

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Mt. Zion Baptist Association

1909

Fifty-Seventh Annual Session

Held With Baptist Church, Walcott, Ark.
October 7-10

Next Session Meets With Cherry Valley Baptist
Church, Cherry Valley, Ark., October, 1910

OFFICERS:

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

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PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY MORNING.

Walcott, Ark., Oct. 7, 1909.

The Mt. Zion Association of Missionary Baptists met with Walcott Baptist church, and was called to order at 11:55 by J. H. Kitchens, Moderator.

2. The body was led in prayer by Dr. E. E. Dudley, Jonesboro.

3. Moderator appointed T. T. Thompson and F. M. Carter Reading Clerks, and P. C. Barton, Dr. E. E. Dudley, E. F. Curle Committee on Credentials. Letters read as reported by the committee.

4. The Association then adjourned to 2:00 p. m. Benediction by J. F. Love.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

5. Called to order and after singing "How Firm a Foundation" led in prayer by J. W. Hiett.

6. The committee on credentials reported as follows: We find the messengers as reported in letters from the following churches entitled to seats. Big Bay, Blytheville, Bethel, Cache Valley, Earle, First Church Jonesboro, Monette, Mt. Zion, Manila, Nettleton, New Antioch, North Jonesboro, Parkin, Paragould, Sedgwick, Harrisburg, Pleasant Grove, Shiloh, Vanndale, Walcott, Luxora, Cherry Valley, Hydrick, Chickasawba, Mt. Pisgah.

We have examined petitionary letters from the following churches, and recommend that they be admitted to this body, and their messengers seated: Boynton, New Hope, May's Chapel, Truman, Marked Tree, Cardwell, Oak Grove.

Upon motion Cardwell letter was recommitted to committee. The report was then adopted and the hand of fellowship was given to the messengers.

7. The body went into permanent organization.

8. Upon motion of T. T. Thompson, rules were suspended, and clerk was ordered to cast vote of body for J. H. Kitchens for Moderator. It was so done.

9. Upon motion it was ordered that P. C. Barton cast vote of body for B. H. Parrish, Clerk.

10. Upon motion of P. C. Barton the clerk was ordered to cast vote of body for T. B. Kitchens for Treasurer of the Association.

11. At this time the following visiting brethren were enrolled: Dr. J. F. Love, state missions; W. T. Blackmar, Mt. Vernon Association; Dr. I. S. Boyles of Virginia; J. A. Johnson, Franklin, Texas; Sam Lloyd, J. D. J. Faulkner, G. H. Faulkner, J. T. Rogers, Mrs. J. T. Rogers, all of Gainesville Association.

12. The Moderator announced the following committees: Education—T. T. Thompson, C. T. Carpenter, Dr. W. H. Borum. Home Missions—J. H. Pennock, J. W. Neal, G. W. Pitts, A. M. Love.

Foreign Missions—J. T. Fowkes, F. Newcomb, L. T. Dennis.

State Missions—E. F. Curle, J. T. Clark, A. A. Ryan.

Nominations—E. P. Minton, W. L. Fish, J. W. Seay.

Orphans Home—J. F. Hiett, J. F. McLain, J. K. Garrett.

Woman's Work—F. M. Carter, S. A. Ferguson, Emily Adams, M. E. Wright, Mrs. T. B. Kitchens, Mrs. A. K. Blythe, Miss Myrtle Rains, Mrs. S. A. West, Miss Ida Gordon.

Literature—O. C. Willcockson, P. J. Henry, J. O. Brooks.

Obituaries—M. L. Jones, W. G. Mathis, C. C. Conrad.

Sunday School—W. B. Langford, T. B. Kitchens, W. C. Willcockson.

Temperance—J. B. Swanner, J. A. Johnson, J. W. Light.

Divine service—J. D. J. Faulkner, and deacons of Walcott church.

13. Dr. J. F. Love was given the privilege of the floor and made a great address on State Missions.

14. Adjourned to 7:30 p. m. Benediction by W. T. Blackmar.

THURSDAY NIGHT.

15. The evening service began by a devotional service led by F. M. Carter.

16. Elder E. P. Minton of Jonesboro delivered the annual Introductory sermon, using as a text Ephesians 4:12; subject, "The Pastor."

17. The report on Cardwell church was at this time made and the church was admitted by the unanimous vote of the body and the messengers seated.

18. Upon motion it was ordered that the report on Education, and Woodland College be taken up at 10:00 a. m. Friday.

19. It was also moved and carried that the report on State Missions be heard at 9:00 a. m. Friday.

20. Committee on Divine Service announced that Dr. I. S. Boyles of Virginia preach at 11:00 Friday morning, and that Rev. J. A. Johnson of Texas preach at 7:30 p. m.

21. Announcements were heard, after which adjournment was taken to 8:30 Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING.

22. The Association was called to order and sang "Higher Ground."

23. Prayer was offered by F. M. Carter.

24. The minutes were read and approved.

25. J. H. Pennock made the report of Home Missions. This report was spoken to by J. H. Pennock, T. T. Thompson, J. A. Johnson and adopted.

STATE MISSIONS.

Our Home Mission Board has done a very great work during the past year. There has been \$283,436.53 collected by the Home Board; and, as a result there were 24,628 baptisms, which is an average of 67 a day, or as many as are usually found in the average country or town church. The Home Board is doing a great work in our large cities by sending missionaries to the people of the lower walks of life and the incoming foreigners. There were \$257,918 spent on the field of which \$85,769 was for church building purposes, \$34,162 west of the Mississippi river, which includes New Orleans which is east of the river. The Mountain school department received \$28,347. The total cost—expense of the Board was \$14,000, approximately 5 per cent of the amount received.

We recommend that pastors preach on Home Missions at least once a year, and that they urge churches to take collections for this work at least once a year.

J. H. PENNOCK,
G. W. PITTS,
J. W. NEAL.

26. E. F. Curle read the report on State Missions. It was spoken to by E. F. Curle. Further discussion of the report was, by common consent, suspended to be taken up at night.

27. T. T. Thompson read report on Education which, after being spoken to by T. T. Thompson, was adopted as read.

EDUCATION.

As the root is to the fruit, as the sap in the tree is to the bloom, so is christian education to our denominational life. The same relations obtain between our denominational life and the purest, simplest gospel truths. Jesus would not send out the twelve until they had been blest with a rigid three years' training at his own hands. Can we, as his representatives, and

laboring under his command "To teach," say to the young who ask that we are not in a position to lend help? Baptists stand for the fullest and best equipped schools of learning, both for the young minister and the man of affairs, and as surely as this rule is recognized and enforced, we shall not only, as a denomination, hold more firmly the place occupied, but shall forge ahead until the foremost of competitors are outstripped in the race.

Our Ouachita Central system of colleges and academies, is the pride of all loyal Arkansas Baptists, and justly so, for the schools are doing work worthy of themselves and the people they represent. Still this is being done under the burden of a heavy debt. Who has not heard of the college debt? We ask now, who will shrink from lending help at this auspicious hour, which calls for heroic sacrifice, and points to an early victory?

The special work of educating young ministers is fundamental among Baptists. We are unalterably committed to the voluntary principle in religion. Voluntary religious activity and life cannot outrun the intellectual advancement of the people. The preacher is a natural leader in all things among the people, and he must be trained for the best leadership. With a trained leadership, the intellectual advancement of the country will surely follow. With this advancement, will come the greater glory of the voluntary principle in religion. Baptists must therefore train their ministry.

The last year was an unusually good one at Ouachita, there being thirty-five students for the ministry, but this session opens with forty-four and others to follow. Last year we collected for this work about \$1,600. This year we must have at least \$2,000, if we help the many who need. Send all the money to Rev. H. L. Winburn, Arkadelphia, Ark. Send your children to the school, and last, but not least, send your prayers to God for victory.

T. T. THOMPSON,
C. T. CARPENTER,
A. A. RYAN.

28. Report on Woodland College was presented by C. T. Carpenter. It was spoken to by C. T. Carpenter, J. H. Pennock, J. T. Fowlkes, P. C. Barton, W. C. McPherson and B. H. Parrish. Motion was made and carried that a special committee be appointed to devise plans for raising money for Woodland College, in order that the debt might be discharged and improvements be made.

WOODLAND COLLEGE.

Woodland College has now been running for six years. During these years it has enrolled over one hundred students a year.

The students from the first have been more mature than those usually found in young schools and go forth in large numbers to teach in the public schools of the land. Over fifty per cent of the teachers of Craighead county are Woodland students.

Appreciating the need of Normal training for teachers of this part of the state, the college last year, maintained an ex-

cellent normal which was well attended by teachers representing eight counties.

The College offers courses in literary, normal and commercial work, and is now planning for a Bible Workers' Institute to be held the first two weeks of June next, for the ministers of this association and those adjoining.

I would recommend as trustees to succeed themselves, Brethren P. C. Barton, G. W. Puryear and J. R. Greggson and also Bro. J. C. Spann to succeed Dr. J. S. Burns, resigned.

Let me also call the attention of the body to the financial condition of the college, the debt of which is about \$3,000.00.

I would also recommend that brethren E. E. Dudley, McPherson, W. L. Fesh, W. P. Hale, J. C. Span, C. T. Carpenter, J. H. Pennock, R. H. Mitchel, P. C. Barton, J. T. Fowlkes, J. W. Seay, J. J. Glenny and F. M. Carter as a permanent finance committee to look after the interests of the college.

Respectfully submitted.

C. T. CARPENTER, Pres.

29. Evangelist I. S. Boyles of Virginia preached, using as a text, Rev. 3:21. It was a great sermon and much appreciated and enjoyed by the Association.

30. Adjournment was now taken to 2:00 p. m. Benediction. G. H. Faulkner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

31. Called to order and after singing "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood" was led in prayer by J. A. Johnson of Texas.

32. T. T. Thompson made the announcement that Mrs. Sarah Blackmar made a gift to Ouachita debt of \$2,500.00 to be paid at the State Convention besides the caring for two young men at school until they finish. Bro. Blackmar was called upon and made a short talk to the edification of all present. We thank God for such men, and take courage.

33. The report on Nominations was made by E. P. Minton and adopted as follows:

NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee submit the following report:

1. That the next session of this body be held with Cherry Valley Baptist Church.
2. That Elder J. W. Fowlkes preach the Introductory Sermon: Elder J. B. Swanner, alternate.
3. That P. C. Barton, J. R. Gregson, W. B. Langford, J. H. Kitchens and T. B. Kitchens constitute the Executive Board.
4. That P. J. Henry and T. B. Kitchens represent this body at Gainesville Association; Elders J. W. Hiatt and A. A. Ryan, Spring River Association; Elders J. R. Stroupe and J. H. Pennock Mt. Vernon Association; and Elders J. W. Seay and W. C. McPherson, Black River Association.
5. We recommend P. C. Barton as member of State Mission Board.
6. For Trustees of Woodland College, P. C. Barton, J. R.

Gregson, G. W. Puryear and J. C. Span, vice, Dr. J. L. Burnas, resigned.

7. We name for Ministerial Board, T. B. Kitchens, J. R. Gregson, G. W. Puryear.

8. That Eld. E. E. Dudley represent this body in the Southern Baptist Convention.

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

34. The report on Literature was presented and spoken to by O. C. Willcockson and adopted.

LITERATURE.

The question of a sound literature for our people, is one of great importance; and the proper solution of the "reading problem" means primarily the satisfactory solution of many grave questions affecting the interests of Arkansas Baptists.

As earnest, scriptural, logical preaching is to the usefulness of the preacher, so is sound reading to the reader. Bad reading not infrequently produces bad character. Unsound denominational literature usually produces looseness in denominational practice, and weakness in christian life. We must, in the eloquent words of James F. Love, "Save through the printed page, a gospel that saves the unsound." A religious journal that fails to emphasize the necessity of believing a whole gospel is unfit to occupy a place in our homes. To be rather than to seem; to be right rather than to be popular with the masses, is the mission of Baptists. We, your committee, would, therefore, earnestly recommend that the pastors, working in the bounds of this Association, begin at once, in their respective pastorates, a campaign for the Baptist Advance, said campaign to continue until every Baptist home in this Association is visited weekly by this greatest of Southern Baptist journals. Brethren do this for Jesus sake, and for the sake of the propagation of a gospel that saves the unsaved.

We further recommend that "Our Home Field and Foreign Mission Journal" be given a conspicuous place in every Baptist home and that it be read with much prayer during our next Association year.

We urge finally, that the Bible be read daily and aloud, in the homes of our people that the gospel may become in truth "The power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth" O. C. Willcockson,

O. C. WILLCOCKSON,
P. J. HENRY,
J. O. BROOKS
S. B. CHURCH,
W. H. LOCKARD

35. The report on Woman's Work was read by T. T. Thompson. Spoken to by T. T. Thompson, W. C. McPherson, I. N. Boyles, F. M. Carter. Adopted.

WOMAN'S WORK.

Since the day God said "I will make him an helpmeet" men have found the presence and help of woman necessary both to

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happiness and usefulness. Our W. M. U. auxiliary to the S. B. C. have increased in power for good as the years pass. They have contributed to all purposes \$173,764.07. Divided between the Foreign Board, Home Board and S. S. and Bible distributions. They make special offerings for the Margaret Home for the children of foreign missionaries, located at Greenville, S. C., also the Womans' Training School at Louisville, Ky.

Five hundred and sixty new societies were organized last year, and 465 Sunbeams added to the number previously organized. They gave \$14,000 to our Lord's cause. Boxes sent to our home missionaries amount in value to \$23,761. Boxes sent to our Mountain Missionaries valued at \$708.

F. M. CARTER,

MISS IDA GORDON.

S. M. FERGUSON,

MRS. EMILY ADAMS,

MRS. M. E. WRIGHT,

MRS. T. B. KITCHENS,

MISS MYRTLE RAINS,

MRS. S. A. WEST,

MRS. A. K. BLYTHE,

36. The report on Obituaries was read by W. G. Mathis. After a short talk by M. L. Jones it was ordered upon motion that this report be taken up as last item of business of this Association.

37. W. B. Langford read report on Sunday Schools. The report was spoken to by W. B. Langford, M. L. Jones, W. C. McPherson, T. T. Thompson, F. M. Carter. Adopted as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We your committee, beg to report that out of 2200 Sunday school scholars in Sunday schools throughout Mt. Zion Association, that only a small percentage are being converted. Only about 100 out of the 2200 reported brought to Christ through the Sunday school. We feel that this is partly due to the lack of earnestness, consecration and prayer on the part of the teacher. Realizing that from these schools and young people we are to draw our future church membership, soul-winners, and our workers in general, and that these teachers are giving these life, we recommend that no church or superintendent in this life. We recommend that no church or superintendent in an Association permit any unsaved person to take charge of any class as teacher.

Realizing that the Sunday school is a department of the church work which brings more under the saving power of the gospel than any other perhaps, except the preaching service, we would especially recommend that every messenger to this Association strive for the incoming associational year to build up the Sunday school attendance.

We would especially urge the messengers here to pledge themselves to the work of getting more of the membership of the churches to attend the Sunday school and work to get others to attend.

We would also recommend that the churches and Sunday schools make full report of the work of the Sunday school to the next Association.

And we further recommend that all our schools use the

literature of the Southern Baptist Convention, also we urge the schools as far as possible to hold a weekly teachers' meeting.

V. B. LANGFORD,
T. B. KITCHENS,
W. C. WILLCOCKSON.

38. The Association adjourned to meet at 7:00 p. m. Prayer by W. C. McPherson.

FRIDAY NIGHT.

39. After song and prayer service Rev. J. A. Johnson of Franklin, Texas, occupied the pulpit and preached a sermon of great power, using as a text, "Sirs, We Would See Jesus."

40. Report of Finance Committee of Woodland College was read by Dr. E. E. Dudley. The report was spoken to by W. C. McPherson, Dr. E. E. Dudley. The report was adopted as read and a collection taken resulting in pledges payable one-third Jan. 1, 1910, one-third Jan. 1, 1911, and one-third Jan. 1, 1912.

FINANCE REPORT.

Report of the Finance Committee appointed to take under advisement the interest of Woodland College, and work out a solution of the same:

After carefully considering the present condition of Woodland College, her indebtedness and her needs, your committee are unanimous in the opinion that the wise cause to be pursued is for the Association to undertake immediately the raising of \$10,000.

This will enable the Trustees to pay off the debt on the college and to buy a dormitory.

The Committee further recommends that the gifts be cash if possible. Secondly, that those who prefer make their gifts in three annual installments beginning Jan. 1, 1910.

Your Committee is thoroughly arcused as to the paramount importance of this great undertaking, and urge that the old Mt. Zion Association without a dissenting voice, put her heads to this God given work.

Signed—E. E. Dudley, C. T. Carpenter, W. C. McPherson, P. C. Barton, J. H. Pennock, J. T. Fowlkes, W. S. Fish, R. H. Mitchell, J. I. Glenny, F. M. Carter, J. W. Seay.

Members not present—W. P. Hale Osceola; J. C. Spain, Luxora.

PLEDGES FOR WOODLAND COLLEGE.

E. E. Dudley.....	\$100.00	O. C. Willcockson.....	\$30.00
J. W. Seay.....	100.00	Mrs. A. K. Blythe.....	30.00
C. T. Carpenter J'boro..	100.00	Mrs. G. W. L. Brown.....	30.00
P. C. Barton J'boro....	500.00	W. M. Rains.....	30.00
R. H. Mitchell, Wynne..	100.00	E. S. Holmes.....	30.00
L. L. Thomason.....	75.00	Joel W. West.....	25.00
W. L. Fish.....	75.00	Mrs. P. E. Gill.....	15.00
W. B. Langford.....	60.00	J. O. Brooks.....	15.00
Mrs. H. F. Wright.....	30.00	A. A. Ryan.....	15.00
F. M. Carter.....	30.00	J. D. J. Faulkner.....	15.00
G. W. Pitts.....	30.00	T. R. Stroup.....	15.00
J. W. Neal.....	30.00	C. C. Moser.....	10.00

41. Adjourned with prayer by P. C. Barton.

SATURDAY MORNING.

42. After singing "When the Roll is Called up Yonder" led in prayer by Dr. E. E. Dudley.

43. By request a special prayer was offered for the family of Bro. Taylor Fletcher, who had just suffered the loss of their son who was killed by explosion of dynamite while out fishing in Cache river.

44. The reports on Foreign and State Missions were now taken up, and discussed together. They were spoken to by C. T. Carpenter, M. L. Jones, E. E. Dudley, T. T. Thompson, W. C. McPherson and special prayers for the work were offered by J. D. J. Faulkner and J. B. Swanner.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The basis of all missions is the Bible, therefore, the basis of Foreign Mission. We have in "heathendom" between 800,000,000 and 1,000,000,000 lost men and women, of whom one dies every second. We rejoice to be able to say, last convention year was the best in the history of the Foreign work, there havnig been added h tetchhmop been added to the churches by faith and baptism 2905. Up to 1893 we have had over 2923 baptisms after working 48 years. In 1908-09 we gave \$460,797.62 to our Foreign work, and have calls amounting to \$300,000. During the year the board has received some large gifts, from which it has been materially helped. We are glad to say all the states but three have made advances in their gifts to the Foreign Missions. The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has helped in this work by giving \$2500 to help to give Bibles in the foreign lands. We call attention to a number of our Foreign fields. viz: South America, Italy, Sicily, Africa, Mexico, China and Japan.

The hospital work is one of the most potent factors in all of our foreign work. There are eleven hospitals in which are bsing treated annually more than 40,000 patients, many of them being led to Christ by this work. Our schools, literary and theological, are another great factor in this work. At last report we had 128 day schools, with 3269 pupils; nine boys' boarding schools, with 428 pupils; thirteen girls' schools, with 586 students; eight theological, 976 students; total 42 schools with 3862 students. We acknowledge the great work our consecrated women are doing, and recommend that each church have a society.

J. T. FAWLKES,
F. M. NEWCOM,
L. T. DENNIS

STATE MISSIONS.

The Baptists of no state confront a mission problem of more promise than those of Arkansas. The state is now making the greatest industrial progress in its history; lands are being cleared and drained, homes are being built by the thousands, and

towns that are to become cities of industry, population and power are now springing up in every part of the state.

The only agency we have to meet this situation is the State Mission Board. It has already saved the day on many a field, and can make Arkansas a great Baptist state if only the churches come nobly to the support of the State Board. Hundreds of fields have no Baptist preaching, and many other weak points need the strong arm of the Mission Board to help them in their time of weakness.

The State Board can meet the situation and make Arkansas a Baptist state if the churches make the State Board strong. The present is an hour fraught with great possibilities. Let us do our best now. The future is with God.

Last year more than five thousand were added to the Baptist churches through this Board, forty-two churches and one hundred and one Sunday schools were organized. This year seventy-two missionaries are in the field and their reports thus far are more glorious than ever.

E. F. CURL,
J. F. CLARK.

45. Report on Temperance was read by J. B. Swanner. Spoken to by J. B. Swanner, T. R. Stroup, I. S. Boyle, C. T. Carpenter and T. T. Thompson. Report adopted as read.

TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg to report the following: Intemperance is the over-indulgence in anything. It becomes intemperance when a man uses anything to an excess. The mere use of some things is intemperance, therefore, the only way to be temperate in them is to discontinue their use. To use anything not beneficial to man, as tobacco, intoxicants, etc., is intemperance. We urge the Baptists of this Association to stand by the temperance movements that are going on in this state. The Anti-Saloon League, or any other movement that is for the good of our state. We urge that you be careful how you vote, and vote for men that you know to be right on the temperance question.

J. B. SWANNER,
J. A. JOHNSON,
J. W. LIGHT.

46. P. C. Barton made report of Executive Board. T. B. Kitchens made his report as Treasurer of the Association. These reports were spoken to by J. B. Swanner, A. A. Ryan, F. M. Carter and Dr. E. E. Dudley. A cash collection was taken amounting to \$92.36, to make up the amount due on the past year's expenses.

REPORT OF MISSION BOARD.

Your Board employed Elder J. B. Swanner to begin work April 1st, and Elder F. M. Carter to begin work May 1st, each for full time to October 1st. We have also supplemented pastors' salaries as follows:

Cherry Valley church, \$40.00; Mt. Pisgah church, \$20.00; Sedgwick church, \$30.00; New Zion Baptist church, \$25.00.

We are rejoiced to report that the Lord has wonderfully blessed these as their reports show:

Conversions 359, baptisms 200, additions by letter and restoration 296, churches organized 5, Sunday Schools organized 6, days of labor 516, sermons 594, services in homes 95, miles traveled 3431.

The report of our Treasurer will show the amount raised and expended in this work.

This hardly touches the great field which is white unto the harvest, therefore, we appeal to our churches for larger gifts to Associational Missions.

P. C. BARTON, Chairman of Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

T. B. Kitchens, Treasurer of the Associational Mission Board of Mt. Zion Association, submits report as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Nettleton church, \$5.00; Walcott church, \$5.00; Woman's Mission Union, Jonesboro, \$13.60; Borrowed money, \$200.00; 1st Church, Jonesboro, \$210.00; Paragould, \$140.00; Mt. Pleasant church, Poinsett Co., \$5.00; Nettleton Ladies' Aid, \$5.00; Monette church, \$5.25; New Antioch, \$0.75; Earle Baptist church, \$10; North Jonesboro church, \$10.00; Cherry Valley church, \$5.00; Big Bay church, \$3.00; Oak Grove church, 4.25; Harrisburg church, \$14.00; Cache Valley church, \$3.65; Nettleton church, \$8.00; Sedgwick church, \$0.65; Vandale church, \$5.00; Mt. Pisgah church, \$2.00; Mays' Chapel, \$5.00; Parkin church, \$2.50; Mt. Zion church, \$20.63; Walcott church, \$20.50; to amounts collected by J. B. Swanner, missionary: Monette church, \$14.63; Harrisburg church, \$4.26; Bethel church, \$12.23; New Hope church, \$0.60; Mt. Zion, \$2.00; Tyronza church, \$2.10; Hyderick church, \$8.73; Cherry Valley, \$0.20; Walnut St. Mission, \$0.75; Lunsford, \$2.75; Big Bay, \$0.50; Hickory Ridge, \$2.75; Manila, \$1.15; Truman, \$30.20; Marked Tree, \$27.25; to amount collected by F. M. Carter on field: Monette, \$18.50; Sedgwick, \$4.35; Boynton, \$8.00; New Hope, \$6.20; Sundry places \$15.02; cash collected \$92.36. Total collected and borrowed, \$957.31.

PAYMENTS.

By amount paid E. P. Minton for last year's services at Nettleton, \$63.75; J. B. Swanner for services general missionary 6 months, \$300.00; J. B. Swanner's expense, \$33.85; A. A. Ryan, Sedgwick, \$30.00; J. F. Clark, Grubbs, \$25.00; F. M. Carter 5 months' services, \$200.00; F. M. Carter, expense, \$20.26; Secretary's expense, \$12.42; T. R. Stroup, Cherry Valley, \$40.00; T. R. Stroup, Mt. Pisgah, \$20.00; paid on note borrowed money, \$200.00; interest on same, \$10.00; total paid out, \$955.28.

47. The association adjourned. Prayer by A. E. Ford.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

49. Opened by singing "Glory to His Name." Led in prayer by T. T. Thompson.

49. The report on Orphan's Home was made by J. W. Hiatt.

Spoken to by J. W. Hiatt and T. T. Thompson. Adopted as given herewith.

ORPHAN'S HOME.

We have many reasons for being profoundly grateful to Almighty God for the progress we have made in caring for the orphans of Arkansas.

We have at Monticello a tract of land of something over 300 acres with some buildings reasonably well equipped, in which are housed more than one hundred and twenty orphans. These call continually for our help. Will we help the little ones?

J. W. HIETT.

50. Report of T. B. Kitchens, treasurer, showed that \$63.77 had been received for Minute fund.

51. It was moved and carried that the clerk get out a sufficient number of minutes to supply all the churches and that he receive the usual pay for his clerical work.

52. It was moved and carried that the outside page of cover be given to Woodland College for advertisement and the inside to the Parrish Business College.

53. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the members of the Mt. Zion Association deeply appreciate the warm welcome and ample hospitality of the Walcott Baptist church and community. We appreciate the further fact that the brethren have been willing to send conveyances to Jonesboro and Paragould and in every way make comfortable the messengers to this Association.

E. E. DUDLEY.

54. The report on Obituaries was now taken up and conducted as a memorial service. A number of short talks were made by brethren who spoke of the lives of the deceased, special mention being made of Elders C. A. Stewart, L. F. Yancy, S. M. Clements. A very touching talk was made by Uncle Tom Clements an old colored brother and member of Mt. Zion Church, who knew a number of the deceased whose names appear on the list this year. The report was adopted as follows:

OBITUARIES.

There has gone from God a decree, "Dust Thou Art and to dust shalt thou return." To this all must inevitably bow, and not one of all God's creation has ever been or ever will be able to evade this decree. The great, the high, the rich, the poor, all feel its mighty stroke, and fall, one by one, its victims.

Since the last meeting of this body, the following brethren and sisters have passed into the "Rest that remaineth unto the people of God:" H. B. Ewart, Sarah Mitchell, Beechie Riblison, N. J. Sewell, S. M. Clements, E. J. Layton, Elder L. F. Yancy, Elder C. A. Stewart, Phillip Prince, James Crutcher, Elder J. W. Knight, L. McHaney, Mrs. McHaney, Mrs. H. W. Brown, Geo. Tillar, Mrs. Jake Baldwin, Mrs. Laura Phillips, Mrs. N. M. White, Mrs. Beulah Hammett. Brother Stewart's work of love and zeal

for universal knowledge of the cross of Christ will be long remembered and will be an inspiration to us for higher things.

While grieved at the separation, yet we mourn not as those who have no hope. Let theirs be beckoning hands to us to a higher life.

**M. L. JONES,
W. G. MATHIS.**

55. It was announced that T. T. Thompson would preach at 7:30 tonight and at 11:00 a. m. Sunday.

The business of the Association being completed the parting hand was given while singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." Thus closed one of the most pleasant and profitable sessions this Association has ever held. The entertainment was all that could be asked. The attendance was good and the enthusiasm was high. The presence and power of the Holy Spirit was felt, and the messengers from the churches, in fact, all present had cause to rejoice. We look to the future with greater hope, and we are determined to do more than ever to glorify the name of the Lord. To Him be the praise forever and ever.

J. H. KITCHENS, Moderator.

B. H. PARRISH, Clerk.

ROLL OF MESSENGERS.

Big Bay—Chas. Raines Myrtle Raines, Ben Hudson; Wynne—M. L. Jones, R. H. Mitchel; Mt. Pisgah—T. S. Akin, John Cook, Sue Dement, Irine Cook; Mays' Chapel—John Eldridge, E. Proctor Chas. Eagle; Jonesboro First Church—E. E. Dudley, J. W. Hiett, E. P. Minton, C. C. Moser, W. B. Langford, G. W. Pitts, A. Poff, Miss Lizzie Ferguson, P. C. Barton, Robt. Venable; Nettleton—W. K. Garrett, H. F. Wright, Mrs. H. F. Wright, Ida Allen, S. R. Gill; Manila—T. M. Cantrell, O. E. Gardener, Monette—Letter; Vannale—T. R. Stroupe, Roy Jolly; Truman—J. O. Brooks; Earle—W. L. Fish; Blytheville—J. T. Fowlkes, Dr. W. H. Borum, Marked Tree—Mrs. A. K. Blythe; Cache Valley—J. A. Parker, Fanny Knight, Bro. Green; Boynton—Letter; Cardwell, Mo.—J. J. Glenny, S. B. Church, W. H. Lockard; Paragould—A. E. Ford, W. C. McPherson, B. H. Parrish, M. P. Huddleston, Mrs. T. B. Kitchens, Olive Kitchens; New Hope—L. L. Thomason, E. Nixon; Parkin—J. W. Neal; North Jonesboro—J. L. Jones, Jno. McGough; New Antioch—J. M. Bowlin, J. M. Fowler, Mrs. M. T. Barker, Geo. T. Hay; Bethel—Bro. Baskin; Walcott—G. W. Williams, J. M. Drafton, J. W. Light, H. D. Newson, W. C. Willcockson; Luxora—O. C. Willcockson; Mt. Zion—Ed Williams, A. A. Ryan, Loz Holmes, Jake Arnold, P. J. Henny, E. S. Holmes, Mary Bowlin, L. T. Dennis; Pleasant Grove—C. C. Conrad; Sedgwick—Mrs. J. W. L. Brown, Willis Raines, Mrs. Willis Raines; Harrisburg—J. H. Penneck; Shiloh—G. A. Duke; Cherry Valley—C. C. Pitts, A. B. Green, Ida Gordon, Eva Faulkner, Mr. C. C. Pitts; Hydrick—Bro. Liddell; Oak Grove—T. D. Young, T. H. Spencer, Walter Peeler; Chickasawba—Letter.

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Luxora, Ark. O. C. Willcockson.

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Cherry Valley, C. C. Pitts.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

	MISSIONS						Pastors'	Property
	Asn'l	State	Home	Foreign	Other objects	Salary	Totals	Value Church
Bethel ..	12.23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.23	400.00
Big Bay .....	.....	.....	3.00	2.00	.....	.....	5.00	600.00
Bly'ville ..	5.00	73.00	50.00	50.00	1708.06	900.00	2786.06	4500.00
Boynton..	8.00	.....	.....	.....	13.50	.....	21.50	.....
Cher. Val. .	.....	3.68	.....	4.00	54.28	85.28	147.24	800.00
Chicswba. .	.....	.....	13.46	.....	62.10	128.59	204.15	.....
Cardwell. .	5.50	30.00	.....	47.20	376.12	.....	458.82	1500.00
Cache Val. .	3.65	.....	1.50	1.20	18.65	50.00	75.00	.....
Earle.	14.00	80.94	19.14	35.14	393.20	332.43	874.85	2000.00
H'rris C'pl .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	72.00	72.00	600.00
Harr'b'g . .	17.30	52.00	10.50	10.50	239.95	.....	330.25	6000.00
Hydrick . .	8.73	.....	.....	.....	75.50	30.00	114.23	600.00
J'n'sboro .	239.05	1296.05	372.35	524.05	2090.55	2400.00	6922.05	18000.00
Luxora . . .	12.00	.....	10.75	50.00	217.50	750.00	1040.25	1500.00
May's Chpl. .	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	100.00	105.00	.....
Mt. Pisg'h .	.....	.....	.....	.....	22.00	.....	22.00	300.00
Monette . .	2.50	5.00	.....	2.00	118.38	24.50	152.38	1000.00
Manila . . .	12.04	.....	.....	.....	236.50	195.00	443.54	1200.00
Mt. Zion . .	30.60	8.00	9.20	10.83	552.98	250.00	861.61	1500.00
Nettleton .	18.15	3.20	5.00	.....	25.00	90.00	141.35	700.00
N. J's'boro .	10.00	42.40	25.75	25.75	238.33	267.42	609.65	1500.00
NewAnt'ch .	.....	.....	.....	.....	34.15	46.95	81.10	1000.00
New H'pe . .	7.85	5.00	.....	5.00	14.00	.....	31.85	.....
Oak G've . .	.....	.....	4.25	.....	.....	23.25	27.50	.....
Parkin . . .	.....	2.50	2.50	.....	.....	72.50	77.50	.....
Pist. G've .	5.00	.....	.....	.....	8.20	100.00	113.20	800.00
Parag'ld . .	172.00	497.50	267.00	267.00	2230.97	922.50	4356.97	18000.00
Sedgw'ck . .	5.00	5.00	1.50	2.00	17.04	62.00	93.54	.....
Vanddale . .	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	102.35	150.00	272.35	500.00
Walcott... .	25.00	15.48	11.88	15.00	205.70	150.00	423.06	1000.00
Wynne . . .	.....	56.00	100.00	.....	1048.03	900.00	2104.03	10000.00
Value of churches not reporting.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$24700.00
Totals ..	\$618.60	\$2180.75	\$917.78	\$1057.67	\$10103.04	8102.42	22980.26	100000.00

NOTE—Owing to fact that the churches do not send in complete reports we cannot secure all desired statistics. Let the clerks work up their reports next time.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Church	County	Clerk	P. O.	Baptisms	Increase	Decrease	Present	Maute Fund
*Antioch	Craighead	J.H.Rob's'n.	Paragould	..	..	..	121	\$ 1.67
*Adams G've	Jackson	Ola Shook		..	..	..	23	....
*Bardstown	Craighead	A.F.Ashb'n	Bardstown	..	..	..	73	....
*Bethabara	Craighead	J.H.Carter	Cane Island	..	..	..	125	....
*Brookland	Mississippi	A.J.Guest	Brookland	..	..	..	44	....
Big Bay	Craighead	C.E.Moore	Bay	..	..	..	178	1.00
Bethel	Poinsett	W.E.Harris	Harrisburg	7	8	4	50	1.35
Blytheville	Mississippi	W.A.Th'mp'	Blytheville	20	43	33	92	2.00
Boynton	Mississippi	Mrs.And's'n	Boynton	3	6	..	6	.50
Cherry Val.	Cross	W.J.Mann	Cherry Val.	21	30	1	78	2.10
Chickasawba	Mississippi	S.E.Morris	Chickasawb	3	27	10	37	....
Cache Val.	Greene	J.A.Parker	Light	1	1	..	51	1.00
*Clark's Chpl.	Cross	Z.T.Rooks	Vanndale	..	..	..	37	....
*Crawf'sville	Crittenden	S.O.Boone	Crawf'dsv'e	..	..	..	16	....
*Claunch	Craighead	D.A.Felts	Claunch	..	..	..	23	....
*Cottage Home	Craighead	A.J.Harris	Nettleton	..	..	..	30	....
*Clear Lake	Mississippi	R.H.Crow	Armored	..	..	..	28	....
Cardwell	Dunklin	J.T.Lock'rd	Cardwell, M	4	7	46	149	3 00
Earle	Crittenden	Albert H'rn'	Earle	2	9	10	53	4 60
*Fisher	Craighead			..	..	..	15	....
*Forrest Home	Craighead			..	..	..	10	....
*Fellowship	Mississippi	Kate Cissel	Evadale	..	..	..	41	....
Harris Chpl.	Cross	S.S.Monroe	Wynne	8	10	2	42	1.00
Harrisburg	Poinsett	L.E.Stancell	Harrisburg	1	9	8	120	1.50
Hydrick	Poinsett	D.R.Parker	Hydrick	16	21	7	73	1.00
*Indian Md.	Mississippi	H. Sefers	Greenfield	..	..	..	35	....
Ingram Chpl.	Poinsett	R.L.Hodge	Weona	..	..	..	20	....
Jonesboro	Craighead	H.Culley	Jonesboro	36	73	41	624	10.00
*Lake City	Craighead	J.F.Sims	Lake City	..	..	..	24	....
Luxora	Mississippi	J.C.Spann	Luxora	..	3	2	51	2.00
May's Chpl.	Cross	Chas.Eagle	Wynne	19	23	..	23	1.50
Mt. Pisgah	Cross	Sue Dement	Cherry Val.	13	16	4	53	1.60
Monette	Craighead	I.M.Hamm'k	Monette	7	9	..	51	1.50
*Mary's Chpl.	Mississippi			..	..	..	109	....
Mt. Zion	Greene	J.F.Cockr'n	Walcott	14	18	4	244	1.95
Manila	Mississippi	R.L.Will'fd	Manila	6	14	8	138	2.00
Marked Tree	Poinsett	C.P.Wagg't'	Marked Tre	..	18	..	18	1.00
Nettleton	Craighead	J.L.Bailey	Nettleton	24	34	5	121	1.50
N. Jonesboro	Craighead	J.L.Jones	Jonesboro	44	53	21	171	2.00
New Antioch	Craighead	R.L.Johns'n	Pa'gld Rt.1	5	7	3	52	1.75
New Hope	Mississippi	L.L.Th'p's'n	Manila	23	20	3	40	1.00
*New Hope	Craighead	J.H.Hend'rs'	Jonestboro	..	..	..	60	....
*New Hope	Poinsett	L.N.Sanders	Tyronza	..	..	..	51	....
*New Zion	Jackson	M. Maddox	Grubbs	..	..	..	25	....
*North Saba	Mississippi			..	..	..	65	....
*Osceola	Mississippi	H.T.Em'er's'	Osceola	..	..	..	133	....
Oak Grove	Cross	W.T.Hale	Vanndale	17	35	..	35	1 10
Paragould	Greene	B.M.Kit'h'ns	Paragould	11	20	39	521	5.00
Parkin	Cross	Vanla Rose	Parkin	..	4	2	19	.50
Pleasant G've	Poinsett	W.G.Ripley	Harrisburg	11	16	1	85	1.55
*Pleasant Hill	Poinsett	C.M.Th'ps'n	Harrisburg	..	..	..	63	....
Shiloh	Poinsett	T.N.Hend'rs	Harrisburg	13	19	2	56	.50
Sedgwick	Lawrence	Willis Raine	Sedgwick	10	12	2	37	2.25
Truman	Poinsett	I.O.Brooks	Truman	..	12	..	12	1.00
*Unity	Craighead	G.W.Young	Mangrum	..	..	..	48	....
Vanndale	Cross	S.A.Gooch	Vanndale	9	16	4	39	1.85
*Vincent	Crittenden	Mrs. Bys'gei	Vincent	..	..	..	4	....
Wynne	Cross	B.Williams	Wynne	10	..	13	105	2.50
Walcott	Greene	W.C.Wilcks	Walcott	7	7	4	159	1.50
Totals				365	605	279	4842	\$63.20

