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(MISSIONARY BAPTISTS.)

WYNNE, - - - - ARKANSAS,

1893.

NEXT SESSION

—AT—

PARAGOULD, ARK.,

Thursday before 2nd Sabbath in Oct., 1894.

MINUTES.

FORTIETH ANNUAL SESSION,

—OF THE—

MT. ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

FIRST DAY.

WYNNE, ARK., Thursday, Oct. 1893.

The Mount Zion Association of Missionary Baptists convened in Fortieth Annual Session with Wynne Baptist Church on this day, which is Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1893.

In the absence of both the Moderator and Clerk of the last Association, Elder J. H. Peay, of Paragould Church, called the body to order and read as a scripture lesson the 90th Psalm, after which the assembly was led in prayer by Elder C. B. Hunton.

A temporary organization was effected by electing T. B. Kitchens Moderator pro tem and L. E. Stancell Clerk pro tem.

In the absence of the appointee, Elder R. C. Medaris, State Sunday School Evangelist, by request, preached the introductory sermon from Pslams cxxvi.: 5-6. Prayer by Elder J. H. Peay.

Afternoon Session.

After an intermission of two hours, the assembly was called to order by the Moderator pro tem.

Letters from the various churches were presented and read by Eld's. J. H. Peay and E. P. Minton, and the names of messengers enrolled.

The assembly proceeded to affect a permanent organization, and the election of officers resulted as follows:

Eld. E. P. Minton, Moderator.

T. B. Kitchens, Clerk.

C. B. Hunton, Treasurer.

It was moved and seconded that the Clerk add to list of delegates from any church, names of persons from such churches present and not delegates, where any of the regular delegates are absent. Motion carried.

The hours of meeting and adjournment were fixed as follows:

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| Meet at 8:30 a. m. | Adjourn at 12 m. |
| “ 2 p. m. | “ 5 p. m. |
| “ 7:30 p. m. | “ will. |

On motion the Moderator appointed the following named brethren on the committee on Divine Service, to-wit:

L. E. Stancell, A. J. English and D. Rooks.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats with the as-

ociation. The invitation was accepted by Elders R. C. Medaris, State Sunday School Evangelist, A. A. Andrews, Corresponding Messenger from White River Valley Association and W. A. Clark, editor of the Arkansas Baptist.

Motion carried authorizing Moderator to appoint the usual committees and the following committee was appointed:

ON ARRANGMENT.—Elder J. H. Peay and Bros. H. H. Cole and I. Gibson.

The committee on arrangement report, recommending that this association adopt the same order of business as was adopted by last association, which is as follows:

1. Appoint committees.
2. Call for petitionary letters.
3. Call for correspondents
4. Reports of committees.
5. Appoint correspondents.
6. Appoint place of next meeting and brother to preach introductory sermon.
7. Report of Executive Board.
8. Appoint an Executive Board.
9. Adjourn.

By authority of the Association the Moderator appointed the following correspondents to other associations, to-wit:

Elder J. H. Peay and T. B. Kitchens to Gainesville Association.

Bros. A. J. English and William Smith to Mt. Vernon Association.

Elder C. B. Hunton and W. L. Gage to Spring River Association.

The committee on Divine Services make a partial report as follows:

That Elder A. A. Andrews preach to-night at 7:30 o'clock and that Elder C. B. Hunton preach tomorrow at 11 o'clock.

Elders J. S. Canada and P. M. Huddleston were excused from attendance on night session.

At 5 p. m. Association adjourned until 7:30 p. m.

Night Session.

Reassembled at 7:30 p. m.

Moderator announced the following committees to-wit:

On Nominations.—Bros. W. L. Gage, H. M. Cole and John Green.

On Foreign Missions.—Bros. B. T. Stokes, H. M. Vice and William Smith.

On Associational Missions.—Bros. C. B. Hunton, Wm. Bishop, G. W. Prince and A. Sherfield.

On Sunday Schools.—Elders E. Walraven, R. C. Medaris and Bro. Joël West.

On Temperance.—Bros. L. E. Stancell, A. J. English and D. Rooks.

On Obituaries.—Elder P. M. Huddleston and Bros. J. H. Stokes and A. I. Pulley.

On Home Missions.—Elder J. H. Peay and Bros. H. H. Cole and I. Gibson.

After divine services conducted by Elder A. A. Andrews, whose text was Matthew iii.:1-2; business was resumed.

The report of the committee on Sunday Schools was made special order for tomorrow at 3 o'clock p. m.

Adjourned until tomorrow at 8:30.

Second Day.

Friday morning, October 6, 1893.

The association met pursuant to adjournment and was led in prayer by Elder J. L. Stricker.

Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The roll of messengers was called and absentees marked from the rolls.

An invitation to seats with the body was accepted by Elder L. H. Fowler, of Mt. Vernon Association and Elder J. L. Stricker, of Marianna.

HOME MISSIONS.

The committee on Home Missions submitted the following report:

We your Committee would submit the following report:

Christ said: "Ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." This may justly be said to comprehend both Associational, Home and Foreign Missions. It is evident that language of Christ cannot be kept unless its fourfold requirement be complied with.

Here are four duties to be done, and the master's will cannot be obeyed by simply keeping a part, instead of the whole commandment.

Home Missions is one of these duties, and, in one sense of the word, one of the most important, in that the development of the Mission Spirit within the jurisdiction of the Southern Baptist Convention, but enlarges our ability to do mission work abroad. Thirteen states, one territory, District of Columbia and Canada are the fields cultivated by the Home Mission Board. Within the last ten years the Home Mission Board has gathered 2,000 churches and 75,000 baptized believers. The Evangelization of the United States, and especially the South, is among human affairs, the mightiest factor in the world's redemption. The greatest forces of a pure Gospel are within our borders. The Baptists of the United States stand without a peer in their efforts to send and carry the Gospel of man's salvation to earth's lost and benighted races; and in proportion to the development and strength of Missions in the territory of our Home Board will we be enabled to meet the demands of the hour. Not only are the destitute regions of the South and Southwest calling for help, but when

reached and cultivated, they each become a new and vigorous force added to the mighty army of God's host to take the world for Christ.

While we rejoice in the Cuban Mission, the marvel of the 19th century, and the work of A. J. Diaz, the modern Paul, yet we should not let our enthusiasm for this field monopolize our energy, enthusiasm and contribution. Work should be done on all parts of the line, a harmoniously developed whole.

It is a matter of profound regret that only \$56.20 has been contributed by Mt. Zion Association, one of the oldest, strongest and most respected in the state. Brethren these things ought not to be.

Let's go to our home churches and let this grace of true Christianity shine with great effulgence, so that the aggregate of the churches in this glorious Southland will soon become a beacon light to the nations of earth.

J. H. PEAY,
I. GIBSON,
H. H. COLE.

An interesting discussion on the foregoing report was engaged in by Elds. J. H. Peay, W. A. Clark and R. C. Medaris.

By invitation Joe A. Brooks, col., President of the Arkansas Baptist College for the colored people, also addressed the Association on the report of the committee and in the interest of the College he represents. An unsolicited collection was taken for said college and amounted to \$2.90.

The report on Home Missions was adopted.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Eld. J. M. Robertson for the Executive Board, submitted the following report on Ministerial Education:

"A Bishop should be apt to teach," is the instruction that the Great Apostle to the Gentiles gave to Timothy.

This gift is no less important today than when first uttered by Paul. It is therefore not only the duty of every young man who feels that the Lord has called him to the ministry, to qualify himself in every way, that he may be apt to teach, but it is the duty of God to aid those who are just entering the ministry, to acquire such knowledge as will enable them to do efficient work in the Master's Vineyard. Acting under this conviction, this Association, three years ago, selected a young man that it believed was called of God to preach the Gospel, and adopted him as its beneficiary at Ouachita Baptist College, and has paid his expenses three years in succession. He will finish his course at this institution this year. Will we aid him next year as we have in the past.

Brethren pray for him and the cause of Ministerial Education.

We have received and expended money as follows:

From W. R. McEwen Jr., \$ 1.00

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| " J. H. Kitchens Jr., | 10.00 |
| " W. L. Gage, | 5.00 |
| " J. M. Robertson, | 5.00 |
| " C. B. Hunton, | 5.00 |
| " T. B. Kitchens, | 5.00 |
| " Z. T. Matthews, | 5.00 |
| " W. J. Witt, | 3.00 |
| " Jacob Sharp, | 2.00 |
| " Sallie Sharp, | 50 |
| " S. M. Ferguson, | 1.00 |
| " J. G. Muse, | 1.00 |
| " N. P. Jackson, | 1.00 |
| " R. Joyner, | 2.00 |
| " S. Witt, | 1.00 |
| " I Michaelwright, | 1.00 |
| " P. C. Barton, | 2.00 |
| " E. G. Peterson, | 25 |
| " G. W. Pruyer, | 2.50 |
| " Jonesboro Church Ladies Aid | 13.75 |
| " " " Mission Society | 12.80 |
| " " " Special Collection | 3.65 |
| " Philadelphia Special Collection, | 5.00 |
| " Collection at Association, | 16.55 |
| Total..... | \$105.00 |

Paid out cash to E. J. McKinney...\$ 95.00

" " " " Seminary Lewisville 10.00

Total\$105.00

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. KITCHENS,
Chairman Executive Board.

After a discussion of the foregoing report the same was adopted.

A cash collection was then taken to go to the credit of the funds expended for ministerial education the last year, which collection amounted to \$8.00.

The following pledges were made for the work of Ministerial Education for the coming year, to wit:

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| Jonesboro Church, | \$40.00 |
| Paragould Church; (T. B. Kithens, \$5.00; J. H. Peay, \$5.00; Church, 10.00;) total | 20.00 |
| Mt. Zion Church, to be raised in Church by Messengers and W. L. Gage, | 10.00 |
| Philadelphia by H. M. Cole, \$1; C. B. Hunton, \$5 | 6.00 |
| Wynne Church by Wm. Smith, | 5.00 |
| Wm. Smith, | 2.50 |
| Wood Hammett, | 2.50 |
| Mrs. Kate Merryman, | 5.00 |
| E. P. Minton, | 2.00 |
| Harrisburg Church by L. E. Stancell, | 2.50 |
| Herman Church; by Seth Neal; \$1; B. T. Stokes, \$2.50, | 3.50 |
| New Hope Church, Cross Co., by T. F. Archer | 2.50 |
| Unity Church, by H. H. Cole | 2.50 |
| North Jonesboro Church, by C. B. Hunton | |
| and W. L. Gage, | 5.00 |
| Hydrick Church, G. W. Prince, | 1.00 |
| Mt. Pisgah, Cross County, by F. F. Holiday, | 1.00 |
| New Hope Church, Craighead Co., H. M. Vice, | 1.00 |
| Oak Grove Church by W. P. Bishop, | 1.00 |
| Pleasant Grove Church by J. A. Hinshaw, | 1.00 |

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| Rock Hill Church by I. D. Pribble, | 1.00 |
| Bethel Church by P. M. Huddleston, | 1.00 |
| Pleasant Hill Church by P. M. Huddleston, | 1.00 |
| Mt. Pisgah Church, Craighead Co., by J. M. Bennett..... | 1.00 |
| J. H. Bishop, | 1.00 |
| D. Rooks, | 1.00 |
| Total..... | 120.00 |

The hour for preaching arrived the Association took a recess until 2 p. m

During the intermission Eld. J. L. Stricker preached a most excellent sermon from Proverbs, 23 Chapter and 23 verse.

Afternoon Session.

Association reassembled at 2 o'clock p. m. Was led in prayer by Eld. P. M. Huddleston.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

On State Missions:—Eld. J. M. Robertson and Bros. Joe Bishop and Thomas Gatlin.

On Woman's Work:—Eld. J. H. Peay and Sisters C. P. Barton, M. E. Barrett, Mollie Osteen and Denia Willcockson.

On Resolutions:—Eld. B. T. Stokes and Bros. D. Rooks and J. M. Bennett.

On Literature:—Bros. J. M. Robertson, J. S. Canada and E. Bennett.

On Ministers and Post Offices:—Bros. I. Gibson, J. F. Smith, J. F. Huddleston and I. D. Pribble.

On Ministers Support:—Bros. T. F. Archer, A. I. Pulley and Thos Gatlin.

STATE MISSIONS

The Committee on State Missions submit their report as follows:

If the eleven hundred thousand people of Arkansas are ever learned by the sixty-two thousand Baptists in the State it will have to be done through a State Convention with its Executive Committee, commonly called a State Mission Board. We may as well understand this at once, and either confess our unwillingness to undertake the task or go to work on a strict State Board basis. No country was ever subjugated by independent scouts, and no army ever conquered superior numbers while its own ranks were full of insurgents and disorganizers. Opposition to a State Board means opposition to State Missions, whether the opponents mean that or not.

The Home Board, at Atlanta, Ga., proposes to give us \$1,200 for our own State work, provided we raise a like amount. To secure this contribution we must raise over \$400 before our convention meets Nov. 3rd. We advise that our delegates bring this matter before their churches immediately on their return home and see to it that collections are taken for State Missions at once.

Comparatively nothing has been done in this work this year; chief, because we have had no secretary. We have had no secretary because the Convention required that the salary should be raised specially and in advance.

We believe that "the laborer is worthy of his hire," and that the secretary ought to be paid from the general fund just as any other Missionary is paid and that one ought to be put in the field immediately on the adjournment of the Convention. We think its impracticable for a State Board to be composed of a member from each Association, and hence do not advise the election of a member by this body. Let us to the work on business principles, with "Arkansas for Christ" for our motto.

J. M. ROBERTSON,
J. H. BISHOP,
T. F. GATLIN,

An interesting discussion on said report was engaged in by Elds. J. M. Robertson, J. H. Peay, W. A. Clark and Bro. W. L. Gage. The report was adopted.

The hour of 3 p. m. having arrived, the special order of business—the report of the Committee on Sunday Schools—was taken up, and after discussion participated in by Elds. R. C. Medaris and J. M. Robertson, was adopted.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools submit the following:

The duty of searching the Bible, that its truths may be embraced and its doctrine propagated is an obligation resting upon every member of

Christ's Church. God's word should be taught to our children in our homes and in our Sunday Schools as well as from the pulpit. The spiritual teaching of children in christian families is sadly neglected in our country.

While a majority of the Baptist Churches of Arkansas have no Sunday Schools, again a vast majority of these churches which have no Sunday Schools, have preaching but one Sunday per month.

Twenty-three Churches are represented in this session of this body and only fourteen report a Sunday School. These fourteen schools report an aggregate of 99 officers and teachers and 1,035 pupils. This is a creditable showing for these fourteen Churches. But what shall we say as to the nine having no Sunday Schools? These Churches should have a Sunday School, and your Committee would recommend that the pastors of these Churches seek to organize a Sunday School in each of these.

Your Committee calls the attention of our Churches to the fact that we now have a State Sunday School work inaugurated by the State Convention. At the last meeting of the State Convention a State Sunday School and Bible Board was appointed, consisting of the following five brethren: J. M. Robertson, E. P. Minton, J. H. Kitchens, T. B. Kitchens and G. W. Fryer. This Board elected R. C. Medaris as State Evangelist and he began work May 20th, 1893. Your Committee recommend that this Association co-operate with this Board in the following way:

1. In seeking their aid in holding one or more Missionary and Sunday School Institutes in the Associational Territory during the coming year.
2. In having our Associational Missionary represent said Board in his work by organizing Sunday Schools and in doing Colportage work, permitting the State Board, if necessary, to pay part of his salary.
3. In our Churches contribute liberally and regularly to the support of this State work.

Your Committee further recommend Southern Baptist Conventional Series of Sunday School lesson helps, published at Nashville, Tenn.

E. WALRAVEN,
JOEL WEST,
R. C. MEDARIS.

Pledges for next year's Sunday School work was taken and amounted to \$111.00

LITERATURE.

The Committee on Literature Report as follows:

We believe that every Baptist ought to have a Baptist paper in his family. Baptists in Arkansas ought to take their own state paper, the Arkansas Baptist, published at Little Rock, at \$2 per annum. We commend the Home Field, Atlanta, Ga., the Foreign Mission Journal, Richmond, Va., and all the literature published by our Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn.

J. M. ROBERTSON,
J. S. CANADA,
E. BENNETT.

After discussion of the foregoing report by Eld. W. A. Clark, the same was adopted.

The Committee on Divine Services make further additional report that Eld. W. A. Clark preach tonight at 7:30.

OBITUARIES.

The report of the Committee on Obituaries was submitted as follows:

We your Committee on Obituaries submit the following: While there have been some of our members called away by death since we last met and we mourn over our loss and sympathize with the friends and relatives, we do rejoice that we are yet spared to work for the Master's cause.

P. M. HUDDLESTON,
J. H. STOKES,
A. I. PULLEY.

The report of the Committee was adopted without discussion.

The report of the Committee on Associational Missions was made special order for 9 a. m. tomorrow.

Adjourned until 7:30 tonight.

Night Session.

At 7:30 the Association reassembled.

Eld. E. Walraven led in prayer.

Eld. W. A. Clark then delivered a very earnest and able discourse from Acts i chap. 1 verse.

Association adjourned until tomorrow at 8:30 a. m.

Third Day.

Association met at 8:30 a. m. and after singing "Jesus Lover of My Soul," Eld. C. B. Hunton led in prayer.

On invitation, Eld. H. R. Moran, from Mt. Vernon Association, accepted a seat with the body as Corresponding Messenger.

Bro. J. H. Kitchens, Jr., by virtue of his being a member of the Executive Board, appeared as a member of the body.

The hour of 9 a. m. having arrived the special order was taken up.

Report of Committee on Associational Missions

was submitted as follows:

Dear Brethren:—Your Committee on Associational Missions would report as follows:

Some good work has been done through our Executive Board the past year and much more might have been accomplished had all the Churches stood by the Board, financially. There is much destitution within the bounds of our Association and we would recommend that the Executive Board, so far as they have money and men, occupy such parts of the field as they believe to be for the best interest of the Master's cause.

C. B. HUNTON, Chairman.

In connection with the foregoing report the Executive Board of the Association submitted their report as follows:

"The Executive Board of Mt. Zion Association met soon after last Association and reorganized by elections J. H. Kitchens, Jr., Chairman. P. C. Barton, Secretary and Treasurer.

At the same meeting the following appropriations were made:

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| To McCrory Church..... | \$ 50.00. |
| " Harrisburg and Wynne Churches..... | 100.00. |
| " Hickory Grove Church..... | 25.00. |
| " Bay Church, on Pastors Salary..... | 25.00. |
| " " Church debt..... | 25.00. |

The last subject to the approval of the Association.

Our work has been blessed of God and a number have been added to the Churches at McCrory, Bay and Hickory Grove as you will learn by reference to the letters of these Churches.

As to Wynne Church, I will not speak, as you can see for yourselves the fruits of our labors. This house in which we meet and the larger part of the membership are the living witnesses to the missionary efforts that have been put forth here.

These alone are sufficient to make us take courage and go forward in this grand and glorious work. Brethren pray for this work.

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| Am't collected cash, 5th Sunday collection..... | \$24 45. |
| " Jonesboro Church, Mission Board..... | 64.00. |
| " " " Ladies Aid Societies, Mite Boxes.... | 15.83. |
| " " " State Missions..... | 9.65. |
| " Philadelphia Church..... | 8.20. |
| " J. L. Thomas..... | 1.00. |
| " Bro. Dean..... | 1.50. |
| " J. W. Witt..... | 1.00. |
| " M. J. Witt..... | 5.00. |
| " Z. T. Mathews..... | 5.00. |
| " Jacob Sharp..... | 5.00. |
| " P. C. Barton..... | 5.00. |
| " J. H. Kitchens, Jr..... | 5.00. |
| " Paragould Church..... | 15.00. |
| " McCrory Church..... | 1.00. |
| " Harrisburg Church..... | 2.40. |
| " Mt. Pisgah Church..... | 1.00. |
| " Collection at Association..... | 64 97. |

Total\$235.03.

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| Paid out to Liberty Church debt..... | \$25.00. |
| " " " State Board..... | 10.00. |
| " " " Eld. J. G. Henson..... | 25.00. |
| " " " " E. P. Minton..... | 100.00. |
| " " " " E. J. A. McKinney | 50.00. |
| " " " " Thos. Williams..... | 25.00. |
| Total | \$235.00. |

An interesting discussion of the foregoing report was entered into by C. B. Hunton, J. M. Robertson, A. A. Andrews, J. H. Kitchens, W. L. Gage, L. E. Stancell and others.

Pending the discussion and afterwards a collection was taken which amounted to \$64.97

The report was adopted.

Also the following named Churches pledged, through their delegates, the following amounts for the work of Associational Missions the coming year, to-wit:

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| New Hope, Craighead county, | \$ 2.50. |
| Harrisburg | 5.00. |
| Mt. Zion, to be collected by Messengers and W. L. Gage and J. H. Peay..... | 25.00 |
| Oak Grove..... | 5.00. |
| North Jonesboro by C. B. Hunton..... | 5.00. |
| New Hope, Cross county, | 2.50. |
| Jonesboro | 75.00. |
| Paragould..... | 30.00. |
| Mt. Pisgah, Craighead Co., by E. Wal- raven and B. T. Stokes..... | 5.00. |
| Rock Hill Church..... | 2.50. |
| William Smith..... | 5.00. |
| E. P. Minton..... | 5.00. |
| Total..... | \$167.50. |

The Committee on Divine Service makes the following report:

That Eld. C. B. Hunton preach today at 11 a. m.

That Eld. J. M. Robertson preach tonight at 7:30.

That Eld. J. H. Peay preach tomorrow at 11 a. m.,
and also tomorrow night at 7:30 p. m.

Also, by request, that Eld. B. T. Stokes preach at
the Colored Baptist Church tomorrow at 3 o'clock p. m.

After full discussion on the report of Committee on
Associational Missions the same was adopted.

The hour for Divine Services having arrived, the
Association adjourned until 2 p. m.

During the intermission Eld. C. B. Hunton preached
an interesting sermon from Corinthians, iii chap. 9 verse

Afternoon Session.

Called to order at 2 p. m. by the Moderator.

Prayer by Eld. J. H. Peay.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance make the following
report, to-wit:

We, your Committee, would submit the following: Of all the demoralizing influences that are today blighting humanity, wrecking the lives and destroying the homes and happiness of the people, intemperance is the greatest. Not only this but the christian influence of many men and the spiritual power of many churches are being destroyed by this monster evil.

Intemperance is a sin against God and a crime against man, and this being true, this report urges that each church in this Association use strong disciplinary measures to suppress dram drinking among its membership.

It is a matter of great joy that the principles of total abstinence have made such progress, not only among Baptists, but among christians, generally, and that the fact that a man has membership in a Baptist church should place him above suspicion as to the drinking habit.

The report advises and urges that Baptists everywhere, when the question of saloon or no saloon is presented, that they take a bold stand for God, Home and Native Land.

BY COMMITTEE.

After discussion of the report on temperance by
Elds. J. M. Robinson, J. H. Peay and B. T. Stokes the
same was adopted.

FOREIGN MISSION.

The following report was submitted by the Committee on Foreign Mission.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. Go teach all nations" is still the living command of God and the watchword of the christian forces of earth.

"The regions beyond" should be the great object of the prayers, labors and contributions of every child of God.

With profound gratitude to God we note the progress of the gospel of man's salvation in Mexico, South America, Italy, Africa, China, Japan and India.

The forms of paganism, the galling spiritual bondage of Catholicism, and the hideous forms of heathanism are being broken and are dispelling before the glorious light of the sun of righteousness.

We are glad also to report the increase of zeal, energy and contributions for the work; also the increase of fruits cultivated and laborers in these new Vineyards of the Lord. Three hundred and eighty-three baptisms and seventy-five churches organized in these fields are reported in the last conventional year. On these fields there are 157 workers. Each baptist in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention has a personal interest in each of these and his personal influence should be felt there. The report urges the necessity and importance of the presentation of this matter to the various churches composing this Association by various pastors laboring within its bounds. May God speed the day when the continents of the earth and the islands of the sea will rejoice in the power, hope and joy of a universal gospel.

B. T. STOKES,
H. M. VICE,
W. SMITH,
J. H. PEAY.

After an able discussion of the foregoing report, by Eld. J. H. Peay, the same was adopted.

The Committee on Ministers and Post Offices submitted the following report, which was adopted, viz:

We, your Committee, submit the following:

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| Eld. J. M. Minton, Jonesboro, Ark. | Eld. E. P. Minton, Jonesboro, Ark. |
| " J. W. Bell, " " | " W. G. Stamper, " " |
| " C. B. Hunton, " " | " B. T. Stokes, " " |
| " J. M. Robertson, " " | " J. M. Rains, " " |
| " J. W. Hyatt, " " | " R. P. Watkins, Cache, " |
| " W. L. Hughes, Harrisburg, " | " Wm. Anderson, Harrisburg, " |
| " L. B. Stemm, " " | " P. M. Huddleston, " " |
| " R. M. Ford, " " | " J. W. Settlemire, " " |
| " G. M. Settlemire, Hydrick, " | " Thomas Williams, Lorado, " |
| " D. H. Hall, Greenfield, " | " J. T. Bozeman, Greenfield, " |
| " E. W. Walraven, Dee, " | " J. G. Henson, Brookland, " |
| " J. B. Wise, Paragould, " | " J. H. Peay, Paragould, " |
| " W. S. Barker, " " | " J. M. Huddleston, " " |
| " E. D. Turner, Bay, " | " H. F. Wright, Bay, " |
| " J. G. Hendrix, Mangrum, " | " T. F. Archer, Wynne, " |
| " J. H. Stokes, Wynne, " | |

LICENTIATES.

A. C. Reaves, Harrisburg, Ark.
J. N. Adams, Lorado, Ark.
J. W. Knight, McCrory, Ark.

M. C. Clark, Bay, Ark.
W. R. McEwen, Jonesboro, Ark.
J. S. Canada, Herndon, Ark.
Respectfully,

I. GIESON,
J. T. SMITH,
J. F. HUDDLESTON,
I. D. PRIBBLE.

The Committee on Nominations submit their report:

We, your Committee on Nominations, beg leave to submit the following:

Place of next meeting:—Paragould Church, Greene county.

To Preach the introductory sermon:—C. B. Hunton; Alternate, J. M. Robertson.

Executive Board:—J. H. Kitchens, Jr., W. L. Gage, P. C. Barton, G. W. Pruyer and T. B. Kitchens.

Delegates to State Convention:—Elds. J. M. Robertson and J. H. Peay and Bros. Wood Hammett, L. E. Stancell and W. Smith; alternates, C. B. Hunton and E. P. Minton.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention:—J. M. Robertson; alternate J. H. Peay.

W. L. GAGE,
H. M. COLE,
JOHN GREEN.

The foregoing report was adopted.

A motion was made and seconded to take a collection to settle amount due by the Association on Ministerial Education for the past year.

Motion Carried.

Collection was had and amounted to \$8.35.

Eld. J. H. Peay submitted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, this body has been so royally and hospitably entertained by this church and good citizens of Wynne, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by this body that we extend them our sincere thanks for their liberal hospitality, in that they have opened to us their hearts and homes, and made us to feel their friendship and christian greeting and welcome, and be it further

RESOLVED that in turn we pray the blessings and benedictions of our Lord and his Christ be upon them.

J. H. PEAY,

The resolution was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer's report was submitted and approved in words and figures as follows:

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| To am't received, Oct. 1892, Minute fund..... | \$42.25 |
| " " on Minute Book..... | 16.70 |
| " " on Home Mission Church, June 7, 93..... | 2.00 |
| Total..... | \$60.95 |
| By am't paid to J. M. Robertson on Minutes..... | \$42.25 |
| " " " Bro. Bell on Minute Book..... | 16.10 |
| " " " McManaway for Home Missions..... | 2.00 |
| Total..... | \$60.35 |
| To am't received at the present Association on Minute fund.. | \$38.35 |
| " " " on Home Missions..... | 13.45 |
| " " " on Foreign Missions..... | 7.50 |
| Total..... | \$59.30 |

C. B. HUNLON, Treasurer.

The Committee on Resolutions report as follows:

RESOLVED, that the clerk be allowed \$10.00 for his services and that he be instructed to superintend and pay for the printing of 700 copies of minutes.

RESOLVED, that we not only as an Association, but as individuals, give more, talk more and work more for the advancement of the mission cause in the future than we have in the past.

B. T. STOKES,
J. M. BENNETT,
D. ROOKS.

The foregoing report and resolutions were adopted without discussion.

The following was adopted as the report of the Committee on Ministers Support:

RESOLVED, that we believe that every violation of the inspired words: "The laborer is worthy of his hire," and "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn," will incur the penalties upon the church which is attached to all violations of all positive commands.

N. P. JACKSON,
A. I. PULLEY,
T. T. GATLIN.

The report of the Committee on Woman's Work was read for information and made special order for tonight after Divine Services.

Adjourned to meet at 7:30 p. m.

Night Session.

At 7:30 Association reassembled.

Eld. J. M. Robertson, delivered to an attentive audience, a very interesting discourse from Hebrews i chap. 1 verse.

The special order for the hour being the report of the Committee on Woman's Work the same was read being as follows:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

Your Committee would submit the following:

"The hand that rocks the cradle moves the world." There is power in the silent, yet potent, influence of true womanhood. From the beginning she has taken a lively interest in the gospel of man's redemption; yet this has only taken permanent form and assumed progressive development within the last decade.

Today the results of their work for Christ are counted at tens of thousands of dollars, while their influence in uplifting and pushing forward the cause, in developing and cultivating a spirit of earnest consecrated work for the Master, cannot be overestimated.

One great object of woman's work is to secure the earnest, systematic co-operation of women and children in collecting and raising money for missions.

Excluded from the pulpit, cut off from membership on the various boards, yet she feels the constraining influence of Christ to do something for her master.

Her field is her home, her community and her church. Yet her work here has been wonderful—\$38,000 have been raised and paid out for the cause of Christ in the last sixteen months. Paul said "help those women that have labored with me in the gospel." The women can labor in the gospel and she should be encouraged to do all she can in this line. It certainly seems to the committee that there is a power that can and should be utilized in her who was the last at the cross, first at the open grave, and first to announce the resurrection of the triumphant Christ to the world

J. H. PEAY,

MISS C. P. BARTON,

MISS MOLLIE O'STEEN,

MISS DENA WILLCOCKSON,

After a full and interesting discussion of the foregoing report by Eld. J. H. Peay the same was adopted.

LADIES MISSIONARY SOCIETY REPORT.

Report of Woman's Missionary Society of Jonesboro:
Collected and Paid on Associational Missions.....\$14.72.

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| " | " | " | " | State Missions..... | 13.80. |
| " | " | " | " | Home Missions..... | 13.80. |
| " | " | " | " | Foreign Missions..... | 13.80. |
| " | | | | from Foreign Mission Box..... | 50.00. |
| " | | | | Expenses on Mission Box..... | 3.30. |
| " | | | | for Church Organ..... | 88.85. |
| " | | | | Christmas Offering for Japan..... | 8.50. |
| " | | | | Miscellaneous..... | 5.38. |
| | | | | Sum Total..... | \$226.95. |

Missionary Society of Philadelphia Church.

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| Paid out for Associational Missions..... | \$4.00. |
| " " " Foreign Missions..... | 1.25. |
| " " " Home Missions..... | 1.25. |
| " " " Ministers Education..... | 2.05. |
| " " " Pastor's Salary..... | 9.00. |
| Total..... | \$17.55 |

Mrs. Mosier,
President.

Eliza Barrett,
Secretary

Missionry Society of Paragould Church.

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| Paid out on indebtedness of Pastor's Home..... | \$51.20. |
| " " " improvement for Pastor's Home..... | 26.20. |
| " " " fixtures for Church lights..... | 43.35. |
| Total..... | \$120.75. |

The busines before the Association having been completed the Association adjourned to meet with Paragould Baptist Church, in its next annual session, on Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1894.

E. P. MINTON,
Moderator.

T. B. KITCHENS,
Clerk.

CHURCH STATISTICS.

| CHURCHES. | COUNTY | NAMES OF DELEGATES. | Rec'd by Baptism. | Rec'd by Letter. | Restoration. | Relation. | Died. | Dismissed by Letter. | Excluded. | Present Membership. | PASTORS. | CLERKS. | POST OFFICE. | Minute Money. |
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| Jonesboro | Craighead | J. M. Robertson, C. B. Hunton, N. P. Jackson, W. L. Gage, J. H. Kitchens, Jr., C. P. Barton and Branch Peterson. | 19 | 19 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 222 | J. M. Robertson | Jacob Sharp.... | Jonesboro | 5.00 |
| Paragould | Greene. . | J. H. Peay, T. B. Kitchens, Mollie O'Steen, Dena Willcockson. | 50 | 36 | 9 | .. | .. | 8 | 2 | 205 | J. H. Peay | T. W. Crawford | Paragould | 3.00 |
| Harrisburg | Poinsett.. | L. E. Stancell, J. T. Huddleston, P. M. Huddleston. | 3 | 1 | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 39 | E. P. Minton.... | J. F. Huddleston | Harrisburg | 1.00 |
| Philadelphia.. | Craighead | H. M. Cole, John Green, Eliza Barrett, Grace Gage. | 31 | 4 | 3 | .. | 1 | 9 | 5 | 300 | C. B. Hunton... | R. W. Rains.... | Jonesboro | 2.50 |
| New Hope | " | H. M. Vice. | 2 | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 64 | H. F. Wright... | Hollie M. Vice.. | Jonesboro | 1.00 |
| Mt. Zion | Greene.... | J. S. Canada, A. Sherfield, Joel West. | 37 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 188 | G. H. Faulkner. | L. T. Dennis.... | Walcott | 3.00 |
| Hydrick | Cross | J. T. Smith, G. W. Prince. | 17 | .. | 4 | .. | 1 | 2 | .. | 71 | P. M. Huddleston | M. Pitts..... | Hydrick | 1.35 |
| Cherry Valley | " | T. J. Buchanan. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 3 | .. | 19 | .. | Hiram Owen | Cherry Valley | .75 |
| Pleasant Grove | Poinsett.. | J. A. Hinshaw. | 1 | .. | 2 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 37 | E. Walraven.... | T. H. Ripley.... | Buffalo Lick. | 1.00 |
| Oak Grove | Craighead | I. Gibson, J. L. Thomas, J. H. Bishop, W. P. Bishop, E. Adams. | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 9 | 137 | J. M. Rains | J. L. Thomas.... | Jonesboro | 2.00 |
| N'th Jonesboro | " | .. | 3 | 3 | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | 25 | C. B. Hunton... | Y. A. Cole.... | Jonesboro | 1.00 |
| New Hope | Cross | J. H. Stokes, A. I. Pulley, Wm. Mauppin. | 16 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 6 | .. | 81 | S. F. Archer.... | John Riffe.... | Wynne | 1.00 |
| Herman | Craighead | B. T. Stokes, Seth A. Neal. | 8 | 7 | .. | .. | 1 | 5 | 12 | 84 | B. T. Stokes.... | S. A. Neal..... | Jonesboro | 2.00 |
| Mt. Pisgah | " | E. Walraven, J. M. Bennett. | 14 | .. | .. | 6 | 2 | 1 | .. | 73 | E. Walraven.... | J. P. Horn..... | Dee | 1.00 |
| Wynne | Cross | A. J. English, Wm. Smith, John King, Dock Haines. | 5 | 6 | 1 | .. | .. | 3 | 1 | 59 | E. P. Minton.... | E. J. Newsom... | Wynne | 1.50 |
| McCrory | " | D. Rooks, Sarah Rooks, Della Jeffries. | 4 | 2 | .. | 3 | 1 | 3 | .. | 39 | E. J. A. McKinney | W. L. Turpin... | McCrory | 1.00 |
| Antioch | Craighead | Stephen Staley, T. T. Gatlin. | 24 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 3 | 1 | 107 | J. G. Henson.... | J. A. Thompson | Gubertown | 2.35 |
| Rock Hill | " | I. D. Pribble. | 8 | 8 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 25 | J. G. Henson.... | G. W. Lackey.. | Herndon | 1.00 |
| Unity | Greene.... | H. H. Cole. | 13 | 4 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | 2 | 71 | J. N. Robertson | John Wise.... | Paragould | 1.50 |
| Pleasant Hill.. | Poinsett.. | Curry Albright. | 15 | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 3 | 38 | P. M. Huddleston | C. M. Thompson | .. | .. |
| Macedonia | Craighead | .. | 12 | 8 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 2 | 126 | J. D. J. Faulkner | A. J. Guest.... | Jonesboro | 1.20 |
| Shiloh | Cross | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 26 | .. | W. C. Smith.... | Bay Village | .75 |
| Bethel | Poinsett.. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | 43 | A. C. Reaves.... | B. F. Harris.... | Harrisburg | .90 |

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