	Poinsett	R. M. Ford, Harrisburg J. N. Robertson, Paragould,	T. N. Henderson, Harrisburg Mary Thomas, Mangrum	35 59	300		
Walcott.	Greene Greene	E. D. Oooper, Paragould	W. H. Borum, M.D., Vincent	14 116 43	1,000 500 1,250		
Wynne			J. E. Harris, Wynne	351 2635	\$39,900		

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