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**Next Session will convene in the First Baptist Church at  
Blytheville, Arkansas, Tuesday after the First  
Sunday in October, 1917, at 10 o'clock a.m.**

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**Preacher of the Annual Sermon  
J. Winbigler**

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Allen, W. J. F.	Blytheville	McLain, J. F.	Nettleton
Allen, T. A.	Paragould	Minton, E. P.	Jonesboro
Anderson, W. M.	Harrisburg	Martin, J. H.	Cherry Valley
Barlow, M.	Nettleton	McEwan, W. R.	Jonesboro
Burress, L. R.	Jonesboro	Owen, B. B.	Luxora
Ball, H. A.	Monette	Pruett, W. H.	Bay
Blancett	Bellfield	Reaves, A. C.	Harrisburg
Byrd, R. Dee	Jonesboro	Ryan, A. A.	Walcott
Cunningham, E. H.	Jnsbro.	Robertson, J. N.	Paragould
Curle, E. F.	Osceola	Sanderson, W. R.	Nettleton
Curry, B. R.	Monette	Summers, L. D.	Blytheville
Cantrell, W. R.	Mangrum	Seay, J. W.	Walcott
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Chapman, A. E.	Blytheville	Schofield, A. P.	Earle
Crocker, G. A.	Paragould	Settlemoir, G. W.	Black Oak
Casey, J. M.	Light	Shepherd, T. R.	Blytheville
Duboise, J. E.	Harrisburg	Swaim, J. C.	Vanndale
Duke, H. M.	Cherry Valley	Sims, F. C.	Wynne
DeArmond, J. T.	Osceola	Wood, W. C.	Paragould
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Harris, J. G.	Jonesboro	Weeks, A. A.	Luxora
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Johnson, J. H.	Trumann	Wilson, J. F.	Archilion
Lincoln, A. J.	Jonesboro		

## Licensed Preachers

Brinkley, Wm.	Cherry Val.	Jones, J. O.	Fry's Mill
Eastin, Jas	Harrisburg	Henshaw, Ezra	Harrisburg
Hamilton, J. W.	Jonesboro	Waters, A. E.	Weiner



## List of Churches and Messengers

Jonesboro, First Church—Elds. J. R. Hobbs, E. P. Minton, J. G. Harris, W. R. McEwan, J. Winbigler, and Brethren G. W. Puryear, P. C. Barton, Eugene Cherry, W. B. Langford, E. P. Osborn, Sisters T. W. Altman, S. P. Gray, J. L. Burns, W. B. Langford, E. P. Minton, Mildred Matthews, P. C. Barton and W. R. McEwan.

Blytheville, First Church—Eld. L. D. Summers, J. T. Scott, and Sister L. D. Summers.

Blytheville, Second Church—Eld. A. E. Chapman.

Earle—Eld. A. P. Schofield, Albert Horner, Sisters Albert Horner, L. V. Bailor and W. H. Borum.

Paragould, First Church—Eld. W. C. Wood, B. H. Parrish, T. B. Kitchens, J. M. Huddleston and Sisters J. C. Hurt and T. B. Kitchens.

Osceola—Eld. E. F. Curle and Mrs. E. F. Curle.

Monette—Mrs. I. M. Hammock and Miss Gladys Ware.

Cherry Valley—J. H. Tanner, Mrs. J. H. Tanner and Miss Ida Gordon,

Pleasant Grove—W. F. Cobb, C. C. Cannard and Elza Hinshaw.

Trumann—Eld. J. H. Johnson.

Stanford—Eld. J. M. Stephens, W. M. Bryant, A. L. Bryant and Clyde Cryand.

Bethel—Eld. T. E. Ellzy, W. E. Harris, S. W. McKinney and Miss Lizzie Harris.

Lake City—Dr. J. H. Kitchens.

Bethabara—J. W. Kimbrel, J. D. Lynch and Sisters S. E. McHalfey, M. J. Timms.

New Antioch—F. M. Johnson, John Cruse and Sisters Viola Johnson, Millie Johnson and Sue Hay.

Wynne—Elds. F. C. Sims, M. L. Jones and Bretheren J. P. Farrow, T. W. Crawford, G. S. Dearing, R. H. Mitchell and Dr. R. L. Longest.

Jonesboro, Walnut St.—Eld. R. Dee Byrd and R. A. Speed.

Black Oak—Eld. G. M. Settlemoir.

Crawfordsville—by letter.

Clear Lake—B. W. Beacham.

Marked Tree—Sisters J. A. Stuart, A. K. Blythe, and Pearl Stuart.

Jonesboro, Second Church—Eld. L. R. Burress and Sisters Chas. Stuart, Arnold and Beck.

Shiloh—L. H. Wallace and Shelton Rochel.

Nettleton—by letter.

Mt. Pleasant—J. W. Hamilton and Herbert Godwin.

Vanndale—Eld. J. C. Swaim, J. C. Hefley, W. Z. Campbell and Sisters J. C. Swaim, J. C. Hefley and B. F. Jolly.

Sedgwick—Mrs. G. W. L. Brown.

Walcott—J. M. Tyner, W. P. Bowlin and Sisters J. M. Tyner, W. C. Wilcockson and Eld J. W. Seay.

Mt. Zion—Eld. A. A. Ryan, J. W. Lamb, Authur Wilcockson, W. L. Holmes and Sisters J. W. Lamb, A. A. Ryan, Sadie Wilcockson and Eld. H. S. Williams.

Cardwell, Mo.—W. H. Lockard.

Bay—Mrs. T. B. Osborn and Miss Thelma Williams.

Gosnell—by letter.

Harris Chapel—Chas. Jones, Ernest Milton and Sisters Bertha Mauffins and R. Head.

Lunsford—by letter.

Leachville—by letter.

Mt. Pisgah—by letter.

The following churches were received on petitionary letters and messengers enrolled as follows:

Shady Grove—Sid Scott and S. Berry.

Lake View—J. O. Jones and Brother Arnold.

White Hall—E. V. Phillips and Sisters Lorena Phillips and Bertie Bullard.



## The Proceedings

1 The sixty-fourth annual session of the Mount Zion Baptist Association was called to order at 10:30 o'clock a. m. by Moderator L. D. Summers of Blytheville, in the meeting house of the First Baptist Church, Wynne, Arkansas.

2 After singing hymn "Jesus I My Cross Have Taken", Brother A. P. Schofield of Earle, led in prayer.

3 Brother W. C. Wood, of Paragould, led the devotional exercises.

4 Upon motion the committee on credentials was dispensed with and J. G. Harris and A. E. Chapman were appointed to read the letters from various churches.

5 Letters were read and messengers enrolled as given in "List of Churches and Messengers."

Officers of the Association were elected as follows:

Moderator—L. D. Summers .....	Blytheville
Vice Moderator—A. A. Ryan .....	Walcott
Clerk—J. G. Harris .....	Jonesboro
Assistan Clerk—B. H. Parrish .....	Paragould
Treasurer—J. M. Tyner .....	Walcott

6 Dr. D. A. Ellis of Memphis, Tenn., was introduced to the body by the Moderator. Adjournment by prayer until 2 p. m.

### Tuesday Afternoon

7 Association was called to order by the Moderator and after singing "My Savior First Of All" and scripture quotations, prayer was led by Brother R. Dee Byrd



8 The moderator announced the following committees:

Foreign Missions—J. R. Hobbs, W. C. Holmes and C. T. Wilson.

Home Missions—E. F. Curle, P. S. Osborn, and W. R. McEwan.

State Missions—W. C. Wood, J. T. Scott, J. W. Seay and R. A. Speed.

Association Missions—J. G. Harris, J. H. Hunt and B. Lily.

Sunday Schools—T. E. Ellzy, J. D. Faughn, W. F. Cobb, W. E. Harris and J. H. Martin.

Orphans Home—A. P. Schofield, L. H. Wallace and H. S. Rachel.

Christian Education—W. R. McEwan, Albert Horner and J. W. Seay.

Temperance—J. R. Hobbs, W. L. Brown and J. W. Hamilton

B. Y. P. U. Work—G. W. Settlemaier, B. H. Parrish, Sid Scott and J. Winbigler.

Obituaries—R. Dee Byrd, W. H. Brown and W. P. Bowlin.

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

Womans work—F. C. Sims, Mrs. Albert Horner, and Mrs. G. W. L. Brown.

Nominations—E. P. Minton and A. E. Chapman.

Report of Association Mission Board—P. C. Barton, E. P. Minton and G. W. Puryear.

Religious Literature—L. R. Burrell, J. M. Tyner and Jas. Alexander.

Bible School—J. G. Harris and A. P. Schofield.

Baptist Memorial Hospital—W. A. McComb, A. E. Chapman and W. B. Langford.

9 On motion it was decided to appoint a committee who will bring in a report of the churches tabulated so that the reading of the letters from the churches may be dispensed with.

10 Upon motion the Mission Board of the Association was directed to formulate a blank letter for use by the churches in making their report to the Association. Adjourned by prayer by L. D. Summers.

### Tuesday Evening Session

11 The devotional exercises were led by W. R. McEwan of Jonesboro, who read a scripture lesson from the 6th chapter of Matthew.

12 E. F. Curle, Pastor of the Osceola church then preached

the Association Sermon, using as his text John 8:12 "I am the Light of the World".

13 Mrs. J. G. Jackson of Little Rock, spoke for 15 minutes on Woman's Work.

14 By invitation Miss Una Roberts spoke on Young Peoples' work.

An offering was taken for the Mountain Home School which resulted in \$17.00.

15 The following visitors were recognized. who spoke briefly, E. J. A. McKinney, Editor Baptist Advance, J. W. Conger, President Central College, Conway, and J. S. Rogers, General Secretary, Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Adjourned until Wednesday morning 9 o'clock.

### Wednesday Morning

16 The Association was called to order by singing and prayer by Brother J. W. Conger of Central College, devotional exercises led by L. D. Summers.

17 W. C. Wood read the report on State Missions and after discussion by W. C. Wood, J. S. Rogers and L. D. Summers, was adopted as follows:

### State Missions

All New Testament churches find their origin and end in missions. The ultimate origin of missions is to be found in the heart of God; the historical origin of missions is found in the life and death of Christ, and the practical origin and application of missions is entrusted to Baptist or New Testament churches. Missions believed in, and practiced is just as much a mark of true Baptists as the restricted Supper of our Lord, or the preservation of the Saints.

State Missions is in many respects the very heart of all our denominational work. State Missions is the constant friend of Association Missions, the conservator of Home Missions, and the base of supplies for Foreign Missions. No church in this Association can afford not to make an offering to State Missions this year.

State Missions includes revival meetings, baptizing, reviving and enlisting laggard churches, colportage, helping to build church houses, aiding weak churches in supporting pastors, raising church debts, sunday school and Baptist Young People's work and woman's work.

In 1915 the churches co-operating through the Baptist State



Convention did the following State Mission work:

Missionaries and other workers .....	60
Conversions .....	2,301
Baptisms .....	2,053
Additions .....	3,085
Amount raised in Arkansas for State Missions .....	\$18,762.
Bible Schools held .....	11
Bible Institutions held .....	132

This year our number of employees in State Mission work is 56; the number of conversions up to September 1st, was 2,511; the number of baptisms 1,802, and number of additions 2,518.

To put our State Mission work out of debt, the Baptists of the state need to raise, between this and December 6th, approximately \$27,997.12.

Your committee would recommend three things:

1 That our people all up and down the Association pray devoutly for State Mission cause.

2 That every pastor by sermons, gift and visits do his utmost in every church for the State Mission debt.

3 That our pastors and active laymen and women organize themselves into committees of two or more and go out to try to get every church in the Association to make an offering to State Missions.

Send all money to J. S. Rogers, General Secretary, Little Rock, Arkansas.

W. C. Wood, Chairman.

### Nominations

18 Your Committee on nominations submit the following report:

1 That the next session of this body meet with the First Baptist church at Blytheville.

2 That Rev. J. Winbiger preach the annual Sermon.

3 That the following named brethern constitute the Mission Board: (See page 2)

4 That G. W. Puryear represent this body at the Southern Baptist Convention. B. H. Wilhite alternate.

Submitted,

E. P. Minton,

A. E. Chapman.

Adjourned until 2 p. m.

### Wednesday Afternoon

19 Association was called to order by the moderator and after



singing "Sweet Hour of Prayer" the devotional exercises were led by brother R. Dee Byrd who read from John 16th chapter.

20 The report on Foreign Missions was read by Brother J. R. Hobbs who also spoke on the report, which was adopted as follows.

### Foreign Missions

The present condition of our Foreign Mission work is both cheering and reassuring. At the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at Asheville, in May of the present year a debt of approximately \$180,000.00 was reported by the Board. So huge a debt necessarily tended to retard and even stifle the work of the Board. A movement was set on foot to raise this debt at the Convention. A large amount was subscribed there and the movement met with a hearty response throughout the country so that the entire indebtedness was cancelled on August first of this year. The success of this effort is a proper matter of gratulation on the part of our people throughout the South.

Including the amount given for the general work, the cash given to the Judson Centennial Fund and the cash to cover the debt, Southern Baptists in the months intervening between May 1, 1915 and August the 1, 1916, gave \$986,729.51, or approximately one million dollars to Foreign Missions. Of this amount Arkansas gave \$10,701.75 to the general work and \$6,452.30 to the Judson Centennial Fund. How much the state gave towards liquidating the debt your committee is unable to state. The statistical tables in the minutes of the present association will show Mt. Zion's part in this magnificent showing. It is a record of which we have a just right to be proud. Yet, while this is true it is after all but a small part of what we ought to do.

Begun at the Convention in Oklahoma City in 1912, the raising a fund of \$1,250,000, known as the Judson Centennial Fund to be used for permanent equipment of Foreign fields, was reported at the Convention, in Asheville, of this year, as complete, in cash and subscriptions. This fund wisely expended, as it will be, will mean more for our work than can now be calculated. Thus another worthy achievement is scored in favor of our Baptist people.

But this is not all. The work on the various fields fostered by the Board, shows results far greater than ever before. 6471 converts have been baptized during the year and 77 new

churches have been constituted. This is both encouraging and inspiring.

By referring to the Minutes of the Convention of the current year, page 117, an interesting statement of the cost of operating expenses of the Board will be found. It is stated that only 8.3% of all funds coming into the hands of the Board was required to cover the operating expenses. This does not include the cost items of the various state boards, interest charges and certain items authorized or ordered by the Convention. It is the best record of any Foreign Mission Board in America. Every pastor should provide himself with a copy of the above mentioned minutes and familiarize himself with these silent facts.

The minutes may be procured from Dr. J. S. Rogers, Little Rock, Ark., by forwarding a small amount to cover postage.

Encouraged by so great a success as that attending this important work this year, the Baptists in Arkansas and in Mt. Zion Association, a part of that great constituency, ought to strive harder in behalf of this work than ever before. Your committee would therefore recommend that we not be satisfied with raising our proportionate part of the Arkansas apportionment for the year, but set a goal much beyond that point.

In view of the fact that there is now a wide spread agitation of the question of the consolidation of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, and for reasons hereinafter stated, your committee would beg leave to recommend that the Mt. Zion Association of Baptists declare itself in favor of the proposed consolidation of the above mentioned Boards.

Your committee offers the following reasons for this action:

1st. Such action on the part of this Association would give official expression to the sentiments that now obtains among us.

2nd. There is substantial reason for the belief that one Board could do the work of the two with a greater degree of efficiency and on very much reduced operating expenses.

3rd. Such a consolidation would tend to merge Home and Foreign Missions in the thinking of our people and thus promote the real Bible teaching on Missions, which is to say that missions are missions without the necessary use of geographical terminology for purposes either of definition or distinction.

4th. In the event of the proposed consolidation only one collection would have to be taken where two are now necessary, which fact would operate to relieve our churches which receive in some instances as many as a dozen appeals every year.



5th. The proposed consolidation, because of demands therefor, would necessarily carry some provisions for a completer and more direct representation on the part of the churches, associations and state conventions in this Board, which would both tend to place responsibility at it proper place and to inspire renewed confidence in the work.

6th. The consolidated Board would have to be more centrally located, which location, by the necessities of the case would guarantee the section west of the Mississippi River. A more equitable share in determining the policies thereof and in bearing the responsibility therefor.

For these and other reasons that might be adduced, your committee makes the recommendations as above indicated.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Hobbs, Chrm.

James H. Johnson,

W. L. Holmes.

Brother L. R. Burress then read the report on Religious Literature which was discussed by Brother Burress and Brother P. C. Barton and adopted as follows:

### Religious Literature

Christian Religious Literature, is the thought of God expressed. This report treats of that which is expressed in writing. Such literature is more than knowledge-giving, it is power-giving. It sways a kind of omnipotence where its presence is admitted. The picture of the pen lying across the broken sword symbolizes the truth of the aphorism, "The pen is mightier than the sword." When the sword has been broken the pen records in binding words of the terms of peace.

The strongest fortresses for this controlling force are the homes, the schools, and the churches of the living God. Great care should be taken by those who man these fortresses, to see that the munitions are protective rather than destructive. The human mind hungers for knowledge and will feed on some kind of literature, either that which elevates and satisfies, or on that which depraves and satisfieth not.

Man's relationship to God is the chief question for man to know. This argues that the human race needs a literature that enlightens the intellect and elevates the soul for companionship in the kingdom of God.

No man can be just to himself and to those under his training who does not labor to know this relationship and to fulfill its obligations.

The Bible reveals to man from whence he came and lighteth



up the path that leads up to God. The open Bible is the Palladium of all true homes, and all homes should have as assets a Bible for each member of the family, also some standard religious books and papers. The importance of these is as important as good character is valuable, and character is the only earthly acquisition that man carries to eternity. Character, good or bad, is formed by the influences which obtain in life. Good books enlighten the mind and inspire the soul to aspire towards God. This report insists that every Baptist home in Arkansas should be supplied with the Baptist Advance, and not withholding it from others. Blessed is he that subscribes and pays for the Advance in advance, and reads it attentively and doeth the things therein written according to the Lord. His efficiency in the Master's Kingdom shall be greatly increased. To this add the Mission Journals and S. S. papers of the S. B. Convention.

Paul said to Timothy, "Give attendance to reading." Ignorance is no refuge for piety. The ignorant perhaps are not aware of the malgrace and witchery that sways a masterful inactivity over the intellect and heart. God hath said, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will reject thee." There is an abiding difference between the man that knows and the man that does not know, knowledge comes by effort. The wisdom to use knowledge lingers in meditation and lives in action.

Baptists should supply every home with such literature as maketh wise unto salvation.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee.

L. R. Burress,  
J. M. Tyner

21 A. P. Schofield then read the report on Orphans Home and after discussion by A. P. Schofield was adopted as follows:

### Orphans' Home

The orphan has been here from almost the first. The question of his care, however, has not been a burden to the book makers and writers of encyclopedia articles. Short indeed is the recorded tale of this enterprise, it is possible that the surviving orphan in barbarous ages shared a better ratio of what there then was for man than he has in civilized times.

In history the orphan home idea originated, perhaps with an Italian woman. This woman, in about the Sixteenth century, met an orphan who asked of her a place to stay. This woman with this one child founded a home where homeless children were able to find employment and to support themselves. Aside

from this, for many years, the orphan found in the big hearted family, the convent and the prison his abiding place, according to his good or ill luck.

In the meantime the enterprising spirit of christian lands led the establishing of asylums. That is, sacred shelters for the sick and the religious recluse. Modeling after these things, the christian and the social orders began to build asylums for the parentless child, and afterwards called them homes. The underlying sentiment in building these institutions was an impulse to be kind to the unfortunate. With us the current sentiment has made real progress in two ways:

First, we have ceased to be merely sympathetic for the child's losses, and we have assumed to turn his losses into gain, as far as possible, and to make him through care, cultivation and religious surrounding a positive blessing to the world.

Second, the orphans' home as it has existed destroyed a sentiment most christian. Hundreds of childless families would have greatly blessed themselves by adopting the orphan, but they were taught that the child's needs were already properly met. It has been seen that an orphanage of one hundred or more children must fall short of homelikeness. It is as abnormal for a woman to try to be a mother to a hundred children as it would be for a mother hen to attempt to hover under her wings a hundred little "biddies". Again, a hundred children of no blood relation, of no common family pride, or sacred regard for the family relation, gathered from every quarter, from every condition and from every heredity can not be wisely trusted to anything less than a stronger form of government than the parental model.

At our State Convention an order was given to place the children in private homes. At that time our orphan home had 196 children. In nine months the Board placed 77 of these, nearly fifty per cent. Having received during the same time 14 new inmates. The home at Monticello had September 1st, 1916, 133 orphans.

At present there is a debt of \$17,000.00, with cash pledges, etc., to the amount of say \$4,000.00 this bears a burden on the denomination of at least \$13,000.00 debt. 133 children to be fed and clothed and the salary and expense of not less than five officers. We will welcome the day when we shall have paid this debt, and possibly have put the whole plan of caring for our orphans on a more economical basis.

We therefore recommend;

1 That we pay the debt and stop the interest accruing yearly against us.



2 That we add everything possible to our present plans that will lend to make useful lives of these parentless wards whom God has entrusted to our care.

3 That our pastors, deacons and our non-official members aid the Orphan Home Board at Monticello in finding desirable homes for many more of the orphans who are still in the home.

Respectfully submitted,

A. P. Schofield,

L. H. Wallace,

H. S. Rachel.

22 Brother W. A. McCombs of Memphis, Tenn., then read the report of the committee on Baptist Hospitals and after discussion by Dr. McCombs, who represents our Memorial Hospital Memphis, it was adopted as follows:

### Hospitals

The Baptist Convention of the three states of Arkansas, Tennessee and Mississippi, are co-operating in building and maintaining a hospital at Memphis, Tenn. This hospital takes care of pay and charity patients.

The original plan is to have a main building and two wings. The main building has been put up and equipped and has in addition to the offices, dining room, heating plant, laundry, deep well, etc., rooms and wards for one hundred and fifty beds, of these, 40 are charity beds. The hospital for several months has not been able to take care of all patients who have made application even in the pay department.

The Trustees at their June meeting, authorized the executive Committee at their discretion to launch a movement to raise money to build one of the additional wings, to cost about \$150,000.00 and the Memphis people to contribute half of this amount. In May of this year the campaign was launched and something like \$75,000.00 of this amount has been subscribed.

This State has representatives on the Board of Trustees, in the person of Bros., G. W. Puryear, T. B. Kitchens, W. P. Hale and C. R. French.

The hospital is in a very healthful condition and is doing a very great and gracious work.

The new wing is at present a great necessity and the demands grow greater each year, with a growing population and growing disposition of people to use hospitals.

The building of the new wing will double the capacity of the hospital without materially increasing the overhead expenses.

At present we are paying \$125.00 per month for rooms for



the nurses. With the new wing completed we can take care of the nurses in the hospital and also increase the number of our nurses.

Your Committee would recommend:

1 That the churches put the charity department of the hospital on their regular lists of objects to which the church contributes.

2 That the churches welcome Eld. W. A. McCombs, field worker, to their churches and co-operate with him in raising money for the new wing, and in case he cannot get to your church, we recommend that each pastor take a collection for the new wing sometime between now and next May and send it through the regular channels to the hospital.

3 We recommend that the W. M. U. and Y. W. A., of our churches send annual contributions to the charity department of the hospital in way of sheets, towels, napkins, pillow slips, night robes for men and women, hams, eggs, chickens, etc.

4 We recommend our people patronize the hospital when they have occasion to use such institutions. We also urge our pastors, doctors, and people generally to use their influence in directing people to the Baptist Memorial Hospital when they know they are going to a hospital.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. McCombs,

W. B. Langford

23 The report on Temperance was then read by Brother J. R. Hobbs and after discussion by Brethern Hobbs, Summers, Sims, Barton and Wood, was adopted as follows:

### Temperance

Your committee would report that sentiment for the utter abolition of the American saloon is on the increase while the consumption of intoxicating beverages is on the decrease. Nineteen states already either by popular vote or legislative enactment have outlawed the licensed liquor traffic. Other states are preparing to do the same thing.

Meanwhile, efforts to procure a congressional resolution for an amendment to the National Constitution for National prohibition are unabating either in fervor or interest and are now meeting with a larger measure of encouragement than ever before.

The coming of National prohibition is now but a matter of a few years, and when it comes it will destroy the one monster which has brought our country the greatest measure of evil and

distress.

42,477,492.8 gallons less distilled spirits were produced in 1915 than in 1914. Of this class of spirits 14,771,427.6 gallons less were removed from bonded warehouses in 1915 than in the preceeding year.

It is said that the decrease here noted occurred principally in beverage spirits (whisky, rum and gin) and the falling off in this class of spirits is doubtless attributable, in a large measure to the prohibition laws enacted in many states.

Having enjoyed less than a year of statewide prohibition Arkansas is now confronted by a most determined effort to overthrow the statewide law and bring back the rule of the anarchistic American saloon. Act No. 2, so called, compounded of infamy, perfidy and deception, the progeny of reprobates and debauchees, the pride of satan and the hope of the brewer, if enacted into law, with one fell stroke would blot from the pages of our statute books every single piece of temperance legislation, which has been written therein, in characters of human blood would hand over to the saloon keeper and the brewer, the black-leg politician and the criminal, some of the rights which are among the most sacred we possess and would bring the rule of rum and anarchy where now is the reign of peace, of order and of prosperity.

The fight to prevent the enactment of Act No. 2 is no afternoon picnic. It will require the best brains and the best energy of Arkansas best citizens to defeat it. Therefore let every man determine to fight it to a finish.

Your committee would recommend that this association declare itself against Act No. 2 without any equivocation whatsoever, that the churches draw the line on all their members who by any act or deed encourage the liquor traffic and that the Association put itself on record as placing principle above parties, religion above politics, moral interests above material interests, humanity above money, and the home above the saloon.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. Hobbs, Chm.

J. W. Hamilton.

24 The report on Woman's Work was read by Mrs. G. W. L. Brown and after discussion by Brother Sims and Mrs. Alta Brisco was adopted as follows:

### Woman's Work

We your committee on Women's Work would submit the following report: While there is much cause for thanksgiving



and encouragement because of the increased interests on the part of societies in all the departments of the work, yet there are many tasks which bid us to press forward. The great needs and magnitude of this work is a challenge to our faith and courage, a call for the consecrated service of every woman in Mt. Zion Association. We believe the outlook is much brighter than a year ago. We are enlisting numbers of women when developed will be a power in their communities. Another encouraging note is the awakened interest of our women in behalf of our young people and children in their training and development. We are at least sowing the seed. We also have a larger increase in personal service work and definite Bible study this year than before, especially in the rural districts.

There are twenty-seven women societies with ten Sunbeam Bands in the Association, twenty societies sending in annual reports with delegates from fourteen at our recent meeting. Four of these new organizations have contributed \$4,392.92 to all denominational interests.

Our women of the State have just undertaken their first business venture in assuming the payment of \$5,000.00, on the Cone property, adjacent to Ouachita College to be used as the ground on which a boys' dormitory will be built. Our women of Mt. Zion Association will do their part.

We would recommend that every pastor in this Association see that their women, young people and children are organized for service and give them their help and encouragement in the work. We would further recommend that the women in the older and stronger churches help their sisters in the weaker churches in their community to foster and establish growth. We urge that every member of our W. M. S. take the Baptist Advance for the sake of our Woman's page, Sunbeam and all auxiliaries and so with that the programs in our own Royal Service be followed and that the suggested leaflets be used plentifully, the tools with which we work.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. G. W. L. Brown, Chm.

Mrs. Albert Horner,

F. C. Sims.

Association adjourned until 7:30 p. m.

Wednesday Evening

25 Association convened and after devotional exercises Brother J. R. Hobbs, pastor First Baptist Church, Jonesboro, preached, using as a text, Rom. 8:27.

26 The report on Associational Missions was then read by



J. G. Harris and after discussion by J. G. Harris, L. D. Summers, P. C. Barton, E. P. Minton and G. M. Settlemoir was adopted as follows:

### Associational Missions

We are glad to note that during the past year a great many of our churches have had great meetings and that our Missionary force show a decided growth every way. Our territory composes five counties, one half of another, a part of another and one church in Missouri. We have the hill country and the valley; the richest in all the world. Millions of dollars are being spent now for drainage and general development and the people are coming to us by the thousands.

The harvest truly is great and the laborers are few. If we get on the field and evangelize and establish the work now it means everything almost for the future.

It is a token of divine favor that our burdens and opportunities are enlarged with our labors. Let us not think for one moment that our work is ever finished.

We need this coming year to thoroughly organize our forces in every section of the Association; to enlist our churches and to enlarge our Missionary force; to do more along the line of teaching, distributing tracts and Bibles.

We must evangelize. It is estimated that there are one hundred thousand people in our Association territory lost. What a task before us! Let us pray the Lord to send us more laborers; this is one of our greatest needs.

We rejoice with joy unspeakable for the great victories of the past. With humble, grateful hearts and renewed determination and with unshaken faith in God we face the future as glorious as the promise of God. The coming year let us heed the words of Paul; "Be ye enlarged."

J. G. Harris, Chm.

Adjourned until Thursday Morning.

### Thursday Morning

27 The Association convened at 9 o'clock and Brother J. W. Seay conducted the devotional exercises.

28 On motion the clerk was instructed to have 1200 copies of the minutes published and that he be allowed \$20.00 for his services in getting them out.

29 W. C. Wood and B. H. Parrish were appointed a committee on resolutions.

30 Brother R. Dee Byrd then read the report on obituaries which was adopted as follows:

## Report on Obituaries

1 Cor. 15:16

We your committee on obituaries, find on examination of the letters from the churches, that twenty-six have been called to their home above since the last meeting of this Association. As follows:

Mrs. Lucy Barksdale, 1st church.....	Blytheville
Mrs. Sallie Ward, 1st church.....	Blytheville
Mrs. S. H. Annabell, 1st church.....	Blytheville
Mrs. Sallie Cross, 1st church.....	Blytheville
Sid Thompson.....	Paragould
Floyd Dunlap, 1st church.....	Blytheville
Miss Lady Willis.....	Paragould
Isaac Rogers.....	Harrisburg
Lee Johnson.....	Monette
Mary Riley.....	Cherry Valley
R. L. Barrell.....	Harrisburg
Grover Reeves.....	Trumann
Earl Smith.....	Walcott
Mary Williams.....	Walcott
Carroll Moore.....	Walcott
Anna Couch.....	Harrisburg
Geo. Gohlson.....	Wynne
Mrs. Nora Conley.....	Archillian
Rufford Davis.....	Archillian
J. T. Hart.....	Marked Tree
Mrs. Lucinda McMuetry.....	Sedgwick
Mrs. Elizabeth Wicker.....	Sedgwick
Uncle Tom Clements.....	Mt. Zion
M. J. Rutledge.....	Walcott
Sallie Cooper.....	Walcott
Sister Cooper, 2nd church.....	Blytheville

It is with grief, sadness and gladness, that we keep in memory their life and death. We are sad because we miss their christian associations, and companionship on earth; but we are glad, because of the thought that we can some day meet them in the "Sweet By and By." May God console the relatives, friends, and may His benedictions rest on us all. We pray God to inspire each of us to do His will, while we yet have time and opportunity, so when the shadows of death shall come upon us, we can enter the home with the loved ones who have gone on before.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Dee Byrd,

W. R. Bowlin.



31 Brother W. R. McEwan read the report on Sunday Schools and after discussion was adopted as follows:

### Sunday Schools

The idea of special schools for the teaching of the Bible on the Lord's Day, is along with so many other good things, a Baptist gift to the world,

Being the teaching service of the church, and since the correct and efficient teaching of the Bible is of supreme importance, it is hard to lay too much stress on Sunday school work.

Some thirty schools were reported last year. The number is not far different this year. This is perhaps half as many as should be within the bounds of our Association. Every church should maintain a Bible school at home, and as many mission schools as possible.

We believe that our Association should have a Sunday School Union with at least annual meetings for the promotion of the Sunday school interests within the limits of our Association.

We express it as our conviction that Baptist Sunday schools should have no organic connection with non-sectarian or inter-denominational organizations.

As Baptists we must hold to the doctrines of the New Testament in which training is one of the prime functions of the New Testament church. Believing, therefore, that every church should have a Bible school as its teaching service, we recommend:

1 That pastors and superintendents enlist their people in teacher training work.

2 That missionaries and pastors organize Associational Institutes for such training.

3 That workers attend the assemblies, institutes and training schools for instruction in methods.

4 That the literature of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention be used in all Baptist schools.

3 That a special committee on Sunday School Union be now appointed.

6 That our clerk be instructed to put into the minutes of the Association a statistical table on Sunday schools.

Prepared and read for the committee,

W. R. McEwan.

32 The report on B. Y. P. U. Work was read by B. H. Parrish and after discussion was adopted as follows:

## B. Y. P. U. Work

"We study that we may serve" is the motto of the B. Y. P. U. The object of this department of our church work is to train our young members for efficiency service in the Master's Kingdom. Our real progress depends upon the operation of those who render the service. This training should cover every phase of the church work and thus prepare for leadership in the various departments of Christian endeavor.

We recommend that every church organize and maintain a B. Y. P. U. We further recommend that our young people attend the annual B. Y. P. U. Assembly held at Arkadelphia; that all our efforts be directed in harmony with the standard of excellence by our B. Y. P. U. leaders; which standard is being used greatly to the honor and glory of God.

G. M. Settlemoir,

B. H. Parrish,

33 The report on Woodland College was then read by P. C. Barton and after discussion was adopted as follows:

### Special Committee Report on Woodland College

We your Committee submit the following report on Woodland College:

The Board of Trustees have according to previous instruction sold and transferred the said Woodland College property to a Company organized for that purpose and known as the Woodland Reality Company. Said Company organized by the members of the Mt. Zion Association for the purpose of securing stock sufficient to equal the amount of indebtedness on the property of said College. During the past year we have been able to secure only about \$8500.00 of stock in said Company leaving approximately \$10,000.00 unprovided for. This leaves \$10,000.00 of the indebtedness still unprovided for.

We therefore recommend that the incoming Mission Board take this matter up in co-operation with Board of Directors of the Woodland Reality Company and secure the necessary amount to pay this obligation off in full; that this Association re-affirm its moral obligation to stay with this matter until the entire indebtedness has been discharged.

T. B. Kitchens,

P. C. Barton,

G. W. Puryear.

34 Brother J. F. Tulley, Algona, Miss., then preached using as a text Phil. 1: 12, after which an adjournment was taken un-



til 2 o'clock. Prayer by Brother E. P. Minton.

### Thursday Afternoon

35 Association was called to order and Brother E. H. Cunningham led the devotional exercises.

36 The following Resolution was read and ordered spread on the minutes. W. F. Lovelace by invitation addressed the body:

### Resolution

To the Mt. Zion Association convened at Wynne, Ark.;

We, the North Arkansas Missionary Baptist District Association of East Arkansas, (colored) send greetings to you by the hand of our brother and Secretary, Rev. W. F. Lovelace.

The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad to report to you. While in your assembly, we hope for you a most peaceful and profitable session in your efforts to advance the kingdom of our Master.

Although of a different race, we assure you that we are doing our best to strengthen His boarders and to give to the world the untarnished Gospel without a mixture, that the world may see as we do, "The one Lord and the one Faith and the one Baptism."

We are yours in Christ,

J. N. Thompson, Mod.

W. F. Lovelace, Sec.

37 Brother P. C. Barton read the report of the Mission Board.

### Report of the Mission Board

In presenting this report to the sixty-fourth session of Mt. Zion Baptist Association, we want to recognize the blessings of our Heavenly Father and give thanks unto Him for the grace bestowed upon us in our labors during the past year.

The present plan of our churches, waiting until the end of the year to take their collections and make their remittances for this work has necessitated our borrowing the money and paying interest on the same, as shown by the treasurer's report. Therefore we would urge that all of our churches take collections for Associational Missions during the present unprecedented prosperity and remit the same to the treasurer during the month of January.

### OUR PLAN OF WORK.

In keeping with the resolution found in your minutes of the

Luxora meeting, 1915, our missionary, J. G. Harris, spent the greater part of the first five months of this year in soliciting stock for the Woodland Realty Company, which was organized to take over our Woodland College property, and assume its entire indebtedness with the promise from the Mt. Zion Association that it would be responsible and raise whatever amount was lacking in subscriptions to said Realty Company to liquidate said indebtedness.

The Woodland Realty Company reports \$8,325.00 subscribed, and the total debt and interest taken over being \$16,975.10, leaves a balance of \$8,650.10 yet to be provided for before the obligation of this body is discharged.

In addition to Bro. Harris we have had Sister Mildred Matthews as Bible and Missionary worker for the month of October and from May 1st, to date and have supplemented the salaries of the following pastors: A. E. Chapman, Second Church, Blytheville; A. J. Lincoln, Bono and Lunsford; L. R. Burress, Second Church, Jonesboro; J. W. Seay, Stanford and Pleasant Grove; and E. H. Cunningham, for seven months at Hickory Ridge and Fisher, all of this work having been done in co-operation with the State Board, it having appropriated \$1200.00 for the same.

We submit the following summary as shown by the respective reports:

J. G. Harris, Salary. \$1200.00, Expenses \$200.67, Total \$1400.67, Days of Labor, 366; Miles Traveled, 4621; Sermons and Addresses, 276; Services in Homes, 21; Conversions, 192; Baptisms, 130; Additions by letter and restoration, 49; Churches Organized, 1; B. Y. P. U's. Organized, 1; Subscriptions to Advance, 10; Total Collections for all purposes \$1077.88

L. R. Burress, Salary, on Second Church Jonesboro for six months, \$90.00, Additions by letter and restoration, 4; Collections \$14.50.

A. E. Chapman, on Salary Second Church Blytheville, \$100.00 Received by letter and restoration, 19; baptisms, 15; conversions, 40; no collections except for local church; no report for the last three months.

A. J. Lincoln, on salary, Lunsford, \$55.00; Bono, \$82.50. Additions by letter and restoration, 20; baptisms, 21; conversions, 23; collected Associational Missions, \$27.15; State Missions, \$12.85.

J. W. Seay, on salary, Stanford, \$25.00; Pleasant Grove, \$50. Additions by letter, 4; baptisms, 8; conversions, 8; total collections, \$61.70.

E. H. Cunningham, on salary, Hickory Ridge, \$40; Fisher,



\$15; for seven months. Days of labor, 165; miles of travel, 1913; two churches supplied; sermons, 122; additions, letter, 19; baptism, 36; conversions, 51; services in homes, 252; collections, \$123.90.

Miss Mildred Matthews, salary, \$175; expenses, \$15.58; donation for expenses in training school, \$100; Sister Matthews traveled 792 miles; visited 87 homes; held 23 religious services in homes; organized 8 Women's Societies; secured 12 subscriptions to Royal Services; distributed 260 pages of Tract; sold 3 Bibles. She did most efficient work in the revival meetings at Leachville, Blytheville, Brookland, Bay and Walnut Street, Jonesboro.

### Treasurer's Report

Amt. received from former Treas. J. R. Gregson	\$ 306.47
Ex-Treas. B. H. Wilhite	3.14
Nov. 8-15 note due Luxora Banking Co.	500.00
Jan. 27-16 " " " "	500.00
Apr. 11-16 " " " "	500.00
May 16-16, State Mission Board	410.00
First Baptist Church, Jonesboro	500.00
Collected from other churches	415.60
Total	\$3135.21
By Drafts	2308.24
Balance on hand	\$ 826.97
Balance due from State Board	790.00
Amount due from J. G. Harris	144.30
	<u>\$1761.27</u>
Outstanding drafts	\$ 29.20
Bal. due Mildred Matthews	60.58
Bal. due J. W. Seay	45.00
Bal. due A. E. Chapman	50.00
Notes \$1,500.00, Interest \$84.67	1584.67
	<u>\$1769.45</u>

Respectfully submitted,

E. P. Minton, Pres.

P. C. Barton, Secy.

38 Brother W. R. McEwan then read the report on Christian Education who also spoke to same. Adopted as follows:

### Christian Education

The Bible is definitely in favor of Christian Education. Matthew 28:20; Ephesians 4:18; Hosea 4:6 Indeed, every word in God's Book that speaks against ignorance is for Christian

Education. Jesus was a great teacher as well as a great preacher. Christ and His apostles everywhere emphasized the importance of knowledge touching religious work. We as Baptists and followers of Christ and His apostles must believe in and practice Christain Education as thoroughly as we do missions.

The education of preachers is especially important for Baptists. We will be woefully undone in time, if we neglect this fundamental matter. We urge with all possible emphasis that every young preacher in this Association do his utmost to get a good education. Preachers are given free tuition in all our Baptist schools in the State. At Ouachita College other financial help is given when needed.

Arkansas Baptists have two great Baptist Colleges—Ouachita College, at Arkadelphia, for boys and girls, C. E. Dicken, D. D., president; and Central College, at Conway, for the girls, J. W. Conger, LL. D., president. The attendance at Ouachita last year was about 300, and at Central about 200. We also have Mountain Home College (a mountain school academy) at Mountain Home, Rev. H. F. Vermillion, president; and Maynard Academy, at Maynard, Rev. W. A. Cummings, president. Both of these schools are mountain schools of the Home Mission Board of Atlanta, Ga., for boys and girls and are doing well.

It is hoped that our Baptist people will patronize our Baptist schools. They are as good as the best. The atmosphere in all these schools is religious and Baptist. The study of the Bible is given a large place in each of them.

Your Committee earnestly recommends that all our preachers preach often each year on the needs and benefits of our Baptist schools, and that they urge our folks to send their children to them. We further emphasize the great importance of every church in this Association making a worthy offering to our schools each year.

The churches co-operating through the Baptist State Convention are giving about \$20,000.00 this year to Christian Education. Send all money to J. S. Rogers, General Secretary, Little Rock.

Submitted:

W. R. McEwan,  
For the Committee.

39 The report on Home Missions was then read by J. G. Harris and after discussion was adopted as follows:

#### Home Missions

The Home Mission Board, located at Atlanta, Georgia, is



the agency through which Southern Baptists, as a single body, address themselves to the task of saving the lost and building up the churches in the whole South.

The task of Home Mission is immense. The territory served by the Home Board embraces 1,000,000 square miles and has in it about 36,000,000 people. After counting out 4,000,000 as infants or other irresponsible persons, 18,000,000 persons in the South make no profession of religion.

To meet this immense need last year our Board maintained wholly or in part 1,409 missionaries. These reported 43,792 baptisms and brought into the churches 71,386 persons. They organized 167 Baptist churches and 321 Sunday Schools. They held up before the eyes and hearts of men in more than 5,000 communities the Light of the World, the Savior of mankind. No Mission Board in America was ever blessed with such large success or such marked evidences of the favor of God on its workers.

In the highlands and on the plains, in the cities and in the countryside, among white and black, natives and foreigner, in Cuba and the Canal Zone, messengers of Christ have brought light for darkness, and driven out sin with divine love.

This year the Convention has apportioned \$438,750 for Home Missions, to be raised by Baptist Churches in seventeen States. This is less than \$18 for each church. Nearly every one of the smaller and weaker churches are able to raise this amount for so great a cause, and thousands of stronger ones should do far more than that.

We recall with appreciation the gift of \$10,000.00 to Ouachita, and our gratitude for the \$1,000.00 to Mountain Home, and \$800.00 to Maynard Academy for this year.

We recommend:

1 That our churches be encouraged to order and use the instructive free tracts of the Board, which tell of each phase of its work, and that classes be formed to study its admirable book "Baptist Missions in the South", and its other Mission Study books.

2 That earnest prayer be made in all churches for the Board and for its work, and that at least one sermon yearly be preached in every church on Home Missions.

3 That this Association take proper steps to apportion its Home Mission apportionment among the churches and publish the list in the minutes of our body, also that the matter be pressed upon the churches throughout the year.

Fraternally submitted,

W. R. McEwan,

E. P. Osborn.

40 Brother A. P. Schofield then read the report on Bible Schools which was adopted as follows after discussion:

### Bible Schools

The matter of schooling with us is broader than academic education. Our system of democratic principals recruits our rank and file constantly with new additions from the adult class, who as a rule have passed the age of schoolhouse inmates. It therefore behooves us to create an instructive agency adopted to our spirit and makeup.

It has been thought by our State Board that the annual Bible School may be made to meet our needs.

We therefore report:

- 1 That this Association endorse this movement.
- 2 That the School be located at Jonesboro, so long as the church there extends to us this privilege and other things are adjusted to this plan.
- 3 That this body annually elect a Dean of this School who will be expected to co-operate with our State Board in forming a faculty and a program for each yearly session, and who will be expected to act as Dean during the session of the school.
- 4 That we endeavor to make this work reach those who should be most benefitted by it.
- 5 We believe that the meetings should conform to the time of meeting of the other like schools throughout the state.
- 6 That in the selection of invited special teachers the choice and arrangements should be effected by and in accord with the views and wishes of this Association, expressed by the Dean and faculty here.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. Harris,

A. P. Schofield.

W. R. Ewan.

41 On motion Dr. J. R. Hobbs was elected Dean of our Bible School for this Association year.

42 The following resolution was read and adopted:

Resolved; That the messengers of Mt. Zion Association now in session extend our most sincere thanks to the members of Wynne Baptist church and the people of Wynne for their kind and generous hospitality to us during our stay in their midst and to the Methodist church for the use of their building for our Ladies Meetings.

Adjourned to meet at Blytheville, Tuesday after first Sunday in October, 1917.

L. D. Summers, Moderator,

J. G. Harris, Clerk



## Report of W. M. U. at Wynne, Arkansas

The tenth annual session of the W. M. U. of Mt. Zion Association was called to order in the Methodist church, Wynne, Arkansas, on October 3rd, 1916 at 9:30 o'clock, with the Superintendent, Mrs. G. W. L. Brown presiding. The devotional exercises were led by Mrs. C. M. Crain, who read the 23rd Psalm and then led in prayer. After singing "God will take care of you" the acting secretary read the By-Laws and Constitution. Mrs. Brown then appointed the Temporary Committees. Committee on Resolutions, Mrs. J. C. Hurt, Mrs. W. B. Langford, and Mrs. L. D. Summers. Nominating Committee, Mrs. J. L. Burns, Mrs. E. F. Curle and Mrs. J. E. Harris. Minutes were then read and approved. Mrs. Brown then gave her report. Before reading her report however, she expressed her pleasure in greeting so many representatives from the societies and her appreciation for the co-operation and the courtesies extended to her, the hospitality in the homes open to her. She next stated that on November 1st, Miss Mildred Matthews received a part of a scholarship, a sufficient amount to permit her to spend a few months in the W. M. U. Training School. The first Society to contribute to the scholarship was the Jonesboro Y. W. A. in 1914, little dreaming that one of their own would reap the benefit. She then said that of the eleven Bible Schools held in January, two were held in the Association, one at Blytheville, and one at Jonesboro. One hour each day was given to the women, at this time the women gathered in a different room and carried out a fine program. There were ladies in attendance from five Societies. She urged that more of the ladies would avail themselves of the opportunity of attending one of these Bible Schools. She stated that three delegates from this Association attended the State Convention at Fort Smith, also one attended the Southern Baptist Convention at Ashville. Mt. Zion Association led with the largest number of new organizations in both W. M. S. and Sunbeam Bands. Honorable mention was made of the W. M. S. of the First Church at Blytheville, as having the most complete Personal Service report. She then mentioned the fact that since the Evangelistic Campaigns (which had just closed) had resulted in so many conversions and additions to the church, especially among the young people, this gave to the W. M. U. an added responsibility in developing and training the new converts. She then stated that at the State Convention not one society from Mt. Zion Association was placed on the Roll of Honor, having attained the Standard of Excellence, though there were five. She urged that all societies make the Standard of Excellence their aim and that the Presi-



dents of the societies keep the Standard of Excellence continually before their members. Also stressed the need of societies sending in their reports regularly. Reported that out of the 64 churches in the Association there were only 27 W. M. S. most of these being in the larger towns, leaving 37 without any woman's organization. Also reported that there are not any R. A's or G. A's in the Association. She said that a responsibility rested upon the stronger organizations to help the weaker. She stated that she had appointed committees in 3 of the older societies to help this way, urged that these stronger societies visit the weaker ones, plan meetings for them and if needs be, carry them out. Reported 227 letters written, 57 packages of literature and books mailed out, 17 churches and societies visited and four new societies organized, namely; Gosnell, Oct. 31, 1915; Clear Lake, Nov. 3, 1915, Mt. Zion, Nov. 28, 1915, and Leachville, (by Miss Matthews) May 1916.

Following Mrs. Brown's report, Miss Matthews gave a report on Sunbeam work. She stated that there are 12 Sunbeam Bands in the Association and their total gifts for the year amounted to \$222.35. This was followed by a discussion by Miss Una Roberts, who said that the Jonesboro First Church Band is now the Banner Band of the State. She also said that the Trumann Band had made the greatest advancement in a short time of any other Band. Mrs. Curle, as chairman of the Program Committee then reported that a Program had been arranged and published. No report on Literature. Mrs. Burns the report on Recommendations, Committee recommended that each society pay \$1.00 per year for the expenses of the Associational Superintendent, as provided for in the Constitution; that each society have a personal service committee and that these reports be sent regularly to the Associational Superintendent; that each society pay it's appointment on the Cone property at Arkadelphia; and that a committee be appointed in each society to have charge of a Tithing Band. This report was adopted. After the reading of these reports, Mrs. J. E. Harris gave the welcome address, and this was responded to by representatives from the different societies. Roll of societies called. 20 sent in reports and there were 15 societies represented. Their total gifts amounted to \$4,395.92. This was followed by special music, "Some of these Days", sung by a quartette of ladies. Miss Matthews then gave a report on the Training School, placing special emphasis on the crowded condition of the school, and urging that the ladies rally to the call that the 98,000 Baptists each give a dollar for the New Training School. Mrs. S. P. Gray read the report of the State Convention. A discussion on the Standard of Excellence was



led by Mrs. Curle. There were two societies in class A, Jonesboro, First Church and Osceola.

Mrs. P. C. Barton read quite an interesting paper on "Preparedness," and Mrs. Curle read two Personal Service poems, "Others," and "The Master Calls for Thee." Closed with prayer. Adjourned till afternoon.

Mrs. Curle led the devotional in the afternoon. After singing "Loyalty to Christ," read a portion of the 4th chapter of John, commenting on the woman at the well, and also Matt. 9:35-38. Then prayer, led by Miss Roberts. Mrs. T. W. Altman read a splendid paper on "Woman's place in the church." Then Mrs. Chas. Stuart of Jonesboro, gave a reading, "The Ladie's Aid." Miss Una Roberts, the State Sunbeam talked on the "Importance of Sunbeam and Royal Ambassador work." This was followed by a beautifully rendered solo by Mrs. West of Wynne. Then a series of questions and excuses on "Why I do not belong to a Woman's Missionary Society" was led by Mrs. E. P. Minton and the Scriptural answers were read by some of the members present. Mrs. J. G. Jackson, the Corresponding Secretary then gave a helpful and inspiring talk on the woman's work, and showed several charts which illustrated all the work that a W. M. U. stands for. Mrs. McMullen of Jonesboro, read a poem, "Missions and Lace." Report of committee on Resolutions was read by Mrs. Hurt. Nominating committee reported and the election of officers resulted as follows: Mrs. G. W. L. Brown, president and superintendent, Mrs. C. B. Wood, vice pres., and Mrs. T. W. Altman, secretary and treasurer. The following committees were appointed; Program committee: Mrs. J. B. Clark, First church, Jonesboro, Mrs. L. D. Summers, First church, Blytheville, and Mrs. B. B. Owen, Luxora; Committee on Literature: Mrs. J. C. McCroy, Marked Tree, Mrs. W. B. Langford, Jonesboro First church and Mrs. I. M. Hammock, Monette; Committee on Recommendations: Mrs. E. F. Curle, Osceola; Mrs. W. C. Wood, Paragould, and Mrs. R. Dee Byrd, West church, Jonesboro; Committee on Obituaries: Mrs. E. P. Minton, Jonesboro First church, Mrs. C. M. Crain, Wynne, and Mrs. Ida Bowlin, Walcott; Committee on Orphan's Home: Mrs. J. W. Williams, Wynne, Mrs. J. L. Burns, Jonesboro First church, Mrs. J. C. Hurt, Paragould, Mrs. T. H. Haynes, Blytheville First church, Mrs. Chas. Stuart, Jonesboro Second church, Mrs. Albert Horner, Earl, Mrs. Alice Wilcockson, Walcott, Mrs. W. W. Weeks, Luxora, and Mrs. S. P. Gray, Jonesboro, First church. After singing, "Blest be the Tie that Binds," Mrs. J. B. Clarke led the closing prayer. Meeting adjourned at 4 p. m., after adjournment the ladies were invited to the

home of Mrs. Harold Harris, where a reception was given by the W. M. S. of Wynne. We were entertained with beautiful music and readings. Delicious refreshments were served and a pleasant social hour was enjoyed.

Mrs. G. W. L. Brown, President,  
Mildred Matthews, Secy., Pro., Tem.





## Articles of Faith

1 We believe only in one true, living God—Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one.

2 We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3 We believe that by one man sin entered into the world and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.

4 We believe that Jesus Christ, by the grace of God, tasted death for every man; through his meritorious death the way of salvation is made possible, for God to have mercy on all that come unto Him, upon gospel terms.

5 We believe that being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

6 That such only are true believers as endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special Providence watches over their welfare, and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

7 We believe there will be a resurrection of the dead and a general and universal judgement, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

8 We believe that the visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men and women, who have obtained with each other, and given themselves to the Lord, and each other, having agreed to keep up the Godly discipline, according to the rules of the Gospel.

9 We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of the church, and the government thereof is with the body.

10 We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Gospel and to be continued until his coming.

11 We believe that true believers are the only fit subjects of baptism, and that immersion is the only mode.

12 We believe that none but regular baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's table.

13 We believe that the Lord's day ought to be observed and set apart for the worship of God, and that no work or worldly business ought to be transacted thereon, works of piety, mercy and necessity excepted.

14 We do not design to impose these Articles of Faith on any church as a rule, but have given them as our views of our Scripture doctrine.

## Constitution

ART. I The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, the members of the Executive Board and all ordained ministers who are members in good standing, of said churches. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers, and one for every fifty members or fractional parts thereof above the first fifty.

ART. II The members thus chosen and convened shall be known as the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Association, the officers of which shall be three in number, viz: A Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected at each annual meeting by the suffrages of the members present. Said Association to have the privilege to enact and carry out missionary purposes in all their meanings, yet so as that the churches and individual members are left free and the giving or withholding shall not be a bar to fellowship.

ART. III The Association shall usurp no authority over the churches in our union, or infringe on any of their internal rights, but shall merely be considered an advisory council in all matters relative to their external concerns; nevertheless, it becomes necessary, in some cases, to have a uniform rule of procedure namely: If one church commit an offense against another, it shall be the duty of the offended to labor with the offender for satisfaction. If she fails of success, she shall call the aid of two more churches in our union to assist in laboring for satisfaction; and if final satisfaction, in the opinion thus called, be not obtained, the aggrieved may bring the case before the Association, which shall be taken up and decided upon according to its merits.

If a serious difference should arise in an individual church, which, upon due labor, cannot be reconciled, she shall call the aid of two or more sister churches to assist in the work; and if a reconciliation can be not affected, the help so called, or the church, may bring the case before the Association to be acted upon according to its merits; but the Association will take no cognizance of any case of the above kind unless a due course of procedure shall have been previously pursued according to the economy of the church discipline found in the 18th chapter of the Gospel by Matthew and other parts of the Scripture, which define the nature of offenses, and the manner of bringing offenders to trial.

ART. IV The churches in our union shall transmit to every annual session of the Association written communications specifying the names of their delegates, their number of fellowship, baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated, deceased since the last session, which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

ART. V That churches making application for membership in this body shall be admitted by an unanimous vote.

ART. VI That churches which this body may deem unworthy of membership may be dropped from the list by a majority vote of this body.

ART. VII Any article of this constitution may be changed or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.



## Rules of Decorum

1 A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

2 The Moderator shall take the chair at the hour to which the Association shall be adjourned, and shall proceed to business. It shall be his duty to keep order, and shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as other members, provided he appoint one of the members to fill the chair during the exercise of that privilege, and in no case shall give a vote unless the Association be equally divided.

3 Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator by the appellation of "Bro. Moderator," and while speaking shall confine himself strictly to the subject in question, and shall not be disturbed unless he digress from the subject, and shall in no wise reflect on any other speaker so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly give his own views of the case without sophistry or criticism.

4 No person shall speak more than three times on one subject, without leave from the Association.

5 No person shall absent himself from the Association without obtaining leave therefrom.

6 No member of the Association shall address another by any other term or appellation than that of brother.

7 The Moderator shall not interrupt a member, or prohibit him from speaking, until his speech is finished, unless he breaks the rules of decorum.

8 The names of all the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association may require.

9 Any member who shall willingly violate any of the foregoing rules shall be reproved by the Association in any way they may think proper.

Church	Pastor	Clerk	Postoffice	S. S. Enrollment	Increase			Decrease			S. S. Expenses	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphan's Home	W. M. U.	Christian Education	Other Objects	Ministerial Education	Pastors Salary	Minute Fund	Total	Value of Church Property	
					Baptism	Letter	Restored	Letter	Expelled	Death															Present Membership
Bay	H. F. Wright	Myrtle Ferguson	Bay	63	5	1				2	78	\$16.50	\$	\$	\$32.00	\$ 3.00	\$	\$	\$ 2.00	\$ 39.35	\$	\$ 18.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 111.85	\$ 1000.
*Barton Ranch		Maggie Carter	Tyrnza								50											1.75		11.75	
*Beasley	L. T. Ginn	W. M. Counts	Beasley	40	2						55	5.00	5.00												
Bethel	T. E. Ellzy	W. E. Harris	Harrisburg	71	17			2		1	41	6.00	5.00	10.50		12.50		3.00				2.50	39.50	400.	
*Bellefield		W. C. Blanton	Bellefield								20										1.00				
Bethabara	J. F. McClain	J. F. Crocker	Lake City	104	25	7	2	1	4	2	137	3.72		10.00	5.16	36.00			630.35		1.00		686.23	1000	
*Bardstown		J. L. Wroten	Bardstown								21														
*Bono	A. J. Lincoln	B. B. Brinton	Bono	40			1	2			27														
*Boynton		O. G. Sherrick	Boynton								43														
Black Oak		L. O. Allen	Black Oak	81		1		2	1		21	32.00	5.00						23.66			1.50	62.16		
Blytheville (1st ch.)	L. D. Summers	W. E. Cooper	Blytheville	160	60	42		30	10	1	266	170.00	67.50	35.00	100.00	109.20	726.00	35.00		30.00	1,440.00	2.50	2730.20	27500.	
Blytheville (2nd ch.)	A. E. Chapman	E. G. Sevier	Blytheville	82	17	3	2		3	1	68	40.01	5.50						25.00		210.00	.60	281.11	2000.	
*Blytheville (Lily)	T. R. Shepherd	Rossie Duncan	Blytheville	40	20	22					42	40.00				5.00			14.50		46.00	.55		106.05	
*Brookland	J. C. Swaim	C. E. Edwards	Brookland	40	9	10		4		1	40	1.25	10.00						159.00					169.25	
Cardwell (Mo.)	G. A. Crocker	J. T. Lockard	Cardwell, Mo.	90	13	6					51	25.00	12.50	12.50	23.10	23.50		395.00		180.00	1.00	688.00	1600.		
Cherry Valley	E. P. Minton	Wm. L. Griffin	Cherry Valley	47	2	1		1		1	66	8.00		10.50					48.00	.60			67.10	260.	
Clear Lake	L. D. Summers	Finley Horton	Archilion	33						2	68	16.00	11.00				7.00		50.91		75.00	1.00	160.91	1500.	
Crawfordsville	A. P. Schofield	S. O. Boone	Crawfordsville	34	1	8					35	12.00	14.00						20.00		500.00	1.50	547.50	1200.	
*Cache Valley	J. W. Seay	J. G. Parker	Light								100						1.71								
Earle	A. P. Schofield	Albert Horner	Earle	78	2	5		4			92	47.43	32.50	40.00	30.86	33.37	30.65	105.68	5.00	67.08	2.50	900.00	2.50	1297.57	2000.
*Evening Shade		E. E. Anderson	Cherry Valley								18														
*Fisher		J. D. Fakes	Fisher								50														
*Gosnell	T. E. Williams	Mary Bevell	Gosnel	92	1	6			5	1	121	29.64	10.00		2.65	3.13	36.50		243.75	3.62	60.00			2000.	
Harrisburg	D. M. Carter	H. C. Jacobs	Harrisburg	119	25	10	1	13	2	2	119	48.00	11.50	45.00	82.59	87.35	344.06	30.00	507.17		320.00	2.60	1478.27	6000.	
Harris Chapel	M. L. Jones	Edward Milton	Wynne	77	20	1	5				85	15.00									32.00	1.00	48.00	500.	
Hydrick	J. H. Martin	D. R. Parker	Hydrick	50					5	1	51	8.00	3.50									1.00	12.50	500.	
Jonesboro (1st ch.)	J. R. Hobbs	P. C. Barton	Jonesboro	596	53	46	3	30	15	6	692	359.55	500.00	602.80		600.00	339.49	268.75	4,173.85	15.85	2,270.40	15.00	9145.69	60000.	
Jonesboro (Walnut St.)	R. Dee Byrd	J. E. Holmes	Jonesboro	104	14	14					125	55.76	13.25	1.00	2.50	2.50			253.08		141.25	1.00	578.34	1500.	
Jonesboro [2nd ch.]	R. Dee Byrd	F. M. Johnson	Jonesboro	65		1	1	15	3		52	26.30	6.00								145.80		180.10	1500.	
Leachville		S. D. Thompson	Leachville	90	7	9	1				25	20.00	18.41				125.00		20.00	2.00	60.40	1.00	244.81	200.	
*Lepanto		W. C. Dawson	Lepanto								16	12.40													
Lake City		J. H. Kitchens	Lake City					2	3		15		1.00	1.00	1.00	5.00			112.25			1.00	122.25		
*Lambertville	A. Martin	P. A. Bartleman	Lambertville								28														
Lunsford	A. J. Lincoln	J. W. Reed	Lunsford	131	10	3					64	12.00	7.65	7.50							138.00		165.15		
Luxora [Beulah ch.]	A. A. Weeks	J. M. Majors	Luxora	109	2	5	1	3		1	103	76.38	45.00	4.50	13.30	8.68	17.88	111.60	45.35	510.37	466.66	2.50	1302.22	10700.	
*Marion		T. H. Lashbrook	Marion								4														
*Manila	A. E. Chapman	Lizzie David	Manila	71	30	7	3	3	1	1	96	41.78	5.90	2.61						3.23	216.65	2.00	551.36	2500.	
Monette	H. A. Ball	I. M. Hammock	Monette	104	2	8					45	12.00		2.00	3.00				25.25		300.00	1.25	468.50	1500.	
Marked Tree	F. C. Sterling	C. P. Wiggenton	Marked Tree	103	17	3		17			84	52.57	25.00	5.00	5.00	5.00			43.00		262.75	2.00	400.32		
Mt. Pleasant	J. L. Pinkston	J. M. Finley	Jonesboro		6	2					66		1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00			1.00	1.00	130.00	1.00	138.00		
Pleasant Grove	J. W. Seay	W. F. Cobb	Harrisburg	56	1	1		1		3	43	2.86	28.05	1.50	1.50	2.00			21.09		125.25	1.60	183.85	500.	
Mt. Pisgah	J. L. Leach	N. E. Bennett	Dee	59					19	1	24	7.08							4.00		12.50	.60	24.18	500.	
*New Hope		P. S. Watkins	Jonesboro (Rt. 3)	60				2	1	5	70	10.15	7.00											1000.	
Nettleton	W. R. Anderson	Arie Howell	Nettleton	149	56	15	2	3			103	52.07	10.00		1.00	6.85			128.05		200.00		397.97	1100.	
Osceola	E. F. Curle	W. McFarland	Osceola	118	4	26		7			135	12.95	1.25	48.44	26.40	260.00			22276.75	1,080.00	1200.00		24905.79	22180.	
Paragould [1st ch.]	W. C. Wood	J. G. Hall	Paragould	430	26	34		8		2	447	171.96	130.00	137.35	81.00	197.00		49.70	507.53	10.00	1200.00	7.50	2573.04	21500.	
Mt. Zion	A. A. Ryan	L. L. Dennis	Walcott	67	15		3	10	1	3	186	16.19	134.00	9.50	10.50	10.50			62.80		150.00	2.00	405.49	1500.	
*Parkin	F. C. Sterling	J. H. Biddy	Parkin	68	11	4	1				40	8.00		3.45	4.00	10.00			13.60	3.00	126.50		169.05	500.	
*Promised Land	E. T. Lincoln	D. C. Watkins	Egypt		13	3			2		45	7.00	11.00	10.00					37.35				164.40	500.	
Sedgwick		J. M. Smelser	Sedgwick	103				1		2	28	29.06					21.1			136.31		1.00	187.38		
Stanford	J. W. Seay	J. E. Stephens	Beech Grove		3	1		5	9	3	67		6.00		1.30				14.45		50.00	1.00	72.75		
Shiloh	T. E. Ellzy	L. H. Wallace	Harrisburg					3			37											1.40	1.40		
Trumann	J. H. Johnson	N. Hartsoe	Trumann	106	1	11		7	4	1	52														

[\*Not represented 1916. Statistics of 1915.]