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NEXT SESSION MEETS WITH FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, JONESBORO  
ARK., OCTOBER 10, 11, 12, 13, 1907.

# PROCEEDINGS.

## THURSDAY.

EARLE, ARK., October 11, 1906.

The Mt. Zion Association of Missionary Baptists met this day. The body was called to order at 2 p. m., by Moderator J. H. Kitchens.

2. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. J. Bearden, of Memphis.

3. Moderator appointed J. H. Peay, C. A. Long and F. M. Johnson Committee on Credentials, and

4. B. H. Parrish and E. P. Minton, Reading Clerks.

5. Letters were read from a number of churches and messengers duly seated as presented with tabulated sheet at close of these minutes.

6. Permanent organization was effected, as follows: J. H. Peay moved that E. P. Minton cast the vote for the Association for J. H. Kitchens as Moderator and B. H. Parrish as Clerk. Carried.

7. The Moderator expressed his deep appreciation of the honor conferred upon him in selecting him for the eleventh time as presiding officer of this body.

8. The hand of fellowship was extended to Brethren J. W. Lipsey, J. E. Brown and J. W. Seay, who have come into the Association as pastors since the last meeting.

9. Moderator appointed G. M. Gooch, D. R. Nuffer and J. H. Borum Committee on Divine Service.

10. The following committees were announced by the Moderator:

Home Missions—E. P. Minton, H. B. Ewart, Ed Elrod.

Foreign Missions—W. J. Bearden, W. B. Langford, R. H. Mitchell.

Nominations—J. W. Seay, C. A. Long, J. W. Williams.

Obituaries—J. E. Brown, F. M. Carter, J. A. Sherfield.

Woman's Work—J. W. Lipsey, Sisters Landrum, Culley, Adams,

F. S. Redding, Emma Langford, Holmes.

Ministers and Postoffice—G. M. Settlemoir, E. S. Holmes, Ira Futrall.

Literature—J. H. Peay, E. S. Wells, T. B. Kitchens.

Education—C. T. Carpenter, C. A. Long, T. B. Kitchens.

Orphans' Home—J. N. Robertson, J. T. Thorne, W. L. Fish.

Sunday Schools—H. C. Rosamond, G. M. Gooch, A. R. Nuffer.

Temperance—B. H. Parrish, P. C. Barton, H. F. Wright.

Old Ministers' Relief—A. M. Harris, W. D. Harlig, S. W. Barron.

State Missions—G. W. Owens, W. G. Johnson, J. C. Borum.

11. A devotional meeting was led by E. P. Minton and interesting talks were made by J. H. Borum, G. W. Owens and a number of others.

12. The Association adjourned to 7:30 o'clock.

## THURSDAY NIGHT.

13. The body was called to order by the Moderator and, after singing "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," led in prayer by G. W. Owens.

14. Rev. H. C. Rosamond occupied the pulpit and preached a strong sermon, using as his text I. Cor., 3:15.

Adjourned.

## FRIDAY MORNING.

15. The Association was called to order at 8:30 and led in prayer by J. N. Robertson.

16. R. H. Mitchell read the Report on Foreign Missions. The report was spoken to by W. J. Bearden, H. C. Rosamond and P. C. Barton, after which it was adopted.



## REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"The field is the world."—Matt. 13:38. "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and Lo! I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."—Matt. 28:19. "And this gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come."—Matt. 24:14. As a denomination we believe in missions. The doors of the various nations of the world are open to us. Will we go in? Will we go forward and possess the land? God has been blessing us in foreign fields as never before. During the last five or six months in India, where Judson and Cary were preaching, the results have been great. Encouraging reports come from many fields. It is therefore no longer a question of whether we shall send missionaries to foreign fields or not. It is no longer a question of men to go to these fields. They are crying, "Send me!" "Send me!" Brethren, the question is, "Will we do it? Will we prepare the way?" The fact has been proven that we must handle the foreigner in his own country. He comes to our land and to us with all the superstitions and idolatry of his country. He is easier to reach in his own country. Shall we furnish the means?

W. J. BEARDEN.

W. B. LANGFORD.

R. H. MITCHELL.

17. Report on the Home Missions was read by Ed Elrod. The report was discussed by E. P. Minton and H. C. Rosamond.

## REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

To see the need of Home Missions is to realize the magnitude of Christ's Kingdom, and the responsibility resting on its people as individuals and as churches. We recognize the manifold mercies of God in the showers of blessings upon our pathway and crowning of our labors with success. Notwithstanding our negligence, the Lord has been gracious to us as a people. The home mission field is great in magnitude of territory, as it embraces our dear Southland and the Isle of Cuba. We, as an Association, embracing this territory, must realize that we should aid in this work. By contributing liberally to this work, we should not only pay our money to its support, but should also pray and work unceasingly for its success. We have greater responsibility now than ever before, as there is now an enormous immigration coming to us every year, by the millions, and many of them become citizens of the home field. They are to be Christianized or we are to be heathenized. The Macedonian cry comes from all parts of the home field and the Lord says to go to them with a message of Christ's mercy and love. The Savior said, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." There is a great destitution all over our field—in the valleys, hills and cities—and great is our need and great is our responsibility. What shall we do? There are about 838 missionaries now in the field at work, and God is wonderfully blessing our labors. Somewhere near 25,000 should have been saved during the last year, and over 400 new churches organized. But, brethren, this is only a dawn or a glimpse of what is to be done. How much in this day of commercialism we need the spirit of God to save our people from the deadness of formalism and make them a mighty power for righteousness! Next in importance to the salvation of souls is their edification and spiritual growth. Along with this growth will come unity and fraternity, and these in turn will furnish the denominational prestige and power and success. We are happy in believing that Southern Baptists are more heartily united in the work of winning this great Southland and the



world for Christ. We, as your committee, would suggest any enlargement that can be made to win our neighbors for Christ, by putting more men in the field, if possible. The committee would also suggest that all pastors in this Association preach at least one sermon annually on the different mission fields and their needs.

Respectfully submitted,

E. P. MINTON.  
H. B. EWART.  
ED ELROD.

18. Committee on Divine Service reported that W. J. Bearden would preach at 11 o'clock.

19. Rev. J. W. Lipsey presented the report on Woman's Work. This report was spoken to by J. W. Lipsey, H. C. Rosmond, P. C. Barton and J. H. Peay. The report was adopted, as follows:

### REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

The work of the Ladies' Aid Society of this Association commenced about eighteen years ago. There are now ten Ladies' Aid Societies in our bounds. New ones are annually being reported and those already organized are making satisfactory progress in church work. There is a necessity for such organized work in church. There is a tendency in our societies for more consecration to God in ladies' work and less appeals to the carnal nature of humanity to raise money for the Lord by raffles, balls, selling cakes for the most beautiful young lady, etc. These are things of the past and not of the future. Woman understands her duty to God and her relations to her church as well or better than man. She stands on her own individuality before God. She meets their responsibilities with a cheerful heart. It is needless for man to dictate to or teach woman her duty as an inferior, what she must do or how she must work in church. "Let her alone," said Jesus to Judas. Woman was an essential factor in the Apostolic Church and she is none the less today. Leave her alone with her Bible and her God and she will render a good account at the judgment. In her creation the Lord has adapted her to her work and her work to her make-up. She needs more encouragement and less flattery, taffy and joke. Woman is man's counterpart in the home and in the church. Therefore, her work in the Master's cause is indispensable. Every church in this Association should, by all means, have an organic Ladies' Aid. God's work is not too great for the weakest churches to undertake. The law of life is the law of expansion. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LIPSEY,      MRS. LANDRUM,  
MRS. CULLEY,      MRS. LANGFORD,  
MRS. HOLMES,      MISS FANNIE REDDING.

20. W. J. Bearden occupied the pulpit and preached a strong, practical sermon, using as his text Ps. 15:17.

21. Adjourned to meet at 2 P. M. Benediction, W. J. Bearden.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

22. The body was called to order with Moderator in the chair. After singing "Am I a Soldier of the Cross," they were led in prayer by G. W. Owens.

23. The Report on Ministers and Postoffices was read by Rev. G. M. Settlemoir and adopted without discussion.

### MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

Paragould, Ark.—H. C. Rosamond, J. N. Robertson, J. M. Huddleson, G. D. Falkner.

Nettleton, Ark.—H. F. Wright, J. F. McClain, J. C. Briant, E. W. Barber, S. J. Marlett.



Harrisburg, Ark.—R. M. Ford, A. C. Reeves.  
 Claunch, Ark.—J. G. Henson.  
 Bay, Ark.—W. H. Pruett, E. Turner.  
 Jonesboro, Ark.—U. S. Thomas, J. W. Hiett, R. P. Watkins, L. F. Yancy, E. P. Minton, J. L. Pinkston.  
 Luxora, Ark.—H. E. Hogan, G. W. Johnson, D. D.  
 Black Oak, Ark.—G. M. Settlemoir.  
 Osceola, Ark.—G. W. Owens.  
 Wynne, Ark.—J. W. Lipsey, Newt Chadwick, C. W. Knight, M. L. Jones.  
 Blytheville, Ark.—A. M. Harris, G. W. Bray.  
 Earle, Ark.—J. E. Brown.  
 Walcott, Ark.—J. W. Seay.  
 Licentiates—J. C. Smith, Jonesboro, Ark.; Sam Cable, Blytheville, Ark.; Riley Shepard, Harrisburg, Ark.; W. G. Mathis, Manila, Ark.  
 G. W. SETTLEMOIR, Chairman.

24. H. C. Rosamond read the Report on Sunday Schools. The report was spoken to by H. C. Rosamond, G. M. Gooch, P. C. Barton, E. P. Minton and J. W. Lipsey.

### SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee is glad to report that more of our churches have reported Sunday Schools than ever before. But, we are grieved to say that a large number of our churches have no Bible school. We must not rest until there is a Baptist church in every community and a Sunday School in every church, and more efficient teachers in every school. But few parents teach their children anything about the Bible or religion. They leave that to others. The Sunday school, or the teaching service of the church, is the only place where thousands of the rising generation get any correct knowledge of God's word. Unless they are brought into our Bible schools, multitudes of our youths must grow up in the ignorance of the way of eternal life, and many of them become inmates of our low dives and prisons. We must provide Bible schools for the children of our generation. It is a fact that 85 per cent. of the additions to our churches come from our Sunday Schools. So, we see the Sunday School is one of our greatest evangelizing agencies.

The great work of every Christian is to win souls. "He that winneth souls is wise." Then it will be a wise thing for every church to have the very best Sunday School possible. To do this, we must seek out the best material in our churches and train them as teachers in our Sunday Schools. Our pastors must lead in this work. When the pastor does not attend and help in this work, he robs himself of very much of his power to project himself as a teacher into the lives of others, and he, also, fails in his duty as a shepherd to feed God's lambs.

We must have a revival of Bible study among our pastors. Then there would be a great awakening in the adult Baptists in behalf of the religious education of the children. The pastor must either meet and teach his Sunday School teachers, or arrange for the Superintendent, or some other competent person, to conduct the teachers' meeting every week, and seek to have better equipped, more consecrated and enthusiastic teachers in all our churches. That pastor will find himself going often in the baptismal waters and preaching to the people who love to study the Bible, and giving to our mission work. Bro. Pastor, do not neglect the Sunday School.

H. C. ROSAMOND.  
 G. M. GOOCH.  
 D. R. NUFFER.

25. Report on State Missions was read by G. W. Owens; discussed by G. W. Owens, J. H. Peay, J. E. Brown, G. M. Gooch, J. N. Robertson, P. C. Barton, C. T. Carpenter and E. S. Holmes, and adopted.

## STATE MISSIONS.

A large portion of this state is a mission field, white unto harvest. What will you do? They are calling, "Come and help us." Will you turn your brothers away?

Last year was the best year in the history of the state. What will you do, pastors, to build on this foundation? Will you strengthen the stakes and lengthen the cords? State missions should touch every Baptist's heart in this state; it should arouse the warmest enthusiasm and work the highest point in our missionary achievements. We heartily recommend the State Board and their method of work. We should work and pray for it.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed our missionaries this year. The end of the third quarter this year they have done more than all last year. Let us increase our contributions, as the Board is advancing in all lines.

We, the committee, recommend that each pastor have his church take up a collection for State Missions between now and the time the convention meets at Texarkana. Respectfully submitted,

G. W. OWENS.

W. G. JOHNSON.

J. H. BORUM.

26. Committee on Orphan's Home made the following report, which was read by J. N. Robertson. This report was spoken to by Rev. W. W. Gardner and adopted, as follows:

## THE ORPHANS' HOME.

Your Committee on Orphans' Home are pleased to report that the Baptists of Arkansas have a real Orphans' Home at Monticello. This is not a home-finding society, but a home—a real home—where orphan children are received, clothed, fed and cared for. This is a home for the homeless, and that until they are of age. At present we have sixty-five children in this home, ranging from a few weeks to almost eighteen years of age. Many have gone out and are doing for themselves. We have had many conversions in this home. It takes about eight dollars a day to provide for them. Since the illness of our beloved Brother W. W. Gardner, O. T. Finch was elected to be our Financial Secretary and is doing good work. We deem it unnecessary to recommend the worthiness of this part of the Lord's cause, since, without an exception, all of the Arkansas people give the highest praise to the Orphan's Home at Monticello.

We would recommend that a collection be taken up by this body for the maintenance of this home, and that our pastors take collections in their churches and forward to O. T. Finch, Little Rock, Ark.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. ROBERTSON.

JOHN Q. THOMAS.

W. L. FISH.

27. Committee on Nominations made the following report, which was read by C. A. Long and adopted as read:

## NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations report as follows:

First—That the next session of this body be held at the First church of Jonesboro, beginning on Tuesday before the second Sunday in October, 1907. That Dr. J. W. Lipsey preach the Introductory Sermon; J. E. Brown, Alternate. That J. H. Kitchens, P. C. Barton, T. B. Kitchens, W. P. Hale and B. H. Parrish constitute the Executive Board of this Association.

Second—That F. M. Johnson and J. N. Robertson represent this



body at Gainsville Association. That J. E. Harris and R. H. Mitchell represent us at Mt. Vernon Association and that J. H. Peay and E. S. Holmes represent us at Spring River Association.

Third—For Member of State Board, P. C. Barton.

Fourth—Transportation, J. M. Huddleston.

Fifth—Ministerial Board—E. P. Minton, J. R. Gregson and P. C. Barton.

Sixth—That J. H. Peay represent this body at the Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. J. W. Lipsey, Alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. SEAY.

C. A. LONG.

J. W. WILLIAMS.

28. The report of the Committee on Obituaries was read by J. E. Brown. The motion was made and duly carried that a page of the Minutes be devoted to the memory of those who have passed away during the Associational Year. It was then moved and carried that this report be taken up on Saturday afternoon and a Memorial Service be held.

29. Adjourned to meet at 7:30 o'clock.

### FRIDAY NIGHT.

30. Called to order and, after song service, J. H. Peay occupied the pulpit and preached a great sermon, using as a text: Hebrews, 2:10.

31. At this time it was decided proper to take up the report of the Executive Board of the Association. The report of the Board was read by B. H. Parrish. T. B. Kitchens, Treasurer, read his report. G. M. Settlemoir made a statement of work done by him as missionary. G. W. Owen read his report for the information of the body, as also did Dr. J. W. Lipsey. G. W. Owen, P. C. Barton, J. H. Kitchens, B. H. Parrish and G. M. Settlemoir spoke to this report.

### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

On October 24th last the Executive Board met at Paragould and was re-organized by the election of J. H. Kitchens, chairman; B. H. Parrish, Secretary, and T. B. Kitchens, Treasurer, the other members being P. C. Barton and W. P. Hale.

After some deliberation it was decided best not to put a regular missionary in the field for some time, but to take the work up and prosecute in a vigorous manner during the spring and summer months.

At a meeting at Osceola on the 5th of April, 1906, it was decided to employ G. W. Owens, J. T. Arrington and G. M. Settlemoir as special missionaries. Brethren Owen and Arrington were each employed for half time at a salary of \$35.00 per month. Bro. G. M. Settlemoir was given work for one-fourth time at \$12.50 per month. The expenses of the missionaries going to and from their work was to be paid by the Board.

We append herewith the Report of the Treasurer and Reports of Missionaries as a part of this report:

A number of the churches have responded liberally and have made contributions to the support of this work, and we feel thankful to God for the blessings that have attended the work.

J. H. KITCHENS, Chairman.

B. H. PARRISH, Secretary.

The following is my report as Missionary of Mt. Zion Association, beginning May 1, 1906:

Days worked, 94; sermons, 70; conversions, 141; additions, 91; by baptism, 72; by restoration, 7; by letter, 12; addresses, 12; Sunday Schools organized, 1; prayers in family, 18; visits, 86; miles traveled, 1182; expenses, \$26.36; collected on field, \$35.80; salary, \$210.00.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. OWEN.

Report of J. T. Arrington, as Missionary of Mt. Zion Association, for May, June and July:

Days labored, 45; sermons, 22; miles traveled, 635; families visited, 18; collections of field, \$37.50; expenses, \$9.25; salary, \$105.00.

The above is a summary of Bro. Arrington's work, as compiled from his reports and made by Secretary of the Board.

### REPORT OF G. M. SETTLEMOIR.

To the Baptist Missionary Board of Mt. Zion Association:

Dear Brethren—I hereby submit my report of the work I have done as Missionary:

In May I visited Marion and other destitute places in Crittenden and Cross counties. Preached three times; visited thirty or forty families; held family prayers with a number of them; traveled 275 miles by rail and walked 9 miles. Expenses for traveling, \$4.07.

In June I visited Monette, and also tried to visit Claunch, but learned upon reaching Lake City that they had secured a pastor, and decided it was best not to go; preached three sermons.

In July I helped Bro. Clarke, held a meeting and preached twelve sermons, and in the meeting there were seven conversions while I was there and six were approved for baptism when I left, and were baptized afterward.

Respectfully,

G. M. SETTLEMOIR.

### REPORT OF DR. J. W. LIPSEY.

Report of Mission Work at Crawfordsville, Ark.: Held a meeting, beginning on second Sunday in September, 1906. Sermons preached, 15; professions, 5; received for baptism, 3; organized a church with a membership of 4; baptized, 2; awaiting baptism, 1; received by statement, 1; present membership, 8. They have a nice house of worship which is well furnished; prospects, good.

J. W. LIPSEY.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

T. B. Kitchens, Treasurer of the Executive Board of Mt. Zion Association, submits the following report:

Contributions: Amount from last report, \$40.30; Vincent church, \$1.50; Mt. Pisgah, Cross county, \$5.00; Bay, \$1.96; Osceola, \$6.26; Luxora, \$4.50; W. M. U. First church, Jonesboro, \$13.30; Pleasant Grove, \$3.25; Antioch, \$8.05; Antioch Sunday School, \$2.50; Cherry Valley, \$5.00; Harrisburg, \$4.50; Crawfordsville, \$2.00; Paragould, \$130.50; Mt. Zion, \$25.00; Cache Valley, \$5.00; Walcott, \$13.00; First church, Jonesboro, \$200.00; Manilla, \$5.49; Tyronza, \$2.35; Blytheville, \$15.15. Collected: By G. W. Owens, \$35.80; by J. T. Arrington, \$39.55; by G. M. Settlemoir, \$4.00; by J. W. Lipsey, for his Crawfordsville work, \$20.00. Total amount collected, \$593.96.

Amounts paid out: To J. T. Arrington, for three months, \$105.00; Arrington's expenses, \$11.25. To G. W. Owen, for six months, \$210.00; Owen's expenses, \$26.36. G. M. Settlemoir, \$37.50; Settlemoir's expenses, \$5.80. Dr. J. W. Lipsey, \$20.00; G. W. Bray, \$10.00; J. M. Lawrence, from last year, \$20.00. Total payments, \$445.91.

#### SUMMARY.

Total amount of contributions,	\$593 96
Total amount paid out,	445.91
Balance on hand,	\$148.05

Your Treasurer would further report that at the last Association Brethren J. L. Pinkston and Dallas Faulkner had done some mission-



ary and colportage work for the Association, under agreement with the Board, for about three months each, and for which service they were not paid, because their claims had not been filed with the last Association, and that, as the First church of Jonesboro had contributed \$100 for colportage work, the above named missionaries were paid out of said fund when the claims were received.

Amount of fund, . . . . \$100.00

Paid J. L. Pinkston, . . . \$50.00

Paid Dallas Faulkner, . . . 35.00—\$ 85.00

Balance on hand of this fund, \$15.00

Respectfully submitted,

T. B. KITCHENS, Treasurer Executive Board.

### SATURDAY MORNING.

33. Association called to order and, after singing "Pass Me Not, O, Gentle Savior," was led in prayer by H. F. Wright.

34. Minutes were read and approved. Roll call was made of the delegates and corrected.

35. Letters were handed in from Cherry Valley and Hydrick churches, and messengers duly seated. Petitionary letter was presented from Fisher Baptist church, and upon motion admitted to the body, and the hand of fellowship given to messengers.

36. Report on Temperance was presented by P. C. Barton. The report was discussed by P. C. Barton, J. C. Borum, G. M. Gooch and J. H. Peay. Adopted.

### TEMPERANCE.

Your committee are pleased to report that the use of alcoholic drinks as a beverage is not practiced among our people as a rule. Our churches stand out and out against it. There may be exceptional cases where members drink it, and in all such cases we would recommend that they abstain or that the churches withdraw fellowship from same. It gives us pleasure to note that the recent election shows a great increase in temperance sentiment throughout our state and Association. So far as we can learn, there are but three places within the bounds of this Association where it can be legally sold. We praise the Lord and take courage.

We call special attention of our churches to the Temperance Lessons once a quarter in our Sunday School Lessons, and urge that they emphasize the lessons so that the rising generation will be total abstainers.

We would further recommend that our brethren abstain from the use of tobacco and all narcotics, as the habit is filthy and unhealthy.

B. H. PARRISH.

P. C. BARTON.

H. F. WRIGHT.

37. J. H. Peay introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Moderator appoint a committee of three, whose duty it shall be to memorialize the incoming Legislature when convened in Little Rock, Ark., in January, 1907, to pass a bill creating a blank amendment to the constitution of the state of Arkansas, to be voted on at a special election, if constitutional, or the next general election in the state, which constitutional amendment is to prohibit the sale of any and all intoxicants within the state of Arkansas; or that if, in the interim, a constitutional convention is called, said committee use the same offices therewith.

38. The Report on Education was read by C. T. Carpenter. T. B. Kitchens read the report of the Trustees of Woodland college. The reports were spoken to by P. C. Barton, and upon motion the time

for the preaching hour was set forward to 11:30 and the reports further discussed by J. E. Brown, G. W. Owen, J. H. Peay and C. T. Carpenter. A request was made that a special prayer be offered for the conversion of the unconverted students of Woodland college, and the prayer was led by J. H. Peay.

## REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Education, wish to avow our allegiance to the time-honored position of Baptists on the great question of education. We are glad to report that the Baptist schools throughout the country are in a better condition than ever before. Their attendance is larger, their equipment better, and there is a movement throughout the South to pay off all indebtedness.

We would simply call the attention of our people to their duty to Baptist schools: First, to make them the best schools possible; and secondly, to give them their patronage.

C. T. CARPENTER.

T. B. KITCHENS.

C. A. LONG.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WOODLAND COLLEGE, 1905-6.

The trustees of Woodland College are glad to report that the school year closing with June 1, 1906, was the best year Woodland College has yet enjoyed. During this year the school had four competent teachers and enrolled ninety students. The grade of students was higher and the class of work decidedly better than it had ever been before. Perhaps the following statistics will be of interest:

Students enrolled, 90; non-resident students, 55; resident students, 35; boys, 59; girls, 31; single students, 86; married, 4; from Arkansas, 84; from other states, 6; teachers, 20; Jews, 1; Catholics, 2; unconverted on entrance, 45; converted during year, 25.

It is with deep gratitude that we note that the school has opened for the school year 1906-7 better than ever before. The enrollment at the present time is seventy and bids fair to pass the hundred mark. An examination of the record reveals the following:

Students enrolled, 70; unconverted, 33; Baptists, 16; Methodists, 11; Jews, 3; Presbyterians, 2; Catholics, 2; Episcopalians, 1; Lutherans, 1; Free Will Baptist, 1.

The courses that the college now offers are as follows: The English course, leading to the degree of L. B.; the Classical course, leading to the degree of A. B.; the Normal course for those wishing to teach; two Commercial courses for those wishing to prepare immediately to enter business.

In addition to these courses, we have established a strong school of music and have a very strong instructor in charge of this work.

It is also a satisfaction to report that the college is coming to have a stronger hold on the community, and during the past year it has received some very substantial gifts. Among these might be mentioned the Barton Medallion, given by Mr. P. C. Barton in honor of his sainted wife; the Parrish Memorial Library, given by Mrs. Eugene Parrish; the R. H. Meyer Prize, given by Mr. R. H. Meyer, and the Ellis Cup, given by T. W. Ellis.

The one great need of the college right now is a home for young men that will accommodate one hundred. Board is so high in Jonesboro that, to be able to compete with other schools, we must have a young men's home in which living expenses can be reduced. We lay this matter on the hearts of our brethren.

There are four vacancies on the Board of Trustees and we recommend to fill these vacancies Brethren P. C. Barton, J. R. Gregson and



W. Puryear, to succeed themselves, and Dr. J. L. Burns to take the place of Bro. Altman.

39. The hour for preaching having arrived, J. E. Brown occupied the stand and preached an edifying sermon, using as a text, —

40. Adjourned.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

41. Called to order and sang, "How Firm a Foundation." Led in prayer by J. H. Peay.

42. Report on Literature was presented by J. H. Peay, who spoke to the report. It was adopted as follows:

### LITERATURE.

The character of the matter one reads largely influences his political, social and spiritual life. It helps to determine the character and the trend of the life. What one reads is largely an index to the mental and spiritual make-up of the man. It takes mental and spiritual food to be able to grow intellectually and spiritually.

Baptists, usually, act up to their information of the Bible. Knowledge of the Bible has made them, first, wise unto salvation. The Bible is the one book of the Baptists. The more they know of the Bible, the stronger and better Baptists they are. It should be studied constantly and prayerfully.

Good, religious literature is a valuable additional influence and power to the growth and development of our better nature. It is a matter that makes one wise and serviceable. It brings us in touch with the purposes, plans and movements of denominational life. Such information is an influence to actions, to increased missionary service. Especially does the Committee commend and recommend to be read and studied "Our Home Field," our "Foreign Mission Journal," the "Convention Series" of the Sunday School literature, and our own "Baptist Advance."

Especially should we be careful as to the literature read by our children. See that what they read is clean, pure, elevating and Christianizing. Respectfully submitted,

J. H. PEAY.  
T. B. KITCHENS.  
E. L. WELLS.

43. The Report of Committee on Old Ministers' Relief was taken up at this time and, in the absence of the Chairman of the Committee, the Clerk read the report. The report was spoken to by O. T. Finch and adopted as follows:

### OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF.

The Baptists of Arkansas are greatly indebted to the pioneer preachers for our present standing and success. They suffered many hardships and privations, settlements often being many miles apart. They had not the convenience of travel that we have today, roads many times being almost impassable. Salaries were at most small, many times the only remuneration being the consciousness that they were obeying the command, "Go preach the gospel," yet, amid these difficulties, they went forth telling the old, old story. Many of us were brought to Christ under the influence of their labors. They are now too old to labor much, and have not the sufficiency of this world's goods to keep them comfortable. Shall we, who are younger, who are reaping the fruits of their labors, neglect these men of God in their days of need? God forbid!

We are not prepared to say just what has been done toward the support of this worthy cause, but we need more money, and especially

at this season of the year. Brethren, should we not give more liberally to assist these old soldiers of the cross?

We, therefore, urge all our churches to make regular and liberal contributions to this worthy cause, assisting these worthy veterans of the cross in their declining years.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. HARRIS,  
W. D. HASTINGS,  
S. W. BARROW,  
Committee.

44. A collection was taken for this object and \$12.15 was turned over to Treasurer Kitchens for the Old Ministers' Relief Fund.

45. The report of the Committee on Obituaries was called at this time and the report again read. B. H. Kitchens, C. T. Carpenter, C. A. Long, E. S. Holmes, H. F. Wright, B. H. Parrish, T. B. Kitchens and P. C. Barton spoke on the report. The Memorial Service was a very tender and loving one, and many touching tributes were made to the memory of the departed loved ones.

## REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We find, on examination of letters sent from the churches, that thirty-five have been called home since last Association meeting, the names of whom are given below. It is with sad thoughts that we meditate concerning those who have passed on. Sad, because we are reminded that we must all part here. But, with the thought of the parting here, we are reminded that the ties are strengthened in heaven. May God console the bereaved and draw them feelingly near to Himself, and may His benediction rest on us all.

With prayers that God will spare us to do His will,

J. E. BROWN.  
F. M. CARTER.  
J. A. SHEFFIELD.

First Church, Jonesboro—Mrs. P. C. Barton, Ira Cleming, Mr. W. L. Crenshaw.

Walcott Baptist Church—A. G. Kennedy, Annie Grant, Arle Boozer.

Wynne, Ark.—Lulu Litty, Joe Reffey.

Paragould—J. R. Brannon, J. T. Evenson, F. M. Turbiville, W. M. Winters, Mrs. Nancy Gravens, Miss Lurline Grizzard, Mrs. M. M. Johnson, Mrs. Warren Ross, Mrs. M. E. Tansil.

Cache Valley Baptist Church—Sisters Barbara Biggs, Lucy Light, Alice Inness, Argie Creel, E. L. Burrow, Vick Williams, Nannie Snyder.

Antioch—C. G. Robinson, Steven Staley, J. W. McCullars, Sophana Edwards, Tennie Louis, Nannie Beacon.

Bardstown—Ben Elrod.

North Jonesboro—Grace Chilson.

Harrisburg—Mrs. Sarah A. Jacobs.

Mt. Zion—Mat Williams, Van Lowe, Carry Beasley.



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## Memoriam

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MRS. C. P. BARTON

DEVOTED WIFE OF P. C. BARTON

Born October 5, 1870

Died June 5, 1906

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

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46. Motion was made and carried that O. T. Finch take a collection at the night service for the Orphans' Home.

47. Letter was read from Rev. J. W. Hiatt, in which he expressed his deep regrets at being unable to attend the Association this sitting, and sending greetings to the Association.

48. Motion made and carried ordering the Clerk to get out the Minutes of the Association, using the amount of money sent in for the purpose.

49. The report of H. F. Wright, Treasurer of the Association, was made, showing that \$48.05 was sent in by the churches for printing Minutes and Clerk fee.

### RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Whereas, This Association has been so royally, so pleasantly, so heartily entertained by the Earl Baptist church and the other good people of the city of Earle; therefore, be it

Resolved by this Association, That we extend to them our heartiest thanks for their continued courtesies and the old-fashioned, whole-souled hospitality of an up-to-date people, and to the citizens generally for their hearty welcome and noble assistance in entertaining, and to the business men for voluntarily closing their places of business during the hours of divine services and their attendance upon the same; and

Resolved, further, That we pray that the richest blessings of our Common Father and His Christ abundantly rest and abide upon them and theirs temporally and spiritually.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. PEAY.

Passed by unanimous vote.

50. The body then adjourned to meet with First Baptist church, Jonesboro, Ark., on Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1907.

Thus closed a very pleasant and profitable session of Mt. Zion Association, and every Messenger left the little city of Earle with joy in his heart for having had the privilege of meeting with that noble body of Christian workers.

J. H. KITCHENS, Moderator.

B. H. PARRISH, Clerk.





## WOMAN'S WORK.

This department of our work was begun in Mt. Zion Association in 1888, the first society being organized by the ladies of the First Baptist church of Jonesboro. At the present time there are organizations in the following churches:

First church, Jonesboro; North Jonesboro church; First church, Paragould; First church, Luxora; Central church, Luxora; Osceola Baptist church; First church, Wynne; First church, Harrisburg; Blytheville Baptist church; Earle Baptist church.

There may be others, but if so we are not informed. The ladies forming these organizations are consecrated workers, and are raising hundreds of dollars annually and disbursing in approved ways, rendering valuable assistance in the prosecution of the work of the churches.

On Friday afternoon, October 12, 1906, during the session of the Association at Earle, Ark., the Woman's Missionary Union met at the home of Mrs. W. L. Fish. A devotional exercise was led by Mrs. J. C. Spann, of Luxora. Mrs. Culley, of Jonesboro, was elected President pro tem., and Mrs. W. L. Fish, secretary.

Reports were called for and representatives responded from four societies:

First church, Jonesboro, reported expenditures of	\$330.15
North Jonesboro church, . . . . .	79.30
Central church, Luxora, . . . . .	109.95
Earle Baptist church, . . . . .	150.00
Total, . . . . .	\$669.40

Plans of work were discussed and a more hearty co-operation urged. It is requested that every society within the bounds of the Association make a report and send delegates to the next Association.

The following were elected to serve as officers for 1907: President, Mrs. U. S. Thomas; Vice-President, Mrs. H. Culley; Secretary, Mrs. W. L. Fish.

A committee was appointed from the Jonesboro churches to communicate with the President and arrange a program for next year, the meeting to be held during the sitting of the Association, the meeting to be held on Friday afternoon of the meeting of the Association.

Mrs. H. CULLEY, President pro tem.

Mrs. W. L. Fish, Secretary.

## CONSTITUTION.

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ARTICLE I. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, the members of the Executive Board and all ordained ministers who are members in good standing, of said churches. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers, and one for every fifty members or fractional parts thereof above the first fifty.

ART. II. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known as the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Association, the officers of which shall be three in number, viz: A Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected at each annual meeting by the suffrages of the members present. Said Association to have the privilege to enact and carry out missionary purposes in all their meanings, yet so as that the churches and individual members are left free and the giving or withholding shall not be a bar to fellowship.

ART. III. The Association shall usurp no authority over the churches in our union, or infringe on any of their internal rights, but shall merely be considered an advisory council in all matters relative to their external concerns; nevertheless, it becomes necessary, in some cases, to have a uniform rule of procedure, namely: If one church commit an offense against another, it shall be the duty of the offended to labor with the offender for satisfaction. If she fails of success, she shall call the aid of two more churches in our union to assist in laboring for satisfaction; and if final satisfaction, in the opinion thus called, be not obtained, the aggrieved may bring the case before the Association, which shall be taken up and decided upon according to its merit.

If a serious difference should arise in an individual church, which, upon due labor, cannot be reconciled, she shall call the aid of two or more sister churches to assist in the work; and if a reconciliation can be not affected, the help so called, or the church, may bring the case before the Association to be acted upon according to its merits; but the Association will take no cognizance of any case of the above kind unless a due course of procedure shall have been previously pursued according to the economy of the church discipline found in the 18th chapter of the Gospel by Matthew and other parts of the Scripture, which define the nature of offenses, and the manner of bringing offenders to trial.

ART. IV. The churches in our union shall transmit to every annual session of the Association written communications specifying the names of their delegates, their number of fellowship, baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated, deceased since the last session, which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

ART. V. That churches making application for membership in this body shall be admitted by a unanimous vote.

ART. VI. That churches which this body may deem unworthy of membership may be dropped from the list by a majority vote of this body.

ART. VII. Any article of this Constitution may be changed or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.



## RULES OF DECORUM.

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1. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present

2. The Moderator shall take the chair at the hour to which the Association shall be adjourned, and shall proceed to business. It shall be his duty to keep order, and shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as other members, provided he appoint one of the members to fill the chair during the exercise of that privilege, and in no case shall give a vote unless the Association be equally divided.

3. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator by the appellation of "Bro. Moderator," and while speaking shall confine himself strictly to the subject in question, and shall not be disturbed unless he digress from the subject, and shall in nowise reflect on any other speaker so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly give his own views of the case without sophistry or criticism.

4. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject, without leave from the Association.

5. No member of the Association shall address another by any other term or appellation than that of brother.

7. The Moderator shall not interrupt a member, or prohibit him from speaking, until his speech is finished, unless he breaks the rules of decorum.

8. The names of all the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association may require.

9. Any member who shall willingly violate any of the foregoing rules shall be reproved by the Association in any way they may think proper.





No.	CHURCH	COUNTY	PASTOR	CLERK	POSTOFFICE	MESSENGERS	MEMBER-SHIP			CONTRIBUTIONS					Church Expenses	Pastor's Salary	TOTALS	Value Church Property				
							Increase	Decrease	Present	Minutes	MISSIONS								Other Objects			
											Asso'nl	State	Home	Foreign								
1	Antioch	Craighead	J. G. Henson	J. H. Robinson	Paragould, R. I	ter	17	82	133	8	2	51	8	7	45	8	05	9	77 00	100 00	185 01	600 00
2	Bardstown	Mississippi	A. M. Harris	J. L. Wroton	Bardstown	M. Harris	49	14	56	1	50							11 25	240 00	836 62	800 00	
3	Bay	Craighead	J. F. McClain	J. C. Williams	Bay				102												500 00	
4	Brookland	Craighead		A. R. Akers	Brookland	ss Florence Cobb, Miss Annie Guess		7	44	1	50					6 00			22 00	29 50	800 00	
5	Bethabara	Craighead		J. F. Cochran	Cane Island				151												500 00	
6	Bethel	Poinsett		W. E. Harris	Harrisburg				55												400 00	
7	Blytheville	Mississippi	G. W. Bray	Miss Fannie Redding	Blytheville	ss Fannie Redding, Mrs. Dr. Borum	15	8	90	2	50	15 15		5 20	45 00	89 69	300 00	457 54	2000 00			
8	Cache Valley	Greene	J. W. Seay	J. M. Casey	Light	ter	39	14	70	1	30	5 00				3 05	7 00	18 35	400 00			
9	Claunch	Craighead		A. D. Phillips	Nettleton	ter			39		35							35	200 00			
10	Cottage Home	Craighead	Rev. Duke	W. J. Mann	Cherry Valley	R. Lee, Ida Jordan	1		30	1	00	5 00					60 00	6 60	500 00			
11	Cherry Valley	Cross	H. F. Wright						23										800 00			
12	Clear Lake	Mississippi		Z. T. Rooks	Vanndale	Futrell, Dora Hastings	1	1	31		75							75	400 00			
13	Clark's Chapel					R. Nuffer, S. O. Boone			6		1 00	2 00						3 00	1000 00			
14	Crawfordsville	Crittenden	J. E. Brown	W. L. Fish	Earle	T. Jackson, G. M. Gooch, W. L. Fish	5	3	18		2 50		1 00	1 00	53 00	200 00	257 50	1250 00				
15	Earle	Crittenden		A. P. Harris	Fisher	T. McCoy, R. E. L. Gossett	4		15		75							75	500 00			
16	Fisher	Craighead	R. E. L. Gossett	A. P. Harris	Harrisburg	H. Peay, Dr. E. L. Jacobs, Sr	2	5	88		1 10	4 50			12 50	36 00	240 00	294 10	6000 00			
17	Harrisburg	Poinsett	J. H. Peay	L. E. Stancell	Hydrick	ter	3	9	103		1 00					75 00	76 00	800 00				
18	Hydrick	Cross	W. R. Sanderson	M. Pitts					35									200 00				
19	Indian Mound	Mississippi							20									200 00				
20	Ingram Chapel																					
21	Jonesboro	Craighead	U. S. Thomas	E. S. Peterson	Jonesboro	B. Langford, Mrs. Langford, C. T. Carpenter, Ed Elrod, Mrs. Culley, B. O. Barton, Annie Logan, H. E. Hogan, Mrs. J. M. Landrum, S. E. Stratton, Mrs. J. C. Spann, E. L. Wells	90	22	469	10	00	200 00	1104 41	400 00	600 00	265 05	869 51	1500 00	4948 97	21000 00		
22	Luxora	Mississippi		William Wood	Luxora	M. Carter		10	52	1	50	4 50		2 50	2 50	54 98	54 60	278 53	399 11	800 00		
23	Luxora Central	Mississippi																				
24	Manilla	Mississippi	G. W. Bray	R. L. Williford	Manilla		2		15	1	00			4 00		10 75	71 22	123 50	210 47	1200 00		
25	Mt. Zion	Greene	G. H. Faulkner	J. F. Cockran	Walcott	Holmes, S. W. Barron, Mrs. E. S. Holmes, Mrs. Emma Adams	20	6	84	2	00	5 49	3 27	1 91	5 06	28 73	236 33	225 60	508 33	1500 00		
26	Mary's Chapel	Mississippi		E. M. Huffman	Huffman		23	8	184	2	00	25 00				70 48	40 00	75 00	212 48	500 00		
27	Mt. Pisgah	Cross							70										1000 00			
28	Monette	Craighead		I. M. Hammock	Monette				44										1500 00			
29	New Hope	Cross	J. E. Brown	L. N. Sanders	Tyronza	B. Brown	38		51	2	00	30 00	1 00					33 00	1200 00			
30	Nettleton	Cross	J. L. Pinkston	W. K. Garrett	Nettleton	B. Ewart, H. F. Wright	15		64	1	50							1 50	800 00			
31	North Jonesboro	Cross	E. P. Minton	T. H. Anthony	Jonesboro	Stearns, May Bunch, E. P. Minton, T. H. Anthony	8	19	147	2	00		67 17	6 30	6 30	97 00	175 05	245 06	598 88	1000 00		
32	North Saba	Mississippi		Miss Mary Hale	Osceola				65										500 00			
33	Osceola	Mississippi							100										5000 00			
34	Paragould	Greene	H. C. Rosamond	M. B. Kitchens	Paragould	C. Rosamond, T. B. Kitchens, C. A. Long, J. N. Robertson, B. H. Parlsb, J. H. Kitchens	46	39	473	8	00	132 50	140 00	67 36	88 80	349 92	311 00	1200 00	2297 58	21000 00		
35	Pleasant Grove	Poinsett		W. G. Ripley	Greenfield	ter			51										1000 00			
36	Whiloh	Poinsett		T. N. Henderson	Harrisburg				43										600 00			
37	Unity	Craighead		Miss Mary Thomas	Mangrum				53										800 00			
38	Vincent	Crittenden							13										1000 00			
39	Walcott	Greene	E. D. Cooper	W. C. Wilcockson	Walcott	V. Seay, W. G. Johnson, J. A. Sherfeld, Nannie Bowlin	12	4	139	1	50	12 50	6 00	4 00	10 00	10 80	46 40	100 00	191 20	1200 00		
40	Wynne	Cross	Dr. J. W. Lipsey	Miss Beulah Williams	Wynne	V. Lipsey, J. W. Williams, Mrs. J. V. Williams, J. L. Thomas, R. H. Mitchell	40	4	76	2	50		34 00	2 50	8 50	2515 95	75 30	384 46	3003 15	7500 00		
41	New Antioch	Cross				M. Johnson, Albert Johnson			65										800 00			
42	Forest Home		H. M. Duke	Miss Maude Etter	Nettleton	ter	7		19										300 00			
43	New Hope	Craighead		M. N. Summers	Jonesboro				101										500 00			
Total							438	238	3515	248 05	2449 09	1361 73	2496 62	2732 18	23608 41	22782 26	25156 09	14578 74	80250 00			



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