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Next Session will convene in the First Baptist Church at Walcott, Arkansas, Tuesday after the First Sunday in October, 1918, at 10 o'clock a. m.

> Preacher of the Annual Sermon J. R. Hobbs

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Cherry Valley-Letter.

Hydrick-Letter.

Clear Lake—M. C. Ralph, J. A. Craig and Rebecca Smith. McFerrin-D. R. Garner.

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Luxora, (Beulah Church)—Sidney Evans, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. C. B. Wood, Mrs. S. B. Terry, Mrs. J. M. Landrum, J. M. Landrum and Chesley Bowden.

Paragould, First Church-C. H. Dickey, T. B. Kitchens, Mrs. Maude Maddox, Mrs. Nannie Stanley, Mrs. J. W. Sloan, Mrs. A. L. Welborn and Mrs. Ford.

Shiloh-Letter.

Vanndale-C. C. Kirby.

Leachville-E. M. Howard, L. N. Brown, Mrs. L. N. Brown and Miss Geneva Jett. Allen, W. J. F .... Blytheville Allen, T. A.\_\_\_\_Paragould Anderson, W.M.\_Harrisburg Bowden, C. L.\_\_\_Luxora Burress, L. R.\_\_\_Jonesboro Ball, H. A. Monette Blancett, ..... Bellefield Carter, F. M.\_\_\_Jonesboro Carpenter, C.G\_Marked Tree Culp, M .... Harrisburg Cunningham, E. H. Jnsboro Curry, B. R.\_\_\_\_Monette Cantrell, W. R .... Mangrum Crist, S. P.\_\_\_\_Jonesboro Chapman, A. E ... Blytheville Crocker, G. A.\_\_\_Paragould Casey, J. M. ....Light Dudley, C. H ..... Paragould Duboise, J. E ..... Trumann Duke, H. M. Cherry Valley DeArmond, J. T.\_\_\_Osceola Dye, Jas.\_\_\_\_Cardwell, Mo. Ellzy, T. E ..... Harrisburg Harris, J. G....Jonesboro Hobbs, J. R. .... Jonesboro Huddleston, J.M. Paragould Hunter, J. H. Cherry Valley Jones, M. L .... Wynne Johnson, A. J ... Blytheville Johnson, J. H.\_\_\_Trumann Kirby, C. C.\_\_\_\_Vanndale Latimer, T. J.\_\_\_\_Manila Lewis, G. H....Osceola Lincoln, A. J....Jonesboro McCool, H......Wynne McLain, J. F ..... Nettleton Minton, E. P. .... Jonesboro Martin, J. H. Cherry Valley McEwen, W. R. Jonesboro Owen, B. B. .... Luxora Pruett, W. H. ..... Bay Reaves, A. C ..... Harrisburg Ryan, A. A. .... Walcott Robertson, J. N.\_Paragould Sanderson, W. R. Nettleton Summers, L. D ... Blytheville Seay, J. W. Walcott Stephens, J. M., Biggers Schofield, A. P. ..... Earle Settlemoir, G. W. Black Oak Shepherd, T. R. Blytheville Swaim, J. C ..... Vanndale Sims, F. C.....Wynne Scott, J. E. .... Blytheville Turner, F. P.\_\_\_\_Bono Turner, J. H ... Marked Tree Wilson, J. F.\_\_\_\_Archillion Williams, T. E..... Gosnell Wright, H. F ..... Nettleton Weeks, A. A.\_\_\_\_Luxora Winbigler, J.\_\_\_\_Jonesboro Wilson, C. T....Jonesboro Williams, H. S.\_\_\_\_Walcott

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### The Proceedings

#### Blytheville, Ark., Oct. 9, 1917.

1. The sixty-fifth annual session of the Mt. Zion Association of Missionary Baptists was called to order at 10:30 a. m., by Moderator L. D. Summers, of Blytheville, in the First Baptist Church, Blytheville, Arkansas.

2. After singing, "Come Thou Fount," the Association was led in prayer by R. F. Liddell, of Paragould.

3. L. J. Covington led a devotional exercise.

4. Upon motion of J. G. Harris, the committee on credentials was dispensed with and deferred; it was also ordered that Messengers present who knew themselves to be regular, constitute the basis or permanent organization and the election of officers be held.

5. Officers of the Association were then elected as follows:

Moderator, C. R. French Harrisburg Vice-Moderator, W. R. McEwen Jonesboro Clerk, B. H. Parrish Jonesboro Treasurer, J. M. Landrum Luxora

6. The Moderator announced the committee on Order of Business as follows: L. D. Summers, M. Culp, C. H. Dickey, P. C. Barton, W. H. Borum.

7. Visitors were enrolled as follows: J. E. Eoff, Mem-

phis, Tenn.; L. J. Covington. Gainesville Association; G. O. Wagoner; R. F. Liddell, Second Church, Paragould; J. A. Wheatley; J. R. Stangeld; A. Martin, Memphis, Tenn.

8. Elder Mr. Brooks, Minister of the Christian Church was at this time recognized, and a short welcome address was made by him.

9. New pastors of the Association were introduced as follows: T. J. Latimer, Leachville; M. Culp, Harrisburg; C. H. Dickey, 1st Church, Paragould; J. A. Wheatley; C. L. Bowden, Luxora.

10. The Moderator announced the following as a committee of Finance: E. P. Osborn, J. M. Landrum, F. M. Johnson.

11. After announcements the Association adjourned to meet at 2:00 p. m. Benediction by L. D. Summers.

#### **Tuesday Afternoon**

12. The Association was called to order. J. E. Eoff led a devotional exercise.

13. The report of Bible Schools was read by J. R. Hobbs. This report was spoken to by J. R. Hobbs, J. A. Wheatley, C. C. Kirby, L. R. Burress, J. H. Johnson, P. C. Barton, and adopted as given below:

#### The Bible School

Your committee appointed to report on our Bible School begs leave to report as follows:

Simultaneously with fourteen other such schools in the State the Bible School conducted under the auspices of our State Mission Board, met at Jonesboro First Church Jan. 15, 1917 and continued for five days.

The attendance was not up to what had been expected but the program prepared by those in charge was carried out with but few exceptions. The work was especially well done, if we may judge from the remarks of those in attendance. We believe that much good was wrought.

Your committee believes that these schools are a step in the right direction and is of the opinion that if a suitable season of the year could be found, which season would encourage attendance rather the opposite and the program made to cover a ten day period that good in amount incalculable could be accomplished. This report would therefore recommend that those having charge of these schools in the State seek a more equable seaon of the year than the height of winter for the time of holding these schools and that steps be taken to lengthen the program so as to embrace at least ten days of work. By so doing we believe that much more good can be accomplished and a larger clientele reached.

J. R. Hobbs, Chmn.

14. Upon motion of J. H. Gholston, it was ordered that the Moderator appoint a Committee of Stewardship.

15. The following committees were appointed:

Sunday Schools-C. H. Dickey, L. D. Summers, C. L. Bowden.

Orphan's Home-C. M. Culp, S. T. Hatfield, M. C. Ralph.

Christian Education-J. Winbigler, R. A. Speed, B. C. Gage.

Temperance-L. R. Burress, J. N. Bolin, W. E. Harris.

B. Y. P. U.-B. H. Parrish, Sidney Evans, J. T. Stafford.

Foreign Missions-J. R. Hobbs, G. M. Settlemire, J. A. Parker.

State Missions-W. R. McEwen, H. B. Christy, L. E. Stancell.

Associational Missions-J. G. Harris, John F. Wilhite, J. M. Landrum.

Home Missions-J. R. Hobbs, Sid Scott, J. M. Casey.

Religious Literature-J. M. Majors, H. J. McCool, J. H. Turner.

Bible School-J. R. Hobbs, Clifford Willcockson, L. D. Summers.

Baptist Memorial Hospital-T. J. Latimer, M. Culp.

Digest of Letters-J. H. Turner, T. J. Latimer, W. E. Harris Resolutions-H. J. McCool, C. H. Dickey, J. R. Hobbs.

Divine Service—L. D. Summers and Deacons of First Church, Blytheville.

Obituaries-F. E. Williams, W. H. Borum, J. H. Johnson. Woman's Work-J. W. Seay, Mrs. J. W. Williams, Mrs. G. W. L. Brown.

Nominations-B. H. Parrish, L. D. Summers, E. P. Osborn. Stewardship-W. R. McEwen, P. C. Barton, C. H. Dickey. State Mission Campaign-L. D. Summers, T. J. Latimer, C. H. Dickey, M. Culp, J. H. Turner.

16. The report on B. Y. P. U. was presented by B. H. Parrish. The report was discussed by B. H. Parrish, W. R. McEwen, L. R. Burress, F. M. Johnson, and adopted as given herewith.

#### Report on B. Y. P. U.

We regret to report that we find at this that there are only about seven Young Peoples' Unions maintained within the bounds of Mt. Zion Association. This work does not show satisfactory progress, and in this field of endeavor there is evidence of serious neglect.

We claim that this is one of the very important departments of church work. We would recommend the employment of a well trained B. Y. P. U. secretary whose duty it shall be to organize Unions in the churches where there are now none, and to enlarge and intensify the work now done in the organizations already formed.

> B. H. Parrish, Sidney Evans, J. T. Stafford.

17. The report on Temperance was made by L. R. Burress. It was spoken to by L. R. Burress, C. L. Bowden, P. C. Barton, J. H. Gholson, B. H. Parrish, L. D. Summers, C. C. Kirby, L. A. Covington, and adopted as given below.

#### Report on Temperance

John Barleycorn, long an ally of civil governments, active and achieving through his ambassadors to these governments appointing power or elective franchise, and had his regents dominating in the departments of State among all nations.

Drunk with ambition and power of his own distilling, he placed his chief, alcohol, who had compelled statesmen and their constituents to acknowledge his supremacy on the throne of power, and styled him King Alcohol. This uncrowned king ruled with diligence over the lords of creations reducing to slavery, inspiring brigands, schooling prostitutes, heartening rolbers, tyranizing over wives, mothers and dependent children, until the cry of an outraged world sounded to heaven for the dethronement of the maddening king. Many thought as the Paracelsus about whom Longfellow wrote, that in alcohol was stored the elixir of life, which was found to be "a savor of donth unto death."

Heaven echoed the cry of outraged humanity and sent deliverance. The royal tramp, tramp, of the once domineering king is no longer heard to dismay our firesides, and to dictate the rule of the judicial ermine. Behold: My countrymen, what a fall. The house of the once proud and defying John Harleycorn whose King Alcohol once from his royal throne by his golden scepter, dictated the policy of governments is now the stealthy, slinking, sneaking, skulking, "boot-legger" who with traitorous pace moves as a ghost at night.

Democracy sober is coming to her own and emblazoned on her banner, "eternal vigilance" as the price of Temperance, and men will stand to their guns till the last boot-legger is shot with the preparation of prohibition.

Of all peoples, we Baptist should be vigilant and active in restoring his example of mankind into sobriety. It is not said of our Harbinger John the Baptist, that he came drinking neither wine nor strong drink, "Total abstinance is the only use 'trench' against the matchless evil."

Let us hope and strive that the rule of "alcoholism" which that of blood and iron, will not re-incarnate in the life of any of our soldier boys who have gone, or may go to "the trenches," to aid our allies. It is deplorable that France deals out to the soldiers the "rum ration." The papers state that the troops from Canada, which at home has been protected from the drink demon, when beyond the sea were introduced to all the temptations of the British Canteen. The result is that many ruined youths are returning to Canada with impure lives, sodden with drunkenness and its attendant evils, which are likely to blast generations to come.

The proper thing for every American lover of prohibition to do is to memoralize our president, who is commander-inchief of all American soldiers, to forbid the temptations of the "drink ration."

The rule of the Kaiser must be resisted to the last trench. The question is, Will the army canteen strengthen or weaken the man power that weilds the munitions of war?

This report condemns the uses of tobacco with the uses of all narcotics, save when skillfully administered as a medicinal aid. Whoever tobacconizes in any form cannot claim to practice "cleanliness which is next to godliness." Is it not the duty of every diciple of cleanliness to "eschew evil," rather than to "chew wax or quid."

May every son of Temperance be strong and good of courage, to stand and having done all to stand.

"He who fights and bravely falls

Will hear the Master when He calls."

L. R. Burress, Chrm.

17. Announcements being made, the Association adjourned to 7:30 p.m. Prayer by L. R. Burress.

#### **Tuesday Evening Session**

18. The Association was called to order, and a devotional exercise was led by W. R. McEwen and a short address was made by him on the work of the B. Y. P. U.

19, Special mention was made of the excellent music rendered by the choir of the First Baptist Church of Blytheville under the leadership of Bro. Haynes.

20. The annual sermon of the Association was preached by J. Winbigler, his text being Colessians 1:26. "Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but is now made manifest to his saints."

21. The Association adjourned to meet at 8:30 a. m. Wednesday. Benediction by M. Culp.

#### Wednesday Morning Session

22. The Association was called to order and a devotional exercise was led by R. F. Liddell.

23. Petitionary letters were read from Prairie Grove, New Hope and Grubbs churches. Prairie Grove was admitted. Upon motion, letter of New Hope was referred to a special committee consisting of W. R. McEwen, L. E. Stancell, and F. M. Johnson. The following resolution was passed:

Whereas the Grubbs Baptist Church appears to be the same as the New Zion Church of Grubbs, and whereas the New Zion Church has been a member of this body, therefore be it Resolved that the Grubbs Baptist Church be enrolled as the successor of the New Zion Church and that we accept its letter for statistical purposes.

P. C. Barton.

23. Upon motion of J. R. Hobbs it was ordered that the uport on State Missions be made special order at 10:00 a. m.

24. The report on State Missions was presented by W. R. McEwen. This report was spoken to by W. R. McEwen, L. Covington, and J. S. Rogers. State Missionary Secretary. The report was adopted as given herewith.

#### State Missions

Belief in missions is fundamental to christianity. No ormization can be a true church of Jesus Christ and not have the missionary spirit and not be engaged in the missionary flort. Just as a belief in Foreign Missions is the key to a belief in all missions, so activity in State Missions is the key to activity in all missions. The way for a Baptist church to become "A glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any uch thing," is for it to be intensely missionary in both doctrine and practice.

State Missions is the united effort of Arkansas Baptists to win the people of Arkansas to Christ, and into Baptists churches. Both these things are fundamental and necessary; the first to salvation; the second to a well rounded christian life. In Arkansas the worth of a church to the Kingdom is very largely expressed in attitude toward, and activity in State Missions.

It is a trite saying, but there is great destitution in all parts of the state. Just how great this destitution is, none but those best informed know, even approximately. It is safe to say that ixteen thousand souls go from Arkansas to hell every year. Thousands of these may be saved if we will but do our duty by State Missions. Many of them will never be reached through any other channel.

Reports for last year show the following interesting items:

Workers engaged. 65; conversions, 3,134; baptisms, 2,281; additions, 3,010; raised for State Missions, \$25,598. About even hundred churches co-operated with our State Convention last year, and the total contributions were \$87,786.96, of which about 6 per cent was used in expenses.

For this year there are more workers and the prospects are for a great increase along all lines of state work. To go to the Convention out of debt we MUST raise not less than \$30,000.-00, and to meet some most pressing needs we want to raise not less than \$40,000.00 by the first of next December.

In order that Mt. Zion Association come up to all expectations, your committee urges the adoption of the following recommendations:

1st. That every preacher and other Christian worker get, and be sure to disseminate all possible information on State Missions.

2d. That a strong committee be appointed to plan and put on in every church a canvass on State Missions between now and the first of December 1917.

3d. That all the churches be asked to co-operate with this committee most heartily, and if at all expedient, put on an every member canvass, and thus make a determined effort to raise the amounts asked.

W. R. McEwen. H. B. Christy. Committee. L. E. Stancill.

25. In accordance with the recommendation a committee of five was appointed as given with list of committees.

26. The Association adjourned with prayer by J. G. Harris.

#### Wednesday Afternoon Session

27. The Association was called to order by the Moderator and after singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," prayer was offered by J. W. Seay.

28. The report of Committee on Baptist Memorial Hospital was read by T. J. Latimer, and after being discussed by him and L. R. Burress, it was adopted.

#### Baptist Memorial Hospital

The Baptist Convention of three states, 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.

Our Baptist Hospital in Memphis stands prominently as an expression of christian benovelence and beneficence. It represents in concrete form, Christ's tenderness for the sick and suffering of the human race. The scope of this institution is to be as bread as the spirit of Christ, and need of humanity. People of all creeds and no creeds are sharing alike in their benefactions.

As Baptists we are just beginning to emphasize and carry out the physical side of the teachings of Jesus through the ministry of our hospital. A work which has been all too long neglected but which we are glad to note is now burning upon the altars of royal sympathetic hearts as never before.

It is being demonstrated beyond all doubt, ever and ever again, that our hospital is God's providential means of enlisting noble helpers in all our work. This is God's method of developing his people in good works. As a people, we have unified and developed by doing great things. If the evil day shall ever come when Baptists fail to have before them vast enterprises, then will begin their disintegration.

Our hospital has already profoundly impressed public opinion as well as graciously enriched the life of our denomination. The world believes in practical christianity, and such a practical demonstration of the spirit of benevolence cannot be lost on the world, besides it brings constant revenues of praise to the Father above. The Master said "Let your light so shine among men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven." Whatsoever comes short of work in christianity will fail to deeply and permanently impress mankind.

We earnestly urge that the work and needs of this institution be taken more seriously to heart, and that our people, whenever it is at all feasible, give preference in patronage and money to their own.

T. J. Latimer, M. Culp.

29. The report on Christian Education was presented by H. Winbigler and after short discussion by him and L. R. Burress the report was adopted as follows:

#### Christian Education

The Baptist Church has ever been the friend of education. She carries everywhere the true spirit of education.

More and more, she is demanding a completed education. Especially is this true concerning her ministers, and is gently, yet urgently, them to higher intellectual attainments.

Her seminaries, her colleges and universities are the best in the land, and are yearly graduating a host of young men and women to bless the church and world.

Without well equipped Baptist schools all of our Baptist

work would suffer and come to a standstill. We look to our Baptist schools for most of our trained workers in pulpit and pew, as well as on mission fields. Ninety-five out of every hundred of our foreign missionaries come from Baptist schools. So Christian Education and its support must be put on the same basis with Missions.

Arkansas Baptists have two great christian colleges-Ouachita, for boys and girls, at Arkadelphia, C. E. Dicken, D. D., president; Central, for girls, at Conway, J. W. Conger, LL. D., president. Last year Ouachita had 287 students, and Central had 202. These schools have rendered a service to the Baptist cause in Arkansas, the value of which can never be estimated.

We now have two mountain schools. One of these is at Maynard, with W. A. Cummings as princpal, and the other at Mountain Home, with H. F. Vermillion as principal.

The education of preachers is one great object in Christian Education. The denomination that fails to provide for the education of its preachers will die as a denomination. Last year there were 40 young preachers in Ouachita College and several in the Mountain Home and Maynard schools. They receive free tuition, and some help on other expenses when it is necessary. The Bible Department in Ouachita is arranged with special reference to the preachers, but the classes are open to all, and Bible is required of all who graduate.

This committee hopes that all of our preachers will preach often each year on the needs and benefits of Baptist schools, that every church in the Association will make a good offering for our schools and for the education of young preachers this year, and that our people will send their children to our Baptist schools.

#### H. Winbigler, Chmn.

30. The report on Sunday Schools was presented by C. H. Dickey and the report was adopted after discussion by C. H. Dickey, J. H. McCool, B. H. Parrish, J. H. Johnson and C. R. French.

#### Report on Sunday Schools

The passing years have witnessed a phenominal growth in this department of the Master's work. Where the Sunday Schools were at once the exception, to-day they are numerical and well established. The work has constantly grown in num-

her of schools represented, in the numbers enrolled and in the efficiency with which the work is executed. The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is on a firm basis; and is preparing and distributing a great amount of bennicial, uplifting and religious literature for our consumption. And as a business institution, it is pregressive, is making money and is able to make handsome donations to the various denominational interests.

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

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

As is true with all other institutions that teach, the main work of the Sunday School is and will always remain pre-eminently among the young people. No period of life is psychologically so favorable to the reception of great Biblical truths as is the period of childhood and youth. These young people have a wonderful capacity for the discernment of spiritual truths. And the religious safety of the denomination, of the church, of the young and of the country lies in the early indoctrination of the young people into the eternal truths of God's word. It is a spiritual crime against the child to keep him from the Sunday School. And for some reason, this is done to an alarming extent. And at this day and time, when the religious training of the child has so largely been transferred outside the realm of the home, it is all the more imperative that the Sunday School and the church be given an opportunity to inoculate the child with, and instill into him those religious truths which his home life is so completely failing to give him.

We recommend that more schools be established, where it is possible to do so. And we recommend that all the churches be diligent to maintain their Sunday School department to a high standard of efficiency, not only of efficiency in the mechanical execution of its work, but in a higher degree of usefulness, of service and of Evangelism.

> C. H. Dickey, L. D. Summers, C. L. Bowden.

31. The report on Home Missions was made by J. R. Hobbs. The report was adopted after discussion by him.

#### Report on Home Missions

The past year has been a great Home Mission year, both in achievement and opportunity. At no time has the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention been able to make a better report to the convention than at the 1917 session at New Orleans. \$474,792.00 were contributed by Southern Baptists for this purpose during the last convention year. The debt of nearly \$80,000.00 of the year before was reduced to less than \$40,000.00, though no special effort- was made to do so. The total operating expense of the Board for the year was 4.7 per cent, thus setting a record of efficiency and economy in carrying on its work.

Much was accomplished. The Mountain School department reported 5,704 students in attendance at the various schools which were manned by 201 teachers. The teachers were paid \$84,891.00 in salaries of which the Board paid \$25,-700.00. Repairs and improvements on the properties were made at a total cost of \$48,375.00, of which the Board paid \$12,550.00. There were 149 graduates of which number 130 have entered college this fall according to latest reports. These schools are accomplishing untold good and the system is worthy of extension to cover all destitute sections of the South.

The department of Church Extension reports \$58,691.00 in useh and \$101,956.00 in subscriptions received for Church Building Fund. Thus much progress was made, although this worthy work has been side-tracked almost from its inception for other more important objects. We believe this is the most important work now before Southern Baptists and are in hearty accord with the effort to complete the "Million Dollar" fund at once.

The department of Evangelism employed 24 evangelists during the year and reported 16,260 baptisms 20,942 additions to churches and 1,710 volunteers for the ministry and mission work, in meetings held by the evangelists. This is an encouraging report in view of the fact that during the year the superintendent of this department left the work for the pastorate. We believe this department is entitled to the hearty support of all Baptists in view of the fact that we need to lay stress on evangelism from the strictly Baptist standpoint.

The Enlistment department, under direct supervision of the corresponding secretary, shows great achievements also. A statement of its work is too long for this report but may be seen in the convention annual. No work, however, is so important, as will be witnessed by all who realize the need of reaching and developing the immense number of stagnant churches all through our land.

The department of Publicity issued another great book during the year: "The Country Church in The South." This book ought to be read by every pastor.

The general work of the Board has been prosperous. The work in Cuba, Panama Canal Zone, among foreigners, Indians and Negroes in our territory all shows results very gratifying.

Perhaps in all its history there was never a greater field for Home Mission work than now. The special work covered by the various departments and the items embraced in the general work are all prosperous, even to embarrassment on account of their rapid growth. During the coming year and perhaps for several years the opportunity for evangelizing the hundreds of thousands of soldiers in the cantonments will be a mighty task and a most promising one. The years to follow the war will witness a mighty influx of foreigners into the South and this will be a task for the Board. The Board needs

our support as never before. Let us therefore to the task like men of God ready to do his bidding.

J. R. Hobbs, Chmn. Sid Scott, J. M. Casey.

32. J. W. Seay presented the report on Womans Work. This report was discussed by J. W. Seay, L. R. Burress, Mrs. G. W. L. Brown, and J. H. Johnson. It was adopted as given herewith.

#### Womans Work

In the early history of the church, women performed much of the work, and the same has been true through the ages.

Woman set the example as a willing giver, whole-hearted and willing, Mark 12:43-74. She has done what she could, Mark 14:3-9. She was among the last at the cross, Mark 15:40. She was first at the tomb, Mat. 28:1. She was in the first church prayer meeting, Acts 1:14. She was the first messenger to the nations, John 4:39. First to welcome Paul into Europe, Acts 16:13-14. Prominent in good works, Acts 9:36. Highly commended as a deaconess, Romans 16:1-2.

All of our churches have more women than men. With few exceptions our best workers are our consecrated women. By their untiring efforts they save many of our churches from extinction.

While nearly all pastors appreciate having an efficient organization of women in their churches, only about one-third of the churches of this Association have such organizations.

We find that the reports of the W. M. U'S. of Mt. Zion Association show that their contributions to all objects from August 1916 to August 1917 have been \$6,199.85.

Your committee heartily endorses the work of the W. M. U., as it relates to both Associational and State Organizations. We recommend that pastors encourage the organization of W. M, U'S., wherever expedient, and that effort be made to have reports of their work show the results of their endeavor. We also urge that proper Auxiliary organizations among the children be made for the enlistment of the young people.

> J. W. Seay, Mrs. G. W. L. Brown, Mrs. J. W. Williams.

33. M. Culp made the report of the committee on Orphans' Home. This report was adopted after discussion by him.

#### Orphans' Home

Taking care of the orphans is a work that appeals to humanity or at least should, irrespective of station or organization. How much more to the churches of our blessed Lord is emphasized by the conscientious weight of the duty to look after and to take care of the unfortunates who are left helpless and homeless? To visit the widows and orphans in their afflictions is pure and undefiled religion.

We have been caring for the orphans in Monticello Home for about 22 years, and more than 600 children have been cared for in this home.

Since Jan. 1st, we have placed more than 160 of these children in good homes.

The debt on the home July 1st, 1917 was \$12,500. Our campaign to pay the debt has the promise of success. The current expenses of the home amounts to \$750.00 per month. The farm has been well worked, and a fine crop has been produced. The children with but few exceptions are well and apparently happy. A good religious sentiment prevails. Most of the children have made a profession of religion, and a number of them have been received into the church.

We recommend the following:

1st. That regular monthly offerings be taken in all of our Sunday Schools for this work, and sent to the general secretary.

2d. That every church take as liberal contribution as possible and send same as above.

3d. That we urge all of our W. M. U'S. to join in this debt paying campaign.

Every Baptist should feel it his duty to do his part in helping to take care of these helpless children.

M. Culp.

34. Upon motion of J. G. Harris, it was ordered that L. D. Summers serve as permanent chairman of the committee on Food Conservation. The other members of the committee as appointed are T. B. Kitchens and G. W. Puryear.

35. Following announcements, the Association stood adjourned with benediction by J. H. Johnson.

#### Wednesday Night Session

36. H. J. McCool conducted a devotional exercise.

37. E. P. Osborn made the report of the Mt. Zion Associational Mission Board. This report was discussed by J. G. Harris, H. J. McCool, T. J. Latimer, J. H. Turner, J. R. Hobbs, L. D. Summers, and adopted as follows:

#### Report on Associational Missions

The census report for 1910 shows that the six counties composing our Association had a population of 131,218 which was 56% increase over 1900. At the same rate of increase our present population would be 182,656. Our membership in 1910 was 4840, or a net gain of 2872 over 1900, or an increase of 146% for the period showing 56% increase of population. In making these figures we must take into consideration the division of our Association in 1897 and 1898, which reduced us from 2577 to 1773.

The above figures would lead us to rejoice and congratulate ourselves that we are rapidly evangelizing the lost of this great territory. But when we look at the past six years we find that our net gain from 1910 to 1917 is 444, or a little less than 10%for six years. In other words for the last six years the population has increased at five or six times the ratio that we have increased our numbers. Will we like men of God rise up in our might and take this land for our Master, or will we be swept on by the tide and be annihilated by the mighty wave of prosperity and influx of emigration?

P. C. Barton, Chmn.

#### Report of Mission Board

It is with profound gratitude to our Divine Master and, we trust, the deepest humility we bring to you this, our annual report, in the 65th annual session of the Mount Zion Association.

The task confronting us is very large indeed. We have the greatest mission field in Arkansas. Our population is growing rapidly. Large drainage contracts being carried out, opening up thousands of acres of tillable land, and our growth in material wealth is almost beyond our conception. This places upon us a responsibility that we must face at once.

Our missionary is raising \$600.00 to pay the interest on our

Indebtedness of the Woodland College property, leaving the amount subscribed and paid by individuals to reduce the principal sum of indebtedness, and, at the same time, give our Association that much equity in the property.

#### Our Plan Of Work

Our general plan of work has been followed as outlined one year ago, namely, the employment of missionary pastors and supplementing salaries of weak churches.

In addition to our General Missionary, we have Brethren H. J. McCool, of Wynne, who preaches at Parkin church and points adjacent to Wynne and on the Cotton Belt railroad between Jonesboro and Fair Oaks. T. J. Latimer of Manila and Leachville and points on the J. L. C. & E. railroad and adjacent territory. J. H. Turner of Marked Tree and Lepanto and adjoining territory.

We are supplementing the salary of Brethren A. E. Chapman, Second Church, Jonesboro; F. P. Turner, Bono; J. W. Seay, Shady Grove and Stanford; M. L. Jones, Harris Chapel and J. A. Wheatley of Promised Land Church.

We submit the following summary as shown by their report: J. G. Harris, Jonesboro, General Missionary.

Days of labor, 365. Miles traveled approximately, 5,000. Sermons and addresses, 221. Conversions, 105. Additions by baptism, 75. Additions by letter and restoration, 46. Total additions, 121. Collections for all purposes, \$5,745.95.

This does not include amounts raised in the campaign among the churches in September for Associational Missions.

T. J. Latimer, Manila.

Days of labor, 204. Miles traveled, 402. Sermons and addresses, 151. Conversions, 39. Additions by baptism, 26. Additions by letter and restoration, 12. Total additions, 38. Religious services in homes, 71. Salary paid on the field, \$263.73. Salary paid by the Board, \$144.60. Total amount raised for all purposes, \$875.00.

H. J. McCool, Wynne.

Days of labor, 204. Miles traveled, 987. Sermons and addresses, 156. Conversions, 25. Additions by baptism, 35. By letter and restoration, 16. Total additions, 51. Salary paid on field, \$286.90. Salary paid by the Board, \$396.41. Tracts distributed, 1,460 pages. Total amount raised for all purposes, \$582.47.

A. E. Chapman, Second Church, Jonesboro.

Days of labor, 125. Sermons and addresses, 72. Conversions, 10. Additions by baptism, 6. Additions by letter, 5. Total additions, 11. Tracts distributed, 400 pages. Paid by church, \$450.00. Paid by the Board, \$83.35. Raised for all purposes, \$269.20,

J. H. Turner, Marked Tree.

Days of labor, 61. Miles traveled, 64. Sermons and addresses, 35. Conversions, 16. Additions by baptism, 3. Additions by letter, 7. Total additions, 10. Amount paid by the churches, \$180.00. Paid by the Board, \$50.00. Total, \$230.00.

J. W. Seay, Shady Grove and Stanford.

Days of labor, . Miles traveled, 250. Sermons and addresses, 80. Conversions, 15. Additions by baptism, 15. Additions by letter, 7. Total additions, 22. Paid by the churches, \$87.50. Paid by the board, \$50.00. Total amount raised for all purposes, \$84.50.

F. P. Turner, Bono.

Days of labor, 42. Miles traveled, 476. Sermons and addresses, 46. By letter, 13. Amount paid by the church, \$100.00. Amount paid by the board, \$100.00.

J. A. Wheatley, Promised Land Church.

Days of labor, 54. Miles traveled, 825, Sermons and addresses, 64. Religious services in homes, 7. Conversions, 22. Additions by baptism, 27. By letter, 12. By restoration, 4. Total additions, 43. Amount paid by churches, \$100.00. Amount paid by the Board, \$40.00. Amount raised for all purposes, \$213.00.

Missionary J. G. Harris assisted the pastor and church in a revival meeting.

M. L. Jones, Harris Chapel.

Days of labor, 36. Miles traveled, 125. Sermons and addresses, 60. Religious services in homes, 8. Conversions, 32. Additions by baptism, 30. Salary paid by the Board, \$50.00,

#### Total Amount of Work Done

Number of men giving all of their time, 4. Number of men giving a part of their time, 4. Total, 8. Days of labor, 1,083. Miles traveled, 7,271. Salaries paid on field, \$1,481.43. Salaries paid by the Board, \$2,-904.08. Conversions, 220. Additions by baptism, Additions by letter and restoration, 115. Total Additions 337. Religious tracts distributed, 10,000 pages. Total amount raised for all purposes, \$4,337.67.

#### Treasurer's Report

#### Amount received from Treasurer J. M. Turner, \$457.72.

#### E. P. Osborn, Sec. E. P. Minton.

38. A rising vote of thanks was given to the choir of the First Baptist Church of Blytheville for the excellent music rendered on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at the evening sessions of the Association.

39. By rising vote, thanks were extended to the pastor and congregation of the Presbyterian Church for the use of their church for the meetings of the W. M. U.

40. The Association then adjourned with prayer by C. F. Orr.

#### **Thursday Morning Session**

41. The Association was called to order at 9:00 a.m., by Moderator C. R. French.

42. A devotional exercise was conducted by R. F. Liddell.

43. E. P. Minton read the report on Literature. This report was discussed by E. P. Minton, W. R. McEwen, C. L. Bowden, and adopted.

#### **Denominational Literature**

1st. We recommend the Bible. The Savior said, search the scriptures. Paul wrote to Timothy to study the scriptures. We read to know; and know to do. If we read not, we know not; and if we know not, we do not.

2d. We recommend the Baptist Advance, our state paper, that we subscribe for it, pay for it, and read it. Next we would recommend the Western Recorder, and Baptist Standard. Your committee would further recommend that there be a committee on Literature appointed in each church in this Association, whose duty shall be to put a library of Denominational books in each church to be loaned out to anyone wanting to borrow, to be returned within thirty days, if not returned within thirty days, committee to look up same. Said committee to register the names of all parties borrowing books.

Your committee would further recommend that the committee thus appointed in each church shall canvass the church every twelve months for the Baptist advance. Your committee believes that if the recommendations mentioned in this report should be followed up, a new day would dawn upon us, and that we would be wiser and better, and have more denominational back bone—Something we need.

E. P. Minton, Chmn.

44. The following report on Nominations was adopted without discussion:

#### Nominations

We your committee on Nominations submit the following report:

1. That the next session of Mt. Zion Association be held with Walcott Baptist Church, Walcott, Arkansas, and that the time be Tuesday after the first Sunday in October, 1918, at 10:00 a. m.

2. That J. R. Hobbs preach the annual sermon; J. H. Turner, alternate.

3, That L. D. Summers serve as member of State Mission Board for Mt. Zion Association.

4. That C. R. French represent this Association at the Southern Baptist Convention at Hot Springs, Ark., A. E. Chapman, alternate.

5. That the following brethren constitute the Mission Board of Mt. Zion Association: P. C. Barton, L. R. Burress, G. W. Puryear, F. M. Johnson, J. R. Gregson, T. B. Kitchens, J. A. Edwards, B. H. Parrish, J. M. Tyner, E. P. Osborn, J. R. Hobbs, Albert Horner, J. M. Landrum, A. A. Ryan, J. W. Seay, J. H. Turner, C. H. Dickey, J. T. Scott, E. P. Minton, R. H. Mitchell, W. McFarland, G. B. Blackwood, M. Culp, P. S. Osborn, J. W. Williams, L. D. Summers.

> B. H. Parrish, L. D. Summers, E. P. Osborn.

45. The special committee to report on New Hope Church petitionary letter made the following report:

After full investigation as far as the circumstances permit, we unanimously recommend that the church be enrolled and her messenger be seated, full fellowship being conditioned upon the correction of some technical irregulations in the organization.

W. R. McEwen, F. M. Johnson, L. E. Stancell.

46. W. A. Cummings, president of Maynard Academy, one of the mountain schools, was introduced to the Association and a short address was made by him.

47. The following resolution was adopted:

#### Resolution

In view of the apparent need of improvement in the Sunday Schools of Mt. Zion Association, and Sunday School work in Northeast Arkansas, be it resolved:

1. That Mt. Zion Association hereby express its approval of the idea of organizing a Northeast Arkansas Sunday School Association, to have for its aim the general improvement of the Sunday School work of this great section of the state, and to promote the holding of an annual Sunday School convention for this section.

2. That the State Board be requested to give us a Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. man for the territory of Northeast Arkansas. In the event the Board cannot give us another man, we ask that this work be assigned to General Missionary W. R. McEwen, for at least six months of the Conventional year.

48. The following resolution was adopted by a hearty and unanimous vote:

Whereas, the First Baptist Church of Blytheville has so efficiently served this Association and so royally entertained the messengers, therefore be it

Resolved, That we express our most hearty thanks to the pastor and the entire membership of the church for their hospitality during our stay here.

49. The report on Foreign Missions was made by P. C.

Barton, and after discussion by P. C. Barton, L. R. Burress, J. R. Hobbs and W. R. Cummings, was adopted.

#### Foreign Missions

Last year was the greatest year in Southern Baptist history of Foreign Mission achievement. A total of \$961,970.48 was raised, which included \$180,000 debt, amount contributed to Judson Centennial and to current support. This is the greatest advance ever made by any denomination in the South in contributions to Foreign Missions in a single year. If Southern Baptists had raised \$38,092.52 more, they would have reached the round million dollar mark. Of this amount, Mt. Zion gave only \$772.49.

The above was made possible both by the large number who contributed and the large gifts of a few who recognized the extreme necessities of our Foreign Mission work.

The expenses of the work were reduced by nearly \$10,000. 90.7% of the money given was applied to the foreign field and only 9.3% was required to meet all home expenditures.

6,347 converts were baptised, 12,930 students were enrolled in our schools, and missionary doctors treated 67,556 patients. We have at present 458 churches with 47,161 members. 115 of the churches are self-supporting. The members contributed last year \$132,371.05.

There is immediate and urgent need of a large number of missionaries for evangelistic, medical, school and other departments of the work. To meet this need the Board was able to send out but twelve missionaries at its annual meeting. This number is not one-fourth of the number needed. Of the 458 churches most of them have inadequate houses of worship, and more than one-half of these have no houses at all.

Obeying the wish of the Convention which met in New Orleans in May, the Board has been compelled to assume obligations which amounts to \$165,000 more than Southern Baptists contributed to current support last year, and this amount leaves more than \$200,000 in urgent needs unprovided for.

States, associations, churches and individuals are earnestly besought to greatly increase their contributions to this work in order to save it from the peril of growing obligations and enable the Board to enter new fields to which providence has thrown the doors wide open and waving harvests invite us.

Some devoted friends are giving the Board Liberty Bonds, which they purchased to help their country, and others are investing in the Board's Annuity Bonds which pay good dividends. Such examples are recommended to all our people.

#### P. C. Barton, Chmn.

50. The Digest of letters was read at this time. Owing to change of method, and the lateness of the arrival of many of the letters, the full import of this method was not realized. The report was practically as given in the tabulated sheet at the close of this minute.

51. In order that proper showing may be made of the reports of the various churches that compose Mt. Zion Association, the clerk was authorized to have made for next session, a large and suitable wall board with names of all the churches properly arranged thereon, with columns for financial and statistical matters.

52. It was ordered that a special committee be appointed to formulate and have printed, a suitable letter for the churches of this Association to use for the meeting of 1918.

53. The moderator appointed the committee on Digest of Letters as follows: B. H. Parrish, J. G. Harris, and C. H. Dickey.

54. As a committee to formulate a new letter for the Associational Letter, E. P. Minton, E. P. Osborn and B. H. Parrish were appointed.

55. W. R. McEwen presented the report of the committee on Stewardship. After short discussions by W. R. McEwen and L. R. Burress the report was adopted as follows:

#### Stewardship

Every human being of sound mind is a steward. The things that we possess are not our own. They belong to God; they are to be used according to God's will and for His glory; and to God each one must give an account of his stewardship. Whether the accounting shall be joyous or filled with disappointment depends on whether or not we have been good stewards. We are born into the world as stewards. We may deny that we are stewards, but that does not change the fact, just as it would not change the fact for us to deny that we are children of our parents.

This doctrine is as old as the human race, and the Bible is

full of it. It applies to every single thing that we possess and to everything that we do. "What hast thou that thou didst not receive?" "A man can receive nothing, except it has been given him from Heaven."—1 Cor. 4:7 and John 3:27. We are to administer all that we have "as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."—1 Peter 4:10.

We recommend and urge

1. That pastors preach often on Stewardship, taking pains to teach the people what the Bible says on the subject.

2. That classes be organized in all our churches to study this vitally important doctrine. Books can be had for such classes free of cost, from J. S. Compere, 410 Donaghey Bldg., Little Rock, Ark.

3. That literature on Stewardship and tithing be circulated and read everywhere.

4. That every member of every church in this Association strive to be a "good steward of the manifold grace of God."

#### Respectfully submitted,

#### W. R. McEwen, Chmn.

56. Upon motion of J. G. Harris, the Clerk of the Association was authorized to have printed and distribute 1,200 copies of the Minutes of the Association, and that he be paid \$25.00 for clerical work in attending to this business.

57. The Committee on Food Administration reported as given herewith. This report was discussed by H. Winbigler and L. D. Summers, and adopted.

#### Committee of Food Administration

Seven years ago a famous European student of history prophesied that the next great war of the future would not be won by fighting but by famine. We are today fighting the war, and famine is indeed threating to be its arbiter.

The men of England, Scotland, Ireland, France, Italy and Belgium—our allies—are fighting; they are not on the farms. The production of food by these countries has therefore been greatly reduced. Even before the war it was much less than the amount consumed. The difference came more largely from other countries than from America. Now, this difference is greater than ever, and, at the same time, supplies can no longer come from most of the other countries. They must now come from America. Therefore, our allies depend on

us for food as they have never depended before. For today they are doing the fighting, the suffering and dying in our war.

We must send them the food they have to have. We will send it. But we can only do it by wise and loyal economy of food on the part of every one of us. We must stimulate our food production, organize our food handling, eliminate all the waste possible, substitute as largely as possible other foods for wheat, beef, pork, dairy products and sugar, and reduce consumption where it is excessive.

To accomplish these things is the problem of the United States Food Administration. But this accomplishment can come only from the combined personal and voluntary service of all the people of the land. To that end we want all the people to join the Food Administration. No fees or dues; merely a promise to help. Send for our membership pledge and our plan.

> L. D. Summers, Chmn. T. B. Kitchens.

58. P. C. Barton presented the report on Associational Missions. This report was discussed by P. C. Barton, B. H. Parrish, L. D. Summers and L. R. Burress, and adopted. This report appears in connection with report of Mission Board.

59. The report on Obituaries was made by F. E. Williams. This report was spoken to by F. E. Williams, P. C. Barton, H. Winbigler, J. G. Harris, L. R. Burress, C. L. Bowden, Mrs. E. P. Minton, L. D. Summers, W. H. Borum and C. R. French. The report was adopted and ordered it be given a page in the Minute properly arranged as a Memorial Page.

We, your Committee on Orbituaries beg to leave to report as follows:

#### Report on Obituaries

We learn from Gods eternal word that from the Adamic transgression that death was pronounced upon all men.

We read from 1st. Cor. 15-22 For as in Adam all die even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

And I heard a voice from Heaven, saying unto me, write blessed the Lord from henceforth ye saith the spirit that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them. Rev. 14-13. We find from investigation that our dead since our last association are as follows:

100	
Jas Johnson	Cardwell, Mo
Jas. Johnson Mrs B. A. VanTassel	Paradould Ark
Mrs. S. T. Petterson	Ionoshoro Ark
D P Shand	Jonesboro Ark
R. B. Shand	
Cecil Ferguson	Jonesboro, Ark.
Mark Phillips	Jonesboro, Ark.
Mrs. Basil Baker	
J. F. Clark	Jonesboro, Ark.
Kate Jernigan	Jonesboro, Ark.
Ruth Tulson	Nettleton, Ark.
Mrs. Sanderson	Nettleton, Ark.
Mrs. Lucy Fultz	Nettleton, Ark.
A. A. Harris	Earle, Ark.
Emma High	Harrisburg Ark
Mrs. Law Ramsey	Harrisburg Ark
Stellie Chatman	Harrisburg Ark
Miss Ellon Foust	Charry Vallay Ark
Miss Ellen Foust	Discom Ant
Mollie Vanpool Mrs. John F, Wilhite	Diggers, Ark.
Mirs. John F. Wilnite	Blytheville, Ark.
Mrs. Mary Stuavant	Blytheville, Ark.
Mrs. Lily Franklin Hall	Blytheville, Ark.
Alvin Grigsby	Osceola, Ark.
E. C. Butler	Osceola, Ark.
Iva Yeuray	Osceola, Ark.
Mrs. Sallie Anderson	Wynne, Ark.
Mrs. Ella Shoemaker	Wynne, Ark.
W. C. Lamb	Walcott, Ark.
J. H. Ryans	Walcott, Ark.
Bessie Adams	Walcott, Ark.
Zonie Auston	Walcott Ark
H. R. Fields	Walcott Ark
Mrs. Wright	Harrisburg Ark
T E Conver	Wunne Ask
I. E. Conway	Wanne Ask
T. E. Conway L. V. Fisher M. W. Pollard	wynne, Ark.
W. W. Pollard	wynne, Ark.
Velma Stuckey Mrs. Eva S. Browning	Light, Ark.
Mrs. Eva S. Browning	Wynne, Ark.

60. After closing remarks by Moderator C. R. French in which he expressed his thanks to the Brethern of the Associa-

tion for their courtesy and forbearance in the performance of his duties, and to the clerk for valuable services rendered to him, a song was sung, the parting hand given, the Association adjourned to meet with Walcott, Arkansas, on Tuesday after the Second Sunday in October, 1918. Prayer by L. D. Summers.

C. R. French, Moderator. B. H. Parrish, Clerk.

#### Report of W. M. U. at Blytheville, Ark.

The Eleventh Annual Session of the W. M. U. of Mt. Zion Association was called to order at 9:30 o'clock a. m., Oct. 9th, 1917. In the Presbyterian Church at Blytheville, Ark., with the president, Mrs. G. W. L. Brown, presiding.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Landrum of Luxora. After singing Hymn No. 192, Mrs. J. L. Burns led in prayer. The 4th chapter of 2nd Corinthians was read by Mrs. Landrum. After singing Hymn No. 80, five minutes were given for the recital of favorite Scripture verses.

Mrs. E. E. Alexander gave the welcome address, Mrs. Tom Henderson of Osceola gave the response.

Minutes were read and approved. Then the roll call of Societies. The following reports were received: Jonesboro, 1st. church, \$1689.76; Jonesboro, 2nd church, \$157.90; Paragould, \$280.00; Blytheville, 1st church, \$588.45; Blytheville 2nd church \$81.35; Wynne, \$395.25; Luxora, \$81.45; Osceola, \$2238.50; Earl, \$348.97; Marked Tree, \$40.35; Cherry Valley, \$217.00; Crawfordsville, \$8.40; Harrisburg, \$302.05; Walcott, \$22.20; Trumann, \$54.50; Monette, \$22.65; Bethabara (Lake City) \$99.30; Nettleton, \$8.65; Leachville, \$9.98; Mary K. Eagle Society, Jonesboro, \$123.91; making a total of \$6770.62.

Report of Committees was then called for. Program committee reported that a program had been arranged and printed, cost being \$4.00 which amount was voted to be paid by Union.

Mrs. Minton, chairman on Recommendations, asked for more time which was granted. Mrs. Williams, chairman Orphans Home Committee, reported four cars of provision sent to the Home. Mrs. Minton read report on Obituaries as follows:

Each year as we come together in our annual meeting we miss some familiar face. Since our last Association God has called a number of our faithful workers home. "Though dead, they speak in reasons ear, and in example live, their faith and hope and mighty deeds, still fresh instruction give."

Our deceased to whom we wish to pay respect are Mrs. S. J. Peterson, Jonesboro; Mrs. Basil Baker, Jonesboro; Mrs. Jno. L. Wilhite, Blytheville; Mrs. B. A. VanTassel, Paragould; Mrs. S. D. Thompson, Leachville; Mrs. Lovey Victora Fisher, Wynne. Report adopted.

Mrs. Brown then appointed Temporary Committees. Committee on Resolutions, Mrs. Will McMullen, Mrs. A. L. Welborne and Mrs. Tom Henderson.

Nominating Committee, Mrs. J. M. Birdsong, Mrs. R. L. Porter and Mrs. Owen.

After expressing her thanks and appreciation for the many courtesies and the co-operation extended her through the year. Mrs. Brown read her report stating that the past year has been a year of constructive work, rather than organization, creating growth through Bible and Mission study classes, also practical mission work through the different phases of personal service, there has been marked increase in mission study, some ten or twelve societies have regular mission study classes and all reporting societies have Bible study in some form. Our circulating library has been the means of creating growth in mission study, especially in smaller towns and country communities. Your superintendent would greatly appreciate gifts of some of the new books.

From the quarterly reports sent in there has been an increase in gifts almost double to that of last year. From Oct. 1st, 1916 until July 31st, 1917, reports show contributions to the amount of \$6199.85 an increase above last year of \$3371.62. Our gifts on Cone property have fallen a little short of the apportionment, on the note due Jan. 1st, 1917 our apportionment was \$82.50 of this \$70.50 was paid by eleven societies and personally from two churches leaving a balance of \$12.00. On a second note due July 1st, 1917, our apportionment was \$85.00 of this amount so far only \$46.50 has been paid by eight societies and one church personally, leaving a balance of \$38.50. We have twelve societies contributing to State, Home and Foreign Missions.

Mrs. Brown called special attention to the importance of each society sending in report each quarter. Out of the 27 societies on the mailing list, of these 18 have reported this year.

Some one quarter, some two, some three, but only five regularly each quarter.

She again urged each society to strive to attain the points of the standard of excellence. In our Auxiliary societies Mrs. Brown reported 2 R. A's. and 3 G. A's., stating this work was through the influence of Miss Mildred Matthews state Superintendent G. A's. 12 Sunbean Bands, four being organized this year. At the state convention at Stamps, the Jonesboro 1st church Sunbeam Band received the highest honors as leading in variety and efficiency in personal work, second in gifts and the only one in the state on the honor roll. Jonesboro R. A's received special mention for efficiency, Mt. Zion has only one Y. W. A. at Jonesboro First Church. This church being one of the six in the state having the full graded system. Also stated that Blytheville 1st church has the honor of being the only society in Mt. Zion Association making their personal service report regularly each quarter. After urging each one to strive to do more in this line of work, Mrs. Brown closed her report by repeating one of Rileys little poems "In a friendly sort O'Way," expressing the tender sympathetic touch of personal service. Motion was made and carried to adjourn for luncheon. We were then dismissed by prayer by Mrs. E. P. Minton.

Mrs. Minton led the devotional exercises in the afternoon. After singing "Take my Life and let it be Consecrated Lord to Thee," Mrs. Hayman led in prayer. Mrs. Minton read the 8th chapter of Luke. Mrs. Brown led in prayer. The meeting was turned over to the president, Mrs. Brown. The history of the W. M. U. that was written by Mrs. Burns, printed in a neat little booklet was presented as a gift to the Mt. Zion W. M. U. from Mesdames Burns and Brown. A rising vote of thanks were given these ladies in appreciation of their kindness.

Mrs. Brown gave another short talk on the standard of excellence chart. She then read statistical report for the year which was adopted.

Mrs. Hayman gave personal service report. Mrs. E. P. Minton read report on Recommendations, recommending 1st. That each society pay \$1.00 per year for the expense of the Associational work. 2nd. That we have the woman's meeting on Wednesday or the second day of the Association instead of the first. 3rd. As the need is so great, that we have a personal service committee in each Society. 4th. As our younger people who will take our places after awhile, be recognized in our reports. Our Mary K. Eagle Society, Young Woman's Auxiliary, Royal Ambassadors and Sunbeams have a place in our reports. 5th. As we must have money to carry on the work of our Master that tithing bands be organized in each society. This report was adopted.

Mrs. J. C. McCroy read the report on Literature stating that 55 women were subscribing to Royal Service, 37 to Baptist Advance and 18 to the Home and Foreign Mission Field. Report was adopted. After the reading of these reports Mrs. Burns, district superintendent gave a very interesting and instructive talk explaining map of the Northeastern District and telling of the great needs of our Association.

Mrs. Will McMullen read a very interesting paper on "The Relation and Importance of Junior Organizations." Mrs. Birdsong read a very inspiring message and report from the convention at Stamps, sent by Mrs. Robt. Harrington as she could not be present.

Message was read by Secretary from Mrs. McCurrey stating she could not be present on account of illness. Requesting that we read Phil. 4:19. Secretary read the passage. This was followed by a solo, "Abide With Me," by Mrs. S. D. Carter of Blytheville. A very interesting paper, "Our tools and how to use them," was read by Mrs. R. L. Porter of Blytheville.

Miss Alice McCroy of Marked Tree gave a reading which was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. R. L. Matthews gave an interesting talk on Our Training School.

Dr. Hobbs of Jonesboro gave a splendid talk on Church Building and Loan Fund.

Mrs. Brown then called for "Sparks from the Anvil." A number of messengers responded with inspiring little talks.

Report of committee on resolutions was read by Mrs. A. L. Welborn. Nominating committee reported and election of officers resulted as follows: Mrs. G. W. L. Brown, President and Superintendent; Mrs. C. B. Wood, Vice President; and Mrs. P. C. Barton, Secretary and Treasurer. The following committees were appointed: Program Committee, Mrs. J. M. Landrum, Luxora; Mrs. R. L. Porter, Blytheville; Mrs. J. C. McCroy, Marked Tree. Enrollment Committee, Mrs. A. K. Blythe, Marked Tree; Mrs. Harry Heathe, Lepanto; Mrs. J. C. Hurt. Paragould. Committee on Literature, Mrs. Tom Henderson, Osceola; Mrs. A. L. Welborn, Paragould; Mrs. A. J. Johnson, 2nd church, Blytheville. Committee on Obituaries, Mrs. W. H. Borum, Earl; Mrs. J. W. Williams,

Wynne; Mrs. Howell, Nettleton. Committee on the work of the Auxiliary Societies, Mrs. T. W. Altman, Jonesboro; Mrs. T. V. Tunstil, Blytheville; Mrs. Will McMullen, Jonesboro; Mrs. J. H. Johnson, Trumann; Mrs. Lottie Blanten, Marked Tree. After singing "Blessed Be the Tie," the ladies were invited to the home of Mrs. J. E. Bell, where a reception was given by the W. M. S. of Blytheville. Delicious refreshments were served and a pleasant hour enjoyed.

> Mrs. G. W. L. Brown, Pres. Mrs. T. W. Altman, Secy.

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#### 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 wordly 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 mant churches in our union, the members of the Executive Board and all ministers who are members in good standing, of said churches. If the aburch 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 Zion Missionary Baptist Association, the officers of which shall be three number, viz: A Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected at which 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 from and the giving or withholding shall not be a bar to fellowship.

ART. III The Association shall unsurp no authority over the churches in our union, or infringe on any of their internal rights, but shall merely be oneldered an advisory council in all matters relative to their external conrunts 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 the fails of success, she shall call the aid of two more churches in our union to asist 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 thurches 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 sestion 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.

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