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PROCEEDINGS.

Thursday.

Jonesboro, Ark., October 10, 1907.

The Mt. Zion Association of Missionary Baptists met this day, with the First Baptist Church of Jonesboro, and was called to order at 10 a. m., by Moderator J. H. Kitchens.

- 2. Prayer was offered by Rev. Allen Hill Autry, of Ouchita College.
- Motion was made by E. P. Minton that organization be deferred until 2 p. m. It was so ordered.
- 4. Upon motion, it was carried that the annual sermon be preached at 7:30.
- Moderator appointed J. R. Gregson and E. P. Minton reading clerks. Dr. R. A. Markham, H. F. Wright, and G. M. Settlemoir, Committee on Credentials.
 - 6. It was moved and carried that Allen Hill Autry preach at 11:00.
- 7. During the sitting of the body, letters were read from churches given in tabulated sheet.
- 8. Petitionary letters were read from Lake City, Parkin, Grubbs, and Harris Chapel Baptist Churches, and they were admitted to membership in the body.
- 9. The following brethren were introduced and invited to seats in the Association: E. J. A. McKinney of the Baptist Advance; R. G. Bowers, State Missionary Secretary; Allen Hill Autry, representing Ouachita Baptist College; J. N. Markhart of Memphis; J. R. Cason, W. J. Bearden, of Memphis, and B. Roark, each of whom made short talks.
- 10. Allen Hill Autry preached a strong sermon, using as a text Luke 11:1.
 - 11. Adjourned to 2 p. m. Benediction.

Thursday Evening.

- 12. The body was called to order and led in prayer by E. J. A. McKinney.
 - 13. The Moderator announced the following committees:

Home Missions—T. T. Thompson, H. F. Wright, A. A. Ryan, and H. B. Ewart.

Foreign Missions—E. P. Minton, J. F. Clark, R. A. Markham, M. Pitts, and E. Turner.

Nominations—J. W. Seay, E. P. Minton, and L. E. Stancell. Obituaries—G. M. Settlemoir, W. C. Willcockson, W. L. Fish.

Woman's Work—B. H. Parrish, Mrs. L. E. Stancell, Mrs. H. Culley, Mrs. T. T. Thompson, Mrs. W. L. Fish, Mrs. J. W. Williams.

Ministers and Post Office—G. W. Bray, T. C. Carter, R. H. Mitchell. Literature—F. M. Carter, C. A. Long, W. G. Mathis. Education—J. E. Brown, D. E. Reynolds, C. T. Carpjenter, P. C. Farton, R. A. Markham, W. L. Fisk, G. W. Bray, J. W. Hiett, T. T. hompson, R. H. Mitchell.

Orphans' Home-J. N. Robertson, J. W. Williams.

Sunday School-J. R. Gregson, A. E. Ford, G. W. Bray.

Temperance-P. C. Barton. J. J. Mathis, T. B. Kitchens.

Old Ministers' Relief-J. N. Robertson, J. T. Clark, W. M. Counts, C. P. Minion.

State Missions-U. S. Thomas, Dr. H. L. Lile, Dr. E. L. Jacobs.

- 14. A devotional meeting was led by Rev. R. G. Bowers.
- 75. The Association adjorned to 7:30 o'clock.

Thursday Night.

- 16. The body was called to order and opened by soug and prayer ervice.
- 17. Rev. J. E. Brown occupied the pulpit and preached the annual ermon, using as his text Phil. 3:10.
- 18. Adjourned, upon motion which was duly carried, to meet at Voodland College at 8:39 Friday morning.

Friday Morning.

- 19. Called to order at Woodland College where a devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. T. T. Thompson. Short addresses were made by R. G. Bowers and E. J. A. McKinney.
 - 20. The body then adjourned to the First Baptist Church.
- 21. Association again called to order and after singing "Jesus Paid it All," was led in prayer by E. J. A. McKinney.
- 22. No committee being ready to report, Bro. Allen Hill Autry was asked to conduct a devotional exercise, which he did in his own nimitable way.
- 23. J. E. Brown read the Report on Education. The report was spoken to by J. E. Brown, D. E. Reynolds, J. W. Hiett, and Allen Hill Autry. Bro. Autry took pledge for the liquidation of the gebt on Woodland College, and the erection of a Young Men's Dormitory, which resulted as follows:

On Dormitory—P. C. Barton \$500, W. T. Altman \$500, Will Clapp \$100, Dr. Raines \$100, J. R. Gregson \$100, E. A. Peterson \$100, W. L. Gage \$100, L. N. Sanders \$100, total \$1600.00

On Indebtedness—P. C. Barton \$250, J. R. Gregson \$100, J. W. Williams, Wynne, \$25, Bytheville Church \$10, Paragould Church \$250, Jonesboro Church \$1500. Total \$2135.00.

Upon motion the report was held over for further discussion at hight session.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We, your committee on Education, wish to reaffirm the Baptist

position on this great subject of denominational education. It is a matter of great satisfaction to us as Baptists, that for centuries our people have been champions of free education, and it is a matter of great pride that the Baptists of the United States and of the Southern States more especially, are leading all other denominations in this department of Christian work. It is also a source of great rejoicing that our Baptist schools all over the land, and especially in Arkansas, have had the most auspicious opening in their history.

We feel that we can give our heartiest endorsement to the Ouachita-Central system which Bro. Autry is here to represent. We feel that at this meeting Woodland College should have the very careful attention of this body.

We, your committee, have visited Woodland College, have investigated it, and report the following: We find that the College has had an excellent opening, and that there are now seventy students enrolled, who are for the most part boarding students. These students are in charge of fine, competent teachers. We further find that Woodland College is turning out a very large proportion of teachers, some of whom are becoming the leading educators of this part of the state.

The work of the College we can most heartily endorse; but it is now necessary to call attention to the College plant. The College owns a beautiful site, located in the best part of the city. On this site there is an attractive brick building. The President of the College has built on his own credit a girl's hall of twenty rooms, and capable of accommodating thirty-five girls. For its size it will compare most favorably with any girls' home in the land. In this building certain necessary improvements are very much needed, and are waiting on account of lack of fund.

The bath rooms should be at once equipped. We find that the greatest need of the school is a boys' home. The girls' building will soon be filled with a fine class of girls, but the patronage of the boys cannot be increased without a boys' home.

D. E. REYNOLDS
J. E. BROWN
R. H. MITCHELL
C. T. CARPENTER
R. A. MARKHAM
P. C. BARTON
W. L. FISH
T. T. THOMPSON
J. W. HIETT

Committee.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WOODLAND COLLEGE.

The Trustees of Woodland College are glad to report that the last year, ending July 1st, 1907, was an advance over the preceding year.

The enrollment of students was 20 per cent larger than the year before. Of this number, six were young ministers and quite a number were teachers.

There were three graduates from the College and these three are occupying positions of great importance.

The school has added the department of Education and Physical Culture from which we expect much.

The great need of the College is still a young men's home. We trust that this want may be soon supplied. We recommend Brethren T. B. Kitchens, J. H. Kitchens and W. T. Altman to fill the three vacancies now falling open.

We further recommend a board of visitors composed of one member from each church to visit the College at some fixed time during the year and report to this body at its next meeting the condition or the College

> P. C. BARTON, Pres. J. R. GREGSON, Sect.

Adjourned to 2 p. m. Benediction.

Friday Afternoon.

- 24. The body was called to order and led in prayer by W. J. Bearden.
- 25. Petitionary letter was read from Vanndale Church and was elected to membership in the Association. The hand of fellowship was given to Bro. J. Q. Thomas, the messenger from this church.
- 26. Rev. Arthur Fox, pastor of the Baptist Church at Newport, Ark., was introduced to the Association. He made an interesting talk on the situation in and around Newport.
- 27. Rev. J.M. Minton was also introduced and gave some history of the Association of many years ago. The hand of welcome was given him. Brethren C. A. Stewart and W. L. Anthony, new pastors in the Association were introduced and made short but interesting talks.
- 28. J. W. Hiett was granted the privilege of making a statement of the condition of Baptist affairs and prospects at Bonnerville.
- 29. The report on Orphans' Home was read by J. N. Robertson. This report was spoken to by E. J. A. McKinney. A voluntary offering was made which amounted to \$25.29.

THE ORPHANS' HOME.

Your Committee on Orphans' Home beg leave to report: We certainly need a well furnished home for the many, many fatherless and motherless children, who like Ishmael, have been left alone under a shrub, with but a few friends from a cold hearted world. But God has heard their cry. Hagars all over the great state have heard God's command "Give them water to drink." Strong men have been made to weep for the little ones that a dying mother once loved—yea, still loves.

We are pleased to say that we have the home we need at Monticello. It may not be an ideal home in every respect, but we should improve every defect and make it a mother's home, an ideal home indeed.

The Orphans' Home at Monticello first took form at Lonoke in 1894. Sister Gardner gave the land and became matron. We now have 75 children in the home. About 25 children have arrived to lawful age and have gone out of the home. All but one have been converted. The sickness of Bro. O. T. Finch caused the collections to be small, but through the earnest efforts of Bro. F. P. Turner, our present agent, and the co-operation of Arkansas Baptists we will pay all debts, and make some needed improvements. We would suggest that the churches take collections for the Orphans' Home at Monticello and send it to Rev. F. P. Turner, Box 276, Little Rock, Ark.

J. N. ROBERTSON, J. W. WILLIAMS

30. The report on Literature was read by F. M. Carter. The report was discussed by F. M. Carter, E. J. A. McKinney, T. T. Thompson, and U. S. Thomas, and adopted as read.

REPORT ON LITERATURE.

We, your committee on Literature, beg to submit the following report: Literature plays such an important part in the formation of character that, to neglect it, is one of the greatest mistakes that we could make as Christians; yet, it is the opinion of your committee that we, as Baptist people, fall short of our duty in this respect. First of all, we believe that parents should be very vigilant in the supervision of their children's reading. Surely many parents do not know how many lives have gone to the very depths of degradation very largely if not entirely, through the poisonous influence of trashy literature, or they would see to it that their children read nothing but that which is pure and ennobling; that which gives a boy or girl high aspirations, high ideals—an ambition to live a life of purity and honor. Secondly, we would recommend that pastors, superintendents and teachers make untiring efforts to place good literature in the hands or Sunday school pupils. "Kind Words" or something similar, should be placed in the hands of every pupil who is old enough to read it, every Sunday, and they should be induced, so far as possible, to read it. Only God knows how much good can be done in this way.

That the Bible is the Book of books and should be studied systematically, diligently and prayerfully, need not be suggested to Baptists. Our souls would starve without it. That we may keep ourselves informed on the progress and needs in the different fields of labor and the institutions pastured by Baptists everywhere and tuat we may receive inspiration from those who are actively engaged in

these fields, we recommend the reading an study of our state paper, the "Baptist Advance," "Our Home Field," the "Foreign Mission Journal" and the Convention series of Sunday School Literature. For Sunday School workers we know of no better paper than the Sunday school Times and we heartily recommend it to all teachers and Sunday School officers. Respectfully submitted,

F. M. CARTER,

C. A. LONG,

W. G. Mathis.

31. It was moved and carried that State Mission Report be read at opening of service tonight and that R. G. Bowers preach a sermon on Missions.

32. E. P. Minton presented the report of Foreign Missions, and T. T. Thompson presented the report on Home Missions. Spoken to by E. P. Minton, T. T. Thompson, R. G. Bowers. Both reports were adopted as read.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission work is one that calls loudly for the sympathy and help of all of God's people: It is His work—it is also our work, and we are workers together with Him. God created a world without man's helper, but in the salvation of the world He takes man as His helper, and says. "Ye shall testify of me in Jerusalem etc.," so it is not left optionary with us, as to whether or not we shall preach the gospel on foreign fields. Our marching orders are to go and keep going and preaching, until we have reached the uttermost parts of the earth. God's people used to pray for the doors to be opened. The Lord heard and answered that prayer, then they prayed for men, God heard that prayer, and answered it; now prayer is for means to send men. The doors are open, the men are ready, the heathen are anxiously waiting. Shall we go? We began work in China in 1845; in Africa, 1850; in Japan, 1889; in Itally, 1870; in Mexico, 1880; in Brazil, 1882.

We have in China 41 churches, 96 out stations, 98 missionaries, 815 baptisms reported last year, and a membership of 5,377.

In Africa we have 19 churches, 12 out stations, 11 missionaries, 206 baptisms last year, and a membership of 1,081.

In Japan we have 7 churches, 8 out stations, 18 missionaries, 68 baptisms last year, and a membership of 300.

In Italy we have 32 churches, 65 stations, 5 missionaries, 102 baptisms, 825 members.

In Mexico we have 48 churches, 49 out stations, 27 missionaries, 212 baptisms last year, 1,500 members.

In Brazil we have 83 churches, 179 out stations, 33 missionaries, 840 baptisms last year, 4,267 members.

Summary.-We have on the foreign field 213 missionaries, 2,239

baptisms last year, and a total membership if 13,437.

We should thank God and take courage. Let us heed the Macedonian cry and go over and help them.

E. P. MINTON, J. F. CLARK, Ř. A. MARKHAM, M. PITTS, E. TURNER,

Committee.

HOME MISSIONS.

This great department of our denominational work, stands for home evangelization, and as a bulwark against the encroachment of heathenism in its many manifestations. God has given this beloved Southland, and says to us occupy till I come. Should we fail in this we will be recreant to our great trust, and prove faithless to succeeding generations. The increase of wealth in the United States is estimated to be \$27,000,000 per day. The South comes in for a larger share of this sum, which naturally turns the eyes of capitalists and speculators toward us. Many of them come not with the love of God in the heart, but rather the love o. gain. Our religious civilization is under constant menace by their presence and machinations. We must offset all evil influences by the sweet old story, sweetly told. This is being done by the \$22 missionaries employed by our Board, as shown by 15.526 baptisms reported.

We have especial work, assisting the State Mountain schools, Indians, negroes, foreigners who are unable to speak our language, and deaf mutes. We also maintain missions in Cuba, Isle of Pines and Panama. The latter is to be the open door of European approach, and will flood our Southland with emigrants from every land, bringing their perverted ideas of freedom and civilization. The Home Board is making the best efforts to do this work with the sum of \$231,834.03; of this sum our state gave \$6,362.29. May we not make this the prelude to great giving, and thereby keep foundation from which to do our foreign work to evangelize the whole world?

Respectfully submitted,

T. T. THOMPSON,

H. F. WRIGHT A. A. RYAN,

H. B. EWART.

33. Report on Ministers and Postoffices was read by R. H. Mitchell. It was adopted as read and the Clerk was instructed to add to or correct if necessary.

MINISTERS AND POSTOFFICES.

We, your committee on Ministers and Postoffices submit the following:

MINISTERS AND POSTOFFICES.

Paragould, Ark.—T. T. Thompson, J. N. Robinson, G. D. Fulkner, Ovid Willcoxon, J. M. Huddleston.

Jonesboro, Ark.—U. S. Thomas, E. P. Minton, J. L. Pinkston, W. G. Mathis, J. J. Mathis, J. F. Clark, C. A. Stewart, L. F. Yancy.

Nettleton, Ark .- H. F. Wright, H. Duke.

Wynne, Ark.-M. L. Jones, S. M. Provence, J. W. Knight.

Bono, Ark .- J. W. Hiett.

Grubbs, Ark.-R. E. L. Gossett.

Harisburg, Ark.—J. E. Brown, R. L. Shepard, P. M. Huddleston, A. C. Reeves.

Walcott, Ark .- J. W. Seay, G. H. Fulmer, Ed Cooper.

Mangrum, Ark .- W. R. Cantrell.

Hydrick, Ark.-W. R. Sanderson.

Luxora, Ark.-W. L. Antony.

Osceola, Ark.-E. F. Curle.

Black Oak, Ark .- Jim Settlemoir.

Manilla, Ark.-G. W. Bray.

Bay, Ark.-W. H. Prewett, E. Turner.

LICENTIATES.

C. T. Carpenter, Jonesboro, Ark.; H. C. Gunn, Earle, Ark.; Newt Chatwick, Wynne, Ark; Sam Cable, Blytheville, Ark.; C. C. Pitts, Hydrick, Ark.

G. W. BRAY,

T C. CARTER,

R. H. MITCHELL

34. Bro. Settlemoire read the report on obituaries. Spoken to by P. C. Barton, G. M. Settlemoir. The report was adopted as read.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We find on examination of the letters from the churches that thirty have been called to their home above, since the last meeting of this Association, as follows:

Atioch, Ark .- Mrs. Mrs Carnela Johnson, S. L. Gatlin.

Earl, Ark .- J. H. Borum.

North Jonesboro, Ark.—N. J. Shelton, Vadie Vincent, Mrs. J. D. Montgomery.

Cash Valley, Ark .- James Foster.

Manilla, Ark.-Brother Moore.

Walcott, Ark.-Mrs. Emma Lamb.

Mt. Zion, Ark .- Mrs. Mollie Swindle, Mrs. Sarah Cochran.

Pleasant Grove, Ark.—J. B. McNeely.

Hydrick, Ark.-Mrs. E. Couch.

Paragould, Ark.—Mrs. E. A. Wall, Mrs. J. N. Markhart, Mrs. E. Kirkpatrick.

Mary's Chapel, Ark .- Mrs. Anna House, Mrs. Ada Huffman.

Unity, Ark .- Mrs. T. Spencer, Mrs. C. Hall, Sister Warf.

Big Bay, Ark.—Clinton Williams, John Allman, Sister Muchant, Sister Isabel Hicks.

New Hope, Ark.—Miss Julia Carter, Munroe Stevens, Sister Henderson.

Shilo, Ark .- P. H. Ramsey, Mrs. Mary Thompson.

Blythesville, Ark.—Sister Rush Fisher.

Osceola, Ark .- J. D. Driver.

It is with a mingled feeling of sadness and gladness that we meditate upon their life and death. Sad, because we miss their Christian associations and companionship on earth; but, glad, because of the sweet, consoling thought that we can meet them when the ties are strengthened in Heaven. May God console the bereaved and draw them feelingly near to Himself, and may His benedictions rest on us all. We pray that God will inspire us to do His will while it is yet day so that when the shadows of death shall have fallen upon us we can enter the home of the redeemed with many stars in our crown.

W. C. WILLCOCKSON. W. L. FISH. G. M. SETTLEMOIR.

35. Adjourned to 7:15 o'clock.

FRIDAY NIGHT.

36. The body was called to order and spent some time in a devotional service. It was announced that Bro. T. T. Thompson would preach at 11:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

37. Report on State Missions read by U. S. Thomas. Bro. R. G. Bowers addressed the body on State Missions. The report was adopted as read.

STATE MISSIONS.

The Lord's command makes all his people missionary in their principles. In the work of world evangelization State Missions is fundamental. It is the cable binding all our missionary activities together. It is the greatest agency for enlarging all the Master's work. State Missions reaches up and strengthens HOME missions and Foreign Missions; it reaches down and helps the weak. State Missions is the greatest friend to Associational Missions. It helps the weak, encourages the strong, and rejoices in the victories of all. It helps weak churches, and tries to lift up and stimulate the careless and cold, and give new life to those that are practically dead. State Missions is essential to great denominational efficiency.

The need for State Missions in Arkansas is great and is becoming greater every day. New towns are springing up everywhere, and old ones are becoming new; great stretches of our rich farming country are being settled; rich mining sections are being filled with people without church privileges. Churches that were once able to cope with the situation are now unable to do so on account of changed condi-

tions, be cause of an influx of population and an increase of wealth, and demoralizing environments. WE MUST ENLARGE.

If our work is not greatly enlarged we cannot hope to take our rightful place as a denomination in Arkansas. We repeat that our work must not only be maintained at its present standard, but it must be enlarged more and more. We appeal to all our pastors and churches in the Mt. Zion Association to increase their offering to State Missions. Let us never be content until we secure a God-honoring offering from every church in this association for State Missions.

We recommend that a special effort be made to secure at least \$2500.00 for State Missions from the Mt. Zion Association before the meeting of the State Convention at Little Rock. The time is short and we must be up and doing. "The King's business requireth haste." We are abundantly able to do it. We must do it for His glory.

U. S. THOMAS. DR. H. L. LILE. DR. E. L. JACOBS.

Committee.

38. Dr. Allen Hill Autry made an address an Ouachita Central System of affiliated schools. A voluntary contribution of \$11.76 was made to assist in defraying Bro. Autry's expenses.

39. Adjourned. Benediction by Allen Hill Autry.

Saturday Morning.

- 40. Was called to order at 9:00 o'clock. A devotional exercise was conducted by C. A. Stewart.
- 41. W. M. Counts read the report on Old Ministers' relief. This report was recommitted for further information.
- 42. The report of the Executive Board was read by P. C. Barton. T. B. Kitchens, Treasurer, made his report. C. T. Carpenter, U. S. Thomas, T. T. Thompson, J. H. Kitchens, and P. C. Barton discussed these reports.

Upon motion of U. S. Thomas this report was tabled to be taken up later in the day.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Jonesboro, Arkansas, Oct. 10th, 1907.

On December 16th, 1906, the Board met at Woodland College Domitory and the following members were present: J. H. Kitchens. T. B. Kitchens, B. H. Parrish and C. P. Barton, W. T. Hale being absent, and organized by electing J. H. Kitchens, Chairman, P. C. Barton. Sec'y. and T. B. Kitchens, Treasurer. The work was planned for an outlay of one thousand dollars and by a unanimous vote, the state board was requested to aid to the amount of three hundred dollars.

Application of First Baptist Church, Bardstown, for \$10 per month on the salary of J. J. Mathis as pastor was granted.

Application of Monette Church for \$10 per month on the salary of

J. J. Mathis, as pastor, was grapted.

At this meeting, it was unanimously agreed that if Prof. C. T. Carpenter could secure a good preacher who could both teach and preach and who would be acceptable to all parties, that the board would pay \$25 per month on his salary during the time he was preaching and teaching, provided that Prof. Carpenter continued to do supply work.

On March 31st the board met at Harrisburg; the following members were present: J. H. Kitchens, B. H. Parrish and P. C. Barton. At this meeting Elder W. H. Haste was elected general missionary at a salary of \$50 per month and expenses. He accepted the work to begin about the middle of April.

J. J. Mathis offered his resignation as paster at Monette.

Board met at the First Baptist Church at Jonesboro on July 8th. The following members were present: J. H. Kitchens, T. B. Kitchens and P. C. Barton. Application for Monette Church for \$12.50 per month on the salary of its pastor, G. W. Bray, was granted with the understanding that he should preach at least once a month at Lake City and make report of all work done.

Application of Nettleton Church for \$7.50 per month on the salary of its pastor, J. J. Mathis, to enable them to have half time services, was granted.

W. G. Mathis was elected missionary for full time, beginning work at once and continuing until Oct. 10th for the sum of \$100 and expenses.

Our missionaries report as follows:

- J. J. Mathis, Missionary pastor: Days of labor——; miles traveled, 1811; sermons and addresses, 90; prayers in homes, 59; visits, 162; Sunday schools organized, 3; received by letter, 24; baptized, 12.
- G. W. Bray, Missionary pastor: Days of labor, 30; miles traveled, 100; sepmons and addresses, 53; prayers in homes, 20; conversions, 47; baptized, 12; received by letter, 17; churches organized, 1.
- W. H. Haste, Missionary pastor: Days of labor, 140; miles traveled,——; sermons and addresses, 77; prayers in homes, ——; conversions, 40; baptized (by others) 12.
- W. G. Mathis, Missionary: Days of labor, 90; miles traveled, 814; sermons and addresses, 74; visits, 113; prayers in homes, 40; conversions, 7; conversions reported by others, 16; baptized (by others) 2; received by letter and relation, 8.

Samuel Murphy, Missionary: Days of labor, 42; miles of travel—; sermons preached, 20; churches organized, 1; received by letter——; baptized, ——. My work consisted mostly of singing and prayer services, assisting other missionaries.

J. H. KITCHENS

P. C. BARTON.

B. H. PARRISH.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

T. B. Kitchens, Treasurer of the Associational Board of Mt. Zion Association, reports the following receipts and disbursements:

Receipts: Balance from last year, \$163.00; W. M. U., First Church, Jonesboro, \$22.00; Fifth Sunday Meeting, Harrisburg, \$20.00; Fifth Sunday Meeting, Tyronza, \$16.50; Walcott Church, \$19.00; First Church, Jonesboro, \$210.80; Mt. Zion Church, \$30.00; Pleasant Grove, \$2.37; Pleasant Hill, \$2.27; Monette, \$5.71; W. M. U., Earl, \$3.30; Earl Church, \$4.25; Paragould, \$125.00; J. C. Smith, \$2.00; Nettleton, \$1.75; Hydrick, \$1.15; Wynne, \$15.00; Bethahara, \$4.00; Parkin church, \$5; Cash Valley, \$2.00; Harris Chapel, \$1.00; Nettleton Church, by J. J. Mathis, \$14.19; Bardstown, by J. J. Mathis, \$6.20; Bardstown, W. G. Mathis, \$5.00; Pleasant Hill, by W. G. Mathis, \$2.86; Hydrick, by W. G. Mathis, \$8.26; Kellers Chapel, by W. G. Mathis, 45 cents; Clear Lake, by W. G. Mathis, \$2.05; New Hope, \$7.27; North Saba, \$4:25; A. P. Harris, \$5.00; J. L. Dale, \$1.00; Manilla Church, \$1.25; collected on field by W. H. Haste, about \$48.00; Wynne, \$1.23; Harrisburg, \$16.55; Nettleton, \$2.85; North Jonesboro, \$10.00; total, \$800.38.

Payments: Paid to W. H. Haste, salary, \$292.50; Haste expenses, \$38.00; J. J. Mathis, salary, \$165; Mathis expenses, \$10.00; W. G. Mathis, salary, \$118.64; G. W. Bray, \$37.50; Samuel Murphy, salary, \$65.53; J. C. Smith, \$6.00; total payments, \$733.17. Balance on hand, \$67.21.

- 43. It was ordered that the report on Woman's Work be read at 2 o'clock.
- 44. Rev. T. T. Thompson preached according to announcement, on the subject of "Soul Winning," using as a text Jas. 3:7.
- 45. Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock. Benediction by T. T. Thompson.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

- Called to order and sang "My Faith Looks Un to Thee." Prayer by C. A. Stewart.
- 47. Report on Woman's Work was read by B. H. Parrish. The report was discussed by B. H. Parrish, T. T. Thompson and J. E. Brown, after which it was adopted as read.

WOMAN'S WORK.

The work of our Baptist women through their organizations in our churches is becoming one of the most powerful agencies in bringing thirgs to pass in our denominational life. Their work consists largely in distributing religious literature, sending boxes to our frontier Missionaries, caring for the orphans in our Orphanage, contributions to charity, to Missions, the repairing of churches, refurnishing them, and other pertinent and valuable services. This organized work is also an important factor in developing leaders in our social circles, and prepares them for efficient service in other departments of our denominational work.

The assistance rendered by our women reaches a sum which seems

almost incredible, and yet their opportunities were never quite so great as they re at this time.

We find that there are only about twelve societies in this Association, as follows: Wynne, Crawfordsville, Earle, Harrisburg, Nettleton, Manilla, Jonesboro, North Jonesboro, Paragould, Blytheville, Monette.

We recommend that our ladies adopt a uniform name and suggest The Woman's Mission Union and Ladies' Aid Society of——— Baptist Church, as a suitable and appropriate name.

We further recommend that our ladies societies send delegates to the Auxiliary that meets during the session of the Association and that a full report of all their contributions be made.

We further recommend that our pastors assist in organizing the ladies in the churches that have no such organization, and that the ladies of the churches that have no pastor, organize subject to the approval of the church.

We also approve of the organization of Mary K. Eagle Circles for the younger women of the churches. At present there is but one Circle in the Association, this one being in the First Church, Jonesboro. These should be valuable especially in our largest churches.

MRS. T. T. THOMPSON. MRS. J. W. WILLIAMS.
MRS. H. CULLEY.
MRS. L. E. STANCELL,
B. H. PARRISH.

- 48. Report on Associated Missions was again taken up and discussed by J. E. Brown, T. T. Thompson, G. W. Bray, C. A. Stewart, D. I. Cantrell. A resolution was introduced requesting the board to employ a Colporteur, which brought out a lively discussion. It was withdrawn without a vote. The report was then adopted as read.
- 49. L. C. Stancell read the report on nominations. After a lively discussion as to the place for holding the next session of the Association was indulged in by D. E. Reynolds, F. M. Carter, G. W. Bray, W. G. Mathis, T. T. Thompson, Dr. W. H. Borum, G. M. Settlemoir and J. E. Brown, the report was adopted as read.

NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations report as follows:

First—That the next session of this body be held with the Manilla thurch and that Bro. T. T. Thompson preach the introductory sermon; C. A. Stewart, alternate.

Second—That J. H. Kitchens, P. C. Barton, T. B. Kitchens, B. H. Parrish and J. R. Gregson constitute the Executive Board.

Third—That T. B. Kitchens, Dr. R. A. Markham, A. Ryan, represent this body at the Gainesville Association. J. E. Brown, W. L. Fish and G. M. Gooch, Mt. Vernon Association, and J. N. Robertson, and J. F. Clark, Spring River Association.

Fourth-For the member of State Board, P. C. Barton.

Fifth-W. T. Altman, J. H. Kitchens, and T. B. Kitchens, Trustees for Woodland College.

Sixth—ministerial Board, P. C. Barton, J. R. Gregson, and J. E. Brown.

Seventh—That U. S. Thomas represent this body in the Southern Baptist Convention and T. T. Thompson, alternate.

L. E. STANCILL.
E. P. MINTON,
J. W. SEAY.

The committee on Old Minister's Relief presented the following report, which was adopted without discussion:

OLD MINISTER'S RELIEF.

We, your committee, on Minister's relief rund, beg leave to report: First—that it is the duty of each church and association to supply the needs of poor and indigent worthy ministers. We are glad to say that we have never seen the righteous forsaken. We have never heard of a Baptist preacher as a tramp or an inmate of a county poor house.

Second—We would recommend that each church in whose membership is an infirm or disabled minister, that they support him and report same to the association, who should give place in the minutes for his name in the church.

Third—We would recommend further that should the church fail to supply the needs of such indigent worthy minister that collection be taken for the same.

Fourth-We know of no such preacher or preachers.

Signed by Committee.

H. T. WRIGHT.
J. D. CLARK.

E. P. MINTON,

W. M. COUNTS,

J. N. ROBERTSON,

50. Treasurer reported that \$76.87 was sent in for minutes and clerk.

51. The following resolution was read and adopted by unanimous vote.

Whereas it would expedite the business of this body, and save much valuable time if a regular order of business was followed, therefore, be it resolved, that the Executive Board be instructed to formulate a permanent Order of Business and publish same thirty days prior to our next meeting.

J. R. GREGSON.

52. The report on Sunday Schools was made by J. R. Gregson, and adopted without discussion.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your committee, beg to submit the following report:

We are profoundly grateful to our Heavenly Father for the great awakening throughout the metes and bounds of Mt. Zion Association in the Sunday School work during the past year. There has never been so much interest and enthusiasm, nor so many new Sunday Schools organized as there has been during the year just closed. The reports read in your hearing tell in no uncertain way of the wonderful progress made. Many of the churches reporting no Sunday Schools a year ago, now have flourishing schools. But we are sorry that some of our churches have failed to catch the fire of this great awakening that is taking this entire country of ours, but let us all pray that ere we come together in our meeting one year hence that all of these will have live schools, which is one of the greatest blessings that could come to a church.

The real importance of the Sunday School to the spiritual power of a church, has not, in the past, been fully realized, and we fear that many of us today do not realize it as we should. But thanks be to God, he is revealing unto our minds, day by day, the wonderful possibilities of the Sunday School. It is not the sole aim of the church to save souls, but to teach and train souls for a life of efficient, Christian service as well.

Perhaps the greatest factor in the advance made in our Sunday school work, during the past year, has been the pastor. The pastor is realizing as never before that the Sunday School is his greatest aid as well as his most fruitful field. He is no longer standing aloof from it, as he once did, but he is the real leader of its forces, where he properly belongs, and the pastor not so engaged is missing a golden opportunity and falling short of what God expects of him.

We heartily endorse the founding of a summer training school by the Baptists of the state, and would urge all of our pastors, superintendents and teachers to attend its sessions next summer. This is a great onward movement, for the Baptist cause in Arkansas and one that will do much in forwarding this great Sunday School movement.

We would recommend that all Sunday schools put in Cradle Rolls, and thus come in touch with the parents, and have the dear little ones under the care and guidance of the church. We would also recommend Home Departments in all our schools, for those who are not able to attend the Sunday school.

God is leading His people and let us expect great things in the year before us.

Respectfully submitted.

G. W. BRAY.

A. E. FORD.

J. R. GREGSON.

Committee.

53. Upon motion it was ordered that report of Temperance be taken up at night, and that we have a mass meeting and discuss the subject of Temperance and Civic Righteousness.

54. Adjourned.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

55. The Association was opened by song and prayer service. prayers being offered by J. J. Mathis and Dr. W. H. Borum. It was announced that J. J. Taylor, Missionary to Brazil, who is now visiting this state, would preach at the Baptist Church on Sunday, and lecture in the arternoon. It was also announced that J. E. Brown would preach at the Methodist Church, and G. W. Bray at North Jonesboro Baptist Church.

56. The report on Temperance was read by P. C. Barton. Spoken to by P. C. Barton, D. E. Reynolds, G. M. Settlemoir, J. E. Brown, L. E. Stancell, Cal Broadaway, J. W. Seay, and adopted as read.

TEMPERANCE.

It is with pleasure and profound gratitude to our God that we report some of the great work done for Temperance. The tendency has been toward Temperance and reform in every quarter, and some great victories have been won, especially in the enforcement of law against the Blind Tiger.

So far as your committee is able to learn there are seven places where intoxicants are legally sold within our bounds. We believe that it is only a short time until it will not only be voted out of the Mt. Zion Associaion but like Georgia, we will wipe it out of our great state. As to what organization we should work through allow us to say that we do not recommend for the reason that to claim to be the proper channel; however, we are grad to say that our people are a unit against Intemperance and have, and will work until the curse is swept from our land; Baptists have been in the front of every battle and many of the victories have been due to Baptist leadership.

We especially ask our people to abstain from the use of tobacco in all its forms.

T. B. KITCHENS.

J. J. MATHIS. P. C. BARTON.

The following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

Resolved, That we, the five thousand Baptists of the Mt. Zion Baptist Association, desire to tender our sincere thanks to Judge Frank Smith, of the Second Judicial Circuit, for the splendid success he has brought about in stamping out the blind tigers and gambling houses in Jonesboro, and we hereby tender to him every aid within our power to drive this awful evil from his entire circuit. And we pray God's choicest blessings upon him for his laudable effort to purify society and cause men to quit and leave off all class of crime, and become good citizens.

CAL BROADAWAY.

The following resolution of appreciation was adopted: We, the delegates of the churches composing the Mt. Zion Baptist Association, do wish to express our gratitude to the good people of Jonesboro. We feel that we have been most royally entertained. It has been a source of great pleasure for us to have the opportunity of meeting with this people: Next to the uplift that has come to our hearts from hearing the reports and the speeches in response to these reports, has been that brought about by our coming in touch with the noble people with whom we have had the pleasure of stopping. We feel that we have been the recipients of many a blessing coming from these homes, and would like to think that we have been able to convey a blessing

Whereas, we have been made the guests of the good people of Jonesboro, and have received so much from them, we would invoke our Heavenly Father's richest blessings upon this people, and may the churches of this town feel that they have been blessed, in that God has said. "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

J. N. ROBERTSON.

The business of the Association being fully completed, the announcements were made for the Sunday services. "God be with you till we meet again" was sung and the parting hand was given. Thus closed a harmonious meeting of the body, in which all present had great cause to rejoice.

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

WOMAN'S WORK

- 1. The Woman's Missionary Union of Mt. Zion Association met Friday,, October 11, 1907 at the First M. E. Church, Jonesboro, Arkansas, and was called to order by President Mrs. U. S. Thomas.
 - 2. A devotional service was conducted by Mrs. J. B. Clark.
- An appropriate address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. W. H. Cully.
- Reports from Unions were called for and representatives from eight churches responded.
- 5. An interesting paper on "Woman's Mission to Spread the Gospel'.' was presented by Mrs. R. L. Muse.

"How to Maintain a Union in Country Churches" was read by Mrs. S. E. Stratton, of Luxora.

- 7. A beautiful vocal quartette, "Nearer My God to Thee" was rendered.
- 8. Mrs. H. W. Brown read a very valuable paper on "Systematic Giving."
- 9. An interesting and instructive paper on "Our Sunbeams" was presented by Mrs. W. B. Landford. It was much enjoyed by all.
- 10. Mrs. J. L. Burns read a paper on "Our State," telling in au eloquent manner of the educational and spiritual progress of our people, and the wonderful resources and great possibilities which lie before us.
- 11. A talk on "Education" was made by C. T. Carpenter, President of Woodland College, in which he stated the needs and possibilities of the College.
- 12. A Woodland College Auxiliary was organized, and Mrs. H. Culley, of Jonesboro, was unanimously elected Secretary and Treasurer. Each society is urgently requested to send liberal contributions to the secretary at the earliest possible moment and at any time during the year.
 - 13. A beautiful vocal solo was rendered by Miss Robins.
- 14. Request is made to all Unions that we enlarge our contributions to Woman's Training School and each Union is requested to contribute to the furnishing of the Baptist room in the "Margaret Home."
- 15. The annual election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. U. S. Thomas, Jonsboro; Vice President, Mrs. J. W. Williams, Wynne; Secretary, Mrs. W. L. Fish, Earl.
 - 16. The Vice President and Secretary were made program committee, whose duty it shall be to arrange a program for the meeting in 1908.
 - 17. It is urged that each Union or society, within the bounds of the Mt. Zion Association, send messengers and full reports for the meeting to be held at Manilla next year.
 - 18. The president urges the ladies of each church to organize

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Unions and Sunbeam Bands at once.

- 19. Special attention is called to the report on "Woman's Work" no another page in this minute in which it is urged that Unions adopt a uniform name.
- 20. A unanimous vote of thanks was extended to the Methodists for the use of their house.
- 21. After singing "Blest be the Tie That Binds" a profitable meeting of the W. M. U. was closed with prayer by Mrs. H. W. Brown, of Paragould.

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Paragould-Mrs. B. H. Parrish President, Mrs. J. E. Childs Sec-
retary, membership 50
Earle-Mrs. W. T. Jackson President, Mrs. W. L. Fish Secretary,
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First Church, Luxora-Mrs. J. M. Landrum President, Miss Au-
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Blytheville-Mrs. Dr. Brown President, membership 12 218.13

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MESSENGERS.

Monette-Mrs. Stokes.

Jonesboro—W. J. Witt, G. W. Wilson, W. E. Talley, R. H. Langford, F. M. Minton, E. A. Peterson, Jessie Hilett, Dr. R. Joiner, J. R. Gregson, W. D. Barton, Dr. J. L. Burns, C. T. Carpenter, Dr. H. G. Lile, G. W. Puryear.

Parkin-T. L. Earney.

Nettleton- Mrs. Gill, Mrs. Allen, H. B. Ewart, H. F. Wright.

Walcott-J. W. Seay, W. C. Willcockson, D. H. Boozer, J. M. Langley.

Hydrick-M. Pitts, Lizzie Demford, Mary Smith.

Harris Chapel—William Sullivan, W. F. Gordy, Mrs. Mary Stokes. Lake City—J. F. Timms.

. Manilla-G. W. Bray, M. L. Mathis, F. M. Carter, R. L. Williford, Mrs. F. M. Carter.

Unity-J. H. Hall, W. R. Cantrell.

Paragould—Dr. R. A. Markham, W. E. Stotts, C. A. Long, A. E. Ford, Mrs. H. W. Brown, Mrs. Cupp, Mrs. Gifford, Mrs. Neely, Mrs. T. Thompson, Mrs. B. H. Parrish, Rev. T. T. Thompson, Rev J. N. Robertson.

New Zion-B. T. Woodruff, E. Murphy.

Mt. Zion-J. M. Bowling, Viola Fowler, C. O. Hay, Sam Trobird, R. L. Johnson.

New Hope-T. C. Carter, T. M. Carter.

. Wynne—R. H. Mitchell, Mrs. J. T. Patterson, J. W. Williams, Mrs. J. W. Williams.

Pleasant Grove-R. L. Carroll.

Brookland-Hattis Price, Florence Cobb.

Bethabara—J. H. Carter, Minnie Carter, J. W. Kimbrel, Julia Evers. Antioch—John McPherson, John Hickman, Hattie Crittenton, Dora Bolding, Carrie McCullars.

Mt. Zion-A. A. Ryan, W. L. Holmes, E. S. Holmes, Ed Williams, Mrs. W. L. Holmes.

Bardstown-J. L. Wroton, E. J. Norton, A. F. Ashburn.

North Jonesboro—W. F. Beck, W. A. Toy, Mrs. W. C. Stevens, Abbie Barnette.

Cache Valley—E. R. C. Biggs, J. A. Parker, Arthur Stevenson, Dave Miller, Ellen Miller.

Cherry Valley-Ida Gordon, E. R. Lee.

Pleasant Hill-N. T. Whittaker, W. H. Allbright.

Indian Mound—Herman Sefers.

Harrisburg—R. L. Haynes, L. E. Stancell, Mrs. L. E. Stancell, Dr. E. L. Jacobs, Mrs. R. L. Haynes.

Earl—Dr. C. C. Borum, Mrs. M. C. Boon, W. L. Fish, Mrs. W. L. Fish, H. C. Green.

Mary's Chapel-Henry Paul, Chas. House.

Crawfordsville-D. E. Reynolds, Mrs. D. E. Reynolds.

Big Bay-W. F. Crain, E. Turner.

Clark's Chapel-Z. T. Rooks, Nettie Futrell.

Shiloh-G. A. Duke.

Blythesville—P. S. Borum, Dr. W. H. Borum, Mrs. W. H. Borum. Tyronza—L. N. Sanders, C. E. Mullen, W. M. Counts, Mrs. C. E. Mullen..

Luxora—Mrs. J. M. Sanders, W. L. Anthony, Mrs. W. L. Anthony. Luxora Central—Mrs. S. E. Stratton, Mrs. J. C. Span.

Vanndale-J. T. Thomas.

Osceola-B. F. Hale.

Mt. Pisgah-Letter.

Evadale-Geo. McFatrige.

New Antioch-J. M. Bolin, C. O. Hay, Sam Trowbridge.

New Zion-J. R. Maddick, Ethel Darden.



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