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Minutes

Of the

Mt. Zion

Baptist Association,

Held at

Osceola, Arkansas.

October, 8th, 1903.

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# Mount Zion Baptist Association

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OSCEOLA, ARK., OCT. 8, 1903.

**T**HE Mount Zion Association met this day at 10:00 a. m. with Osceola Baptist Church, in its Fifty-first Annual Session, and was called to order by B. H. Parrish. After singing "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord," prayer was led by E. P. Minton. Rev. S. A. Smith, of Jonesboro, was called upon to lead devotional exercise, and, responding, led a profitable half-hour service.

Upon motion of T. B. Kitchens, E. P. Minton was called to act as temporary chairman. Before regular business was begun Moderator J. H. Kitchens, who was delayed on account of pressing business engagements, arrived and was asked to take his place. Moderator appointed S. A. Smith, E. P. Minton and H. F. Wright, committee on credentials, and J. W. Hiatt and B. H. Parrish, reading clerks.

Motion was made at this point to adjourn to defer permanent organization until afternoon and have Introductory Sermon. Elder J. F. McClain occupied the pulpit. After reading John 17th chapter, he took his text from James 5:16 and preached a strong, practical sermon on prayer.



## THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Called to order by Moderator. Sang "Stand Up for Jesus." Prayer by H. F. Wright. Letters from churches were read and the committee on credentials reported the following messengers entitled to seats:

Antioch—F. M. Johnson, Mrs. Johnson, Frank Johnson, J. H. Robinson and Miss Willie Hay.

Big Bay—Clint Williams, G. M. Ferguson.

Bethabara—W. C. Beck.

Brookland—A. R. Akers.

Blytheville—R. H. Hall, J. C. Hargett, Fannie Redding.

Bethel—Letter.

Clear Lake—W. J. Burton, W. R. Sanderson.

Cottage Home—Letter.

Charry Valley—G. M. Settlemoir.

Claunch—D. A. Felts.

Clark's Chapel—Letter.

Earle—J. H. Borum.

Evadale—B. F. Lee, Mrs. E. V. Wesson, Mrs. M. L. Riddle and Mrs. Notgrass.

Frenchman Bayou—Letter.

Hydrick—Jas. M. Pitts, John Smith.

Harrisburg—Ed L. Jacobs,

Indian Mound—Letter.

Ingram Chapel—W. H. Borum, Valentine Terry.

Jonesboro, First Church—J. W. Hiatt, E. P. Minton, S. M. Ferguson, L. N. Sanders, S. A. Smith, N. S. Moser.

Jonesboro, North—W. F. Beck, A. M. Harris, P. S. Osburn, Mrs. P. S. Osburn, J. C. Smith.

Luxora—J. V. Smoot, J. J. Holland, Jas. Angel, C. L. Grigsby, Mrs. J. C. Spann, Mrs. J. M. Landrum, J. M. Landrum.

Lambethville—John Stephens.

Manila—

Monette—H. F. Ball.

Mt. Zion—A. A. Ryan, L. T. Dennis, W. P. Hutchins, Lucy Dennis, Annie Carpenter, J. Q. Griffin.

Nettleton—H. F. Wright, L. L. Frazell.

New Hope—J. W. Knight.

New Hope—T. C. Carter.

Osceola—F. B. Hale, W. D. Ray, R. M. Fletcher.

Paragould—J. N. Markart, Mrs. E. A. Wall, Mrs. W. E. Stotts,  
W. J. McDonald, J. M. Huddleston, T. B. Kitchens, W. H. Meri-  
dith, B. H. Parrish, J. H. Kitchens.

Pleasant Grove—John M. Needham, John Denham, Jennie Ben-  
nett.

Pleasant Hill—W. H. Allbright.

Shilough—

Unity—

Vincent—W. H. Borum.

Walcott—J. W. Seay, J. W. Light, Nora Tyner, Eva Adams,  
Bertha Bowlin.

Wynne—Letter.

Ministers Present—A. B. Bohannon, D. D.; J. M. Huddleston,  
W. H. Meredith, S. A. Smith, D. D.; J. W. Hiatt, E. P. Minton,  
A. M. Harris, H. F. Wright, L. L. Frazell, J. B. Wise, H. E. Hogan,  
J. F. McClain, W. R. Sanderson, J. C. Bryant, G. M. Settlemoir,  
G. W. Johnson, D. D.; George Bellou, J. C. Smith, R. C. Medaris,  
C. T. Carpenter.

Petitionary Letters were read from the following churches and  
their messengers seated, the churches being made members of Mt.  
Zion Association: Earle, Lake City.

Hand of fellowship was given to the messengers by entire asso-  
ciation.

The Following Visiting Brethren Were Enrolled—Elder W. J.  
Bearden, of Memphis, Tenn.; Elder Isham O. Siler, representing  
The Baptist Advance; Elder J. I. Martin, of the Missionary of the  
General Association.

Permanent organization was affected by the election of J. H.  
Kitchens, Moderator; B. H. Parrish, Clerk and H. F. Wright, Treas-  
urer. J. W. Hiatt was called upon at this time to lead a short de-  
votional exercise, which was enjoyed by all.



Special prayer was offered for Brethren W. P. Hale and R. P. Miller, who were sick and unable to attend the meeting. A. B. Bohannon lead the prayer.

Committee on Divine Service announced that A. B. Bohannon would preach to-night (Thursday night.)

Moderator called on A. B. Bohannon to lead devotional exercise. Good talks were made by A. B. Bohannon, J. H. Borum, Dr. W. H. Borum, J. N. Markhart, E. P. Minton and J. B. Wise, and the exercise was of a deeply spiritual character.

The committees were announced as follows by Moderator:

DIVINE SERVICE.

J. B. Wise and Messengers of Osceola Church.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

T. B. Kitchens, N. S. Moser, Ed L. Jacobs.

HOME MISSIONS.

J. W. Hiett, J. N. Markhart, A. A. Ryan.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

A. B. Bohannon, L. T. Dennis, A. R. Aker.

STATE MISSIONS.

S. A. Smith, H. N. Ball, T. C. Carter, F. B. Hale.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

W. H. Borum, J. W. Seay, S. M. Ferguson.

LITERATURE.

J. M. Huddleston, J. H. Borum, F. M. Johnson.

TEMPERANCE.

W. H. Meredith, J. T. Terry, W. H. Allbright, J. T. Dement.

ORPHANS' HOME.

H. E. Hogan, J. J. Holland, A. M. Harris.

MINISTERS AND POST OFFICE.

W. J. Bearden, W. F. Beck, W. D. Ray, J. C. Hargett.

NOMINATIONS.

J. M. Huddleston, J. F. McClain, H. F. Wright.

OBITUARIES.

N. S. Moser, J. V. Smoot, J. M. Stephens, L. L. Frazell.

WOMAN'S WORK.

P. S. Osburn, W. J. Bearden, Mrs. S. E. Stotts, Mrs. Mille Johnson, Mrs. J. C. Spann, Mrs. F. L. Redling.

## MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

E. P. Minton, J. W. Light, W. J. McDonald.

## MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

R. C. Medaris, G. M. Settlemoir, J. W. Seay.

Upon motion of S. A. Smith it was carried that Thursday night be devoted to Ministerial Education; Friday night, to Associational Missions, and Saturday to Schools, especially those of Mt. Zion Association. Adjourned to meet at 7:15.

## THURSDAY NIGHT.

Called to order by Moderator. Song, "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds." Prayer by G. M. Settlemoir. Report of committee on Ministerial Education was read by E. P. Minton. Spoken to by S. A. Smith, Ed L. Jacobs. A. B. Bohannon preached a most extraordinary sermon bearing upon the subject of ministerial education which was well recieved.

## MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We, your committe, on Ministerial Education beg to submit the following report: The education of the ministry is an obligation resting upon all. Those who can educate themselves should do so, and those not financially able to educate themselves should receive financial aid from the brotherhood, at large. So far as your committee is informed this association is not assisting any minister in obtaining an education and only \$34.85 has been reported from the churches for this purpose. Such should not be the condition of affairs in this association. Weighted with the responsibility of leading the people of God into higher plains of usefulness and development to necessity of an educated ministry is apparent to all. Baptists are leading the world in higher education and so we should lead the world in the education of our ministry. The tide of ministerial education is not coming upon us but is now upon us. Our present and future denominational life depends upon the intelligence of our ministry. A man can preach the gospel without an education, but he can preach it better with it. Your committee would recommend that the attention of the churches be called to this matter and that they be also urged to contribute something to this cause.—E. P. Minton, J. W. Light, W. J. McDonald, Com. Adopted. The following pledges were recorded for Ministerial



Education: Antioch, for J. N. Robertson, \$5.00; Blytheville, \$5.00; Bay, \$2.00; Cherry Valley, \$2.50; Hydriek, \$5.00; Ingrams Chapel, \$2.00; Jonesboro First, \$100.00; Jonesboro, \$5.00; Luxoro, \$3.00; Mt. Zion, \$2.50; Lambethville, \$5.00; Paragould, \$50.00; Walcott, \$2.50; total pledges, \$191.50. Cash; J. N. Markhart, \$2.50; G. M. Settle-moir, \$1.00; Ed L. Jacobs, \$1.00; H. F. Wright, \$1.00; R. H. Hall, \$1.00; J. C. Hardy, \$1.00; F. M. Johnson, \$1.00; A. R. Akers, \$1.00; cash collection \$7.21; total, \$16.71.

Committee on divine service announced that J. I. Martin would preach at 11:00, Friday. Adjourned.

#### FRIDAY MORNING.

Met at 9.00 and called to order by Moderator. Sang "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," and led by prayer by J. W. Hiatt. Motion was made that a Ministerial Relief committee be appointed. Motion prevailed and committee was appointed. W. J. Bearden was called upon to lead devotional exercise. The exercise was greatly enjoyed. Report on Literature was read by J. M. Huddleston. Spoken to by J. M. Huddleston, A. B. Bohannon, B. H. Parrish, and adopted.

#### LITERATURE.

Good literature in our families should be carefully guarded by the parents. It is of too great importance to treat slightly. The development of our girls and boys is dependent upon the literature they read, therefore first of all we recommend the Bible, that it be persistently urged upon our people for it is the way-bill from earth to Heaven. It is the only book that reveals the character and will of God. We, further, recommend that our people use the Southern Baptist Convention Series of Sunday School Literature.—J. M. Huddleston, F. M. Johnson, J. H. Borum, committee.

Report on Sunday Schools was read by W. H. Borum. The report was discussed by W. H. Borum, W. J. Bearden and J. W. Hiatt. Adopted.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to report as follows: Sunday Schools are the greatest auxiliaries of the church. They are the means by which and through which we bring the young people and children to the church and teach them the way of



eternal truth, and hasten them to read and study the Bible and thereby teach them the way of eternal life. But the greatest drawback to our Sunday Schools is the fact that fathers and mothers will not attend the Sunday Schools with their children. Instead of taking their children by the hand and leading them to the Sunday School they will remain at home and send the children. Brethren, this will not do. If the older ones do not take more interest in the Sabbath Schools we need not expect our children to be deeply interested. We earnestly ask that all of our churches take more interest in this great work, and in placing literature in the hands of young people and in organizing Sunday Schools in destitute places. —W. H. Borum, J. W. Seay, S. M. Ferguson, committee.

Upon motion of A. B. Bohannon, Foreign Mission was set for 3:00 p. m. The hour for preaching having arrived, Rev. J. I. Martin of the General Association occupied the pulpit. He selected for a text I Tim. 3:15. His theme was, "Our Mission in the World." He preached a strong practical sermon which was well received. Adjourned.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Called to order by Moderator. Sang "Blessed Assurance." Prayer led by J. N. Markhart. Report on nominations was read by J. M. Huddleston. Spoken to by J. W. Hiatt. Adopted.

#### REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee on Nominations recommend the following: 1. That this body meet with Wynne Baptist Church at its next session, October, 1904; S. A. Smith to preach the introductory sermon, J. B. Wise, alternate. 2. That J. H. Kitchens, T. B. Kitchens, J. W. Seay, John O'Steen and B. H. Parrish constitute the Executive Board of Mt. Zion Association.

3. That S. A. Smith represent this body at the Southern Baptist Convention; A. B. Bohannon, alternate.

4. That each church send messengers to the State Convention.

5. That A. B. Bohannon, J. M. Huddleston, and W. H. Meredith represent this body at Gainesville Association; G. M. Settlement, E. C. Faulkner, Mt. Vernon Ass'n; E. P. Minton, J. W. Seay, Spring River Ass'n; E. P. Minton, H. E. Hogan, Current River Ass'n.

6. For member of State Board, P. C. Barton. Transportation Committee; J. B. Wise, T. B. Kitchens, L. L. Frazell.

7. Ministerial Board; P. C. Barton, S. A. Smith, J. W. Hiatt.

8. Resolved: That we return our thanks to Osceola Church and community who have so royally entertained this Association with their hospitality.—J. M. Huddleston, J. F. McClain, H. F. Wright, Committee.

Report on Woman's Work was read by P. S. Osborn. Spoken to by P. S. Osborn, R. C. Medaris, Geo. Ballou, A. B. Bohannon J. B. Wise, J. W. Hiatt, then adopted.

#### WOMAN'S WORK.

We, your committee, on Woman's Work beg leave to submit the following report: We find that only four churches in this association have Ladies' Auxiliaries, the four having raised \$894.77, which is a demonstration of the great work that might be done by them but for the want of proper organization. It is said that the "Arm that rocks the cradle rules the world," and we therefore recommend:

1. That the ladies in all our churches organize Ladies Societies.

2. That these organizations have definite aims pertaining to the promotion of the work they expect to accomplish.

3. That they co-operate with the Central Committee of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, to be one in their work and co-operation with the great work being done by the ladies of the S. B. C.—P. S. Osborn, Mesdames Wille Johnson, J. C. Spann, S. E. Stotts, F. L. Redding.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by A. B. Bohannon, and after being discussed by him was adopted by unanimous vote.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Foreign Missions is "World Wide Missions." No other interest strikes the high note of our denominational life as does our great mission enterprises. "World Wide Missions" furnishes the most striking and unanswerable reason for our distinct denominational existence to be found anywhere. Our Master committed this great work to us as a special heritage. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel" were the last words He left ringing in the ears



of His people. Our supreme effort must be to raise this blessed work from the sphere of mere duty into the higher realm of opportunity. Here, more than anywhere else, we come into touch with the great purposes of our Savior.

God has laid His hands upon every useful invention of modern times and has devoted them all to this mighty work. Modern machines are ministers of mercy, and with a thousand-voiced echo their silver trumpets go sounding around the globe, the glory and blessedness of the people "whose God is the Lord." The whole wide world is open to the gospel message. From every quarter of the earth the cry is coming to our ears, "Come over and help us." The nations that sit in darkness have heard the echoes of the gospel and are watching for the mission ship. Remotest coral reefs and isolated islands are waiting for the man of God. Ethiopia today stretches her hands to God. Christian Missions goes before the people as never before. It goes with a mighty Christian civilization and a higher conception of art than ever was known. It goes into earth's darkest corners with a great blazing light in its hand—the light of Christian Liberty, Christian Love and Christian Life. We make no recommendation except this: That our pastors and messengers go home and bring their people face to face with the great mission spirit. Let them think and pray until God touches their hearts. —A. B. Bohannon, A. R. Akers, L. T. Dennis, Com.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Relief was read by R. C. Medaris. The report was spoken to by R. C. Medaris, W. J. Bearden. Adopted. A special collection was taken which amounted to \$9.20 to be devoted to this purpose.

#### OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF.

At the State Convention at Conway a committee was appointed to look after this work this conventional year. That committee consisted of Rev. J. W. McDonald, Rev. W. T. Amis, Hot Springs; and R. C. Medaris, Jonesboro.

The committee has been hard at work since the Convention getting the work organized. The plans have been formulated and the churches informed of the work, and have been asked to stand by the work in prayer and contributions.



We are helping six preachers, and one widow, who was the wife of an old deceased preacher. These men are men that are worthy of our help. Here is an approximate summary of their work:

Revivals held, 2,112; Sermons preached, 12,838; Conversions witnessed, 7,500; Persons baptised, 4,661; Churches organized, 100; Sunday schools organized, 110; Church houses built 16; Associations organized, 2; Number of couples married, 355; Number of funerals conducted, 516; Number of preachers ordained, 104; Number of deacons ordained, 150.

We, as Baptists in Arkansas, owe no little of our present standing and success as a denomination to these old preachers. They are now too old to labor much and none of them have a sufficiency of this world's goods to keep them comfortable. The ages of these men range from 55 to 91 years. One of them is totally blind. Shall we neglect these men of God in their old and needy days? God forbid. So far our people have done well in contributing to this cause, but we need more money—especially as the winter is coming on. We must give more to these soldiers of the cross in autumn and winter than we did in the spring and summer. Your committee urges all our churches to make regular and liberal contributions to this worthy cause, and we recommend that a collection be taken now for this work. Respectfully submitted, R. C. Medaris.

#### MINISTERS AND POST-OFFICES.

Report of committee on Ministers and Post Offices was read by W. J. Bearden. A strong effort was made to have the report complete and the names and addresses correct.

Ordained Ministers: A. B. Bohannon, D. D., J. M. Huddleston, J. N. Robertson, W. H. Meredith, Paragould, Ark.; S. A. Smith, D. D., J. W. Hiett, E. P. Minton, A. M. Harris, J. J. Mathis, R. P. Watkins, L. F. Yancie, Jonesboro, Ark.; H. F. Wright, L. L. Frazzell, Nettleton, Ark.; J. B. Wise, Osceola, Ark.; H. E. Hogan, G. W. Johnson, D. D., Luxora, Ark.; P. M. Huddleston, Harrisburg, Ark.; J. F. McClain, Bay, Ark.; J. M. Casey, Light, Ark.; W. R. Sanderson, Blytheville, Ark.; J. C. Bryant, Nettleton, Ark.; G. M. Settlemoir, Cherry Valley, Ark.; W. L. Wright, Tyronza, Ark.; J. G. Hinson, Claunch, Ark.; W. H. Pruitt, Bay, Ark.; George

Ballou, Archillion, Ark.; Rev. Bozeman, Rev. Archie, Vannsdale, Arkansas.

Licentiates: J. C. Smith, Jonesboro, Ark.; Sam Cable, Blytheville, Ark.; J. W. Allen, Greenfield, Ark.; W. F. Crabtree, Paragould, Ark.; A. C. Reeves, Harrisburg, Ark.; Chas. C. Pitts, Hydrick, Ark.; E. W. Barber, Nettleton, Ark.

W. J. Bearden, W. F. Beck, W. D. Ray, J. C. Hargett, Committee. Adjourned.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT.

Met and called to order by Moderator at 7:15. Sang "Savior Lead Me." Prayer by P. C. Barton. The special order being the consideration of Associational Missions that report was taken up. Report of the Board was read by B. H. Parrish, secretary; Treasurer T. B. Kitchens read his report, and Missionary R. C. Medaris also read report in this connection. The reports were spoken to by J. W. Hiatt, J. B. Wise, H. E. Wright, J. H. Kitchens, A. B. Bannan and R. C. Medaris. W. J. Bearden preached a sermon of great power on I John 3:2. "It doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is." At the close of this sermon the parting hand was given to Bro. Medaris who has rendered such faithful service not only in our own association, but throughout the entire state, and who now leaves us for service in other fields.

#### REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We are convinced by the past history of this association that our Executive Board has acted wisely in the management of our work, and believe it would be the wisest for the association to continue entrusting its work into their hands.

In view of the rapid development of our territory and the large influx of population to it, making demands more imperative than ever before in our history, we would urge more liberal contributions from all our churches and individuals in order that the Board may be enabled to meet all demands made upon them. For full information concerning the work done we refer to reports given in connection with this report.—T. B. Kitchens, N. S. Moser, E. L. Jacobs, committee.



## PLEDGES FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Antioch.....	\$ 10.00	Bay.....	\$ 2.00
Cache Valley.....	5.00	Claunch.....	3.00
Cherry Valley.....	5.00	Evadale.....	5.00
Jonesboro, First church..	100.00	Luxora.....	25.00
Lambethville.....	7.00	Mt. Zion.....	25.00
Nettleton.....	5.00	Paragould.....	150.00
Walcott.....	20.00	E. S. Holmes .....	2.50
Total.....		\$364.50	

## REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

According to instructions of last association your committee employed Eld. R. C. Medaris as general missionary of Mt. Zion Association at a salary of \$1,000 and expenses. Work began on Nov. 8. 1902. Your Board also entered into contract with the State Board that they were to pay \$75.00 per quarter of the salary of our missionary with the understanding that he was to represent the State work in all its departments at all points visited by him within bounds of Mt. Zion Association. It was also agreed that he should visit some points outside of the association as it would better enable us to meet our obligations and be no serious detriment to our work.

In May the Board in session authorized the Missionary to take collections for the purpose of purchasing a tent, and that he purchase a tent at once for the use of the association. The tent was purchased at a cost of \$120.95, which has been paid as will be shown by Missionary's report.

We attach Missionary's report, and the Treasurer's report to this report as a part of our report. We are glad to be able to report that the obligations of the Executive Board have been paid and we begin a new year without any debt whatever.

We invite the brotherhood and sisterhood of the entire association to join us in thanksgiving to God for the number of souls that have been born into the Kingdom and added to the churches, and the Board feels especially thankful to the brethren of the various churches for their ready responses to our appeals for help in this great work.



Let us thank God, take courage and go forward. There is a bright future before us and let us prove ourselves worthy of the trust committed to us.—J. H. Kitchens, chairman; B. H. Parrish, Secretary.

OSCEOLA, ARK., Oct. 9, 1903.

The undersigned as treasurer of the Executive Board of Mt. Zion Association, would submit report as follows:

TO AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM

P. C. Barton,.....	\$ 5 85	Graudin Church, (Mo.),..	\$ 24 25
J. H. Kitchens,.....	5 40	Walnut Ridge,.....	26 38
do individual.....	1 00	R. C. Biggs,.....	1 00
R. C. Medaris,.....	15 50	Mrs. M. C. Swindle,....	1 00
1st Church Jonesboro....		E. S. Holmes,.....	5 00
Woman's Missionary,....		Roxie Holmes,.....	1 00
Union,.....	\$21 45	E. F. Bowlin,.....	10
Gordon Mathews, 18 12		Mrs. Sadie Wilcockson..	1 00
Bro. Smith,.....	90 00	5th S. M., Walcott	16 00
N. Jonesboro church....	52 53	E. L. Banks (Black Oak,)	5 00
Paragould,.....	100 65	P. C. Barton,.....	25 00
Mt. Zion,.....	25 00	Mrs. P. C. Barton,....	5 00
Walcott,.....	20 00	A. A. Ryan,.....	1 00
Cache Valley,.....	6 30	Vandale,.....	1 72
Antioch,.....	5 50	3d Church Knoxville,...	10 00
Hydrick,.....	5 00	Lambethville,.....	7 50
Manilla,.....	18 61	J. W. Seay,.....	2 50
Blytheville,.....	10 20	Bay church,.....	1 00
Ingrams,....	4 47	Walcott ch. (Cit. Mis.,)	25
Nettleton,.....	19 69	Mt. Pisgah (Cross Co.)...	5 00
Mosier,.....	1 51	Claunch church,.....	2 50
Monett,.....	25 76	Evadale,.....	4 60
Crane Island,.....	8 55	5th Sun., N. Jonesboro..	8 25
New Hope (Craighead)..	76	Marion ch.,.....	5 00
Cherry Valley,.....	6 61	Earle ch.,.....	50
5th S. M., Antioch,.....	5 00	A friend,.....	25
Harrisburg,.....	4 80	Lake City church,.....	11 05
Harrisburg, Bethel and		Marked Tree,.....	1 75
Pleasant Hill by Bro.		Osceola church and Sun-	
Smith,.....	6 71	day school,.....	13 00
Mrs. Martha Cox,.....	1 00	Luxora church,.....	38 40
Miss Anna Carpenter....	1 00	State Board,.....	275 00
Geo. Light,.....	5 00	Osceola church;.....	1 00
Ema Bowlin,.....	1 00		
Special collection.....			34.22

TOTAL AMOUNT COLLECTED, \$1028.19.

PAID OUT.

Paid to R. C. Medaris for 11 mos. ser. at \$88.66½ per mo.....	\$ 916.66
Paid to R. C. Medaris, 1st qr., for traveling expenses, stationery and postage,.....	37 87

Paid to R. C. Medaris, 2d qr., for traveling expenses, printing and postage, .....	21 60
Paid to R. C. Medaris, 3d qr., for traveling expenses, stamps and stationary, .....	17 33
Paid to R. C. Medaris, 4th qr., for traveling expenses, printing and postage, .....	34 73
Total.....	\$1028 19

## TENT FUND:

To amount collected by R. C. Medaris.....	\$ 120 00
By amount paid for tent, .....	\$120 95

Respectfully submitted, T. B. KITCHENS, Treas.

## REPORT OF MISSIONARY.

To the Messengers of the Mt. Zion Baptist Association, assembled in their annual meeting with the Baptist Church at Osceola, Ark., October 8th to 11th, 1903:

Dear Brethren:—As your missionary, and district missionary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention for the past year, the work which I have sought to do was that of educating our people along missionary lines, of helping to strengthen the weak churches in centres of influence, helping to raise money for church building purposes, organizing churches and Sunday schools where they gave promise of future existence and usefulness, purchasing a tent for the work in our association, disseminating religious literature, and last, but not least, endeavoring to bring souls to Christ.

The visible results of my labors, so far as we can know, are shown in the summary statement connected herewith. It is but proper that I should state that, owing to the exceeding rains in the first part of the winter and spring months, the lateness of the summer season, and sickness in the family of the missionary, the work has been hindered this year greatly. Notwithstanding this your missionary is profoundly grateful unto God for His blessings upon his labors for the year. I take great pleasure in acknowledging valuable assistance in the Colportage work by the State S. S. and Colportage Board and the S. S. Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in the gifts of a large number of Bibles, Testaments and tracts. Following is summary statement:



Days labored, 330; Miles traveled, 3,566; Churches visited, 25; other points visited, 8; Sermons preached, 241; Religious addresses, 74; Total sermons and addresses, 315; Prayer meetings conducted, 10; Prayer meetings organized 4; Religious visits, 128; Professions of conversions, 48; Additions by baptism, 42; Additions by letter, 45; Total additions to the churches, 87; Churches organized, 1; Sunday schools organized, 33; Money raised for associational missions, \$357.03; State missions, \$28.40; Home missions, \$8.78; Foreign missions, \$17.35; Sunday school and Colportage work, \$2.50; Ministerial education, \$18.82; Orphan's home, \$8.75; Old ministers' relief funds \$249.08; Tent fund, \$123.12; Colportage wagon fund, \$9.75; Church building, (cash and pledges) \$350.00; Pages tracts distributed, 9,000; value of same, \$17.00; Bibles sold, 23; Testaments sold, 36; value of these, \$9.35; Bibles given away, 52, Testaments given away, 61; value of these, \$18.25; Other books sold, 75; value, \$11.25; Missionary Institutes held, 3; Revival meetings held, 8.

Yours in Christian love and work,

R. C. MEDARIS.

The Association adjourned to meet Saturday morning at 9:00.

#### SATURDAY MORNING.

Called to order by Moderator, and sang, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Prayer by G. T. Carpenter. Minutes read and approved. Letter from Bro. J. N. Robertson, who is now at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, was read by A. B. Bohannon. He sent his greeting to the association. Roll of Messengers read and corrected, also roll of ministers in attendance.

Report of committee on Orphan's Home was read by P. C. Barton. After being spoken to by P. C. Barton, J. B. Wise, J. W. Hiatt and A. B. Bohannon, motion was made that it be referred back to committee and that A. B. Bohannon be added to the committee. The report was rewritten and after being read was carried by a unanimous vote.

#### ORPHAN'S HOME.

Your committee greatly rejoices in the prosperity that has attended the Orphan's Home since its beginning. We recommend that our churches continue to support this part of our work and we



insist upon our State Convention having the Board of Trustees.

Report of committee on Home Missions was read by J. W. Hiatt. Spoken to by J. W. Hiatt, J. B. Wise. Adopted.

#### HOME MISSIONS.

The territory embraced in this name comprises the States of the S. B. C. and Cuba. Their special work being along the frontiers of the western states and territories, and the island of Cuba. There has been much severe criticism of late on the Cuban work, and no doubt but that some very grave mistakes have been made. Men are subject to error. The work of the Home Board has been in the hands of men who are as capable of doing the right thing as you or I. Therefore we urge that all our brethren give to the work, and interests of the Home Board, due consideration and stand ready with their contributions to aid and assist them in its very worthy and laudable enterprises.—J. W. Hiatt, J. N. Markhart, A. A. Ryan, Committee.

J. W. Hiatt moved that Memorial Services be set for 3:00, p. m. Motion prevailed.

Time for preaching service having arrived, Rev. Isham O. Siler occupied the pulpit, preaching a very instructive and entertaining sermon from I. Tim., 3:15. His theme was the "Ground and Pillar of Truth." Adjourned.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Called to order by Moderator. Sang; "How Firm a Foundation," led in prayer by S. M. Ferguson.

Report of Committee on Temperance was read by W. H. Meredith. The report was discussed by W. H. Meredith, J. W. Hiatt, J. B. Wise, B. H. Parrish, A. B. Bohannon and P. C. Barton. Adopted.

#### TEMPERANCE.

No subject that can come before this body demands more definite and heroic attention than the one before us—the cause of Christian Temperance. No evil is so widespread and so destructive as the evil of intemperance. The saloon curse is the right arm of Satanic power. No class of society is exempt from the blight of its withering breath. There is no sense in which such unmitigated evil can be justified. It answers no natural or righteous demand. Its

very life depends upon the creation of an unnatural, degrading and demoralizing appetite. In its insatiable greed for gain it overrides every principle of honesty, integrity and purity. It attacks the home, the State and the Church. Its one and only demand is gain, and in its merciless greed it is as remorseless as an earthquake. But more than all, this deadly thing, this diabolical plunderer of the virtue of society, this hydra-headed monster that is debauching and imbruting our boys and degrading our girls, and dragging its slimy trail into almost every home, is here by the consent of a so-called Christian people.

It is the sense of your committee that the time is at hand when we must do something more than adopt resolutions concerning it. We must act. We must draw sharp, distinct lines between right and wrong in our churches. The firm, steady hand of church discipline must be interposed to drive this hateful thing from our midst. The church member who in any manner indorses, aids or condones the saloon curse is an unqualified traitor to the church, the home—to God and Humanity.

We recommend that all our churches take such action in the matter as will bring their members who assist this thing to repentance, if possible; but, failing in this, will rid the church of responsibility for such membership.

We recommend, also, that members again be earnestly requested to abstain from the use of tobacco and all other narcotics.—W. H. Meredith, W. H. Allbright, J. T. Terry, J. T. Dement, Committee.

N. S. Moser read the report of Committee on Obituaries. Report was spoken to by J. B. Wise, J. N. Markhart, S. M. Ferguson, R. C. Medaris, P. C. Barton, T. B. Kitchens, G. M. Settlemoir, A. B. Bohannon. The brethren in talking over the report referred in very touching manner to the names and lives of the brethren and sisters who have been called during the year, and the hour spent in the memorial service, though sad one, we believe was of great benefit to all who were present.

#### OBITUARIES.

We, your committee on Obituaries would submit the following



names which have been taken from the letters of the different churches: Hydrick Church, Fannie C. Harwood; Ingram Chapel, Belle Zimmerman, Emma Lawson; Bethel, Joseph Reaves; Brookland, Mrs. A. V. Callaway, Mrs. Sarah Blagg; Big Bay, Mrs. Emma Collins, Mary Kincaid, Sister Burrow; Antioch, Caroline Johnson, Elizabeth Wilson, Bro. Barlow, Alma Langley; Harrisburg, Mrs. Mary E. Moore, A. G. Cromwell, Mrs. Eliza Grant, S. A. Landers, Mrs. Mary Buskill; New Hope, Sisters Herrin and Martha Means; Walcott, Adeline Wilcoxson, Samantha Johnsen, Victoria Light, John Kirby; Jonesboro, First Church, Jeff Tyer, J. E. Stacey, Mrs. Martha Midgett, Mrs. Onie Kitchens, Mrs. D. E. Westbrook; Mt. Zion, Amanda Price, A. C. Clements, Sarah Jackson, Jennie Ryan; Paragould, Buck Cosby, Nora Williams, Mrs. M. T. Hawkins, Mrs. Jeff Davis; Osceola, Roland Patterson; North Jonesboro, Francis Anthony, Lela Spence, Maston Moser, Lucy Hutchins, Sister Bell, wife of Eld. J. W. Bell.

These brethren and sisters have been taken from us and their seats are vacant in our churches. No they are not dead, but they are living in that bright and beautiful land where no sorrows come. When we come to think of their being gone from us it makes us feel sad, but oh, how glad to think of their eternal home! Then, oh! then, may we all be ready for that great and glorious day, and since that day is known to God alone; let us always watch and pray. —N. S. Moser; L. L. Frazell; J. W. Stevens, Com.

The following resolution was then read and adopted by unanimous vote: Having loved Sister Onie Kitchens for her worth as a worker in our church, and having commended Bro. Kitchens and their dear children to the grace of God, and fully believing that Sister Kitchen's life was well pleasing in the eyes of our Heavenly Father, we commend her life to our churches as one that followed in the footsteps of Jesus.—P. C. Barton, J. W. Hiatt.

It was also moved and carried that a page of the minutes of the Association be set aside devoted to the memory of Sister Kitchens.

The Association was at this time led in a special prayer by Brother Medaris, laying stress upon our bereavements in the death of our loved and valiant members and co-workers, and commending



those who are yet spared to the mercy of Him who loveth us all:

Motion was at this point made "That the matter of assisting our young ministers who are now being committed into the hands of the ministerial board. This motion passed without a dissenting vote:

Owing to absence of chairman of the committee the report on State Missions was read by B. H. Parrish. The report as given below was passed without discussion.

#### STATE MISSIONS.

We live in a state of vast religious destitution. It is a region of destitution of Baptist preachers and preaching. There is much land in Arkansas to be possessed by Baptists. There are whole counties in the state where there is no settled Baptist preacher and no self-supporting Baptist church. We are surrounded by demands for all our possibilities of evangelization; we are besieged from every side by Macedonian calls. We cannot be true to our Baptist faith and remain insensible to these demands or deaf to these calls.

The State Mission Board has been and is endeavoring to lessen this destitution that exists in our state. Through this agency much has been done, but much remains to be done. The State Board is now, and always has been, handicapped on account of the small amount of money contributed by the churches and put into its hands for this work. The cause demands double the amount of money which the Baptists of this state have been giving to it. We must stand by our efficient missionary secretary and the splendid work he is doing. We need to stand together in praying and giving for this cause. "Arkansas for Christ" should be the motto of every Baptist church and every Baptist in the state. Let no church in Mt. Zion Association fail to make the best possible collection for State Missions.—S. A. Smith, F. B. Hale, H. F. Ball, T. C. Carter, Com. Adjourned.

#### SATURDAY NIGHT.

Called to order and led in prayer by J. W. Seay. Petitionary letter from Lake City Baptist Church was read and the church admitted into Mt. Zion Association and clerk instructed to inform the church of this action.

It was also decided that the clerk retain the usual fee for services in getting up the minutes and that balance of minute fund be devoted to printing and sending out as many copies as could be gotten out for money on hand.

The Treasurer of the Association, H. F. Wright, reported \$42.35 as the amount of money sent for the Minute Fund. The amounts as sent by the several churches is shown by tabulated list attached to the Minutes.

A short devotional exercise was now engaged in led by J. W. Hiatt.

The report of the Trustees of High School was read by P. C. Barton, president of the Board. Splendid addresses were made by C. T. Carpenter and A. B. Bohannon.

#### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF HIGH SCHOOL

We held our first meeting in January and completed the organization by electing G. W. Puryear treasurer.

At this meeting it was unanimously agreed to borrow \$3,579.00 from the Bank of Jonesboro with interest at ten per cent to pay off note then due against property.

At our second meeting it was reported that Z. T. Matthews refused to serve on our board and co-operate with us whereupon Jacob Sharp was elected in his place.

At a meeting in the latter part of June C. T. Carpenter, president of Andersonville Institute, Tenn., was elected to take charge of the School. Visiting us in July he accepted and the organization of the faculty was soon completed by securing Professor W. L. Gentry and Miss Margaret L. Perry,

September 7th a quorum of the Board met and agreed to expend about \$500 in the equipment of our school, most of which has been expended.

On 16th of September the School opened. The opening was full of inspiration and promise. A number of addresses were made of which we desire to make especial mention of the address of Dr. A. B. Bohannon and Hon. Eugene Parrish.

We feel especially gratified to report, that the enrollment was fifty-three the first day and has since grown to seventy-five and



the work is highly gratifying and full of promise.

We recommend that the School be incorporated and chartered under the laws of our State as, ..... College.

We appeal to the churches that they contribute to this, one of the most important factors in our work and in every way co-operate with our school. —P. C. Barton, J. W. Hiett; T. B. Kitchens, J. B. Kitchens.

#### SATURDAY EVENING

Whereas the nominating committee failed to name a board of directors and whereas it is best that we have nine members; three of whom shall hold office for three, two and one year, respectively:

Therefore be it resolved that P. C. Barton, as president; J. R. Gregson, as secretary; and G. W. Puryear, as treasurer be the members to serve three years, that J. W. Hiett, J. H. Kitchens and T. B. Kitchens two years; and Y. A. Cole, Jacob Sharp and Dr. A. B. Bohannon one year; further that three members constitute a quorum also that the trustees recommend annually to the Association three brothers to become the successors of the outgoing members upon the approval of the Association.

Thus closed one of the best sessions of Mt. Zion Association. There was a manifest spirit of loyalty to the Master, a love for the work in hand and withal that genuine interest that should characterize the workers in the Master's vineyard. There was not a ripple of disturbance, not an unkind or scathing speech, not a dissenter to mar the proceedings, no one who wanted to stir up strife, but everywhere could be easily detected the faithfulness of those in attendance, and while engaged in the work of the Association we could but feel that the time is not far distant when more, even many more of the brethren and sisters of Mt. Zion Association will join hands with those who are now so earnestly striving to advance the interests of the cause of Christ and greater, far greater results will be shown from year to year.

J. H. KITCHENS, Moderator,

B. H. PARRITH, Clerk.

## IN MEMORIAM.

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF

SISTER ONIE KITCHENS,

(Wife of Moderator, J. H. Kitchens.)

Born, May 8th, 1861

Died, June 29th, 1903.

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A SLEEP in Jesus! blessed sleep,  
From which none ever wake to weep;  
A calm and undisturbed repose,  
Unbroken by the last of foes.

Asleep in Jesus! peaceful rest,  
Whose waking is supremely blest;  
No fear, no tear shall dim that hour  
That manifests the Savior's power.



# STATISTICAL REPORT.

No.	CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	POSTOFFICE.	MEMBERSHIP			CONTRIBUTIONS.				Value Church Property.
						Increase	Decrease	Total.	Minutes.	Ass'n'l Missions.	State Missions.	Pastor Salary.	
1	Antioch	Craighead	E D Cooper	J H Robinson	Gubertown	1	112	\$ 1 50	\$ 5 50			\$ 100 00	\$ 500
2	Blytheville	Mississippi	H F Wright	Fannie Redding	Blytheville	60	1 72	2 35	5 00			68 00	400
3	Big Bay	Craighead	W H Meredith	J C Williams	Bay	0	0 80	1 00	1 00			53 82	500
4	Brookland	"	"	N W Callaway	Brookland	2	2 24	1 10				40 00	600
5	Bethabara	"	J J Mathis	J F Crocker	Cane Island	16	19 124	1 60	8 05	\$ 4 50		74 00	300
6	Bethel	Poinsett	R M Ford	W E Harris	Harrisburg	2	2 22	55	1 85				400
7	Clark's Chapel	Cross	J W Buckingham	Ira Futrel	Vandale	0	5 37	1 25				10 00	250
8	Claunch	Craighead	J G Henson	D A Felts	Claunch	16	0 39	1 00	2 50			40 00	
9	Cottage Home	"	W H Pruett	A D Phillips	Nettleton	2	2 38	50				15 10	
10	Cherry Valley	Cross	"	W J Mann	Cherry Val'y	0	0 50	1 50	5 00			34 80	250
11	Earle	Crittenden	E C Faulkner	W L Fish	Earle	2	0 12	1 00			5 00	120 00	
12	Clear Lake	Craighead	H F Wright	R H Crow	Armored	5	5 40	1 50				84 00	700
13	Evedale	Mississippi	J N Robertson	Mrs P H Notgrass	Evedale	4	0 41					133 00	800
14	Harrisburg	Poinsett	J H Peay	L E Stancell	Harrisburg	4	10 95	1 00	11 36			150 00	300
15	Hydrick	"	H F Wright	M Pitts	Hydrick	51	2 105	1 00	5 00			75 00	600
16	Ingram Chapel	"	J F McClain	R L Hodge	Weona	2	16 20	30	4 47			17 60	
17	Indian Mound	"	L L Frazell	"	"	11	35						
18	Jonesboro	Craighead	S A Smith, D D	E A Peterson	Jonesboro	67	25 317	5 00	171 57	36 77		860 00	18000
19	Lake City	"	"	J J Garrett	Lake City	11	9 30	1 00	10 00				
20	Lambethville	"	A Martin	J W Franklin	Lambethville	21	6 49	1 00	7 50			60 00	
21	Luxora	Mississippi	H E Hogan	G W Johnston	Luxora	16	0 66	2 00	38 40	2 50		343 23	500
22	Mt Pisgah	Cross	G M Settlement	J T Dement	Vandale	3	2 37	50	5 00			15 62	
23	Monette	Craighead	"	I M Hammack	Monette	9	1 36		25 76			17 75	1500
24	Mt Zion	Green	G H Faulkner	R F Bowlin	Walcott	9	8 165	1 50	25 00			75 00	500
25	New Hope	Craighead	"	W F Carter	Jonesboro	42	4 90	1 61	5 15	8 00			150
26	New Hope	Cross	Newt Chadwick	Jno Bearley	Wynne	9	2 49	50				20 00	200
27	North Jonesboro	Craighead	R C Medaris	P S Osborne	Jonesboro	8	22 169	2 00	40 00			250 00	500
28	Osceola	Mississippi	J B Wise	F B Hale	Osceola	20	3 100	1 00	16 00			600 00	2000
29	Pleasant Hill	Poinsett	W J Bearden	C M Thompson	Harrisburg	7	20	1 00	1 85				500
30	Paragould	Green	A B Bohannon	T B Kitchens	Paragould	67	32 407	5 00	100 00			900 00	18000
31	Pleasant Grove	Poinsett	J F Clark	T H Ripley	Greenfield	3	0 25	1 55		4 00			250
32	Vincent	Crittenden	E C Faulkner	W H Rorum	Vincent	2	3 13					100 00	900
33	Walcott	Green	J D J Faulkner	W C Wilcockson	Walcott	9	7 118	2 00	20 00	5 00		75 47	1000
34	Wynne	Cross	C W Knight	J E Harris	Wynne	48	7 91	1 50				400 00	1700
						529	195	27 6	\$44.61	\$496.96	\$65.77	4,762.47	\$50,300.