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— OF THE —

MOUNT ZION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

— HELD AT —

Jonesboro, Arkansas

OCTOBER 5-7, 1920.

Next Session will be held with the First Baptist Church of
Osceola, Arkansas, Tuesday, after the first Sunday
In October, at 10 a. m., 1921.

Preacher of the Annual Sermon
W. A. ROPER
T. A. O'BRYANT, Alternate.

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- Bethel—Letter.
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- Dell—Letter.
Tyronza—Letter.
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Luxora—L. Roy Ashley, Mrs. J. M. Landrum, S. A. Thweatt.

Caraway—Letter.

Osceola—J. I. Oxford, Mrs. R. H. Jones.

Harris Chapel—Letter.

Grubbs—Nellie Grant, Bertha Mc Crory.

Promised Land—B. C. Gage, Mrs. Belle Gage.

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PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,

Jonesboro, Arkansas, October 5, 1920.

The Sixty-eighth Annual Session of Mt. Zion Association of Missionary Baptists assembled with the First Baptist Church this day, and was called to order at 10 o'clock a.m., by Moderator Dr. W. H. Borum, of Earle.

2. A devotional exercise was conducted by Rev. H. E. Harris.

3. Upon motion it was duly carried and ordered that those delegates present who knew themselves to be members of churches belonging to the association, constitute the basis of permanent organization and proceed with the regular organization of the body. It was so done.

4. Officers for the ensuing term were elected as follows:

Dr. W. H. Borum, Moderator;

J. H. Turner, Vice-Moderator;

B. H. Parrish, Clerk;

P. C. Barton, Treasurer.

5. In accordance with resolution of the 1919 session, all Associational Letters were read to the body. The letters were read as given in tabulated sheet at close of this minute, by T. B. Kitchens and B. H. Parrish.

6. Letters from the following churches asking membership in the association, which being done their messengers were given the hand of fellowship.

Bethel Baptist Church, Dees, Ark. ✓

Black Water Church, Manila, Ark.
 Speer Lake Church,
 Philadelphia Church, Jonesboro, Ark.
 Caraway Church, Caraway, Ark.
 Dell Church, Dell, Ark.
 Etowah Church,

7. Announcements being made, the body adjourned to 1:30 p.m. Benediction by L. D. Summers.

THURSDAY *AFTERNOON*

8. The Moderator called the association to order and after singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," prayer was offered by E. P. Minton.

9. Elder J. L. Lynn conducted a devotional exercise.

10. New pastors and visitors were introduced and enrolled as follows: J. I. Oxford, Osceola; E. F. Liddell, Walcott; J. L. Lynn, R. F. Liddell, P. R. Warren, T. A. O'Bryant, Harrisburg; T. J. Latimer, J. G. Lyle, representing schools and colleges; L. E. Barton, State Missionary Secretary.

The Moderator announced the following:

Program.—L. D. Summers, Austin Crouch, J. H. Kitches.

Nominations.—J. W. Williams, G. W. Puryear, P. R. Warren.

75 Millions.—W. A. Roper, A. J. Stephens, W. L. Griffin, R. E. Seay

Stewardship.—A. A. Weeks, W. A. Grady, S. J. Robinson.

Association Missions.—L. D. Summers, P. C. Barton, J. M. Tyner, J. H. Turner.

Temperance.—E. L. Liddell, Raymond Vinson, W. J. Isbell.

Foreign Missions.—W. A. Roper, Mrs. Porter, Ed. Elrod.

B. Y. P. U.—J. H. Turner, A. E. Chapman, B. H. Parrish, Hallie Smith.

Woman's Work.—L. R. Burress, Mrs. Albert Horner, Mrs. J. M. Landrum.

Observance Lord's Day.—T. A. O'Bryant, Albert Collins, L. R. Russell.

Christian Literature.—M. Culp, J. E. DuBois, Herbert Findley.

Home Missions.—J. I. Oxford, J. F. Crocker, J. W. West, J. G. Harris.

Christian Education.—Austin Crouch, T. R. Shepherd, J. H. Kitchens.

Old Ministers' Relief.—G. W. Puryear, T. A. O'Bryant, T. B. Kitchens.

Sunday Schools.—L. R. Ashley, J. W. Seay, J. H. Moser, S. A. Thweatt.

Baptist Hospital.—G. W. Puryear, H. E. Harris, J. J. Meadows, Mrs. H. L. Lanier.

Orphans' Hospital.—E. P. Minton, E. T. Penix, Mrs. G. W. Essary.

Obituaries.—J. C. Swain, H. L. Chapman.

State Missions.—B. L. Bridges, J. W. Light, J. B. Bunn, J. W. Williams.

11. J. G. Lyle was called and introduced to the Association and responded by making a most excellent address on Christian Education.

12. Dr. L. E. Barton, State Missionary Secretary was called for, and heard on State Missions, in a great address.

13. Announcements were then made, and the body adjourned to 7:30 p.m.

Benediction.

14. An invitation having been received, the delegates were taken on a drive to view the grounds to be occupied by the new college to be built at Jonesboro, and also to visit the State Agricultural School now in session. This proved to be a very interesting and entertaining trip, and the faculty of the Agricultural School received the visitors most cordially, distributing souvenirs and serving light refreshments.

TUESDAY NIGHT.

15. The Association was called to order by Moderator, and a devotional exercise was conducted by Elder T. B. Rouse, of Gainesville Association.

16. The report of Stewardship was read by A. A. Weeks. After being spoken to by A. A. Weeks, L. E. Barton, B. H. Parrish and P. C. Barton, the report was adopted as follows:

STEWARDSHIP

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof."

Our lives and all we possess are his. We are His stewards. If we have been blessed with earthly possessions, we are untrue to our Heavenly Father and to humanity if we refuse or neglect to use them for His glory.

If we have only one talent we should dedicate that talent to the service of the Master. The widow's mite was blessed by our saviour, because of the sacrifice made by the giver. There is joy in our hearts when we are conscious of doing our full share, by sacrificial giving in His name, as God has prospered us.

Imagine, if you can, the wonderful kingdom growth of our Association, if the members of the Baptist churches in it were to dedicate their lives to our blessed redeemer and one-tenth of their increase to the constructive program as outlined in the Baptist 75 Million Campaign, fostered by our great Baptist brotherhood! Such dedications of our lives and fortunes, would send the blessed gospel in saving power to every nook and corner of the large field of destitution in the bounds of our Association; would make Jonesbro College equal to the best; and we would do our full share in sending the gospel to the uttermost parts of the world.

As His stewards great duties and great responsibilities are ours. May we be true to our trust, so that when we meet our Saviour face to face he will say to us: "Well done thou good and faithful servant!"

A. Horner, Chairman,
A. A. Weeks.

17. The Annual Association Sermon was preached by B. L. Bridges, pastor of the First Baptist church, Paragould.

The text was _____ the subject _____

18. The Association then stood adjourned to meet at 9:00 Wednesday morning. Benediction.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

19. Moderator Dr. W. H. Borum called the body to order and a devotional exercise was led by G. R. Tyler, pastor of the Second Baptist church, Paragould.

20. L. R. Ashley read the report on Sunday Schools. The report was adopted as given below without discussion.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

It is anticipated in making this report that those who will hear it or take the trouble to read the printed copy are least in need of being reminded of their duty to the Sunday School. Hence let us hear some things worthy of pride. Baptists have ever been in the forefront of Bible teaching. The following Baptists stand out as beacons: Wm. Fox organized the first Sunday School for teaching the Bible. Wm. Gourney started voluntary teaching of the Bible. Jos. Hughes organized the work of S. S. tracts and literature. Miss Harriet Bishop organized the first S. S. in the great Northwest of our own American territory. B. J. Jacobs gave birth to the uniform lesson series. These have set the pace and we must ever try to promote Bible study.

No man can afford to be ashamed that he is a Baptist, for this is a rich heritage. But we are not making as much progress as we are potentially capable of attaining. Our own people are susceptible to error and are led astray. Where is the blame to be laid? At the door of every erring person. One can learn the way more perfectly by intensive study of the Scriptures. The S. S. offers this study to everyone. And yet it is a very small percentage of our members who attend the teaching service of the church. They show a deficient knowledge of God's word. Hence the great work laid out for us to do is to secure the maximum number of our church in the Bible school.

This is the objective at which we are aiming. And the reports from over the field show a decided gain. Let us continue pressing the work until the knowledge of the Lord covers the land as the waters cover the sea. To this end may we suggest the following items: 1. That we make greater efforts to enlist the members of the churches. 2. That every church maintain a S. S. twelve months each year. 3. That only Baptist literature be used and that only in the hands of Baptist teachers. 4. That each church try to have a normal course each year. 5. That we pray more for our teachers.

Committee:

L. Roy Ashley,
J.W. Seay,
J. H. Moser,
S. A. Thweatt.

21. Dr. Austin Crouch made the report on Christian Education. After being spoken to by Dr. Crouch, the report was adopted with the agreement that L. D. Summers address the association at night on the Jonesboro College.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

We are what we are almost entirely because of the teaching we have had. If we had been brought up in homes of infidels and had been taught by infidel parents and infidel teachers, not many of us would now be serving the Lord Jesus Christ. If we are concerned about the spiritual welfare of our children, if it is our purpose to help our young people to become useful Christian men and women, we must stand loyally for our Baptist schools and support them with our means and our patronage.

Every good Baptist in Arkansas rejoices over the prosperity of our educational institutions.

Ouachita College at Arkadelphia, has property values in buildings, grounds and equipment, worth fully \$250,000.00. The endowment is about \$112,000.00. New buildings to cost about \$250,000.00 are now in course of construction.

In Central College at Conway, we have property worth about \$125,000.00, and new buildings to cost about \$100,000 are to be constructed right away.

In Mountain Home College at Mountain Home, our Junior College, we have property worth \$60,000.00 or more.

The property values of our academies at Maynard, Blue Eye and Hagarville, average about \$12,000.00 for each school, a total of \$36,000.00.

We are planning to build a great Junior College here in Jonesboro. The plans for the main building have been adopted. Actual work on the building will begin in a short time. The building will cost about \$200,000.00, and will be modern in every way.

Our colleges and schools are all well patronized, so well that additional buildings are absolutely necessary, and yet only a very small percent of our boys and girls are attending Baptist schools. We urge upon our people the duty of sending their children to our own schools and colleges.

Never has there been greater need for an educated ministry. Young preachers are given free tuition and additional financial help in Ouachita College and in our mountain schools. Let us call out the called and encourage them and help them to attend college. To fail in this means ruin.

The most hopeful sign of progress in all our work is the prosperity of our Baptist schools and colleges, and the ever increasing interest of our brotherhood in this work, manifested by the enlarged patronage and the liberal contributions through the 75 Million Campaign.

Let us pray for our schools and support them.

Austin Crouch, Chairman,
J. H. Kitchens.

22. W. A. Roper read the report on Foreign Missions. The report was discussed by W. A. Roper, P. C. Barton, and B. H. Parrish, and adopted with slight changes in phraseology.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The hour has struck for Baptists to put on a world program for Foreign Missions. Recent events have made it imperative. We answered a world call with Guns, Money and Men. Today a more insistent world call is heard for Bibles Money and Men that the lost may have liberty, life and heaven.

Foreign Mission work is all embracing. It includes all missions and all benevolences. It includes the evangelization of the lost, the training of the saved, the education of the ignorant, the healing of the sick, the supporting of mission churches, caring for the poor and orphans, in fact, the whole program of Christ is included in foreign missions.

This year has been the most remarkable in Southern Baptist history. A great financial campaign has been gloriously successful in which \$92,000,000.00 have been pledged for missions and benevolences for five years work, of which \$20,000,000.00 have been allotted to foreign missions, giving us an average of \$4,000,000.00 a year to prosecute our foreign work.

Equipment and re-enforcement on such a scale as is made possible are necessary now to meet needs and seize opportunities which if neglected are likely to close.

Along with the pledges of money have come multitudes of our young men and women and pledged their lives to the world fields of Christian service. It now seems probable that at least 500 of these shall be ready to go by the time we shall collect the money to send them.

With these pledges of money and men have come a quickening and deepening of the Spiritual life of our churches, as is being evidenced by the fine revival spirit and the unprecedented numbers of professions and additions in our meetings.

A broader horizon and more liberal spirit seems to have come to our people which is an earnest desire of things to be done in the future on a larger scale than we have yet dreamed.

God's special favor has rested on our labors on the foreign fields. Take a retrospect of the 75 years of our convention history in 25 year periods. In 1870 at the close of the first 25 years we had eleven missionaries, 250 converts in mission churches, and contributed during the period \$21,938.00 for the support of the work.

In 1895 at the close of the second 25 year period we had 81 missionaries, 3,492 converts, and contributed during the year \$129,348.00.

Last May we had 341 missionaries, 979 native workers, 57,438 converts; and in the preceeding twelve months contributed \$2,161,698.29, had 6,834 baptisms, 542 churches, of which numebr 155 are self-supporting, 836 Sunday Schools with 37,572 Students, and \$242,460.83 contributed by the native Christians—almost twice as much as Southern Baptists contributed to foreign missions 25 years ago.

During the year closing May 4th, last, Arkansas Baptists contributed to foreign missions \$35,463.62, of this sum the churches of the Mt. Zion Association gave \$3,491.10, which is an average of 85c per member.

We shall need to look diligently after the collection of our pledges and to supplement these with others of those who did not make pledges and from the new members received into our churches; remember our whole program depends on these pledges for its financial support.

The world's wretched condition is calling to us, our own hearts impell us and God is depending on us, we must not fail.

During the year our Father has called home seven of our honored missionaries, viz: Rev. and Mrs. Z. C. Taylor, both of whom died the same day. W. E. Crocker, P. P. Meddling, Thomas Spight, Mrs. J. H. Rowe, Mrs. A. D. Louthan.

W. A. Roper,
Ed. Elrod,
Mrs. R. L. Porter.

23. The report on 75 Million Campaign was made by W. A. Roper. This report was spoken to by W. A. Roper, P. C. Barton, and in connection with the discussion of this report Mrs. R. L. Jackson made an address bearing partly on this, and mainly on Woman's part in this and all other activities of the church.

75 MILLION CAMPAIGN

Our people were born into a new day when in May 1919 at Atlanta, Georgia, the great forward movement was launched known as the Seventy-five Million Campaign. This amount to be pledged for five year's work, one fifth to be paid every year. The campaign was so eminently successful that nearly Ninety-three Millions were subscribed.

This was the answer of Southern Baptists to the new world's conditions supremely emphasized.

This is a plan to systematize all our missionary and benevolent work and provide adequately for each according to relative needs. Arkansas' quota in this effort was \$3,200,000 but because of insuperable difficulties and adverse weather conditions we did not achieve complete victory, but the response of our people was generous and about Two and one-half Millions were pledged and about one-half million more in extras to our hospital and educational work.

Our success may prove to be our danger unless we shall press on with the work and never let up till our highest hopes for the campaign have been fully realized.

Two things remain to be done. One is to enlarge our campaign subscriptions by enlisting our yet unenlisted churches and the unenlisted members in the churches already, worked together with the new recruits coming into our churches in such large numbers.

The other need is to look continually and diligently after the collection of the pledges.

For this work we must look to our pastors to take the lead and continually keep the matter on the hearts of the people. Much depends on this leadership and any pastor who fails at this joint in this hour is unworthy to be a leader and untrue to the trust which his position imposes.

W. A. Roper,
W. L. Griffin,
A. G. Stephens.

24. The matter of organizing the Laymen of the churches was discussed and the concensus of opinion was that a strong effort be made to organize along the lines of the Laymen's Movement. Upon motion of Dr. Austin Crouch, it was ordered that A. A. Weeks be requested to correspond with

pastors and clerks of the churches of this association regarding the plans of organization, and that such expense as might be incurred should be paid by the Associational Board.

25. The Association then adjourned to meet at 1:30.

Prayer by J. H. Kitchens.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

26. The session opened by singing "My Soul be on thy Guard." Prayer was offered by H. E. Hasris.

T. J. Latimer led a devotional exercise.

27. A recommendation was at this time presented by Brother Geo. Slusher who seeks denominational assistance. The matter was referred to a committee for investigation. The committee named was M. Culp, L. R. Burress and Dr. J. H. Kitchens.

28. The report on Home Missions was made by J. I. Oxford, pastor of Osceola Baptist church. This report was spoken to by J. I. Oxford, B. H. Parrish and P. C. Barton, then adopted as given herewith.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

Following the World War and in the midst of Reconstruction problems, thousands of our people have made new dedication of themselves to this Christian Americanism, and in no section more than in the South, where the largest proportion of native Americans reside. They purpose to safeguard American liberties by safeguarding that faith which alone made those liberties possible, and to keep lighted in America a beacon of liberty which shall shine out across the seas to cheer and bless peoples who grope in darkness.

In 1919 the missionaries of our Board baptized one convert for every three received into our churches. Regularly they baptize from twenty to twenty-five percent as many converts as the entire number who enter our churches. For fifteen years its Evangelists have averaged 450 baptisms per year per worker, a record far out-stripping that of any other similar agency. Its systems of Mountain Schools is larger than any other and is the acknowledged standard in adaptability. Its Enlistment work is rapidly bringing a more adequate standard of spiritual instruction and effectiveness in hundreds of churches. Its Church Extension work has grown from infancy to lusty strength in a period of only a few years.

Every loyal Baptist will rejoice in the admirable efforts of our Board to meet the crucial needs of these days by enlarging its work. At its Annual meeting in Atlanta in June after long and painstaking efforts to reduce the appropriations as far as possible, the brethren of the Board found that \$2,875,000.00 was necessary for work of the present year.

We commend to our people the admirable Mission Study Books of the Home Board, through which a true view is presented of the large problems we confront, and recommend that pastors, superintendents, Mission Society Leaders and others write often for the large and splendid assortment of free tracts about its work and the needs, which our Home Board gladly furnishes on request. We urge the churches to pay up on the 75 Million Campaign.

J. I. Oxford,
J. G. Harris,
J. F. Crocker,
J. W. West.

29. The report on State Missions was made by B. L. Bridges, First Baptist Church, Paragould. After making a short speech to this report, B. L. Bridges yielded his time to Dr. J. S. Comper, Editor Baptist Advance, who made a very interesting talk on the subject of State Missions. After being further discussed by P. C. Barton, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The way for a Baptist church to become "a glorious church not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing" is for it to be intensely missionary in doctrine and practice. With Arkansas Baptists one supreme expression of their missionary faith and zeal is found in State Missions. The object of State Missions is to bring all the affairs of all the people of the State under the control of Christ. Our purpose in this work is to get everybody in the State saved and into the Baptist churches and then to get them to give proper support to all enterprises of the Kingdom of God, both for Arkansas and all the world. We believe the Great Commission was given to Baptist churches.

The work of State Missions is carried on by the churches through the Executive Board of the Baptist State Convention. The report of this Board to the Convention last year showed the following results: Workers employed for full or part time, 120, days labored 21,870, sermons and addresses 15,253,

conversions 3,083, baptisms 2,281, additions 3,902, subscriptions to the Baptist Advance 995, money raised by missionaries \$50,005.00.

For the first six months of this year the following are some of the items of State and Association Mission Work: Workers for full or part time 262, days of labor 16,703, institutes and conferences 285, sermons and addresses 6,605, conversions 1,381, additions 1,421, volunteers for the ministry and mission work 90. But we are greatly hampered now because of lack of funds.

Surely these wonderful reports set out facts and figures that will stir the churches in our association to pay up subscriptions to the 75 Million Campaign in order that State Missions may have all obligations paid December 1st. All over the State there is sore destitution. If the destitute sections are to be cared for next year by State Mission workers, if associational boards are to aided in paying their missionaries, and if weak churches are to be helped in paying their pastors, we must take care of our State Mission obligations. It will take thousands upon thousands of dollars to do this. The association urges all our pastors and churches to do their utmost. Send all money for the 75 Million Campaign (except for Association Missions) to L. E. Barton, 405 Donaghey Bldg., Little Rock. God bless State Missions. We recommend that all churches put on a campaign for paying up pledges to the 75 Million Campaign and endeavor to get all second year pledges paid up within 60 days.

B. L. Bridges,
J. B. Bunn.

30. The report on Associational Missions was read by L. D. Summers. After being discussed by L. D. Summers and J. B. Dunn, upon motion the report was laid on the table to be taken up in connection with the report of Associational Mission Board. The report as adopted will be found in connection with the report of Associational Board.

31. The report on nominations was made by G. W. Puryear. This report was adopted as follows, without discussion:

NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee on nominations, beg to recommend:

1. That the next session of the Mt. Zion Association

meet with the First Baptist Church at Osceola, Arkansas on Tuesday after the first Sunday in October 1921 at 10 o'clock, a.m.

2. That Bro. W. A. Roper preach the annual sermon and Dr. T. A. O'Bryant as alternative.

3. That L. D. Summers represent this association at the next meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention which meets at Chattanooga, Tenn., in May 1921.

4. That W. A. Roper represent this association as a member of the State Mission Board.

5. That the following constitute the Executive Board of this Association: F. B. Hale, Albert Horner, J. C. Heffley, P. C. Barton, Gordon Matthews, R. L. Muse, J. R. Gregson, P. S. Asborn, Austin Crouch, B. H. Parrish, G. W. Puryear, W. A. Pearce, W. A. Roper, T. B. Kitchens, B. L. Bridges, Dr. W. H. Borum, A. A. Weeks, Berl Smith, J. W. Seay, J. H. Moser, J. F. Crocker, J. I. Oxford, C. R. French, C. S. Lemons, J. B. Bunn, P. R. Warren, Herman Cross, L. R. Ashley.

G. W. Puryear,
J. W. Williams,
P. R. Warren.

32. The committee appointed to investigate the application of Bro. Geo. Slusher made the following report:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Your committee to investigate the application of Brother George Slusher would report that from the evidence at hand we cannot recommend that assistance be given him without further investigation. We would therefore recommend that after investigation if favorable evidence comes to hand that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee of the Associational Board for action.

M. Culp,
J. H. Kitchens,
L. R. Burress.

33. The report on Woman's Work was read by L. R. Burress, and after being spoken to by him was adopted.

WOMAN'S WORK.

In making a report at this time under this heading, your committee reverently calls attention to the former Superintendent of Woman's Work in the Mt. Zion Association, the beloved and efficient sister, Mrs. G. W. L. Brown of Sedwick Baptist church.

Her reports as chronicled in the Annuals of the Association show the fullness of her labors serving the cause she loved so well.

She was grateful for the privilege of serving and regretful that she could do no more.

Delicacy of health was the buffeting thorn in the flesh, yet, like Paul, found grace sufficient to labor till near her departure to be with Him the true Benefactor of woman-kind.

In her last report she summarized the year's work and gave encouragement to meet the responsible duties of the future by personal service. To impress the sanctity of personal effort she wrote: "Nor will Christian women ever find any perfection of organization, any system of committee work, any mere missionary machinery which will take the place of the personal touch, glorified and quickened by the love of Christ." Then with a consciousness of past and present, with the eye of faith to the future, she seemed to think her departure imminent as she recited the following expressive words:

"We are standing on the threshold,
We are at the open door,
We are treading on the borderland,
We have never trod before,
We have left the fields behind us,
O'er which we scattered seed.
We pass into the future,
Which none of us can read,
But we have God's promises,
Faith and love bid us these to heed."

Separate reports have been made on Woman's Work in the religious meetings prior to woman's membership in the assemblies of the brethren. That she hath wrought well her works make manifest to the joy of all concerned. Membership with the brethren in Associations and Conventions was not sought or granted that woman's field might be widened, but

to give mutual helpfulness in the field which must be won for the Master. Woman has manifested an interest in this through the ages. Miriam led the refrain to Moses' song on the Red Sea shore, giving praise to Israel's Deliverer, and other women whose responsive lives to the goodness and mercy of the authoritative Lord and Saviour have become the heritage of many generations.

Though she was first in the transgression that brought woe into the world she was last at the Cross to lament the agonies of the crucified Lord, and on the third day morning was first to greet and adore the risen Redeemer, and was first commissioned to tell others of His triumph over the grave. Women in every age have been wise in council, active in labors, steadfast in faith, jealous for the Lord's interest, giving time and means, persuading young Samuels and Timothys how to glorify God and benefit their generations.

In every report of woman's work for the advancement of the Master's Kingdom is written evidence that the Lord's cause is magnified.

"Not in dumb resignation, they lift their hands on high;

Not like the nerveless fatalist, content to do and die.

Their faith springs like the eagle, who soars to meet the sun,
And cries exulting unto thee, O Lord thy will be done."

Handmaidens of the Lord in their hearts harbor virtue's thoughts, which dignify and adorn prosperity. "O Woman, great is thy faith."

It is with grateful approval that we make mention of the going of our beloved young sister, Mildred Mathews, to the Mission field in Cuba. After due consideration by those who have known her best and a recognition of her faith in Christ, she was willingly commended unto the Lord and to the co-laborers in Cuba. She is another worker to share in our prayers asking that the benedictions of the Gracious Father be continually over her and her laborers of love and faith.

ADDENDA.

In every field in which seeds are sown, a harvest follows. In this our day, woman has entered the political field. That she will sow many good seeds is not questioned. But there are so many birds by wayside to devour the seeds, so many rocks in the field to prevent depth of rooting, so thick are the thorns to choke the growth, that we watch and wait and ask: "What shall the harvest be?"

There are so many pitfalls along the high-way of political privileges, so many reefs in political seas, so many archers with ready arrows aimed for the one who has won what the world calls success, that it behooves all to be cautious and wise.

Divine ordination has put in woman's sphere marriage, motherhood, and the guidance of home. I. Tim. 5:14. Here she is both queen and priestess teaching the young the Scriptures and training them for usefulness in life.

Where home is left for forum there grows instead, "The neglected little son Dicky, ragged, dirty and tricky, with his fingers soiled and sticky, to be the terror of the town."

In politics man is as iron in the hands of a smith, and is either in the forge or on the anvil.

L. R. Burrese, Chairman,
Mrs. Albert Horner,
Mrs. L. C. Bailey.

34. The Association then adjourned to meet at 7:00 p.m.
Prayer by W. A. Roper.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

35. The Association was called to order by Moderator W. H. Borum and a devotional exercise was conducted by J. I. Oxford.

36. In accordance with announcement of Program Committee, L. D. Summers was heard in an address on "Jonesboro College." This was one of the "Mountain Peaks" of the session. Elder Summers plan of procedure was well defined. and meets the hearty approval of the Associational Board, as well as the Board of Trustees of the School.

Further discussion was made by G. W. Puryear, W. L. Gage, P. C. Barton, Austin Crouch, L. R. Burrese and J. I. Oxford.

37. Upon motion the report on Baptist Hospital was set for Thursday morning.

38. Announcements being made, the Association adjourned with prayer by Austin Crouch.

THURSDAY MORNING.

39. The Association was called to order at 8:45 and a devotional exercises was conducted by E. L. Liddell.

40. H. E. Harris presented the report on Baptist Hospital and after a short discussion by him, the report was adopted as given below.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITALS.

The Baptists of the South are building hospitals in every state, and they are coming to recognize more fully the responsibility of caring for the physical, as well as the spiritual needs of suffering humanity.

There is a move on foot to build a hospital in every state within our bounds. The members of our churches should stand loyally by these institutions in giving them our proper share of our contributions and in giving them our patronage. We should also encourage our young women to enter the training department for nursing the sick as one of the greatest spheres of the sorrowing world.

H. E. Harris.

41. The report on Baptist Young Peoples' Union was made by J. H. Turner. It was adopted without discussion.

B. Y. P. U. REPORT.

We, your committee, submit the following report on B. Y. P. U. Work:

As far as your committee has been able to learn there are at present ten Senior and three Junior B. Y. P. U.'s in this association. Some progress has been made in the last year, but we are far short of what we should be. Every church ought by all means to have a Young Peoples Union.

Our failure in many of our churches today, lies in the fact that the majority failed to receive essential training in church membership, and today they are inexperienced in the best methods; the time for their training and development in church work passed away with their youth, and the mill will never grind with the water that is passed.

So our concern today is to intensify efforts and to furnish every opportunity for the development of Baptist young people. The strength of our churches of tomorrow and all the blessings that accompany, depend now upon us, and we best insure these things when we encourage and nourish the agency that develops trainee workers.

The agency is the Baptist Young Peoples Union. Here the young Christian receives an increase in spirituality, training in church activities, and is enlisted in all forms of missionary endeavor. In short there comes to him the best religious schooling possible for the responsibilities of membership in a church.

The ideal B. Y. P. U. will not only train for the future but will at once utilize, and put to work the young people in our churches.

Your committee recommends:

1. That our missionaries and pastors give more time to Sunday School and B. Y. B. U. work.

2. That we see to it that a S. S. and B. Y. P. U. is organized in every church.

J. H. Turner,
A. E. Chapman,
B. H. Parrish.

42. The report on Ministerial Relief was read by B. H. Parrish, and after being spoken to by E. P. Minton and L. R. Burress was adopted as follows:

MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

WHAT IS BEING DONE FOR OUR OLD PREACHERS BY
THE BAPTISTS OF ARKANSAS.

THE ANSWER IS:

The Arkansas Baptist State Convention is doing two things for our old preachers. First: We are helping outright all our old preachers who appeal to us for help. that is, giving them money monthly or quarterly; and, Second: We are helping the young preachers to lay up a sum of money to be used by them when they are old and cannot serve the church any longer.

A SHAMEFUL FACT.

We do not like to use the word shameful when speaking about Baptists' work, but we feel compelled to say that our neglect of our old preachers has been indeed shameful. God's plan provided that preachers should be paid for their services, and we have suffered them to be the poorest paid. As a class they are fearfully underpaid. Multitudes of them do not receive enough while they work to pay their living expenses, and it is impossible for them to lay anything up for old age; or for the time of failing health; and the Baptist people who have neglected to provide for the old or invalid preachers, such neglect is both sinful and shameful, and cannot be justified on any grounds.

PLANNING TO DO BETTER.

In order to go over this matter in a sensible way, the Southern Baptist Convention appointed a Board of Ministerial Relief and Annuities. This Board is located at Dallas, Texas, and Dr. Wm. Lunsford is the Secretary. In the 75 Million Campaign it was provided that this Board should receive for its work Two and one-half Million Dollars out of the 75 Million, or \$1.00 out of every \$30.00. This amount is entirely too small and we are all sorry that it could not be made larger.

THE HELP THAT IS OFFERED IN THE WORK OF THIS BOARD.

There are two distinct features; the relief feature and insurance or annuity feature. By the relief feature any Baptist preacher who has been engaged in the work for a certain number of years, and has reached old age, and cannot serve churches, can receive help from this Board, if he needs it. He does not have to join anything nor does he have to pay one cent in order to get it. In fact, we are now helping twenty-one of these old and worthy servants of God, and the widow of another. There are others who need our help and we propose to stand by them. Is not this a good work? Will not anybody who has the spirit of Christ be ready to help it along. The shame of Baptists is that we have done so little. By the annuities feature the Board enables the preacher himself to provide this money through the years. The cost of it is carefully estimated and the preacher himself, while he is in active service, pays one-fifth of the cost and the denomination pays four-fifths, thus the fund that is to provide for his old age, when he can no longer work, is accumulated year by year.

NO HELP GIVEN UNTIL OLD AGE.

And let it be observed that no preacher can draw one cent from this fund while he is able to go on with his work. The preacher must either die, in which case his family would receive the help, or become unable to earn his living, before anything can be drawn from this fund. Now we do not claim that this plan is perfect; doubtless it will be perfected as we go on with the work; but will not every right thinking person say of this whole arrangement that it shows both good sense and good religion. We are not doing anything like enough for our old preachers, but it is gratifying to know that we

are undertaking the task and are doing something. As we pay our pledges to the 75 Million Campaign we can have the satisfaction of knowing that every \$1.00 out of \$30.00 will go to this fund. If the proportion was larger we should likely get greater satisfaction out of it, but we will at least rejoice to do this much, and it is to be hoped that the members of this Association will become more interested in this great work and will do more for it in the future than we have done in the past.

G. W. Puryear,
T. A. O'Bryant,
T. B. Kitchens.

43. The petitionary letter from Caraway Baptist church was read at this time, and the church received as a member of the Association.

44. The report on Orphans' Home was taken up, being read by E. P. Minton, and after being discussed by him, was adopted.

ORPHAN'S HOME.

An Orphans' Home is a home for orphan children. The Baptists have been caring for orphans of our State some 24 years. It is also a home-seeking institution. Children are received here up to the age of thirteen years. These children are taught to work, and also to economize. Something very necessary in every life, and something very much over-looked in many homes. Extravagance is a sin of this age. Since the establishment of our Orphans' Home at Monticello, approximately one thousand children have been cared for. There are now about sixty children in the Home. They are released at 18 years of age. The health of the children has been good the past year. No deaths, and no cases of serious sickness. There are enough cows on the farm to furnish milk and butter for one meal each day. This year there will be a good crop of corn, peas, peanuts, sweet potatoes and sorghum enough for the use of the Home the coming year. Indications are good that the year will close with a cash balance on hand in the maintenance fund.

We recommend that our Sunday Schools continue to contribute one Sunday's collection each month to the Orphans' Home, not only because of the need, but for the educational value to our Sunday School pupils in systematic giving.

We commend Brother Dorris and Brother and Sister Horton, and all who are connected with the management, for their faithful labors in behalf of this sacred trust.

E. P. Minton, Chairman,
E. T. Penix.

45. The report on Temperance was read by E. L. Liddell. This report was spoken to by E. L. Liddell, M. Culp, B. H. Parrish, Ed. Elrod, W. H. Borum and G. R. Tyler. The report was adopted as given below.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The advocates of temperance have much cause for rejoicing. After many years of persistent effort, the hopes of noble W. T. T. C. U. women and other faithful teachers and workers have been realized in the banishment of liquor from our beloved country.

There is indeed a cause for great Thanksgiving to God, and removes a great source of danger to our sons and daughters. This monster has gone from our midst never to return we verily believe. But while this is true we cannot afford to relax our vigilance. The saloon advocates have been routed and scattered, and have been defeated in every engagement, but have not given up the fight. We must be careful that they don't surprise us, while we are off guard.

Your committee believes the most important things for good citizens to down this, regardless of work, and vote for the election of officers who are committed to the enforcement of prohibition laws, from President to the lowest officers. We should earnestly urge our citizens to work for local officers who are "DRY" as well as for high, for we are dependent in a very large measure on our local officers to rid the country of the illicit stills and "BOOTLEGGERS" which are a very real danger to many. Also every citizen should co-operate in every way possible with the officers of the law, in the running down of every criminal who engages in this nefarious business.

While we have gone forward in this war and since in prohibition, relative to strong drinks, we regret to say we have lost ground in the fight on cigarettes. It may be that we have another hundred years' war before us, if so let us enter

the fight with courage and determination and press the battle till this curse is also removed, that it may no longer destroy the manhood of the Nation.

E. L. Liddell,
Raymond Vinson,
W. J. Isbell.

46. The report on Obituaries was made by Ed. Elrod. This report was spoken to by W. H. Borum, Ed. Elrod, M. Culp and G. R. Tyler. In connection with this report, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Association display a flag on the last day of each annual session of the body; that the flag be in the shape of a star, and that it contain a small star to represent each member who passes away during the current Associational year. That the moderator appoint a committee to have this flag ready for the next session of the body in 1921.

Ed. Elrod,
Fred Parmenter.

OBITUARIES.

Our Heavenly Father has a mission for all of His beloved here on earth, and when their work is finished, He calls them to their abode of rest, there to await their reward.

Their going saddens our hearts, and leaves homes desolate. To the bereaved ones we extend our deepest sympathy.

The following names have been handed me from the different churches, as follows:

Sister M. O. Ware,	First Church, Jonesboro
J. C. Clippard	First Church, Jonesboro
Sister Eva Willey	First Church, Jonesboro
L. L. Munger	First Church, Jonesboro
Sister J. N. Barham	First Church, Jonesboro
Perry	Vanndale
Sister Hilly	Vanndale
Sister Floyd	Vanndale
Sister Frankie Williams	Bethel
Sister Berdie Clenn	Bethel
Sister P. M. Thompson	Bethel
Sister N. Cobb	Manila
Sister Carnie Brock	New Hope
Sister J. B. Brown	Cache Valley
Sister Esther Knight	Cache Valley
Sister Selma Perry	Cache Valley
Sister J. H. Harris	Wynne
Sister J. I. Rowe	Wynne
Sister W. F. McDonald	Wynne
David Lamb	Mt. Zion
Jas. Newberry	Mt. Zion
Sister Sue Haste	Harrisburg
Sister Josie Sutts	Harrisburg
Sister D. Ella Rogers	Harrisburg
Sister Ben Wesson	First Church, Paragould
Sister Lizzie Norwell	First Church, Paragould
John D. Hall	Blytheville

Sister Ada Smith	Stanford
Sister Venda Hargett	Blytheville
Sister Lucy Flannery	Stanford
John W. Watson	Stanford
(Killed in Germany.)	
Kenneth Briscoe	Marked Tree
Claude Arrington	Philadelphia
F. G. West	Philadelphia
Sister Tabitha West	Philadelphia
Sister Pauline Booten	Philadelphia
Sister Mary E. Hinson	Philadelphia
Sister Fannie Stephens	Philadelphia
Sister Ludie Crawford	Philadelphia
Robert Bailey	Hydrick
Sister C. W. Bailey	Hydrick
Albert Latimore	Earle
J. W. Presley	Earle
S. I. Speaks	Bethabara
Sister Arie Goolsby	Bethabara
Sister Maud Jackson	Nettleton
Sister Katie Yeargin	Nettleton
H. H. Hopkins, Sr.	Nettleton
Sister Ada Harris	Second Church, Blytheville
E.G. Sevier	Second Church, Blytheville
Joe Wilson	Luxora

J. C. Swain,
Ed. Elrod.

47. The report on Religious Literature was presented by M. Culp. This report was spoken to by A. A. Weeks, B. H. Parrish, H. E. Harris, P. C. Barton, L. R. Burress, and adopted.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE.

Christian Literature may be considered under two heads, denominational and non-denominational. The latter treats of religious subjects in a general way, as essentials and non-essentials. This comes in the homes through Union Sunday Schools, and other means is responsible in a large measure for the harvest we are reaping of weak-kneed and half-bred Baptists.

Your committee would urge the necessity of a more universal reading of Baptist literature. The first of all the Bible should as our text books be read and studied more diligently. This is the only book unmixed with error. It has been said that literature makes a good walking stick, but a poor crutch. That is true of all literature except the Bible. We can risk our whole weight on it without one danger of stumbling.

We should therefore urge first of all the need of a better knowledge of the teachings of this great book. Next to this comes the Baptist Advance in importance to the brotherhood in Arkansas.

Your committee therefore recommends that a strong and persistent effort be made to place it in every Baptist home in this association and homes in foreign fields.

M. Culp,
Herbert Findley,
J. E. DuBoise.

48. The Association then stood adjourned with prayer by B. H. Parrish.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

49. The Association was called to order by singing "Blessed Assurance." J. H. Kitchens offered prayer.

50. J. E. DuBoise led a short devotional exercise, reading the twenty-third Psalm.

51. The report of the committee on Sabbath Observance was called for, but owing to some misunderstanding, they failed to respond. The subject was considered, however, and

talks were made by B. H. Parrish, E. P. Minton and W. H. Borum. In connection with this subject, the following resolution was introduced and adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Association take a decided stand against Sabbath desecration, and that we urge our pastors and missionaries to speak out in no uncertain sound against this growing evil; and that our people take a stand for the enforcement of law against Sunday Baseball, public profanity, and other evils that are practiced boldly and defiantly.

M. Culp.

51. The report of P. C. Barton, Treasurer, was made at this time. The amounts received were as follows:

Minute Fund	\$140.46
Associational Missions	443.50
State Missions	2.00
Home Missions	4.41
Foreign Missions	3.00
Orphans' Home	4.00
75,000,000.00 Campaign	20.00
TOTAL	\$621.37

The items named above will be found in the columns in tabulated sheet at close of this minute.

51-A. At this time the Report on Associational Missions was called from the table. Berl Smith, Secretary-Treasurer of the board made Treasurer's report; J. H. Turner read the report of work done on the field by the Missionaries during the year; P. C. Barton made report for the Executive Board. These reports having been care fully examined and the various features of Missionary activities having been discused at length in previous addresses, they were adopted without further discussion. Upon motion, the names of Albert Horner, F. B. Hale and J. C. Heffley were added to the Executive Board. All were adopted as given below.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

We, your committee on Associational Missions submit the following report:

Mt. Zion Association comprises six counties; Greene, Craighead, Poinsett, Cross, Crittenden and Mississippi.

During the last year we have done our best to put a missionary in each county, but owing to a change in our manner of handling the mission work, to co-operate with the plans of the State Board, we failed to do as much work as we desired. However, we have kept one missionary on the field all the year, and four part of the year, and we were able to have five missionary pastors for the most of the time, and two singers were employed part of the summer and fall. The work rendered by these missionaries has been very fine. There being 186 conversions, 140 additions to the church by Letter, 157 by baptism and 57 by statement. The Missionaries collected on the field for Associational Missions, \$1,365.54.

We recommend:

1. That the work of our Association be carried on through our Associational Board, and that we ask the State Board to supplement our work.

2. That we urge on all of our pastors to keep before their people the needs of our Association.

L. D. Summers,
J. H. Turner.

Jonesboro, Ark., Oct. 5, 1920.

To the 68th Annual Session of the Mt. Zion Association when convened in the First Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Ark., Oct. 5, 1920.

As Treasurer of your Mission Board, I beg to submit the following report:

REPORT OF MT. ZION MISSION BOARD

from

Oct. 30, 1919 to Oct. 3, 1920.

RECEIPTS.—

Balance on hand Oct. 30, 1919.....	\$ 258.20
Jonesboro Sunday School.....	100.00
P. O. Freeman	11.00
Borrowed Bank of Jonesboro	4129.32
By State Board	7094.32
Borrowed J. H. Turner	2000.00
A. E. Chapman	16.00
J. H. Turner Collection	86.20
J. H. Turner (Walnut St. Church).....	65.07
J. H. Turner (Parkin).....	124.67
J. P. Neil (Refund).....	33.00
J. H. Turner (Collection).....	21.99
J. H. Turner (Keller's Chapel).....	94.71
J. H. Turner (Lunsford church).....	40.00

\$14084.48

Name	Salary	Expense	Notes	Int.	Total
A. E. Chapman.....	\$1591.97	102.26			1694.23
M. Culp	475.00				575.00
Berl Smith	110.00				110.00
J. G. Harris.....	833.33	213.12			\$1046.47
H. A. Ball.....	25.00				25.00
J. P. Neil.....	638.00	2.40			685.40
P. O. Freeman.....	350.00				350.00
T. B. Jorden.....	627.50				627.50
Bank of Jonesboro			4140.00	262.42	4402.42
Jonesboro Motor Co.		67.20			67.20
Albert Zimmerman	82.00				82.00
White House Garage		12.30			12.30
J. T. Latimer.....	39.50				39.50

H. E. Harris.....	200.00			200.00
J. H. Turner.....	1483.30	152.48		1635.78
Overland-Lane Co.		52.07		52.07
L. T. Ginn.....	970.00			970.00
Minutes		185.00		185.00
Sammons Printing Co.		4.00		4.00
Baptist Book House		11.68		11.68
J. W. Carmack.....	150.00			150.00
T. A. O'Bryant....	300.00			300.00
Herbert Findley....	375.00	29.39		404.39
Leonard Wiles.....	120.00	12.28		132.28

\$8515.12 844.18 4140.00 262.42 13762.22

Balance on hand Oct. 3, 1920.....\$ 322.26

Amount Owed:

Bank of Jonesboro.....	\$3000.00
J. H. Turner (note)	2000.00
Interest to October 1st.....	300.00

\$5300.00

Assets:

Balance Oct. 3rd.....	322.26
Note held for car	200.00
Due from J. G. Harris	215.00
Due from State Board	753.62

1409.12

Actual Indebtedness 3809.12

\$5300.00

BERL SMITH, Treasurer.

52. Upon motion, duly carried, it was ordered that the clerk get out and distribute 1,000 copies of the proceedings of this body, and that he be paid \$50 for his services.

53. The following brethren made short talks, expressing their pleasure during this session of Mt. Zion Association: J. H. Kitchens, J. J. Meadows, L. D. Summers, M. Culp, L. R. Burress and H. E. Harris.

54. Motion was made and carried that the moneys received by the treasurer at this meeting; be shown in tabulated reports as applying on the 75 Million Campaign Fund of this Association, and that the treasurer distribute the sums received in accordance therewith.

55. The following resolution was then passed by unanimous vote:

RESOLVED, That this Association extend to the good ladies of the First Baptist Church of Jonesboro their most profound and heartfelt thankfulness for their kind hospitality in all their entertainment, and for their bountiful food and the manner in which it was served; and may the richest of God's blessings be on all who had a helping hand in this the greatest work ever done in the name of Him that doeth all things well.

J. J. Meadows.

56. The body then adjourned to meet with Osceola Baptist Church on Tuesday after the First Sunday in October, 1921. While singing "God be with You Till We Meet Again" the parting hand was given. Thus passed into history one of the best, the most harmonious, and possibly one of the most profitable sessions this body has ever held.

B. H. PARRISH, Clerk.

W. H. BORUM, Moderator.

REPORT OF W. M. U. AT JONESBORO, ARKANSAS.

The fourteenth annual session of the W. M. U. of Mt. Zion Association was called to order in the First Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Arkansas, on October 6, 1920, at 9:30 o'clock, with the Superintendent, Mrs. E. E. Alexander, presiding.

The devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Crouch, Jonesboro. After singing "Stand Up for Jesus," Mrs. Crouch led in prayer, then read selections from the 11th and 26th chapters of Acts, also 1st Peter, 4th chapter, 16th verse.

Mrs. E. A. Peterson welcomed the Union on behalf of the city, giving a beautiful address. Mrs. Wilcoxon being absent, Mrs. J. G. Jackson responded to this address, closing her response by calling for a rising vote of thanks for the generous hospitality. This was gladly done.

This was followed by a hymn, "Where he Leads me I will Follow."

Tribute to Mrs. G. W. L. Brown was given by Mrs. J. L. Burns. On motion this was ordered incorporated in the minutes.

MRS. G. W. L. BROWN—AN APPRECIATION.

My first acquaintance with Mrs. Brown was about ten years ago when I read a letter from her in the Baptist Advance about the Orphans' Home. The letter impressed me with peculiar force from the earnest style in which it was written. As I was arranging the program for the Woman's meeting of the Association, I wrote and asked if she would take part on the program. She immediately replied that she would, and had a splendid paper on "The Women of the Bible."

From that time on, during the five years I was Associational Superintendent and the two years I was Vice President, Never asked Mrs. Brown to help with the work that she was not ready and willing to do so. Of how many of us can as much be said when "Our little day has passed away?"

The weather was never too hot or too cold, the trip was never too hard or inconvenient, she was never too tired or too busy, but she was ready to spend and be spent in the Master's service. Mrs. Brown's was a joyous service. I have very little patience with Christians who are always harping on the sacrifices they make to do church work. If the service is not gladly given, if it is not a pleasure to attend the King's business, then indeed is our labor in vain, and I do not believe that service given with the feeling that we are roing God a favor is acceptable to Him.

When we think how trite the excuses women so often make, how little they seem to feel responsibility, we realize how dependable she was. She was instant in season and out of season, always abounding in the work of the Lord. For Mrs. Brown abounded in the work of the Lord, she was not content to stop with the mere duty, she reached out for more to do. She went the second mile.

Mrs. Brown was a woman of great energy and will power. When we think what she suffered the last years of her life, and what discouragements she labored under, the courage and perseverance she displayed are wonderful. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall run and not weary, they shall walk and not faint." When we think of the Sunday School she conducted for many years, of the orphan children she clothed, the fund raised by her own efforts she left for a church building, the societies she organized, the books she distributed, the churches she visited, and all the many labors she performed, we feel we shall not look upon her like again.

It would be a beautiful and fitting thing if the women of Mt. Zion Association would make a memorial to her, either in the form of a circulating library, the education of a young minister, endow a bed in a hospital, support a foreign missionary, or something to show our appreciation of her who labored so faithfully in our midst for so many years.

She sleeps today far removed from either of her loved ones. The sun is shining, or perhaps the rain falls softly on that lonely grave, but we feel that no fitter inscription could be chiseled upon the stone that marks her last resting place than these words: (Used by Brother Minton in her funeral service) "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord for they rest from their labors and their works do follow them." And we believe that when she passed through the valley of the silent shadow-land and her feet touched the waters of the river of death, that she heard the voice of Him to whom she had given her life's allegiance, saying: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

Mrs. J. G. Jackson spoke of the splendid work done by Mrs. Brown, and suggested that no more fitting memorial could be made than a scholarship in the W. M. U. Training School.

Mrs. E. P. Minton of Jonesboro made a very helpful talk on "Our Advancement and Causes for Thanksgiving."

BUSINESS SESSION.

A MESSAGE.

We come again at the close of another year to cast a retrospective glance at the work done; to render an account of our stewardship; to make a survey of Woman's work done in Mt. Zion Association. The past year has been an unusual one in our Denomination. Many victories have been won for which our hearts are grateful. My work the past year has been, in many respects, very pleasant, however, it has had its disappointments along with its pleasures. The chief disappointment has been due to the fact that I have been unable to visit or secure reports from the various societies and therefore I have no means of securing a complete report of the work done. I earnestly recommend that each Society send their reports regularly this coming year because it is apparent that we cannot carry on the work successfully unless this is done.

I would be glad indeed if I could incorporate in this little message a correct statement on the following:

Number of Young Peoples Societies organized the past year.

The amount paid by the women on their campaign pledges.

The number of points reached on the Standard of Excellence.

This I am unable to do for the reasons above stated, but it is hoped that we may be able to report all this at our next Meeting.

I am hoping and praying that the women in charge of the various Societies will awaken to the necessity of this feature of the work and strive to build their societies and keep a complete and correct record of their work so that all may know exactly the progress they are making.

In talking to many of our women who are engaged in the different phases of church work, I find that the Seventy-Five Million Dollar Campaign has stimulated the work generally and with our great drive yet in it's infancy, I am sure that during the ensuing year our interest will be greatly increased and our work will improve.

I am truly grateful to the ladies of Mt. Zion Association for the honor you conferred upon me yast year when you selected me as your Superintendent. I only regret that I have not been able to serve you more acceptably.

At the close of this day my term as Superintendent will expire. May I not breathe a prayer that each of us may strive to do more and better work next year than we have during the year just closed.

Let us do some real work; work that will mean much to the Master's cause. Let us be something more to our church and society than merely a member. Let us organize more perfectly all of our forces that we may be a mighty army for our Lord.

Your Superintendent next year, whoever she may be, should have the earnest and prayerful co-operation of each one of you. Without this co-operation she cannot and will not succeed and the result will be that the work of the Master will suffer from neglect.

We are now standing on the threshold of the development of Christian Education in Arkansas and especially in the territory covered by Mt. Zion Association. With our great college at Jonesboro, Christian Education will be brought to our very door where our boys and girls may be taught the things the Master would have them know.

Let us individually and collectively put our shoulders to the task and strive to glorify our Lord by giving Him the very best service possible.

It is my fervent prayer that your efforts next year may be blessed with that degree of success which only God can give.

MRS. E. E. ALEXANDER,

Superintendent, Mt. Zion Ass'n.

On motion, the program as printed was adopted.

A collection to cover the expense of having the programs printed was taken, which amounted to \$13.41, a balance of \$7.41 was left in the treasury.

Roll of societies called, reports from fifteen societies were read. Total gifts on 75 Million Campaign pledges, \$5720.51
Total gifts for Benevolence and church expense.....\$5412.84

TOTAL.....\$11133.35

Mrs. Alexander then appointed the Temporary Committees
Committee on Nomination and Recommendation—Mrs. T. W. Altman, Mrs. J. M. Lnadrum, Mrs. C. R. Layman, Mrs. R. H. Jones, Mrs. W. H. Borum.

Committee on Resolutions—Mrs. Albert Horner, Mrs. H. P. Lanier, Mrs. W. L. David.

Mrs. T. W. Altman made a motion that a committee be appointed to meet with the Associational Board asking them to give a sufficient amount to Woman's work to permit the Associational Superintendent to visit the Societies and to have a Woman Missionary.

At this point Dr. Summers announced that the Association would give this hour to Mrs. J. C. Jackson. , Motion to Adjourn until 1:30 to hear Mrs. Jackson speak on Woman's Work.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Meeting called to order by Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. C. R. Layman led the Devotional, after singing "Anywhere with Jesus," Scripture reading and prayer, a solo by Miss Eula Borum.

A motion was made by Mrs. Albert Horner to erect a memorail to Mrs. G. W. L. Brown, this memorial to be a Scholarship in the W. M. U. Training School. Motion seconded and carried. It was suggested that each society report every girl who has been called to definite work.

After motion and second, vote carried that the money for the Brown memorial be raised by pledges from each society and pledges to be sent to the Superintendent. \$205.00 was pledged by those present.

A church was organized at Etowah two months ago and a W. M. S. was organized at the same time with Mrs. Wm. Caldwell as president. This society has paid \$129.00 on the church and \$15.00 a month on Pastor's salary. This is a remarkable report for a society so young.

Mrs. R. L. Porter suggested that we remember Miss Mildred Matthews, who is doing missionary work in Cuba with a post card shower.

The report of Nominating Committee was made as follows
We, your Committee on Nomination, respectfully submit the following:

For Superintendent, Mrs. E. E. Alexander of Blytheville.

For Vice President, Mrs. Albert Horner, Earl.

For Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. J. C. McCroy, Marked Tree.

We also recommend that a committee be appointed to confer with the Associational Board in regard to supporting a lady missionary for Mt. Zion Association as was voted in the meeting at Walcott in 1918.

And that Mrs. Wilbur Wyman of Jonesboro be appointed Associational Young Peoples Leader.

Mrs. T. W. Altman,
Mrs. J. M. Landrum,
Mrs. C. R. Layman,
Mrs. R. H. Jones,
Mrs. W. H. Borum.

Report was adopted and a rising vote of thanks given.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Program—Mrs. R. H. Jones of Osceola, Mrs. Herbert Woodard, Paragould, Mrs. W. H. Borum, Earle.

Obituary—Mrs. R. L. Porter, Blytheville, Mrs. R. L. Matthews, Jonesboro, Mrs. Ida Bowlin, Walcott.

Literature—Mrs. Albert Horner, Earle, Mrs. J. B. Clark, Jonesboro, Mrs. J. C. Swain, Vanndale.

Auxiliary Societies—Mrs. W. W. Weeks, Earle, Mrs. H. C. Jacobs, Harrisburg, Mrs. W. L. David, Manila, Mrs. L. L. Harwell, Keiser, Mrs. Oscar Wilson, Trumann.

Mrs. R. L. Porter, Mrs. E. P. Minton and Mrs. W. H. Borum were appointed as a committee to meet with the Associational Board.

This committee reported that the Board would give \$100 toward the expenses of Woman's Work in Mt. Zion Association.

Reading—"How the Society Can Best Serve the Church and Community," by Mrs. Barnett of Blytheville.

Paper—"The Need of Efficiency," by Mrs. Albert Horner, of Earle.

Mrs. J. G. Jackson, Corresponding Secretary, then gave a helpful and inspiring address in Woman's Work.

Reading—"The Missionary Box that Scandalized the Village," by Mrs. Price Barton of Jonesboro.

A quartette by Mesdames Hetherington, Moon, Little and Carter.

Mrs. M. Hayman gave an interesting talk on "Personal Service."

The Committee on Resolutions made a report which was adopted as follows:

RESOLVED, That we, the ladies of the Mt. Zion Association, extend to the ladies of Jonesboro, our thanks for the warm reception and generous hospitality extended to us during our visit. They have left nothing undone for our comfort and enjoyment.

BE IT RESOLVED, That we extend to our Superintendent out heartiest thanks and admiration for the effort she has put forth in her first year's work and pray God's blessings on her and the work.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. H. P. Lanier,

Mrs. W. L. David,

Mrs. Albert Horner.

Mrs. E. P. Minton led the closing prayer.

The ladies were invited to the Church parlor where a reception was given by the W. M. S. of Jonesboro. Delicious refreshments were served and pleasant social hour was enjoyed.

Mrs. E. E. Alexander, Supt.

Mrs. J. C. McCroy, Sec'y & Treas.

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK	POST OFFICE	S. S. Enrollment	MEMBERSHIP					Seven-Five Million	Church and S. S. Expenses	Other Objects	Pastor's Salary	Value of Church Property
					Increase		Decrease		Present Membership					
					Baptism	Letter	Restored	Letter						
1 Bay		B. D. Blalock	Bay	110				3	1	101		95.00		
2 Blytheville, 1st. Church		E. V. Phillips	Blyheville	200	24	74	32	2	401	13,609.92	18.50	270.25	3,000.00	55,000.00
3 Blytheville, 2nd. Church	Lee Chapman	Eva Morris	Blyheville	50	5	8	1	1	2	37	5.41	429.28	200.00	7,000.00
4 Bethabara	A. J. Lincoln	J. F. Crocker	Lake City	40		2			2	138	282.00	265.00	367.00	1,500.00
5 Brookland	M. Culp	Mrs. J. M. Diggs	Brookland							34		16.50	102.81	1,500.00
6 Black Oak		L. O. Allen	Black Oak		3	3				36	242.50	29.00		
7 Bethel	T. A. O'Bryant	W. E. Harris	Harrisburg					1	3	37			34.10	500.00
8 Black Water	T. R. Stroupe	Robt. Adams	Manila		37	13	10			60				
9 Cache Valley	J. W. Seay	J. A. Parker	Light	44				1		176	91.95	75.00	150.00	500.00
10 Cherrp Valley	J. H. Martin	Mrs. D. F. Legg	Cherry Valley	75	4	6				70	46.96		144.00	1,000.00
11 Caraway		J. T. Morgan	Caraway		33					49				
12 Dees		Velie Threlkeld	Dees		15					20				
13 Dell		J. A. Hardn	Dell			18				18	7.00	29.25	62.40	
14 Earle	A. A. Weeks	Albert Horner	Earle	232	31	43	28	2	246	2,479.58		283.80	1,500.00	12,000.00
15 Etowah	L. T. Ginn	Mrs. M. Meadows	Etowah							33	720.25			
16 Grubbs	M. Culp	Julia Ivy	Grubbs	65	4	4		4		45		175.00	150.00	
17 Hydrick	J. E. Duboise	C. W. Bailey	Hydrick	2				2	54		108.00	35.00	129.66	1,500.00
18 Harrisburg	T. A. O'Bryant	H. C. Jacobs	Harrisburg	70	12	14		5	3	135	1,711.11	83.60	655.00	15,000.00
19 Harris Chapel	J. H. Martn	Jno. H. Eldridge	Wynne					4	1	115	16.50	337.11	100.00	
20 Jonesboro Walnut St.		P. S. Osborn	Jonesboro	75	4	8		1		132	645.00			3,000.00
21 Jonesboro 1st. Church	Austin Crouch, D.D.	Jas. M. Patrick	Jonesboro	513	9	63	3	37	5	890	20,577.71	10.00	592.09	103,000.00
22 Luxora	L. R. Ashley	J. M. Majors	Luxora	90	34	15	1	1	1	158	1,720.30	6,125.12	724.81	3,500.00
22 Leachville		D. W. Clara	Leachville	150	23	21	3	1		109	15.00	255.91	420.00	3,000.00
23 Lepanto	P. O. Freeman	J. W. Hedrick	Lepanto	75		9		2		103	210.50	274.00	754.30	7,500.00
24 Lake City	J. G. Harris	L. E. Newcome	Lake City		5					33	111.99	80.00	600.00	
25 Marked Tree	S. M. Ellis	Dennis Dent	Marked Tree	108	2	4		3	1	106	515.18		96.99	68.00
26 Mt. Zion	J. W. Seay	A. B. Heath	Walcott	50	23	2		3	2	224	1,242.95	217.25	750.00	2,000.00
27 Manlia	T. R. Stroupe	Mrs. W. L. David	Manila	125	21	13		12	1	115	129.00	37.10	344.75	3,000.00
28 Mt. Pleasant		Herbert Findley	Jonesboro R.	40	2	2				54	94.71	225.98	600.00	3,000.00
29 Monette		Gladys Smith	Monette	60	5					140	179.00	65.00	60.00	500.00
30 McFerrin	H. L. Chapman	Ed Metcalf	McFerrin	60	37	5	12	2		52		68.25		1,000.00
31 Nettleton	Rev. Emmons	Ethel Winters	Nettleton	125	2	2		12	2	57	288.00	60.00	30.00	
32 New Antioch		W. W. Fowler	Paragould R. 1.	88	6	1		4		130	191.50	1,637.01	150.00	1,500.00
33 New Hope	D. Farmer	T. R. Campbell	Monette	30	16	18		2	2	63	22.00	133.11	31.00	1,500.00
34 Osceola	J. I. Oxford	J. S. McCants, Jr.	Osceola	84	21	11				141	4,252.00			600.00
35 Promised Land	L. M. Webb	Alex Martin	Egypt							50.00				75,000.00
36 Paragould 1st. Church	B. L. Bridges	A. L. Welborn	Paragould	364	92	27		11	2	465	4,363.25	100.00	2,250.00	
37 Parkin	H. E. Harris	C. E. Summerhill	Parkin	50	5	10		2		51	605.00	1,731.77	2,129.12	
38 Philadelphia	J. H. Turner	Ed. Elrod	Jonesboro	155	5	3		11	7	217	336.32		319.50	3,000.00
39 Stanford	J. W. Seay	J. W. Cupp	Beech Grove	55	7			3		105	44.00	182.00	270.00	3,500.00
40 Shiloh	T. E. Elzey	W. J. Isbell	Harrisburg			2				20	518.90		150.00	3,000.00
41 Speer Lake		Geo. L. Fooks	Blytheville	26	7					41		15.00		250.00
42 Tyronza	L. W. Russell	J. C. Glover	Tyronza		15	19				40			300.00	
43 Vanndale	J. C. Swain	J. B. Fitzgerald	Vanndale	23	8			8	2	91	461.50	26.75	50.00	
44 Walcott	E. L. Liddell	W. C. Wilcoxson	Walcott	13	5			3		249	515.07	163.00	480.00	
45 Wynne	W. A. Roper	R. L. Thompson	Wynne	125	5	17		6	3	236	2,568.85	28.24	30.00	
28 Not Reporting. Membership about 1,000. 75 Million fund, \$20,000.											509.44	23.90	1,950.00	15,000.00

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Names of Churches Not Reporting:— Adams Grove, Burdette, Beasley, Bellefield, Bardstown, Bono, Blytheville, (Lilly), Clear Lake, Crawfordville, Evening Shade, Fisher, Gosnell, Keiser, Lambethville, Lake View, Lunsford, Mann's Chapel, Marion, Mt. Pisgah, New Salem, Ross, Sedgwick, Shady Grove, Trumann, Unity, Union Grove, Valley Home, Weiner.