

MINUTES OF

The Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Association.

*FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION.*

Cherry Valley, Ark., Oct. 5, 1899.

FIRST DAY'S SESSION.

Met at 10:00 o'clock a. m. House called to order by the moderator, J. H. Kitchens. After a song, was led in prayer by Eld. W. A. Clark. E. P. Minton, P. C. Barton and W. J. Bearden were appointed as committee on credentials; T. B. Kitchens and J. A. Hammond, reading clerks. Letters from North Jonesboro, Jonesboro, Palestine, Walcott, Antioch, Paragould and Harrisburg churches were read and turned over to committee on credentials. Devotional exercises, led by Eld. W. A. Clark.

1. "We, your committee on credentials, find that all the members that are present and are named in the several letters read, are in good standing and entitled to seats in this body."

E. P. MINTON.

W. J. BEARDEN.

P. C. BARTON.

The report was received and approved. J. H. Kitchens was re-elected moderator, J. A. Hammond, clerk, and H. F. Wright, treasurer. Eld. W. A. Clark, of Little Rock, and D. A. Sisk, of Kerr, were enrolled as visiting brethren. After recess, Eld. J. W. Hiatt ably delivered the introductory sermon, from Dan. 2: 34 and 35.

The following committees were appointed:

Divine Service.—E. J. A. McKinney, J. N. Settlemoire

and A. R. McKinney.

Associational Missions.—P. C. Barton, T. M. Seay, H. F. Wright.

Orphan's Home.—J. N. Hartley, J. W. Hiatt, D. C. Norvill.

Home Missions.—A. R. McKinney, D. C. Norvill and J. T. Futrell.

Temperance.—E. P. Minton, W. H. Barton, D. R. Nuffer.

Obituaries.—P. M. Huddleston, John Ryan, R. P. Bain.

State Missions.—J. N. Hartley, G. W. Prince, F. M. Johnston.

Literature.—W. R. McEwen, W. C. Willcockson and Ira Futrell.

Sunday Schools.—B. H. Parrish, T. M. Seay, S. M. Ferguson.

Ministerial Education.—E. J. A. McKinney, D. R. Nuffer, N. S. Moser.

Foreign Missions.—W. J. Bearden, A. A. Ryan, John Cook, W. L. Martin.

Ministers and Postoffices.—T. B. Kitchens, S. O. Boone, J. R. Duncan.

Nominations.—R. P. Bain, J. W. Seay, E. L. Jacobs, E. J. A. McKinney.

Woman's Work.—J. W. Hiatt, Sisters M. E. Malone, J. E. Hay, M. E. Wright, Millie Johnston, M. M. Bain, A. J. English.

After the messengers were assigned homes, adjourned till 2:30 p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Song. Prayer by Eld. R. P. Bain. Letters from Wynne, Vincent, New Hope, Bethabara and Hydrick Churches were read, and messengers enrolled. Petitionary letters, corresponding messengers and visiting brethren invited. No response.

Eld. J. N. Hartley submitted the following report on

#### STATE MISSIONS.

Our state board, last December, elected Hen. W. E. Atkinson, of Little Rock, corresponding secretary. He has faithfully discharged the duties incumbent upon him, notwithstanding the fact that he has had many obstacles to remove. We believe that he has, by his earnest efforts, broadened the visions and increased the missionary zeal of Arkansas Baptists. He was elected to this important position by the Baptists of Arkansas, and he being our servant, (for Christ's sake) we believe that we should heartily and enthusiastically support him and the great work which he represents.

The state board has assisted several weak churches to support a pastor. Brethren C. W. Strickland, W. A. Clark, Frank White, W. B. Holland, E. J. A. McKinney and others have been employed for a few weeks by the board to labor in destitute fields, and we are glad to state that the Lord graciously and abundantly blessed their labors.

We believe that the efforts of the board to reach the masses, and to inform the brotherhood of the alarming destitution in our state, will bear much fruit to the honor and glory of God. We believe that our watchwords should be, agitate and educate.

Our board has received, from all sources, about \$2,400, which is far below a reasonable contribution to this great work.

All the plans which the state board have formulated and adopted have failed to produce perfect harmony or unity of action. Therefore, we recommend to this body that a special committee of seven brethren be appointed to draft plans setting forth their ideas as to how state mission work should be conducted, and that said resolution be presented to state convention as the sentiments of this body.

Respectfully submitted.

J. N. HARTLEY, Ch'n.

G. W. PRINGE.

F. M. JOHNSTON.

Discussed and adopted; whereupon, the moderator appointed the following committee on plans, as recommended: J. N. Hartley, P. C. Barton, E. P. Minton, D. R. Nuffer, R. P. Bain, E. J. A. McKinney and W. J. Bearden.

#### LITERATURE.

We, your Committee on Literature, beg leave to submit the following report:—"As the Bible is the great source of truth, it merits the first and most important place in our recommendations. No man ever studied it too carefully or too earnestly. The Bible not only merits our careful study because it is truth, but because it is pre-eminently the Book of all books,

considered from a literary standpoint.

We further recommend the wide-spread dissemination of sound Baptist literature. In this last respect, Baptists should emulate the zeal of their pedobaptist brethren, who fill the homes with their doctrinal catechisms and tracts.

As exponents of the truth, as taught by Baptists, we recommend the Arkansas Baptist, the Foreign Missionary Journal, the Home Field, the Southern Convention Literature, the Baptist Gleaner and the Western Recorder. While the last-named paper is not published in the state, we still feel constrained to give it our hearty recommendation, both on account of its power as a defender of the truth and because of its loyalty to the memory of J. R. Graves, as the great exponent of Baptist faith.

Respectfully,

W. R. MCEWEN, Ch'n.

W. C. WILLCOCKSON.

J. T. FUTRELL.

Discussed, amended and adopted, as above. Adjourned, to meet after preaching tonight.

At 7:30 p. m. Eld. W. A. Clark preached a good sermon, on the subject: "Evidences of Regeneration," dwelling at length upon these questions: "Can you call God Father? Do you have any rest from your sins? Do you desire the salvation of others? Do you ever enjoy praying? Are you willing to obey God's commands? Can you forgive trespasses? And do you love the brethren?" After a general hand-shake by the Christians, a number of sinners came forward for prayer. The body then proceeded to business. The committee on ministerial education reported as follows:

#### **MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.**

Morality and spirituality are essential requirements for a gospel preacher; but they are not all. Aptness to teach is another essential element in a preacher; and to natural aptness, needs to be added correct knowledge of things to teach, as a basis upon which to apply his natural aptness. God demands of His servants the acquirement of this knowledge. The unlearned are called, but they must learn. Jesus called fishermen from Galilee's shores, but for three years they were His pupils, His learners, His disciples. When God called for Israel a leader, "he was a man learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians." When He wanted a Paul for the Gentiles, He took him from Gamaliel's feet. Today He

wants preparation, and the best preparation possible, to every one of His called servants. He does not require of us more than our ability; but He does require that much. There was a time when it was beyond our ministers to get more than a common school education, if even that; and God blessed, and is still blessing those faithful old soldiers in preaching the gospel. But will His blessings be showered so copiously upon young preachers of equal ability if they do not take advantage of their enlarged opportunities? We believe not; because, neglect on their part to improve would be unfaithfulness to Jesus. For some, we, as an Association, have made opportunities, which have been improved. Now, others of great promise are needing our support. Shall we give help, and enhance their opportunities to increase their abilities—and, hence, their obligations? We especially recommend Eld. J. N. Lawless, a brother of great promise, and now in Ouachita College, to be continued the beneficiary of this body during the continuation of his studies in Ouachita College.

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| E. J. A. MCKINNEY, | } | Committee. |
| D. R. NUFFER,      |   |            |
| N. S. MOSER,       |   |            |

P. C. Barton submitted the following:

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

As Secretary and Treasurer of your Executive Board, I beg to report as follows, on Ministerial Education, viz

P. C. Barton, Treasurer, debtor, to Ministerial Education.

|                                     |          |           |
|-------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| To Walcott Church .....             | \$4.00.  |           |
| To Mt. Zion " .....                 | 6.00.    |           |
| To North Jonesboro Church .....     | \$10.00. |           |
| To " " " La. ....                   | 5.00.    | 15.00.    |
| To Jonesboro church, L. A. S. ....  | 7.40     |           |
| To Jonesboro church. ....           | 47.50    | 54.90.    |
| To Antioch church. ....             | 5.00.    |           |
| To Paragould church. ....           | 50.00.   |           |
| To collection for Bro. Barlow. .... | 9.01.    |           |
| To Vincent church. ....             | 5.00.    |           |
| To Hydrick church. ....             | 2.50.    |           |
| To Cherry Valley church. ....       | 10.00.   |           |
|                                     |          | \$161.41. |

#### CREDITS.

|                        |        |           |
|------------------------|--------|-----------|
| By overdraft. ....     | 9.70.  |           |
| By J. N. Lawless. .... | 85.00. |           |
| By Bro. Barlow. ....   | 9.01.  |           |
|                        |        | \$103.71. |

Balance on hand. .... 57.70.

Respectfully submitted, P. C. BARTON, Sec'y and Treas.

Both were discussed at length and adopted.

## PLEDGES FOR MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

|                       |         |                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|
| W. R. McEwen.....     | \$10.00 | Antioch (Craig).....  | \$ 5.00 |
| Jonesboro church..... | 50.00   | Bethabara.....        | 5.00    |
| N. Jonesboro ".....   | 10.00   | Walcott.....          | 2.50    |
| Vincent church.....   | 5.00    | Mt. Zion.....         | 2.50    |
| Harrisburg.....       | 5.00    | J. A. Hammond.....    | 2.50    |
| N. Jonesboro (ladies) | 5.00    | Hydrick (ladies)..... | 2.50    |
| Wynne.....            | 2.50    | H. F. Wright.....     | 2.00    |
| Cache Valley.....     | 2.50    | Jas. Pitts.....       | 1.00    |
| J. W. Hiatt.....      | 2.50    | Willie L. Hiatt.....  | 1.00    |
| C. C. Pitts.....      | 2.50    | Mrs. E. J. McKinney   | .50     |
| H. M. Duke.....       | 1.50    |                       |         |
| W. R. Wright.....     | 1.00    |                       |         |
| Wash McKinney.....    | 1.00    |                       |         |
| P. C. Barton.....     | 10.00   |                       |         |
| Paragould church..... | 50.00   |                       |         |
| Cherry Valley ch..... | 10 00   |                       |         |

Total cash, \$8.00; grand total, 201.00.

Adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. tomorrow.

## SECOND DAY.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. D. C. Norvill. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Letters from Mt. Zion and Cache Valley churches read and messengers enrolled.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, would submit the following as our report: The work of the Foreign Board is great; the field is large. The Lord has been great in His goodness to us, in that he has opened to us a door of entrance into every heathen country, and the work has been very gratifying in the past year. The Lord has greatly blessed his Word in the salvation of many, and He has put it into the hearts of his people to give largely, so that the foreign board was able to come to the Southern Baptist Convention out of debt. But still there remains a great work to be done. While others have done well their part, the question is, have we as an association and individuals done our part, so that when the final settlement comes God will say to us "well done good and faithful servants?" We, therefore, recommend that every church set apart one

Sunday in December and June as special foreign mission days, and take collections for the foreign mission work, and forward the same to R. J. Willingham, Richmond, Va.

W. L. MARTIN,  
W. J. BEARDEN, } Committee.  
A. A. RYAN,

Spoken to by several and adopted.

The report on Obituaries, being recommitted, with P. C. Barton added to the committee, was set for the first thing after noon, to be followed by memorial service.

The following report was warmly discussed, slightly amended, and adopted as follows:

#### **WOMAN'S WORK.**

We recognize the fact that woman's work in our churches is a wholesome and healthful work. The work of our women has been of a most substantial character, both in raising money and in spirituality. We have many Dorcases "full of good works" who need our encouragement and help. We, therefore, recommend that the brethren see to it that these consecrated women receive our help and encouragement.

J. W. HIETT, Ch'n.  
MILLIE JOHNSTON,  
M. E. MALONE,  
JULIA HAY,  
M. E. WRIGHT,  
M. ENGLISH,  
M. M. BAIN.

At 11 a. m. Eld. W. R. McEwen preached a good sermon on the subject, "Not Ashamed of the Gospel," after which the body adjourned in prayer by Eld. G. M. Settlemoire.

#### **AFTERNOON.**

Met at 2 p. m. Song; prayer by Eld. P. M. Huddleston.

The following on obituaries was submitted:

#### **OBITUARIES.**

We, your committee, find that, while the Lord has been very gracious in sparing so many of us, the death angel has claimed 29 of our members during the past year; some of whom have been among the most prominent members of their churches, and most zealous workers in our association. As such, we feel constrained to mention Deacon Wm. Mopins, of New

Hope Church, Cross county, who was always a faithful worker; Sister S. O. Boone, of Vincent, who was the essence of Christian womanhood, and a worker that needeth not to be ashamed; also, Sister Prince, of Hydrick Church, as another one of the same Christian zeal; Bro. W. H. Cate, of Jonesboro Church, and Dr. C. Wall, of Paragould, who were among the most prominent men in our state; and Bro. Alfred Pagan, who was not only a faithful and zealous worker in our church and association, but a faithful and very useful member of the executive board, and we would entreat our members to emulate his example, especially in loyalty and liberality.

Respectfully submitted,

P. M. HUDDLESTON.

P. J. BARTON.

ROBT. P. BAIN.

JOHN R. RYAN.

After a touching memorial service, in which Bro. A. Pagan, of N. Jonesboro; Bro. Wm. Mopin, of New Hope; Sister Boone, of Vincent; Sister Prince, of Hydrick; Dr. Wall, of Paragould, and Hon. W. H. Cate, of Jonesboro, all deceased, were held in fond remembrance, and the life of Bro. Pagan especially set forth as an example worthy to be followed by us all, the report was adopted.

The report of committee on Temperance was read, but, on motion, discussion of same was postponed till night session.

The following was read and adopted, subject to correction:

#### MINISTERS AND POSTOFFICES.

We, your Committee on names of Ministers and Postoffices, beg leave to submit the following:

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| E P Minton.....      | Jonesboro, Ark. |
| J W Hiatt.....       | “ “             |
| J N Robertson..      | “ “             |
| Lewis F Yancy.....   | “ “             |
| J N Hartley .....    | Paragould, “    |
| J M Huddleston.....  | “ “             |
| W J Bearden..        | “ “             |
| J N Settlemoire..... | Harrisburg, “   |
| P M Huddleston.....  | “ “             |



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| G M Settlemoire..... | Cherry Valley, | Ark. |
| E J A McKinney.....  | “              | “    |
| W L Hughes.....      | Nettleton,     | “    |
| H F Wright.....      | “              | “    |
| J H Stokes.....      | Wynne,         | “    |
| R P Bain.....        | “              | “    |
| H M Duke.....        | Greenfield,    | “    |
| D H Hall.....        | Dwight,        | “    |
| M D Osment.....      | Monette,       | “    |
| W F Wright.....      | Tyronza,       | “    |
| J G Henson.....      | Brookland,     | “    |
| P Bozeman.....       | Vanndale,      | “    |
| J N Waters.....      | Hancock,       | “    |
| M C Clark.....       | Lake City,     | “    |
| D C Norvell.....     | Paragould,     | “    |

LICENTIATES.

|                 |             |      |
|-----------------|-------------|------|
| W R McEwin..... | Jonesboro,  | Ark. |
| A C Reeves..... | Harrisburg, | “    |
| W H Pruitt..... | Nettleton,  | “    |

Respectfully submitted,

T. B. KITCHENS,  
S. O. BOONE,  
J. R. DUNGAN, } Committee.

The following was read, discussed and adopted:

**HIGH SCHOOL.**

We, your Committee on High School, report as follows:

During the year we have not been idle, as a committee. We have met and discussed the matter, but no plan for opening a high school has been developed. But it is the sense of your committee that such a school is indispensable to the highest success of our denominational work in Mount Zion Association. We, therefore, recommend the continuation of the committee on high school, to whom shall be delegated the power to act for this body in all matters pertaining to establishing and maintaining a high school—said committee to report to the next session of this body; also, that said committee consist of five members, and be appointed by the moderator.

E. J. A. MCKINNEY.  
P. C. BARTON.  
J. W. HIETT.

The committee on Orphan's Home reported as follows:

**ORPHAN'S HOME.**

The Baptist Orphan's Home is a creature of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. In 1894 Sister Hannah Hyatt Gardner, realizing the great need of a home in which to gather our orphan children, to feed, clothe, educate, and train for Christ and business, gave eighty acres of land, on which was erected a six-room brick building. In this small building there are twenty-six children. The managers of the home cannot receive the many who need the home, on account of no room.

This Baptist institution and the helpless children within her walls are wholly dependent on the denomination for support. We must build. We cannot go further without more room. There are now twenty-six children in three rooms.

The board of trustees have decided to erect a four-thousand-dollar building, consisting of sixteen rooms, which, no doubt, will be ample room for several years to come. They now have two thousand dollars on hand; and they turn, with prayerful hearts, to the great brotherhood, asking and expecting two thousand more, that they may finish the building in course of construction. It is the policy of the board not to create debts.

The matron of the home, Sister Gardnes, gives all her time and attention to the home, without compensation.

We recommend that each church in this association take at least one collection during this associational year for our Orphan's Home.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. HARTLEY, Ch'n.

D. C. NORVILL.

Adopted.

**HOME MISSIONS.**

BRO. MODERATOR:—We, your Committee on Home Missions, report as follows:—The territory including, as it does, the destitute portions of the entire South, with Cuba and Porto Rico, has in it a number of large cities, in which the needs are great, besides the needy country districts.

New Orleans, for example—a city of 300,000 inhabitants, has in it 55 Baptist churches, of which ALL are white but 52, and of the other three but one is self-supporting. In Cuba, the field is white with ripening grain, and almost nothing being done, for the lack of funds, whilst in Porto Rico there is practically nothing going on.

We recommend that one Sunday in November be set apart by the churches of this association for a sermon on home missions and a collection for this great work.

A. R. MCKINNEY.

J. T. FUTRELL.

D. C. NORVILL.

Discussed and adopted.

The moderator appointed the following committee on High School, to report one year hence: E. J. A. McKinney, J. N. Hartley, R. P. Bain, P. C. Barton, J. W. Hiatt. Adjourned till after preaching tonight.

Eld. W. J. Bearden preached an earnest and effective sermon at 7:30 p. m., at the close of which many came forward for prayer.

The report of committee on Temperance was discussed by several, amended some, and held over for morning.

Adjourned. Prayer by Eld. W. L. Hughs.

### THIRD DAY.

Reassembled at 9 a. m. Song. Prayer by Bro. W. H. Barton. Letters from Cherry Valley, Unity, Clark's Chapel and Mount Pisgah churches were read and messengers enrolled.

Brookland church presented a letter petitioning membership in this association. On motion, the letter was received, the church enrolled and the right hand of fellowship extended to Eld. J. G. Henson, as its pastor.

The roll of messengers was called and corrected. Eld. W. B. Peoples, representing Central Baptist College, was enrolled as a visiting brother.

The report on temperance was further discussed and recommitted to the committee.

On motion the eleven o'clock preaching service was suspended.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

"In view of the fact that the introductory sermon, by Bro. J. W. Hiatt, was of unusual excellence, therefore be it resolved, That this association, now in session, request its publication in the Baptist Gleaner.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. R. McEWEN.

Eld. R. P. Bain submitted the following report on

**NOMINATIONS.**

1. The body to convene with North Jonesboro church. Eld. J. N. Hartley to preach the introductory sermon, with Eld. R. P. Bain alternate.
2. Executive Board: J. H. Kitchens, P. C. Barton, T. B. Kitchens, D. R. Nuffer, Will Smith, N. S. Moser and J. W. Seay.
3. To Southern Baptist Convention—P. C. Barton; alternate, Eld. J. N. Hartley.
4. To State Convention—J. H. Kitchens, W. R. McEwin, S. O. Boone, J. W. Hiatt, J. N. Hartley.
5. To Sister Associations—Gainesville: J. W. Seay, E. J. A. McKinney and W. J. Bearden. Mt. Vernon: R. P. Bain, J. W. Williams. Spring River: E. P. Minton, R. P. Bain. Current River: E. J. A. McKinney, W. J. Bearden.
6. Member State Board—P. C. Barton.
7. Sunday School Board—J. N. Hartley, E. P. Minton, Wm. Smith.
8. Transportation Board—Wm. Smith, E. P. Minton, E. J. A. McKinney.

Resolved that we tender our heartfelt thanks to Cherry Valley church and community for their kind hospitality, and the M. E. church for the use of their house.

R. P. BAIN,  
E. J. A. MCKINNEY,  
J. W. SEAY.

Adopted.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.**

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, beg to submit the following report: We would impress upon the minds of our brethren the importance of the early religious training of our children. If we would have them follow in our footsteps, we should not fail to teach them the Gospel of Christ in its purity and simplicity, beginning in early childhood. This training should begin in our homes, around the family altar, this training should be augmented and supplemented by the work of the Sunday school. We would recommend that all our churches make special effort in the organization and permanent maintenance of Sunday schools. Our Savior commands us to suffer the children to come unto Him and forbid them not. It is clearly our duty to use every reasonable means to lead them to Him. We recommend that our ministers take an active part in the organization of Sunday schools, and see that the superintendents and teachers these Sunday schools are God-fearing, Christian men and women. We would also recommend that our Sunday schools of Mt. Zion Association use the S. B. C. literature, printed at Nashville.

B. H. PARRISH,  
S. M. FERGUSON } Com.  
T. M. SEAY.

Discussed and adopted.

Eld. W. B. People addressed the body in behalf of Central College, after which the body adjourned till 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON.

Reassembled at 2 p. m. Song. Prayer led by Eld. D. A. Sisk. Eld. W. F. Wright submitted his report on minute fund, which see in statistical table. Adopted.

CLERK'S REPORT FOR 1898.

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| Oct. 8 received from treasurer   | \$31.87. |                |
| Oct. 8 received from others..... | .60.     |                |
|                                  |          | ————— \$32.47. |
| Paid to print minutes.....       | 22.47.   |                |
| Paid clerk's service.....        | 10 00.   |                |
|                                  |          | ————— \$32.47. |

Adopted.

J. A. HAMMOND.

J. N. Hartley submitted the following:

PLANS.

Report of Committee on Plans to be presented to the State Convention.

1. That we favor adopting a plan for five years.
2. We favor a board without expense.
3. That we employ a general evangelist, who shall do the work of secretary and evangelist.
4. That the State Board co-operate with the association as far as possible.

J. N. HARTLEY, Ch.,  
E. J. A. MCKINNEY,  
P. C. BARTON,  
R. P. BAIN.

Adopted by sections, and as a whole. The amended report of Committee on Temperance was read and adopted as follows:

TEMPERANCE.

The question of intemperance is one of vast magnitude and importance. That it is not only world wide in that that the world knows something about it, but its evil tendencies are such that almost every home in the entire world knows something of its blighting touch. And it is

known to be a fact that intemperance has only attained its national fame because of its danger and ruinous tendencies. How is it that any man claiming to be a Christian can lend his influence in any way to this God-dishonoring traffic that causes the death of 75,000 people in America annually, is something that no one has ever been able to explain. "There is no explanation." Where the Lord is dishonored the devil is honored. What Christian can afford this? Your committee would recommend that the members of this association preach against, pray against, vote against and work against the whisky traffic. Hoping that the time will come when every member of our association will be openly and outspoken against intemperance.

We would further recommend that we totally abstain from narcotics and all other things injurious to ourselves and our fellows.

B. H. PARRISH,  
E. P. MINTON,  
W. H. BARTON.  
D. R. NUFFER.

The report of the Committee on Associational Missions, coupled with the report of Treasurer of the Board, was submitted as follows:

#### **ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.**

At our association last year at Mt. Zion, Marked Tree, Brookland, Bono, Vincent, Cherry Valley and Hydrick were reported as mission points. We have again occupied all of these and extended our borders by doing work in Hickory Ridge, Weiner, Bay, Mosher, Tyronza and Monette. We find that the work in these fields has not been just what we desired to see it; yet it is taking on solid form at Brookland, Bono and Monette by building good houses of worship.

We would recommend to the incoming board to continue the work at as many of these points as possible, and by some means try to get our churches to have regular services and co-operate with it in this great work.

H. F. WRIGHT,  
P. C. BARTON,  
T. M. SEAY.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT.**

As treasurer, I beg to report as follows on associational missions. In the beginning of the year your Executive Board employed five missionaries at an aggregate salary of \$975.00.

Bro. Peay resigned his work when he had only worked three months, which reduced the above contracts to \$862.50.

I have received and paid out the following amounts on said work:

Fifth Sunday Collections, ..... \$50.85.

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|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Balance due E. J. A. McKinney..... | \$12.09.        |
| “ “ E. P. Minton ..                | 59.60.          |
| “ “ H. F. Wright. ....             | 24.40.          |
| Total.....                         | <u>\$96.09.</u> |

P. C. BARTON, Treasurer.

After discussion, the amount on hand for ministerial education was appropriated for associational missions, and a cash collection taken amounting to \$15.60.

The following pledges were made for the new year.

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|----------------------|----------|----------------------|------------------|
| Walcott .....        | \$10 00. | R. McEwen ..         | \$ 5 00.         |
| Mt. Zion .....       | 10 00.   | Jonesboro .....      | 100 00.          |
| Antioch(Craig) ..... | 5 00     | Paragould .....      | 50 00.           |
| Hydrick .....        | 5 00.    | Cache Valley .....   | 5 00.            |
| N. Jonesboro.....    | 12 50.   | Harrisburg .....     | 10 00.           |
| Mt. Pisgah .....     | 2 50.    | N. Jonesboro ladies  | 5 00.            |
| Brookland .....      | 5 00.    | Wynne .....          | 2 50.            |
| J. A. Hammond.....   | 2 50.    | Vincent .....        | 5 00.            |
| Cherry Valley .....  | 10 00.   | New Hope (Cross..... | 1 00.            |
| Cherry Valley ladies | 5 00.    | Total.....           | <u>\$251 00.</u> |

Reports adopted. Adjourned till after night service. At 7:30 Eld. J. N. Hartley preached an able sermon from 1 Peter, 4:17-18. Great revival interest was manifested. A motion carried that the reading of today's minutes be omitted; also, one, that the clerk retain ten dollars for his services, and arrange for the printing of the minutes.

Brethren spoke parting words, sang a song while giving the parting hand, and adjourned the business part of the meeting, to meet with North Jonesboro in its next annual session. At 11 a. m. Sunday Eld. W. B. Peoples preached a good sermon from John, 3:8, after which a cash collection amounting to \$15.46 was taken for associational missions. At 7:30 p. m. Eld. R. P. Bain delivered an excellent discourse—text, 1 Cor., 15:35. Several came forward and remained for prayer. The revival interest seemed so great that the church decided to protract the meeting.

J. A. HAMMOND,

CLERK.

J. H. KITCHENS,

MODERATOR.

|                                       |                |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Unity Church.....                     | 4.30.          |
| D. H. Hall and wife.....              | 10.00.         |
| Sister J. N. Robinson.....            | 50.            |
| Bethabra Church.....                  | 3.25.          |
| Jonesboro Church.....                 | 150 00.        |
| North Jonesboro Church.....           | 18.30.         |
| Walcot Church.....                    | 5.00.          |
| Wynne Church.....                     | 9.00.          |
| Mt. Zion Church.....                  | 10.61.         |
| W. J. Bearden.....                    | 1.00.          |
| Cache Valley Church.....              | 3.00.          |
| Harrisburg Church.....                | 9.75.          |
| Marked Tree.....                      | 4.00.          |
| Paragould Church.....                 | 75.00.         |
| W. R. McEwen.....                     | 1.00.          |
| Antioch Church.....                   | 5.00.          |
| E. P. Minton on field.....            | 10.00.         |
| Cherry Valley Church.....             | 5.00.          |
| Hydrick Church.....                   | 5.00.          |
| Vincent Ohurch.....                   | 5.00.          |
| E. J. A. McKinney and S O. Boone..... | 1.50.          |
| Mt. Pisgah, Cross County,.....        | 2 50.          |
| Bay.....                              | 1.80.          |
| Mosher.....                           | 2.80.          |
| Weiner.....                           | 1.00.          |
| Vincent, on salary,.....              | 191.65.        |
| Hydrick, on salary,.....              | 26.25.         |
| Cherry Valley.....                    | 57.39.         |
| H. F. Wright.....                     | 10.00.         |
| E. J. A. McKinney.....                | 5.00.          |
| E. P. Minton.....                     | 5 00.          |
| Ministerial Education.....            | 57.70.         |
| Cash Collection.....                  | 31.06.         |
|                                       | <u>778.71.</u> |

CREDITS.

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| By cash paid J. N. Robinson.....                                   | \$ 5.00.         |
| “ “ J. H. Peay—work at Marked Tree.....                            | 37.50.           |
| “ “ E. P. Minton—Tyronza, Monette, Bono.....                       | 140.00.          |
| “ “ H.F. Wright - Mosher, Bay, Hickory }<br>Ridge, Weiner }        | 50.60.           |
| “ “ J. G. Henson at Brookland.....                                 | 50.00.           |
| “ “ J. H. Kithens, exp. state board meeting...                     | 8.60.            |
| “ “ for book for Marked Tree church.....                           | 65.              |
| “ “ E.J.A. McKinney—Vincent, Hydrick }<br>and Cherry Valley..... } | 485.96.          |
|  | <u>\$778.71.</u> |



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| CHURCHES.             | COUNTIES.  | PASTORS.                | CLERKS.              | POSTOFFICES.        |
|-----------------------|------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Antioch .....         | Craighead  | J. G. Henson .....      | F. M. Johnston ..... | Gubertown .....     |
| Bethabara .....       | "          | W. J. Bearden .....     | J. F. Crocker .....  | Cane Island .....   |
| Brookland .....       | "          | J. G. Henson .....      | N. W. Callaway ..... | Brookland .....     |
| Cache Valley .....    | Greene     | W. H. Merideth .....    | J. W. West .....     | Walcott .....       |
| Cherry Valley .....   | Cross      | E. J. A. McKinney ..... | H. Owen .....        | Cherry Valley ..... |
| Clark's Chapel .....  | "          | T. F. Archer .....      | R. B. Clark .....    | Vanndale .....      |
| Hydrick .....         | "          | E. J. A. McKinney ..... | M. Pitts .....       | Hydrick .....       |
| Harrisburg .....      | Poinsett   | E. P. Minton .....      | L. E. Stancell ..... | Harrisburg .....    |
| Jonesboro .....       | Craighead  |                         | J. V. Bell .....     | Jonesboro .....     |
| Mt. Pisgah .....      | Cross      | G. M. Settlemoire ..... | J. F. Dement .....   | Vanndale .....      |
| Mt. Zion .....        | Greene     | G. H. Faulkner .....    | B. F. Bowlin .....   | Walcott .....       |
| North Jonesboro ..... | Craighead  | W. J. Bearden .....     | J. A. Hammond .....  | Jonesboro .....     |
| New Hope .....        | Cross      |                         | W. R. Wright .....   | Wynne .....         |
| Palestine .....       | Craighead  | J. G. Henson .....      | M. C. Clark .....    | Lake City .....     |
| Paragould .....       | Greene     | J. N. Hartley .....     | T. B. Kitchens ..... | Paragould .....     |
| Unity .....           | Craighead  | J. N. Robinson .....    | Hattie Percell ..... | Mangrum .....       |
| Vincent .....         | Crittenden | R. P. Bain .....        | W. H. Borum .....    | Vincent .....       |
| Walcott .....         | Greene     | J. D. J. Faulkner ..... | W. P. Bowlin .....   | Walcott .....       |
| Wynne .....           | Cross      | R. P. Bain .....        | C. M. Crain .....    | Wynne .....         |

Not reported by Letter—Antioch (Cross), Bay, Bethel, Cottage Home, Kentucky Chapel, Nettleton

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

| MESSENGERS.   | MEMBERSHIP.  |        |          |             |              |           |           |                    | CONTRIBUTIONS.    |        |       |         |                       |            |                 |            | Total Contributions.. | Value Ch. Property... |         |         |
|---|--------------|--------|----------|-------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|-------------------|--------|-------|---------|-----------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------|---------|
|   | INCREASED BY |        |          |             | DECREASED BY |           |           |                    | TO MISSIONS, ETC. |        |       |         | TO CHURCH WORK.       |            |                 |            |                       |                       |         |         |
|   | Baptism      | Letter | Relation | Restoration | Death        | Dismissal | Exclusion | Present Membership | Association       | State  | Home  | Foreign | Ministerial Education | S. S. Work | Pastor's Salary | Incidental |                       |                       | Repairs | Minutes |
| Julia Hay, F. M. Johnston, Millie Johnston, J. G. Henson, Almay Langley     | 3            | 4      |          |             | 2            | 12        | 8         | 127                | 5 00              |        |       | 5 00    | 3 00                  | 41 65      | 5 00            |            |                       | 1 55                  | 61 80   | 600     |
| Letter  | 17           |        | 3        | 3           | 1            | 9         | 1         | 107                | 4 34              |        | 2 50  |         |                       | 132 00     |                 |            |                       | 1 00                  | 139 84  | 200     |
| Letter  |              |        |          |             |              |           |           | 10                 |                   |        |       |         |                       |            |                 |            |                       |                       |         |         |
| J. B. Jackson, L. E. N. Jackson   | 17           | 4      |          |             | 1            | 4         | 3         | 64                 | 3 00              |        |       |         |                       |            |                 |            |                       | 1 00                  | 4 00    | 150     |
| A. R. McKinney, Cora Anderson, W. J. Mann                                   |              | 5      |          | 1           |              |           |           | 48                 | 5 00              | 1 50   |       | 1 50    | 10 00                 | 4 00       | 56 39           | 3 00       | 20 00                 | 1 50                  | 102 89  | 200     |
| J. T. Futrell, Ira Futrell  | 1            | 3      |          |             |              | 1         |           | 41                 |                   |        |       |         | 3 75                  | 28 55      |                 | 35 00      | 1 00                  | 68 30                 | 400     |         |
| G. W. Prince, S. A. Tyer, Leona McKinney, Maude Pitts, C. C. Pitts          |              |        |          |             | 3            | 1         | 1         | 65                 | 5 00              |        | 1 00  | 2 50    | 3 00                  |            |                 | 30 00      | 90                    | 42 40                 | 500     |         |
| E. L. Jacobs, Ada Williams, F. Huddleston, W. Burford, Mittie Landess       | 19           | 14     | 3        |             | 1            | 4         | 5         | 75                 | 9 26              | 21 00  |       |         |                       | 120 00     | 55 65           | 139 00     | 1 00                  | 345 91                | 500     |         |
| W. H. Barton, W. R. McEwen, S. M. Furgeson, J. H. Kitchens, P. C. Barton    | 19           | 6      |          | 1           | 2            | 5         |           | 276                | 100 00            | 35 95  | 22 70 | 70 32   | 57 20                 | 1000 00    | 730 10          | 35 93      | 5 00                  | 2155 20               | 13000   |         |
| John Cook, W. C. Dunn, Robt Duncan [J. W. Hiatt, E. P. Minton               |              | 1      |          |             |              |           |           | 39                 |                   |        |       |         |                       |            |                 |            |                       | 1 00                  | 1 00    |         |
| A. A. Ryan, J. H. Ryan  | 4            | 2      |          |             | 2            | 1         |           | 158                | 11 25             |        |       |         | 6 00                  | 51 00      | 9 50            |            | 1 80                  | 82 50                 | 500     |         |
| N. S. Moser, M. E. Malone, Ella Moser, J. A. Hammond                        | 22           | 8      | 9        |             | 2            | 3         |           | 125                | 15 00             | 1 00   | 1 00  | 4 20    | 15 00                 | 24 40      | 42 70           | 65 65      | 2 10                  | 411 05                | 1100    |         |
| W. R. Wright, Bro. Derring  | 1            |        |          |             | 1            | 2         | 1         | 45                 |                   |        |       |         |                       | 3 75       |                 |            |                       | 75                    | 4 50    | 100     |
| W. M. Clark [Parrish, T. B. Kitchens, M. P. Huddleston                      |              |        |          |             | 4            | 3         | 3         | 31                 |                   |        |       |         | 2 00                  | 12 10      | 5 50            |            | 50                    | 20 10                 | 300     |         |
| J. N. Hartley, J. M. Huddleston, W. J. Bearden, D. C. Norvill, B. H. Letter | 33           | 30     |          |             | 7            | 18        | 5         | 355                | 50 00             | 100 00 | 10 30 | 32 20   | 150 00                | 65 00      | 720 00          | 320 00     | 50 00                 | 5 00                  | 1502 50 | 2000    |
| D. R. Nuffer, S. O. Boone   | 3            | 7      |          | 1           |              | 4         |           | 64                 |                   |        |       |         |                       | 200 00     | 11 45           | 121 50     | 1 00                  | 343 95                | 721 50  |         |
| T. M. Seay, W. C. Wilcockson, J. W. Seay                                    | 8            | 4      |          |             | 2            | 1         | 1         | 83                 | 5 00              |        |       |         |                       | 48 00      | 8 00            |            | 1 25                  | 64 75                 |         |         |
| W. L. Martin, M. M. Bain, M. English, Sister Patterson                      | 9            | 6      |          | 1           | 1            | 2         |           | 90                 | 9 00              | 4 50   |       | 2 00    |                       | 260 50     | 78 00           | 135 00     | 1 25                  | 507 50                | 1300    |         |
|   | 156          | 94     | 15       | 7           | 30           | 67        | 28        | 1821               | 226 85            | 163 95 | 34 00 | 114 32  | 253 20                | 223 35     | 2913 94         | 1268 90    | 632 08                | 28 65                 | 5859 24 | 21821.  |

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