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MISSIONARY :: BAPTISTS.

HELD WITH

Jonesboro - Baptist - Church,

CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARK.,

OCT. 8, 9 & 10, 1891.

ELD. E. P. MINTON, Moderator,	-	-	Jonesboro, Ark.
ELD. J. H. AMACKER, Clerk,	.	-	Jonesboro, Ark.
ELD. C. B. HUNTON, Treasurer,	.	-	Jonesboro, Ark.

JONESBORO, ARK.,
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MINUTES.

The Mt. Zion Association of Missionary Baptists convened its thirty-eighth annual session with the Jonesboro church on Thursday before the second Lord's Day in October, 1891. The body was called to order by Eld. E. P. Minton, the former Moderator, who read a Scripture lesson from the 9th chapter of 2nd Corinthians, after which the Association was led in prayer by Dr. J. B. Searcy.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. C. B. Hunton from John iv: 34-35. After the sermon the Association took a recess until 1:30 p m. Benediction by Eld B G. Manard.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled. After singing Eld. J. T. Prior led the body in prayer. The former Clerk being absent, Eld. J. H. Amacker was, on motion, elected Clerk pro tem. The letters from the churches were read by Elds. J. T. Prior and W. P. Kime and delegates' names enrolled. Twenty-two churches were present by letter and delegation.

The body then proceeded to permanent organization, Eld. W. P. Kime and Bro. W. R. McEwen acting as tellers. The election resulted in the choice of Eld. E. P. Minton, Moderator; Eld. J. H. Amacker, Clerk, and Eld C. B. Hunton, Treasurer.

Unity, a recently constituted church, presented a letter asking for admission into the body. The letter was read, and in appearing therefrom that the church was of like faith and

order with the Association, it was, on motion, received and the right hand of fellowship extended to its delegates by the Moderator.

An invitation to seats with the Association was accepted by Dr J. B. Searcy, agent for Ouachita Baptist College; Eld. B. G. Manard, Superintendent of Baptist Mission for the State of Arkansas; Eld J. T. Prior, Financial agent for Mountain Home Baptist College; Eld. W. P. Kime, Corresponding Messenger from Spring River Association; Elds T. F. Archer and W. D. Hargroves from Mt. Vernon Association

Regular committees were then appointed by the Moderator as follows, viz:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Elds. D. H. Hall, R. P. Watkins and Bro. John Riffey.

ARRANGEMENTS Elds. B. F. Stokes, H. F. Wright and Bro. John Wiles

DIVINE SERVICES—S. A. Hopkins, J. T. Smith and L. T. Dennis.

SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS—Dr. J. H. Kitchens, Jr., and R. P. Watkins.

WOMAN'S WORK—Eld. Thomas Williams and Bro W. R. McEwen.

RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES—A. J. English, M. C. Clark and J. S. Peters.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—W. H. Cate, George Hay and Nathan Moser.

LITERATURE—Warren Montgomery, Thomas Summers and E. R. Lee.

TEMPERANCE—G. W. Puryear, Hiram Owens and D. H. Stokes.

FINANCE—A. J. English, H. Mustin and D. Brock.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—D. H. Hall, J. A. Collins and A. P. Hammond.

HOME MISSIONS—Eld. C. B. Hunton, J. H. Kitchens, Jr., and George Hay.

STATE MISSIONS—L. E. Stancell, Jacob Sharpe and T. C. Carter.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS—W. H. Cate, T. B. Kitchens and J. H. Kitchens, Jr.

COLLEGE WORK—J. W. Waters, J. A. Collins and J. R. Cooper.

"CROWLEY'S RIDGE BAPTIST"—S. A. Hopkins, M. C. Clark and L. E. Gibson.

OBITUARIES—W. D. Willy and S. A. Neil.

NOMINATIONS J. G. Henson, L. E. Stancell and A. C. Pritchett.

MINISTERS AND POSTOFFICES—A. Pagan, D. H. Stokes and H. A. H. Thompson.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT—C. B. Hunton, A. J. English and L. E. Gibson.

The Association appointed the hours of meeting and adjourning as follows, viz: Meet each day at 8:30 a. m., adjourn at 12 m.; meet at 1:30 p. m., adjourn at 4:30 p. m.; meet again at 7:30 p. m., and adjourn at pleasure.

The committee on the arrangement of the order of business made the following report, which was adopted.

Your committee on arrangement submit the following report:

- 1st. Call for report of committees.
- 2nd. Select a place for the next meeting of this body.
- 3rd. Appoint a brother to preach the introductory sermon.
- 4th. Appoint messengers to corresponding bodies.
- 5th. Appoint an Executive Board.
- 6th. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. STOKES, Chairman.

The Committee on Divine Services reported that Eld. B. H. Mauard would preach to-night and Dr. J. B. Searcy at 11:00 a. m. to-morrow.

On motion, adjourned.

NIGHT SESSION.

At 7:30 p. m. the Association reassembled. Eld. B. G. Mauard, the appointee, instead of preaching, delivered a most earnest, forcible and eloquent lecture on the destitutions throughout the State and the work accomplished by the State Board in attempting to supply said destitutions with the gospel. The lecture closed with a collection taken to aid the State Board in its work.

After prayer by Dr. Searcy the body adjourned until to-morrow.

FRIDAY - MORNING SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Sang "Jesus Lover of My Soul," and bowed in prayer with Eld. D. H. Hall.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved. The roll was called and absentees marked.

An invitation to seats with the body was accepted by Eld. L. H. Fowler from Mt. Vernon Association.

Messengers to corresponding bodies were appointed as follows:

Gainesville Association—Eld. J. B. Wise, John Burns and L. T. Dennis.

Spring River Association - Elds. J. W. Bell, B. F. Stokes and Bro. Jacob Sharpe.

Mt. Vernon Association—A. J. English.

State Convention—Bro. J. H. Kitchens, Jr., W. H. Cate, E. P. Minton, J. W. Bell and T. B. Kitchens. Alternates—Eld. C. B. Hunton and W. L. Gage.

The Association being entitled to one delegate to the Southern Baptist convention, Eld. J. H. Amacker was, by acclamation, elected as such, and Eld. E. P. Minton declared alternate.

Eld. W. G. Stamper was recognized as a delegate from Bethabara church.

The report on College Work was read. Pending its adoption a collection was taken for Ouachita College. While the collection was being taken Bro. J. H. Kitchens, Jr., informed the body that Bro. J. T. McKinney, who died since the last meeting of the Association, had given the college his note for \$24 to help liquidate the debt hanging over it, and that the Association had established the precedent of paying off such notes given by deceased brethren, whereupon the body at once took up a collection to pay off this debt, which was immediately done. In addition to this collection the one just begun amounted to \$20.25 cash and \$6 in subscriptions. Total collection \$50.25.

The report was then adopted as follows:

Your committee on college work would report that this is the most important enterprise that we have in the State. Our children must be educated or they must become the servants of

those that are. To allow others to educate our children is in effect to consent that our children, for the most part, shall never be Baptists. But if we educate them ourselves we must have a college, or colleges, in which to educate them. We commend most heartily the effort of the brethren at Mountain Home to build up an institution of learning of high grade at that place under the direction of Baptists. We hope in the near future they will have a noble college there. But the Baptists of Arkansas already have a college, of which they may justly be proud. It is now in the fifth year of its active work. Last year there were 330 students enrolled. This year we expect a much greater number. The faculty is filled with twenty active teachers. A great number of young ministers are in attendance and many more are coming. Ouachita College is the place where the Baptists of Arkansas should educate their sons and daughters. The progress of this college has been unparalleled; but, with all its prosperity, it has an harrassing debt, though its property is worth some \$60,000, yet there is a debt of some \$12,000 that must be met. Only a little more than half that amount is reliably provided for. To the Baptists of the whole State, this college looks for the support it must have or suffer. Will our people rise up in their strength and pay off this debt and thus stop interest and expense? It is the wisest thing we can do. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. WATERS, Chairman.

The hour appointed for preaching having arrived, the Association took a recess until 1:30 p. m.

During the intermission Dr. J. B. Searcy, the appointee, preached a most excellent sermon from Acts i: 8. Theme: Witnessing for Christ.

After prayer by Eld. J. B. Wise the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Searcy.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled. Eld. B. F. Stokes led the Association in prayer. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Eight Mile Church, recently constituted, asked admission into the Association. The letter therefrom was read, and after ascertaining that the church had adopted "Articles of Faith," in full accord with those of the Association, it was, on motion, received, and the hand of fellowship extended to its delegates by the Moderator.

The report on Nominations was read. Eld. R. P. Watkins moved to amend by striking out "Hydrick" and inserting "Oak

Grove." After an animated discussion the motion carried. The report as amended was then adopted as follows:

NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, would report as follows:

We recommend Brethren J. H. Kitchens, W. L. Gage, P. C. Barton, T. B. Kitchens and G. W. Puryear as most suitable as our Executive Board.

We further recommend Oak Grove Church as the place for the next session of this body, and that Bro. J. H. Amacker preach the introductory sermon—Bro J. B. Wise alternate

Respectfully submitted,

L E STANCELL, Chairman.

The report on Literature was presented, and after slight amendment accepted by the committee, was adopted as follows:

LITERATURE.

Your Committee on Literature would submit the following:

First of all, we would recommend the prayerful reading and study of the Holy Scriptures.

Secondly, we heartily recommend the taking and reading of our State paper, the "Arkansas Baptist," the "Foreign Mission Journal" and "Our Home Field."

As Sunday School Literature we recommend the "Kind Words" series published at Nashville, Tenn.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. MONTGOMERY, Chairman.

The Committee on Resolutions and Queries made their report. A motion to strike out "700" and insert "500" was lost, and the report as read was adopted as follows:

RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES.

Your Committee on Resolutions and Queries beg leave to report that they have no Queries to submit.

We offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That our clerk be allowed \$10 for his services and whatever else remains in his hands, if anything, and that he be instructed to superintend and pay for the printing and distribution of 700 copies of the minutes.

Resolved further, That we tender our hearty thanks to this church and the citizens of Jonesboro for their kind and generous hospitality while among them.

A J. ENGLISH, Chairman.

The report on Ministerial Education was read, and, after a lively discussion, was postponed until 7:45 o'clock to-night.

The Committee on Ministerial Support made a report, which was adopted as follows:

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Your Committee on Ministerial Support would respectfully state that we find the churches have paid for the support of their pastors as follows:

Jonesboro.....	\$800 00	Paragould.....	\$662 00
Parsonage.....	120 00	New Hope (Craighead).....	30 00
Philadelphia.....	150 00	Cherry Valley.....	50 25
Ray.....	12 00	Wynne.....	10 28
City.....	33 60	Shiloh.....	28 20
Bothel.....	30 00	Hermon.....	23 00
Mt Pisgah.....	62 00	Mt. Zion.....	70 90
Harrisburg.....	60 30	Macedonia.....	100 00
Antioch.....	86 55	Pleasant Valley.....	14 50
Ydrick.....	75 00	Oak Grove.....	65 45
New Hope (Cross).....	30 00	Traitor's Creek.....	40 00
Pleasant Grove.....	37 75	Eight Mile.....	25 00
Manmelle Prairie.....	9 00		
Total.....			\$3545 50

We would respectfully ask our people: "Have you done your duty in this respect?" Remember, dear brethren, "the laborer is worthy of his hire," and it is further said: "They that preach the gospel shall live of the gospel."

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. HUNTON,
A. J. ENGLISH.

The report on the "Crowley's Ridge Baptist" was read. Pending adoption the body adjourned until to-night. Benediction by Dr. Searcy.

NIGHT SESSION.

Reassembled. After devotional exercises by Dr. Searcy the special order set for 7:45 o'clock, viz: Ministerial Education, was taken up at once. Bro. J. H. Kitchens, Jr., Chairman of the Executive Board, presented a report of the amounts expended by the board for ministerial education during the past year, and asked that it be made a part of the report of the committee and considered in connection therewith, which was done. An animated discussion of the consolidated reports followed. Pending adoption a collection was taken for Bro. E. J. A. McKinney, a ministerial student at Ouachita College, amounting in cash to \$22.50, subscriptions \$90. Total \$112.50.

The reports were then adopted, and the whole audience arose and with deep feeling sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Ministerial Education ask to report as follows:

That in this age of progress and general diffusion of intel-

gence among the people we recognize the fact that an educated ministry is an absolute essential to the prosperity of our denomination and the successful propagation of its doctrines. Therefore, we do most earnestly recommend that this Association make a persistent effort to aid any worthy young men who reside within its bounds, who may in good faith be making an attempt to qualify themselves to preach the gospel of Christ, and that this be done in a systematic and efficient manner and in a spirit of discriminating generosity.

We further report that the churches composing this body have, during the past year, contributed to this cause \$125 60, which has been expended assisting our brother, E. J. A. McKinney, whom we believe to be worthy of the beneficence.

W. H. CATE,
NATHAN MOSER,
G. T. HAY,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Paul in his letter to Timothy told him to commit certain work to "faithful men who were able to teach."

Your Executive Board believe we should not commit any to a man that is not prepared to do that work efficiently.

We further believe it is cheaper, as well as better, to educate our faithful men whom God has called to the work of the ministry than risk the Lord's cause to inefficient or unfaithful hands.

Our Association is in need of more faithful laborers to work in the vineyard of our Master. Will we educate them in our own territory or look for them from abroad?

Our Association has one beneficiary at Ouachita College, Bro. McKinney. We believe he is worthy of our aid. Will we support him as we have in the past?

Your board has received and expended the following amounts:

To collections from all sources.....	\$124 62	
To collections at Association in cash.....	22 26	
To amount paid for Bro. McKinney.....	\$125 60	
To amount paid for Bro. Spillman.....	8 30	
To cash in hands.....	12 97	
Balance.....	\$146 87	\$146 87

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. KITCHENS, JR.,
Ch'm. Ex. Board Mt. Zion Association.

After the adoption of the foregoing reports Eld. J. B. Wise, according to previous arrangement, took the stand and

preached a most interesting and instructive sermon from the parable of "The Prodigal Son."

The Committee on Divine Services announced Eld. J. H. Amacker to preach to-morrow at 11 a. m. Adjourned with prayer by Dr. Searcy.

Benediction by the Moderator.

SATURDAY - MORNING SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and were led in prayer by Eld. R. P. Watkins. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The pending question, viz, the report on the "Crowley's Ridge Baptist," was, on motion, laid on the table, subject to call, and the report on Foreign Missions read and adopted as follows:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, would report that the mission spirit being the practical development of Christianity, it is our duty to do all in our power to advance the cause of Foreign Missions, as from us who have the word of God must go out the proclamation: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." is the positive commandment to all Christ's disciples; and we, as obedient children of our Heavenly Father, can do no less than use our utmost abilities to forward his work.

Resolved, That we recommend our pastors each to preach at least one sermon during the year to each church under their care upon the subject of Foreign Missions.

We are looking for the second coming of our Lord, and are told that first "the gospel must be preached to all the world." It is then plainly our duty to preach it personally or by proxy so far as in us lies. The letters report \$167.83 for Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

DWIGHT H. HALL,

A. P. HAMMOND,

Committee.

The report on Obituaries was read and adopted as follows:

OBITUARIES.

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

As it has pleased God to call from our midst, since last we met as an Association, many of our beloved brethren and sisters.

Be it resolved, therefore, that we submit to this dispensation of Divine Providence with becoming reverence, knowing that God's will is wiser than our pleasure, and that we as an

Association thank God that, though our brethren and sisters are gone, they were supported by that grace that enables men and women to live for Jesus, "who is the Author and Finisher of the faith."

Resolved, further, that it is our living and abiding faith that our brethren and sisters are not dead, but gone up higher.

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. NIELL, Chairman.

Bro. A. C. Pritchell was enrolled as a delegate from Woodland Church.

The letter from Mt. Pisgah Church was presented and read, and its delegates ordered enrolled.

The report on Home Missions was read, and after an animated discussion was adopted as follows:

HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions beg leave to report as follows:

We find that comparatively nothing has been done for Home Missions. Only \$33 05 have been paid, Jonesboro Church paying that amount. Our home Board is doing nobly, but could and would do much more if all our membership would contribute of their means as the Lord has prospered them. The outlook in Cuba and the Indian Territory is very encouraging. "The fields are white to harvest," and we should send out the reapers and gather it. We can do this only by a consecration of both ourselves and our means to the Lord's cause. Therefore we would respectfully recommend a more thorough consecration of all that we have and are to Him, "who became poor that we through his poverty may become rich."

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. HUNTON, Chairman.

After the adoption of the report a collection was taken for Home Missions amounting to \$19.00.

The hour for preaching having arrived, the Association took a recess until 1:30 p. m. During the intermission Eld. J. H. Amacker preached, or lectured, rather, on the "History, teachings and influence of the Baptist denomination." After singing "I love thy kingdom, Lord," the benediction was pronounced by Eld. Amacker.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled. Devotional exercises by Eld. J. W. Bell.

The Committee on State Missions made their report, which, after discussion, was adopted as follows:

STATE MISSIONS

Your Committee on State Missions would submit the following report:

We are apprised that the destitution in our beloved State is very great. The increasing development of our State demands of us, as Baptists, increased energies and contributions within our bounds. Our State Board has undertaken a grand work in sending the gospel to the destitute places, and unless we place the means in their hands this work cannot be done. We find that very little has been done the past year on this line. We find that only \$68.60 has been paid, as follows:

Jonesboro Church.....	\$49 00
Harrisburg Church.....	17 10
Haragould Church.....	2 50

Making a total of only.....\$68 60

Your committee would therefore offer the following recommendation: Let there be appointed in each church a committee of one, and only one, to represent each Christian enterprise that appeals to the church for aid. For instance, let there be one to represent Foreign Missions, whose duty it shall be to devote himself entirely to that work. Let him make a list of the members and see to it that each one during the year contributes something to that enterprise, if it be only one nickel. In the same way let there be one each to represent Home, State and Associational Missions, one to Ouachita College, one to Ministerial Education, one to collect the pastor's salary, one to Ministerial Support, etc.

We would further recommend that as many as half of these committees be ladies, especially those that solicit funds for the different Mission fields.

The object of the recommendation is to systematize our efforts in obedience to the Divine injunction: "Let all things be done decently and in order." Respectfully submitted,

L E STANCELL,
JACOB SHARPE,
T. C. CARTER,
Committee.

The report on Sunday Schools was received and adopted as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We believe that the Sunday School is the training ground for the church of the future, and that it is the duty of every church to maintain and sustain a school as a part of the church work. The commandment of the Scripture and the result of our observation teach us that the early training of the child in a large measure determines his or her future course, and we earnestly urge our churches to make a determined effort to ad-

ance the Sunday School interests. We find from the letter to the Association that we have six Sunday Schools with a total membership of 507.

Respectfully submitted,

DWIGHT H. HALL

R. P. WARKINS,

JOHN RIFFEY,

Committee.

The Committee on Ministers and Postoffices presented a list of Ministers and Licentiates of the Association as follows:

MINISTERS AND POSTOFFICES.

Your committee would report the following list of Ministers in the Association:

NAMES.	POSTOFFICES.
J. H. Amacker.....	Jonesboro, Ark.
E. P. Minton.....	Jonesboro, Ark.
J. M. Minton.....	Jonesboro, Ark.
C. B. Hunton.....	Jonesboro, Ark.
J. W. Bell.....	Jonesboro, Ark.
B. T. Stokes.....	Jonesboro, Ark.
J. M. Rains.....	Jonesboro, Ark.
R. P. Watkins.....	Jonesboro, Ark.
J. James.....	Jonesboro, Ark.
W. L. Hughes.....	Harrisburg, Ark.
William Adams.....	Harrisburg, Ark.
J. W. Waters.....	Harrisburg, Ark.
L. B. Stemm.....	Harrisburg, Ark.
G. M. Settlemire.....	Hydrick, Ark.
J. W. Settlemire.....	Hydrick, Ark.
Thomas Williams.....	Lorado, Ark.
J. M. Miles.....	Lorado, Ark.
D. H. Hall.....	Greenfield, Ark.
J. T. Bozeman.....	Vaundale, Ark.
E. Walraven.....	Dee, Ark.
J. G. Heuson.....	Brookland, Ark.
J. B. Wise.....	Paragould, Ark.
W. S. Barker.....	Paragould, Ark.
W. G. Stamper.....	Lake City, Ark.
E. D. Turner.....	Bay, Ark.
H. F. Wright.....	Bay, Ark.
J. G. Hendrix.....	Maugum, Ark.

LICENTIATES.

NAMES.	POSTOFFICES.
M. C. Clark.....	Bay, Ark.
J. H. Stokes.....	Jonesboro, Ark.
E. J. A. McKinney.....	Harrisburg, Ark.
A. C. Reeves.....	Harrisburg, Ark.
J. N. Adams.....	Lorado, Ark.

J. W. Spillman.....Jonesboro, Ark.
 A. L. Howard.....Gilkerson, Ark.
 W. R. McEwen.....Jonesboro, Ark.

Respectfully submitted,

A. PAGAN, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Temperance elicited a warm discussion. The committee did not make a regular report, but recommended that the body adopt and reprint, with a slight amendment, the report of last year, because of its strong, clear-cut utterances on the subject of Temperance. The recommendation was adopted, and the report as amended is as follows:

TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, would report as follows:

Resolved 1st. That it is the sense of this body that the making and vending of intoxicating liquors is the meanest, most degrading and soul-destroying traffic that curses our fair southland.

2nd. That it fosters crime, ignorance and infidelity; makes women more than widows, and children more than orphans.

3rd. That any church member who talks for, or votes in favor of said evil traffic, or in any way aids or abets the manufacture or sale of intoxicants, if not shamefully ignorant, is unworthy the name Christian, and should be promptly dealt with by his church. Respectfully submitted,

G. W. PURYEAR Chairman.

The Finance Committee reported that they had received from the different churches \$41.15 to pay for printing minutes, which amount was turned over to the Clerk for that purpose.

On motion of Bro. W. H. Cate the thanks of the Association were voted to the different Paedobaptist churches of Jonesboro for their kindly tender of the use of their houses of worship on Sabbath.

On motion Eld. J. W. Bell was appointed to collect and transcribe into one volume the minutes of each session of the Association from its origin until the present time.

On motion adjourned until to night.

Benediction by Eld J. W. Bell.

NIGHT SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment. After devotional exercises, led by Eld. C. B. Hunton, the minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

The report on Woman's Work was read, and after discussion was adopted as follows:

WOMAN'S WORK

Your Committee on Woman's Work would submit the following:

That our noble women have been and are doing a great and grand work throughout our Southern Zion, all who are at all posted well know. But your committee is firmly of the opinion that this element of our churches can and would do a still greater work if the pastors and laymen would extend to our sisters the encouragement and co-operation they justly deserve. We would therefore recommend that as far as possible a Ladies' Missionary Society be organized in every church within the bounds of this Association, said society to co-operate with the churches in all the work of the churches at home and abroad. That all monies be forwarded to the objects for which it is raised through the treasury of the churches. That a written report of all monies raised be sent to the Central Committee, located at Little Rock, Ark. Mrs. E. Longley is Secretary of said committee.

For the encouragement of others we would refer to the work done by our ladies during the past year:

JONESBORO CHURCH

For Foreign Missions.....	\$ 27 00
For Home Missions.....	15 50
For State Missions.....	15 50
For Associational Missions.....	25 50
For Ministerial Education	21 24
For Ouachita College	25 00
For church aid.....	33 00

Total for Missions.....\$ 79 24

Total expenditure for year..... 167 74

PARAGOULD CHURCH.

For church aid.....	\$ 90 00
For Foreign Missions.....	2 50
For State Missions.....	2 50

Total.....\$ 95 00

PHILADELPHIA CHURCH.

For Associational Missions.....	\$ 3 75
For Home Missions.....	2 25
For pastor's salary.....	7 85
For church aid.....	79 90

Total.....\$ 93 75

OAK GROVE CHURCH.

For church aid.....	\$111 40
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We find that some societies have failed to report, hence we urge the necessity of each society making a report to the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. McEWEN, JR., Chairman.

The report on the "Crowley's Ridge Baptist" was again taken up, and after some amendment, which was accepted by the committee, was adopted as follows:

"CROWLEY'S RIDGE BAPTIST."

Your Committee on "Crowley's Ridge Baptist" ask leave to make the following report:

We recommend the paper as being ably edited and worthy of the patronage of the brotherhood, and would suggest the continuance of its publication, as we consider it sound literature.

But we regret to say that it has not met or received the patronage it has merited, as we find that the editors have published it at a cost to themselves of nearly \$100, which would not have been had it been appreciated according to its worth by the brotherhood.

In conclusion we beg leave to submit the following:

Resolved, That this Association endorses the "Crowley's Ridge Baptist" as sound in faith and a faithful exponent of Baptist principles, and urge the brethren of the different churches to take the paper and aid its circulation in every way.

Resolved, That this Association adopts the said paper as the official organ of this body.

Respectfully submitted,

S A. HOPKINS, Chairman,

The Committee on Suggestions and Recommendations presented their report, which was adopted as follows:

SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Your committee would respectfully and earnestly suggest that the churches of the Association send to the Chairman of the Executive Board, in quarterly installments, the following amounts for the support of Associational Missions during the coming year:

Amesboro.....	\$100 00	Mt. Zion.....	\$ 15 00
Antioch.....	10 00	New Hope (Cross).....	5 00
Atman's House.....	2 50	New Hope (Craighead).....	5 00
Barraburg.....	10 00	Oak Grove.....	15 00
Bethabara.....	5 00	Paragould.....	40 00
Bellin's Chapel.....	2 50	Pleasant Valley.....	2 50
Berry Valley.....	10 00	Pleasant Grove.....	5 00
Benton.....	5 00	Ridge Station.....	2 50
Bethanion.....	10 00	Shiloh.....	5 00
Benedonia.....	10 00	Traitor's Creek.....	5 00
Philadelphia.....	15 00	Unity.....	5 00
Manmelle Prairie.....	2 50	Woodland.....	10 00
Plagah (Cross).....	5 00	Wynne.....	10 00
Plagah (Craighead).....	2 50	Bay.....	10 00
Total.....			\$325 50

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. KITCHENS, JR., Chairman.

The report of the Executive Board was read by the Chairman, Bro J. H. Kitchens, Jr., who asked that it be considered as a report on Associational Missions also, which was done. It elicited an earnest discussion, and, pending its adoption, a collection was taken for Associational Missions, which amounted in cash to \$52 50, subscriptions \$54 Total \$106 50.

The report was then adopted as follows:

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Executive Board of Mt. Zion Association met on the 20th day of October, 1890, and organized by re-electing J. Kitchens, Jr, Chairman; P. C. Bartou. Secretary, and G. Puryear, Treasurer.

At the same time the Board decided to still aid for the ensuing year all the points aided last year and to enlarge our work. The Board made the following appropriations to Liberty Church at Bay, \$50; to Paragould Church, \$100; to Bel Air Church at Harrisburg, \$50; to Cherry Valley Church, \$50; to McCrory, \$50, if she builds a house of worship during the year.

While we regret that the receipts of money have been small, we are glad to say that what we have received has been with less effort on the part of the Board than any previous year of the present Board's existence.

We earnestly ask and pray that our churches and pastors take a deeper interest in the cause of Missions than they have in the past.

We recommend that our next Board continue to co-operate with the State and Home Boards as in the past three years.

We also recommend that our fifth Sunday meeting be supported by all lovers of the Missions work, as it has been of valuable aid in raising funds to carry on the Mission work of our Association.

We have received and disbursed moneys as follows:

To collections on Sunday at last meeting of Association.	\$ 50
To collections at fifth Sunday meeting.....	83
To amount received of the State Board.....	47
To amount received of Jonesboro church.....	99
To amount received of Paragould church.....	40
To amount received of Mt. Pisgah church (Cross Co)..	5
To amount received of Philadelphia church.....	8
To amount received of Antioch church.....	9
To amount received of Macedonia church.....	8
To amount received of Mt. Zion church.....	15
To amount received of Unity church.....	5
To amount received of Pleasant Valley church.....	2
To amount received of Pleasant Grove church.....	5

To amount received of Oak Grove church.....	10	01
To amount received of New Hope church.....	2	00
To amount received of Cherry Valley church.....	5	25
To amount received of Eight Mile church.....	2	00
To cash collections at Association.....	52	50
To subscription collections at Association.....	51	50
By amount paid E. P. Minton.....	\$150	00
By amount paid J. B. Wise.....	100	00
By amount paid J. W. Bell.....	100	00
By amount paid Liberty church.....	50	00
By cash on hand.....	7	21
By subscriptions on hand.....	51	50
Balance.....	\$458	81
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Respectfully submitted,

J. H. KITCHENS, JR, Chairman.

Bro. J. H. Kitchens, Jr., offered the following Resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Our Executive Board is out of debt and has \$57.21 in the treasury.

Resolved, That \$50 be appropriated to aid in paying a debt against Liberty Church one of our Mission Stations.

J. H. KITCHENS, JR.

WHEREAS, The State Board appropriated \$200 to this Association and we are out of debt, and have only received \$17.50. We therefore release the State Board from all obligation to pay the remainder of said appropriation, and earnestly ask the hearty co-operation of our Board with the State Board as in the past.

J. H. KITCHENS, JR.

The Committee on Divine Services made the following announcements for preaching on Sabbath:

At the Baptist Church at 11 a. m.—Eld. B. T. Stokes.

At the Baptist Church at 7:30 p. m.—Eld. J. T. Prior.

At the Methodist Church at 11 a. m.—Eld. J. T. Prior.

At the Methodist Church at 7:30 p. m.—Eld. D. H. Hall.

At the O. S. Presbyterian Church at 11 a. m.—Eld. W. D. Hargroves.

At the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at 11 a. m.—Eld. D. H. Hall.

At the Colored Baptist Church at 11 a. m.—Eld. J. M. Raius.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. HOPKINS, Chairman.

The business of the Association being finished, the body, on motion of Bro. L. E. Stancell, adjourned sine die.

The session of the Association, though a very busy one, was remarkably pleasant throughout. The utmost harmony

and good feeling prevailed. Not a single remark calculated to wound the most sensitive nature was uttered during the entire session

At the close of its labors the body united in singing "Am I a Soldier of the Cross," during which the parting hand was taken, the Moderator offered a short but feeling prayer, and the Association stood adjourned to meet again with Oak Grove Church on Thursday before the second Lord's Day in October 1892.

E. P. MINTON, Moderator

J. H. AMACKER, Clerk.



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