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PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY.

MORNING SESSION

BLYTHEVILLE. ARK., Oct. 5, 1905.

The Mt. Zion Association of Missionary Baptists met this day at 10 o'clock a. m., and was called to order by J. H. Kitchens, Moderator.

2. After singing "How Firm a Foundation," the body was led in prayer by A. J. Barton, D. D.

3. The Moderator appointed J. W. Hiatt and B. H. Parrish reading clerks, and E. P. Minton, J. M. Lawrence and G. W. Owens Committee on Credentials.

4. Letters were read from churches as shown in sheet at close of the journal and their Messengers were duly seated as recommended by Committee on Credentials. Also all ministers present, all visiting brethren and the officers and members of the Executive Board.

5. Permanent organization was effected as follows: H. C. Rosamond moved that the ballot for the Association be cast for J. H. Kitchens as moderator. The motion was unanimously carried and it was done.

6. The Moderator made a short address expressing his deep appreciation of the honor conferred upon him in selecting him the tenth time as presiding officer of this body.

7. Upon Motion of J. M. Lawrence the Moderator was ordered to cast the ballot of the Association for B. H. Parrish for Clerk and it was so done.

8. A motion was made ordering the clerk to cast the unanimous vote of the Association for H. F. Wright as Treasurer of the Association. It was so done.

9. Moderator appointed H. F. Wright, G. L. Bohanning and E. P. Hutchinson Committee Divine Service.

10. Rev. J. N. Robertson, who was appointed to preach the introductory sermon being absent on account of sickness, it was moved and carried that Dr. A. J. Barton preach the introductory at night. The Committee then announced that Elder J. H. Peay would preach at 11 o'clock.

11. Rev. J. H. Peay immediately took charge of the service and delivered a strong sermon, using as text Luke, 10:25.

MESSENGER LIST.

PARAGOULD—

R. A. Markham, Kittie Myers, T. B. Kitchens, John Sloan and

Mrs John Sloan, J. M. Huddleston, J. N. Markhart and Mrs. Markhart.

CLEAR LAKE—

W. J. Burton.

OSCEOLA—

J. K. P. Hale, Mrs. John White, Mrs. Clarence Butler, Miss Mary Hale, G. W. Owen.

NORTH JONESBORO—

D. J. Toy, Mrs. D. J. Toy, G. W. Osborne, E. P. Minton, W. B. Crisp, C. C. Moser, J. W. Green.

JONESBORO—

U. S. Thomas, S. M. Furgerson, C. T. Carpenter, Mrs. J. S. Burns, Annie Logan, Mrs. W. B. Langford, Sr. Culley, W. L. Crenshaw, Mrs. W. F. Aydelette, L. N. Sanders, S. B. Crist, Mrs. Hiatt, Mrs. U. S. Thomas, P. C. Barton.

CASCHE VALLEY—

E. R. C. Biggs, Eld. J. M. Casey.

UNITY—

G. W. Young.

ANTIOCH—

Jas. A. Edwards.

LUXORA—

J. N. Angell, Mrs. Lena Lynch, Mrs. Wm. Wood, Mrs. Helen Angell, Mrs. J. M. Landrum, J. M. Landrum, G. W. Johnson.

WYNNE—

E. T. Thorn.

CHEERRY VALLEY—

Miss Lora Faulkner, Cora Anderson, Jas. Anderson.

MT. ZION—

L. T. Dennis, Dock Clements, Lucy Dennis.

VINCENT—

Dr. W. H. Borum, Mrs. W. H. Borum.

NEW HOPE—

P. S. Watkins, T. C. Carter, W. T. Summers.

HARRISBURG—

L. E. Stancell, Mrs. L. E. Stancell.

MONETTE—

Sr. Wallace, Sr. Alexander, Sr. Annie Walker, Thos. Walker, Lucy Anderson.

COTTAGE HOME—

H. B. Ewart, A. M. Smith.

BAY—

J. C. Williams.

BROOKLAND—

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Riley Shepard, Mrs. Shepard.

NETTLETON—

H. F. Wright.

EARLE—

G. M. Gooch.

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W. C. Beck, Henry Eaves, Mrs. L. Crocker, Mildred Butler, R. A. Stout.

MARY'S CHAPEL—

J. R. Buck, J. M. Stormire, B. F. Lofin.

BLYTHEVILLE—

C. M. Leird, A. M. Harris, E. P. Hutchinson, G. L. Bohanning, Mrs. Blythe, Fannie Redding, Mrs. M. J. Bohanning.

WALCOTT—

T. W. Smith, Alice Smith, Floy Light, J. W. Seay, Mrs. J. W. Seay.

NORTH SABA—

R. M. Moody, T. E. Williams, M. E. Crawford, R. W. Crawford.

MANILA—

J. I. White, W. G. Mathis, R. A. Moore, F. M. Carter, Maggie Carter.

Adjourned.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

12. Met at 2:00. Called to order by Moderator. Led in prayer by J. M. Lawrence.

13. The Moderator announced the following Committees:

Home Missions—G. W. Owens, G. W. Pitts, A. M. Harris.

Foreign Missions—E. P. Minton, J. W. Green, T. R. Shepard.

State Missions—P. C. Barton, H. B. Ewart, R. F. Moore.

Literature—J. K. P. Hale, J. N. Markhart, T. B. Kitchens.

Obituaries—L. E. Stancill, J. N. Angell, W. L. Crenshaw.

Ministers and P. O.—G. M. Settlemoir, A. M. Smith, R. A. Stout.

Education—C. T. Carpenter, B. H. Parrish, B. A. Markham.

Sunday Schools—W. H. Borum, J. W. Seay, W. P. Beck.

Orphans' Home—E. T. Thorne, T. W. Smith, W. J. Burton.

Temperance—J. M. Lawrence, W. H. Meridith, W. F. Clements.

Old Ministers—H. E. Hogan, L. T. Dennis, John Sloan, S. M. Ferguson.

Nominations—J. W. Hiatt, G. W. Osborne, E. R. C. Biggs.

Woman's Work—H. C. Rosamond, Mesdames J. M. Landrum, John Sloan, W. H. Borum, L. E. Stancill, Lawhorn, Anna Wallace, U. S. Thomas.

14. The following visiting brethren were enrolled and invited to seats: Eld. J. H. Peay, of Kennett, Mo., representing the Baptist Advance; Eld. G. W. Bray, of Friendship Association, Tenn.; A. J. Barton, D. D., Field Secretary, Southern B. C.; Eld. J. J. Hurt, Little Rock; Eld. W. J. Bearden of Memphis; Eld. J. R. Kearney, Eld. Brown.

15. The Association gave the hand of fellowship to pastors who have come in since the last meeting. They were H. C. Rosamond, Paragould, G. W. Owens, Osceola; G. W. Bray, Blytheville, and E. T. Thorne, Wynne.

16. Good talks were made by J. W. Hiatt, J. J. Hurt, A. J. Barton, G. W. Bray, G. W. Owen, J. M. Lawrence, G. M. Settlemoir and P. C. Barton.

After some discussion, upon motion it was ordered that a Special Committee be appointed to draft a resolution looking to the reunion of Mt. Zion and Jonesboro Associations.

18. The Moderator appointed P. C. Barton, H. C. Rosamond, U. S. Thomas upon the Committee.

19. The Association then adjourned to meet at 7:30.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

20. A song service was led by H. E. Hogan. Fervent prayer offered by G. W. Owens. E. T. Thorne and E. P. Minton.

21. A. J. Barton, D. D., preached the introductory sermon, using as a text, Rev. 21:1-5; "His Theme Was Heaven." It was a sermon of great power and a genuine comfort to every Christian present.

22. Committee on Divine Service announced that J. J. Hurt would preach at 11:00 Friday.

Adjourned.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

23. The Association reassembled, and after singing, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," was led in prayer by H. F. Wright. Minutes were read and approved.

24. Petitionary letters were read from the North Saba Church, Wynne New Church at Wynne, and the Central Baptist Church at Luxora. These were referred to Committee on Predication.

25. Report of Committee on Literature was read by T. B. Kitchens, and spoken to by T. B. Kitchens, J. H. Peay, H. C. Rosamond and J. J. Hurt. Upon motion of J. W. Heitt, the further discussion of this report was set for 2:00 o'clock.

LITERATURE.

The literary tendencies of a country may be taken as an index to

the life and spiritual growth of its people.

The literature on which the mind feeds will determine as to whether it is growing and developing spiritually or is being made less sensible of its present and eternal welfare.

Hence, it is very important that our people be well supplied with plenty of good religious literature. We should especially be very careful as to the literature which our young people read. As the mind is fed so will it grow. To become efficient workers in our Master's kingdom, we should read constantly His word, that we may know His will. We should study the Bible carefully and prayerfully, that our zeal may be according to knowledge.

Your Committee would recommend:

First—Some regular and systematic reading of the Bible, and that all our preachers and Sunday School Superintendents do what they can to develop our people along this line.

Second—We recommend the dissemination of good Baptist literature, Bibles, Testaments and religious tracts as carried on in colportage work.

Third—We recommend that our people take and read the Baptist Advance, so that they may be kept posted, and in touch with our State work.

Fourth—We recommend the "Home Field" and Foreign Mission journals, and the Sunday School literature of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Respectfully Submitted.

T. B. KITCHENS,
J. N. MARKHART,
J. K. P. HALE,
Committee.

26. C. T. Carpenter read the report on Education. Prof. W. L. Gentry was introduced to the Association and discussed the report and made a strong appeal in behalf of Woodland College. U. S. Thomas and C. T. Carpenter also spoke to the report, after which it was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Baptist Denomination, believing that life and light go hand in hand, have always been strong advocates of education. To-day the position of the denomination is stronger on this subject than ever before. The denomination, as a denomination, believes in our Public School system, and it firmly believes in keeping State education and Denominational education separate and apart. The Baptist Denomination also firmly believes in its own denominational school. There are certain missions which the denomination can fulfill by its Baptist schools, that it can fulfill by no other means. We believe that our Baptist people should, by all means, support their own Baptist schools whenever it is possible, and we take pleasure and pride in commending to our people the Baptist schools of the State. May our Baptist people bequeath their rich blessings on their Baptist schools; and may God grant that our school shall shed light and joy on our great and glorious Zion.

C. T. CARPENTER,
B. H. PARKISH.

The hour for divine service having arrived, a strong discourse was delivered by J. J. Hurt, of Little Rock, based on Romans 7:11.

28. Committee on divine service announced that U. S. Thomas preach at Baptist Church and E. T. Thorn at M. E. Church to-night.

29. After prayer by A. J. Barton the Association adjourned.

SECOND DAY--AFTERNOON SESSION.

30. The Committee on Credentials returned letters of the church previously referred to, to be acted on as the Association saw fit. Upon motion of H. F. Wright delegates of all churches were seated except Wynne and Central Baptist Church Luxora, and these were referred to a special committee appointed by the Moderator. P. C. Barton, T. B. Kitchens and W. H. Borum constituted the special committee.

31. The report on Home Missions was presented by G. W. Owen. A. J. Barton made a very instructive speech on the report, after which it was adopted.

HOME MISSION REPORT.

When we know the idea of the Home Mission Board is for the enlargement of Christ's kingdom in our home land, we should commend it to all and pledge ourselves faithful and loyal to its support. As it once stated brethren: "Through you and by the help of God we shall take this Southland for the Baptists." Go forward! It has gone forward with its work in the cities, among the foreigners, maintain schools in Cuba, among the negroes, and last but not least, in its church building department. All of these departments are vibrating and tingling with noble enthusiasm.

Through all the months comes the news that "God's favor rests upon the work." A revival has swept over the western plains, and weak places have been made strong. Through the work of the 718 Missions and by the help of God 20,570 souls have been added unto the ranks of the Baptists.

The Board's method of work west of the Mississippi is to co-operate with the conventions of the Territories and states, and we know that God has greatly blessed our own state in its co-operation with the Board by the salvation of many souls. East of the Mississippi it establishes schools in the mountain sections. Can we measure the good it is doing? The best intellects of our country are reached by it and brought to light. It longs to reach the two million of young people of this mountain section with an education. Will we help with our mite? All told it is the base of supplies. It lays the foundation. The churches it helps to-day will be helpers to-morrow.

The Board closed its books this year with no debt and a balance of \$13,720.27 in the treasury. Brethren, the Christian destiny of the South is more in the hands of the Baptists than any other people. Does not Christ speak to his people as he did in the days of old, saying: "The harvest is now white." Let us go forward in our might, doing the things that are laid at our door, so that when the Master

comes we may hear full from His sacred lips; "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

G. W. OWENS,
G. W. PITTS.

32. P. C. Barton read the report of Trustees of Woodland College. C. T. Carpenter spoke on this report. Adopted.

JONESBORO, ARK., Oct. 5th, 1905.

To the Mt. Zion Association:

We the Trustees of Woodland College beg to submit the following report: We are glad to report a prosperous year of our school which was up to our expectations, the enrollment being larger and of a higher character than that of the year before. But it is now our special privilege to report, that the school has, this fall, had the most prosperous opening in its history; the number of students being larger and the class of students being better than before. We have also strengthened the faculty of our school. Our indebtedness last year on school property was about \$4,000, which has been reduced to less than \$2,500.

We also have the deep sorrow to report the death of Rev. A. B. Bohannon, one of our most valued Trustees. Dr. Bohannon having himself been a profound scholar, and having, for many years, been a teacher and a student of educational conditions, rendered us invaluable service at that particular time, when the school most needed a wise and a far-sighted friend. It was Dr. Bohannon that gave to the school its name—"Woodland College"—a name so full of beauty and freshness that we believe it will live long in poetry and song. According to our constitution the term of office of three of our Trustees, Bros. J. W. Hiatt, J. H. Kitchens and T. B. Kitchens expires at this meeting; we would recommend the re-election of these brethren. All of which we respectfully submit.

P. C. BARTON,
J. K. GREGSON,
J. W. HIATT,
T. B. KITCHENS.

33. An interesting feature of this day's session was a special visit to the association of the faculty and students of Woodland College.

34. H. C. Rosamond presented the report on Woman's Work. This report was discussed by H. C. Rosamond, S. M. Gooch and W. G. Mathis. Adopted.

WOMAN'S WORK.

In the history of the early Church women performed much of the work. The same has been true in all ages. All of our churches have more women members than men; and, with few exceptions, the best workers in all our churches are our consecrated women. Were it not for their untiring efforts many of our churches would become extinct. Nearly every pastor greatly appreciates the importance of having some efficient organization of the women in his church. But only about one-third of the churches in this Association report any

woman's organization. Several churches have Aid Societies, but not represented.

Seventeen years ago the woman's work of the Southern Baptist Convention was organized. In the seventeen years this organization has assisted our various boards to the extent of \$1,133,597. Their total contribution last year was \$138,398.65, which was eight times the amount contributed seventeen years ago.

Our State Woman's Organization contributed during the last conventional year \$6,210.49. These figures, in many instances, do not include what these organizations have done for their home churches; where by far the largest part of their work is done, and in many instances never reported to their general bodies.

Your Committee wish to encourage our present Women's Organizations to more efficient work, and beg that they see that full reports are made of their work to both Associational and State organization.

We would also urge every Messenger and Pastor present to see that some kind of work among the women be organized at once in all our churches where no such society exist.

We are glad to report that our sisters have just perfected an Associational organization with Mrs. U. S. Thomas, of Jonesboro, as President and Miss Mary Hale, of Osceola, as Secretary. They also appointed an Executive Committee, and will meet at 2:00 o'clock p. m. on the first day of the next session of the Association. They also urge each society to send one Messenger and a full report to that meeting.

H. C. ROSAMOND,
MRS. J. M. LANDRUM,
MRS. JOHN SLAON,
MRS. W. H. BORUM,
MRS. L. E. STANCLIL,
MRS. LAWHORN,
MRS. ANNA WALLACE,
U. S. THOMAS.

Committee.

35. Report of Nominations was read by J. W. Hiatt. S. M. Gooch moved that place of meeting as recommended in the report be changed from Harrisburg to Earle. Report was spoken to by S. M. Gooch, L. E. Stancell, J. H. Peay and J. M. Lawrence. The motion was carried. The report was then adopted.

NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations reports as follows:

1st. That the next session of this body be held with Earle Baptist Church October 11-14, 1906. That H. C. Rosemond preach the introductory sermon, E. P. Minton, Alternate; that J. H. Kitchens, P. C. Barton, T. B. Kitchens, W. P. Hale and B. H. Parish constitute the Executive Board of Mt. Zion Association.

2nd. That J. H. Kitchens and E. P. Minton represent this body at the Gainesville Association

3rd For Member of State Board, P. C. Barton.

4th. Transportation: T. B. Kitchens.

5th. Ministerial Board: P. C. Barton, W. L. Gentry and J. R. Gregston.

6th. That U. S. Thomas represent this body at Southern Baptist Convention.

Resolved, That we return our thanks to Blytheville Baptist Church and the citizens of Blytheville who have so royally entertained us, and to the railroads for all courtesies extended.

J. W. HIETT,
E. R. C. BIGGS,
G. W. OSBORN.

Committee.

36. The body adjourned with prayer by W. J. Bearden.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

37. The Association met at seven o'clock and was led in prayer by E. P. Minton and G. W. Owen. The Special Committee on Resolutions presented the following which was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, the Mount Zion Baptist Association has been informed that leading brethren of the Jonesboro Association have expressed a desire for a union of that body with this one, and whereas, we believe that such a union would be for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. Resolve, That we, the Mt. Zion Association in session express ourselves as heartily in favor of such a union and will gladly welcome the day when the churches of Jonesboro shall be united with us for the glory of God.

H. C. ROSAMOND,
P. C. BARTON,
U. S. THOMAS,
Committee.

38. A motion was made that a special committee be appointed to present this resolution to the Jonesboro Association at its next meeting. The following named brethren constitute the committee: U. S. Thomas, P. C. Barton, E. P. Minton, J. W. Hiatt, H. C. Rosamond, and J. H. Kitchens. The last name being added by a special motion.

39. The hour for service having arrived, Bro. Thomas announced that he would read the report on Associational Missions and discuss this question instead of preaching a regular sermon. The report of the Executive Board was read by B. H. Parrish, Secretary of the Board. The report of Committee was read by U. S. Thomas. Missionary J. M. Lawrence read his report for the year. T. B. Kitchens read his report as Treasurer. Bro. Thomas made a strong address on this department of work. A roll of churches was called and the following pledges recorded:

Antioch Church, \$20.00; Antioch Sunday School, \$2.50; Blytheville, \$25.00; Bethabara, \$20.00; Cherry Valley, \$10.00; Harrisburg, \$25.00; Jonesboro, \$100; North Jonesboro, \$25.00; Manila, \$15.00; Mt. Zion,

\$25.00; Mt. Pisgah, \$5.00; Monette, \$5.00; Nettleton, \$5.00; Paragould, \$200.00; Unity, (G. W. Young) \$5.00; Walcott, \$25.00; Wynne, \$25 00; Mary's Chapple. \$10.00; Osceola, \$25.00; Total. \$567.50.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Immediately after adjournment of last session of Mt. Zion Association, your Executive Board met and was reorganized by the election of J. H. Kitchens Chairman, B. H. Parrish Secretary, T. B. Kitchens Treasurer, the other members being John O'Steen and J. W. Seay. As per recommendation of the Association last year Rev. J. M. Lawrence was re-elected Missionary at the same salary, \$900.00, and he to again represent a different department of work the same as before. Bro. Lawrence at once began the year's work and as is shown by his report we have received this year from the State Mission Board \$275.00, which has been applied to the payment of the Missionary. In June at a special meeting of the Board, Revs. G. D. Faulkner and J. L. Pinkston were employed at \$100.00 each, for their services for a period of a little more than two months. They entered upon the work July the first and their reports are herewith given as a part of this report. We also append the report of the Treasurer of the Board and the report of the Missionary as a part of this report. We feel thankful to God for the blessings that have attended the work this year and we most heartily commend the churches for their support of the work and their liberal contributions.

J. H. KITCHENS, Chairman.
B. H. PARRISH, Secretary.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY.

The Messengers of the Churches of the Mt. Zion Association, when assembled with the Church of Christ at Blytheville, Arkansas.
DEAR BRETHREN:

I herewith submit my second annual report as the servant of the churches of this Association. As directed or desired by the brethren, we enlarged, or endeavored to occupy some territory in the more southern part of the field and with marked success, until sickness among the people greatly hindered us. Days labored, 365; Sermons, 250; Conversions, 125; Baptisms, 85. The amounts credited by the Missionary to the work of the Association can better be seen by reference to the report of the Treasurer, T B Kitchens.

J. M. LAWRENCE,
Missionary Mt. Zion Baptist Association.

Report of missionary work done by G. D. Faulkner in Mt. Zion Association, beginning July 1st, 1905, and ending Sept. 8th, 1905:

Number of sermons, 22; number of public prayer services conducted, 10; number family prayer services conducted, 15; number of talks, 12; number of meetings in which I helped, 4; number of conversions in meetings held by Bro. Pinkston and self, 14; number additions to church during meetings held by Bro. Pinkston and self, 22; number of additions to church during meetings other than our own

in which we helped, 14; number of baptisms during our own meetings, 15; number of baptisms in other meetings other than our own in which we helped, 13; number of additions to church by letter in our own meetings, 7; number of additions to church by letter in other meetings than our own in which we helped, 1; number of services attended in all, both family and public, 80. Number of conversions in other meetings than our own, 13; Money received by collections, \$4; as profit on books, \$6.27; from individuals, \$3.00; total, \$13.17. Number miles traveled, 388.

To the Executive Board of the Mt. Zion Association, Paragould, Arkansas:

DEAR BRETHREN:

The following is my report as Missionary and Colporter, beginning July 1st, and ending September 30th.: Days of labor, 60; miles traveled, 740; churches supplied regular, 2; sermons preached, 75; other addresses, 15; religious services in homes, 32; conversions, 43; baptized, 30; baptisms by others where I assisted in the meeting, 23; additions by letter, 10; additions by restoration, 3; churches visited, 8; Sunday schools organized, 1. Money collected on the field, \$21.25; profit on books, show \$12.04; total, \$33.29.

Fraternally yours,
J. L. PINKSTON.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

Your committee begs leave to submit the following report:

Associational Missions is the foundational work of this body. Mt. Zion Association offers a broad field for such labor. There are thousands of unsaved persons in our midst and these are looking to us for the Gcspel. Many of our church members need development, and we must enlist them.

Brother Lawrence, our Missionary, has done faithful work during the year. He has witnessed 125 conversions, baptised 85, preached 250 sermons and made many a dresses on religious work.

Last July the Executive Committee secured the services of Revs. J. L. Pinkston and Rev. G. D. Faulkner who have done efficient work. God has richly blessed their labors and many have been added to the churches through their preaching.

We gratefully acknowledge the \$300.00 given by the State Board, without which we could not have kept our missionary on the field.

We recommend, first: That every pastor in the Association give at least two weeks to special evangelistic work in destitute communities or weak churches during the year.

Second: That we preach the Gospel to every unsaved person in the bounds of this Association this year.

Third: That inasmuch as our Executive Board done the work satisfactorily in the past, that we submit this work to them again, and that they employ as many missionaries as they deem wise. That they also strive to enlist every church and every member of these churches in this great work of hastening the Kingdom of our Lord.

Signed, U. S. THOMAS,
A. R. ASHER.
W. T. SUMMERS.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

The undersigned as treasurer of the Executive Board of Mt. Zion Association would respectfully submit the following report, to-wit:

To Amount Balance in Treasury from last year.....	\$.79
from G. W. Young, Unity Church.....		1.00
“ “ “ Ladies’ Missionary Union.....		
“ “ “ First Church Jonesboro.....		21.35
“ “ “ Blytheville Church.....		20.15
“ “ “ Blytheville Sunday School.....		2.50
“ “ “ Cache Valley.....		5.00
“ “ “ Mrs. J. W. West, Cache Valley Church.....		.50
“ “ “ Colored Baptist Church, Wynne.....		7.06
“ “ “ New Hope Church.....		.80
“ “ “ Marmaduke Church.....		4.95
“ “ “ Monette Church.....		1.99
“ “ “ Truman Church.....		1.85
“ “ “ Cedar Hill Church.....		1.06
“ “ “ Davis Chapel Church.....		.50
“ “ “ Sister Pruett.....		.25
“ “ “ Cane Island Church.....		18.00
“ “ “ Bethel Church.....		14.97
“ “ “ Black Oak Church.....		2.14
“ “ “ Manila Church.....		13.20
“ “ “ Lake City Church.....		1.45
“ “ “ Hydrick Church.....		1.40
“ “ “ White Hall Church.....		1.10
“ “ “ Nettleton Church.....		2.06
“ “ “ J. M. Lawrence.....		25.00
“ “ “ R. M. Ford.....		5.00
“ “ “ Osceola Church.....		10.67
“ “ “ Maynard Church.....		36.00
“ “ “ Luxora Church.....		30.58
“ “ “ Cherry Valley Church.....		5.80
“ “ “ Shiloh Church.....		7.63
“ “ “ Mangrum Church.....		.50
“ “ “ Brookland Church.....		.30
“ “ “ State Board.....		275.00
“ “ “ Paragould Church.....		168.47
“ “ “ Cumberland Chapel, Paragould.....		5.00
“ “ “ Walcott Church.....		20.00
“ “ “ Ladies of Walcott.....		2.50
“ “ “ Wynne Church.....		20.00
“ “ “ Mt. Zion Church.....		25.00
“ “ “ First Jonesboro Church.....		200.00
“ “ “ North Jonesboro Church.....		5.00
“ “ “ Antioch Church.....		20.00
“ “ “ Antioch Sunday School.....		2.50
“ “ “ Antioch Ladies’ Aid Society.....		2.50
“ “ “ Pleasant Grove Church.....		4.00
“ “ “ Harrisburg Church.....		7.80
“ “ “ North Chickasawba Church.....		2.00
		1,005.30

AMOUNTS PAID OUT.

To J. M. Lawrence.....	\$900.00
To expense first quarter.....	15.57
“ “ “ second quarter.....	17.24
“ “ “ third quarter.....	23.32
“ “ “ fourth quarter.....	8.95
	\$965.08
	\$965.08
Balance on hand.....	\$40.22

Respectfully submitted,
T. B. KITCHENS, Treasurer.

After the reading of Treasurer Kitchens' report, the Association was dismissed with prayer by U. S. Thomas.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

40. The Association reassembled and was led in prayer by J. W. Bearden.

41. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

42. G. M. Settlemoir read the report of Committee of Ministers and Post Offices. Report was adopted without discussion.

MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

Paragould, Ark.—H. C. Rosamond, J. N. Robertson, W. H. Meredith, J. M. Huddleston, G. D. Falkner.

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Luxora, Ark.—H. E. Hogan, J. W. Johnson, D. D.

Black Oak, Ark.—G. M. Settlemoir.

Osceola, Ark.—G. W. Owens.

Wynne, Ark.—E. T. Thorn, Newt Chadwick, C. W. Knight, M. L. Jones.

Blytheville, Ark.—A. M. Harris.

Licentiates—J. C. Smith, Jonesboro, Ark.; Sam Cable, Blytheville, Ark.; Riley Shepard, Harrisburg, Ark.; W. G. Mathis, Manila, Ark.; J. W. Seay, Walcott, Ark.

G. W. SETTLEMOIR, Chairman.

43. The report of Committee on Foreign Missions was presented by E. P. Minton. W. J. Beardon and H. C. Rosamond made addresses in consideration of this report, after which it was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, as a denomination, are believers in missions. We believe in soul winning. We believe it to be our duty to go and preach the gospel to every creature. The Savior said, "Go into the world and preach the gospel to all the people." It is not left optional with us as to whether we preach the gospel to a lost world. The Savior said, "Ye shall testify of me, in Jerusalem: Judea, and Samaria, and into the uttermost parts of the earth." The Savior was a missionary. He came into this world of sin and died for sinners. The Holy Spirit is a missionary. He is here on a mission now.

The Baptists are more encouraged in their work in foreign fields, perhaps, than any denomination on earth. We pay 15 per cent. of the money expended on foreign fields and receive 60 per cent. of the converts. I speak from memory. The prayer used to be, "Lord, open the doors." The doors have been opened. Now the prayer is for men and means.

We can say, as did Judson, after being on the field for seven years

and not one single convert. The brethren wrote, "What are the prospects?" His reply was, "As bright as the promises of God." We insist that every pastor in this Association press the duty of giving to the cause of missions upon every member of the church or churches under their care.

E. P. MINTON,
J. W. GREEN,
T. R. SHEPHERD.

44. J. M. Lawrence read the report on temperance. The subject of temperance was discussed at some length by J. M. Lawrence, G. M. Settlemoir, J. E. Brown, G. W. Owens, J. H. Peay and J. W. Hiatt, after which it was unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg to submit that the question of the use of alcoholic drinks as a beverage, is no more a question of dispute. It is without doubt or question the greatest of evils. It corrupts manhood and is a moral stench in any community and rules with a mighty hand in the politics of our state and nation. The church life has not escaped the evil of the drink habit. We therefore recommend total abstinence as the only protection. We further advise our brethren to keep up the good work of temperance by agitating the question in your churches and Sunday schools and elsewhere, when an opportunity will allow. We also ask the brethren to join the movement toward the non-use of tobacco in all its forms, which is so expensive and hurtful to the health of so many.

J. M. LAWRENCE,
W. H. MEREDITH,
W. F. CLEMENTS.

45. Report of Committee on Orphans' Home was read by E. T. Thorn. Rev. W. J. Bearden, representing the Orphans' Home, by request, spoke to this report and took up cash collection amounting to \$28.75. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

Your committee is pleased to report that the Baptists of Arkansas have a real Orphans' Home at Monticello. Children are received into this home to be clothed and fed, religiously trained and educated. Baptist teachers are employed to teach in this home, and when the high school work is completed, arrangements have been perfected by which these orphan children may have the college course free. This is not a "home finding" institution, but a real home. We have now about sixty-three children in this home. It takes something like eight dollars per day to provide for them and, owing to the continued illness of Bro. W. W. Gardner, the institution is somewhat in debt. The Home is unable to receive other children until you "loose our bonds." Let us also call attention to the fact that additional room is needed and should be provided at once. We believe that the newly

elected Financial Secretary, Rev. O. T. Finch, is the right man in the right place, receive him cordially and support this great work of the Lord liberally. Your committee humbly recommends that an offering be made, and pledgee given now for the liquidation of the present debt, and for the future support of these children depending upon us.

Respectfully submitted.

EDGAR T. THORN.
T. W. SMITH.

Rev. W. J. Bearden, representing the Orphans' Home by request, spoke to this report and took up cash collection amounting to \$28.75. The report was adopted.

46. Upon motion of J. W. Hiett the following Order of Business was adopted:

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening Exercises at 10, a. m.
2. Apointment of Reading Clerks.
3. Reading Associational Letters.
4. Permanent Organization, Election of President, Clerk and Treasurer.
5. Introductory Sermon, 11, a. m.
6. Foreign Missions.
7. Home Missions.
8. Associational Missions.
9. Report of Executive Committee.
10. Sunday School.
11. Orphan's Home.
12. Temperance.
13. Literature.
14. Education.
15. Report of Trustees of Woodland College.
16. Nominations.
17. Woman's Work.
18. Minister's and Postoffices.
19. Old Ministers' Relief.
20. Obituaries.
21. Memorial Service.
22. Closing Exercises.

47. H. E. Hogan presented the following report of Old Ministers' Relief, which was adopted without discussion:

OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF.

We, as Baptists of Arkansas, owe no little of our present standing and success as a denomination to the labors and sacrifices of these old preachers. They were pioneers in the vineyard of our Lord. Many of us were brought to the Saviour by them. They preached and faced difficulties without pay. They are now too old to labor much and none of them have a sufficiency of this world's goods to keep them comfortable. The ages of these men, we are told, range from 55 to 91. Shall we neglect these men of God in their old and needy days? God

forbid! So far our people have done well in contributing to this worthy cause, but we need more money, and especially so now since winter is coming on. We must give more to these old soldiers of the cross. We therefore urge all our churches to make regular and liberal contributions to this worthy cause to assist these veterans of the cross in their declining years.

Respectfully submitted.

H. E. HOGAN.

S. M. FERGUSON.

J. W. SLOAN.

48. H. C. Wright made his report as Treasurer of the Association, which showed that the churches contributed \$50.30, for minutes and Clerk as shown in tabulated statement at the close of this journal.

49. Rev. H. C. Rosamond delivered a sermon on Missions, using as a basis John 20:21.

50. The Association adjourned to meet at two o'clock. Benediction by H. C. Rosamond.

THIRD DAY, AFTERNOON SESSION.

51. The Association was called to order by Moderator and after singing "Amazing Grace, How Sweet The Sound," prayer was offered by R. A. Markham.

52. The roll of messengers was read and corrected.

53. Rev. W. W. Coleridge, our colored brother who is pastor of the colored Baptist church at Blytheville, was introduced to the Association and made an interesting talk concerning his people and their work.

54. The report of the special committee on credentials was read by P. C. Barton. J. M. Lawrence moved a substitute. After some discussion J. N. Markhart moved that the resolution be tabled, motion was lost as also the substitute and the original report. The motion was then made and carried that we respectfully decline to receive the churches and request them to straighten up their affairs preparatory to admission into this body.

55. The report on obituaries was presented by L. E. Stancill and adopted without discussion.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We find on examination of the letters sent from the churches that twenty-six have fallen asleep, the names of whom can only be partially obtained. They are as follows: Osceola Church, Sister Lillian Hale McPherson; Vincent, Mrs. S. L. Holoway; Unity, William Hackett; Clear Lake, Sister Annie Scrapes; Pleasant Grove, one; Paragould five, Mrs. Markin, Mrs. Smith, Bro. S. Beeler; Luxora, Bro. Willie Johnson, Sister Daisy Clay; New Hope, Thomas Williams, Sister Julia Swain; Jonesboro 2d Church, Sisters Effie Neal, M. E. Ishmael and Bettie Smith; Hydrick, Sister Mary C. Hodges, Bro. V. S. Wiley; Mt. Zion, Jesse Holmes; Blytheville, Bro. J. L. Mitchell, Sister Allen

Lewis: Jonesboro 1st Church, Bros. A. B. Bohannon, A. R. Broadaway, J. H. Gill, Willie Barton and T. J. Lamb; Wynne, Sister Delia Catlett.

We recommend that a page be set aside for all the parties whose names are given in the letters, and we further recommend that if possible, a cut be secured of Bro. Bohannon and that it be printed in the minutes, accompanied by an appropriate memorial notice.

L. E. STANCILL,
J. W. ANGELL,
L. W. CRENSHAW,
Committee.

56. W. H. Borum read the report on Sunday Schools and it was adopted as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to report as follows:

Children are the recruits of this great commonwealth, they are to take our places after we are called to our reward, therefore it behooves us as Christian Baptist parents to train them up in the way the Lord would have them go. The Sabbath School is the place to train the young for church work and teach them the way of truth and life.

We should teach the young to "Remember the Sabbath Day and Keep it Holy", by taking them by the hand and going with them to Sunday School, rather than stay at home and send them.

The Sunday School is the embryo of the church and should be nourished and cherished by all true lovers of Our Master's cause. Brethren, let us under God endeavor to establish and maintain good Sunday Schools in all of our churches and destitute places this year.

Respectfully submitted.

W. H. BORUM.
J. W. SEAY.
W. P. BECK.

57. P. C. Barton read the report of the Committee on State Missions. This report was spoken to by J. J. Hurt and adopted.

STATE MISSIONS

State Missions is a question of great importance and your committee would to God that they could lay the message of State Missions upon the hearts of our people with such emphasis that they might catch a vision of the possibilities that lie out before them.

As the report of our State Missionaries are not all in we are not able to give figures as to this year's work which was planned and layed out on a much larger scale than that of last year and it gives us pleasure to note that the Lord has wonderfully blessed our state work this year.

Last year we had 49 missionaries, about sixteen hundred professions of conversions, with 1,080 Baptisms and with the enlargement of our work this year, it gives us joy to believe that the reports of our State Convention next month will show more than two thousand conversions.

What part has the Mt. Zion Association had in this work?

Last year year we gave \$426.65. This year we have given \$871.80 as shown by the reports in the letters making a gain of \$545.15 or 167 per cent. over last year.

The total amount given is small, but the gain is sufficient. It means that the Baptists of Mt. Zion Association stand for advancement.

We recommend that all of our churches enlarge their gifts to State Missions, thereby enlarging our desire for the salvation of lost souls.

We endorse and recommend the plan of mission work as done through its board, and the board as worthy of the trust committed to them.

We would further recommend that we pray for State Missions and our Missionaries.

H. C. BARTON.

H. B. EWART.

R. L. MOORE.

58. Report or Committee on Divine Service announced that J. E. Brown preach at night at the Baptist Church; the J. W. Hiett preach at the Baptist Church Sunday morning at eleven o'clock; and J. M. Lawrence at the M. E. Church Sunday morning at eleven o'clock, and to the colored people at three o'clock.

59. On motion of J. I. White it was

Resolved, That the pastors of all the churches of Mt. Zion Association be urged to take regular collections in their churches to be used for missionary burposes as said churches deem best. It was moved and carried that the clerk be allowed the usual fee, and the balance of the money sent in by the churches for "Minutes and Clerk" be expended in printing and sending out minutes.

60. The pusiness of the Association having been completed the parting hand was given while singing "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again", thus closed a pleasant and profitable meeting of this body.

J. H. KITCHENS, Moderator.

B. H. PARRISH, Clerk.

STATISTICAL REPORT

NO	CHURCH	COUNTY	PASTOR	CLERK	POSTOFFICE	MEMBERSHIP				CONTRIBUTIONS							Pastor's Salary	VALUABLE CHURCH PROPERTY
						Inc'ed Baptism	De'ced Letter &c	Deaths Letter &c	Present	Minutes	MISSIONS				Ministerial Education	Other Objects		
											Asso'n	State	Home	Foreign				
1	Antioch	Craighead	J. N. Robertson	J. H. Robinson	Gubertown	6	2	2	175	1 60	10 00						100 00	500 00
2	Bay			J. C. Williams	Bay			3	102	1 00								500 00
3	Blytheville	Mississippi	C. W. Bray	Miss Fannie Redding	Blytheville	10	8	5	83	2 50			3 40	1 50	361 27	137 50	2500 00	
4	Brookland	Craighead		A. R. Ayers	Brookland	12	13		50	1 50						38 50	700 00	
5	Bethabara		W. H. Meredith	J. F. Cockran	Cane Island	14	4	8	151	1 00	12 50	5 25	5 00	5 00		110 00	500 00	
6	R thel	Poinsett	R. M. Ford	W. E. Harris	Harrisburg	25	7	2	55	1 50	12 85						400 00	
7	Cache Valley	Greene							64	1 00	2 50	50				25 00	400 00	
8	Claunch								39									
9	Cottage Home	Craighead		C. D. Phillips	Nettleton		7	4	25	65								
10	Cherry Valley	Cross	H. F. Wright	W. J. Mann	Cherry Valley	3	3	1	34	1 00	5 00					120 00	500 00	
11	Clear Lake	Mississippi				1		3	28	75							800 00	
12	Evadale	Mississippi																
13	Earle	Crittenden	L. E. Crutchfield	W. L. Fish	Earle	2	6	4	16	1 50						300 00	1250 00	
14	Hydrick	Cross	H. F. Wright	M. Pitts	Hydrick	2		4	112	1 25				10 00	4 00	25 20	800 00	
15	Harrisburg	Poinsett	J. H. Peay	L. E. Stancell	Harrisburg		3	2	91	1 00	7 80				3038 00	240 00	4000 00	
16	Ingran Chapel								20									
17	Indian Mound								35									
18	Jonesboro	Craighead	U. S. Thomas	E. A. Peterson	Jonesboro	58	50	17	407	5 00	217 15	553 15	468 40	343 40	117 15	1200 00	21000 00	
19	Luxora	Mississippi	H. E. Hogan	Wm. Wood	Luxora	19	5	5	62	2 00	25 00	12 65			124 58	480 00	800 00	
20	Mt. Zion	Greene	G. H. Faulkner	B. F. Rowlin	Walcott	10				1 50	25 00				8 40	75 00	500 00	
21	Manila	Mississippi	W. H. Meredith	R. L. Williford	Manila	17	11	11	70	1 00	13 00				434 70	84 60	1250 00	
22	Mary's Chapel	Mississippi	H. F. Wright	E. M. Huffman	Huffman				70	2 00						150 00	1000 00	
23	Mt. Pisrah																	
24	Monette	Craighead	W. H. Meridith	I. M. Hammock	Monette	12	3		44	1 00	20					60 00	1200 00	
25	New Hope		J. L. Perkston	M. N. Summers	Jonesboro	6		3	101	1 50	4 00				74 60			
26	Nettleton	"	A. M. Marlett	W. K. Garrett	Nettleton	16	4		49	1 25						39 00	800 00	
27	North Jonesboro		E. P. Minton	S. O. Newsom	Jonesboro	7	14	13	190	1 75	5 00	53 50			104 77	215 00	1000 00	
28	North Saba	Mississippi	J. F. McLain			25	7		65	1 00	2 00					84 00	500 00	
29	Osceola		G. W. Owen	Miss Mary Hale	Osceola				100	1 00	6 28	2 42	3 46	2 35		90 51	600 00	
30	Paragould	Greene	H. C. Rosamond	Chas. Long	Paragould	25	33	22	454	7 50	167 47	239 65	83 00	83 00	1172 10	1200 00	1800 00	
31	Pleasant Grove	Poinsett	J. F. Clark	W. G. Ripley	Greenfield	12	5	1	51	1 00	4 00				5 00	100 00	1000 00	
32	Shiloh		A. C. Reeves	T. N. Henderson	Harrisburg	5	9	3	43	1 55							600 00	
33	Unity	Craighead	J. N. Waters	Mary Thomas	Margreen	13		4	53	1 00	50					50 00	750 00	
34	Vincent	Crittenden		W. H. Borum	Vincent				13	50							1000 00	
35	Walcott	Greene	E. D. Cooper	W. C. Willcockson	Walcott	7		2	131	1 50	22 50			2 50	12 60	100 00	1000 00	
36	Wynne	Cross	E. T. Thorue	Dr. R. Longest	Wynne		4	30	2	40	2 50	20 00	18 00	33 25	31 75	248 35	3500 00	
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