

**MOUNT ZION BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL**

**WALCOTT, ARKANSAS
1918**

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

MOUNT ZION BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

Sixty-Sixth Annual Session

HELD AT

WALCOTT, ARKANSAS

October 8-9-10, 1918

Next Session will convene with Baptist Church at Vandale,
Arkansas, Tuesday after the first Sunday
in October, 1919, at 10 o'clock a.m.

Preacher of the Annual Sermon

W. R. McEwen

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

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REPRESENTATION

List of Churches and Messengers

- Black Oak—Mrs. H. C. Gillis.
- Bethabara—W. Eaves, J. F. Crocker, Miss Julia Crocker, Miss Lila Carter.
- Earle—A. A. Weeks, Dr. W. H. Borum.
- First Church, Jonesboro—P. C. Barton, B. H. Parrish, L. R. Burress, J. H. Fortenberry, W. R. McEwen, Mrs. W. R. McEwen, Mrs. P. C. Barton, Miss Sibylla Barton, E. P. Minton, Mrs. E. P. Minton, S. B. Crist, Mrs. J. B. Clark, J. R. Hobbs, J. Winbigler, J. G. Harris.
- Ross—D. R. Garner.
- Harris Chapel—Letter.
- Bardstown—Letter.
- Marked Tree—J. H. Turner.
- First Church, Wynne—W. A. Roper.
- Huffman—Letter.
- Cardwell, Mo.—W. H. Lockard.
- Lake City—Dr. J. H. Kitchens.
- Walcott—J. M. Tyner, J. W. West, W. P. Bowlin, M. V. Willcockson, J. W. Light, Mrs. J. W. Light.
- Harrisburg—C. R. French, M. Culp.
- Vanndale—Mrs. J. C. Hefley, Miss Luella Floyd.
- Truman—J. H. Johnson, W. A. Pearce.
- Sedgwick—Letter.
- Monette—Letter.
- Manila—T. J. Latimer.
- Mt. Zion—L. T. Dennis, J. M. Bowlin, W. C. Nutt, D. F. Seay, Mrs. J. M. Bowlin.
- Luxora—L. R. Ashley.
- Walnut Street, Jonesboro—G. W. Osborn.
- Shiloh—Wm. Easton, Chas. Settleman.
- Nettleton—Miss Arie Howell.
- Bay—Letter.
- First Church, Blytheville—L. D. Summers, E. V. Phillips, Mrs. R. L. Porter.
- Shady Grove—Letter.
- Bethel—W. E. Harris.

Egypt—B. C. Gage.

Taylor's Chapel—Mrs. Bessie Henson.

Cache Valley—W. M. Newberry, Peark Newberry, D. D.
Dacus, Tom Hedges.

Halke's Chapel—E. Jones.

New Salem—Letter.

Adams Grove—N. Troxler.

Keiser—Mrs. E. T. Butler.

Burdette—Letter.

Cherry Valley—Letter.

Hydrick—Letter.

Parkin—Letter.

First Church, Paragould—S. J. Crawford, T. B. Kitchens.

Stanford—A. F. Henderson, Jos. Cupp, Lucian Knowles.

Osceola—G. H. Lewis.

New Antioch—R. D. Davenport, J. M. Bowlin.

Leachville—Miss Jessie Johnson.

Mt. Pleasant—J. L. Rankin.

Second Church, Blytheville—Letter.

ORDAINED PREACHERS

Anderson, W.M. Harrisburg
 Ashley, L. R. Luxora
 Burress, L. R. Jonesboro
 Culp, M. Harrisburg
 Crist, S. P. Jonesboro
 Chapman, A.E. Blytheville
 Calhoun, E. N. Jonesboro
 Casey, J. M. Light
 Duboise J. E. Trumma
 Duke, H. M. Cherry Valley
 Dye, Jas. Cardwell, Mo.
 Ellzy, T. E. Harrisburg
 Guthrie, D. I. Wynne, R. 1
 Harris, J. G. Jonesboro
 Hobbs, J.R., D.D., Jonesboro
 Huddleston, J.M. Paragould
 Hunter, T.C. Cherry Valley
 Jones, M. L. Wynne
 Johnson, J. H. Trumann
 Kirby, C. C. Vandale
 Latimer, T. J. Manila
 Lewis, G. H. Osceola
 Lott, J. E. Blytheville
 Lincoln, A. J. Jonesboro
 McCool, H. J. Y. M. C. A.

McLain, J. F. Nettleton
 Minton, E. P. Jonesboro
 Martin, J. H. Cherry Valley
 McEwen, W. R. Jonesboro
 Roper, W. A. Wynne
 Pruett, W. H. Bay
 Reaves, A. C. Harrisburg
 Ryan, A. A. Walcott
 Sanderson, W. R. Nettleton
 Summers, L. D. Blytheville
 Seay, J. W. Walcott
 Stephens, J. M. Biggers
 Settlemoir, G.M. Black Oak
 Shepherd, T. R. Blytheville
 Swaim, J. C. Vandale
 Scott, J. E. Blytheville
 Turner, F. P. Lake City
 Turner, J. H. Marked Tree
 Wilson, J. F. Archillion
 Williams, T. E. Gosnell
 Weeks, A. A. Earle
 Winbigler, J. Jonesboro
 Wilson, C. T. Jonesboro
 White, W. H. Wynne

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Barnes, W. M. Fountain
 Hamilton, C. E. Bay
 Hamilton, J. W. Bay
 Henshaw, Ezra Harrisburg

Maynard, L. F. Parkin
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PROCEEDINGS

Walcott, Ark., Oct. 8, 1918.

The Mt. Zion Association of Missionary Baptists met at 10:15 a. m., with Walcott, Baptist Church, and was called to order by W. R. McEwen, of Jonesboro, vice Moderator of the previous Association.

2. The Association joined in singing "I Am Thine, O Lord" and was led in prayer by J. H. Turner, Marked Tree.

3. L. R. Burress of Jonesboro conducted a devotional exercise.

4. Upon motion of J. G. Harris, General Missionary of the Association, it was carried that the messengers present who knew themselves to be members of churches already members of the Association constitute the basis of permanent organization.

5. Permanent organization was effected by the election of C. R. French of Harrisburg, as Moderator; Dr. W. H. Borum of Earle, Vice Moderator; B. H. Parrish of Jonesboro, Clerk, and P. C. Barton of Jonesboro, Treasurer, respectively of the Association.

6. On motion of J. G. Harris, L. D. Summers, J. H. Turner and W. A. Roper were constituted a Committee of Program.

7. During the sessions of the Association, letters from churches were handed in and turned over to the Committee on Digest of Letters as given in tabulated sheet at close of this Minute.

8. Moderator appointed J. H. Kitchens, J. W. Seay and E. P. Minton to serve as Committee on Petitionary Letters. During the session letters were received from Mann's Chapel, Halke's Chapel, Burdette, New Salem and Keiser, and they were received into the Association and their messengers seated.

9. The following visitors were introduced to the Association at this time: Elder J. N. Varnell, Jackson, Tenn.; J. S. Compere, Little Rock, Assistant Secretary State Mission Board; T. C. Hunter of Mississippi; Elders G. R. Tyler, J. B. Cash and R. M. Whitaker of Black River Association of Southeast Missouri; and Elder R. F. Liddell of Campbell, Mo.

10. Upon motion Brother Wilson of Jonesboro Association was recognized, welcomed and enrolled; he made a short talk expressing his very great pleasure in being present.

11. Pastors of churches within the bounds of the Association who have come in since the meeting of last year, were introduced as follows: L. R. Ashley, Luxora; A. A. Weeks, Earle; L. W. Russell, Walcott; W. A. Roper, Wynne.

12. A resolution was introduced at this time by J. R. Hobbs, Jonesboro: after being discussed by J. R. Hobbs, L. D. Summers and L. R. Burress, owing to arrival of time for noon adjournment, further action and discussion was tabled, leaving it to be called up by Committee on Program.

13. The Association then adjourned with prayer by L. R. Burress.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

14. The Association was called to order by Moderator French, and a short devotional exercise was conducted by Rev. Cross.

15. The Report on Baptist Hospitals was read by W. R. McEwen, who yielded the floor to Dr. M. D. Jeffries of Memphis, Pastor of Baptist Memorial Hospital of that city. The work of the hospital was well presented by Dr. Jeffries to the pleasure and satisfaction of all present. L. R. Burress, Jonesboro, also spoke on this report. The report was adopted, as follows:

BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

The Baptists who take and read their denominational paper know of the monument we have in Memphis in the Baptist Memorial Hospital. It is with a sense of pride and profound gratitude that we bring this report touching a few things it stands for and is doing.

The last year has been one of unusual interest. Besides the treatment of some 5,500 cases, with a current business of \$150,000.00 and the expenditure of about \$32,000.00 in charity and for the worthy and needy poor, this Associational year has been marked by the erection of an addition to the hospital building, which will double its capacity, the raising in February last of over \$273,000.00 to pay for this improvement and for the outstanding debts on the property, and the appointment of a hospital pastor whose duty it is to look after the spiritual welfare of those who come within its gates. The improvements now being made on the property will amount to some \$350,000.00, and will bring the total investment to some \$700,000.00. Previous investments if made at the present day prices would amount to almost a million dollars.

The need for the early completion of the addition is most pressing. It is a constant embarrassment to the management to take care of the patients asking for room; at best a number must be refused from day to day.

It is one thing to indulge a measure of justifiable pride that we as a people own and maintain this house of Christian healing and offers its ministrations to suffering humanity and the anxious loved ones; it is quite another to stop and ask how we may help to keep up and forward the work which the institution is doing. Several suggestions may be made:

1. If you have made a subscription to the building fund and it is due to be paid, send it at once, for the building and equipment call for large sums of money.

2. This splendid benevolence is a fine place to make permanent investment for the relief of those who suffer and the comfort of the anxious loved ones. A thousand dollars will establish a memorial room, in which numbers will be healed as the years go by; a large sum will pay for a ward or a floor; \$100.00 will furnish a room, and forty dollars will provide a rolling chair, which brings renewed joy to the convalescent getting out for the first time.

3. The work so well done in years past by our good women must not be forgotten in these days when so much of similar

kind is being so worthily bestowed through the Red Cross. The Linen Band of Memphis and the societies in other places have done a splendid work in keeping up the linens of all kinds, so absolutely necessary in a hospital. Now that we are on the eve of going into our enlarged quarters, there will be urgent need of an increased supply of these essentials. We trust that all the societies and bands in all our churches will keep this need in mind and help liberally in supplying it.

It is needless to suggest that Baptists be loyal to their own splendid institution, in patronage, support and co-operation.

The pastoral office for a hospital is something new under the sun. After two months service the pastor can testify that it is a fine field for usefulness. To meet the loved ones who come with anxious hearts to bring a loved one to a strange place, among strange faces is to minister comfort and strength; to speak to God's children of the hope and comfort that is in the heart already, in this trying hour to point the unsaved to the Lord and to rejoice with those getting well, is well worth while. Surely there is no more fruitful field in which to labor than among the 5,500 patients who come each year and the thousands of loved ones who suffer with them.

P. C. Barton
J. R. Hobbs
J. T. Lockhard

16. The following committees were announced:

On Associational Missions—J. R. Hobbs, G. W. Light, J. M. Huddleston.

On W. M. U.—L. R. Burrese, Mrs. W. C. Willcockson, Mr. Gillis.

On Bible and Sunday Schools—J. R. Gregson, J. H. Turner, W. E. Harris.

On Nominations—E. P. Osborn, E. V. Phillips, L. D. Summers, J. G. Harris.

On Resolutions—P. C. Barton, B. H. Parrish, Dr. W. H. Borum.

On Memorial Hospital—P. C. Barton, W. H. Lockhard, J. R. Hobbs.

On Digest of Letters—J. G. Harris, A. E. Chapman, L. R. Ashley.

On Christian Education—T. J. Latimer, J. Winbigler, Mrs. E. P. Minton.

On Orphans Home—G. H. Lewis, J. H. Johnson, Mrs. P. C. Barton.

On State Missions—L. D. Summers, W. R. McEwen, W. C. Willcockson.

On Stewardship—W. R. McEwen, J. W. Seay, T. C. Hunter.

On Home Missions—W. A. Roper, J. M. Tyner, J. H. Fortenberry.

On Temperance—J. H. Turner, G. W. Osborn, T. J. Latimer.

On Foreign Missions—A. A. Weeks, J. R. Hobbs, J. H. Kitchens.

On B. Y. P. U.—J. W. Seay, Troxler, B. C. Gage, Mrs. W. R. McEwen.

On Finance—Pearce, G. R. Garner, J. W. West.

On Religious Literature—M. Culp, L. W. Russell, W. H. Easton.

17. Report on State Missions was read by L. D. Summers. The floor was given to J. S. Compere, Assistant State Missionary Secretary, who made a masterly address on State Missions. The report was also discussed by L. D. Summers and W. R. McEwen.

STATE MISSIONS

With Arkansas Baptists the greatest expression of their missionary faith and zeal is found in State Missions. The object of State Missions is to bring all the affairs of all the people of the entire State under the control of Christ. If Arkansas is to give the best help of which she is capable in winning the war, her people must be brought to faith in Christ. To fail in our support of State Missions is to fail in our support of the boys who are offering their all at the battle front.

This work is carried on by the churches in the State through the Executive Board of the Baptist State Convention. The report of this Board to the Convention last year showed great results, thus: 91 workers, 4,384 conversions, 2,242 baptisms, 3,470 additions, 29 churches and 111 Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U.'s organized, and \$44,800 given for State Missions. It is the best day we have ever seen.

This year the work has been greatly enlarged, the number of workers being 189. We have four men working full time

at Camp Pike besides some special workers. We are spending thousands of dollars to win our soldier boys to Christ. There have been more than 6,000 professions at Camp Pike.

It will be necessary to raise in the State Mission Campaign not less than \$50,000 if we go to the Convention at Helena with all State Mission obligations paid. Arkansas Baptists are abundantly able to give all of this and more.

Your committee urges:

1. That a careful study of the Board's Catechism be made by all the pastors and churches.

2. We recommend that the following constitute a co-operative Committee for conducting a campaign for State Missions on the plan of last year: L. D. Summers, Blytheville; J. R. Hobbs, Jonesboro; T. J. Latimer, Manila; J. G. Harris, Jonesboro; J. H. Turner, Marked Tree; G. H. Lewis, Osceola; B. L. Bridges, Paragould and W. R. McEwen, Jonesboro.

3. That every church in the Association do its best to raise at least the amount asked of it by the Executive Board; and that each church ask special gifts for the work among the soldiers at Camp Pike. Send all such money to J. S. Rogers, Little Rock, not later than December 1st.

L. D. Summers,
W. R. McEwen,
W. C. Willcockson.

It will be noted that paragraph 2 of above report is an amendment to the report.

18. The Association then adjourned with prayer by E. P. Minton.

TUESDAY NIGHT

19. The Association re-assembled at 7:30 and a devotional service was conducted by J. N. Varnell.

20. The Annual Sermon was preached by J. R. Hobbs, D. D., the text being John 17:20-21.

21. Upon motion it was unanimously carried that Dr. Hobbs be requested to prepare the sermon for publication in the Baptist Advance.

22. After Announcements, the Association adjourned with prayer by J. W. Seay.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

23. The Association was called to order and J. B. Cash of Black River Association, Mo., conducted a devotional exercise.

24. The following resolution was introduced and adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a great many Baptists, including many ministers and members of their families, suffer from tuberculosis, and

WHEREAS, tuberculosis is more prevalent in the South than in the nation as a whole and is rapidly spreading on account of the war, and

WHEREAS, the people of El Paso, Texas, have donated to the Baptists and have deeded to the Home Mission Board 143 acres of land containing a magnificent administration or headquarters building erected by them at a cost of \$65,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the Southern Baptist Sanatorium intends not only to care for and treat tubercular patients but to conduct a continuous campaign against tuberculosis in the South by teaching people everywhere how to care for tubercular patients, how to cure tuberculosis at home and how to prevent it from spreading, and

WHEREAS, many poor tubercular people are now seeking admission to this blessed institution, which cannot receive them until another building can be erected and equipment secured for which purposes there are not now sufficient funds, Therefore,

RESOLVED, that this association give its hearty endorsement to the Southern Baptist Sanatorium; That we request our pastors and missionaries to solicit funds and take public offerings for it; our churches, Sunday Schools, Ladies', Young Peoples' and children's organizations to contribute to its work, and that a collection of cash and pledges be now taken and forwarded immediately to Superintendent H. F. Vermillion, El Paso, Texas.

Signed by W. R. McEwen.

25. At this time, Eld. G. R. Tyler was called upon and he responded with a short, but very interesting talk.

26. J. R. Hobbs read the Report on Associational Missions; J. G. Harris read the report of E. P. Osborn, secretary of

Executive Board for Mt. Zion Association; P. C. Barton read the report of Treasurer of the Mission Board. These were spoken to by J. G. Harris, T. J. Latimer, J. H. Turner, Dr. W. H. Borum, C. R. French, L. D. Summers, L. R. Ashley and P. C. Barton.

Report on Associational Missions,
To Mt. Zion Baptist Association,

Your Committee on Associational Missions begs leave to report as follows:

The work done by the Mt. Zion Board of Missions through its efficient corps of workers during the year just ended is thoroughly reassuring. When a year ago the work was laid out on basis requiring expenditures aggregating something near the six thousand dollar mark there were some misgivings felt there was fear that the board was over-reaching both its ability and its responsibility. Today no such fears or misgivings are entertained and the universal feeling is that the work was enlarged wisely and should be enlarged further for the coming year.

During the year nine workers have been in the employ of the board for a part or the whole of the time. Our most efficient General Missionary J. G. Harris has been assisted in the work by five Missionary Pastors, one evangelistic singer and wife and the missionary in Mississippi County. In every instance the work of these men has proved in the end satisfactory and of high type. When the year was half gone H. J. McCool our missionary residing at Wynne resigned to take up Y. M. C. A. work and lately our missionary residing at Grubbs, W. C. Mitchell has resigned to become pastor at Newport, Ark.

The missionaries report 382 conversions, 194 baptisms and 346 additions during the year. Meeting houses have been built at Leachville and Parkin and debts raised and paid off on three others, and the debt on still another was raised in part. They have raised for all purposes on the field \$9,548.34. This amount does not include the salaries paid the missionaries by churches which they have served as pastors but does include all amounts raised for church building repairs and for Associational missions through the meetings held by the missionaries. It may be said also that it does not include amounts given to associational missions by churches which have not had the services of the missionaries in meetings or otherwise. This work has cost the board \$6,362.72.

Your committee would make the following recommendation regarding the work for another year:

First, that the board be instructed to enlarge the work if such a measure seems at all feasible after careful consideration of all features of the work on the part of the board.

Second, that the present policy, of the board, of locating missionaries at pivotal or strategic points with a view to having the missionary labor in a certain prescribed field be fully commended by the association and that we recommend that this policy be continued and efforts made by the board to perfect it in detail.

Third, that the board be instructed to locate those missionaries, doing general work, on destitute fields as far as may be practicable.

Fourth, that the board be instructed to require missionaries to devote all time possible to personal visitation in homes especially in destitute places where no such privileges are enjoyed by the people.

Fifth, that the board be instructed to prepare a report blank for use of missionaries in making their reports to the board which will enable each missionary to show just how each day in the month was spent and that missionaries be required to make this showing and also to contain a statement of finances.

Sixth, that the board be asked to consider the advisability of placing a missionary in Crittenden County with headquarters at Marion

Seventh, that the association take steps to incorporate under the state laws with a view to being able to own property and transact business as is possible to all corporations under the laws of this state.

Respectfully submitted,
J. R. Hobbs, Chmn.
J. M. Huddleston,
G. W. Light.

ANNUAL REPORT OF MT. ZION MISSION BOARD

The Mt. Zion Mission Board submits its annual report in this, the 66th Annual Session of the Mt. Zion Association of Baptists.

The work of the year 1917-18 has been gratifying in many respects, especially is this true in the building of houses of worship, and paying debts on houses already in mission points. We also show marked progress in evangelistic work.

Great drainage contracts—more than \$3,000,000—have been projected in the territory of our association in the past four or five years, opening up for cultivation thousands of acres of land. Others are to be made as soon as war conditions will permit. Thousands of people are coming into this territory and developing it. Land two, three and four years ago, under water, is now producing as high as \$200 per acre in one single year. Our growth in population far exceeds any other section of this State, and our material wealth is almost beyond our conception. Our destitution is appalling.

In Mississippi County with a population of at least 50,000 people—mostly white—we have only four active Baptist pastors. In Crittenden County with a population of 30,000 or more we have only one active Baptist pastor. In Poinsett County only two active Baptist pastors. While in Jackson County and other sections it is equally as bad, if not worse. We feel that these conditions should be brought to the attention of this association for their prayerful consideration.

This report shows that your board has expended \$6,362.72 in the payment of Missionaries and Missionary Pastors' salaries, and for equipment—every dollar we felt we possibly could with our present income. With the enlargement of our work this past year, and the good report we are submitting, it is with sad hearts we say to you, there are places, many of them, entirely destitute which we have not been able to reach at all. We suggest that we read again the Great Commission of our Lord, Matt. 28:19, and Ezekiel 3:17-18.

As we submit this report we are made to feel deeply grateful for the manifold mercies of our God and Father to the work and workers throughout the year, and for the degree of success we have attained.

The following is a brief summary of our work as shown by the reports of our missionaries:

J. G. Harris, General Missionary: Days of labor, 365; miles traveled 5,500; sermons preached 203; other ad-

addresses, 24; total 227; conversions 106; additions by baptism, 71; by letter and restoration, 41; total, 113; money raised on the field—missions, \$1,004.26; church buildings and debts on church buildings, \$2,356.00; incidentals, \$95.00—total \$3,455.26.

T. J. Latimer, Manila, Ark.: Days of labor, 365; miles traveled, 3,374; sermons preached 176; other addresses, 12—total 188; conversions, 51; additions by baptism, 39; additions by letter, 33—total 72;; money raised for State Missions, \$525; Associational Missions, \$223.19; Home and Foreign Missions, \$37.00; church buildings and repairs, \$881.09; incidentals, \$176.74; total, \$1,843.78. Salary paid by churches, \$626.36; paid by board, \$437.40.

H. J. McCool, Wynne, Ark.: Days of labor, 212; miles traveled, 1,491; sermons preached, 53; other addresses, 23—total 77; conversions, 1; additions by letter, 4; money raised for Missionary purposes, \$177.02; for Orphans' Home, \$20.00; for church buildings, \$1,059.00; on parsonage debt at Wynne, \$400.50—total, \$1,756.52. Salary paid by the churches, \$297.97; paid by board, \$385.36.

W. C. Mitchell, Grubbs, Ark.: Days of labor, 239; miles traveled, 295; sermons preached 97; other addresses, 3—total, 100; conversions, 13; additions by baptism, 3; by letter, 4—total 7; money raised for missionary purposes, \$97.70. Salary paid by the church, \$154.75; paid by board, \$467.13.

M. Culp, Harrisburg, Ark.: Days of labor, 75; miles traveled, 220; sermons preached, 26; other addresses, 12—total, 38; conversions, 5; additions by baptism, 2; money raised for missionary purposes, \$137.32; Orphans' Home, \$16.00—total, \$153.32. Salary paid by the church, \$250; paid by board, \$75.

J. H. Turner, Marked Tree, Ark.: Days of labor, 365; miles traveled, 906; sermons preached, 145; other addresses, 18—total, 163; conversions, 53; additions by baptism, 15; by letter, 20—total, 35; money raised—State Missions, \$450.50; Associational Missions, \$65.00; Home and Foreign Missions, \$70.50; Church buildings, \$604.00; incidentals, \$182.59; total, \$1,372.89. Salary paid by churches, \$180.00; paid by board, \$300.

A. E. Chapman, Blytheville, Ark.: Days of labor, 334; miles traveled, 1,087; sermons preached, 200; other addresses, 12—total, 212; conversions, 138; additions by

baptism, 58; by letter and restoration, 56; total, 114; one church organized; 3 Sunday schools organized; money raised for Missionary purposes, \$371.00; for church buildings, \$650—total, \$1,051.00; salary paid by board, \$850.00.

J. W. Seay, Shady Grove Church: Days of labor, 40; miles traveled, 250; sermons preached, 40; other addresses, 36—total, 76; conversions, 15; baptisms, 18; salary paid by church, \$75.00; paid by board, \$60.00; money raised—for State Missions, \$12.00; for Home Missions, \$5.00; for Foreign Missions, \$5.00; for Orphans' Home, \$6.00.

Edgar Booker and wife, evangelistic singers: This board employed Bro. Edgar Booker and wife as evangelistic singers the past year. They have worked five months, and their work has proven one of the most popular and useful of all our missionary force. They have traveled some 2,000 miles, assisted in meetings in song and otherwise, and in these meetings, in which they assisted, there have been about 150 professions of faith, and about 100 additions to the churches. We should more and more lead out our young people to the dedication of their lives for special service to our Master. Bro. Booker is now planning to preach the gospel, and is hoping and praying the way may be opened for him to attend the Seminary for at least four months the present session.

RECAPITULATION.

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| Number of workers employed by board | 9 |
| Days of labor | 2,405 |
| Miles traveled | 15,118 |
| Sermons preached | 1,005 |
| Conversions | 367 |
| Additions by baptism | 176 |
| Additions by letter or restoration | 152 |
| Total additions | 328 |
| Missionary offerings and benevolent purposes \$ | 3,597.75 |
| Church buildings, repairs and debts | 5,950.59 |
| Total money raised | \$ 9,548.34 |

We gratefully acknowledge an appropriation of \$2,500 from State Mission Board for our work this year.

E. P. MINTON, Pres.

E. P. OSBORN, Sec.

Jonesboro, Ark., Oct. 8th, 1918

To the Sixty-Sixth Annual Session of the Mount Zion Association when convened in the First Baptist Church at Walcott, Ark., Oct. 8th, 1918.

As Treasurer of your Mission Board I beg to submit the following report:

RECEIPTS

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| Borrowed of Bank of Jonesboro | \$4143.00 |
| J. G. Harris, Collections on Field | 404.26 |
| State Mission Board | 1138.90 |
| Wynne Church | 75.00 |
| Walnut Street Church (by J. T. Latimer) | 13.10 |
| T. J. Latimer Collections | 10.34 |
| Kiser Church (by T. J. Latimer) | 9.50 |
| A. E. Chapman Collections | 38.00 |
| Mt. Zion Church (W. L. Holmes) | 15.00 |
| | <u>\$5847.10</u> |

DISBURSEMENTS

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| Revenue Stamps | \$.56 |
| Bank of Luxora | 200.00 |
| Bank of Manila | 205.33 |
| J. G. Harris Salary & Expense | 1554.05 |
| M. Culp | 75.00 |
| W. C. Mitchell | 396.80 |
| Edgar Booker | 400.00 |
| J. H. Turner | 275.00 |
| H. J. McCool | 385.36 |
| E. A. Chapman | 705.00 |
| T. J. Latimer | 341.60 |
| B. H. Parrish | 23.25 |
| Riley Printing Co. 102.00 Exp Minutes | 125.25 |
| Bank of Jonesboro demand note 5-29-18 | 143.00 |
| Miss Mildred Matthews | 45.00 |
| Barton Lbr. & Brick Co. 21.35 | |
| Jonesboro Hardware Co. 14.35 | |
| Jonesboro Machine Co. 59.45 | |
| City Garage <u>24.00</u> Auto Exp. | 119.15 |
| Z. T. Matthews & Son | 23.25 |
| J. R. Hobbs Exp. to Atlantic, Ga. | 38.00 |
| Riley Printing Co. | 18.60 |
| E. P. Osborn Sec'y | 2.50 |
| Balance on Hand | <u>\$ 5053.45</u> |
| | <u>\$ 793.65</u> |

P. C. Barton Treas.-Board.

The time for noon adjournment having arrived, the Association adjourned upon motion, the Report on Associational Missions to be taken up for further discussion in the afternoon session.

28. The Association then adjourned with prayer by J. Windbigler.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

29. The Association re-convened and after singing "How Firm a Foundation" was led in prayer by Rev. Cross.

30. The Report on Associational Missions was called up, and after further discussion by P. C. Barton, adopted as given on a previous page.

31. The Report on Nominations was made by L. D. Summers, and some amendments were adopted as follows:

Report on Nominations.

We, your Committee on Nominations, respectfully submit the following report:

1. That the next session of this body be held with Vanndale Baptist Church, Vanndale, Ark., on Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1919, at 10:00 a. m.

2. That W. R. McEwen preach the Annual Sermon; G. H. Lewis alternate.

3. That J. H. Turner represent this Association at the Southern Baptist Convention in 1919.

4. That L. D. Summers serve as member of the State Mission Board of Mt. Zion Association:

5. That the following brethren constitute the Mission Board of Mt. Zion Association:

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| P. C. Barton, | L. R. Burress, | G. W. Puryear, |
| J. R. Gregson, | T. B. Kitchen, | A. A. Weeks, |
| L. R. Ashley, | J. R. Hobbs, | Alber Horner, |
| E. P. Osborn, | G. H. Lewis, | B. H. Parrish, |
| J. M. Landrum, | J. W. Seay, | J. H. Turner, |
| E. V. Phillips, | E. P. Minton, | B. L. Bridges, |
| G. B. Blackwood, | M. Culp, | W. H. Borum, |
| W. C. Pearce, | D. R. Garner, | P. S. Osborn, |
| W. A. Roper, | L. D. Summers, | |

J. G. HARRIS,
L. D. SUMMERS,
E. V. PHILLIPS,

Committee.

32. The Report of Committee on Christian Education

was made by T. J. Latimer. This report was discussed by T. J. Latimer, L. R. Ashley, J. R. Hobbs, J. Winbigler, and adopted.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Arkansas Baptist are maintaining two denominational educational institutions, viz: Ouachita College at Arkadelphia, for boys and girls, and Central College at Conway, for girls.

We also have two mountain schools. One of these is at Maynard, and the other at Mountain Home.

Through these institutions we are endeavoring to train the denominational constituency for efficient service in the Kingdom of Our Lord. There can be no longer any question as to the worthiness of denominational schools in an aggressive denominational program.

The history of the progress of our denomination is closely related to the history of our denominational schools. If this has been true in the past, and it is true, it will be even more so in the future.

We are in the age of education, and the denomination that educates the boys and girls of the land, will stand at the front among the forces that make for religious progress among the people.

The committee gives expression to its conviction that any one of our denominational schools seeking our support as a religious body, should give place in its course of study to our distinctive doctrinal views.

If we are to make our schools efficient, we must stand by them in a financial way. Our State schools receive large appropriations from the State Treasury. What this does for these schools our voluntary contributions must do for our denominational schools.

Last year, in the face of this great war, Ouachita had a large number of boys and girls, and this year many more than last. Ouachita is that great Spiritual light of the State, and is doing much for the Baptists of this State. We must not forget that many of these boys are young preachers, and that many of the girls will be leaders in the churches.

Central is for girls only, and last year was full, this year more than full.

Your committee knows that Ouachita and Central are doing great work and are much needed, but they are a

long way from us. In the face of this fact we would recommend that this Association make a start to put on foot again Woodland College at Jonesboro, or to open an Academy somewhere in the Association. We feel that, if we do not do this, some other school will come upon the field, and do that which we should do.

T. J. LATIMER,
J. W. WINBIGLER,
MRS. E. P. MINTON.

33. Some question as to the regularity of the organization of Halk's Chapel Church having arisen, upon statement of W. A. Roper, a vote was taken and the church was enrolled into full membership in the Association.

34. The Report on Home Missions was made and spoken to by W. A. Roper and adopted.

HOME MISSIONS.

The blessings of the Lord upon us and the success that has attended our work during the past year calls for devout thanksgiving and gratitude to our God.

The response of our brethren to the needs of the work has been most liberal and gratifying. The results upon the field have been greater than the most sanguine of us could have hoped for.

Fifteen years ago the receipts to our board were \$125,000. This year just closed we received \$583,996, an increase of 450 per cent. Fifteen years ago we reported 7,500 baptisms, this year we report 31,000, an increase of more than 400 per cent.

Our board has its work departmentized as follows: Co-operative Missions with the various state boards, Enlistment, Church extension, Mountain schools, Cuba and Panama, Publicity, Foreigners, Indians, and Negroes. The work in each of these departments has made very gratifying success this year.

The board had in its employ during the year 1498 workers who report work done as follows, weeks of

labor 48,756, churches and stations supplied 5,106, sermons and addresses 148,298, religious visits 302,420, pastoral fields developed 92, associational campaigns 28, baptisms 30,982, received by letter and otherwise 20,567, total additions 51,949, volunteers for ministry and missions 1,095, churches constituted 213, houses of worship built and improved 505, Sunday schools organized 634, Bible conferences held 2,182, Bibles and testaments distributed 50,380.

In the State of Arkansas the Home Board spent in the co-operative work \$18,000 helping to support 91 missionaries, 21 churches, preaching 12,608 sermons, making 4,720 religious visits, baptizing 2,242 persons, receiving by letter 1,228, constituting 29 churches, building and improving 27 houses of worship, organizing 56 Sunday schools, and distributing 2,430 Bibles and testaments.

Mission day in the Sunday schools is proving to be of great educational and inspirational value and is telling also in its financial help. We most earnestly urge upon each school in our association to carry out the program and make an offering on each of these days.

In 1917 Arkansas gave to home missions \$16,201, in 1918, \$24,973, an increase of \$8,772. At the last meeting of our association the churches reported a total to home missions of \$740.28 for the year then closed.

The convention at Hot Springs last May recommended that we raise 1,000,000 dollars for home missions during the coming year, if that task is accomplished Arkansas must give not less than \$40,000 and our association ought to give at least \$1,500.

War conditions make the work of our board more imperative than ever before. Efficiency at home makes for strength abroad. If we are to save the world we must save America first. President Wilson says, "We must make the world safe for democracy" but it is the task of Christianity to make democracy safe for the world.

The cry of the hour is for preparedness. Let us prepare for our world conquest by strengthening our stakes

at home and thus be able to answer the call for men and materials abroad.

W. A. ROPER, Chmn.

J. H. FORTINBERRY,

J. M. TYNER.

35. The report on Religious Literature was made by M. C. Culp, and after discussion by him and L. R. Burrese was adopted as given herewith.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Religious literature is a very broad term and covers more territory than your committee has time and space to cover. Religious literature in a general sense takes in the literature of all religions, and will take the opportunity to say here, that the system of religion that has no literature will make slow progress in this present age.

The power and influence of religious literature are beyond measure. It has often been said that the press moulds public opinion, and that people are largely what their literature make them, and whether this be true or not in an absolute sense, there is no question but what a people are judged largely by their literature, and that religious bodies are largely what their literature make them.

Religious literature may be divided into two general classes, denominational, and un-denominational. Un-denominational literature treats of religious subjects in a general way. It stresses what it terms the fundamentals of religion, and regards all others as non-essentials. It is such literature as this coming into Baptist homes, through the instrumentality of union Sunday schools, and other means that is largely responsible for the sowing of the noxious seed of a false liberalism among our people, which is producing a wonderful harvest of half-breed Baptists. It is the constant dropping that wears away the rock; it is the constant twanging on a single string that makes it appear that all the other strings of the instrument are useless. It is the constant ding dong, on the string of so-called fundamentals in religion, to the exclusion of all other gospel requirements, that is sapping the denominational loyalty among Baptists. And here is a demonstration of the power of religious literature, to disseminate and propagate error, and it is apparent that

many of our Baptist Samsons have had their locks shorn by the modern Delilah of liberalism. Your committee believes that the salvation of the Baptists depends largely on the character and loyalty of their literature.

Baptist literature is published in the interest of the Baptist denomination, and its special mission is, or should be to propagate and defend the faith of Baptist, and to depart from that would be a betrayal of all that Baptists hold dear. Your committee recommends that the churches of this association use great care and diligence in the selection of only such literature for their Sunday schools, and to be read in their homes as stand unflinchingly for the faith of the Baptist fathers, and for which many of them gave their lives.

We urge that a strong effort be made to place the Baptist Advance in every Baptist home within the bounds of this association.

M. CULP,
L. W. RUSSELL,
W. H. EASTIN.

36. The Report on Woman's Work was represented at this time. The report was spoken to by L. R. Burress, Miss Elsie Harrison, and J. H. Johnson and adopted, the last paragraph being an amendment to the report as first read.

WOMAN'S WORK.

On the sixth day of creation God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." Out of the dust of the ground God made man and gave him dominion over all things "wherein is life."

God being moved by Man's loneliness made for him a help mate of man's own flesh. Of this help mate Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Wo-man, because she was taken out of man." Woman was an expression of God's sympathy and love for man. Adam expressed the highest appreciation for this gift of God's goodness, saying: "Therefore, shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife, and they shall be one flesh."

Adam had occasion to verify his words for she whom he had named by prefixing WO to MAN was beguiled by the evil one, and being deceived, "She plucked, she ate

the forbidden fruit." "All nature felt the WO and sighed."

Adam accounted unto his God his disobedience saying: "The woman whom Thou gavest to be with me, she gave me and I did eat." Adam forsook God, his father, to cleave with his wife Eve.

Though woman was first in the transgression, she was made the Repository of the promised Redeemer, who should bruise the serpent's head."

"In the fullness of time God sent forth His son, made of a woman, made under the law who was the "first born son of Mary," called Jesus. Throughout the sacred story of God's revelation to men in this Jesus shown to be woman's truest sympathizer and most helpful friend. No other teaching has blessed woman as has the Gospel. Without it slavery marks her life. With it comes joy, and happiness and freedom to walk with man as his "help-mate."

Holy women have been no idlers in the vineyard of their Lord. From the deliverance of Israel across the Red Sea where Miriam led in the first recorded song of praise to God, to the Elect Lady and her children, who were found walking in the truth as mentioned by the beloved John in his congratulations to her.

These "hand-maidens of the Lord were mindful and careful to keep "the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit," which is the supernal grace of the true womanly character.

Such modesty will not even suggest that woman shirk domestic duties, or evade Paul's teachings outlining a general rule directing "that the younger woman marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully." God, who setteth the solitary in families "hath said that marriage is honorable in all, and that children are an heritage of the Lord and happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them." "They are like arrows in the hand of a mighty man" and will be a protection in the advance age of their parents.

The true womanly wife will reverence her husband, who is commanded to love his wife, "even as Christ also loved the Church and gave himself for it." From the home

of such a union there doubtless will go forth other Samuels and Timothys, yea, an innumerable host of sons and daughters who will gladden the world by faithful and intelligent service. "Around the fire side Empires are formed." "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world."

Woman being both Queen and Priestess in this wide circle of illumination where offerings are sacrificed and which radiates lights of civilization and of godliness, should allow nothing to defeat the God ordained purposes of HOME. Home is the chief cornerstone of any enlightened nation.

But this is not intended to teach that the home shall be a place of confinement in which woman is to spend her strength.

The fields of usefulness are ever widening and multiplying as the world progresses under man's dominion over creation.

Mention is made of the City mission field, personal visitation from house to house in country and in town holding Children's meetings, prayer meetings, writing and distributing religious tracts, teaching in Sunday Schools, leading in social life to allow no temptations to evil, but to influence upward.

In the service of Him who promised that "the seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head," Woman will find her highest comfort, her truest life, and most steadfast friend.

The Southern Baptist Convention being fostered by equal franchise by Baptist men and women, where "beaver and bonnet" sit side by side, shall not greater Kingdom service be rendered?

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever thing are of good report, if there be any virtue, think on these things." "And help those women which labored with me in the gospel."

Recognizing the Woman's Missionary Union as a great agency for disseminating missionary information and stimulating the grace of giving among the women and young people, and in view of the fact that Mt. Zion Association, composed of 70 churches, has only 23 Woman's

Societies, one Young Womans' and TWO Girls' Auxiliaries, TWO Royal Ambassador Chapters, and TWELVE Sunbeam Bands, and whereas there is provided no funds to pay for the extension of this work among the women and young people,

WE RECOMMEND, That the Associational Board place W. M. U. work on their budget for the coming year and provide for the expense of the Associational Superintendent whose duty it shall be to get these organizations in each church in the Association.

L. R. BURRESS,
MRS. E. P. MINTON,
MRS. H. C. GILLIS.

37. The Report on Temperance was read by the clerk, and after discussion by P. C. Barton and T. C. Hunter was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The cause of temperance has never been so blessed, and the prospect of ridding the Nation of the whiskey demon has never been so bright as now. Things that were absolutely incredible four years ago, have now come to pass, and mention of a few of the most striking incidents might be of the greatest interest, at the present time.

Twenty-six of the States of the Union have already adopted State-Wide prohibition; all of the States south of the Mason and Dixon line have gone dry, with the exception of Louisiana and Missouri; and it is almost certain that these States will be dry within the next four months. This war, with all its horrors, may do the world more good than harm, by driving alcohol from the United States.

Congress recently passed the law, as a war measure, stopping the manufacture of beer, on the 1st of next December; and the sale of all intoxicating liquors on the 1st of next July. This law is to remain in force until the great American Army, now in France, has been disbanded. As a result, the great manufacturers all over the United States are discontinuing business; they are going to enter legitimate work, and, when the war closes, they will have no disposition to re-enter this awful business, if they can; but, we are realizing also that they never can again enter the whiskey business.

Last December, Congress submitted to the States an amendment to the Federal constitution, forever prohibiting the manufacture, sale and importation of whiskey into the United States for beverage purposes. This amendment has already been adopted by the States Arizona, Delaware, Georgie, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Montana, North Dakota, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas and Virginia, and Mr. Bryan tells us that by next July the thirty-six States necessary to the ratification of that amendment will have adopted it and that the Nation will be absolutely dry. The hope and prayer of those who have so long labored and sacrificed that this Nation might be rid of this awful stain is now about to be realized.

In this connection, too much in praise cannot be said of the work of the Anti-Saloon League, which with great skill, tact and power have carried a winning fight into every State and territory of the United States, and, which by its moral pressure has forced Congress into line.

The fight for final victory should be quickened, and, in order that the Anti-Saloon League may be permitted to finish this fight, our people should liberally contribute to this work.

The only danger which now confronts this great moral work is the illicit manufacture and sale of whiskey. Whisky is yet being sold in Arkansas, by "blind-tigers" and "boot-leggers". Every decent citizen should assist in crushing out this traffic; and every christian should exert the full weight of his influence in crushing out this evil. In the coming of apparent victory, we should be earnest, active and vigilant, in order that the victory may be complete and that the work may be thoroughly finished.

J. H. TURNER,
T. J. LATIMER,
G. W. OSBORN.

38. The Association then adjourned to 7:30. Prayer by J. H. Johnson.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

39. The Association re-assembled, was called to order by Moderator French. After singing "He Included Me," M. Culp led in prayer.

40. The Report on Foreign Missions was read by A. A. Weeks and after being spoken to by A. A. Weeks, P. C. Barton, E. P. Minton, with amendment, was adopted as given.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In looking over the past years of our Foreign Mission work we find that there has been three great problems for consideration and prayer and it is interesting to note how our gracious God has worked out these problems and answered our prayers.

The first great problem was the place of activity. The doors of the Foreign field were closed against us. The Foreign and Heathen Governments were opposed to our Christianity and hence the going of first Missionaries meant for many of them persecution, imprisonment and death. But God heard our outcries and saw our zeal for His gospel and has opened the doors of the world to us.

The next great problem was the problem for workers but our Christian loyalty was shown in obedience to the great commissioner to "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," was shown in the same heroic spirit as that of our young men today to sacrifice their lives in defense of their country, and God has solved that problem for us by giving us men and women to enter the open doors of the foreign fields. Today we have more than 100 volunteers waiting to go if we will but send them.

The third great problem is the present one, The problem of financing God's Kingdom. There is nothing that stimulates the morale of anyone quite as much as success, so let us look at what we have accomplished in our Foreign Mission work. We now have 319 missionaries, 809 native workers, 458 churches with a membership of 47,161 in the seven foreign mission fields where Southern Baptists are at work. There are 115 self-supporting churches. The members contributed last year \$132,371.05 or \$2.80 per capita. There were 6,347 converts baptised, 12,930 students enrolled in our schools and 67,556 patients treated by our 15 medical missionaries.

Let us all have an intelligent understanding of what Foreign Missions represent. We believe in evangelism in our home country and are willing to contribute our money for that purpose, On the foreign field there are thousands who have never heard of Jesus and will die without a Savior because we have not sent someone to tell them the story.

We believe in Christian education and give large gifts for that object. Foreign mission includes Christian education and the deeds are a thousand times greater there than here.

We believe in Christian hospitals and give large gifts to them because of the great good they do, Foreign Mission includes Hospital work and yonder on the Foreign fields where they do not have nurses or doctors or hospitals only as we send them, and the need for them is greater than we can comprehend. Dr. Love says if we did not have a Christian hospital from Boston to California that our facilities for healing would be incomparably better than theirs.

Therefore when we come to support Foreign Missions let us remember that we are giving to evangelism, Christian education, hospital work and to every cause on the foreign field that God calls upon us to support at home.

A. A. WEEKS,
J. R. HOBBS,
J. H. KITCHENS,

Committee.

41. The Report on Orphans' Home was made by G. H. Lewis. The report was spoken to by G. H. Lewis, and J. H. Johnson. A cash collection was then taken which amounted to \$25.56. The report was then adopted.

ORPHANS' HOME.

Our Home for orphaned children at Monticello has been in operation for 22 years. It has been a blessing to hundreds of our fatherless and motherless—approximately one thousand.

This splendid Christian enterprise has a large place, and should have a larger place in the hearts of all people.

It has in its mission the authority of God's word, which is to comfort and care for the fatherless; save them to the

State, but with special purpose to bring them into the Kingdom.

The policy of placing the children into good Christian homes, while it has its problems is proving a marked blessing to our children, and at the same time enabling the home to care for a larger number.

The health of the inmates of the home has been remarkably good during the year. There has not been a case of serious illness.

The drought has blighted our crop prospects, but the home superintendent says there will be sufficient food-stuffs to care for our livestock until another crop is raised.

The Home will need \$7,500 to meet all obligations, and go to the convention out of debt.

We therefore recommend

1. That every church and Sunday school make a regular monthly offering to this institution of mercy.

2. That a liberal cash and pledge collection be taken now for the Home.

G. H. LEWIS,

J. H. JOHNSON,

MRS. P. C. BARTON.

42. W. A. Roper occupied the pulpit, read the 13th Chapter 1st Corinthians, preached, using as a text -----

43. After announcements, the Association was adjourned with prayer by L. W. Russell.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

44. The Association re-assembled and after singing "Blessed Assurance," and "O, How I Love Jesus," L. R. Ashley conducted a devotional exercise.

45. The report on B. Y. P. U. was read by J. W. Seay who also spoke to the report. It was further discussed by M. Culp, S. B. Crist, Miss Elsie Harrison, B. H. Parrish, G. H. Lewis and J. Winbigler. The report was adopted as follows:

B. Y. P. U.

The Baptist Young Peoples' Union is distinctively and primarily a training service of the church. Its aim is to train in church membership—its test is the number of young Christian members it develops. Training is the dominant thing. Our young Christians need training and

our churches must see to it that a suitable place is provided for this drill ground.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That we strive to organize a B. Y. P. U. in every church in the Association.

2. That we observe the Study Course Week, announcement of which will be given in the Baptist Advocate later.

3. That we will push the Junior B. Y. P. U.—ages from 12 to 16—as never before.

4. That we organize an Associational B. Y. P. U., electing a superintendent and four district leaders, in order to thoroughly organize Unions throughout the entire Association.

5. That we request our Pastors to teach a class in the B. Y. P. U. Manual as soon as possible.

J. W. SEAY,
N. TROXLER,
B. C. GAGE,
MRS. W. R. M'EWEN.

46. The Report on Sunday Schools was made and discussed by J. Winbigler. The report was further discussed by J. R. Hobbs, T. J. Latimer, and L. D. Summers, being adopted as read.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The passing years have witnessed a phenomenal growth in this department of the Master's work. Where the Sunday Schools were at once the exception, today they are numerical and well established. The work has constantly grown in number of schools represented, in the numbers enrolled and in the efficiency with which the work is executed. The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is on a firm basis; and is preparing and distributing a great amount of beneficial, uplifting and religious literature for our consumption. And as a business institution, it is progressive, is making money and is able to make handsome donations to the various denominational interests.

Perhaps the most distinctive progress the Sunday Schools have made in the last few years has been their

systematic and concentrated endeavors against the liquor traffic. Without a doubt, these endeavors have greatly advanced the cause of prohibition, and consequently the cause of the Master: for the two causes are identical, inseparable-one and the same. The plan of the Board in presenting each quarter a lesson bearing on the evil, has had a wonderful permeating influence. For a number of years the Sunday Schools have been devoting time, space and study to the problem of the eradication of the pernicious traffic. Hand in hand with the press and the pulpit, they have steadily, silently and surely been marching on. And by creation of public sentiment among the church and Sunday School people of the country, they have undoubtedly hastened the day when the traffic shall be abolished and shall perish from the earth.

For the period of the war, the whiskey business has been interned. And now, as never before, it behooves us to create a stronger public opinion and a more general sentiment against it, and thereby assist in arousing our people and the country so that the industry may never be revived. It is a matter of historical fact that the policies of a country are generally controlled and determined by the public sentiment of the people. Remembering this, we should, all of us, do what we can to influence our constituency, our lawmakers and our great President to see that the period of internment be not only for the period of the war but for all time to come.

As is true with all other institutions that teach, the main work of the Sunday School is and will always remain pre-eminently among the young people. No period of life is psychologically so favorable to the reception of the Great Biblican truths as in the period of childhood and youth. These young people have a wonderful capacity for the discernment of spiritual truths. And the religious safety of the denomination, of the church, of the young and of the country lies in the early indoctrination of the young people into the eternal truths of God's word.

We further recommend that the Sunday School use the Southern Baptist Convention Literature, published at Nashville, Tenn., by the Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

We recommend that our churches be urged to do their

ment to maintain a school throughout the year—or in other words have an evergreen Sunday School.

We beg that our pastors and superintendents stress efficiency in all the work of the Sunday School, viz: thorough preparation, always present, tactful in teaching, and pleasant in manners.

J. WINBIGLER,
W. E. HARRIS,
J. H. TURNER.

47. Upon motion the Resolution introduced by Dr. J. R. Hobbs on the first afternoon of the session was referred to Committee on Resolutions. This was done, and the resolution appears under "Report of Committee on Resolutions."

48. Upon motion of J. R. Hobbs, it was ordered that the clerk have 1,500 copies of the minutes of this session printed and that the distribution be made upon requisition from the pastors and clerks of the various churches. It was further provided that the clerks should be paid \$25.00 for clerical work in getting out and distributing the minutes.

49. At this time, upon motion, the Report on Nominations was recalled, and the name of L. D. Summers was added to the Executive Board of the Association.

50. The following resolution was introduced by J. G. Harris and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this, the Mt. Zion Association of Baptists do incorporate for the transacting of business under the laws of the State of Arkansas, and that the Mt. Zion Mission Board in its collective capacity be the Board of Directors of said Corporation, elected annually,

J. G. HARRIS.

51. The Report on Obituaries was read by E. P. Minton. After being spoken to by L. R. Burress, the Association adjourned for noon hour, the report to be taken up the first thing after re-assembling.

52. The Association then adjourned to 1:30.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

53, The Moderator called the Association to order and after singing, Rev. Cross led in prayer.

54. The Report on Obituaries was again called up, and loving tributes to our beloved dead were made by J. G. Harris, J. Winbigler made a short talk and recited the poem "Will There Be any One at the Beautiful Gate Watching for Me." S. P. Crist, J. R. Hobbs told of the death of George Pickett who was killed in action on the battlefield in France; E. R. French, T. J. Latimer, E. P. Minton, P. C. Barton, J. W. Seay, and Mrs. E. P. Minton.

In connection with this report it was ordered that a page of the Minutes be set apart as a Memorial page, and that the names of any who had fallen in action in our present war be so designated in this list

OBITUARIES.

Your Committee on Obituaries submit the following report.

We are reminded as the years come and go, that death is abroad in the land, and that it is not only the king of terrors, but is a terror to all, both king and peasant.

This is not our abiding place—this is not our continuing city. Since our last meeting, the following brethren and sisters have gone to their reward. See Memorial Page.

E. P. MINTON, Chairman Com.

MEMORIAL PAGE.

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| Ada Adams | New Antioch, Ark. |
| Margaret Staley | New Antioch, Ark. |
| John Johnson | New Antioch, Ark. |
| Pearl Martin | Bardstown, Ark. |
| Myrtle Blanton | Marked Tree, Ark. |
| Leta Barnett | Marked Tree, Ark. |
| Mary Harper | Blytheville, Ark. |
| Roberta Huffman | Blytheville, Ark. |
| Mollie Hall | Blytheville, Ark. |
| G. S. Pruett | Blytheville, Ark. |
| J. H. Smith | Promised Land, Ark. |
| Ida Burnett | Lake City, Ark. |
| Emily Southers | Cardwell, Mo. |
| Mrs. S. T. Hatfield | Manila, Ark. |
| Una Diamond | Harrisburg, Ark. |
| Nettie Thompson | Paragould, Ark. |
| John M. Smith | Stanford, Ark. |
| Polly Ann Eddings | Stanford, Ark. |
| Katie Gainer | Wynne, Ark. |
| Ward Browning | Wynne, Ark. |
| W. H. Proctor | Wynne, Ark. |
| R. H. Mitchell | Wynne, Ark. |
| Roland Tucker | Wynne, Ark. |
| N. R. Wright | Wynne, Ark. |
| Dr. H. V. Tyner | Walcott, Ark. |
| R. L. Collins | Jonesboro, Ark. |
| W. M. Jackson | Jonesboro, Ark. |
| Ella Langford | Jonesboro, Ark. |
| Mrs. J. T. Hammond | Jonesboro, Ark. |
| Mrs. R. H. Langford | Jonesboro, Ark. |
| George Pickett, killed in action in American army in France | Jonesboro, Ark. |
| Mary Davis | Jonesboro, Ark. |
| Mabel Smother | Mt. Zion, Ark. |
| Mamie Borrow | Mt. Zion, Ark. |
| Della Blackwood | Mt. Zion, Ark. |
| Sinnie L. Bowling | Mt. Zion, Ark. |

55. The report on Stewardship was introduced and read by the clerk, the members of the committee being absent. The report was spoken to by P. C. Barton and adopted as given herewith.

STEWARDSHIP.

Stewardship is on a par with other great Bible doctrines, but until recently it has not had the prominence that it deserves. Of late, however, much interest has been awakened, and we are coming to see as never before that all life is on a stewardship basis.

The underlying principle of stewardship is the absolute ownership of God. All that we have been accustomed to call our own belongs to God. We ourselves belong to Him, and are therefore His stewards in the use of the property that He has committed to our use and control. We are to use and administer it all "as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

It is indeed gratifying to note the increased interest in this great Bible doctrine, as manifested in the many sermons that are preached upon the subject, the discussions in our assemblies, and in the books written. Thousands of free books, and other literature in great quantities, have gone out from the offices of our Executive Board in Arkansas.

Assistant Secretary J. S. Compere has given this matter special attention, and his many fine sermons on the subject have aroused much new interest everywhere they have been heard. His sermon ought to be preached in every church in the State.

We recommend:

1. That this subject be placed upon programmes for fifth Sunday meetings, and other assemblies where there is opportunity for free discussion.

2. That each pastor preach to all his people several times in the year on some phase of stewardship, doing all in his power to arouse the people to a sense of their responsibility in the matter.

3. That many classes for the study of stewardship be organized in the churches and Sunday schools, even

during protracted meetings, especially in all Bible schools and institutes.

4. Free books for such study classes, with other free literature, can be had by writing J. S. Compere, 405 Donaghey Building, Little Rock, Ark.

W. R. M'EWEN,
Chairman of Committee.

56. The following report was made by the committee on resolutions which was adopted without discussion:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

1. We recommend the passage of the Resolutions introduced by J. R. Hobbs, which is headed "A Lesson for Baptists."

2. We recommend the adoption of the resolution passed by State Mission Board relative to removal of camp pastors with proper changes as to representation, and that letters to the President of the United States, Secretary of War Newton D. Baker and Third Assistant Secretary of War, Mr. Keppel, be written and that copies of these resolutions be enclosed; also that copies of these resolutions be mailed to the two United States Senators from Arkansas, and to our Representative from this district, Hon. T. H. Caraway, calling their attention to same, asking each to use their influence to set aside the order removing camp pastors.

3. Resolved, That we extend to Wallcott Baptist Church and its pastor, Eld. L. W. Russel, our sincere thanks for the warm reception and generous hospitality in entertaining this 66th Annual Session of Mt. Zion Association.

4. That we express our special appreciation, as well as our most sincere thanks, to the Ladies of Walcott Baptist Church for spreading dinner upon the grounds each day—showing in this manner their conception of rendering most helpful service in expediting the work of the Association, as well as greatly contributing to the pleasure of the occasion.

P. C. BARTON,
B. H. PARRISH.

A LESSON FOR BAPTISTS.

By J. R. HOBBS, D. D

By order of the War Department of the United States

camp pastors are to retire from the camps and cantonments on October 1, 1918. These men have been in the camps preaching and helping our soldier boys at the expense of the denominations they represent. All religious work henceforth is to be done by chaplains, the Y. M. C. A., the Knights of Columbus, the Salvation Army, the Jewish Welfare Board and certain other less important agencies. Officially no evangelical denomination will have the right to do any religious work of any kind among the soldiers. The Y. M. C. A. is non-denominational and proposes to do only such work as relates to the entertainment, the physical and moral welfare of the men. Its religious program cannot be definite in the very nature of the circumstances. It must depend upon men of the different denominations to carry on this religious program. In order not to excite criticism and create embarrassing circumstances those who direct the religious activities of the Y. M. C. A. must steer clear of denominational differences are vital with reference to extremely important doctrines it follows that these doctrines must be neglected. To many the neglect of these fundamental doctrines is fatal in the one thing that is most to be thought of and that is the salvation of the soul. The Y. M. C. A. then doesn't represent the evangelical denominations, nor can it do so.

The Jews are represented by their Welfare Board. The Catholics are represented by the Knights of Columbus. It is not denied that the Knights of Columbus is a Catholic organization. It would be absurd to deny it inasmuch as its membership is composed of men who are Catholics and of none other. Moreover it is regarded as representing the Catholics by the men. It was stated by a Baptist Chaplain on the floor of the last session of the Arkansas Baptist Convention that the Catholics through the Knights of Columbus were doing ten times as much for the soldiers as the Baptists. The Constitution of the United States through its first amendment guarantees religious liberty to all its inhabitants. Such liberty implies the right of every religion or faith to do work among the soldiers for the very simple reason that every religion and faith are represented in the personnel of the army. Now since the evangelical denominations

must withdraw their representatives in the persons of the camp pastors on October 1, 1918, it follows that they will on and after that time have no privilege whatever to do work among the soldiers as denominations. It also follows that in view of the fact that Jews and Catholics through the above-mentioned organizations do still have the privilege of working among the soldiers while these same privileges are denied the evangelicals that the spirit and substance of the first amendment has been contravened and the most precious of all our privileges denied us who are of the evangelicals.

This condition at a time like this makes the situation extremely embarrassing to all evangelicals.

And the Baptists are not the ones least embarrassed. Moreover this condition is not the only source of embarrassment to the Baptists nor to other evangelicals. On the very heels of the announcement of the War Department's order evicting camp pastors comes the announcement that the seven War-Work organizations with the approval of high authorities have pooled their interests and propose to raise a common fund to be divided proportionately among these organizations according to their several needs. David Lawrence writing to the New York Evening Post as quoted in the Literary Digest says, "and while individuals can specify the organizations to which their gifts shall be given, this will not be encouraged, FOR THE FUNDS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE SEVEN ORGANIZATIONS ON A PRO-RATA BASIS, and expenses will likewise be apportioned." (The above in capitals are the writer's.) Thus it appears that we are thrown into an anomalous situation, being under the necessity of supporting the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic organization if we support the Y. M. C. A. and other worthy organizations as all have done and still desire to do. In other words evangelical denominations who are denied the privilege of working among the soldiers themselves, must help those faiths who are not denied these privileges unless they are willing not to help any of the organizations. The embarrassment thus occasioned cannot be described ade-

quately. Evangelicals must suffer plain abridgment of their rights and this by an order that amounts to law. Meanwhile they must support those whose rights are not abridged and this by the law of moral force. It is certainly a predicament and one exceedingly trying to all souls who would at once be loyal to the land they love and to the God they serve.

In the midst of it all the duty of the Baptists is plain. They must support their government. If their government makes orders that appear unfair to them, Baptists will and ought to protest but under no circumstances will the nature or character of their protests be such as to embarrass their government in its fight against the present foe. Baptists have always been patriots. Their Lord taught them patriotism when Roman Governors oppressed and through oppression and every other condition they have been and are patriotic to the core. Consequently they will take no steps that are calculated to embarrass their government in such a time of stress as that upon us even though their government should choose to embarrass them exceedingly in the same time. Baptist will continue their undivided support of the government with all their resources, man-power, wealth and influence, all. As to what they will do in the support of the War-Work organizations as now proposed that must be settled by each individual according to his own conscience.

There is a plain lesson to Baptists is this their great dilemma. Catholics are far-seeing people. They took well to the front always. Usually they are ready for emergencies when they arise. They have proven themselves exceedingly competent to deal with all conditions. If they had no such organization as the Knights of Columbus their status in the army, technically speaking, would be the same today as that of the evangelicals. And strictly speaking from the technical standpoint it is the same today. But having an organization the personnel of which is wholly Catholic and the control of which is equally Catholic they have an instrument to accomplish what they could not otherwise have accomplished.

This instrument was permitted the freedom of the camps because it was supposed to do a work for Catholics similar to that done for others by the Y. M. C. A.,

et al. But being a Catholic organization the Catholics get the credit for the work done by it and they are thus afforded an instrument of propaganda of tremendous effectiveness as we shall see when this war is over.

Now suppose the Baptists had had at the beginning of the war a similar organization. Suppose it had sought entrance to the camps. It could not have been denied the privilege. Then camp pastors would not have been a necessity and if they were deemed so and we had them there for a while and afterwards they were ordered out, Baptists would still have entree into the camps and would still be on an equal footing with the Catholics. If a combined drive for funds became necessary then the Baptist organizations would have shared. Such an organization would be of powerful benefit to the Baptists in time of peace. Baptist churches will not meddle with politics. It is contrary to their principles. They believe so strongly in absolute separation of church and state that they will have no part in anything that looks in that direction. Yet there are times when Baptists should influence politics and political leaders. If there were an organization of Baptists controlled by them their political sentiment could be expressed through that organization without violating any cherished principles. If these facts be true then such an organization is no longer merely desirable but has become a necessity. It should be planned now and brought into existence at the earliest moment possible in order that the future may not find them the victims of an embarrassment such as now we move in.

In view of the facts herein set forth, therefore be it resolved by the Mt. Zion Baptist Association assembled in annual meeting at Walcott, Arkansas, that the Baptist State Convention be memorialized to appoint a commission to consider the advisability or projecting a movement looking to the effecting of some sort of organization that will enable Baptists to protect their rights in and all circumstances more effectively; and that it is the sense of this body that such an organization should have as its fundamental principle that it will seek to procure no right for itself that it does not demand for every other religion or sect in our country and that it be pledged to every righteous endeavor to prevent any sect from enjoying any privilege not permitted all other sects or religions.

We are constrained by the inexorable duties of conscience any privilege not permitted all other sects or religion. science before Almighty God to bring to you the following solemn protest against your recent order denying certain religious denominations the right to send ministers of the gospel and other workers to the army camps to minister to the religious needs of the soldiers:

"First: It is agreeable to our patriotism and consonant with the facts of history to inform you that loyalty to the national government is the fundamental tenet of the Baptist denomination. If you are conversant with the facts of history you probably know that General Washington singled out the Baptists of America for special encomiums of praise, because of the stalwart support of the Revolutionary cause, and you can hardly be unmindful moreover of the very important and honorable part this denomination had in securing the adoption of the first constitutional amendment, which says: 'Congress shall enact no law respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.' There is no doubt in our minds that the said order plainly violates our constitutional rights, for it does, without doubt, prohibited the 'free exercise' of religion.

"In the second place we call your attention to an unfair, unjust and unconstitutional discrimination which the order makes in favor of some and against other denominations. It is a matter of common knowledge that the Roman Catholics, through their distinctive organization known as the Knights of Columbus, and some others, have a free hand in approaching and ministering to the men, even to the erection of buildings on government land, and the teaching of their distinctive doctrines and practicing their distinctive rites and ordinances—a privilege which has been strictly denied to other religious organizations, indeed to practically all evangelical denominations.

"Again, we ask you to remember that this principle of individual liberty has always been recognized in American life, even to the extent of granting the right of prisoners and condemned felons to choose their own spiritual advisors. Just why the men who are giving their lives to their country at this time should be denied the right to have the pastors of their own faith minister unto them is inexplicable to us.

We urge furthermore, that in our judgment this order can not be justified on the grounds of military necessity, for the camp pastors, have as nearly as it is humanly possible, always worked in harmony with and subject to the regulations of the military authorities, and experience has already shown that their presence promotes efficiency and ministers to the morale of the men in the service.

We believe, honored Secretary, that our rights guaranteed by the Constitution are taken from us by this order. We know that our Baptist people, the largest evangelical body in the United States, are loyal to the government and will remain so despite this unwarranted invasion of our constitutional rights, and therefore because of our loyalty, our love for the national honor, our inalienable rights in the premises, our love for the boys, who should have the right to choose their own spiritual advisors, and because of the solemn voice of conscience which cries aloud for a free and untrammelled approach to God, this Executive Board, representing 125,000 white Baptists in Arkansas and almost a half million sympathizers, bring to you our perpetual remonstrance against the enforcement of this discriminatory ruling, and respectfully request that you immediately restore to all denominations those liberties vouchsafed in the Word of God and written into the fundamental law of the nation.

Signed:

JOHN AYERS,
E. P. ALLRIDGE.

57. This closed the work of the Sixty-sixth Annual Session of Mt. Zion Association. Moderator C. R. French extends to the brethren of the Association his sincere thanks for their consideration, and for their co-operation in handling the work of the sessions. The entertainment had been cordial and hospitable. A spirit of true loyalty and devotion prevailed throughout the entire time. The closing prayer was led by J. W. Seay. The body stood adjourned to meet with Vann Dale Baptist church on Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1919.

C. R. FRENCH,
Moderator.
B. H. PARRISH,
Clerk.

REPORT OF W. M. U. AT WALCOTT, ARK.

The Twelfth Annual Session of the W. M. U. of Mt. Zion Association was called to order at 9:30 o'clock a. m., October 9th, 1918, in the School hall, Walcott, Ark., by Mrs. E. P. Minton of Jonesboro, in the absence of the president, Mrs. G. W. L. Brown, she being sick and vice-president Mrs. C. B. Wood.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. J. B. Clark, Jonesboro. After singing, "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult" Mrs. Clark read Galatians 3rd chapter. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Gillis of Black Oak.

The program was adopted as printed.

The minutes of the former meeting were read and adopted.

After motion and second, vote carried to adjourn till 1:30 to hear discussion of Association Mission before the Association.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Meeting called to order by Mrs. E. P. Minton. Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Alice Willcockson of Walcott. Song, "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow." Scripture reading, part of Romans 12th Chapter. Prayer by Mrs. Butler of Keiser.

"Value of W. M. U. Manual Methods" was discussed by Mrs. J. B. Clark, Jonesboro. The importance of using the plans suggested in the Manual was emphasized, as they are the result of mature thought and careful study.

Mrs. Minton then appointed the Recommendations and Nominating committee: Mrs. R. L. Porter, Blytheville, Mrs. Alice Willcockson, Walcott; Mrs. Johnson, Leachville.

Committee on Resolutions; Miss Elsie Harrison, Little Rock; Mrs. Butler, Keiser.

The Presidents message was read by the Secretary, which follows in part:

"There have been twenty-three W. M. S. reporting this year, some once, some twice, some three times; only about ten reporting regularly each quarter. How I wish you could realize more fully how important and essential reports are, and to have them in ON TIME. Progress cannot be marked without them.

"Mt. Zion leads in numbers reporting Personal Service, though without as much system as should be. Some of the personal service reports have been returned bearing only these

words "Red Cross Work." How much more satisfying would it have been to our State leaders to have stated definitely the number of hours spent in work rooms, and number of garments made and knitted.

"No officer should try to direct her people without a Standard of Excellence chart. It is termed the measuring rod. We must have definite aims and a firm determinations to reach them. As yet no society in Mt. Zion has attained the ten pointa.

"We have lost seven newly organized societies this year because there was no one in the field to foster growth. Our State leaders think before the coming year is far on its way there will be a paid secretary in each district, paid by the Associations in their respective districts.

"Our Circulating Library has been a great impetus to mission study classes. Some new books have been added, through the kindness of Dr. J. S. Rogers and by money given your Superintendent by Blytheville at our last annual meeting, which was invested in books for this library. If you have enjoyed a good book, pass it on for this work.

"Our Auxiliary Societies are our allies for the future. None of these societies report through your Superintendent. So far as I can learn, we have twelve Sunbeams, three G. A's., one R. A., and one Y. W. A.

"In summing up the quarterly reports and comparing them with last year I found to my surprise that the gifts were less than last year. I would suggest that each society secure a schedule of offerings and place before the members at each meeting, so that much prayer and planning may be made for each cause as its turn comes."

Financial report for the different objects is as follows:

City Mission, \$2.00; Association Missions, \$105.25; State Missions, \$325.75; Home Missions, \$155.55; Home Missions Boxes, \$2.00; Thank Offering to Home Missions, \$18.25; Church Building and Loan Fund, \$13.50; Foreign Missions, \$197.05; Christmas Offering, \$25.50; Training School Enlargement, \$10.50; Training School Expense, \$10.50; Margaret Fund, \$5.50; Mary Forbes Home, \$.60; Mountain Schools \$20.00; Christian Education, \$104.50; Hospital Work, \$34.50; Cash to Orphans' Home, \$179.00; Boxes to Orphans' Home, \$227.46; Benevolence, \$230.35; Church Expense Fund, \$186.50; Church Building and Furnishings, \$1926.18; Old Ministers' Relief, \$34.70; Total, \$3815.14.

A short paper on "The Bible in W. M. U. Work" was read by Mrs. Butler of Keiser.

Miss Elsie Harrison of Little Rock made a very helpful address on "W. M. U. work as outlined by the S. B. C. applied to Mt. Zion Association." She urged that this outline be followed by Societies.

The Nominating Committee reported, making recommendations as follows:

1. That the scheme of work as outlined by Miss Harrison in her address be adopted.
2. That the president appoint a superintendent in each county represented in this Association.
3. That the Association be asked to pay traveling and other expenses incident to the work of these superintendents.
4. That Mrs. G. W. L. Brown be nominated for president.

The report of the committee was adopted.

The Nominating Committee failing to nominate Vice-President and Secretary and Treasurer, nominations upon the floor were made as follows: Mrs. C. B. Wood, Luxora, Vice-President; Mrs. P. C. Barton, Jonesboro, Secretary and Treasurer. Which by vote were elected.

By motion and second it was voted that the president, Mrs. G. W. L. Brown, appoint standing committees before the meeting of the next Association.

By vote it was decided that the Womans' meeting be held on the first day of the Association instead of the second.

Deaths in our membership were reported as follows: Mrs. B. A. Moore, Lake City; Mrs. Katy Gaynor, Wynne; Mrs. R. H. Langford, Jonesboro; Mrs. S. T. Hatfield, Manila; Mrs. U. A. Diamond, Harrisburg.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

Miss Harrison in a few well chosen words thanked the Walcott and Mt. Zion churches on behalf of the W. M. U. for their generous hospitality.

Mrs. Johnson of Leachville led in the closing prayer.

Committees have been appointed by Mrs. G. W. L. Brown as follows: Program—Mrs. A. A. Weeks, Earle; Mrs. E. P. Minton, Jonesboro; Mrs. B. L. Bridges, Paragould.

Literature—Mrs. L. D. Summers, Blytheville; Mrs. J. M. Landrum, Luxora; Mrs. J. H. Turner, Marked Tree.

Obituary—Mrs. W. A. Roper, Wynne; Mrs. W. R. McEwen, Jonesboro; Mrs. J. H. Johnson, Trumann.

Auxiliary Societies—Mrs. J. B. Clark, Jonesboro; Mrs. W. G. Barrett, Jonesboro; Mrs. S. H. Fore, Jonesboro; Mrs. A. K. Blythe, Marked Tree; Mrs. R. L. Porter, Blytheville.

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| Mrs. P. C. Barton | Secretary and Treasurer |

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| Mrs. T. H. Slaughter | Earle |
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| Mrs. John Hogan | Monette |
| Mrs. T. C. Oliver | Keiser |

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