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**Fifty-Sixth Annual  
Session**

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**Held With First Baptist Church  
of Manila, Arkansas, October 8-11**

# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## Mt. Zion Baptist Association

### 1908

## FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

Held With Baptist Church, Manila, Ark.

October 8-11

Next Session Meets With Walcott Baptist Church,  
Walcott, Ark., October, 1909

### OFFICERS:

J. H. KITCHENS, Moderator .....Paragould, Ark.  
B. H. PARRISH, Clerk .....Paragould, Ark.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD:

J. H. KITCHENS, Chairman .....Paragould, Ark.  
P. C. BARTON, Secretary .....Jonesboro, Ark.  
T. B. KITCHENS, Treasurer .....Paragould, Ark.  
J. R. GREGSON, .....Jonesboro, Ark.  
W. B. LANGFORD, .....Jonesboro, Ark.

## PROCEEDINGS THURSDAY MORNING.

Manila, Ark., Oct. 8, 1908.

The Mt. Zion Association of Missionary Baptists met and was called to order by Moderator J. H. Kitchens, at 9:50 a. m.

2. Prayer was offered by S. M. Provence, of Wynne.

3. Moderator appointed J. N. Robertson, J. W. Seay, and J. W. Williams committee on credentials; and T. B. Kitchens and B. H. Parrish reading clerks.

4. During the sessions of the body letters were read from churches as shown in tabulated sheet given elsewhere in this minute.

5. The committee on arrangements was given time to make assignments of the messengers to their homes.

6. Committee on credentials made partial report, asked further time in which to adjust the difference arising with Blytheville church on account of their having two sets of messengers. They recommended the seating of all messengers except those referred to above.

7. Permanent organization was effected by the re-election of J. H. Kitchens, Moderator; E. P. Minton, Assistant Moderator; B. H. Parrish, clerk; and H. F. Wright, Treasurer.

8. Moderator announced T. T. Thompson, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Missions; C. F. Crockett, Literature; E. P. Minton, Woman's Work.

9. The body adjourned to 1:00 p. m.

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

10. After singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder I'll Be There," the Association was led in prayer by H. F. Wright.

11. Letters were read from Jonesboro and Walcott churches and their messengers seated

12. During the session the following visitors were enrolled and invited to seats in the body: J. J. Burton, of Gainesville Association; W. W. Gardner, of the Baptist Advance; F. P. Turner, representing the Orphans' Home of Monticello; R. G. Bowers, State Missionary Secretary; Mrs. V. A. Phillips of Gainesville Association.

13. Pastors and ministers who have come into the association since the last meeting of the body were introduced as follows: McH. Seal, of Earle; T. N. Hale, of North Jonesboro; A. A. Ryan, of Walcott; R. W. McGee, of Harrisburg; O. C. Wilcockson, of Manila; W. J. F.



Allen, of Jonesboro; W. E. Liddell, of Hydrick. The hand of fellowship was given by the association.

14. Committee of Divine Service report that T. T. Thompson would preach Introductory Sermon at 7:30 p. m.; F. P. Turner at 11:00 Friday morning; C. A. Stewart at 7:30 p. m. Friday.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Home Missions—T. N. Hale, W. G. Johnson, G. W. Pitts.

State Missions—McH. Seal, A. A. Ryan, W. E. Stotts.

Sunday Schools—W. B. Langford, J. W. Light, J. A. Sheffield.

Foreign Mission—T. T. Thompson, G. W. Osburn, W. F. Cothran.

Literature—C. F. Crockett, S. M. Provence, R. W. McGee.

Woman's Work—E. P. Minton, Mrs. H. Culley, Mrs. E. Adams, Mrs. Minetree, Mrs. McGee.

Nominations—C. A. Stewart, G. M. Settlemoir, J. H. Robinson.

Education—T. B. Kitchens, B. H. Parrish, C. T. Carpenter.

Temperance—S. M. Provence, Mrs. T. W. Altman, Mrs. W. H. Borum.

Obituaries—H. F. Wright, W. E. Stotts.

Orphans' Home—F. M. Carter, E. L. Wells, G. T. Hay.

Ministers and P. O.—W. G. Mathis, E. D. Damron, M. A. Simmons.

Old Ministers' Relief—J. W. Seay, Mack Biggs, A. F. Ashburn.

Associational Missions—J. N. Robertson, G. M. Settlemoir, J. W. Seay.

15. T. T. Thompson read report on Foreign Missions. The report was spoken to by T. T. Thompson, S. M. Provence, C. A. Stewart, and F. P. Turner. Adopted as read.

### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The basis of all foreign Mission Work is Jno. 3:16, together with Mat. 28:19-20. Christ himself being the first missionary from heaven to a lost world. The field is the world; the command comes from God: and so long as there is an unsaved soul the command rings with divine purpose to the children of God. It is very sad to think that there are today over 8,000,000 souls who know not Christ, but who linger in heathen darkness. Their condition is pitiable. The men live in iniquity, the women and children grope in blight and darkness, and yet the people of God intrusted with this message of life, are giving themselves to selfishness and pride, leaving the perishing millions to die without Christ.

Our Foreign Mission Board last year made a report of good progress. Four hundred and two thousand three hundred and twenty-eight dollars was contributed by 10,769 churches, while 10,085 churches, who call themselves Missionary Baptist, gave nothing. In Arkansas,

we have 1,389 churches; 175 of these gave \$10,345, while the remaining 1,214 gave nothing, and still call themselves the light of the world. Taking into account all of the non-contributing churches in the bounds of the convention, and they reduce the per capita to the insignificant sum of 20 cents. May we not hope that every church in this association will see to it this year that they are represented in the gifts to the great, growing work?

During the past year twenty-four new missionaries have been sent out. We have now a force on the field of 222 missionaries, 334 native helpers, or a total of 556 workers. How few are these among the many millions, and they, too, represent ten million Southern Baptists! Let us pray that more laborers be sent into the harvest.

We report, also, eight theological schools in connection with our various missions. These are training 151, who are to go out and preach the gospel. These men are needed for evangelistic work and for the training of new converts.

The Board has sent out twelve medical missionaries, who, like their Master, heal the bodies while they seek to lead the soul into light. Last year they treated 38,000 patients, gaining access to the homes of both rich and poor as they could not have done in any other way.

We praise God for 2,174 converts who were added last year by baptism. Let us pray to Him that He will save many souls this year.

Our Southern Baptist Convention at Hot Springs, while in session, decided to try to raise 25 per cent more for the foreign Board this year, which means if done that many of our people will have to increase their gifts at least 50 per cent. May we not hope for more zeal upon the part of our laymen?

We most heartily recommend the "Foreign Mission Journal" to be in every home and to be read to the children. It can be had for 25 cents per year. We recommend that our pastors present the claim of the Foreign Mission Board, and urge their people to support the work.

T. T. THOMPSON,  
G. W. OSBORN,  
J. F. COCHRAN.

16. C. F. Crocket presented the report on Literature. Was spoken to by S M. Provence, W. W. Gardner and T. T. Thompson.

### LITERATURE.

Your committee recognizes the importance of pure food for the body, and therefore endorse the pure food law; but of infinitely more importance is the law of spiritual and moral purity, which blessing



is enhanced, not to say, produced by the reading of good literature. The ten cent novel and the ten cent show bear impurity and danger to all who participate in them, while pure literature can only tend to the betterment and blessing of all those engaged in its use. We therefore recommend first of all the Book of Books and urge a daily reading of sacred truths; The Baptist Advance, our state organ; the Foreign Mission Journal, and the Home Field, together with such other denominational books as may be had. There are a number of fine books on Missions, others on devotional life and experience which will be found very helpful especially to the younger christians making for them spiritual life and stamina.

Let us be sure to put good reading in reach of our children and help them in the effort to defeat their enemy.

We invite special attention to the Christian culture courses planned by the Educational Secretary of the Foreign Mission of the Southern Baptist Convention, and to the volume of Dr. I. J. Van Ness, Editorial Secretary of the Sunday School Board on Sunday School Teacher Training. The use of these books is earnestly commended.

C. F. CROCKETT,  
S. M. PROVENCE,  
R. W. MCGEE.

17. Upon motion, Bro. McH. Seal was permitted to make a short speech in connection with the report on Literature which had just been adopted.

18. The body now adjourned to meet at 7:15 p. m. Benediction by W. W. Gardner.

#### THURSDAY NIGHT.

19. The Association was called to order, and the devotional exercises led by T. N. Hale of Jonesboro.

20. T. T. Thompson of Paragould preached the introductory sermon, using as a theme "The Lord's Supper."

21. The body adjourned till 8:30 Friday morning.

#### FRIDAY MORNING.

22. The Association convened at 8:30 and a devotional exercise was conducted by R. W. McGee.

23. Moderator and Assistant Moderator both being absent the clerk called for the election of a Moderator pro tem. J. N. Robertson was elected, and took the chair.

24. It was ordered, upon motion, that a message of condolence be sent Bro. P. C. Barton of Jonesboro, whose attendance was pre-

vented by bereavement occasioned by the death of his son.

25. A short time was now spent in making complaint about the delay in getting out the minutes last year. A satisfactory explanation was made by the clerk, and the co-operation of the brethren was asked and promised, in order that every church may get necessary copies of the minutes.

26. The report on Temperance was presented by S. M. Provence. The report was discussed by S. M. Provence, T. T. Thompson, F. M. Carter, C. A. Stewart, and G. W. Young. It was adopted as follows:

### TEMPERANCE.

It is a matter for rejoicing to all who are interested in the public welfare, and especially to those who are working and praying for the coming of the Kingdom of God, that public opinion in regard to the liquor-traffic has so greatly changed in recent years. It has been a long, hard fight against greed, against "the lawless and the unruly," against the political corruption, against the false and specious plea for business, against the combined forces of the world, the flesh and the devil, too often alas! assisted by men who call themselves Christians, that prohibition does prohibit is the fact that has called out the combinations of all the resources of evil.

In the persistent affirmation that "prohibition does not prohibit," the liquor traffic proclaims its own incurable lawlessness, and its defiance of the will of majorities.

It is a blow at the foundations of popular government, to proclaim that what ought to be is impossible. The wide-spread corruption of the electorate, the use of the purchasable vote for selfish ends, and the constant effort to beat down and defeat the efforts of all who are toiling for the moral betterment of the commonwealth, are among the charges which civilization is today making against the liquor traffic. It is doomed. And when it is gone a great multitude of our most vexatious social problems will vanish.

We send our salutations to every worker against the liquor traffic. And we especially beg our public officials to do all they can to protect the territory under prohibitive laws from the inter-state liquor traffic.

S. M. PROVENCE,  
MRS. T. W. ALTMAN,  
MRS. W. H. BORUM.

27. The committee on credentials reported that a compromise had been effected between the two sets of delegates from Blytheville Church and all their messengers were seated as shown elsewhere in this minute.



28. Upon motion it was ordered that report on Orphans' Home be taken up after services tonight and that Bro. F. P. Turner present the work of the Orphans' Home.

29. The hour having arrived for preaching F. P. Turner of Little Rock occupied the pulpit, using as text Romans 5:1-4.

30. The body stood adjourned till 1:30 p. m. Benediction.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

After singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" the association was led in prayer by J. F. Clark.

31. The report on Education was read by B. H. Parrish. It was discussed by B. H. Parrish, F. P. Turner, T. T. Thompson, S. M. Provence; adopted as read.

### EDUCATION.

Baptists are staunch believers in Education, and strongly advocate denominational schools as being necessary to the progress of denominational life. The Baptist Schools of Arkansas had a prosperous year closing in June, 1908, and are now entering upon a year of great promise.

We commend to our people our Baptist schools, the Ouachita-Central system of affiliated schools, and our own Woodland College of Jonesboro. We should patronize these schools as far as possible but we should, above all things, contribute of our means to the freeing of the schools from burdensome debts. This matter needs the attention of Arkansas Baptists; needs it now

B. H. PARRISH,  
T. B. KITCHENS.

32. C. A. Stewart presented the report on nominations and after considerable discussion concerning the place to hold the next meeting, was adopted as follows:

### NOMINATIONS.

Your committee recommends as follows:

1. That the next session of this body be held with Walcott Church. E. P. Minton preaching the introductory sermon, H. F. Wright alternate.
2. That J. H. Kitchens, T. B. Kitchens, P. C. Barton, W. B. Langford and J. R. Gregson constitute executive board.
3. That A. A. Ryan and C. A. Stewart represent this body at Gainesville association; J. W. Seay and J. F. Clark at Spring River Association; W. G. Mathis, Mont Vernon Association;



- W. E. Lidell and J. N. Robertson, at Black River Association.
4. For member of state board, P. C. Barton.
  5. For Trustees of Woodland College, Dr. J. L. Burns, W. L. Gage, and H. W. Graham.
  6. For Ministerial Board, P. C. Barton, J. R. Gregson, T. B. Kitchens.
  7. That T. T. Thompson represent this body in Southern Baptist Convention, J. W. Seay alternate.

C. A. STEWART,  
JOHN H. ROBERTSON,  
G. M. SETTLEMOIR.

33. Upon motion the report on state missions was set for 10 a. m., Saturday, and report of home mission for 9 o'clock Saturday.

34. Committee on Divine Service reported that S. M. Provence preach at 11 o'clock Saturday on Baptists in history; J. Sterling Rogers at 7:30 p. m. Saturday; that J. M. Robertson preach at Blytheville on Sunday.

35 Adjourned with prayer by S. M. Provence.

### FRIDAY NIGHT

36. The Association assembled at 7 o'clock and a devotional exercise was conducted by R. G. Bowers.

37. C. A. Stewart preached a strong sermon on Justification, using as text Romans 5:1-2.

38. The hour having arrived for consideration of the report on Orphans' Home it was read by F. M. Carter, spoken to by F. M. Carter and F. P. Turner. At the close of his address Bro. Turner took a collection amounting to \$20.62.

### ORPHANS' HOME.

We are profoundly grateful to our Father for the progress we have made in Orphanage in Arkansas. Fifteen years ago we had no orphanage and the associations of the state made no reports on this work.

We now have a home at Monticello, consisting of a good brick house of eighteen rooms, and 310 acres of land. There are now about seventy children in the home and enough applications approved to increase the number to about one hundred.

Bro. F. J. Neely is superintendent of the home; and his wife matron, and a fine young lady has been employed to teach the children in the home.

We now have a debt of \$600 or \$700 which is due to the panic of this year. We hope to raise this within the next four weeks in order

that the trustees of the home may make their annual report and show no debt for the year.

We recommend that each church in this association take an extra offering within the next four weeks to meet this emergency and send money to F. P. Turner at Little Rock. We also recommend that a free will offering be taken tonight. The Board requests that all money for the Home be sent to F. P. Turner, Box 276 Little Rock, Ark.

F. M. CARTER,

E. L. WELLS,

G. T. HAY.

39. Adjourned with prayer by F. P. Turner.

### SATURDAY MORNING.

40. The Association convened at 9 o'clock. S. M. Provence read a scripture and offered prayer.

41. T. N. Hale submitted the report of Home Missions. This report was spoken to by Brethern Hale, Turner, Provence and Bowers, and adopted as follows:

### HOME MISSIONS.

It is with grateful hearts that your Committee on Home Missions submits this report.

Our Home Mission field is the Southern States and Cuba. The Home Board has its headquarters at Atlanta, Georgia.

D. B. Gray, D. D., is the Corresponding Secretary of this Board, and J. F. Love, who served so efficiently as Mission Secretary for us in Arkansas, is his assistant.

The work done in the mountains, among the foreigners who come to our beloved land, in our large cities and other places of destitution, and in aiding churches to build houses of worship, and assisting states in carrying on State Mission work was greatly enlarged last year. The seal of Divine approval was set upon our enlarged efforts, giving us correspondingly enlarged results.

The rapid growth of our population at home and the constant stream of foreigners pouring into our beloved home land from abroad, increases our destitution in spite of our ever increasing successes.

Let us, therefore, reaffirm our allegiance to the Home Mission Board and its work, take and read the Home Field, order and distribute their tracts, and preach, pray, and give more for Home Missions this year than ever before.

T. N. HALE,

G. W. PITTS,

W. G. JOHNSON.



41. The following report was adopted as read:

Jonesboro, Ark.—W. J. F. Allin, E. P. Minton, W. G. Mathis, J. J. Mathis, J. F. Clark, C. A. Stewart, L. F. Yancy, T. N. Hale and Samuel Murphy.

Paragould, Ark.—T. T. Thompson, J. N. Robertson, G. D. Faulkner, and J. M. Huddleston.

Walcott, Ark.—J. W. Seay, G. H. Faulkner, Ed Cooper, and A. A. Ryan.

Nerrleton, Ark.—H. F. Wright, H. Duke, J. F. McClain.

Wynne, Ark.—S. M. Provence, M. L. Jones, and J. W. Knight.

Grubbs, Ark.—R. E. L. Gossett.

Blytheville, Ark.—J. M. Stromire.

Harrisburg, Ark.—R. W. McGee, R. L. Shepard, P. M. Huddleston and A. C. Reeves.

Mangrum, Ark.—W. R. Cantril.

Hydrick, Ark.—W. E. Laddell.

Osceola, Ark.—E. F. Curl.

Black Oak, Ark.—J. M. Settlemire.

Manila, Ark.—O. C. Wilcoxson, F. M. Carter.

Bay, Ark.—W. H. Prewett, E. Turner.

W. G. MATHIS, Chairman.

42. J. W. Seay presented the report on Old Ministers Relief which was adopted after being amended.

### OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF.

We, your committee, recommend: That it is a duty of each church and the Association to supply the needs of their poor and indigent worthy ministers. We are glad to say that we have never seen "The righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread."

2. We would recommend that each church support any aged and infirm disabled ministers in their membership. Reporting same to this Association.

3. We further recommend that should the church fail to supply the needs of such ministers that a collection be taken for the same.

J. W. SEAY,

W. E. LIDDELL.

43. The report on State Missions was presented by McH. Seal and spoken to by McH. Seal and R. G. Bowers. Adopted.

### STATE MISSIONS.

"The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation," and hundreds of our people are dead in sin.

Our State Board is an organized system of the various churches to

reach men with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The weak churches of our towns and country are crying, "Come and help us." Now, we believe that State Missions is a fundamental in the world's evangelization. The need of this work in Arkansas gets larger and larger every year. The country is being developed by railroads, and new towns are being built which opens a wide harvest field with few laboreres.

Mt. Zion Association alone needs a score of missionary pastors in order to reach the needy field that ought to have the gospel now. Our only possible chance to bring about the quickest possible results in bringing the Kingdom of God to pass is by increasing our offerings to State Missions.

In our judgment, the best way to enthuse our churches on this duty is for every pastor to lay it prayerfully upon the hearts of his members. The command of our Master is to give the gospel to every creature.

The report for the first three quarters of the year shows great advancement over any previous report. Our number of missionaries on the field this year in round numbers are about one hundred.

MCH. SEAL,

W. E. STOTTS,

A. A. RYAN.

44. The report of executive board was presented by Secretary P. C. Barton. T. B. Kitchens, Treasurer, also made his report and these were spoken to by P. C. Barton and C. T. Carpenter and adopted as given herewith.

### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

On the 13th of October, the Mission Board met, all members being present except P. C. Barton. The Board organized by electing the former officers. Elder H. F. Wright, being present, made application for the work as general missionary of the Association. The same was discussed, and the Secretary was authorized to employ him at a salary of \$550 a year, it being especially understood that he was to give his attention to the weaker churches and destitute places of the Association.

On the said conditions, the Secretary employed Bro. Wright, who began work on the 23d of October. After having worked eight months, Bro. Wright resigned, and submitted the following report:

### REPORT OF H. F. WRIGHT.

Days of labor 244; miles traveled 1,194; sermons 145; services in



homes 163; conversions 31; baptisms 17; received by letter 7; addition by restoration 2; S. S. organized 1; collection on the field: Bay \$11.95; Indian Mounds \$2.05; Blytheville \$25.69; Walcott \$10.07; Clark's Chapel \$1.00; total, \$50.76; Clear Lake \$1.75; Freeman \$12.30; Hydrick 30 cents; New Hope \$1.00; Greenefield 60 cents; Pleasant Grove \$3.30; North Saba \$4.50; Mary's Chapel \$13.50; Chickasawba \$26.00; Pleasant Hill \$3.10; total, \$117.11. Expenses: \$17.74; paid Bro. Wright, \$99.37; salary eight months, \$366.67; balance due, \$267.30.

CHURCH.	PASTOR.	AMOUNT.
Nettleton.....	J. J. Mathis.....	\$75.00
Lake City.....	J. J. Mathis.....	63.00
Tyroneza.....	J. J. Mathis.....	12.50
Hydrick.....	W. G. Mathis.....	40 00
Monette.....	G. W. Bray.....	32.00
Cache Valley.....	J. W. Seay.....	25.00
Grubbs.....	J. F. Clark.....	25.00
Cherry Valley.....	McH. Seal.....	45.00
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		\$317.50
Bro. Wright's Salary.....		\$366.69
Expenses .....		\$17.74
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Secretary's Expenses.....		\$4.00

Total Outlay.....\$765.91

In order to pay the workers the Board was forced, about the first of April, to borrow \$200. We wish to urge the churches to take their collections at the right time in the future, so that this will not again be necessary.

P. C. BARTON,  
Sec. Executive Board.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

### RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year, \$67.31; Walcott church, \$5; Walcott church, 5th Sunday meeting, \$7.61; W. M. W. 1st. Church, Jonesboro, \$4.25; Harrisburg church, \$7.85; Wynne church, \$4.25; borrowed money, \$200.00; W. M. W., Jonesboro, \$5.67; Wynne church, \$8.45; W. M. W. 1st church, Jonesboro, \$4.03; W. M. W. 1st church, Jonesboro,

\$4.56; Paragould church, \$150.00; Harrisburg church, \$10; Bardstown, \$2.00; Cherry Valley, \$1.40; Mt. Zion, \$10.00; New Antioch, .25c; Nettleton, \$16.55; Parkin, \$3.00; Bay church, \$2.42; Earle, \$3.40; Cherry Valley, \$3.00; Vincent, \$2.00; 1st Church Jonesboro, \$200; Vannendale church, \$1; Manila, \$1.75; Bethel church, \$1.05; to amounts collected on special pledges at Association: Jonesboro church, \$25.00; Paragould church, \$29.00; H. F. Wright, Missionary, \$15 00; Mt. Zion church, \$10.00; Cache Valley, \$1.00; Vannendale, \$1.00; collected by H. F. Wright as Missionary from Bay church, \$11.95; Indian Mound, \$2.05; Blytheville church, \$25.69; Walcott church, Fifth Sunday meeting, \$10.07; Clark's Chapel, \$1.00; Clear Lake, \$1.75; Truman, \$12.30; Hydrick, 30c; New Hope, \$1.00; Greenfield, 60c; Pleasant Grove, \$3.30; North Saba, \$4.50; Mary's Chapel, 13.50; Chicksawba, \$26.00; Pleasant Hill, \$3.10; total collected and borrowed, \$915.91

### PAYMENTS.

Paid expenses H. F. Wright, \$17.74; eight months' services, \$366.67; J. J. Mathis, \$150.50; W. G. Mathis, \$40.00; McH. Seal, \$45.00; J. W. Seay, \$25.00; J. F. Clark, \$25.00; G. W. Bray, \$32.00; note borrowed money, \$200.00; interest on same, \$10.00; Secretary's expenses, \$4.00; total paid out, \$915.91.

J. F. Clark, \$25.00; G. W. Bray, \$32.00; note borrowed money, \$200.00; interest on same, \$10.00; Secretary's expenses, \$4.00; total paid out, \$915.91.

Respectfully submitted,

T. B. KITCHENS,

Treasurer.

45. R. G. Bowers, State Missionary Secretary, preached, using as a text John 12:24.

46. The Association adjourned with prayer by E. P. Minton.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

47. The Association assembled at 1:30 and after singing "Work for the Night is Coming," was led in prayer by J. F. Clark.

48. H. F. Wright read his report as Treasurer and showed that \$37.37 had been sent in for the Minute fund. Some additions were made to this fund as shown in tabulated sheet elsewhere in this record.

49. E. P. Minton presented the following report, which was discussed by E. P. Minton and P. C. Barton and adopted:

### REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Your Committee on Woman's Work submits the following:



The most unselfish as well as the most untiring workers among us are the women. They are always ready to lend a helping hand to all and any who need help. If it was theirs to carry the pocketbook, their work would be more widely felt. They are never too busy to go and do.

Those women who followed the Saviour during his personal ministry—not only followed him but gave to him of their substance (their money.) Not only supplies and presents, but money as well.

Your Committee would suggest that the women of this Mt. Zion Association select one of their number to visit the churches, and organize a Ladies' Aid in every church to assist in liquidating the debt of Woodland College, and for other purposes, as in their wisdom they may see proper.

There were only eight societies reported last year. Your Committee would respectfully ask that all societies report their work, so that all the work done by them may appear in the annual report made of Woman's Work.

Woman's work and woman's worth cannot be too highly esteemed.

The eight societies report last year more than \$2,000 raised for the different objects for which they labor. This could be increased three-fold if the churches in the Association were organized as they should be. The pastors of the Association should be in sympathy with this work, and should lend a helping hand when opportunity affords. Work, Watch and Pray should be the words of all. All at it, and always at it, is what tells in every enterprise.

Let the sluggard go to the ant, and learn a lesson.

Respectfully submitted,

E. P. MINTON,  
MRS. H. CULLEY,  
MRS. MARY MINTREE.  
MRS. E. ADAMS,  
MRS. B. W. MCGEE.

50. Motion was made and carried that a committee be appointed on Associational Missions. J. N. Robertson, J. W. Seay and G. M. Settlemoir were appointed; a report was written but was not read and acted upon and hence does not appear in this record.

51. Motion was made and carried adopting the following resolution:

RESOLVED. That we, the Mt. Zion Association, extend to the Baptist Church and the citizens in general of the town of Manila, our sincere and heartfelt thanks for their generous hospitality and kind

treatment of us as their guests during the sitting of the Association and prays God's richest blessings on them. That we extend our thanks to the Managers of the J. L. C. Ry. Co. for reduced rates to this Association.

Also, that the Clerk of this Association be allowed \$10.00 for his services and \$5.00 for postage in sending out Minutes, and that he at once have printed and distribute as many Minutes as the Minute Fund in his hands will justify.

T. B. KITCHENS.

Report on Woodland College was presented by C. T. Carpenter and discussed by C. T. Carpenter and P. C. Barton. Adopted.

### WOODLAND COLLEGE.

We as Baptist people wish to emphasize the great importance of thorough education. Again we wish to acknowledge our interest in and express our pride of, our noble public school system. We also mention with pride the fact that from the first, the Baptists have maintained the highest and only time principle for public and State schools, viz., the entire separation of church and State. Wherever this principle has been violated by our government, Baptists have pushed this fight to force the government to abandon the practice of making donations to denominational schools.

But we wish especially to urge the need of Christian Education. Every institution in the community needs, and feels the uplifting effect of the Christian college, and chief among all are the public schools themselves. But while the Christian college is necessary for the community in general, it is vital to the denomination in particular. In the possession of our denomination there isn't a single agency which means more for the deepening of our spiritual life, for the broadening of our Christian sympathies, and for the spreading of our Saviour's Gospel than the Christian college.

Last June Woodland College closed its most successful year. The enrollment was good, the work was earnest, and there was a goodly number of young men studying for the ministry, and two or three young ladies preparing for the foreign field. But perhaps the most telling work Woodland College is yet doing is the work of preparing young men and women for the great responsibilities of teaching. There is each year an unusually large per cent of our students who ask us to prepare them for the prophetic work of training the future citizens of this great country for weal or for woe.

But the work Woodland has done, or is doing, is only a trifle compared with what it can do if only it is properly supported. With



such a country for its support, with such a center for its location, with such a people for its constituents, Woodland College can enroll one thousand students if properly equipped, just as easily as we enroll one hundred now. But Woodland needs money and equipment. The indebtedness on the property is \$3,000.00 in round numbers.

The most of this debt is being carried by the Bank of Jonesboro. The bank has been very indulgent, but is now insisting that this be paid. With this debt paid we felt that we could move to larger things.

The Board put a man on the field to raise this indebtedness, but he met with such little encouragement that he resigned, having accomplished but little.

We recommend as trustees to serve for the next three years Dr. J. L. Burns, W. L. Gage, H. W. Graham. We especially wish to recognize and endorse the work done for the college by the Woman's Auxiliary of Woodland College, and we feel deeply grateful for what they have already accomplished.

P. C. BARTON.

52. The report of the Association Board showed a debt of about \$150.00 due for services of Missionaries and Missionary Pastors. Upon motion was ordered that a collection be taken to pay this debt. The following amounts were subscribed:

First Baptist Church of Jonesboro. \$25; North Jonesboro, \$10.

Mt. Zion, \$10; Mary's Chapel, \$10; Manila, \$10; First Church of Paragould, \$25; Walcott, \$5; Cache Valley, \$1, paid; Vann-dale, \$1, paid; Nettleton, \$10; H. F. Wright, \$15. Total, \$122.

53. Report on Sunday Schools was presented and spoken to by C. A. Stewart and adopted.

### SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We are profoundly grateful to our heavenly Father for the great awakening throughout Mt. Zion Association in the Sunday School work during the past year. The eleven churches that have no Sunday Schools report 56 conversions, while 23 churches that report Sunday Schools show 334 conversions. The difference is convincing.

We recommend that each pastor make a special effort to have a Sunday School carried on the year around in his churches. Furthermore we recommend that the parents come with their children to Sunday School instead of sending them.

The real importance of the Sunday School to the Spiritual power of a church has not in the past been fully realized; many of us today do not realize it as we should, but thanks be to God, He is revealing

unto our minds day by day the wonderful possibilities of the Sunday School. It is not the sole aim of the church to save souls, but to teach and train souls for a life of efficient Christian service as well.

Perhaps the greatest factor in the advance made in our Sunday School work during the past year has been the pastor. The pastor is realizing as never before, that the Sunday School is his greatest aid as well as his most fruitful field. He is no longer standing aloof from it as he once did, but he is the real leader of its forces where he properly belongs, and the pastor not so engaged, is missing a golden opportunity and falling short of what God expects of him.

The teacher can do a work in bringing our boys and girls to Christ that the pastor cannot do, and we urge that the teacher make a special effort to lead them to Christ this year.

We heartily endorse the founding of a summer school by the Baptists of the state, and would urge all of our pastors and superintendents to send one or more students to this school this year. God is leading His people, and let us expect great things in the year before us.

J. W. LIGHT,

J. A. SHEFFIELD.

54. The following report was adopted with discussion:

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#### REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We, your committee, report that we find from the letters that thirty have been called to their eternal homes, as follows: Jonesboro Church, S. H. McElhaney, J. C. Gillespy, J. J. Rooney, Mrs. Annie Peterson, Miss Era Merrill, Jack Ginnon, Miss Lena Halk; North Jonesboro, Clyde Osburn, Mrs. M. J. Shelton, Miss Wade Green, Robert Hodge, T. H. Anthony; Manila, Annie Alsup; Bardstown, Sarah Lynn; Pleasant Grove, Mrs. Rilla Britt; Cherry Valley, Bulah Anderson; Nettleton, Mabel Martin; Wynne, Mrs. J. W. Lipsey, Mrs. M. L. Carter; Mt. Pisgah, Cecil Dunn; First Church, Paragould, Mrs. Anna Brinkley, Mrs. Maude Davis, Mrs. Laura Bowden, Mrs. Henry Camp, Mrs. S. E. Maddox, Judge John O'Steen; Mt. Zion, Mrs. John Freeman. Nettie Graves, May Snyder; Blytheville, Sister McAllister.

It is with a mingled feeling of joy and sorrow that we meditate upon their lives and death. Sad because we miss their Christian association and companionship on earth; joy because of the thought that we can meet them in heaven. May God console the bereaved and draw them to him and may his benediction rest on us all. We pray that God will inspire us to do His will.

H. F. WRIGHT,

W. E. STOTTS.



The work of the Association being completed, the parting hand was given while singing, "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound." Thus closed a pleasant and profitable session of this body.

J. H. KITCHENS, Moderator.

B. H. PARRISH, Clerk.

### ROLL OF MESSENGERS.

Paragould, J. H. Kitchens, B. H. Parrish, T. B. Kitchens, T. T. Thompson, J. M. Huddleston, J. M. Robertson, W. E. Stotts, C. F. Crocket, J. H. Robertson; Walcott, J. W. Light, W. G. Johnson, J. A. Sheffield, Ida Wilcockson, Sallie Kennedy; Vincent, Mrs. F. W. Rysinger; Antioch, J. L. Wilson, John McPerson; Unity, G. W. Young, G. W. Pierson; Mt. Pisgah, Ed Damron, L. A. Griffin; Blytheville, Mrs. Bonum, Dr. J. F. Woods, Rev. J. M. Stromire, E. G. Sevier; Brookland, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Simmons; Nettleton, Mrs. H. Gill, M. Barlow, Effie Wright; Bardstown, J. B. Perkins; Earle, McH. Seal; North Jonesboro, G. W. Osborn, T. N. Hafe; Wynne, J. W. Williams; Light, Mack Biggs; Hydric, Diddell; Clark's Chapel, W. D. Perry; Bulah Church, Luxora, E. L. Wells; New Antioch, G. T. Hay; Cottage Home, H. S. Harris; Vandale, J. Q. Thomas; Bay, Truman Moore; First Church Jonesboro, W. B. Langford, Mrs. W. B. Langford, Mrs. H. Culley; Moore, Mrs. T. W. Altman, G. W. Pitts, P. C. Barton, C. T. Carpenter.

The following were represented by letter: Osceola. Parkin, Pleasant Grove, Cherry Valley, Grubbs, Adams Grove, Sedgwick, Harrisburg and Bethel.

# CHURCHES CONTRIBUTING IN 1908.

## MISSIONS.

	Assn'l.....	State.....	Home.....	Foreign.....	Other Objects.	Pastors' Salary.....	Totals.....	Value Church Property.....
Antioch .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80.00	80.00	500
Ad's Gr'v .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.50	15.50	.....
Bulah ... ..	.....	.....	15.45	36.02	148.50	283.50	483.47	2,000
Bads'to'n .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	74.10	108.75	172.85	700
Brook'l'd. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.40	34.50	44.90	800
Bay .... 2.42	.....	.....	.....	.....	99.17	45.69	144.86	600
Bly'ville .. ...	.....	.....	5.00	5.00	155.00	.....	165.00	2,500
Cache Val. 1.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.85	25.00	29.25	400
Cher. Val. 3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	96.77	99.77	1,000
Clarks Cpl .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.50	25.28	33.78	500
Cot. Home .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	200
Earle ... 5.40	19.16	20.00	17.59	529.67	300.00	891.82	2,000	.....
Has'brg. 17.85	13.63	20.58	20.53	185.01	450.00	707.67	6,000	.....
Hydrick .....	.....	.....	.....	65.25	40.55	105.80	600	.....
J'n'sboro 200.00	1510.61	350.00	450.00	1095.49	1500.00	5116.00	18,000	.....
Mt Zion 10.00	11.50	5.00	16.40	132.09	250.00	423.99	500	.....
Mt. Pisg'h .....	2.50	2.50	.....	.....	.....	5.00	300	.....
Manila .. 1.00	.....	4.65	4.50	199.16	300.00	509.31	1,500	.....
Nettleton 22.40	6.00	.....	.....	56.33	150.00	234.73	800	.....
New An'ch. .25	.....	.25	35	88.38	.....	89.23	800	.....
New Zion ....	7.76	.....	.....	32.50	50.00	90.26	400	.....
N. J's'boro ....	.....	5.36	5.36	69.25	292.75	351.72	1,000	.....
Osceola .. ...	100.00	50.00	5.00	1379.00	1200.00	2734.00	2,500	.....
Pls. G've. 3.30	.....	.....	.....	8.54	100.00	111.84	1,200	.....
Parkin ... 3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	120.00	123.00	.....	.....
Para'gld. 150.00	465.00	267.00	267.75	1539.13	1200.00	3908.85	18,000	.....
Sed'w'k .. ...	.....	.....	.....	6.25	10.00	16.25	.....	.....
Unity .....	.....	.....	.....	2.00	50.00	52.00	300	.....
Vann'dle . 1.00	2.50	2.00	4.00	58.00	150.00	217.50	500	.....
Vincent .. ...	.....	2.00	1.00	.....	.....	3.00	800	.....
Wynne ... 13.69	100.13	26.50	40.00	524.36	500.00	1205.02	10,000	.....
Walcott .. 22.68	.....	.....	13.00	192.50	150.00	378.98	1,500	.....
Value of churches not reporting.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24,700	.....

Totals ..\$457.29 \$2238.84 \$776.29 \$437.35 \$6661.43 \$7528.29 \$18545.38 \$100,000

This table is made from letters sent to the associaton by the churches. such items as do not appear should show in Treasurer's Report.



# STATISTICAL TABLE---MEMBERSHIP.

Church	County	Clerk	P. O.	Baptisms	Increase	Decrease	Present	Minute Fund
Antloch	Craighead.	J.H.Rob'sn.	Paragould.	..	..	4	121	\$ 1.67
Adams G've	Jackson.	Ola Shook.		20	20	4	23	....
Bulah	Mississippi.	J. C. Spann	Luxora	15	16	..	64	2.30
Bardstown	Mississippi.	A.F.Ash'bn	Bardstown.	18	33	3	73	1.00
*Bethabara	Craighead.	J.H.Carter.	Cane Island.	..	..	..	125	....
Brookland	Craighead.	A. J. Guest.	Brookland.	..	..	1	44	.50
Bay	Craighead.	B.L.Hudson.	Bay.	52	72	2	178	2.00
Blytheville	Miss.	W.H.Borum.	Rly heville	32	34	3	130	4.00
Bethel	Poinsett.	W.E.Harris	Harrisburg.	..	..	..	55	....
Cache Val.	Greene.	J.A.Parker.	Light	1	1	29	50	1.00
Clarks Chpl.	Cross.	Z. T. Rooks	Vanndale	..	..	..	37	1.26
Cherry Val.	Cross.	W. J. Mann	Cherry Val.	15	19	1	47	1.00
*Crawf'sville	Crittenden.	S.O.Boone.	Crawf'dsv'e	..	..	..	16	....
*Claunch.	Craighead.	D. A. Felts.	Claunch	..	..	..	23	....
Cott. Home	Craighead.	A.J.Harris.	Nettleton	6	8	..	30	.55
*Clear Lake.	Miss.	R. H. Crow.	Armored	..	..	..	28	....
Earle.	Crittenden.	Al.Horner.	Earle	16	25	7	54	2.00
*Fsher.	Craighead.			..	..	..	15	....
*Forest Home.	Craighead.			..	..	..	10	....
*Fellowship.	Miss.	Kate Cissel.	Evadale.	..	..	..	41	....
Harrisburg.	Poinsett.	L.E.Stancel.	Harrisburg	2	8	8	119	2.00
*Harris Chpl.	Cross.	W.F.Gordy.	Wynne	..	..	..	27	....
Hydrick.	Poinsett.	M. Pitts.	Hydrick	..	3	3	58	.75
*Indian Md.	Mississippi.	H. Sefers.	Greenfield	..	..	..	35	....
Ingram Chpl.	Poinsett.	R.L.Hodge.	Weona	..	..	..	20	....
J'sboro, 1st.	Craighead.	H. Culley.	Jonesboro	29	66	41	592	10 00
*Lake City.	Craighead.	J. F. Sims.	Lake City	..	..	..	24	....
*Mary's Chpl.	Mississippi.			..	..	..	109	....
*Monette.	Craighead.	I.M.Ham'nd	Monette	..	..	..	36	....
Mt. Zion.	Greene.	J.F.Cochran	Walcott	12	17	1	233	2.50
Mt. Pisgah.	Cross.	S. Dement.	Vanndale	2	2	2	39	1.35
Manila.	Mississippi.	R.L.Will.f'd.	Manila	26	32	12	132	2.50
Nettleton.	Craighead.	J. S. Baley.	Nettleton	1	5	4	53	....
New Hope.	Craighead.	J.H.Hendr n	Jonesboro	..	..	..	60	....
New Antloch	Craighead.	R.S.John'n	Paragould	1	4	..	48	1.50
New Zion.	Jackson.	M. Maddox	Grubbs	1	6	5	25	1.00
*North Saba.	Mississippi.			..	..	..	65	....
N. Jonesboro.	Craighead.	J. L. Jones.	Jonesboro	21	31	..	134	1.50
*New Hope.	Poinsett.	L.N.Sand's.	Tyrnza	..	..	..	51	....
Osceola.	Mississippi.	H.T.Emer'n.	Osceola	38	58	6	133	....
*Pleasant Hill.	Poinsett.	C.M.Th'mp'n	Harrisburg	..	..	..	63	1.25
Pisnt Grove	Poinsett.	W.G.Ripley.	Harrisburg	9	14	4	70	.60
Parkin.	Cross.	V.B.Rose.	Parkin	..	6	..	18	.50
Paragould.	Greene.	B.M.Kltch'n	Paragould	78	117	52	540	6.00
Sedgwick.	Lawrence.	S. C. Duke.	Sedgwick	7	15	..	27	1.00
Unity.	Craighead.	G.W.Young.	Mangrum	..	..	3	48	1.00
Vanndale.	Cross.	S. A. Gooch.	Vanndale	7	13	..	27	1.30
Vincent.	Crittenden.	Mrs.Rys'ger	Vincent	..	..	..	4	.25
Wynne.	Cross.	B.Williams.	Wynne	9	21	11	108	....
Walcott.	Greene.	W.C.Wilc'x'r	Walcott	14	24	..	156	2.00
*Shiloh.	Poinsett.	T.N.Hen'rs	Harrisburg	..	..	..	41	....
Totals.	.....	.....	.....	432	670	206	4259	54.28

\*Last year's report.

Anyone knowing of churches not included in the list are requested to send name of church, number of members, and name of pastor.

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