

MINUTES.

FIRST DAY

GILKERSON, ARK., Thursday, Oct. 6, 1892.

The Mount Zion Association of Missionary Baptists convened in their Thirty-Ninth Annual Session with the church at Oak Grove.

In the absence of the appointee, Elder W. A. Clark, editor of the Arkansas Baptist, by request preached the introductory sermon from John xvii.: 21.

After a recess of two hours the association was called to order by J. H. Kitchens, Jr., chairman of the Executive Board. The moderator and clerk not being present Elder J. W. Bell was elected moderator pro tem., and J. H. Kitchens, clerk pro tem.

Letters from the churches were read by Elder J. M. Rains and Elder E. J. A. McKinney, and the names of messengers enrolled.

Election of officers resulted in the choice of—

Elder J. W. Bell, Moderator.

Elder J. M. Robertson, Clerk.

Elder C. B. Hunton, Treasurer.

Fixed the hours of meeting and adjourning as follows:

Meet—8:30 a. m., 2 p. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Adjourn—12 m. and 4:30 p. m.

North Jonesboro and Hickory Grove Churches made application by letter and messengers, and were received to membership.

Elder W. L. Hughes, Elder C. M. Williams, President of the Central Baptist Female College, Conway, Ark.; Elder E. J. A. McKinney and Elder W. A. Clark, editor of the Arkansas Baptist, accepted seats as visiting brethren.

The Moderator announced committees, whose names may be found appended to their respective reports.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

C. B. Hunton read the report on the order of business, which was adopted, as follows:

1. Appoint committees.
2. Call for petitionary letters.
3. Call for correspondence.
4. Reports of committees.
5. Appoint correspondents.
6. Appoint place of next meeting and brother to preach the introductory sermon.
7. Report of the Executive Board.
8. Appoint an Executive Board.
9. Adjourn.

C. B. HUNTON,
B. T. STOKES,
L. E. GIBSON.

The reports on ministerial and denominational education were ordered to be considered tonight.

Adjourned. Prayer by Elder P. M. Hudleston.

NIGHT SESSION.

After preaching by Elder W. G. Stamper, resumed business.

MINISTERIAL AND DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION.

Elder C. M. Williams read the report on denominational education as follows:

We are fully persuaded that it is the duty of all parents, as far as it is in their power, to educate their children. The mind of the child is a talent committed to the parent, and God will

hold the parent to account for neglect in cultivating it. The time of school life, however, is a critical period in the life of every boy and girl, for it is then that impressions are received which influence the whole life. Every parent should see to it that his child receives religious, as well as intellectual training. This is the work our denominational schools are doing. The very best place for Baptists to educate their children is their own denominational schools. Especially ought Arkansas Baptists to patronize their own schools. Ouachita College at Arkadelphia, which is for both boys and girls, and Central Baptist College at Conway, established by an act of the last Arkansas Baptist State Convention for the higher education of girls only afford ample facilities for a first-class education. Every Baptist in the State ought to have a denominational pride in the success of these institutions, and ought to feel it his duty to add to that success by his patronage, his money and his prayers.

C. M. WILLIAMS;

WILLIAM ALFORD,

J. N. ADAMS.

J. H. Kitchens, Jr., read the report on ministerial education as follows:

Your Committee on Ministerial Education believes that it is the duty of Christ's churches to not only support ministers who are apt to teach, but to aid worthy men in preparing themselves that they may be able to more efficiently instruct the people in the way of life and salvation. We further believe we have a worthy young man in our association who is preparing himself for efficient work for the Master; and this same young man has been adopted by this association as our beneficiary at Ouachita College. Will we aid him in the future as we have in the past?

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. RAINS,

J. H. KITCHENS, JR.

The report of the Executive Board on ministerial education was as follows:

Your board desires to give expression of their thanks to God for implanting in the hearts of his people in this association a spirit of liberality to that extent that we have been able to maintain a beneficiary at Ouachita College for the last three

years. We have received and disbursed moneys as follows:

Cash on hand at last association.....	\$ 12 97	
E. P. Minton.....	5 00	
John Burns.....	5 00	
C. B. Hunton.....	10 00	
W. T. Witt.....	5 00	
Saddie Witt.....	2 50	
W. H. Barton.....	1 00	
Tal Tatum.....	1 00	
T. B. Kitchens.....	5 00	
J. H. Kitchens, Jr.....	6 93	
J. H. Amacker.....	5 00	
J. B. Wise.....	5 00	
W. H. Cate.....	5 00	
Eight-Mile Church.....	5 00	
Philadelphia Church.....	5 15	
Jonesboro Church.....	27 30	
Jan. 6, paid to E. J. A. McKinney.....		\$ 10 00
Feb. 2, paid to E. J. A. McKinney.....		10 00
March 5, paid to E. J. A. McKinney.....		10 00
April 9, paid to E. J. A. McKinney.....		14 85
May 9, paid to E. J. A. McKinney.....		25 00
June 9, paid to E. J. A. McKinney.....		18 00
July 10, paid to E. J. A. McKinney.....		19 00

Balance, Oct. 6.....	\$106 85	\$106 85
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Brethren, pray for the work on ministerial education.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. KITCHENS, JR.

Chairman Executive Board Mount Zion Association.

After discussion by C. M. Williams, J. M. Robertson, W. A. Clark, J. H. Kitchens, C. B. Hunton and J. M. Rains the reports were adopted, and a collection taken in cash and pledges amounting to \$51.75.

Adjourned. Prayer by Elder C. Walraven.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Prayer by Elder W. G. Stamper.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Elder J. W. Bell having copied the minutes of former years into a book donated for that purpose by the North Jonesboro

Church, Brothers Hunton and Hughes were appointed to examine and report upon that work.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We, your committee, beg to report as follows: First, we recommend the reading of the Bible more generally and prayerfully by our people; second, we commend our State paper, the Arkansas Baptist to the patronage of our people. We also commend Kind Words Sunday-School literature.

J. M. HUDLESTON,

P. M. HUDLESTON,

E. WALRAVEN.

After discussion by Brethren Hunton, Stamper, Hudleston, Williams, Rains and Wise the report was adopted.

HOME MISSIONS.

In going through the letters to this association we find that four churches only have reported anything for home missions, to wit:

Harrisburg.....	\$ 2 25
First Jonesboro.....	41 11
Philadelphia.....	7 70
Macedonia.....	2 80
Total.....	<hr/> \$53 85

This is an increase over last year of \$20.75. Our Home Board is doing all that could be expected under the circumstances. The fields are white unto the harvest. But how can we pray the Lord, "Send more laborers into the vineyard," while we do not sustain those already sent. Is our organization entitled to the name Missionary Church when it does not contribute to missions? Our work in Cuba and other places needs our help. Can we plead poverty as our excuse for doing nothing? Nay, verily; all could do something if we would only trust and try.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. HUNTON,

J. H. KITCHENS,

WILLIAM BARRETT.

After discussion by Brethren Hunton, Rains, Walraven and Robertson the report was adopted.

A collection in cash and pledges was taken for Home Missions amounting to \$70.

After preaching by Elder B. T. Stokes from Romans i.: 16 a recess was taken for two hours.

AFTERNOON.

Prayer by Elder J. B. Wise.

The reports on State and associational missions were made the special order for 9:30 a. m. tomorrow.

TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit the following: We believe that intemperance is one of the greatest evils of this age, and would respectfully recommend that we, as a denomination, do all that is in our power to correct the evils of intemperance and advance the cause of temperance in all things. We believe that the grace of God in the heart and the lesson of self-control properly taught will correct the evils of intemperance. We believe that the best evidence of the grace of God in the heart and of self-control on this subject is to vote against license upon every occasion when that question is presented.

W. L. HUGHES,
J. G. HENSON,
JOSEPH BISHOP.

Discussion by Brethren Hunton, Rains, Wise, Stokes and Robertson and report adopted.

Elder W. L. Robertson of Brookland accepted an invitation to a seat in the body.

Elder B. T. Stokes proposed a resolution looking to an amendment to the constitution on temperance which was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

PERMANENT RECORDS.

C. B. Hunton read the report on the work of J. W. Bell in recording the minutes, as follows:

We, your committee appointed to investigate the work of Brother Bell in getting up a minute book by copying the minutes of this association so far as he might be able to collect them, would say that we find that the work has been well done and believe it will be of great value and interest to the denomination in the future, and would recommend that the thanks of this

association be and are hereby extended to our worthy brother for his services in this regard; also that this association pay Brother Bell \$25 for his work.

C. B. HUNTON,
W. L. HUGHES.

The report was adopted and a collection amounting to \$25 taken to meet the appropriation called for by the report.

The records were ordered to be deposited in the vaults of the Craighead County Bank for safe keeping, and it was further ordered that the minutes of each year hereafter be recorded therein.

Adjourned. Prayer by Brother Hughes.

NIGHT.

After preaching by Elder C. M. Williams from I Peter i.: 4 and 5, resumed business.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to submit the following report: We find schools reported as follows, viz :

Antioch	35	students
Hydrick	30	"
Jonesboro	162	"
Mount Pisgah, Craighead County	59	"
Philadelphia	92	"
North Jonesboro	45	"
Paragould	75	"
Shiloh	30	"

Total number of schools, 8; number of students, 528.

In this association there are thirty-two churches with near 3,000 members, and yet only eight Sunday Schools and 528 Sunday School scholars! One church in four has a Sunday School, and not more than one Baptist in eight in our association is a member of a Sunday School! From year to year this body has been adopting reports recommending the organization of Sunday Schools in all the churches, and so far as your committee remembers there has never been a dissenting vote to these reports. Now, brethren, have we meant, as a body and as individuals, what we have said in these reports? If we have, why are there not more Sunday Schools? One of the three following answers must be true, viz.: First, the membership of the church is so scattered that it thinks that it cannot sustain a school; or sec-

ond, there are no members capable of conducting a Sunday School; or third, in reality the members of the church are not in the discharge of their Christian duties and care but little for the training of the rising generation in the great principles of the Bible. Now, as a committee, we do not know which of these answers applies to either of the churches having no Sunday School. We leave them to answer for themselves. If the first is the reason assigned, we ask—is it a plausible one? Cannot people go as far to Sunday School as to church? As to the second reason, we will say that we do not believe there is a church in this association but what has members capable of superintending and carrying on a Sunday School, and, therefore, it is the opinion of your committee that the last reason assigned is the true one, and if it is, let us arise in our might and go to work. Oh! the need of consecrated, zealous Sunday School workers! We would not only recommend, but urge, that every church without a Sunday School organize one at once, and that each messenger here go home and work to that end. If we realize the need of Sunday Schools and do not work to supply that need, what will be the good? If we adopt reports recommending the organization of Sunday Schools and work not to that end, will our recommendation be carried into effect? Brethren, it is our works, not our words only that weigh. Respectfully submitted,

G. W. OSBORN,
W. B. MONTGOMERY,
E. J. A. MCKINNEY.

Discussion by Brethren Wise, Robertson, Hunton, Rains and Stokes, and report adopted.

Adjourned. Prayer by Brother McKinney.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Prayer by Elder J. M. Hudleston.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

The committee consisting of John O'Steen, R. M. Dunn and J. A. Kincade reported, urging the churches to do more than they have been doing. The amounts paid this year will be found in tabulated statement.

Discussion by Brethren Hunton, Minton, Kitchens, Wise, Pagan and Alford, and report adopted.

STATE AND ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We, your committee on State Missions, report the following:

We are apprised of the destitution in our State, and as Baptists, we should put forth every effort, use our best energies to supply this destitution within our bounds. Our State Board is doing a great work, and we, as Baptists, in this section of the State, should do our duty along this line. We find that Mt. Zion Association has made some advancement the past year. We find that \$82.04 has been paid as follows:

Harrisburg Church,	\$ 5.00.
Herman “	3.10.
Jonesboro “	55.84.
Mt. Zion “	10.00.
Macedonia “	2.25.
Philadelphia “	5.85.
Total,	\$82.04.

Respectfully submitted,

L. E. STANCEL,
J. T. SMITH,
S. A. TYRE.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Executive Board of Mt. Zion Association met and organized by re-electing J. H. Kitchens, Jr, Chairman; P. C. Barton, Secretary, and G. W. Puryear, Treasurer. At the same meeting, the following amounts were appropriated to the Churches and Stations named, to-wit: Paragould, twenty-five dollars; Bay, fifty dollars; Harrisburg, fifty dollars; Wynne, one hundred dollars; McCrory, fifty dollars; Eight Mile, twenty-five dollars; Vannsdale Mission Station, fifty dollars; and to Cash Mission Station, twenty-five dollars.

The Board having no definite information as to the wants of Cherry Valley Church, and they having gotten their house of worship in very good repair during the last year, and the Board having heard that this church could get a pastor for what the church would pay, no appropriation was made for that church.

A call from the State Board for help from all the churches in the State having been made in April, 1892, and the State Board

having paid to this Board previous to said call, the Board, by a majority of its members, appropriate ten dollars to the State Board.

We regret that we are not able to report more work done, and more visible evidence of progress in the work than we are, but we believe we have at least held our own at all our Mission points, and made much progress at two, to-wit: Wynne Church and at Cash Station, now Hickory Grove Church. At Wynne there has been a house of worship weatherboarded, covered and seats put in it, so that our people are able to worship in their own house, and they owe but little on it. We believe they will be able in the next year to complete their house.

The sum of two hundred and forty-one dollars and seventy-five cents has been paid on this house through the treasury of this Board. One hundred and fifty dollars of said amount was appropriated by this Association three years ago for that specific purpose. The balance has been appropriated by Jonesboro church from year to year and deposited in our treasury, to be expended by our Board for that purpose.

We have had a glorious revival there which has been in progress for the last two weeks, by which twenty-five have been added to the church. Several others have professed hope in Christ, and the church is greatly revived.

We have organized a church at Cash, Hickory Grove, with seventeen members, and the prospects are fair for a good work in the future at this place.

Brethren, we earnestly request, first, your prayers for the Mission work in the bounds of our Association; next, your sympathy and co-operation; last, your money to aid in the promotion of the Mission cause in this Association.

We have received and expended money as follows:

To cash on hand at last Association.....	\$ 7 21
“ Amount collected on subscription.....	48 54
“ “ “ at Fifth Sunday meeting....	39 60
“ “ received from State Board.....	50
“ “ “ “ “ on our files.....	43 85
“ “ collected for State Missions.....	10 30
“ “ “ in cash at this meeting	32 70
“ “ “ on sub'n. at this meeting ...	52 75

"	"	received from Jonesboro Church....	76 15
"	"	" " Paragould "	....35
"	"	" " Philadelphia "	....14 75
"	"	" " Harrisburg "	....10
"	"	" " Macedonia "	.... 2 10
"	"	" " Bay "	.... 3
"	"	" " Mt. Zion "	.... 3
"	"	" " Hickory Grove "	.... 2
"	"	" " New Hope "	.... 4
"	"	" " Oak Grove "	.... 2 80
By	"	paid Eld. E. P. Minton.....	\$150
"	"	" " J. B. Wise.....	25
"	"	" " Thos. Williams.....	25
"	"	" " J. W. Bell.....	50
"	"	" " C. B. Hunton.....	50
"	"	" " H. F. Wright.....	50
"	"	" " Eight Mile Church.....	25
"	"	" " State Board.....	10
"	"	" Subscriptions on hand.....	52 75
Balance,			\$437 75 \$437 75

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. KITCHENS, JR.,

Chairman Executive Board Mt. Zion Association.

Discussion by Brethren Kitchens, Williams, Wise, Rooks, Minton, Robertson, Hunton and Rains, and reports adopted.

Preaching by Eld. J. B. Wise.

Cash collection for State Missions, \$10.30.

Prayer by Eld. Thos. Williams.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Prayer by Eld. W. L. Robertson.

Correspondents were appointed as follows:

To Gainesville Association, J. B. Wise, Thos. Williams, Jno.

O'Brien and J. M. Hudleston.

To Spring River Association, C. B. Hunton, E. P. Minton.

An amendment was proposed to Art. I of this Constitution and unanimously adopted, which provides for ordained ministers being members of the Association without election. (See amendment Constitution in this Minute.)

MINISTERS AND POST-OFFICES.

We, your committee, submit the following:

J. M. Minton.....	Jonesboro, Ark.
E. P. Minton.....	" "
J. W. Bell.....	" "
W. G. Stamper.....	" "
C. B. Hunton.....	" "
B. T. Stokes.....	" "
J. M. Robertson.....	" "
J. M. Rains.....	" "
R. P. Watkins.....	" "
A. W. James.....	" "
J. W. Hyatt.....	" "
J. M. Miles.....	" "
W. L. Hughes.....	Harrisburg, Ark.
Wm. Anderson.....	" "
L. B. Stemm.....	" "
P. M. Hudleston.....	" "
R. M. Ford.....	" "
G. M. Settlemire.....	Hydrick, "
J. W. Settlemire.....	" "
J. W. Waters.....	Ch'ry Valley "
Thos. Williams.....	Lorado, "
D. H. Hall.....	Greenfield, "
J. T. Bozeman.....	Vanndale, "
E. Walraven.....	Dee, "
J. G. Henson.....	Brookland, "
W. L. Robertson.....	" "
J. B. Wise.....	Paragould, "
W. S. Barker.....	" "
J. M. Hudleston.....	" "
E. D. Turner.....	Bay, "
H. F. Wright.....	Bay, "
J. G. Hendrix.....	Mangrum, "
T. F. Archer.....	Wynne, "

LICENTIATES.

J. H. Stokes.....	Wynne, "
A. C. Reems.....	Harrisburg, "
M. C. Clark.....	Bay, "

J. N. Adams.....	Lorado,	"
W. R. McEwen	Jonesboro,	"
J. W. Night.....	Wynne,	"
Wm. Head	Wynne,	"

Respectfully submitted,

B. T. STOKES,
W. R. ROBERTS,
G. W. SETTLEMIRE.

WOMENS' WORK.

Your committee on Womens' Work would submit the following: That our noble women have been and are doing a grand work throughout our Southern Zion, all who are posted well know. But your committee is of the opinion that this element of our churches can and would do a still greater work if the pastors and lazy men would extend to our sisters the encouragement they justly deserve. We would, therefore, recommend as far as possible a Ladies' Missionary Society be organized in every church in the bounds of this Association, said society to cooperate with the churches in all work of the churches at home and abroad. That all moneys be forwarded to the objects for which it was raised to the treasury of the churches. That a written report of all moneys raised be sent to the Central Committee, located at Little Rock, Ark. Mrs. E. Longley is the secretary of said committee. For the encouragement of others, we would refer to the work done by our ladies during the past year.

There may be other societies who have failed to report to the Association.

Ladies Aid Society of Antioch raised \$140.00.

Ladies of Herman church, \$35.00.

Ladies Aid Society of Oak Grove church, \$78.00.

JONESBORO CHURCH.

The Ladies Aid Society of Jonesboro church raised \$71.70.

Ladies Missionary Society raised \$63.00.

The Sunbeam Society raised \$55.00.

PHILADELPHIA CHURCH.

Associational Missions.....	\$ 2 65
State "	1 60
Home "	7 00
Foreign "	1 05

Pastor's Salary	11 00
Church Building	48 50
Church Repairs	1 00
Ministerial Education	1 63
Total,	<u>\$73 70</u>

PARAGOULD CHURCH.

Ladies Aid Society paid on Pastor's home	\$140 00
" " " " " Rent	<u>30 00</u>
Total,	\$170 00

Ladies Aid Society at Wynne raised for all purposes, \$79 12

Respectfully submitted.

W. G. STAMPER,
H. H. WRIGHT,
J. R. COOPER.

Discussion by Brethren Robertson, O'Steen, Stamper and Wise, and report adopted.

NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee on nominations, beg leave to submit the following:

Place of next meeting, Wynne Church, Cross County.

To preach introductory sermon, J. M. Robertson; alternate, J. M. Rains.

Executive Board:—J. H. Kitchens, T. B. Kitchens, W. L. Gage, P. C. Barton and G. W. Puryear.

Messengers to State Convention:—J. M. Robertson, E. P. Minton, C. B. Hunton, J. B. Wise and J. H. Kitchens, Jr. Alternates, J. M. Rains and W. L. Hughes.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention, J. M. Robertson; alternate, J. B. Wise.

THOMAS WILLIAMS.
E. J. A. MCKINNEY,
E. J. NEWSOM.

Adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

RESOLVEED, 1st, That our Clerk be allowed Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for his services, and that he be instructed to superintend and pay for the printing of 700 Minutes, and if anything be left over, to turn same over to the Executive Board. Be it further

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Association be extended

to the good brethren and sisters of Oak Grove church and friends in the neighborhood for their kindness and hospitality to us while among them.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. WILLIAMS,
R. P. WATKINS,
D. J. FULLER.

Adopted.

OBITUARIES.

We, your committee on Obituaries, submit the following:

While there have been some of our members called away since we last met, and we mourn over our loss and sympathize with the friends and relatives, we do rejoice that we are yet spared to work for the Master.

Adopted.

E. WALRAVEN,
W. G. STAMPER.

FINANCE.

(For report on Finance, see tabulated statement.)

NIGHT SESSION.

After preaching by Eld. E. J. A. McKinney, resumed business.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

As long as the commission stands: "Go ye, into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," the limits to the field will be the ends of the earth. Under this commission, the "witnesses" for Christ can have no chosen forums in which to testify. The Soldiers of the Cross must not ground their arms until their banner floats over every nation under heaven. God did not so love America, or Africa, or China, but the world that he gave His son. God's work is commensurate with His love. In proportion as our hearts go out to the whole world, and our hands reach after every creature in the world, will we be God-like in love and labor.

Realizing that it pleases God to save by the foolishness of preaching, and that they cannot preach except they be sent, the Baptists connected with the Southern Baptist Convention paid out last year One Hundred and Fifteen Thousand Dollars to send preachers to the foreign field. These preachers were sent to Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Japan, China and Africa. This labor resulted in 434 baptisms, and we have 2,723 members in these countries.

The outlook in the field is more hopeful than ever before. The important question for us is: "What are we doing for this cause?" The reward will not come to Christ's people in the aggregate, but to each individual worker. As the order is, to every man his own work, so it is, to every man his own reward.

J. M. ROBERTSON,
HOLLIE VICE,
J. R. COOPER.

Discussion by Brethren Williams, Robertson, Pagan, Settlement and Rains, and report adopted.

J. H. Kitchens, Jr., offered the following resolution which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The State Board appropriated the sum of Two Hundred Dollars to Mt. Zion Association to be expended as the Executive Board of Mt. Zion Association should see proper, and the sum of fifty dollars has been paid by said State Board out of its treasury, and the further sum of Fifty-four dollars and fifteen cents has been raised on the field and applied by the Board of the Association on said appropriation, and

WHEREAS, This board is out of debt, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Association release the State Board from all obligations to pay the remainder of said appropriation.

While the congregation sang, "God be with you 'till we meet again," the brethren gave each other the parting hand, and the Association then adjourned. At the close of the service at 11 o'clock Sunday, conducted by Eld J M Robertson, a collection was taken for Associational Missions, amounting in cash and pledges to \$85 75.

A cash collection was taken at Hermon Church, at the close of service conducted by Eld E J. A. McKinney, amounting to \$1 80.

J. W. BELL, Moderator.

J. M. ROBERTSON, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

ART. 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 part 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 with-holding 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 merits.

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 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 ev-

ery annual session of the Association written communications specifying the names of their delegates, their number of fellowship, baptised, 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.



FINANCE.

CHURCHES.	Pastors' Support.	State Missions.	Associational Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	College.	Ministerial Education.	Minutes.	Value of Church Property.
Antioch.....	\$21 40							\$2 00	\$600 00
Bethel.....	15 00							1 20	300 00
Bay.....	4 50							1 00	450 00
Cherry Valley.....	9 00							80	400 00
Hickory Grove.....			1 00					1 00	.....
Harrisburg.....	75 00	5 00	10 00	2 25				1 25	500 00
Hermon.....	25 00	3 10						2 25	1,000 00
Hydrick.....	15 00							2 00	500 00
Jonesboro.....	755 00	35 84	78 73	41 11	72 80		27 30	5 00	8,000 00
Mt. Pisgah (Craighead).....	100 00				10			1 00	.....
Mt. Zion.....	45 85	10 00	3 00					3 00	600 00
Macedonia.....	74 05	2 25	2 00	2 80				2 25	800 00
Maumelle Prairie.....	16 00							50	.....
McCrary.....								1 00	200 00
New Hope (Craighead).....	40 00							1 50	25 00
North Jonesboro.....	35 50	2 55						1 00	600 00
New Hope (Cross).....			4 00					1 10	250 00
Oak Grove.....	25 00		2 55					1 55	400 00
Philadelphia.....	150 00	5 85	18 75	7 70	5 20			5 00	2,500 00
Paragould.....	575 00		40 00		20 00	18 50	10 00	8 00	1,500 00
Pleasant Hill.....								.....	.....
Pleasant Grove.....								50	800 00
Shiloh.....								75	.....
Unity.....	45 00							1 60	300 00
Wynne.....	37 00							1 50	700 00
Total.....	\$2,063 30	\$64 59	\$151 03	\$58 86	\$98 10	\$18 50	\$37 30	\$41 75	\$14,375 00

CHURCH STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY	MESSENGERS.	Rec'd by Baptism.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restoration.	Relation.	Died.	Dist. by Letter.	Excluded.	Total.	Sunday of Meeting.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.
Amloch.	Craighead.	J G Henson, Wm Roberts, Henry Cobb, Mrs L Hay	6			1	1		3	83	First	J G Henson.	J A Thompson.	Gubertown
Amloch.	Poinsett.	Alex Reaves					4	2		57	Third	J W Settlemire.	B F Harris.	Harrisburg
Amloch.	Craighead.	J A Kincade				2	2	1		40	Second	J G Henson.	J W Mead.	Bay
Amloch.	Cross.	J C Riley, E Buchanan.							2	21	First	P M Hudleston.	Hiram Owen.	Harrisburg
Amloch.	Poinsett.	P M Hudleston, L E Stancel, Wm Alford					1			33	First	E P Minton.	J F Hudleston.	Harrisburg
Amloch.	Craighead.	H McDaniel	1							17	Second	Thos Williams.	A S J Smith.	Cash
Amloch.	Cross.	T H White, W B Montgomery, Z T Groom, L Watkins	5	4			1	3	3	80	Second	C B Hunton.	S A Niell.	Jonesboro
Amloch.	Craighead.	G M Settlemier, J T Smith, S A Tye	5	5			2	3	5	52	Second	J W Bell.	M Pitts.	Hydrick
Amloch.	Craighead.	J M Robertson, C B Hunton, E P Minton, J H Kitchens, Jr	1	17			2	18	3	104	Every	J M Robertson.	Jacob Sharp.	Jonesboro
Amloch.	Craighead.	J M Bennet, E Walraven	4				3		1	53	Third	E Walraven.	J P Haun.	Dee
Amloch.	Cross.							6		28	Third	G M Settlemier.	J T Dement.	Vanndale
Amloch.	Greene.	J N Adams, Thomas Williams, J S Canady	11	3	1		1	1	6	150	Fourth	G H Faulkner.	L T Dennis.	Walcott
Amloch.	Craighead.	J R Cooper, J N Cooper	3	1			2	2	2	111	Third	C B Hunton.	W R McEwen.	Jonesboro
Amloch.	Craighead.	N A Davis, J S Peters	3						1	21	Fourth	J G Henson.	J S Peters.	Lake City
Amloch.	Woodruff.	D Rooks.	2	1				2		34	Third	J W Bell.	F W Williams.	McCrory
Amloch.	Craighead.	H M Vice, D H Stokes					1	3	1	63	Second	J W Bell.	H M Vice.	Jonesboro
Amloch.	Cross.	A I Pulley												
Amloch.	Craighead.	J W Bell, W G Stamper, J R Barnett	13				1	2		21	Fourth	J W Bell.	Y A Cole.	Jonesboro
Amloch.	Craighead.	J H Bishop, L E Gibson, J M Bishop, J M Thomas, D Watkins	2	1			1	7	8	152		Thos Williams	G F Gibson	Gilkerson
Amloch.	Craighead.	J M Rains, B T Stokes, A Pagan, G W Osborne, J F Rains	4	1			5	7	4	171	First	C B Hunton	R W Rains.	Jonesboro
Amloch.	Craighead.	John McClelland, W C Cooper, W M Webster	14			5				28		P M Hudleston	C M Thompson.	Paragould
Amloch.	Greene.	J B Wise, John O'Steen, J M Hudleston	19	17			1	10		120	Every	J E Wise.	T B Kitchens.	Paragould
Amloch.	Craighead.	Letter	1				2	4		36	First	E Walraven.	T H Ripley.	Buffalo Lick
Amloch.	Poinsett.	L E Walraven					1	1		25	Fourth	E Walraven.	W C Smith.	Bay Village
Amloch.	Greene.	J E Cunningham	17	1	4			6	2	54	First	J N Robertson.	J H Cole.	Paragould
Amloch.	Cross.	E J Newsome.	12	18				1		54	Fourth	E P Minton.	E J Newsom.	Wynne
TOTALS.			94	89	6	8	31	78	41	1687				