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ASSOCIATION**

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==HELD AT==

VANDALE, ARKANSAS

OCTOBER 7-9, 1919

Next Session will be held with the First Baptist Church of Jones-
boro, Arkansas, Tuesday, after the first Sunday
in October, at 10 a. m., 1920.

Preacher of Annual Sermon

B. L. BRIDGES

L. R. ASHLEY, Alternate

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- New Bethel—Letter.
- New Hope—L. T. Ginn, A. J. McDaniel, E. K. Calvert.
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PROCEEDINGS

Vandale, Arkansas, October 7, 1919.

The sixty-seventh annual session of the Mount Zion Baptist Association was called to order by the moderator, C. R. French, of Harrisburg, at 10 o'clock a. m., in the meeting house of the Vandale Baptist church.

2. The audience joined heartily in singing "Come Thou Fount," after which W. A. Roper, of Wynn, led prayers.

3. J. C. Swain, pastor of the church at Vandale, in a few pointed remarks bade the visitors welcome to his city. This was answered by the moderator.

4. At this juncture L. D. Summers was appointed to lead the devotions. He read Eph. 2:1-13 and commented upon it. Then he asked that the campaign song, "Millions for the Master," be sung.

5. A motion was carried that all those who knew themselves to be regular messengers should constitute the association so that business might be begun forthwith.

6. The following committees were announced: Digest of Letters, J. G. Harris, J. P. Neal, W. A. Pearce; Order of Business, J. C. Swain, L. Geeham, W. A. Roper, L. D. Summers.

7. Prayer was offered by H. G. Eaton, of Morehouse, Mo.

8. The following officers were elected: Moderator, Dr. W. H. Borum; vice moderator, J. C. Swaim; clerk, L. R. Ashley; treasurer, Berl Smith.

9. These visitors were introduced to the body: H. G. Eaton, J. I. Oxford, J. G. Hood.

10. J. P. Neal was introduced to the association as a new pastor.

11. A motion was carried to pool the reading and discussion of all missions, education and benevolence, which matter was referred to the committee on order of business.

12. "Revive Us Again" was sung.

13. The matter of the college at Jonesboro was presented by G. W. Puryear and discussed by Dr. J. I. Oxford, of Atlanta, who is working on the project for the Home Board—W. A. Roper, P. C. Barton, J. G. Harris and Dr. Austin Crouch.

14. At 12:15 the body was adjourned to meet at 1:30 o'clock. Prayer was led by H. E. Harris.

AFTERNOON SESSION, OCT. 7.

15. The song of opening was sung and A. A. Weeks led prayer.

16. The committee on order of business made report.

17. Just here ensued further discussion of the Jonesboro college by L. D. Summers, W. A. Roper, J. I. Oxford, H. E. Harris, B. L. Bridges and P. C. Barton. A motion was carried that the additional quota of \$300,000 for this college be accepted by Northeast Arkansas.

18. Three petitionary letters for admission into the association were here received and handed to the committee on credentials, from churches at New Bethel, Tyronza and Whitton.

19. Here an opportunity was given for the discussion of religious literature. P. C. Barton, A. A. Weeks and L. R. Burres, spoke.

20. The report on Stewardship was read by J. H. Turner and discussed by J. H. Turner, L. R. Burres, L. Roy Ashley, L. D. Summers.

STEWARDSHIP.

We, your committee, make the following report:

The world is in the greatest crisis ever experienced. As Baptists we are in the greatest crisis of the world's history. The starting point of all denominations outside the Baptist are recorded in uninspired books, but the beginning of Baptists' existence is formed in the Word of God. As long as the world stands Baptist will be in existence and will prove to be true to Bible principles, yet as a whole, we need a larger training in activities, and to realize as never before that we are Stewards under God.

Stewardship is the principle which acts and keeps men right in all their relationship to God and to each other. The true meaning of all life is that it is a stewardship.

A Steward is not an owner; he is one who manages affairs for another. So we are all Stewards, for everything we have God has given it to us, for "By Him were all things created that are in the Heaven and in the earth." If we were to trace the little-deeds of all estate back to their original ownership we would find in the most ancient of all land records in the world this entry: "In the beginning God created the Heaven and the earth." God has never renounced His right to all things which He has created. "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein."

The great duty of a Steward is to make the best possible use of that which has been committed to him, not for himself, but for the owner. But few have had the faith and courage, as well as the consecration, to acknowledge that the principles of stewardship were binding upon them, and as a result we have fallen far behind in our God-given work of evangelizing the world.

There has been, and is today, throughout this land a most tremendous misappropriation and misuse of trust funds. Millions of the Master's money have been squandered and used for selfish purposes. Robbing God is the crying sin of this age. Will a Baptist's God? Yet they are doing it, even in Arkansas. If the Baptist in Arkansas would give God His tenth this year, we would have sufficient funds to pay all local expenses and the entire \$3,200,000, Arkansas' part in the "BAPTISTS' 75 MILLION CAMPAIGN."

Your committee recommends that every pastor in Mount Zion Association preach some red hot sermons on Stewardship.

Signed by your committee,

J. H. TURNER.

21. Prayer at adjournment was offered by L. R. Burres.

NIGHT SESSION, OCT. 7.

22. Moderator called the body to order promptly at 7:30 o'clock, when "Amazing Grace" was sung, and J. P. Neal led devotions, reading Matt. 27:19-23.

24. Miss Leo Findley and Herbert Findley sang "In the Garden."

25. The audience sang "Where He Leads Me," after which Mr. and Mrs. Booker, Mrs. Fore and E. P. Osburn sang a quartette.

26. Dr. Crouch preached, using for a text Rom. 8:28.

27. A song was sung and the meeting dismissed by prayer, led by Dr. Kitchens.

MORNING SESSION, OCT. 8.

28. Moderator Borum called the meeting to order at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. All joined in singing "Amazing Grace."

29. Brethren J. W. Carmack, T. B. Rouse and B. L. Bridges were introduced as new pastors in the association.

30. Devotions were conducted by T. B. Rouse, who used Ps. I, and two songs were sung.

31. Reports were called for and A. A. Weeks read the report on Foreign Missions.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Prepared by Foreign Mission Board.

Any just appreciation of the Foreign Mission Board's work and responsibilities and any effort to provide adequate resources for this work must be based upon a knowledge and just consideration of the extensive fields which the board is cultivating, the conditions on these fields, the variety of work that is being conducted, and the necessities of the work which we have allowed to accumulate through the years.

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist convention is charged with propagating the gospel in Japan, China, Africa, Italy, Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, etc. Such numerous and extensive mission fields put this work out of comparison with anything else we are doing.

On these fields there are vaster numbers of human beings than the human mind can grasp. The population in these lands amounts into the hundreds of millions—some of them white, some black, some yellow, but all of them the object of God's love.

The condition of these millions as compared with the people whom we know adds emphasis to the appeal of the great field and the great numbers. These multitudes, whether in pagan or papal lands, are handicapped by ignorance and superstition, by physical suffering, and above all, by aggravated sin for which they have found no remedy. If there is any pity in the Christian heart, it ought to be provoked by the deplorable conditions under which millions of our fellow beings on these mission fields are spending their lives, while we enjoy the blessings of the gospel and a Christian civilization which it has produced.

But we shall not properly appraise Foreign Missions if we overlook the fact that it includes the evangelization of the lost, the education of the ignorant, the training of the saved, the healing of the sick, the housing of feeble mission churches. Indeed, all that we are doing at home through state mission boards, home mission boards, education boards, orphanages, sanitarium and the rest we are doing through the Foreign Mission Board. No adequate provision can be made for a work so extensive, so varied and comprehensive if we put Foreign Missions on a parity with any single Christian enterprise which we are conducting at home.

There is another fact, and a great fact it is, which must be taken into consideration if we are to meet our obligations to this great work at this time. The war immeasurably enlarged our international Christian duty. The heroic efforts and sacrifices which we made to set the world free from the extraordinary restraints of autocracy create for us a new and larger duty to promote everywhere the internal constraints of the gospel of Christ. The unrestrained freedom of unregenerated human nature inevitably menaces the world. The extraordinary world situation which we have created with our guns lays upon us the most serious responsibility to send the gospel into all nations.

The convention at Atlanta in May recognized the new obligations which this extraordinary world situation laid upon Southern Baptists and authorized the board to undertake reconstruction

work in Europe, to hasten with the gospel into disturbed and endangered Russia, and to set up the banner of Christ in Persia, Syria and in Galilee, from whence the blessings of Christ's life and death have flowed down through centuries to us, and to which we are under peculiar obligations. In the new work thus designated for the Foreign Mission Board its task and its needs have been well-nigh doubled. Let churches and individual givers lay to heart these facts in making future contributions to this work.

It is fitting to say that as poorly as we have supported this great world enterprise, the blessings of Heaven have been upon it. Some of the results of the work last year were 5,635 converts baptized, 41 churches organized, two churches assuming self support; 61,588 patients treated and 129,298 treatments administered.

The world fields are ripe into the harvest, but much of the bending grain will be lost if we do not quickly thrust in the sickle. The world has never seen the universal human mind so expectant, so ready to make great decisions, and, therefore, such need for quick and decisive action by those who would turn that mind to the right things and lead the world by the highway of the cross back to God. Foreign Mission duty was never so important as just now.

The Foreign Mission Board furnishes for free distribution the best tracts and can fill orders for the best books on Foreign Missions. We would, therefore, recommend to our people that they cultivate an acquaintance with the Literature Department of the board and seek to promote among our church membership a better knowledge of the work.

A. A. Weeks,

A. B. Heath.

32. W. A. Roper, of Wynn, read the Home Mission report.

HOME MISSION.

Just one month after the meeting of our association one year ago the armistice was signed, guns were hushed, the roar of battle was over, our boys soon began returning home and taking their places again in the varied walks of life.

Our thoughts were at once turned from war and death to reconstruction and life. Our problems did not become fewer nor less important, but even more and greater. The battle fronts

off a world torn, suffering and needy, opened doors which had before been closed and ushered in a new Macedonian call.

The work of our Home Mission Board constitutes the training ~~camp~~ for the enlistment, equipment and sending forth of our spiritual soldiery into a world conquest for our King.

Quoting from the report at Atlanta, "The supreme task, indeed, of Southern Baptists is the enlightenment, enlistment and ~~co~~operative direction of our forces. Our progress at home and abroad hinges on the measure of our enlistment and training."

The watchword of the war was preparedness. We are in a great world war for Christ and humanity against the hosts of ~~sin~~. Preparedness is no less essential if we shall conquer.

This new day and new call find us unprepared to cope with our religious problems which are more complicated, more urgent and more baffling than we have had for a century.

If we do not build here for Christian civilization our own country will be doomed and the lost world will wait in vain for the evangels of light and salvation.

It behooves us to lay the foundations deep and build thereon wisely. Our country is the hope of the world for protestant Christianity.

Our \$75,000,000 campaign, in which Home Missions is to share so largely, offers an opportunity unequalled heretofore. Let us pray and work for its success that our expectations may be realized, our work done on a more adequate plan, the world given the truth, and our God glorified.

Year after year the Lord has manifested his signal blessings upon and expressed His constant approval of the work done by our board. The past year our baptisms approximated 40,000 and the total additions to our churches, through the agency of our board's workers, reach well into 60,000.

During the year the board has employed 1,706 workers who have put in 83,160 weeks of labor, preached 220,155 sermons, constituted 122 churches, organized 918 Sunday schools, built and improved 454 church houses, distributed 118,783 Bibles and testaments and 11,622,459 pages of tracts.

Under its supervision are 39 mountain schools with 5,065 students, among who are 1,103 ministerial students.

The Home Board is doing a co-operative work among the various state boards, where it is helping to sustain 1,163 workers, through the agency of these workers more than 33,000 were added to our churches during the last year, and much real educational, enlistment and constructive work is being done.

The board has its work departmentized as follows: Co-operative missions, enlistment, evangelism, mountain schools, foreigners, Indians, negroes, church extension, publicity, Cuba, Panama, and during the war a special work among our soldiers.

During the last convention year \$1,007,480 were contributed to the work of the board, of which Arkansas gave \$29,674.59, the greater part of which the board has spent in our own state in co-operative work and in maintaining our three mountain schools.

The board has promised to give quite a large sum to help establish a great Baptist school within our own bounds at Jonesboro.

In view of this great gift and because of the board's enlarged needs and unparalleled opportunities for the future, let us give to it our hearty and prayerful support.

W. A. ROPER,
G. W. RUNYON,
W. P. BRUST.

33. The State Mission report was read by L. D. Summers.

STATE MISSION.

The following facts show something of Arkansas' needs and progress along State Mission lines: White population, 1,320,300. Whites above 10 years of age, 920,445. Whites holding church membership in some denominations, 369,297. Whites over 10 years of age out of church relationship, 551,747. Total out of church membership over 10 years of age, including negroes, 790,176. Our white Baptists number fully 128,000. Churches in state, over 1,600. Fully 400 of these have no houses of worship and 1,000 others, according to the values placed on the houses by the churches themselves, have houses with only an average value of \$500.00 each. There are two county seats without Baptist churches and three without Baptist church buildings.

Two counties have only one Baptist house of worship each. Our membership, by counties, ranges from 14 per thousand of the population in Newton county, up to 283 per thousand in Grant. Many communities are without Baptist preaching or church organizations. Perhaps 300 of our weaker churches are without pastors, or Sunday schools, prayer meetings or other helpful organizations. Then think of the thousands of souls to be reached with the gospel as well as the errors that need to be met in nearly every part of the state.

A thoughtful consideration of these things and the realization of the meaning of the Savior's commission and commands to his churches, and a recalling of his challenge, "If ye love Me, ye will keep My commandments," will certainly give to us all a deep consciousness of the tremendous responsibilities that are ours as His servants and commissioned ambassadors.

More than this, the growth of Baptists in Arkansas, in comparison with other denominations, during the past 25 years, shows that the people of this state are open to the gospel as preached by us to no other "name or order." With the ears and hearts of the people thus opened to us before this awful war; and the Baptist day of opportunity, so enlarged by the war, our greatest day of opportunity is here. We must seize it.

Last year showed the following work done by our State Board: Association missionaries helped, 21; missionaries and other workers employed, 194; sermons and addresses, 15,224; Sunday schools and B. Y. P. U.'s organized, 136; churches organized, 16; conversions in state, 2,254; soldiers making professions, about 10,000; baptisms from mission work, 2,337; total additions from mission work, 3,779; raised for State Missions, \$56,626.45. The work this year is laid out on a basis of more than \$90,000 and more than 125 missionaries have been employed during the present year. This includes association missionaries, district missionaries, enlistment men, Sunday school, B. Y. P. U. and W. M. U. workers. The labors of these workers have been greatly blessed this year.

In the 75 million campaign \$140,000 per year is apportioned for state and association missions, all to be raised by Arkansas Baptists themselves. This amount and more is needed. There is not a county in the state but what needs a strong, religious, hustling sound missionary for full time the year round. In caring for these needs there should be the most hearty and considerate co-operation between the associations and the state convention, so that the work may be the more thoroughly and economically done.

Your committee would recommend that the churches of this association support heartily this great work and that our association Executive Board co-operate in all needed ways in order that all Baptist money expended and men employed may count for the most in the service of our Lord. Doing our best for the 75 million campaign will help solve the financial problems of this work as of all others. For information about the work write

E. P. Alldredge, general secretary, 405 Donaghey building, Little Rock, Ark.

L. D. SUMMERS,

C. D. TURNER.

34. Tri-State Hospital was represented in a report by M. Culp

BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

The seven years' history of this institution have been remarkable. Over 30,000 patients have been admitted, and nearly a million dollars' worth of property accumulated. The institution was founded in 1908 and opened for patients in 1912. In 1914 Mr. A. E. Jennings began to take interest in the work; under his direction in February, 1918, two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars were raised in and about Memphis to pay debts and to build the new wing. This wing was completed in March, 1919, and was at once completely filled.

During the year ending, June 30, 1,000 charity patients were taken care of at a cost of about \$30,000. The hospital is constantly full and patients are being turned away from time to time. There is urgent demand for more room. A third, or east wing, is now being built, which will make a total capacity for the hospital of 300 rooms and 450 beds. There will be seven operating rooms. Work has begun on the new nurses' home just across Monroe street from the hospital. This will accommodate 200 pupils in training for nurses.

Mr. Jennings has agreed to stand for a half million dollars for the hospital, provided Baptists will stand for a like sum out of the 75 million campaign for the same purpose. This proposition has been accepted by the Executive Board of Tennessee.

There is a great opportunity for young women who are turning to Christian service to take training in the school above mentioned for the training of nurses. We would suggest that young women of our association who are inclined to a work of this kind will investigate the opportunities offered here. There should be from 150 to 200 nurses in training in this hospital all the time. Write to Miss Archer, superintendent of nurses, Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., for information.

The Baptists of Mount Zion Association should help to support this institution, by sending their people when in need of

hospital service, also by sending linens to provide for the charity department and by giving of their means for its support.

M. CULP,

T. W. CRAWFORD.

35. J. P. Neal read a report on Christian Education.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The first move of a new-born babe in Christ should be turned to development. And we, as a great people, must take care of our own. Our great schools must be looked after.

Arkansas Baptists have two colleges, one for boys and girls and for girls only, and will soon have another located at Jonesboro; also two mountain schools. Baptist parents should send their children to our denominational schools. There is the only place for them to be taught the things for which the Redeemer died. Our state schools do not and should not teach the Bible. It is our prayer that every dollar needed for Christian education may be laid at the Master's feet. Your committee recommends that each church bring up their part in the support of our schools.

J. P. NEAL,

T. B. KITCHENS,

H. E. HARRIS.

36. Drs. L. E. Barton, Otto Whittington and Reed were

37. The Orphans' Home report was read by B. H. Parrish. Presented to the body.

ORPHANS' HOME.

The Baptists of Arkansas have been conducting this home for the orphans at Monticello for the past 23 years, and it has been a blessing to hundreds of children. The policy of finding orphaned children, caring for them and then placing many of them in good homes is working out well, and we heartily indorse this policy. There are at this time about 60 children in the home and this number can be handled and provided for in comfortable manner.

Proper instruction is provided in literary and vocational lines, and wholesome moral and religious training also provided.

We recommend that usual attention be given to matter of raising funds to support this home.

AUSTIN CROUCH,

B. H. PARRISH,

J. H. KITCHENS.

38. On request of H. G. Eaton, prayer was offered that God's will might be done in the question of the Missouri Baptist alignment.

39. The 75 million dollar campaign song was sung.

40. Report on Associational Missions was read by A. Horner.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

The work done by the Mount Zion Board of Missions is the largest in the history of the association. During the year we have had employed by the board three missionaries for all their time, and also evangelistic Singer Edgar Booker and wife, and during the summer months two missionaries and Evangelistic Singer Herbert Findley. In addition to the workers we have assisted six missionary pastors. The work has cost the association \$9,000. With all this money spent, and with the number of workers at present, we are not keeping up with the material progress of this great territory.

We recommend: 1. That the work be enlarged next year by our board. 2. That the present policy of the board of locating missionary pastors at strategic points, with a view to having the missionary labor in a certain prescribed field, be commended by the association, and that this policy be continued. 3. That the board be instructed to require the missionary to devote all time possible to pastoral visitation in homes, especially in destitute places, where no such privileges are enjoyed by the people.

D. R. GARNER,

ALBERT HORNER,

J. G. HARRIS.

41. As the other reports were not ready, by common consent discussion was begun on those read thus far. Dr. Otto Whittington occupied the remainder of the morning hour. At adjournment prayer was offered that God might impress this message upon all His people. This prayer was led by W. A. Roper.

AFTERNOON SESSION, OCT. 8.

42. Promptly at 1:30 the moderator called the session. "Old Time Religion" was sung.

43. B. L. Bridges read the report on Old Minister's Relief

OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF.

We, your Committee on Old Minister's Relief, submit the following report.

We find no report in last year's minutes concerning old ministers' relief. It appears that this association is at present making no effort in this tremendously important phase of our work. Certainly this is not because there are no objects of a fund of this sort; for this committee has been informed that there are old retired ministers within the range of our association who are in dire need of financial assistance. It is probable, however, that our churches have been co-operating with the State Board in their efforts to raise a fund for this cause.

What Baptists have done all over the south for aged ministers has been pitifully and shamefully little. Our old ministers have labored long and hard and have been a mighty power for good. They have gone with the message of God in season and out of season, until tottering feet have forced them to give up their work. They have been underpaid. They were permitted to lay up in store nothing for life's rainy day. And now with the same cruel thoughtlessness we refuse to come to their rescue with a relief fund.

We recommend that all the churches in our association support heartily the 75 million campaign, for a percentage of this fund will be appropriated to the relief of our old ministers. We recommend further that this association appoint a committee whose duty it shall be to investigate the needs and worthiness of the old ministers who appear to be in a state of need, and lay such claims before our state secretary.

T. B. KITCHENS,

B. L. BRIDGES,

A. E. CHAPMAN.

44. The clerk had a communication from the business men of Greenfield urging aid for Rev. George Slusher, aged 72. Another was handed in for aid for Rev. W. A. Anderson.

45. Upon a motion a freewill offering was made to these two worthy brethren, the sum collected to be equally divided between them. The total collected was \$66.20.

46. Dr. L. E. Barton discussed the 75 million campaign.

47. A number of prayers were offered for the success of the campaign.

48. W. A. Roper discussed the same subject and was followed by Otto Whittington, L. R. Burres, George Slusher, J. I. Oxford, L. D. Summers, B. H. Parrish, Reed, B. L. Bridges and P. C. Barton.

49. The reports were unanimously adopted.

50. E. P. Minton dismissed the body with prayer.

EVENING SESSION, OCT. 8.

51. "Revive Us Again," "Sweet By and By," "Nearer My God to Thee" were sung and L. D. Summers led the prayer.

52. Miss Leo and Herbert Findley sang. They were followed by the quartette composed of Mr. and Mrs. Booker, Mrs. Fore and E. P. Osbourn.

53. A motion was carried that L. D. Summers and Otto Whittington both preach at this session, as preachers used to do. They complied with the wishes of the body.

MORNING SESSION, OCT. 9.

54. The moderator called the body to order and Dr. Oxford led prayer. The reading of the journal was dispensed with.

55. A report was read by Dr. Burress on Woman's Work, which was adopted.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

This Union, as an auxiliary to the Baptist general bodies, has wrought well and has proven a worthy "help mate" in this relationship. For some cause a closer relationship between this union and the general bodies was desired, which desire has at

have a partial consummation. The bright stars of the Woman's Missionary Union have blended with the sunlight of the S. B. C.

Shall the blending of lights bestow increased splendor, or as stars cease their shining in the orb of the mid-day sun. Will the women who have been "helpers in the gospel" commit their interest to others?

Let all say

"At length we yield, and jointly still aspire

To orb our trained forces in firmer ranks, rather than retire."

The times concur to summons opportunists to take advantage of conditions. Wisdom cries to all ranks of the Lord's hosts, as some one said to patriots, "Vigilance in watching opportunity; tact and daring in seizing upon opportunity; force and persistence in crowding opportunity to its utmost of possible achievement—these are the martial virtues which must command success."

May the number be multiplied of whom it is said, "She hath done what she could," while mighty hosts of Enochs shall "walk with God." Then, "the wilderness, and the solitary place, shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose." "For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

Amount contributed by the W. M. U. since last association as reported by Mrs. Burress, \$7,291.38, with more to come in—five yet to report.

L. R. BURRES,
MRS. ALBERT HORNER,
MRS. W. L. BROWN.

W. M. U. Proceedings

Vandale, Ark., Oct. 7, 1919

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 o'clock in the Methodist church at Vandale by Superintendent, Mrs. G. W. L. Brown.

By vote it was decided to follow the printed programs, as far as possible. Mrs. L. D. Summers, of Blytheville, led the devotions after singing Sweet Hour of Prayer, Mrs. E. P. Minton led in prayer. Mrs. Summers read and commented on the fifth chapter of John and the eighth chapter of Romans.

Welcome addresses were delivered by Mrs. Swain and Mrs. Vann. Responses were given by Mrs. Scott, of Leachville, and Mrs. Sloan, of Paragould, Mrs. Summers, of Blytheville, and sister from Bethabara church.

Mrs. Albert Horner, Earle, expressed appreciation of the body

for the generous hospitality of the people of Vandale, and a ringing vote of thanks and the chautauqua salute were given.

Roll call and the reading of letters showed that the following amounts were contributed for all purposes:

Jonesboro, 1st	\$3847.10
Osceola	713.23
Paragould, 1st	257.76
Blytheville, 1st	647.80
Luxora	70.93
Marked Tree	502.51
Harrisburg	167.00
Truman	134.75
Walcott	35.00
Parkin	225.00
Leachville	138.00
Manila	86.94
Vandale	55.00
Crawfordsville	10.00
Nettleton	71.46
Wynne	257.00
Bethabara	54.80
Monette	17.00
Earle	205.20
Total	\$7496.58

Collections amounting to \$4.50 were taken to reimburse chairman of program committee for printing programs.

Report of the literature committee was made by Mrs. L. D. Summers.

Report of the superintendent was as follows:

We come again to review the past year's work and render an account of stewardship; to sum up the services given; the progress gained, trusting we shall not be found wanting when weighed in the balance. Truly this has been a year of the mingling of sunshine and rain. Reports are always inadequate to really reveal the sorrows, tears, time, labor and money expended. During the past year with the upheaval of the times it seemed impossible to keep correct account, for reports have not come in so regularly as in times past. But some glorious letters telling of much progress especially in personal service. Only in God's Book of remembrances will be found correct records. The past year your Superintendent has been unable to be on the field much of the time because of failing health, has missed the warm, close

personal touch, too. After the flu had subsided made three special trips trying to secure superintendents for counties, and wrote several letters but without success. Finally left the work of Mississippi county in the hands of Mrs. Summers and of Cross Co., with Mrs. Hoper to secure helpers from that section thinking when the spring months came could be more on the field myself and secure helpers for the outside counties. Was prevented by serious illness. It was with a heart full of gratitude to God and rejoicing in spirit when Miss Matthews came to the field and at that time also the organization of the 75 Million Campaign. Interest and progress were marked in Mt. Zion from that time on. There has never been anything in our history that has been such an impetus to our women, children and young people as this Millions for the Master's use, not so much in the millions that will come pouring in, but because of the increased information, more prayer-life, more enlisted service, better system and better methods of work used and I would urge more regularity in reporting. We cannot make progress without records, and members lose interest when officers are indifferent to this one essential.

Marks of Progress.

Mt. Zion has seventy churches with twenty-four W. M. S., fifteen Sunbeam Bands, three G. A.'s, one Y. M. S. Three societies have not been heard from either by reports or letters only indirectly, but are doing some work. Blytheville, 1st, church W. M. S. has honor of being the best all round society in Mt. Zion. In reporting regularly and on time, have more system in their work. They contributed to everything on the list and personal service well distributed, as well as always striving to attain points on the Standard of Excellence. This chart should be used by every society. At Marked Tree there has been marked progress in enlistment through the circle plan. This is enlistment month. If you wish to enlist more members, try the circle plan. Earle has also made much progress. Keiser ladies have wrought well on their new church building and deserve much credit. Also one of our rural churches out from Lake City deserves special mention because their meetings are carried on under greater difficulties than in towns because of bad roads, etc. Still with it all have organized a W. M. S. in a nearby church and are fostering growth. How your superintendent has longed to see our town and city W. M. S. do more of this kind of mission work.

The time was ripe for the big 75 Million Campaign in Mt. Zion because of churches better housed and a decided interest by

many W. M. S in Mission study, Bible study and personal service Truly God has led us all the way.

This year your Superintendent's work will pass into other hands. She is truly grateful to the ladies of Mt. Zion for the precious privilege of serving in this capacity and for the courteous and forbearance extended. I only regret not being able to serve you and my Master better for the Work's sake and the encouragement of the workers would leave this bit of admonition. There must be decided cooperation. Thanks to the great 75 Million Campaign which is bringing this about. Take a deep abiding interest in your work. If God's work is worth while give it your best, remembering that each member bears a part of the responsibility. It is just as much your duty to contribute to the general effort toward efficiency and success as any one in the 75 Million Campaign and in every phase of the work of your W. M. S. In every concern there are some who supply the momentum, the power that moves the business along; and some who serve merely as wheels, which the other must keep going. Resolve to be more than a wheel, make up your mind to be some of the power. Do not be content to work merely by directions, to be pushed along. Do some of the pushing yourselves. Do not be satisfied being just one of the rank and file in Kingdom Service. Now a word for the encouragement of personal service. Nor will christian women ever find any perfection of organization, any system of committee work, any more missionary machinery which will take the place of the personal touch, glorified and quickened by the love of Christ.

We are standing on the threshold,
We are at the open door,
We are treading on the borderland,
We have never trod before,
We have left the fields behind us,
O'er which we scattered seed.
We pass into the future,
Which none of us can read,
But we have God's promises,

The works I do shall ye do also, and greater works than these shall ye do. Through the big 75 Millions for the Master's use. There will be greater achievements in the years to come.

Respectfully Submitted,

MRS. G. W. L. BROWN.

The report on obituaries was made as follows:

OBITUARIES.

Strange, indeed, would be the annals of a year that did not receive a visit from the Reaper of Death; so this year has its quota, tho not a large one. We are grateful, indeed, that our Heavenly Father has spared so many of us for the work in His vineyard.

While bereavement always seems unbearable, there is our never-failing Father, if we but look to Him He will bear us up in His everlasting arms. Let us never feel bitter—and after a little while the eyes of Faith discover that our loving Father is holding this cup of trial, and we who now see through this glass darkly shall also come to the place where we shall see as face to face.

Since our last meeting, as far as we were able to obtain the names, the following sisters have gone to their reward:

Mrs. J. C. Howell, Nettleton,
Mrs. Belle Manis, Lake City,
Mrs. Minnie Johnson, Nettleton,
Mrs. Julia Mott, Manila,
Mrs. Monta Watkins, Lake City,
Mrs. Ellen Hunt, Lake City,
Mrs. Mary Harlin, Lake City,
Mrs. Maudie Edwards, Walcott,
Mrs. J. T. Collins, Blytheville,
Mrs. Ovell Timms, Lake City,
Mrs. Josie Stotts, Monette,
Mrs. H. S. Harlington, Marked Tree,
Mrs. Nonnie P. Hughey, Vandale.

To the beloved of all these sisters we extend our love and prayers and words of sympathy. How good to know tho' we mourn it is not without hope.

Respectfully Submitted,

MRS. H. A. ROPER.

Mrs. G. W. L. Brown, retiring superintendent, in a few appropriate words thanked the Union for their friendship and cooperation.

Miss Mildred Matthews in a short talk commended the work of Mrs. Brown as Superintendent. Mrs. Alexander, the newly elected Superintendent thanked the body for the honor conferred and asked for their prayers in her behalf. The Campaign song was now sung after which Mrs. T. E. Slaughter, of Earle, read a paper on the "Need of Prayer Life." The 75 Million Campaign

and the part Mt. Zion Association has in it, was the subject of a talk by Mrs. H. H. Peel, of Jonesboro. Miss Mildred Matthews talked on the "Great Need of the Children's and Young People's Organizations." A paper on "The Value of My Individual Efforts in God's Kingdom" was read.

NIGHT SESSION

Devotional led by Mrs. T. B. Kitchens. Song, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Scripture reading, First Psalm. Prayer.

The County Organizers were asked to stand that all might know them, and a word was spoken by each one of them as to how the 75 Million work was progressing. Mrs. Peel, Craighead, Mrs. Horner, Crittendon, Mrs. Alexander, Mississippi, Mrs. Wilcockson, Greene. Committees were appointed as follows:

Program: Mrs. B. T. Rogers, Mrs. J. E. Slaughter, Mrs. C. R. Layman.

Literature: Mrs. C. B. Woods, Mrs. Mayfield, Mrs. Alice Wilcockson.

Obituary: Mrs. J. C. Swain, Mrs. T. B. Kitchens, Mrs. L. L. Walker.

Auxiliary Societies: Mrs. L. D. Summers, Mrs. B. F. McWorter, Mrs. A. A. Weeks, Mrs. J. Patrick, Mrs. Oscar Wilson.

In the Sweet Bye and Bye was sung and prayer was offered by Mrs. Roper.

The nominating committee was appointed as follows:

Mrs. Summers, Blytheville, Mrs. Minton, Jonesboro, Mrs. Swain, Vandale, Mrs. Horner, Earle, Mrs. Wilcockson, Walcott.

The committee on resolutions was appointed as follows:

Mrs. J. C. McCroy, Mrs. E. E. Alexander and Mrs. H. H. Peel.

A rising vote of thanks was extended our superintendent, who tendered her resignation on account of ill health, for her faithfulness and efficiency in the work.

A splendid paper on "The Problem of the Church" was made by Mrs. J. M. Patrick, of Jonesboro.

A poem "It Can be Done" was read by Miss Mildred Matthews.

Report of the nominating committee was made as follows: Superintendent, Mrs. E. E. Alexander, Vice President, Mrs. Albert Horner, Earle, Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. J. C. McCroy, Marked Tree. By unanimous vote this report was accepted.

The committee on resolutions made a report which was adopted as follows:

Resolved, That we, the ladies of Mt. Zion Association, extend to the ladies of Vandale our thanks for the warm reception and generous hospitality extended us during our visit.

Also that we extend our thanks to the members of the Methodist church for the use of their building.

Be it also, Resolved, That we express to our retiring Superintendent, Mrs. G. W. L. Brown, our heartiest thanks and admiration for her untiring efforts during the past five years and pray God's blessings on her that she may again be restored to health.

Respectfully Submitted,

MRS. J. C. M'CROY,

MRS. E. E. ALEXANDER,

MRS. H. H. PEEL.

"God Be With You" was sung and sentence prayers were said while the Union stood with joined hands.

MRS. G. W. L. BROWN, Supt.

MRS. P. C. BARTON, Sec.

56. The report on B. Y. P. U. was read by J. W. Carmack, who discussed it with Dr. Borum and Dearmond. The report was adopted.

B. Y. P. U.

We consider the Baptist Young Peoples' Union one of the most important phases of our church work.

So far as the committee is able to report, there are only two Baptist Young Peoples' Union in the association, and as a result of our lack of training forces we are destitute of leaders in our churches. The Baptist Young Peoples' Union is a training service of the church and its supreme aim is to train in church membership and to develop our young people.

Our churches need leaders and in order that our young people become leaders they must be trained.

The teaching and training service of the church are of supreme importance and yet in most of our churches we are lacking in this more than in any other phase of the work.

The supreme task of the church is to preach the gospel to all the world, but without trained leaders we will never go forward.

The first thing any nation does in going out to war is to

thoroughly train its soldiers, and we believe that ought to be true with the church.

We recommend and urge that every church have a live Baptist Young Peoples' Union.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. CARMACK,
AUSTIN CROUCH.

57. L. R. Ashley submitted the report on Temperance. It was adopted. Discussion was made upon the subject by L. R. Ashley, M. Culp, Dr. Borum, L. D. Summers, J. H. Turner and D. A. Casen.

TEMPERANCE.

The cause of temperance has more advocates today than ever in the history of the world. There is a great principle underlying this state of affairs: Education has been resorted to, and has won. People used to decry and denounce alcoholic spirits; some good was done, but victory came with the education of the rising generation to the evils of drink. So now there is quite a step between the day of our fathers, when the decanter was on the sideboard and the demijohn in the closet, and this day when to take a dram relegates a man to past age. Even children now know that "wine is a mocker," that it is best to let it alone.

But notwithstanding national prohibition soon to go into effect, the war on demon drink is far from ended. The objective has been attained, but now comes the task of holding fast what is gained and making the most of it. The brazen saloon is ancient history, but its child, the blind tiger, stalks through the land. While you rest upon the laurels of victory a monster prowls to the eaves of your house, tears away and rends your fair sons and daughters, then slinks away into the gloom. In the name of the Master and for the sake of humanity, we must be vigilant.

These suggestions, we hope, will conduce to success. First to cast a ballot for clean officials who pledge eternal, relentless war on this traffic. Next make it our business to help these officers to enforce the laws. Then continue to teach the young people the evils of alcohol.

L. ROY ASHLEY,
EDGAR BOOKER.

58. The Sunday school report was read by the clerk, who also discussed it with Dr. Borum, M. Culp, B. H. Parrish and J. W. Carmack.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

We have just cause to rejoice at the growth of our Sunday schools during the past year. The report shows that Southern Baptists have added 70,000 to their enrollment, while many of our sister denominations have not only failed to make any gain, but have sustained heavy losses. We are glad to be able to report that within the bounds of our association, as far as we have been able to ascertain, our schools have grown both in numbers and efficiency during the past year, though they have not reached the number nor efficiency that we hope they may attain in the near future.

The Seventy-Five Million Drive and What It Means to Our Sunday Schools.

We have reached a new day in all of our denominational affairs, and in no other department of our work will the gains be greater than in the Sunday schools. The Baptists of the south have to put on a program to raise \$75,000,000 in the next five years, and to enlist millions of our unenlisted folks. The Sunday schools are asked to raise of this amount \$2,500,000, and to add one and one-half million to our enrollment. It makes one's heart beat faster to contemplate the results of a great awakening like this. There are many blessings that will come to us through our schools through this campaign. They will be greatly increased in numbers, and the enrollment of all of our schools shall be greatly increased. Since this campaign is to be inspirational and educational, we shall have a better enlightened constituency and consequently a more responsive people. Also, we shall have a great turning to the Lord during these five years, such as we have never seen before, and multitudes of our people shall be converted unto the Lord. Every one of us who names the name of the Lord ought to thank God that we have been permitted to live in this, the greatest day in the history of the world, and to show our appreciation by doing the greatest work of our lives during this five-year period. God grant that this may be our purpose.

Our Aim for the Coming Year.

- a. An evergreen Sunday school in each church.
- b. Every school graded and organized.
- c. A normal diploma, the minimum of training for all officers and teachers.
- d. Adequate buildings and equipments for each school.
- e. That a suitable person be employed as Sunday school secretary, who shall devote his entire time to Sunday school work.

Southern Baptist Literature Recommended.

We note with keenest pleasure the continual improvement in the publications of our Sunday School Board, located at Nashville, Tenn. Our most efficient secretary, Dr. Van Ness, has gathered around him a company of expert helpers, and they are putting into our literature the very best, both as to matter and method. Hence, we do urge all of our Sunday schools to use the series of literature fostered by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist convention.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. GREGSON.

59. The committee reported on nominations. This report was spoken to by E. P. Osbourn, J. H. Turner and J. G. Harris. Adopted.

NOMINATIONS.

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

1. That the next session of this body be held with the First Baptist church of Jonesboro, Ark., on Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1920, at 10 a. m.

2. That B. L. Bridges preach the annual sermon; L. R. Ashley, alternate.

3. That J. H. Turner represent this association at the S. B. C. in 1920.

4. That L. D. Summers serve as a member of the State Mission Board from Mount Zion Association.

5. That the following brethren constitute the Mission Board of Mount Zion Association; P. C. Barton, J. R. Gregson, L. R. Ashley, Gorthan Matthews, E. V. Phillips, G. B. Blackwood, W. A. Pearce, W. A. Roper, T. B. Kitchens, Austin Crouch, B. H. Wilhite, Berl Smith, J. W. Seay, J. W. Carmack, J. P. Neal, D. R. Garner, L. D. Summers, G. W. Puryear, A. A. Weeks, Albert Horner, B. H. Parrish, J. M. Landrum, B. L. Bridges, W. H. Borum, P. S. Osbourn.

E. P. OSBORN.

W. P. BRUST,

J. M. BOWLIN.

60. The Digest of Letters Committee made report, which was talked-upon by J. G. Harris, B. H. Parrish, Dr. Burress and L. D. Summers. Adopted.

61. It was moved and carried that Committee on Credentials be appointed to consider the application of three churches applying for membership in the association. The following brethren were named: L. D. Summers, M. Culp and E. P. Minton.

62. Resolutions were offered by B. H. Parrish and unanimously adopted to the end that "this body discontinue the annual digest of letters and hereafter the church letters be read to the body."

63. Upon recommendation of the Committee on Credentials the following churches were admitted into the association: New Hope at Whitten, Ark.; New Bethel at Profit, Ark., and Tyronza at Tyronza, Ark.

64. Adjourned by prayer by J. G. Harris.

AFTERNOON SESSION, OCT. 9.

65. At 1:25 o'clock the moderator called the house to business.

66. Mr. and Mrs. Booker sang "Nothing Between." Prayer was offered by L. D. Summers.

67. The report of the Mission Board was read by J. G. Harris. It was adopted.

MISSION BOARD.

The Mount Zion Mission Board submits its annual report in this, the 67th annual session of the Mount Zion Association:

The work for the year just closing has been by far the most gratifying year's work in the history of our association.

In the beginning of the year we laid out our work on a basis of \$10,000.00 and asked the State Executive Board to appropriate \$4,000.00 on our budget, an increase of their appropriation of the preceding year of \$1,500.00. This they did and we gratefully acknowledge this gift in our work for winning the lost.

Last year we expended on our work something like \$6,400.00. This year we will have spent \$9,123.00. We have more nearly covered the whole territory of our association, with more or less work, than ever in our history. However, we are in great need of more workers to win the thousands of lost souls and develop the churches in our territory. It is doubtful if we are keeping up with the general progress in other lines. •

Our College Enterprise.

In keeping with the instructions of this association of one year ago with reference to a Baptist school within the territory of our association, we are glad to say that we have made wonderful progress. The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist convention on account of the generous offer of the Jonesboro Chamber of Commerce, agreed to establish a college at Jonesboro, looking to the expenditure of \$500,000.00 in five years on the following terms: Jonesboro and Craighead county are to give the land, consisting of 70 acres, in the south part of the city of Jonesboro, easily worth \$50,000.00, and \$150,000.00. The Home Mission Board will, in co-operation with our forces and the Baptists and friends in Northeast Arkansas, raise another \$150,000.00, and the Home Mission Board has made an appropriation of another \$150,000.00 to the establishing of said college, altogether representing one-half million dollars in five years. All the property is to be deeded to the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist convention, and the college is to be maintained and operated under the auspices of the Home Mission Board. With the wonderful resources we have the rapid growth, both in increase in population and material wealth, we believe that it will be only a matter of a short time until we will have a million dollars invested on that beautiful site, all dedicated to Him, whose we are and whom we serve for the training of our boys and girls for Christian service in this, our day, and for generations yet unborn.

We recommend that all of our forces give whatever time and effort necessary to bring about the successful completion of the campaign for this institution.

We have many houseless churches. We very much need to strengthen our Sunday schools and not leave this work to be done by outsiders, such as International Sunday school secretaries, etc. There are many communities and churches without the gospel message at all that are begging for preachers and Christian workers.

Surely God has in truth set the land before us, a land flowing with milk and honey, hear Him saying, "Go in and possess the land which the Lord sware unto your fathers to give unto you." The Lord God of your fathers make you a thousand times so many more as you are and bless you as He hath promised you."

We give below a synopsis of the work done.

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

RECEIPTS

Balance October 30, 1918 -----	\$1034.73
From State Mission Board -----	3200.00
Borrowed Bank of Jonesboro -----	2065.00
J. G. Harris, Collections -----	220.00
First Church, Jonesboro (225.00 by Harris) -----	824.85
First Church, Wynne, -----	150.00
First Church, Cardwell, Mo. -----	10.00
First Church, Earle -----	4.92
First Church, Paragould -----	200.00
E. P. Osborn -----	25.00
J. H. Turner (Collections) -----	23.50
Edgar Booker (Collections) -----	298.36
J. T. Lattimer (Collections) -----	7.50
H. A. Zimmerman (Collection) -----	92.04
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P. O. Freeman (Collections) -----	42.91
A. E. Chapman (Collections) -----	91.97
Ellery Henson (Collections) -----	24.00
W. H. Berry (Collections) -----	82.20
J. W. Carmack (Collections) -----	25.00
New Antioch Church -----	40.00
Refund Song Books -----	12.50
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DISBURSEMENTS

Bank of Jonesboro -----	\$ 854.61
Paragould Trust Company -----	407.97
J. G. Harris, (Salary and Expense) -----	1806.37
Edgar Booker, (Salary and Expense) -----	1089.32
J. T. Latimer (Salary) -----	104.15
A. E. Chapman, (Salary and Expense) -----	1251.14
J. H. Turner, (Salary) -----	75.00
M. Culp (Salary) -----	290.00
Berl Smith (Salary) -----	110.00
Book Store -----	1.35
Riley Printing Company, (Minutes) -----	157.00
B. H. Parrish (Minutes) -----	25.00
Jonesboro Sun -----	20.50
H. A. Zimmerman, (Salary and Expense) -----	754.55
Sammons Printing Company -----	24.55
P. B. Freeman, Salary -----	360.00
J. E. Green -----	20.00
White House Garage -----	14.60

H. F. Wright, Salary -----	75.00
Song Books -----	12.50
Herbert Findley, Salary and Expense -----	159.31
Ellery Henson, Salary -----	265.00
Miss Leo. Findley, Salary -----	40.00
Wm. H. Berry, Salary and Expense -----	191.59
Jonesboro Hardware Co. -----	16.50
J. W. Carmack, Salary -----	50.00

\$8176.01

Balance October 6th, ----- \$ 278.07

\$8454.08

BERL S. SMITH, Treasurer.

69. B. H. Parrisk submitted the report on Obituaries. This report was talked upon by L. D. Summers, Gooch, J. C. Swain, P. O. Barton and Dr. Borum. It was adopted.

OBITUARIES.

Letters from 25 churches show that during the past year 48 of our brethren and sisters have fallen asleep. Loving and tender memories gathered around their names, and we are left to reverently hope that our loss is their eternal gain. We recommend their godly lives as worthy of emulation and to their immediate families who mourn their loss we tender our deepest sympathy.

Manuel Woods, -----	Luxora, Ark.
Henry Evans, -----	Luxora, Ark.
F. M. Castleberry, -----	Luxora, Ark.
Mrs. H. S. Garland, -----	Marked Tree, Ark.
Mrs. Joseph Stotts, -----	Monette, Ark.
Mrs. J. T. Collins, -----	Blytheville, Ark.
J. T. Miller, -----	Blytheville, Ark.
Mrs. J. V. Oates, -----	Blytheville, Ark.
Dr. Q. O. Tipton, -----	Blytheville, Ark.
Henry Dunkin, -----	Blytheville, Ark.
C. E. James, -----	Blytheville, Ark.
E. E. Anderson, -----	Blytheville, Ark.
Mrs. W. H. Hunter, -----	Jonesboro, Ark.
Finis Futrell, -----	Jonesboro, Ark.
Mrs. A. E. Fortinberry, -----	Jonesboro, Ark.
W. H. Reevis, -----	Jonesboro, Ark.

Miss Willie Longley, -----	Jonesboro, Ark.
Levi Shores, -----	Jonesboro, Ark.
Mrs. Clara Wiggs, -----	Earle, Ark.
John Q. Thomas, -----	Vandale, Ark.
Harriett Frazier, -----	Harrisburg, Ark.
Mrs. Nannie Robinson, -----	Manns Chapel
Nannie Diggs, -----	Mt. Zion
Marlie Thomas, -----	Cache Valley
Hermon Hatfield, -----	Cache Valley
Sallie Foster, -----	Cache Valley
Mrs. Catherine Smith, -----	New Antioch
Mrs. Pearl Willey, -----	New Antioch
Nathan Hartson, -----	Truman, Ark.
N. Watson, -----	Truman, Ark.
D. W. Mitchell, -----	Truman, Ark.
C. T. Hamilton, -----	Bay
Victor Osburn, -----	Bay
J. E. Stevens, -----	Sanford
Nellie Fears, -----	Sanford
Sallie McKinnie, -----	Sanford
Mrs. Anne Weatherly, -----	Paragould, Ark.
Miss Olive Kitchens, -----	Paragould, Ark.
Fed Cobb, -----	Wynne, Ark.
H. E. Lawrence, -----	Wynne, Ark.
R. G. Stewart, -----	Wynne, Ark.
Julia Hewlett, -----	Wynne, Ark.
Balle Brooks, -----	Wynne, Ark.

70. Resolutions were offered by P. C. Barton and B. H. Par-
 ish. They were adopted by the body.

RESOLUTIONS.

We, the Mount Zion Association, desire to express our appre-
 ciation for the magnificent gift of Mr. W. T. Lane, Jr., of fifty
 acres of land, valued at \$20,000, for our college to be located at
 Jonesboro, Arkansas.

P. C. BARTON.

Resolved, That Mt. Zion Association in convention assembled
 hereby extend our sincere thanks to Vandale church and pastor
 and to the Pleasant Hill church for their entertainment of this
 sixty-seventh session of this body.

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt thanks to the people

of the various churches of the town for the important and very helpful part contributed to our entertainment; and to the women for spreading dinner on the grounds, thus greatly aiding and expediting the work of the body.

B. H. PARRISH,

Resolved, That that this association commend and approve of the work done by our missionary, J. G. Harris, in behalf of a Baptist college at Jonesboro, and recommend that our mission board encourage and assist in this work during the coming year.

Be it further Resolved, That we gratefully acknowledge the gift of \$140,000 from our Home Board at Atlanta, Ga., making the college possible; also its assistance in raising another \$150,000 in Mt. Zion Association and Northeast Arkansas by sending to us Dr. J. I. Oxford, and we commend him to our churches and people and request them to cooperate with them to the extent of their ability.

P. C. BARTON.

71. It was moved that the clerk be allowed \$50.00 this year for his work and that he have 1,000 copies of the minutes printed. This was carried.

72. Upon motion thanks were extended to those who had rendered special songs.

73. A motion carried to remove the name of P. C. Barton from the list of board members at his request and insert the name of E. P. Osbourn.

74. The report on literature having been overlooked it was requested that the clerk read same. It was adopted.

LITERATURE.

Your committee on literature would submit the following report.

If we have a healthy body we must eat wholesome food. A failure to do this has caused in many instances a disarrangement of the stomach, and therefore suffering by parties thus indulging. So there are dyspeptics who cannot eat just anything or everything—and there are intellectual dyspeptic people who cannot read everything or any kind of literature, hence the need of reading good literature.

The Bible, first of all and the best of all books—should be read, as literature is a knowledge of books—so first of all we should study the Bible, for it is the lamp of our feet, and the light of our pathway.

If our people would know the Bible as they should, they would not be swept off their feet by those new doctrines, as those new ones spring up over the country such as the Russell-ism, Holy Roller-ism and Adventist-ism, etc.

Every member of every church should be a Bible student, and then every member of every church should take their state paper, denominational paper, they should take, read and pay for same.

Hence, Baptist in our state should take the Baptist Advance first, then any other good Baptist paper, for we have some papers calling themselves good who are detrimental to the advancement of the Kingdom.

The world must have something to read—there are demands for literature now as never before in the history of the world, and ignorance of the Bible leaves avenues open through which they have to serve the world, often the card table, the dance hall. The Bible says "shun every appearance of evil." He that is a friend to the world is an enemy to God.

Love not the world, neither the things of the world, so the card playing, dancing members are friends of the world, and therefore enemies of God.

And those who play cards for prizes, gamble in the sight of God, no more harm to play cards for the money the prize cost, than to play cards for the prize, and the sooner our churches get rid of their card playing, dancing members, the better it will be.

I say these things exist because of the reading of bad literature—A Bible reading people are God serving people.

E. P. MINTON.

75. The work of the sixty-seventh session of Mount Zion Association being over the body adjourned to meet at Jonesboro, Arkansas, on Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1920. While the audience sang "God be With You Until We Meet Again" there ensued a general handshaking after which E. P. Minton prayed.

W. H. BARUN, Moderator.

L. ROY ASHLEY, Clerk.

FINANCE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We have received the following funds:

For Minutes.

Harrisburg Church	\$ 3.00
Vandale	2.70
Whitton	5.00
Marked Tree	2.00
Lake City	2.00
Mt. Zion	2.00
Parkin	2.25
Paragould 1st	7.50
Jonesboro 1st	25.00
Earle	2.50
Walcott	1.71
Manila	2.00
Truman	1.00
Stanod	1.65
Crawfordsville	3.00
Wynne	5.00
Bay	2.50
Leachville	2.00
Luxora	2.50
Walnut Street, Jonesboro	1.00
Bethabara	1.15
Blytheville	10.00
	2.30
	1.00
Mann's Chapel	.50
Hydrick	1.50
Monette	2.50
Cherry Valley	1.00
Cache Valley	2.00
New Antioch	2.00

Total \$100.26

\$100.20

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

Mt. Zion Church	\$212.75
Mt. Zion Church, By S. S.	15.75 \$ 228.50
Lake City	5.00
Earle	50.00
Walcott	148.25
Truman	21.00
Stanford	4.00
Luxora	125.00
Harrisburg	61.00

Walnut Street -----	64.50	
Bethabara -----	20.00	
Wirthville 1st -----	1421.00	
Dunn's Chapel -----	7.02	
Monette -----	20.00	
Wynne W. M. S. -----	5.00	
Manila -----	142.50	
Manila Sunday School -----	13.50	
New Antioch -----	28.00	

Cache Valley -----	5.00	\$2369.12
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State Missions

Walcott -----	\$ 30.00	
Lake City -----	5.00	35.00
Orphan's Home by Walcott -----		\$ 15.00
Home Missions Lake City Church -----		5.00
Foreign Missions Lake City Church -----		5.00
Christian Education, T. C. Hunter, -----		
(Man's Chapel) -----		3.00

Total -----		\$2532.38
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Respectfully Submitted,

P. C. BARTON, Chairman.

Received the above amount from P. C. Barton.

BERT S. SMITH, Treas. Mt. Zion Mission Board

Number of workers employed -----	12
Days of labor -----	2585
Miles Traveled -----	161441
sermons and addresses -----	745
Conversions -----	324
Additions by Baptism -----	284
Additions by letter and restoration -----	164

Total additions -----	448
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Money Issued:

Missionary and Benovelent purposes -----	\$2,763.39
Church building and repairs -----	4,528.31
Total -----	\$7,281.70
We own two tents, value -----	800.00
One automobile -----	\$ 500.00
Total -----	\$1,300.00

G. W. PURYEAR, Pres.

BERL SMITH, Secy.

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK	POST OFFICE	S. S. Enrollment	MEMBERSHIP							S. S. Expenses	Association Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphan's Home	Other Objects	Christian Education	Pastor's Salary	Ministerial Education	Minute Fund	Church Total	Value Church Property
					Increase			Decrease																
					Baptism	Letter	Restored	Letter	Expelled	Death	Present Membership													
Adams Grove	J. H. Johnson	J. D. Haynes	Bay	80				2	3	105	27.79			2.50	2.50				194.79		2.50	221.58	1,000.00	
Burdette																								
Bethel																								
Beasley																								
Bellfield																								
Bethabara	A. J. Lincom	J. F. Crocker	Lake City	50	16	1	2	8	8	138	10.50		19.65	13.15	13.15		47.83		252.00		1.50	358.98	1,500.00	
Bardstown																								
Bono																								
Black Oak																								
Blytheville, 1st	L. D. Summers	E. V. Phillips	Blytheville	200	10	22		14	1	7	337	300.00	1,421.00	1,674.54	408.60	514.25	98.75		1,130.00	2,400.00		10.00	14,722.14	40,000.00
Blytheville, 2nd																								
Blytheville, Lilly																								
Brookland																								
Cardwell, Mo.	J. T. DeArmond	J. M. Gist	Cardwell, Mo.	105				3		42	60.00	10.50	20.00	15.00	15.75				180.00		2.00	1,235.75	2,500.00	
Cherry Valley																								
Clear Lake																								
Crawfordsville	Dr. Utley	S. O. Boone	Crawfordsville	22	2	11		2		3												3.00		
Cache Valley	J. W. Seay	J. A. Parker	Light	50	17	1		4		3	180	10.00	60.00	11.00	2.50	2.50	10.00		150.00		2.00	258.65		
Earle	A. A. Weeks	Albert Horner	Earle	200	26	23	2	7		198	76.73	57.42	182.93	234.90	6.46	61.06	87.03	120.25	1,400.50		2.50	4,029.28	11,500.00	
Evening Shade																								
Fisher																								
Gosnell																								
Grubbs		Mrs. J. B. Ivy	Grubbs	120	19	11		1			42.54		75.00	15.00								132.54	700.00	
Huffman																								
Holks Chapel																								
Harrisburg		H. C. Jacobs	Harrisburg	91		1		3	1	117	36.00	64.50	103.04	35.13	30.12		470.18		200.00		3.00	946.98	10,000.00	
Harris Chapel																								
Jonesboro, 1st	Austin Crouch	J. M. Patrick	Jonesboro	525	91	11	1	35	1	6	857	460.00	925.00	1,000.00	1,280.00	1,270.00	240.00	277.70	320.00	2,300.00	30.00	25.00	29,669.46	115,000.00
Jonesboro, 2nd	E. P. Minton	J. C. Merideth	Jonesboro	89	2	5		7		106	40.00	61.00	18.00	50.00	50.00		45.00	40.00	281.30		1.00	585.30	1,500.00	
Keiser																								
Lambethville																								
Leachville	J. P. Neel		Manila		8	7							31.00				125.00		426.00		2.00	576.00	2,500.00	
Lake View																								
Lepanto																								
Lunsford																								
Lake City					6					18			1.00								1.00	2.00	250.00	
Luxora	L. Roy Ashley	J. M. Majors	Luxora	120	20	10		4	3	110		125.00	200.00	80.00	80.00	20.00	898.53		1,333.32		2.50	2,787.80	12,500.00	
Vandale	T. C. Hunter	Lucy Hardin	Vandale	40					2	10			2.00	4.00	1.75	4.00	6.77		45.00			63.52		
Mann's Chapel																								
Marion																								
Marked Tree	J. W. Carmack	Mrs. J. C. McCroy	Marked Tree	150	19	10	1	7	1	132	70.71	115.00	104.00	60.00	73.00	3.00	893.39	4.25	703.50			3,026.85	6,000.00	
McFerrin																								
Manila	J. P. Neel	Mrs. J. L. David	Manila	73	3	10		1	1	101	80.00	132.00		30.00	20.00		193.94	220.00	600.00		2.00	988.14	3,000.00	
Mt. Pisgah																								
Mt. Zion	J. W. Seay	A. B. Heath	Walcott	45	12	5		5	2	204	17.08	212.75	90.75	107.00	107.50	9.35	205.80		150.00		2.00	901.83	1,500.00	
Monette	T. J. Latimer	I. M. Hammock	Monette	54	29	10			1	62	60.00	5.00	35.00		22.50		183.85		200.00		2.50	478.35	2,500.00	
Mt. Pleasant																								
New Salem																								
New Hope	Ellery Hinson	E. K. Calvert	Whitton		8	5				21		57.50							30.00		5.00	92.50		
Nettleton																								
New Hope (Cross Co.)																								
New Antioch	R. C. Rogers	W. W. Fowler	Brookland	81	6	1		1	2	2	127	14.28	98.00				9.64	40.00		100.00		2.40	264.32	1,500.00
New Hope																								
New Bethel	J. S. Burns		Harrisburg																					
Osceola		J. B. McCants, Jr.	Osceola	70	2	15		4		84	57.48	2.00	306.83	201.00	200.80		4,238.23	2,242.00	1,500.00			8,748.34	21,000.00	
Prairie Grove																								
Paragould, 1st	B. L. Bridges	A. L. Welbourn	Paragould	250	12	21		22	1	359	272.38	200.00	460.00	203.75	206.20	196.46	827.56	155.00	1,725.00	50.00	7.50	4,296.35	21,000.00	
Promised Land																								
Parkin		C. E. Summerbill	Parkin	45	1	11		1		47	15.00				100.00		135.00		1,035.50		2.25	1,285.00	3,500.00	
Ross																								
Sedgwick	A. A. Ryan	J. M. Smelser	Sedgwick	45	6	1				28	27.85		5.00	3.00	3.00	15.00	18.00		52.00		1.30	125.15		
Stanford	J. W. Seay	W. M. Bryant	Beech Grove	45	8	4		7	3	101	2.50	4.00	10.00	1.70	1.70	5.00	45.00		150.00		1.65	219.19		
Shiloh																								
Shady Grove																								
Truman		P. S. Thompson	Truman	75							60.00	31.00										91.00	250.00	
Tyronza			Tyronza																					
Unity																								
Union Grove																								
Valley Home																								
Vandale	J. C. Swain	J. C. Hefley	Vandale	65	3	7			3	116	38.13			60.00	60.00	28.28	490.68	6.00	240.00		2.70	863.09	2,000.00	
Walcott		W. C. Wilcockson	Walcott	80	20	7		5		234	28.00	148.25	30.00			15.00	207.50		200.00		1.71	530.46	1,000.00	
Wynne	W. A. Roper	R. L. Thompson	Wynne	80	6	19		15	5	224	62.													