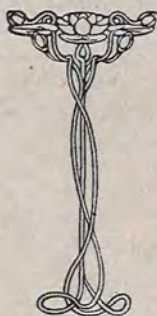


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Proceedings

TUESDAY MORNING.

1. The Mt. Zion Association was called to order at 11:00 o'clock by J. H. Turner, and after singing "All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name" was led in prayer by L. D. Summers.
2. A. P. Schofield preached, using as a text Matthew 25:45.
3. An adjournment was then taken to meet at 2:00. Prayer by D. A. Ellis, D. D., of Memphis.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

4. The Association was called to order by L. E. Stancell, Moderator, and after singing "The Way of the Cross Leads Home" and reading thirty-fourth Psalm, was led in prayer by L. R. Burress.
5. Moderator then appointed J. G. Harris and L. D. Summers reading clerks, and F. C. Sterling, J. H. Turner and E. P. Minton committee on Credentials.
6. Letters were then called for and read from churches given in tabulated sheet at close of this minute. The Committee on Credentials reported that letters were regular, and all the delegates were entitled to seats as named in the letters.
7. Permanent organization was then effected by the election of L. D. Summers, Moderator; J. C. Spann, Vice Moderator; B. H. Parrish, Clerk; and T. B. Kitchens, Treasurer.
8. Petitionary letters were read from Lily Baptist Church, Blytheville, and Leachville Baptist Church, and upon recommendation of the Committee on Credentials admitted to membership in the body, and the hand of fellowship given messengers, by Moderator.

9. It was moved and duly carried that the Associational Sermon be preached at 7:30 P. M.

10. Upon motion of J. G. Harris, it was ordered that the Moderator appoint a committee on Program. F. C. Sterling, J. G. Harris, G. W. Chapman and P. C. Barton constituted the committee.

11. The Moderator appointed W. C. Wood to introduce the new pastors to the Association. With entertaining and suggestive remarks, G. W. Chapman, J. H. Johnson, A. E. Chapman, R. L. Shepherd, E. F. Curle, A. P. Scofield, G. A. Crocker and D. M. Carter were presented, each of whom responded with appropriate speeches, much to the enjoyment of all present.

REPRESENTATION.

Bay—Letter.

Manila—Hattie Mae Alston, Mrs. R. A. Mahan, S. T. Hatfield, A. J. Miller, J. T. Miller.

Monette—H. A. Ball.

Nettleton—Letter.

New Antioch—J. M. Fowler, Wesley Fowler, J. A. Thompson.

West Jonesboro—F. C. Sterling, G. W. Osborn, Mrs. Ollie White.

Mt. Zion—G. B. Blackwood, Annie Blackwood, A. B. Heath, W.

P. Brust.

Weiner—Letter.

Walcott—J. M. Tyner, C. F. Patten, Maggie Patten, J. W. Seay.

Wynne—T. W. Crawford, Dr. R. L. Thompson.

Mt. Pleasant—Letter.

Gosnell—A. E. Chapman, M. M. Hinesley, G. W. Potter, T. E.

Williams.

Crawfordsville—A. P. Scofield.

First Church, Black Oak—Letter.

Second Church, Jonesboro—L. R. Burress.

Sedgwick—Mrs. G. W. L. Brown.

Stanford—Letter.

Earle—A. P. Scofield, H. Fletcher.

Promised Land, Egypt—Letter.

Lake City—J. H. Kitchens.

Bono—Letter.

Bethel—Letter.

Leachville—Mrs. Marshall Baker.

Beasley—L. T. Ginn, W. M. Counts.

Brookland—Mrs. J. C. Swalm.

Cardwell, Mo.—W. H. Lockard, Jas. Dye.

Luxora—Sidney Evans, J. H. Turner, J. M. Landrum, W. M.

Wood, J. C. Spann.

Lambethville—A. Martin.

Marked Tree—Mrs. J. C. McCroy, Mrs. A. K. Blythe, Mrs. J. A.

Stewart.

Harrisburg—L. E. Stancell, D. M. Carter, Mrs. D. M. Carter.

Truman—J. H. Johnson, Mrs. J. H. Johnson.

First Church, Blytheville—L. D. Summers, W. W. Nelson, H. L. Chambers.

First Church, Jonesboro—G. W. Puryear, J. Windbigler, P. C. Barton, Eugene Cherry, E. P. Minton, J. G. Harris, Mrs. J. L. Burns, Mrs. E. P. Minton, Miss Myrtle White, Miss Mildred Matthews.

First Church, Paragould—B. H. Parrish, T. B. Kitchens, W. C. Wood, Mrs. A. L. Welborn, J. N. Robertson.

Lilly Baptist Church—T. R. Shepherd, G. W. Chapman, C. C. Kirby.

Clear Lake—Finley Horton, Bro. Austin, Mrs. Austin.

Second Church, Blytheville—J. E. Lott, A. E. Chapman, Mittie White, Zennie Lasiter.

Osceola—E. F. Curle, Ida Tucker, J. T. DeArmond, Ada Butler, Mrs. W. P. Hale.

Parkin—F. C. Sterling.

Vanndale—Letter.

12. The following visitors were enrolled: D. A. Ellis, D. D., of Memphis; L. T. Ginn, Beasley, Ark.; J. S. Rogers, D. D., State Missionary Secretary of Arkansas.

13. After various announcements, the Association took an adjournment to 7:30 P. M.

TUESDAY NIGHT.

14. The Association was called to order by Vice Moderator, J. C. Spann, and W. C. Wood was called upon to lead a devotional exercise.

15. L. D. Summers preached the Annual Sermon, using as text Matt. 28:19-20.

16. Announcements. The Association then adjourned with prayer by D. A. Ellis, D. D.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

17. Moderator L. D. Summers led a devotional service and talks were made by J. N. Robertson, F. C. Sterling and L. T. Ginn.

18. The journal of the previous day was read and approved.

19. The Moderator announced the appointment of the following committees:

Orphans' Home—L. R. Burress, E. A. Auston, Dr. R. L. Thompson.

Christian Education—F. C. Sterling, J. W. Seay, H. S. Crawford.

Temperance—E. P. Minton, G. W. Osborn, A. Martin.

Associational Missions—J. G. Harris, J. M. Tyner, A. E. Chapman.

State Missions—W. C. Wood, E. Cherry, J. T. Miller.

Home Missions—J. H. Turner, W. W. Nelson, A. B. Heath.

Foreign Missions—E. F. Curle, J. T. Miller, W. M. Counts.

Sunday School—J. N. Robertson, A. J. Miller, J. Windbigler.

B. Y. P. U.—J. T. DeArmond, T. C. Potter, W. H. Lockard.

Nominations—E. P. Minton, J. G. Harris, G. B. Blackwood, P. C. Barton.

Obituaries—R. L. Shepherd, S. T. Hatfield, L. E. Stancell.

Woodland College—P. C. Barton, G. W. Puryear, T. B. Kitchens.

Literature—G. W. Chapman, M. M. Hinesley, E. A. Henshaw.

Woman's Work—D. M. Carter, Mrs. G. W. L. Brown, Mrs. J. L. Burns, Mrs. R. A. Mahan, Mrs. E. P. Minton.

20. The report of the Committee on Home Missions was read by J. H. Turner, and after discussion by J. H. Turner, J. S. Rogers, D. A. Ellis, E. F. Curle, E. P. Minton, P. C. Barton and L. R. Burress, was adopted as follows:

HOME MISSIONS.

Our Home Mission task is to give the gospel to all the people in our Southland, and to develop them for the greatest possible service.

On account of the different needs of the field, the work is divided as follows: Evangelism, Church Extension and Mountain Schools.

Evangelism.

One of the most telling efforts of the Board is the sending of strong evangelists to our cities with our Baptist message. In these campaigns, whole cities have been impressed by the gospel of Christ, and thousands have been converted and received into our churches.

Mountain Schools.

Baptists have always been strong in the mountain sections of our country, but efforts are being made by others to educate them and give them other doctrines. It behooves Baptists to care for their own, and the mountain people are some of our greatest people.

Church Extension.

Southern Baptists are face to face with their greatest opportunity and their greatest responsibility. The field is white unto harvest. Our Southland will soon be filled with foreigners as is the North, and we must help our weak churches to build houses and establish missions in the growing cities and towns, and see to it as an obligation to our Father in Heaven that wherever people assemble to live, they may hear the Baptist message.

To accomplish this task, it is necessary that we preach Home Missions, pay Home Missions, and pray for Home Missions.

J. H. TURNER,
W. W. NELSON.

21. Upon motion the hours assigned by Program Committee for reports on State Missions and Associational Missions were exchanged.

22. The report on State Missions was read by W. C. Wood, and then discussed by W. C. Wood, F. C. Sterling, J. H. Turner, J. Windbigler, E. F. Curle, J. S. Rogers, B. H. Parrish, P. C. Barton,

L. D. Summers and J. H. Johnson. Upon motion, W. W. Cole-ridge, D. D., a colored minister and pastor of Colored Church of Blytheville, was introduced and made a short, sensible address on the work among the negroes. The report was adopted as given below:

STATE MISSIONS.

The importance of State Missions at this time calls for the best gifts of every Arkansas Baptist. Words are almost too weak to convey the load of meaning and weight attached to this all-consuming matter. There was never a day when Arkansas Baptists so really needed to realize the gravity of the situation and to rally with every drop of heroic blood, and every possible dollar for the cause of State Missions.

The present year's work, the accumulated debt of the past year, and the future plans and success of our cause demand that we rise up in Christian manhood and settle every account against the Executive Board. "We can if we will" and "We CAN and we WILL."

The calls from destitute fields in every part of the state are distressing. The needs confronting us in Mt. Zion Association are duplicated in nearly every other Association within our borders. Highlands and lowlands, city and country, town and village, are lifting beckoning hands and saying, "Come over and help us." The Lord of the harvest bids us sow and reap, toil and pray, preach and teach.

A few facts concerning our present year's work will encourage us in our labors.

Our Mission Work in 1915.

1. The Department of Evangelism.—In this department we have two General Evangelists for the whole State. They are Rev. A. H. Autry, of Nashville, and Rev. M. L. Voyles, of Bentonville. They have done good work. These brethren cannot meet one-fourth of the calls for meetings. Up to September 1, some sixty pastors had held meetings for the Board. For the most part of these meetings were destitute points, and resulted in many conversions and baptisms.

2. The Department of Association Missions.—The association mission work is carried on for the most part in co-operation with Association Boards. This year our Executive Board is doing co-operation work, or independent work, in the associations.

3. The Department of Pastoral Missions.—In this work 33 weak churches are aided in the support of their pastors. Here we are in line with Paul. Paul took great care of the churches. This plan of work may be abused, however.

4. The Departments of Sunday School, B. Y. P. U. and Woman's Work.—(1) Mr. D. S. Campbelle, of 410 Hollenberg Building, Little Rock, is the Secretary of our Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work.

He will be glad to visit churches and associations in the interest

of these causes. Great emphasis must always be put on the training of our young people.

Our Record This Year.

(To August 1, three quarters.)

Missionaries	8,504
Days Labored	52,578
Miles traveled	211
Appointments	5,619
Sermons	1,016
Total Sermons and Addresses	6,635
Services in Homes	1,407
Conversions	1,257
Baptisms	1,191
Additions by letter	713
Total Additions	1,904

Get-Out-of-Debt Campaign.

Arkansas Baptists as a denomination are heavily in debt. We have paid the debt on Ouachita College. That much debt paid gives us great relief. There is a universal desire to free the denomination again entirely from the shackles of debt. We have started now, and never will quit until we reach the goal of "NO-DEBT." \$30,766 is THE GOAL.

W. C. WOOD,
E. CHERRY.

23. After announcements and prayer by J. S. Rogers, the body adjourned until 2:00 P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

24. Vice Moderator, J. C. Spann, presided, and a devotional service was led by D. M. Carter.

25. The report of Literature was read and discussed by G. W. Chapman, D. A. Ellis, D. D., B. H. Parrish, J. C. Spann, L. R. Burress and J. S. Rogers, and adopted as read.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

We, your committee on Literature, recommend first of all the careful and prayerful reading of the Bible.

Second. That we encourage the careful selection of all literature for use in our homes, and that we discourage the reading of such literature as that advocating Russellism, and all other such isms as we now find being scattered broadcast in our land.

Third. That we urge our people to read our State paper, The Baptist Advance, The Home Missions Journal, and the Foreign Mission Journal, and any other good Baptist papers. Also that we secure and read all good books by Baptist authors.

Fourth. That we commend and encourage the efforts in the Colportage feature of our Associational work to furnish the people with good, sound, Baptist literature.

G. W. CHAPMAN,
M. M. HINESLEY,

26. J. G. Harris made the report of Committee on Associational Missions. W. C. Wood made a brief report as to the work of the Executive Board, giving reason for the substitution of the report of the General Missionary for report of Executive Board. J. G. Harris, J. H. Johnson, F. C. Sterling, R. L. Shepherd, P. C. Barton, W. C. Wood, L. D. Summers and J. H. Turner spoke to the report. The following resolution was adopted in connection with the report:

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association that the debt of the Executive Board of 1913-14 be included in this report, and that it be assumed as the legal debt of this body, and that the incoming Executive Board be authorized to pay the debt from funds coming into their hands.

B. H. PARRISH.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We believe that the prime mission movement which should have our consideration at this meeting is that of Associational Missions. God in His Providence has committed to us the Evangelizing of more than 100,000 souls within our borders, and the utilizing of our unlimited resources, to the hands of Baptists, ever realizing that for this we must give strict account in the day of Judgment.

The needs of our fields are little more than touched. It is a token of divine favor that our burden and opportunities are enlarged with our labors. Let us never for a moment think that our work is ever finished.

The reports from our Churches show that we are not giving as much to this work as we should. Many churches make no contributions whatever to this cause. We cannot enlarge upon our work until we rarely enlist our forces.

The harvest truly is white; the opportunities ripe. On our verdant hills and in our fertile valleys there are thousands of people who have no opportunities to hear the gospel preached and their need is a call that should fire every drop of blood in us and make us determined to give them the truth.

Better organization of our forces is needed. We must organize so thoroughly as to be able to cover the territory entirely, and so marshal our forces that everyone shall take a part, and thus make one united attack against Satan in his stronghold.

We recommend that our Mission Board be enlarged to twenty-five members, selecting them from every part of the Association.

We rejoice with joy unspeakable at the splendid victories of the past, with humble hearts and renewed determination and with unshaken faith in God, we face a future as glorious as the promises of our great King.

For the coming year let our watchword be three things: (1) enlargement; (2) ENLARGEMENT; (3) ENLARGEMENT.

J. G. HARRIS,
A. E. CHAPMAN,
J. M. TYNER.

REPORT OF MISSION BOARD.

In making this, our annual report to the 63rd session of Mt. Zion Baptist Association, we want to first give thanks to our Heavenly Father for His many blessings upon us and our labors during the past year. The work has been carried on under circumstances peculiarly trying, due to lack of available funds, unsettled conditions, financial depression caused by the European War.

Our Plan of Work.

We have done our work in accord with the general plan of our State work. We elected Rev. J. G. Harris as General Missionary, and his work began April 1st, the work being carried on under one general head. We have not been able to supplement the salaries of any of our Missionary pastors, leaving that entirely to our State Board. All of our energies have been devoted to holding evangelistic meetings in destitute places, organizing churches, Sunday Schools, Sunbeam Bands, Woman's Missionary Unions and Young Women's Auxiliaries.

Our Bible and Missionary Woman Worker.

We have added to our forces a Bible woman this year. We felt the great need of better organization and the enlistment of our women and children in this Association, especially in the places where we are developing churches.

We employed Miss Mildred Matthews of Jonesboro, and she began work on May 1, 1915. She has done very efficient work, having organized several societies in our churches, and stimulated and encouraged many of those already organized. Her most effective work has been in needy, destitute places.

In addition to our General Missionary, we have had Bro. D. M. Carter for a little more than two months during the summer. He resigned the mission work to accept the pastorate of the church at Harrisburg.

The following is a summary of the work done, which includes two months of work by Bro. R. C. Medaris who was employed the first two months of the year.

Days of labor	521
Sermons and addresses	337
Miles traveled	3,870
Services in homes	55
Conversions	189
Added to churches	129
Sunday Schools organized	2

Churches organized	1
W. M. U.'s organized	3
Y. W. A.'s organized	5
Sunbeam Bands organized	6
Tracts distributed (Pages)	10,650

Collections on the Field.

Associational Missions	\$333.72
Home and Foreign Missions	133.21
Other purposes	58.04

Total collected.....\$524.97

Treasurer's Report. J. R. Gregson, Treasurer.

Receipts.

Jan. 21, 1915. Borrowed.....	\$100.00	
Mar. 27, 1915. Borrowed.....	100.00	
Apr. 2, 1915. Borrowed.....	500.00	
Collected on field	333.72	
Black Oak Church paid in.....	3.50	
Offering from churches	174.91	\$1,212.13

Disbursements.

Paid Salaries of Missionaries.....	\$1,054.50	
Paid Expenses of Missionaries	157.63	\$1,212.13

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. DUDLEY, Pres.

W. C. WOOD, Secy.

T. B. Kitchens as Treasurer of Mt. Zion Mission Board Oct., 1914 would respectfully submit the following report of the balance of Associational Missions on hand as shown by the minutes of 1914.

Oct. 8, Balance on hand.....	\$29.44
Oct., 1914, Recd. F. M. Johnson.....	1.00
Oct., 1914, Recd. Earl Baptist Church.....	10.00
Oct., 1914, Recd. Walcott Baptist Church	5.00
Oct., 1914, Recd. Blytheville W. M. N.....	2.50
Oct., 1914, Recd. Harrisburg Baptist Church.....	5.00
Oct., 1914, Recd. Shiloh Baptist Church.....	2.80
Oct., 1914, Recd. Luxora W. M. N.....	4.90
Oct., 1914, Recd. N. Jonesboro Mission.....	1.00
Oct., 1914, Recd. Paragould Sunday School.....	5.00
Total Receipts.....	\$71.64

Interest on \$400 note due National Bank of

Commerce\$ 8.00

Interest on \$400 to May 10, 1915..... 16.00

Paid on \$400 note 50.00

Sept. 20, 1915, Credit on Interest on said note to

Nov. 10, 1915 14.00

Total Paid Out.....\$88.00

Recapitulation.

Total Paid Out	\$88.00
Receipts	71.64
Amount due T. B. Kitchens	\$16.36
Respectfully submitted by T. B. Kitchens as Treasurer.	

27. The report on Woodland College was made by P. C. Barton. A general discussion followed by P. C. Barton, J. G. Harris, G. W. Puryear, T. B. Kitchens, W. C. Wood. Upon motion the report was received and made a permanent record, as follows:

WOODLAND COLLEGE.**Report of T. W. Altman, Treasurer.**

Balance from last year	\$ 20.81
Received for rent of Dormitory	333.35
Received for rent of School Building.....	280.00
Received from G. W. Puryear	85.00
Received from P. C. Barton	65.00
Received from T. B. Kitchens	45.00
Received from J. R. Gregson	35.00
Received from W. B. Langford	20.00
Received from T. W. Altman	20.00
Total.....	\$939.16

Payments.

Paid Insurance premiums	\$119.00
Paid Interest on Notes	516.68
Paid Taxes	43.01
Paid repair and old accounts	114.15
Balance on hand	46.42
Total.....	\$939.16

Indebtedness.

The entire debt now owed by Woodland College is \$15,975.10, with accrued interest of about \$1,000, making the total about \$16,975.00.

The report of T. W. Altman, Treasurer, is as above, except items are summarized. The report is on file with the Clerk of the Association and anyone who is interested may examine same. their pleasure by calling for it.

The following resolution was adopted in connection with the report on Woodland College:

RESOLVED, That this Association instruct the incoming Executive Board of the Association to co-operate with the Woodland College Board in the raising of funds to pay the debt on the Woodland College property.

W. C. WOOD.

28. The Association adjourned with prayer by C. C. Kirby of Blytheville, Ark.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

29. The Association convened and was led in prayer by J. G. Harris.

30. Rev. Delaney, Pastor of the M. E. Church of Luxora was introduced at this time, and he responded with a cordial greeting to the Association and visitors.

31. The following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

RESOLVED, That we extend to our Methodist Brethren our thanks and our assurance of sincere appreciation for the use of their church for the Ladies' Meetings during this session of Mt. Zion Association.

B. H. PARRISH.

32. Dr. D. A. Ellis, Pastor of La Belle Place Baptist Church of Memphis, Tenn., preached, using as a text II. Cor. 5:14.

33. The report on Temperance was made by E. P. Minton, and adopted without discussion.

TEMPERANCE.

Intemperance is so wide-spread and so destructive to life and character, that every saved man and woman should take a firm stand against the saloon curse. This traffic is the right arm of Satanic power. God has said that no drunkard shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

This Committee urges that every church of this Association assist, in every way possible, in the on-sweeping movement to put the liquor traffic out of business,

We rejoice in the prospect that we shall soon have not only State-wide, but Nation-wide, and even World-wide Prohibition, God Speed the Day.

E. P. MINTON,

G. W. OSBURN,

A. MARTIN,

34. A partial report of Committee on Nominations was read and adopted. The full report appears elsewhere in this minute.

35. Treasurer T. B. Kitchens presented the report of moneys received for the Minute Fund of the Association, showing that \$58.42 had been sent in by the churches for this purpose. Items are given in table at close of this record.

36. After prayer by P. C. Barton, adjournment was taken until 8:00 Thursday morning.

THURSDAY MORNING.

37. The Association was called to order and led in prayer by L. R. Burress.

38. Upon motion the reading of journal was dispensed with and left to the clerk to assume responsibility for its correctness.

39. J. G. Harris read the completed report of Committee on Nominations. It was adopted as follows:

NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, report as follows:

1. That the next session of this body meet with First Baptist Church of Wynne, Ark.

2. That Rev. E. F. Curle, of Osceola, preach the Associational Sermon, and Rev. J. H. Turner, of Luxora, Alternate.

3. That the following named brethren constitute the Executive Board:

P. C. Barton, G. W. Puryear, E. P. Minton, L. R. Burress, H. W. Graham, J. R. Gregson, T. B. Kitchens, W. C. Wood, Jas. A. Edwards, B. H. Parrish, J. W. Seay, J. M. Tyner, A. A. Ryan, L. D. Summers, B. H. Wilhite, J. H. Turner, J. C. Spann, J. M. Landrum, E. F. Curle, W. P. Hale, Sr., J. W. Williams, Albert Horner, A. P. Scofield, H. M. Frazier, W. P. Bolin.

4. Woodland College, J. C. Spann to take place of E. E. Dudley.

5. That Rev. J. H. Turner of Luxora represent this body at Southern Baptist Convention, W. C. Wood, alternate.

E. P. MINTON,

J. G. HARRIS,

P. C. BARTON,

G. B. BLACKWOOD.

40. It was ordered by vote of the Association that the Executive Board of the Association prepare a program for a Fifth Sunday Meeting at Gosnell this October, and for other meetings, at places of their selection, during the rest of the Associational year.

41. T. B. Kitchens read his report of funds received for various purposes during this session of the Association. The funds are included in the tabulated sheet in this minute.

42. Upon motion of P. C. Barton, the clerk was instructed to get out and distribute 1,100 copies of the Minutes of the Association; that pay for same be done through the treasurer of the Executive Board; and that the clerk be paid \$15.00 for clerical work in getting out the Minutes.

43. T. B. Kitchens then read the report of funds left in his hands at last meeting of the Association, and disbursements made by him, and upon motion it was ordered that the incoming Board assume the debt and pay the deficit.

44. The report on Obituaries was made by R. L. Shepherd. This report was spoken to by R. L. Shepherd, L. R. Burress, E. P. Minton, L. E. Stancell, P. C. Barton, and adopted as given on Memorial Page of this minute.

45. The following resolution was adopted:

Be It Resolved by the Mt. Zion Association now in session at Luxora, Ark., that we extend our deepest sympathy to our dear Bro. E. J. A. McKinney who has suffered the loss of his beloved mother, who being dead yet speaketh.

W. C. WOOD.

The clerk was authorized to send a copy of this resolution to Bro. McKinney.

46. Upon motion it was ordered that the first day of next session of Mt. Zion Association be given to the Ladies' Meeting, except the time required for organization of the body.

47. The report on Woman's Work was read by D. M. Carter. The report was discussed by Mrs. G. W. L. Brown, J. H. Turner, L. D. Summers, P. C. Barton, Mrs. R. A. Mahan, and adopted as given herewith:

WOMAN'S WORK.

We are encouraged by the great work done in this Association by the women this year.

This unselfish company of the Lord's Elect stands for the advancement of every interest and the retarding of none. They are, in truth, the Missionary Training Force of the churches. They interest every boy, girl and woman in the church in one of their organizations.

Five new organizations are reported, and we now have twenty-three (23) societies in this Association. They have contributed about \$3,000 to the denominational interests of the State, about \$2,000 for building and repairing churches in this Association.

It is our earnest prayer that our men may thoroughly awaken to the work our women are doing, and encourage them in this work.

We recommend that every pastor within this Association see that the women are organized for service. We call attention to the list of their officers contained on front page of this minute.

We urge that every member of the W. M. U. take the "Royal Service" which is issued by the W. M. U., and which serves to inform all local societies of the work needed to be done, and the best methods of proceeding with this great work.

D. M. CARTER,
MRS. R. A. MAHAN,
MRS. G. W. L. BROWN,
MRS. E. P. MINTON.

48. In the absence of the Chairman of Committee on Christian Education, the following report was supplied by J. G. Harris. This report was discussed by J. G. Harris, D. M. Carter, G. W. Puryear, J. H. Turner, P. C. Barton, and adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The two institutions of learning, Ouachita College at Arkadelphia, and Central College at Conway, under the direction of the Baptists of this State, richly deserve the large place they occupy in the affections of the people. They opened this year with increased patronage, and a more hearty support is evident.

We most heartily recommend these institutions to our Baptist people as the best place in the land to give their children a college education.

We especially urge upon our young preachers to get in touch with the president, Dr. S. Y. Jamison, of Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Ark., and arrange to go and equip themselves for more efficient work in the ministry. It is urged that the churches make contributions during each year to the maintenance of this worthy cause.

We most heartily commend the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and The South Western Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas, as worthy of the support of our churches, and the place for our preachers to secure theological training.

F. C. STERLING,
J. W. SEAY,
H. S. CRAWFORD.

49. Upon motion of J. H. Turner, it was ordered that the Moderator appoint Chairmen of Committees in advance of the next meeting of the Association, in order that well-prepared reports may be ready for consideration by the body.

50. The following resolution was then read and adopted by unanimous vote:

Resolved, That this body extend to the Pastor and members of Beulah Baptist Church of Luxora, our most sincere thanks for their genuine hospitality, and their many kindnesses and courtesies in their entertainment of the messengers of this Association.

And that we extend to the officers of the J. L. C. & E. R. R. our thanks for concession made in giving special rates to delegates and visitors to this Association.

W. C. WOOD.

51. After singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" and giving the parting hand, the Association adjourned with prayer by L. D. Summers.

L. D. SUMMERS, Moderator.

B. H. PARRISH, Clerk.

Woman's Missionary Union.

The Ninth Annual Session of the W. M. U. was held in the Methodist church at Luxora, Ark. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A. M., our Superintendent, Mrs. G. W. L. Brown, presiding.

The devoitonal exercises were led by Mrs. J. H. Turner, who read the tenth chapter of Romans. We were then led in beautiful words of prayer by Mrs. Turner, in which we felt God's nearness. Song, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds. We were given an address of welcome by Mrs. Thos. F. Hudson, also a cordial welcome by Mrs. Hudpeth of the Methodist church, which were greatly appreciated. Mrs. A. L. Welborn responded to the welcome. Song, "We Praise Thee, O God."

The meeting was then called to order by Mrs. G. W. L. Brown for regular business session. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The roll call of Societies showed there were twenty-three Societies in the Association and we had reports from all except six. Mrs. Brown stated that some of our best work had not been reported, as she had received letters from the Societies that did not send in reports. The Second Baptist Church of West Blytheville sent in their first report.

The Constitution was read by the Secretary, Mrs. Welborn. Before giving her report, Mrs. Brown thanked the Societies that had so promptly sent in their reports, stating also that the year had not been wanting in many tokens of God's favor and that the first of May there was a special manifestation of Divine favor. The Associational Board placed in the field a Bible Woman to assist in meetings and co-operate in our woman's work in organizing Societies. She said a higher spiritual life could be obtained only through prayer, Bible study and an intelligent knowledge of Missions. She urged the use of the Circulating Library. She said another encouraging feature of the great work was that of personal service; also stated that she was fearful lest some of the older and stronger Societies become too self-centered in their comfortable homes and church homes; that God does not give these blessings to be used as we may feel disposed, but to help our weaker sister churches. Money cannot do what personal contact with each other will.

In the closing part of the message to us she said, pray for guidance and wisdom in the only work that cannot fail. Her message was indeed an inspiration to us and we all felt more determined to do His will and to re-consecrate our lives to God.

She reported 174 letters and the following Societies organized:

Nov. 18, 1914, Black Oak; Jan. 31, 1915, Manila; May 9, 1915, Monette; June 13, 1915, Light, Cache Valley Church; Sept. 6, 1915, West Jonesboro. 10 Societies visited.

Mrs. Brown was given a vote of thanks for her efficient work and untiring efforts.

Miss Matthews reported she had organized three Y. W. A.'s and five Sunbeam Bands. On the Literature Committee, Mrs. E. P. Minton recommended the Bible (the only literature that reveals the character and will of God) be not only read, but studied. We further recommend our own denominational papers, The Baptist Advance, Foreign Mission Journal, Home Field, Orphans' Gem and especially Royal Service.

Committee on Recommendations recommended that the ladies meet one day before the Association so that we would not miss any of the Association. Motion made and carried that all phases of our work, such as Y. W. A., Sunbeam Bands, Royal Ambassadors, etc., report through their leaders at our annual meetings. Motion made to have regular Fifth Sunday meetings with program. Motion made and carried to elect our officers according to Constitution. The following temporary committees were appointed:

Advisory Committee—Mrs. Curle, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. White.

Committee on Resolutions—Mrs. Minton, Mrs. Wood of Luxora, Mrs. Blythe of Blytheville.

Motion made and carried to defer the election of our officers until the close of our meeting. The memorial service was conducted by Mrs. E. P. Minton. Song, "Will You Be Enlisted." Tributes of love and respect to our three departed sisters and beloved President, Miss Fannie Heck, Mrs. S. J. Stratton, Luxora, Mrs. Barlow, Jonesboro, Mrs. Rains, Bay. Song, "O Think of the Home Over There." Meeting adjourned until 2:00 P. M.

Opening song, "God Will Take Care of You." Invocation, Mrs. Summers. Organ and Piano Voluntary, Mesdames Bolen and Wood. "The History of the Woman's Work in Our Association" was given by Mrs. J. L. Burns, which was very interesting to all. Solo, Mrs. Terry. "Good Ideas for Conducting Missionary Meetings" was read by Miss Lena Collins on account of the sickness of Mrs. R. C. Prather. Several ladies gave good ideas along this line and the discussion was closed with some remarks by our President. Recitation, "Auntie Parson's Mission Study," by Hattie Turner. Rev. J. S. Rogers gave us a talk on State Missions. The Pageant conducted by Mesdames J. L. Burns and R. L. Muse, illustrating the eleven departments in Royal Service was beautiful and impressive.

The following officers were elected:

President and Superintendent—Mrs. G. W. L. Brown.

Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. Carter.

Vice President—Mrs. Longest.

The following delegates were elected to the Convention at Ft. Smith:

Mesdames Curle, Williams, Blythe, Carter, Summers, Evans and Hattie Mae Alston.

The following Committees were then announced:

Program Committee—Mrs. E. F. Curle, Osceola; Mrs. C. B. Wood, Luxora; Mrs. E. P. Minton, Jonesboro.

Literature Committee—Mrs. O. L. Tunstill, Blytheville; Mrs. A. L. Welborn, Paragould; Mrs. O. E. Rogers, Crawfordsville.

Recommendation Committee—Mrs. J. L. Burns, Jonesboro; Mrs. J. H. Turner, Luxora; Mrs. J. H. Johnson, Truman.

Orphans' Home Committee—Mrs. L. D. Summers, Blytheville; Mrs. A. K. Blythe, Marked Tree; Mrs. Ida Ford, Paragould; Mrs. Jack White, Jonesboro; Miss Hattie Mae Alson, Manila.

Sunbeam Leaders—Mrs. Hatcher, Monette; Mrs. T. W. Altman, Jonesboro.

The session then closed with prayer by Mrs. L. D. Summers.

MRS. G. W. L. BROWN, Superintendent, Sedgwick.

MRS. A. L. WELBORN, Secretary, Paragould, Ark.

Obituaries.

Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord.—Rev.

Mrs. M. J. Dennis.....	Mt. Zion
Bro. Robert Williams	Stanford
R. M. Covington	Mt. Pleasant
Mrs. Eva Edrington	Truman
Mrs. Icie Gray	Mt. Pleasant
A. J. Rushing	Walcott
Bro. J. J. Glenning.....	Cardwell
Mrs. Hetty Mantle	Bay
Mrs. Emma Rains	Bay
A. S. Byrd	Manila
Dr. E. L. Jacobs	Harrisburg
Edd Huddleston	Harrisburg
Mrs. Eliza J. McKinney.....	Bethel Church
A. J. Sembler	Wynne
J. W. Hardy	Wynne
Mrs. M. C. Buckingham.....	Wynne
Mrs. S. J. Stratton	Luxora
W. F. Limbler	New Antioch
Mrs. Jessie Eaks.....	Jonesboro, 1st Church
Mrs. Barlow	Jonesboro, 1st Church
John Guest	Brookland
Mrs. C. K. Morgan	Paragould
Rudolph Hasley	Paragould
Mrs. H. T. McDonald	Paragould

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK	POSTOFFICE	S. S. Enrollment	MEMBERSHIP							S. S. Enrollment	MEMBERSHIP							S. S. Expenses	Associat'l Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphans' Home	W. M. U.	Colleges	Other Objects	Ministerial Education	Pastor's Salary	Minute Fund	Total	Value of Church Property	
					Increase				Decrease				Increase				Decrease																	
					Baptism	Letter	Restored	Expelled	Death	Presen. Mem's	Baptism		Letter	Restored	Expelled	Death	Presen. Mem's	Baptism	Letter															Restored
Bay	F. C. Sterling	Myrtle Rains	Bay	85		1	1	4	52	2	74	85		1	1	4	52	2	74	12.27	4.75				85.14	48.52		55.20			1.00	156.28	1000.00	
Barton Ranch		Maggie Carter	Tyronza								52								52															
Beasley	L. T. Ginn	W. M. Counts	Beasley	40	2						55	40	2						55	5.00	5.00									1.75	11.75			
Bethel	T. E. Elzey	W. E. Harris	Harrisburg		1			3		1	27		1			3		1	27											1.00	1.00	500.00		
Bellefield		W. C. Blanton	Bellefield								20								20															
Bethabara	A. E. Chapman	J. F. Crocker	Lake City	50	2	1				2	112	50	2	1				2	112	7.00	3.00				10.00									
Bardstown		J. L. Wroten	Bardstown								21								21															
Bono		B. B. Brinton	Bono	40			1	2			27	40			1	2			27		5.00			5.00					34.00	54.50		500.00		
Boynton		O. G. Sherrick	Boynton								43								43															
Black Oak 1st Ch.	E. P. Minton	A. T. Reaves	Black Oak		1	3	2	2	1		26		1	3	2	2	1		26							8.35			400.00	.50	418.85	500.00		
Blytheville 1st Ch.	L. D. Summers	W. E. Cooper	Blytheville	180	43	28	3	15	16		210	1 180	43	28	3	15	16		210	135.00	40.62	25.00	5.00	8.00	114.10	426.89	52.00	18880.51	22.00	43.04	1.00	49.04	1000.00	
Blytheville 2nd Ch.	A. E. Chapman	Mrs. M. R. White	Blytheville	80	6	5	3	2			40	80	6	5	3	2			40	16.00	5.50								1200.00	2.00	21911.22	22500.00		
Blytheville (Lily)	T. R. Shepherd	Rossie Duncan	Blytheville	40	20	22					42	40	20	22					42	40.00								180.00	.50	453.41	2500.00			
Brookland	J. C. Swaim	C. E. Edwards	Brookland	40	9	10		4		1	40	40	9	10		4		1	40	1.25	10.00				5.00			14.50	46.00	.50	106.05	100.00		
Cardwell (Mo.)	G. A. Crocker	J. T. Lockard	Cardwell, Mo.		4	6	5	3	1	1	32		4	6	5	3	1	1	32	20.00	12.50	12.50	13.00	30.00	22.47			159.00		169.25	1500.00			
Cherry Valley		W. E. McKinney	Cherry Valley								65								65										180.00	1.00	373.97	1600.00		
Clear Lake	A. J. Remly	Finley Horton	Archilion	60				2	1	5	70	60				2	1	5	70	10.15	7.00		2.50	1.25								1000.00		
Crawfordsville	A. P. Scofield	S. O. Boone	Crawfordsville	37		8		3			30	37		8		3			30		10.00						6.00		10.00	.50	26.75	1500.00		
Cache Valley		J. A. Parker	Light								100								100															
Earle	A. P. Scofield	Albert Horner	Earle	70		1					88	70		1					88	46.20	37.50	22.28			19.26	66.75	53.50	298.99	439.00	2.50	997.08	2000.00		
Evening Shade		E. E. Anderson	Cherry Valley								18								18															
Fisher		J. D. Fakes	Fisher								50								50															
Gosnell	A. E. Chapman	G. W. Patten	Gosner								.5								.5	9.00		1.10										1000.00		
Harrisburg	D. M. Carter	Harry Jacobs	Harrisburg	79	5	8		3	28	2	100	79	5	8		3	28	2	100	45.00	68.35					561.00			100.00		110.10	1700.00		
Harris Chapel		J. W. Milton	Wynne								38								38										250.00	3.00	1398.75	6000.00		
Hydrick		D. R. Parker	Hydrick								52								52													500.00		
Jonesboro 1st Ch.	E. E. Dudley, D. D.	P. C. Barton	Jonesboro	567	3	16		43	11	1	641	3 567	3	16		43	11	1	641	368.42	500.00	657.44	263.10	503.00	527.25	1827.00	5909.39	4047.51	213.46	2400.00	10.00	17226.65	45000.00	
Jonesboro West	F. C. Sterling	J. G. Hiett	Jonesboro		36	7		7	2		90		36	7		7	2		90	35.00	13.00								89.00	1.00	1054.75	500.00		
Jonesboro 2nd Ch.	L. R. Burrese	F. M. Johnson	Jonesboro	70	11	7	6	6	3		79	70	11	7	6	6	3		79	24.00			25.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	564.17			506.98		755.48	1500.00	
Leachville		Mrs. M. Baker	Leachville								16								16															
Lepanto		W. C. Dawson	Lepanto								76								76															
Lake City		J. H. Kitchens	Lake City								20								20															
Lambethville	A. Martin	P. A. Bartleman	Lambethville								28								28		2.50					6.00								
Lunsford	A. J. Lincoln	R. R. Holland	Lunsford	80	18	7		3			51	80	18	7		3			51		1.50										1.00	18.00		
Luxora (Beulah)	J. H. Turner	J. M. Majors	Luxora	74	13	2		1	2	1	99	74	13	2		1	2	1	99	53.77	25.50	125.00	27.96	39.84	114.38	235.02	25.00		10.00	800.00	2.50	1669.73	7000.00	
Marion		T. H. Lashbrook	Marion								4								4															
Manila	R. C. Medaris	Lizzie David	Manila	71	30	7	3	3	1	1	96	71	30	7	3	3	1	1	96	41.78	5.90	2.61												
Monette	J. H. Morris	I. M. Hammock	Monette	64	1	6	1	2			48	64	1	6	1	2			48	13.00	1.00													
Marked Tree	R. C. Medaris	C. P. Wiggenton	Jonesboro	90	23	10					86	90	23	10					86	40.75	8.50	1.00	5.49	2.00	16.86	120.73	3.00	8.65		49.50	1.00	78.15	2000.00	
Mt. Zion	A. A. Ryan	A. B. Heath	Mt. Zion	63				4	3	1	180	63				4	3	1	180	8.20	32.35								321.61	1.00	306.00	2.00	726.94	
Mt. Pleasant	E. E. Dudley	Herbert Finley	Jonesboro	40	3			1	9	2	63	40	3			1	9	2	63	80.00	2.00		6.00	6.00	2.00			45.00		200.00	1.80	244.47		
Mt. Pisgah		W. W. Bennett	Dee								40								40															
Nettleton		Arie Howell	Nettleton	75	6		1	4	15		57	75	6		1	4	15		57	47.50	15.00	4.16				5.00								
New Hope		P. S. Watkins	Jonesboro (R. 3)	60							70	60							70	10.15	7.00													
New Antioch	G. A. Crocker	C. O. Hay	Paragould (R. 1)	80	7	3	1	4			93	80	7	3	1	4			93	8.91	3.70	4.00												
Osceola	E. F. Curle	B. W. Hale	Osceola	110	9	30		30			155	110	9	30		30			155	37.67	17.25	14.48	4.00	4.00	20.50			157.16			1.00	194.36	1000.00	
Paragould 1st Ch.	W. C. Wood	J. A. Edwards	Paragould	400	31	41	1	10	1	3	397	1 400	31	41	1	10	1	3	397	132.50	65.75	127.90	55.00	55.00	190.00	272.30	50.75		15.00	1117.50	7.50	2954.71	21500.00	
Pleasant Grove		R. L. Carroll	Harrisburg								121								121															
Parkin	F. C. Sterling	T. H. Biddy	Parkin	68	11	4	1				40	68	11	4	1				40	8.00														
Promised Land	E. T. Lincoln	D. C. Watkins	Egypt		13	3			2		45		13	3			2		45	7.00	11.00	10.00			10.00									
Sedgwick		I. M. Smelser	Sedgwick	73							27	73							27	46.46														
Stanford	J. W. Seay	John Blair	Walcott	60	14	1		2	1	1	80	60	14	1		2	1	1	80	3.00	5.00	19.00	1.30	2.00										
Shiloh		Lon Wallace	Harrisburg								44								44															
Truman	J. H. Johnson	Nathan Hartsoe	Truman	100	4	11		5			69	100	4	11		5			69	45.00	31.00													
Unity		R. N. Grey	Mangrum								52								52															
Union Grove		W. S. Parker	Jonesboro (R. 2)								47								47															
Vandale	J. C. Swaim	J. C. Helfley	Vandale	40				1	8		101	40				1	8		101	5.00	12.50	18.41												
Valley Home		J. E. Anderson	Cherry Valley								17								17															
Walcott	J. W. Seay	W. C. Willcockson	Walcott	95	7	6	1	4		1	154	95	7	6	1	4		1	154	10.00	45.00	76.55	8.00	10.00	29.45					120.00	1.00	455.77	1500.00	
Wynne 1st Ch.		R. L. Thompson	Wynne	100	28	19	1	12	3		163	100	28	19	1	12	3		163	78.23	41.50	38.50	25.60	29.60	105.17	460.58								