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MINUTES
OF
Mt. Zion Association.

WYNNE, ARK., October 6, 1904.

The Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Association met this day with Wynne Baptist church, and was called to order by Moderator J. H. Kitchens. The congregation joined in singing "How Firm a Foundation." Prayer led by E. P. Minton. The Moderator appointed J. W. Hiatt, T. B. Kitchens and J. W. Seay, committee on Credentials; E. P. Minton and B. H. Parrish, Reading Clerks.

Letters were ready from churches given below, and the committee reported that all the messengers named in the letters were entitled to seats, also all ministers of the association who are in good standing, and all members of the Executive Board and the officers of the association.

Permanent organization was effected as follows: A. B. Bohannon moved that the rules be suspended and the clerk cast the vote of the Association for J. H. Kitchens for Moderator. Motion was carried unanimously, and the clerk cast the vote of the association for J. H. Kitchens for permanent Moderator. Upon motion of T. C. Carpenter, rules were suspended and the Moderator cast the vote of the association for B. H. Parrish for clerk. A similar motion was made and carried that the clerk cast the unanimous vote of the association for Eld. H. F. Wright for Treasurer.

Churches Represented.

Antioch—Stephen Staley, Davis McCullars, F. M. Johnson, Mrs. F. M. Johnson, Wm. McCullars, Miss Willie Hay.

Bethel—Riley Shepard, Miss Lorena McKinney.

Blytheville—J. A. Ashlin, G. L. Bohanning.

Bethabara—Carlie Crockett, D. Kincaid, W. C. Beck.

Big Bay—J. C. Williams, E. Turner.

Clark's Chapel—Zem Rooks.

Cherry Valley—Cora Anderson, E. R. Lee, Jas. Anderson.

Cottonwood Grove—Letter.

Hydrick—M. Pitts, Wm. Hargress, Mollie Greenwood. Ella Howard.

Harrisburg—L. E. Stancell, Dovie Bailey.

Jonesboro—P. C. Barton, C. T. Carpenter.

Luxora—J. N. Angell, C. L. Grigsby, Mrs. S. Evans, Mrs. J. M. Landrum.

Mt. Zion—E. S. Holmes, G. B. Blackwood, J. M. Bowlin, Mrs. Rose Bowlin, Mrs. Maude Wilcockson.

Mt. Pisgah—John Cook.

Manila—W. G. Mathis.

Nettleton—Eld. J. C. Bryant.

North Jonesboro—T. H. Anthony, Miss Rosa Pagan.

Needham's Chapel—H. B. Ewart.

Pleasant Grove—Joe McNeeley, Bob Carroll.

Paragould—W. H. Meredith, Smith Long, Sidney Bowling, J. N. Markhart, John Sloan, Mrs. S. E. Stotts, Mrs. John Sloan, Mrs. M. McKinney.

Shiloh—R. M. Ford, P. H. Ramsey.

Unity—G. W. Young.

Vincent—Dr. W. H. Borum.

Walcott—J. W. Seay, J. W. Light, Mrs. Emma Bowlin.

Wynne—-. Foote, Dr. Longest, J. E. Harris.

Ministers Present: A. B. Bohannon, D. D., J. N. Robertson, W. H. Meredith, M. L. Jones, J. W. Hiatt, E. P. Minton, J. J. Mathis, H. F. Wright, H. E. Hogan, W. R. Sanderson, J. C. Bryant, U. S. Thomas, E. Turner, R. M. Ford, J. M. Lawrence.

Members of Executive Board present: J. H. Kitchen, T. B. Kitchens, J. W. Seay, B. H. Parrish.

Both of the brethren who were appointed to preach the introductory sermon were absent. A motion was made and carried that Bro. U. S. Thomas preach the introductory sermon at night, (Thursday night). Motion was also made that A. B. Bohannon preach at 11 o'clock; motion prevailed and a recess was then taken, after which A. B. Bohannon occupied the pulpit and a strong practical sermon was preached, taking as his text, Mark 6:31. Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock.



Thursday Afternoon.

Met and called to order by Moderator. Sang "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms." Prayer by H. F. Wright. Moderator appointed the following committees:

STATE MISSIONS—E. P. Minton, G. L. Bohanning, John Bowlin.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS—G. M. Settlemoir, C. T. Carpenter, Stephen Staley, P. H. Ramsey.

HOME MISSIONS—J. N. Robertson, J. W. Light Dr. W. H. Borum.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—U. S. Thomas; G. B. Blackwood, Riley Shepard.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—L. E. Stancell, F. M. Johnson W. P. Beck, T. H. Anthony.

TEMPERANCE—B. H. Parrish, J. W. Seay, J. B. McNeeley.

LITERATURE—H. H. Hogan, J. A. Ashlin, G. W. Young.

ORPHAN'S HOME—Dr. W. H. Borum, J. W. Hiett, W. H. Meredith.

OBITUARIES—H. F. Wright, R. Carroll, E. Turner.

DIVINE SERVICE—Dr. Longest, F. S. Holmes, J. N. Markhart.

MINISTERS AND POSTOFFICE—R. M. Ford, Clarence Stone, C. L. Grigsby.

NOMINATIONS—J. W. Hiett, C. B. Blackwood, M. Pitts.

WOMAN'S WORK—A. B. Bohannon, Mary Bowlin, S. E.

Stotts, Mrs. F. M. Johnson, Mrs. J. M. Landrum, Mrs. E. Brookfield, Miss Dovie Bailey.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—A. B. Bohannon, J. M. Hiatt, J. W. Seay.

OLD MINISTERS RELIEF—J. M. Lawrence, J. J. Mathis, John Sloan.

Moderator appointed Eld. E. P. Minton to lead a devotional exercise. The leader read the 116 Psalm and made some comments on it. Short talks were made by Brethren Bohannon, Carpenter, Turner, Wright, Robertson, Hiatt, Lawrence, Sander-son, Young, Bohanning, Jones, and Sisters Stotts and Bowlin.

Motion was made and carried, that report on education be set for 3 o'clock Friday afternoon. Motion was also made and carried that the reports on missions be set for morning session, Friday morning. Adjourned to 7 o'clock.



Thursday Night.

Called to order by Moderator. Sang "Throw Out the Life Line." Led in prayer by J. J. Mathis. Sang "Seeking the Lost." Brother U. S. Thomas took charge of the meeting and preached the introductory sermon, choosing as his text I John and 11th verse.

This was Brother Thomas's first sermon before Mt. Zion Association and it at once brought him close to the hearts of all. It was a sermon of deep spiritual power, and at its close a motion was made and carried that we adjourn and carry with us the splendid influence of this fine sermon. Adjourned.



Friday Morning.

Called to order by Moderator Kitchens, and after singing, was led in prayer by Rev. J. F. Love. Opportunity was now offered for visiting brethren to enroll, and the following were present: Rev. J. F. Love, missionary secretary of the State

Convention; also of Caroline Association. Rev. J. J. Hurt, editor of the Baptist Advance; J. W. Conger, President Ouchita College, and Eld. J. I. Martin, of Cord Ark.

Committee on Divine Service announced that J. J. Hurt would preach at 11 o'clock.

The subject of missions was taken up according to plan adopted on last evening, all of the reports being read and discussed at once. The report on Home Missions was read by J. N. Robertson, the report on state missions was read by E. P. Minton, associational missions report by C. T. Carpenter, foreign missions, C. T. Carpenter; B. H. Parrish read report of the Executive Board of Mt. Zion Association; T. B. Kitchens read Treasurer's report; J. M. Lawrence read his report as Missionary of the Association. J. N. Robertson spoke on Home Mission report; G. M. Settlemyre and C. T. Carpenter, on Associational missions; J. F. Love on State missions or better on missions. His speech being a comprehensive one and presenting in an eloquent manner the real status of our mission work throughout the State. U. S. Thomas also spoke eloquently on Foreign Missions. Missionary Lawrence told in his plain simple manner of the year's work in Mt. Zion Association, and all praised God for the blessings upon the work of the missionary for the year.



Home Missions.

The territory embraced in this name comprises all of the states of the Southern Baptist Convention, Cuba, Port Rico, and Mexico. Special work has been done along the frontiers of our western states and territories. Very earnest work has been done in Cuba. There has been much criticism about the work done in Cuba. Our Home Board may have made some mistake in laying out and prosecuting the work of its field, but we commend the Board very highly for its protecting our property in Cuba, and for its efforts to send the gospel into every nook and corner of its field, and we desire to reaffirm our entire confidence in the integrity and christian fidelity of our Home Board,

and we heartily endorse this Board and commend it as the very best channel through which our churches can prosecute this department of our great mission work. The interest of the Home Field is one common cause, like all other mission fields, and as such it needs our sympathy, our prayers, and our money. It is God's work, and such we recommend that all work together with aim in saving the lost.

J. N. ROBERTSON,

W. H. BORUM, M. D.



Foreign Missions.

"The morning light is dawning,
The darkness disappears"

We have always believed in Missions. We have always believed in the winning of souls for our Father's Kingdom, and wherever they be, in Arkansas or the Indian Territory, whether they be in America or Africa, one soul saved is as precious in His sight as another. But if the time was ripe for carrying the standard of Christ into heathen lands, surely that time is now. Never have there been so many conversions on the foreign field as there were last year, and never have the Baptist hosts had so many reasons to be humble and to be grateful to God for the reward of service. But we may have many reasons to believe that what was done last year is the earnest of what will be done this year, and in the years to come. The old religions of the East have been tried and found wanting. Japan has opened her arms to the reception of the gospel. China is beginning to wake, and she will follow Japan. Surely the field is ripe unto the harvest. Blessed is he, who when his master comes, he will find watching. This is our golden opportunity. Men and brethren, let us not be found wanting, but let us work while its day.

U. S. THOMAS,

G. B. BLACKWOOD,

RILEY SHEPARD.



State Missions.

The question of missions is of paramount importance. In our State there are vast fields of destitution. How to supply this deep need, how to preach the gospel to those who have it not, is the question that confronts us today.

Last year we had the following results: Professions, 1,243; Baptisms, 747; added by letter, 505; restored, 58; churches organized, 11; members, 216; meeting houses built, 7; cost, \$4,600; houses repaired, 20; cost, \$2,799.50 Last year we contributed \$6,094.92. Increase over previous year, \$2,158.24.

But with this increase of money and work, the great field has only been touched. We ought to expend at least \$20,000 for State Missions each year.

Your committee would suggest that every pastor place this duty plainly before their churches, and take collections quarterly for this purpose. We recommend our State Board as trustworthy and efficient.

E. P. MINTON,
G. L. BOHANNING,
J. M. BOWLIN.



Associational Missions.

It is a pleasure to your committee to report, this year on the subject of associational missions. Last year the Association felt that its missionary had done a great work, and indeed a noble work was done. Under his ministry forty-eight were converted, and forty were added to the churches, and other good work was done. But this year two hundred and five conversions are reported, and of these, one hundred and forty-two have been added to the churches. God has been with his people, and his spirit has attended the preaching of His work.

In view of the excellent work accomplished last year, we heartily endorse the plans of the Board of associational missions, and we recommend to the Association that the same Board be continued for the next year, and in view of the earnest work done by our associational missionary, Bro. Lawrence, we kindly ask the Board to continue his services for the coming year, and let us all join in the effort for God in winning souls and adding them to His Kingdom.

G. M. SETTLEMOIR,
C. T. CARPENTER



Report of Executive Board.

Immediately after adjournment of last session of Mt. Zion Ass'n your executive board met and was organized by electing J. H. Kitchens, Chairman, B. H. Parrish, Secretary and

T. B. Kitchens, Treasurer. After some correspondence the board decided to employ Eld. J. M. Lawrence as missionary of Mt. Zion association, he to give his entire time to the missionary work of this association, at a salary of \$75.00 per month and expenses. Bro. Lawrence entered upon the work Nov 1st, 1903. He has devoted to this work eleven and one-third months his salary amounting to \$850.00 Of this amount we have received from the State Convention Board as in the previous year \$75.00 per quarter. Bro. Lawrence has also been working in harmony with our State work, representing the work to such an extent as was practical. As a further report we append the report of our missionary. We also attach of Treasurer of Mission Board, both of which are made a part of our report. While the results of the work have not been what we desired, we feel grateful for the success that has attended the work.

J. H. KITCHENS, Chairman.

B. H. PARRISH, Secretary.



Report of Missionary.

On entering upon the work as your missionary on Nov. 1st, 1903, we first made a tour of the field which opened to us a field of great need and opportunity. We were received with glad hearts by the saints; small and large crowds came to hear us. The work was too extensive for us and so we have done the best we could. The brethren have helped us much. The success of the work will be seen from the following:

Labored eleven and one-third months; visited families, about 300; sermons preached, 269; numbers of professions of faith in our Lord, 205; additions to the church, 159; number baptized by myself and pastors, 142; amount collected, \$254 04; amount of expenses, \$64.39; organized one church known as the Black Oak Baptist Church; constituent members, 5; traveled about 1500 miles. There are some encouraging features along the line of Sunday school and prayer-meeting work.

The field is open to you

J. M. LAWRENCE, Missionary.



Treasurer's Report.

T B. Kitchen's as Treasurer of the Associational Board of Missions of Mt. Zion Association, would respectfully submit the following statement of amount contributed to Associational Missions and the disbursements of same:

RECEIPTS.

To amount from Bro. Rhew, and wife, Osceola	\$ 2 00
To amount from R. C. Medaris, bal on Tent fund.....	2 17
To amount from Osceola Church, by J. B. Wyse.....	5 00
To amount from Ladies Missionary Union; Jonesboro, (1st church)	11 20
To amount from Mt Zion Church.....	43 75
To amount from Cache Valley Church.....	6 20
To amount from Walcott Church.....	38 75
To amount from Walcott Camp, A. O. U. W	5 00
To amount from Brookland Church.....	75
To amount from Indian Mound Church.....	1 13
To amount from Cherry Valley Church.....	3 25
To amount from Vincent Church.....	17 85
To amount from Luxora.....	26 50
To amount from Cane Island Church.....	11 35
To amount from New Hope, Craighead....	1 50
To amount from Big Bay Church.....	2 20
To amount from Antioch Church.....	41 34
To amount from Bonnaville Church.....	2 53
To amount from Monett Church.....	1 17
To amount from S. T. Banks, of Black Oak.....	5 00
To amount from Black Oak Church.....	1 82
To amount from Hydriek Church, 5th Sunday meeting	11 00
To amount from Paragould Church.....	150 00
To amount from J. H. Kitchens.....	1 50
To amount from Smith Long.....	1 00
To amount from Mrs. J. J. Burton.....	1 00
To amount from State Board of Missions.....	300 00
To amount from Wynne Church.....	8 25

To amount from Harrisburg Church.....	6 50
To amount from Bethel Church.....	76
To amount from Manila Church.....	8 51
To amount from Mill Creek Church—Illinois.....	21 40
To amount from Bethel Church.....	10 06
To amount from Blytheville Church.....	3 62
To amount from Claunch Church.....	6 00
To amount from Paul's Church.....	1 40
To amount from Eight Mile Church, Jonesboro Ass'n..	6 03
To amount from J. H. Edwards, Eight-Mile Church....	1 00
To amount from R. L. Williams, Eight Mile Church...	1 00
To amount from Mt. Pisgach Church, Cross county ...	2 50
To amount from W. L. Seitz, Paragould.....	50
To amount from Shilo Church, at Association.....	2 12
To amount from Cottonwood Grove Church.....	2 00
To amount from Jonesboro Church.....	100 00
To amount from cash collection at Association.....	38 65
Total	\$ 915 26

DISBURSMENTS.

To J. M. Lawrence, for 11½ months, at \$75 per month.....	850 00
To amount expenses, J. M. Lawrence—	
“ “ First quarter	19 80
“ “ Second quarter.....	15 68
“ “ Third Quarter.....	15 91
“ “ Fourth Quarter.....	13 00
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	\$ 64 39
“ “ Balance in Treasury.....	87
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Total	\$915 26

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. B. KITCHENS, Treasurer.

Rev. J. F. Love read the following resolutions, which was adopted by unanimous vote:

PINE BLUFF, ARK., Aug. 28, 1904.

Resolved, That an invitation be extended to every white Baptist in the State of Arkansas, to meet with us during the Baptist State Convention, which meets with this church, Nov. 18th, and that fifty copies of this resolution be sent to Brother J. F. Love, our State Secretary for distribution throughout the State.

On motion the above resolution was adopted by the Church in Conference.

Rev. ROSS MOORE, Moderator.

THOS. GREEN, Church Clerk.

The following pledges were recorded for Associational Missions for the incoming year: Antioch church, \$15; Antioch Ladies, 5; Antioch Sunday school, 5; Blytheville church, 10; Blytheville Sunday school, paid 2 50. Bethabara, 10; Bethel, 5; Cache Valley, 2 50; Clark's Chapel, 5; Cherry Valley, 10; Hydrick, 5; Jonesboro, 100; Luxora, 25; Mt. Pisgah, 5; Manilla, 10; Mt. Zion, 30; Needham's Chapel, 2 50; North Jonesboro Sunday school, 5; Paragould, 1 50; Paragould Mission Sunday school, 7 50; Mrs. M. E. Wright, 2 50; Walcott, 20; Walcott Ladies, 2 50; Wynne, 20; Walnut street Mission Sunday school, Jonesboro, 5; Unity church, 10; J. M. Lawrence, 25; Roxie Holmes, 1; R. M. Ford, 5; Wash McKinney, 2 50; P. H. Ramsey, 2 50; G. M. Settlemoir, 2; G. W. Young, paid 1; Mrs. Rose Bowlin, 1; Miss Maudie Wilcockson, 1. Total, \$511.

The Association then adjourned to meet at 2 p. m., and Rev. J. J. Hurt, Editor of the Baptist Advance, occupied the pulpit. He read for the Scripture lesson, Genesis, 28th chapter. He selected for a text, Gen. 31:13. "I am the God of Bethel." The sermon was a gem. The preacher presented in a very impressive manner many gospel truths, and our hearts were touched, our faith made stronger.



Friday Afternoon.

Met and called to order by Moderator. Sang: "Christian

Awake, the Daylight is Dawning." Prayer by Eld. E. Turner. The report of committee on Literature was now read by H. E. Hogan. Report was spoken to by H. E. Hogan, J. W. Hiatt, and J. J. Hurt. Adopted.



Literature.

Sometimes the tide of battle is turned at the last moment. Conditions apparently insignificant in themselves often decide momentous questions. It is so in the case of literature. Perhaps the introduction of one piece of bad literature into our home will be enough to forever decide the future destiny of our children. We therefore urge that good literature be carefully guarded in our homes. It is of too great importance to be treated lightly. The development of our boys and girls is dependent on what they read. We therefore recommend first of all, the Bible, for it is the way-bill from earth to Heaven. We further recommend that our people use the Southern Baptist Convention Series of Sunday school literature, and that they take and read the Baptist Advance.

J. H. ASHLIN,

G. W. YOUNG.



The report on Education was now taken up.

Report was read by A. B. Bohannon. The report of the Board of Trustees of Woodlawn College was read by P. C. Barton. Reports were spoken to by A. B. Bohannon, J. W. Conger and T. C. Carpenter. A collection was called for, the collection to go to the aid of the young ministers in Ouachita College.

Education.

Next to the obligation to evangelize the world comes the obligation to educate our people. The battle of the ages has been and is now the battle of light against darkness. True religion and true education are companion forces in the world's progress. Religion is life, and education is light. Religion without education is liable to degenerate into fanaticism. Edu-

cation without religion is liable to lead off into the labyrinths of rationalistic materialism. Any form of education that fails to place supreme emphasis upon the moral and spiritual side of human nature, is radically defective in the highest phase of culture. We must have, not only education, but Christian education. The foundation of character is laid in the early days of young life. We recommend that President Carpenter be requested to prepare and deliver at our next meeting, an address upon some phase of christian education.

We do well to place strong emphasis upon the matter of an educated ministry. But if we are to be personally benefitted by an educated ministry, we must also see the necessity for a cultured people. No possible conditions affords the ecclesiastical pugilist, the theological demagogue, and the religious mountebank, so inviting a field as an ignorant people. Our children must be brought under the power and the influence of Christian culture. To do this successfully we must equip and sustain our denominational schools and colleges. The best possible place for the education of our Baptist youth is in our Baptist Schools.

Mt. Zion Association has now in successful operation the beginning of a school to which we are committed. We ought to feel proud to make this school the center of culture in Northern Arkansas. We also speak in terms of highest commendation of our great schools, Ouachita College, located at Arkadelphia, and Central College, located at Conway. The situation, at this time in Arkansas, calls loudly to our great Baptist hosts to rally to the support of these schools.

A. B. BOHANNON,
T. B. KITCHENS,
E. P. MINTON.

The following collection was taken for Ministerial Education:

Pledges—J. W. Williams, \$10; C. T. Carpenter, \$5; U. S. Thomas, \$5; Antioch church, \$5; J. W. Seay, \$2 50; J. N. Markhart, \$2 50; Mt. Zion church, \$5; Mrs. O. E. Harris, \$5; Hydrick church, \$10; J. W. Hiett, \$5; M. L. Jones, \$2; H. E. Hogan, 5; Walcott Ladies Aid, \$2 50; Bethel, \$5.—Total, \$69 50.

Cash—F. M. Johnston, 2 50; Mrs. J. M. Landrum, 1; E. P.

Minton, 1; J. N. Robertson, 1; Mrs. Bowlin, 50 cents; J. J. Hurt, 50; G. B. Blackwood, 1; J. N. Angell, 1; E. S. Holmes, 1; Mrs. M. McKinney, 50 cents; Miss Dovie Bailey, 50 cents; Rev. Duckworth, 50 cents; Mrs. John Sloan, 25 cents; Mrs. J. E. Harris, 2 50; C. L. Grigsby, 1; Mrs. R. H. Mitchell, 1; H. U. Thomas, 1; E. P. Minton, 1 50; Mrs. F. M. Johnson, 2 50; H. F. Wrigot, 1; J. M. Landrum, 1; J. W. Light, 1; G. W. Young, 1; J. M. Bowlin, 1; C. F. Crockett, 5; T. H. Anthony, 1; Beulah Williams, 2; Dr. Longest, 2; Smith Long, 1.—Total, \$36 75.



Report of Trustees of Woodland College.

In keeping with the instructions of this Association last year, that the Trustees change the name of the Association's school to "College," and make other changes and additions, which should be necessary in carrying out the larger purposes of the school. The Trustees, after careful deliberation, named the school Wooland College.

Indebtedness.

One of the most serious problems which has confronted the the Trustees since the last meeting of this body, is the financial condition of the school. At the last meeting of the Association, there was a debt of about \$4,500. Rev. S. A. Smith was asked to raise the money to liquidate this debt. After giving the matter a slight trial, and not meeting with the expected encouragement, Bro. Smith gave up the undertaking. The matter was there allowed to rest until July, when the President took it up, who has succeeded in raising five-ninths of the indebtedness.

Enrollment and Faculty.

Last year the total enrollment of the school reached 88, and there were in the faculty three regular teachers and one tutor. This year the Faculty consists of C. T. Carpenter, President; W. L. Gentry, Dr. Morris Sissler, Miss Alma R. Lower, Miss Nannie R. Lowe, Miss Annie Alsworth, and the tutors, Mr. Levi Wilson, and Mrs. J. S. Weaver. The enrollment of the school

has increased and is still rapidly increasing. The organization of the school is well nigh perfect, and everything points to a very successful and earnest school year.

commendations.

The Trustees would recommend that the ministers of the Association remember the school constantly in prayer and in speech, that it may do that work in North Arkansas that is yet to be done. The Trustees would recommend that the churches of the Association heartily co-operate with President Carpenter in raising the money to pay off the remainder of the debt on the school, and in making an addition to the main building, which has already become necessary. And finally we recommend that T. W. Altman be elected trustee to take the place of Y. A. Cole, that J. V. Bell be elected to succeed Jacob Sharp, and that Dr. Bohannon succeed himself.

P. C. BARTON,
Pres. Board Trustees.

The foregoing report was adopted.

Committee on Divine Services announced that J. F. Love would preach at 7:30. Adjourned.



Friday Night.

Called to order with Moderator Kitchens in the chair. Sang: "When the Roll is Called up 'Yonder, I'll be There." Rev. J. F. Love took charge of the service and read from the fourth chapter of II Tim. He took as his text, the 7th and 8th verses of II Tim., 4th chapter. The preacher presented in a most powerful and earnest manner a truly great sermon. It was deep in thought, yet practical in all its applications. There have been few sermons preached before Mt. Zion Association that have been so well received. It was one that no doubt enriched the experience of every one present, and made them more anxious to make a "good fight," and to "keep the Faith." Adjourned.

Saturday Morning.

Called to order and sang: "I Want to be a Worker for the Lord." Led in prayer by J. N. Markhart. Minutes read and approved. List of messengers read and corrected.

Report of committee on "Old Minister's Relief," read by J. M. Lawrence. It was spoken to by J. M. Lawrence, P. C. Barton, and B. H. Parrish. A collection was taken which resulted as follows:

Pledges—J. H. Kitchens, \$5; P. C. Barton, 5; Unity church, 2; J. N. Robertson, 1; J. M. Lawrence 1; Sidney Bowling, 2; J. J. Mathis, 1; Luxora church, 2 50; W. R. Sanderson, 1; Hydrick Sunday school, 1; J. C. Bryant, 1; Cash, 15.—Total, \$37 50.

Report adopted.

Old Minister's Relief.

We heartily commend the effort being made by the brethren of the State in the maintenance of our ministers in their declining years. These brethren were poor men, and they are still poor. They are pioneers in the vineyard. Many of us were brought to the Savior by them. They preached and faced the difficulties without pay, and many of them are now needy, and would appreciate our assistance.

J. M. LAWRENCE,
J. J. MATHIS,
JOHN SLOAN.



The report on Sunday schools was read by T. H. Anthony. It was discussed by J. M. Lawrence, J. N. Robertson, and G. W. Young. A roll call of the churches was made, and it showed that there are about twenty-five Sunday schools in the Association, and that the enrollment is about 1,700. The Clerk was authorized to correct the figures of the report. The report was then adopted.

Sunday Schools.

We, your committee on Sunday schools, beg leave to report as follows: We find from the reports of the various churches of this Association about twenty-five Sunday schools, with an enrollment of about seventeen hundred. We believe that we should have a better showing.

The Sunday school is a means by which, and through which we bring the young people and the children to the house of God, teach them to know about God; teach the truths of the gospel and the way of life and salvation. Brethren, if you fail in this, your Sunday school is a failure. Therefore, your committee would urge that there be in every church a live Sunday school. Your committee is apprised of the fact that the attendance in our Sunday schools is not what it should be. Parents seem careless, indifferent and unconcerned, and when these things exist we need not expect the children to be interested. We earnestly beg that all of our churches take more interest in this great work. Bring your children to Sunday school, teach them what you would have them know.

L. E. STANCELL,
W. C. BECK,
T. H. ANTHONY,
J. M. JOHNSON.



Ministers and their Postoffices.

The report of Committee on Ministers and their Postoffices was read by C. L. Grigsby. After corrections and additions the report was adopted:

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

PARAGOULD, ARK.—A. B. Bohannon, D. D.; J. J. Mathis, W. H. Meredith, J. N. Robertson, J. M. Huddleston, G. D. Faulkner.

NETTLETON, ARK.—H. F. Wright, J. F. McClain, J. C. Bryant, E. W. Barber.

HARRISBURG, ARK.—R. M. Ford, A. Reaves, Henry Duke.

CLAUNCH, ARK.—J. G. Henson.

BAY, ARK.—W. H. Pruett, E. Turner.

JONESBORO, ARK.—U. S. Thomas, D. D.; J. M. Lawrence,
J. W. Hiatt, R. P. Watkins, L. F. Yancy, E. P. Minton.

LUXORA, ARK.—H. E. Hogan, G. W. Johnson, D. D.

CHERRY VALLEY, ARK.—G. M. Settlemoir.

WYNNE, ARK.—Newt. Chadwick, C. W. Night, M. L. Jones.

OSCEOLA, ARK.—J. B. Wise.

LIGHT, ARK.—J. M. Casey.

BLYTHEVILLE, ARK.—W. R. Sanders.

ARCHILLION, ARK.—Geo. Ballou.

BROOKLAND, ARK.—J. G. Hendricks.

LICENTATES.

J. C. Smith, Jonesboro, Ark.; Samuel Cable, Blytheville, Ark.; Chas. C. Pitts, Hydrick, Ark.; Riley Shepard, Harrisburg, Ark.; W. G. Mathis, Manila, Ark.

R. M. FORD,

C. L. GRIGSBY,

CLERON STONE.

Motion was made and carried that a committee be appointed to conduct a Sunday school rally on Sunday morning. Moderator appointed the following to constitute the committee:

J. W. Heitt, J. N. Markhart, and J. W. Williams.

Motion was made that the evening service be devoted to the passed away during the year. A committee was appointed to make a program.

Committee on Orphan's Home reported as follows: Report being read by J. W. Hiatt Report was spoken to by J. W. Hiatt and passed by unanimous vote.



Orphan's Home.

As long as the world stands demands will be made on the Baptists for help. We are never to be released of responsibili-

ties. It should be our ambition as Baptists to live right, and do good to all men. The Orphan's Home at Monticello, Ark., with its seventy or seventy-five orphan children are calling continually upon us for help. Money is required to give these precious little ones food and clothing. Brethren, Sisters, in Christ, will you help us now? Your committee feels that this Association ought to increase its contribution to this worthy enterprise.

W. H. BORUM,
J. W. HIETT,
W. H. MERIDETH.

A recess was now taken, and as previously announced, H. E. Hogan occupied the pulpit. He selected as a text: John 6.26, "But He said unto them, it is I, be not afraid." The preacher presented in a plain, forcible manner a gospel sermon of great power, comforting and encouraging every one present who is making an effort to serve the Master. Adjourned to 2 p. m.



Saturday Afternoon.

Called to order by Moderator, and after singing, "Blessed be the Name," was led in prayer by P. C. Barton.

Report on Temperance was read by B. H. Parrish. The report was spoken to by B. H. Parrish and J. M. Lawrence. 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. 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. 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 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.

B. H. PARRISH,

J. W. SEAY.



The report on Ladies' Work was read by A. B. Bohannon, who spoke to the report at some length, and it was adopted by a unanimous vote.

Ladies' Work.

The meager statistics at the command of your committee make it difficult for us to render anything like an itemized or even accurate report of the ladies' work during the past year. Paragould, Jonesboro, (1st church), and North Jonesboro, Wynne, Harrisburg, and Luxora are the only churches representing any special work by the ladies. The amount of money raised in these churches by the ladies, is approximately \$800. Your committee desires to place great emphasis upon one feature of the work in all our churches that in a very high sense is woman's work. We are convinced from observation and experience, that the strategic point in the great conquest of this world for God, is the heart of our women. The spiritual as well as social and moral standard will never rise above the character and aims of women. While the gathering together of money is a helpful work, there is a higher and holier work that none others can do. It is their heaven given mission to nurture the young members of our Zion

and lend in their development in the christian graces. It is also their work to set the standard of manhood in our communities. We recommend that our ladies set themselves to the great work of raising the social standards of character by binding themselves together and insisting that the price of their society is to be a high and noble manhood. Let it at once be thoroughly understood that our women will not check womanhood by associating with men who are immoral and vicious, and the most vital social problem will be solved.

A. B. BOHANNON,
Mrs. J. N. LANDRUM,
Mrs. S. E. STOTTS,
Miss DOVIE BAILEY.



Nominations.

Your committee on nomination report as follows:

1st. That the next session of this body be held with Blytheville Baptist church, October, 1905. That Eld. A. B. Bohannon preach the introductory sermon, Eld. J. N. Robertson, alternate; that J. H. Kitchens, T. B. Kitchens, John O'Steen, J. W. Boy, and B. H. Parrish constitute the Executive Board, of Mt. Zion Association.

2nd. That E. P. Minton represent this body in the Southern Baptist Convention, and that P. C. Barton be alternate.

3rd. That Prof. C. T. Carpenter represent this body at the Gainesville Association; E. C. Faulkner, G. M. Settlemoir, Mt. Vernon; E. P. Minton, C. T. Carpenter, Spring River; H. E. Hogan, Current River.

4th. For member of State Board, P. C. Barton.

5th. Transportation, T. B. Kitchens.

6th. Ministerial Board, P. C. Barton, W. L. Gentry, J. W. Hiett.

Resolved, That we return our thanks to Wynne Baptist Church, and the citizens of Wynne, who have so royally entertained us, and to the railroad for all courtesies extended.

J. W. HIETT.

G. B. BLACKWOOD.

P. C. BARTON.

M. PITTS.

Adopted.

A motion was made that the usual allowance be made the Clerk for getting out the Minutes of the Association, and that the balance of the Minute Fund be devoted to getting out as many copies of the Minutes as the money will pay for and send out.

The committee on Program for the Memorial Service announced that we would have the following service at night: That service be led by J. W. Hiett, song service led by H. E. Hogan; that Bro. Bohannon make a short talk on "the responsibility of living." Personal reference to our deceased, by J. N. Robertson. J. H. Kitchens, P. C. Barton, and H. F. Wright. "What is my greatest desire;" J. J. Mathis, Sr., Willie Johnson. Exegesis, Rev. 7:14; "These are which came out of our great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and have made them white in the blood of the lamb," by J. W. Hiett.

The committee on Divine Service announced as follows: That A. B. Bohannon preach at the Baptist church Sunday at 11 o'clock, and at M. E. church at night. That J. N. Robertson preach at M. E. church at 11, and at Colored M. E. church at night. That J. M. Lawrence preach at Colored Baptist church at 3 p. m.; that H. E. Hogan preach at Colored Baptist church at night; that J. J. Johnson preach at the Baptist church at night, and that H. F. Wright preach at Colored M. E. church at 11 o'clock.

Dr. Longest introduced, at this time, our colored brother, Lovelace, Pastor of the Colored Baptist of Wynne, and also President of the Colored school of Wynne. Bro. Lovelace made a short talk, in which he gave an account of the work of his church and school. He is doing a great work for his people, and his efforts are approved by our brethren.

Saturday Night.

Called to order and sang. "The Old-Time Religion." Led in prayer by Bro. E. Turner. Report on Obituaries was read and talks were made in accordance with the program given above. A. B. Bohannon made a very impressive talk on "Responsibility of Living." Tender, loving talks were made by J. N. Robertson, J. H. Kitchens, P. C. Barton and H. F. Wright, in which mention was made of many of our deceased, whose lives have been a benediction to their churches, and their communities. A beautiful and appropriate talk was made by J. W. Hiett on "These are they, which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

Report on Obituaries.

We find from an examination of the letters sent from the churches that forty-two "have fallen asleep." The names of whom can only be partially obtained, which are as follows:

Antioch—Sisters Geo. Johnson, Rebecca Johnston, D. M. Canimore, Lillian Chamberlain, Nancy Jones.

Paragould—Sister Woodard, Selma Bayless.

Walcott—R. T. Boazer.

Unity—James Cook.

North Jonesboro—Ellen Harris, Caroline Smith

Nettleton—Eld. L. L. Frazell, Sister Mary Frazell, James Role.

Bay—Bro. Burgis.

Luxora—Maggie Bert, Clara M. Angell, Mary Joiner.

Evadale—Laura Notgrass, Sister Lee.

Cherry Valley—Bro. Anderson.

Tyronza—Eld. W. L. Wright.

Jonesboro—W. H. Barton, Jacob Sharp, Mrs. J. B. Bridger, E. T. Young.

Hydrick—G. W. Prince, Bro. W. W. Maples, Emma Maples. David McCullers, Josie Sharp.

Wynne church gladly received the Association, and entertained the Messengers in a truly hospitable manner. The meeting was harmonious in every way. The discussions were able, and every phase of our denominational life received its portion of attention and prayerful consideration. It was one of those glorious meetings that contributes greatly to the experience of every Christian, and one that bids us look forward to a meeting beyond this vale of tears with more than ordinary joy.

The parting hand was given as we sang: "God be with you 'till we meet again."

B. H. PARRISH,
CLERK.

J. H. KITCHENS,
MODERATOR.



STATISTICAL REPORT.

NO.	CHURCH	COUNTY	PASTOR	CLERK	POSTOFFICE	MEMBERSHIP.			CONTRIBUTIONS.						
						Incr'se Bap.	Decr'se Letter &c	Present Death	Minutes	MISSIONS.				Other Objects	
										Asse'n'l	State	Home	Foreign		
1	Antioch	Craighead	J. N. Robertson	J. H. Robinson	Brookland	70	2	3	2	177	\$ 32	\$	\$	\$	\$ 22.50
2	Blytheville	Mississippi	H. F. Wright	Miss Fanny Reeding	Blytheville	12	5	3	4	75	2 00	3.50			616.00
3	Bay	Craighead	J. G. Henson	J. C. Williams	Bay	29	5	3	2	105	1 50				
4	Brookland	"	"	N. W. Calaway	Brookland					21					
5	Bethabara	"	W. H. Meredith	J. F. Crocker	Cane Island	15	5	6	3	135	1 50	12.75	1.00	1.00	5.00
6	Bethel	Poinsett	"	"	"					22					
7	Clark's Chapel	Cross	"	Ira Futrell	Vandale			15	3	27	.90				
8	Claunch	Craighead	"	"	"					39					
9	Cottage Home	"	"	A. D. Phillipps	Nettleton	1		8		24	.50				
10	Cherry Valley	Cross	H. F. Wright	W. J. Mann	Cherry Valley		1	3	1	29	1.00				
11	Cottonwood Grove	Mississippi	A. Martin	I. F. Kornegay	Bird					34	3.00				
12	Clear Lake	"	W. R. Sanderson	W. M. Jones	Blytheville	4	3	5		39	1.50				23.50
13	Carle	"	"	"	"					12					
14	Evadale	Mississippi	J. N. Robertson	Mrs. E. Wesson	Evadale			2		30	1 50				40.00
15	Harrisburg	Poinsett	J. H. Peay	L. E. Stancell	Harrisburg		3	7	1	90	1 50	6 00			
16	Hydrick	"	H. F. Wright	M. Pitts	Hydrick	15	8	2	6	120	2.00				63.50
17	Ingram Chapel	"	"	"	"					10					
18	Indian Mound	"	"	"	"					35					
19	Jonesboro	Craighead	U. Thomas, D.D.	E. A. Peterson	Jonesboro	11	24	14	4	291	5.00	119 40	115.58	364.31	397.91
20	Lake City	"	"	J. J. Garrett	Lake City					30					
21	Luxora	Mississippi	H. E. Hogan	W. T. Landrum	Luxora	1	6	25	3	47	2.00	29.50			390.50
22	Lambethville	"	"	"	"					49					
23	Manila	Mississippi	W. H. Meredith	A. Bachman	Manila	19	3	4		53	1 00	8.51	2.75	2.50	4 00
24	Mt Zion	Greene	G. H. Faulkner	B. F. Bowlin	Walcott	10	3	2	1	17	1.00	25.00			
25	Mt. Pisgah	Cross	"	J. T. Dement	Vandale					37					
26	Monette	Craighead	"	I. N. Hammack	Monette					36					
27	New Hope	"	"	W. F. Carter	Jonesboro					90					
28	Needham Chapel	"	J. F. McLain	C. C. Smith	"	9	2	1		2	1.00				19.96
29	New Hope	Cross	W. L. Jones	J. W. Knight	Wynne	10	4			69	.50				
30	Nettleton	"	J. F. McLain	Elmer Frazell	Nettleton	1	2	5	3	29					
31	North Jonesboro	Craighead	J. N. Robertson	P. S. Osborne	Jonesboro	15	8	16	2	186	2 00	5 00	5.00	5 00	85.00
32	Paragould	Greene	A. B. Bohannon	T. B. Kitchens	Paragould	23	17	19	2	423	5 00	150 00	176.32	100.00	846.68
33	Pleasant Grove	"	"	"	"	9	5	1	1	3	1.25			1 00	1 00
34	Unity	Craighead	J. N. Waters	Mary Thomas	Mangrum		3	2	1	3					1.85
35	Vincent	Greene	G. M. Settlemoir	W. H. Borum	Vincent					18	.50	17 85		1.90	10.75
36	Walcott	Poinsett	E. D. Cooper	W. C. Wilcockson	Walcott	8	2	1	1	126	1 50	38.7			35.25
37	Shiloh	Cross	A. C. Reeves	T. N. Henderson	Harri-burg					32	.75	2.11			
38	Wynne	"	"	J. E. Harris	Wynne	2	5	4		101	1.50	26 25	25 00	12.50	260 00
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MEMBERSHIP: Increase, *Bap 254; Letter &c, *116; Decrease, Letter &c, *149

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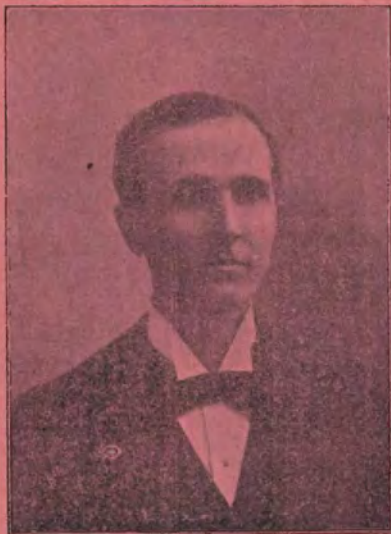
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