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FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Mount Zion

Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Bay Church,

Craighead County, Ark., October 8, 1896.

Next Session to be held at Harrisburg, Ark., Thursday, before the Second Sunday in October, 1897.

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OF THE
MOUNT ZION
Missionary Baptist Association.

FIRST DAY SESSION.

BAY BAPTIST CHURCH,

Thursday, Oct. 8, 1896.

The Mount Zion Association of Missionary Baptists convened in its forty-third annual session with Bay Baptist church, Craighead county, Arkansas, Thursday, October 8, 1896.

The former Moderator being absent, the session was called to order by J. H. Kitchens, Jr., Chairman of the Executive Board. Prayer by Eld. H. F. Wright.

The hour for the Introductory sermon having arrived, and the regular appointee being absent, on motion Eld. W. D. Har- graves was selected to deliver the same. He delivered an interesting sermon, his theme being: "We have departed from the old way." Text, Prox. 16:25.

At 12 o'clock m. the session adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled at 2 o'clock. After an hour spent in experience and devotional exercises, the body proceeded to effect a permanent organization.

Letters from churches were called for, and read by Elders C. B. Hunton and J. W. Hiett. Nineteen churches were present by letters and messengers.

On motion, the body elected by acclamation the following named officers: J. H. Kitchens, Jr., Moderator; J. A. Hammond, Clerk, and Eld. H. F. Wright, Treasurer.

Petitionary letters called for.

Cedar Hill, Cottage Home and Mount Pleasant churches presented letters.

On separate motions, each church was received into the Association and the right hand of fellowship extended to their messengers by the Moderator.

Visiting brethren were invited to take seats with us, and the invitation accepted by Elders Orlando Osborn, of Frisco Associa-

tion, Indian Territory, and J. W. Hiett, of Mountain Home Baptist College.

On motion, the Moderator was requested to appoint all committees.

Divine Services.—Elds. H. F. Wright, J. M. Cartwright and A. Pagan, Committee.

On motion, the following time of meeting and adjourning was adopted: Meet at 8 o'clock a. m.; adjourn 12 o'clock m. Meet at 2 o'clock p. m.; adjourn at 5 o'clock p. m.

By permission, Eld. J. W. Hiett spoke in the interest of Mountain Home Baptist College.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees:

Associational Missions—J. G. Henson, D. T. Fuller and H. F. Wright.

State Missions—C. D. Owen, J. N. Cooper and J. M. Gower.

Foreign Missions—J. M. Joiner, C. B. Hunton and J. R. Cooper.

Home Missions—J. H. Peay, J. N. Robertson and O. N. Albright.

Ministerial Education—W. D. Hargrave, E. Walraven and J. H. Bishop.

Temperance—W. D. Barton, A. Pagan and J. W. Caldwell.

Obituaries—J. W. Osment, J. M. Cartwright and R. M. Nutt.

Sunday Schools—G. W. Osborn, T. D. Cooper and H. R. Willey.

Literature—J. J. Rooney, M. Moser and N. A. Davis.

Ministers and Postoffices—J. R. Vice, Thomas Hurt and M. G. Barlow.

Woman's Work—C. B. Hunton, J. F. Clark, Miss Mollie Gage, Mrs. B. Autrey, Mrs. F. E. Holmes, Mrs. Matilda Dudley and Mrs. W. A. Maywood.

Resolutions and Nominations—H. M. Vice, C. D. Owen and W. D. Barton.

Committee on Divine Services report that Eld. J. W. Thompson would preach tonight at 7:30, and Eld. J. W. Hiett tomorrow at 11 a. m.

Adjourned until 8 a. m. tomorrow.

SECOND DAY.

Forenoon session met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. J. N. Robertson.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Letters from Paragould, Mount Pisgah, and Cache Valley churches were presented and read. Roll of messengers called and corrected, and messengers enrolled. While awaiting report of committees, devotional exercises were conducted by Eld. J. M. Joiner.

Committee on Obituaries submitted the following report:

We are grateful to God for His great mercy in sparing the lives of all our preachers in the bounds of this Association during the year. We are thankful, and praise His Holy Name that we have no deaths to chronicle.

Let us be united in prayer to our God for a continuance of His mercies toward us.

J. W. OSMENT,
R. M. NUTT, } Committee.

After discussion by W. D. Hargrave, J. M. Joiner, and T. H. Peay, the foregoing report was adopted.

Committee on Foreign Missions submitted their report as follows:

The work of preaching glad tidings to the heathen is being done in almost every nation under the sun, Thibet being the only exception. And it will be preached there as soon as its rulers will allow it.

The Lord is also adding His blessing to the efforts of His people, and cheering reports come from the Missionaries that the people are becoming more ready to hear the gospel, and that converts are more easily made.

A short table of statistics taken from the last Mission Journal shows how the work that has been committed to Southern Baptists is progressing. The figures are those of twelve years ago and now.

	1884.	1896.
No. of Missionaries, native and foreign,	95	195
Increase in membership	175	735
Pupils in Sunday School and day school	684	2,504
Contributions on field	\$1,077	\$5,553
Receipts in this Country	\$80,465	\$108,150

This table shows that while the number of workers has been

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about doubled, the number of converts, in one year, has been more than quadrupled. It is also a pleasing fact that the contributions on the foreign fields have in twelve years increased five fold.

All things considered, the work on the foreign fields is quite satisfactory. But the half-hearted efforts that we, who are at home, are making for the spread of the gospel in heathen lands, are very unsatisfactory.

We are in debt to our Missionaries, and the banks which have been lending money to keep the work going, are now refusing to do so any further, and unless we increase our gifts, and that right soon, some of our workers must suffer or return home from their work.

The Baptists of Arkansas gave less to Foreign Missions last year than for any one year in the past ten years.

What is the matter? Are Baptists becoming less Christ-like?

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. JOINER.

The foregoing report was discussed by J. M. Joiner, C. B. Hunton, J. H. Peay, W. D. Hargrave, Thomas Williams and M. C. Clark, and adopted.

Committee on State Missions reported as follows:

We, your Committee on State Missions, beg leave to submit the following report:

Our State work is now in the hands of a board composed of 57 members, 7 of whom are appointed by the State Convention, and the remaining 50 are elected one from each Association.

Three thousand dollars have been appropriated and distributed over the State generally to aid weak churches in supporting their pastors.

Our State has no general Missionary employed. So the responsibility of doing this work is thrown upon the pastors.

We urge that each pastor of Mt. Zion Association take up a collection at once and send it to our Secretary, W. A. Clark, Little Rock, Ark., as the board is in much need of support now.

May God help each one to give liberally to this cause according as God has prospered him.

C. D. OWEN,
J. N. COOPER, } Committee.
J. M. GOWER.

The above report, after being discussed by C. D. Owen, J. M. Joiner, W. D. Hargrave, C. B. Hunton and J. H. Peay, was adopted.

By permission, Eld. J. H. Peay spoke in the interest of the Baptist, published at Little Rock, Ark.

Committee on Divine Services report that Eld. J. H. Peay preach tonight at 7:30 o'clock, J. N. Robertson, tomorrow at 11 o'clock a. m., Eld. C. B. Hunton tomorrow at 7:30 p. m., and Eld. J. M. Joiner Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m.

Body adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m. During intermission, Eld. J. W. Hiett preached an able sermon on Missions. Text, Matthew 28: 19, 20.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at 2 o'clock p. m. Prayer by Eld. J. H. Peay. Letters from Nettleton, Bay and Clark's Chapel churches were presented and read and messengers enrolled.

Committee on Ministers and Postoffices reported as follows:

NAME.	POSTOFFICE.	NAME.	POSTOFFICE.
E. P. Minton,	Jonesboro	J. H. Peay	Paragould
J. M. Joiner	Jonesboro	J. N. Robertson	Paragould
J. M. Minton	Jonesboro	J. M. Huddleston	Paragould
C. B. Hunton	Jonesboro	W. J. Bearden	Paragould
C. D. Owen	Jonesboro	J. P. Hozman	Vanndale
J. M. Rains	Jonesboro	Thos. Williams	Lorado
B. T. Stokes	Jonesboro	J. N. Waters	Hancock
W. T. Hughes	Harrisburg	M. C. Clark	Lake City
R. M. Ford	Harrisburg	J. F. Clark	Herndon
J. W. Settlemire	Harrisburg	J. B. Allen	Greenboro
P. M. Huddleston	Harrisburg	*J. N. Adams	Lorado
W. M. Anderson	Harrisburg	*J. M. Night	Wynne
W. D. Hargrave	Harrisburg	*W. R. McEwen	Jonesboro
G. M. Settlemire	Hydrick	*N. D. Osment	Buffalo Lick
E. M. Hall	Greenfield	*A. C. Reaves	Harrisburg
E. Walraven	Dee	*John Gatten	Brookland
R. P. Watkins	Dee	*A. W. Curtinur	Bay.
J. H. Stokes	Wynne	*M. G. Barlow	Bay
T. P. Archer	Wynne	*W. H. Pruitt	Nettleton
H. F. Wright	Nettleton	*W. J. Blair	Nettleton
J. G. Henson	Brookland		

*Licentiates.

M. G. BARLOW,
J. R. VICE,
T. D. HURT,

} Committee.

Adopted:

The report of Committee on Woman's Work was submitted as follows:

We believe that woman's influence is as great and far reaching as ours, and that her influence for good is beyond calculation in this world. Therefore she should not be hindered in the exercise of her God-given power, but encouraged to exercise her gifts in every work where the Lord may call her.

Our sisters have done far more than we have done in sending the gospel to the nations of the earth, and by organizing the children into bands, etc., are training an army of workers for the Lord. There has been collected and paid out as follows: Philadelphia, \$58.30; North Jonesboro, \$70.80; Harrisburg, \$22.75; Oak Grove, \$51; Jonesboro, \$141; New Hope, \$24.50; total \$368.35.

Submitted,

C. B. Hunton, Chairman; J. F. Clark, Sister Mollie Gage, B. Autry, Matilda Dudley, F. E. Holmes and Sister W. A. Maywood, Committee.

After being discussed by W. D. Hargrave, J. M. Joiner, H. F. Wright, J. B. Allen, G. W. Osborn, C. B. Hunton and J. H. Peay, the foregoing report was adopted.

The Committee on Literature submitted its report as follows:

We recommend first of all the careful and prayerful study of the Bible, and further, inasmuch as the power of the press is a great factor for either good or evil, we insist and urge upon Baptists everywhere to supply themselves with good and wholesome religious literature. We recommend the Arkansas Baptist, published at Little Rock, Ark., the Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va., and the Convention Series of Sunday school literature, as periodicals worthy the perusal and the careful study of all Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. ROONEY,
M. MOSER,
N. A. DAVIS. } Committee.

The above report was adopted after being discussed by J. M. Joiner, J. H. Peay, P. C. Barton, J. H. Bishop and J. W. Hiett.

Committee on Ministerial Education reported as follows:
Believing in an educated ministry, we report as follows:

Whereas, Paul admonishes us to study, to show ourselves worthy the vocation wherewith we are called; and

Whereas, We have such grand opportunities to improve this admonition as ministers and members of the church by aiding worthy young men.

We recommend that this association continue its noble work, begun several years ago and revived in last year's work.

W. D. HARGRAVE,
J. H. BISHOP, } Committee.
E. WALRÄVEN.

After a warm discussion of the foregoing report by W. D. Hargrave, J. W. Hiett, J. M. Joiner, J. H. Peay, P. C. Barton, C. D. Owen and J. M. Cartwright, the following pledges and contributions were made for Ministerial Education.

PLEDGED.

J. M. Joiner.....	\$ 10 00	T. B. Kitchens	5 00
J. M. Cartwright	10 00	Cache Valley, by L. L.	
P. C. Barton	10 00	Swindle.....	2 50
Harrisburg, by W. D. Hargrave.....	5 00	Philadelphia, by mes-	
C. D. Owen.....	5 00	sengers.....	10 00
Bethel, by W. D. Hargrave.....	2 50	R. T. Jones	2 00
Hydrick, by W. D. Hargrave.....	2 50	J. G. Wiles.....	3 0
New Hope, by W. E. Stotts and J. R. Vice	5 00	C. B. Hunton	5 00
Mount Pleasant, by R. D. Covington.....	2 00	Jonesboro, messengers..	40 00
J. J. Rooney.....	1 00	Bay, by J. M. Cartwright	20 00
Cottage Home, by W. H. Pruitt	2 50	Bethabara, by S. A. Norman.....	2 50
Mount Zion, by T. M. Seay.....	5 00	Thomas Williams.....	1 00
Oak Grove, by J. H. Bishop.....	1 00	Enterprise, by J. T. Wiles.....	1 00
W. H. Brashears.....	5 00	Macedonia, by messen-	
Paragould by, J. H. Peay	1 00	gers	3 75
J. H. Peay.....	10 00	J. B. Allen and wife.....	1 50
W. H. Burrow and wife.	5 00	A. Pagan.....	10 00
	5 00	Mollie Gage.....	1 00
		H. F. Wright.....	5 00
		J. H. Kitchens.....	10 00
		J. S. Canada.....	1 25
		Total.....	\$208 30

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CASH CONTRIBUTIONS.

F. M. Johnson.....	\$ 1 00	J. L. Wiles.....	20
W. McCain.....	75	J. W. Caldwell.....	50
W. D. Barton.....	1 00	J. S. Canada.....	25
W. D. Hargrave.....	2 05	Mrs. F. N. Kitchens....	1 00
Mrs. F. E. Holmes....	1 00	T. D. Cooper.....	1 00
J. H. Kitchens, Sr.....	1 00	J. G. Henson.....	1 00
J. M. Gower.....	50	Mirtle Holmes.....	25
Mrs. B. Autrey.....	1 00	Mrs. F. M. Johnson....	1 00
J. G. Henson.....	1 00	J. M. Cartwright.....	50
J. T. Futrell.....	1 00		
J. T. Swindle.....	25	Total	\$ 19 00
Mrs. S. T. Stotts.....	50		
N. A. Davis	1 00	Pledges.....	\$208 30
Macedonia, T. D. Cooper.....	1 25	Total	\$227 30

The report of Committee on Ministerial Education was then adopted.

Adjourned 'till 8 a. m. to-morrow.

At 7:30 p. m. Eld. J. H. Peay preached a most excellent sermon on "Temperance;" text, Proverbs 23:20.

THIRD DAY SESSION.

Called to order at 8 o'clock a. m. Prayer by Eld. J. M. Robertson. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Letters from Pleasant Grove and Enterprise churches were read and messengers enrolled.

Roll of messengers called and corrected.

Committee on Finance submitted their report as follows:

"A feast is given for laughter, wine makes merry, but money answers all things," says Ecclesiastecus.

Money is just as necessary in the prosecution of church work as any other work. Many of our churches do not realize this fact, or at least, do not profit by it. We recommend that all our churches have a regular system of finances, and report everything to their church treasurer and insert everything in their letter to the Association, so that the world may know what we pay for church work.

We also recommend that our Clerk extend the statistical table so as to include all moneys paid for church work, and the

value of all church property in the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. KITCHENS, Jr.,
Chairman.

The foregoing report were discussed by C. B. Hunton, J. M. Joiner, J. H. Bishop, J. H. Peay, W. D. Hargrave, F. M. Johnson, G. W. Osborn, J. H. Kitchens, Jr., J. B. Allen, P. C. Barton and J. N. Robertson. Report was adopted.

Committee on Temperance submitted their report as follows:

We think that intemperance is the greatest evil in our country; robbing our nation of its beauty, robbing families of peace, robbing churches of Spiritual vigor and robbing individuals of honor; and we believe that we should act as we pray. We further believe that each church should discipline such members as tamper with intoxicating drink; the example is not good, the effect is not good. That we believe strong drink is the thumb screw that opens the flood-gate, and turns upon us largely all the evils of today. We believe God condemns, and the church should condemn, open saloons, blind tigers or moderate dram drinking wherever found, and especially among church members.

J. H. ROBERTSON,
A. PAGAN,
J. W. CALDWELL. } Committee.

The forgoing report was adopted without discussion.

Committee on Home Missions submitted the following report which was adopted without dicussion:

The territory covered by the Southern Baptist Convention, together with the Island of Cuba, is the field in which the Home Mission Board operates.

There is no fairer clime, now more fertile land, no land with grander possibilities, having done nobly in the past, but lays the foundation for greater achievements for God and his Christ in the future..

The Baptists of the South are the conservatories of a pure Baptist faith. It seems that the Lord expects more of them. Let them rise to the dignity of their calling, and be equal to all demands. A constant stream of increasing population, makes momentous the duty of each and every Baptist. Then should be

met and given the gospel of man's salvation wherever and whenever needed.

There is a relation between our State work and the work of the Home Board. It has been exceedingly liberal in its donations, thus stimulating our State work. This should foster our interests in Home Mission work.

In the Island of Cuba our work, in consequence of the war raging there, is practically suspended, but is being held together by native workers. Bro. Diaz is now in this country for safety and protection. May God speed the day when both Spanish and Roman bondage shall be no more.

The Committee recommends that one Sunday in the year be set apart for each of the missions, and a special mission service be held; and a brother or sister be appointed in each church to solicit funds for each of our mission enterprises.

J. H. PEAY,
J. N. ROBERTSON, } Committee.
O. N. ALLBRIGHT. }

Eld. J. H. Peay submitted the following resolution:

Whereas, It is a fact that the president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Prof. W. H. Whitsitt, of Louisville, Ky., as teacher of church history in said institution, has published in the New York Independent, a free-lance religious paper, in Johnson's Cyclopædia, a pedobaptist publication, and recently in his book, "A Question in Baptist History," together with other utterances, statements that are unscriptural and subversive of both Baptist faith and practice, to-wit:

1. That a Baptist wife should unite with a pedobaptist church to be with her husband.

2. That he holds and teaches the pedobaptist branch theory of the church.

3. That the English Baptists practiced pouring and sprinkling for baptism from 1509 to 1641. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Association, knowing and believing that such statements are both incorrect and destructive to the Baptist cause generally, while we are friends to the Seminary, that we not only deplore the fact of such utterances, but do now declare that until Prof.

Whitsitt either retracts such false statements or resigns his connection with said Seminary, that we furnish no more means to support nor encourage any more young ministers to attend the Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

The foregoing resolution, after being discussed by J. H. Peay, J. M. Joiner, J. B. Allen and P. C. Barton was adopted.

The Executive Board of Associational Missions submitted their report as follows:

JONESBORO, ARK., October 8, 1896.

To the Mt. Zion Association:

GREETING:—Your Executive Board submit the following report: At the meeting of the last association it seemed to be the sense of the body that we employ a missionary and have him visit all the churches, that they might be enthused and worked up to the standard desired on missions and brought to co-operate freely with the board, and thus change our former system, viz.: "Of aiding weak and destitute churches."

Therefore, we employed Eld. C. B. Hunton to begin said work on April 1 at a salary of \$50 per month, State Board agreeing to pay \$8.33 1-3 per month of said salary. About August 15 we thought it best to suspend the work until after the meeting of your body. The results of his work are as follows:

Churches visited.....	32
Sermons preached.....	82
Miles traveled.....	698
Families visited.....	119
Conversions	17
Baptized.....	10
Collected on field.....	\$ 59 34
Amount on hand at last association.....	6 19
Amount appropriated to Wynne, but not applied.....	50 00
Amount received from other sources:.....	140 88
 Total.....	\$ 256 41
October 10, amount from churches sent to associations.....	\$10 45
Amount collection made upon this report	15 32
	25 97
Total.....	\$ 282 38

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Jan. 9, '96, Paid expenses, T. B. Kitchens to Little Rock	\$81.85
May 19, Paid C. B. Hunton.....	\$50 00
June 1, Paid C. B. Hunton.....	50 00
June 30, Paid Thomas Williams.....	10 00
July 4, Paid C. B. Hunton.....	\$50 00
September 4, Paid C. B. Hunton	54 08
October 10, Paid C. B. Hunton.....	20 92
Paid Thos. Williams.....	15 00
Balance cash on hand.....	23 35

Total..... \$282.38

With the above facts before you, we would ask: "Shall we continue the same manner of work or shall the manner of work be left to the wisdom of your incoming board?

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. BARTON, Sec'y. and Treas.

Eld. C. B. Hunton made a motion to answer the question propounded in the foregoing report by saying, "That we leave the management of the mission work in our association to the Executive Board." Motion carried.

After discussion of the above report by C. B., J. M. Joiner, P. C. Barton, Thomas Williams, W. D. Hargrave and J. H. Kitchens, Jr., the same was laid over till afternoon. Adjourned till 2 p. m.

During recess Eld. J. N. Robertson delivered an able sermon on the subject, "Enemies to Christ." Text, Phillipians 3: 18.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled at 2 o'clock. Prayer by Eld. J. F. Clark.

Committee on Resolutions and Nominations submitted report as follows:

We, your Committee on Nominations, beg leave to submit the following report:

Executive Board—T. B. Kitchens, P. C. Barton, A. Pagan, J. H. Kitchens, Jr., G. W. Osborn.

Delegates to State Convention—W. J. Bearden, W. D. Hargrave, E. P. Minton, H. F. Wright, J. H. Peay; Alternates, J. V. Bell, F. M. Johnson.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention—J. M. Joiner;
Alternate, C. B. Hunton,

Place of next association, Philadelphia, Craighead county,
Ark. Introductory sermon to be preached by J. G. Henson;
Alternate, Thos. Williams. Be it

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to the good people of
Big Bay and vicinity, for their hospitality and kindness shown to
us during our stay among them.

H. M. VICE,
C. D. OWENS, } Committee.
W. D. BARLOW.

W. D. Hargrave made a motion to amend the foregoing re-
port by striking out Philadelphia as next place of meeting and
inserting Harrisburg.

Motion carried, after which said report was discussed and
adopted as amended.

The report of Executive Board, laid over before noon, was
again taken up.

After discussion of said report by W. D. Hargrave, the fol-
lowing pledges and contributions were made for Associational
Missions:

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Harrisburg, by W. D. Hargrave.....	\$ 5 00
Bethel, by W. D. Hargrave.....	2 50
Hydrick, by W. D. Hargrave	2 50
North Jonesboro, by Messengers.....	5 00
Cache Valley, by Thos. Williams.....	5 00
Philadelphia, by Messengers.....	10 00
Jonesboro, by Messengers.....	60 00
Paragould, by Messengers.....	20 00
Mt. Zion, by Messengers	10 00
Oak Grove, by W. F. Selman.....	2 50
Herman, by D. J. Fuller.....	2 50
Bay, by J. M. Cartwright.....	5 00
J. T. Wiles.....	.50
Bethabara, by S. A. Norman.....	2 50
J. S. Canada.....	1 00
Clark's Chapel, by J. T. Futrell.....	2 50

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Macedonia, by Messengers	5 00
Palestine; by N. A. Davis.....	2 00
New Hope, by Messengers	3 00
Rock Hill, by J. B. Allen.....	2 50
C. B. Hunton.....	5 00
Antioch, Craighead county pledges.....	5 00
 Total.....	\$159 00
Cash contributions.....	16 02
 Total.....	\$175 02

The report of Executive Board was then adopted. Moderator appointed the following named committeemen to serve on the hereinafter named committees at the next association:

Foreign Missions—J. H. Peay and J. N. Robertson.

Home Missions—E. P. Minton and Thos. Williams.

State Missions—H. F. Wright and J. G. Henson.

Associational Missions—P. C. Barton and G. W. Osborn.

On motion, the Moderator appointed the following Corresponding Messengers to the adjoining Associations:

Gainesville Association—T. B. Kitchens and J. N. Robertson.

Mount Vernon Association—W. D. Hargrave and J. W. Osment.

Osceola Association—H. F. Wright and J. G. Henson.

Spring River Association—E. P. Minton and G. W. Osborn.

The report of the committee to superintend the erection of a monument to the memory of Eld. Wm. F. Smith, deceased, was submitted as follows:

Contributed by Jonesboro Church	\$11 10
Paragould Church	5 00
Oak Grove and others.....	10 00
Philadelphia.....	9 30
Macedonia	2 50
Antioch.....	1 75
Cedar Hill.....	2 25
Mount Zion.....	9 95

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W. H. Pruitt.....	50
Public Cash collection today.....	8 65

Total..... \$50 00

J. H. KITCHENS, JR.,
ISAAC GIBSON,
G. W. OSBORN. } Committee.

The foregoing report was adopted and the committee authorized to use the \$50 in purchasing said monument.

Committee on Sunday-schools submitted their report, which, after some amendment, reads as follows:

We, your Committee on Sunday-schools; beg leave to offer the following thoughts as a report:

A Sunday-school is the work of the church teaching, utilizing, reviving and exercising their spiritual talents, and gives the woman one of the best opportunities to do good in her Master's cause.

Where can you bring the ungodly in a closer touch with God's Word and God's dealings with His children than in a Sunday-school?

We do earnestly suggest that each pastor set apart one appointment for the advocating of a Sunday-school.

Brethren, just think of only eleven Sunday-schools among twenty-five churches. Surely this is not a correct report of the Sunday-schools in this Association.

We would recommend that every clerk report every step taken in this direction. We fear that some one has come short of his duty. Respectfully submitted,

H. R. WILLEY,
G. W. OSBORN,
T. D. COOPER, } Committee.

After discussion by Thomas Williams, J. M. Joiner, G. W. Osborn, C. B. Hunton, J. B. Allen, W. D. Hargrave, P. C. Barton and T. B. Kitchens the above report was adopted.

An additional collection for the minutes' fund, amounting to 20 cts., was taken, with which the clerk was instructed to buy blank forms of church letter and send one to each church clerk in this Association.

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J. H. Kitchens, Jr., Treasurer of last Association, submitted the following report, which was received: Received on minutes fund last year, \$33.75; paid to clerk, \$33.75,

On motion, P. C. Barton was elected as member of the State Mission Board from this Association.

P. C. Barton submitted the following resolution:

Whereas, It has been rumored that the Cedar Hill Church has been a little irregular in some of her practices, be it

Resolved, That this body appoint a committee of not less than five to investigate their former practice and report to the next regular meeting of this Association. Respectfully submitted,

P. C. BARTON.

The foregoing resolution was discussed by P. C. Barton, Thomas Williams, J. N. Robertson, R. M. Nutt, J. F. Clark and M. G. Barlow and adopted. On motion, the Moderator appointed the following named brethren as a committee to investigate the rumors regarding Cedar Hill Church: P. C. Barton, G. W. Osborn, J. B. Allen, T. D. Cooper and F. M. Johnson.

Prayer by W. D. Hargrave.

On motion, Unity and Bark Camp Island Churches were granted letters to join Gainesville Association.

Committee on Associational Missions reported as follows:

We, your Committee on Associational Missions, report as follows: The command of our Savior was to go and teach all nations. We believe it is the duty of this association to have a missionary in the field all of the time, by the day, to be elected by the Board, and that there be a solicitor in each church to visit every member and see what they will do, and that the pastors preach on Missions and hold up Christ as a missionary. We find that our missionary has visited 32 churches, preached 82 sermons, collected \$85.75; miles traveled, 698; visited families, 119; conversions, 17; baptized, 10, for which we are thankful, but there is other work that needs to be done. We want a man to preach to pastorless churches and to destitute places.

H. F. WRIGHT,
J. G. HENSON,
D. J. FULLER. } Committee.

Discussed by H. F. Wright, J. H. Bishop, J. M. Joiner, G.

B. Hunton; P. C. Barton, J. H. Kitchens, Jr., C. D. Owen and adopted.

P. C. Barton nominated Bro. C. D. Owen as beneficiary of this association.

Motion carried, the association agreeing to help C. D. Owen to prepare for the ministry by supporting him in school this year at the Mountain Home Baptist College, and that the contributions of Bay church, on Ministerial Education, be used in helping Bro. M. G. Barlow in school.

H. F. Wright, Treasurer, submitted the following report, which was adopted: Received on minute fund, \$39.26.

A motion carried instructing the Clerk to superintend the printing of as many minutes of this session as the money in his hands will permit, after retaining ten dollars for his services. At 5 o'clock p. m. session adjourned until after preaching tonight.

At 7:30 p. m. Eld. C. B. Hunton preached an able sermon, using for a text scripture found in Job 14: 14, after which session opened. Minutes of today read, corrected and approved.

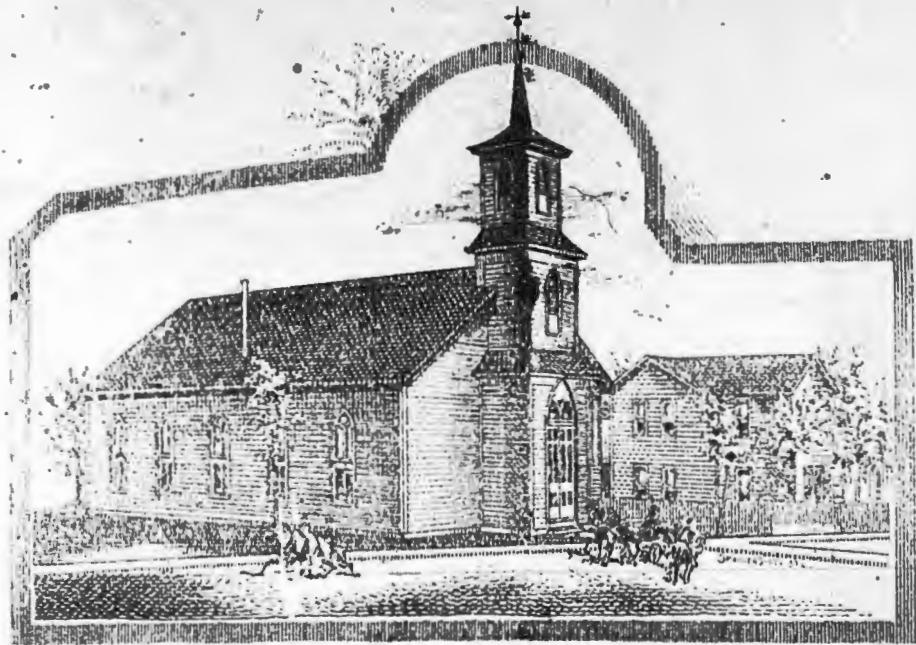
The business of the association having been completed, the body sang "God be with you till we meet again," and adjourned to meet with Harrisburg Baptist church, twenty miles South of Nettleton, on the Knoble Branch of the I. M. R. R. in its next annual session on Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1897.

J. H. KITCHENS, Jr., Moderator.

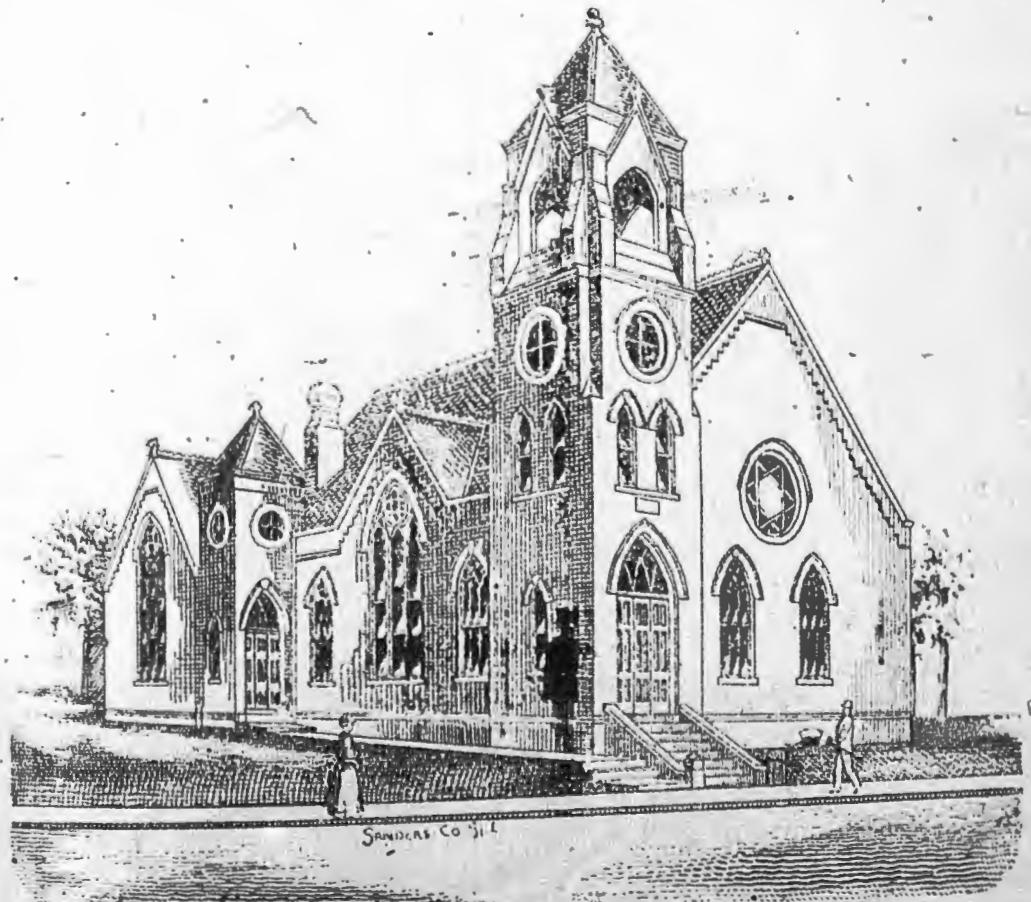
J. A. HAMMOND, Clerk.



ELD. J. H. PEAY.



PARAGOULD CHURCH.



JONESBORO CHURCH.

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	MESSENGERS.	MEMBERSHIP.										CONTRIBUTION.												
			Increase.				Decrease.				PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICES.	Paid on Missions, Etc.				Paid on Church Work.							
			By Baptism.	By Letter.	Relation.	Restored.	Died.	By Letter.	Excluded.	Association.				State.	Home.	Foreign.	Ministerial Education.	S. S. Work.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidental.	Minute Fund.				
Antioch.	Craighead.	H. R. Willey, W. Roberts, F. M. Johnson, J. M. Gower, Mrs. F. M. Johnson.	12	.	.	1	6	.	2	122	J. G. Henson	F. M. Johnson	Gutertown.	\$2 00	\$108 75	\$5 00	\$2 00	\$117 75	\$600		
Bay.	Craighead.	A. L. Garrett, J. N. Fielder, M. A. Kincaide, A. L. Fielder.	3	.	.	1	7	1	51	J. G. Henson	A. L. Garrett	Bay.	3 50	.	.	.	.	11 50	1 00	45 00	1 00	400
Bethabara.	Craighead.	S. A. Norman	1	4	.	1	3	4	3	41	J. N. Waters	J. F. Crocker	Cane Island.	.	.	.	.	23 00	1 25	25 25	1 00	3 25
Bethel.	Poinsett.	W. D. Hawkray.	46	W. D. Hargrave	B. F. Harris	Harrisburg.	1 00	\$1 00	35	25	1 00	1 00	6 25		
Cache Valley.	Greene.	J. L. Swindie, J. W. West, M. G. Barlow.	2	.	.	1	5	.	32	Thos. Williams	J. W. West	Lorado.	5 00	.	1 00	.	.	53 22	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00			
Cedar Hill.	Craighead.	R. M. Natt, J. W. Caldwell, J. N. Adams.	44	43	.	8	1	4	1	90	J. F. Clark	T. W. Nutt	Herrdon.	4 95	1 00	1 25	1 25	85 00	1 50	15 00	2 00	65 17			
Clark's Chapel.	Cross.	Zem Rooks, J. T. Futrell.	12	.	.	1	1	.	36	T. F. Archer	R. B. Clark	Wynne.	5 77	1 25	.	.	.	50	50	24 27	25	200			
Cottage Home.	Craighead.	W. H. Pruitt, S. L. Pruitt, John Fortenbury.	6	5	.	.	2	.	11	J. W. Pruitt	J. W. Phillips	Nettleton.	.	.	.	.	.	25	25	25	25	25
Enterprise.	Craighead.	J. L. Wiles.	2	2	.	.	2	4	31	R. P. Watkins	J. L. Wiles	Jonesboro.	.	55	.	.	.	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00			
Harrisburg.	Poinsett.	Sister Phoebe Holmes.	.	.	.	.	.	.	53	W. D. Harsrave	L. E. Stancell	Harrisburg.	5 00	\$7 85	.	2 00	.	28 30	1 00	1 00	1 00	26 15
Herman.	Craighead.	J. N. Cooper, D. J. Fuller, O. N. Albright.	2	2	.	1	3	4	65	H. F. Wright	S. A. Null	Jonesboro.	23 15	1 50	1 50	1 50	36 65			
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Jonewboro.	Craighead.	W. D. Barton, J. J. Wooney, Mrs. W. A. Maywood.	23	26	.	3	1	8	272	J. M. Joiner	J. V. Bell	Jonesboro.	51 75	34 56	51 48	69 52	\$107 92	120 05	900 00	499 33	\$38 75	5 00	1,877 31	18,000	
Macedonia.	Craighead.	J. R. Cooper, T. D. Cooper, G. M. D. Tolbert, Thos. Hurt.	61	4	.	4	6	2	3	192	H. F. Wright	J. R. Cooper	Jonesboro.	3 51	.	.	.	1 00	2 00	25 00	1 50	1 81	34 82	800	
Mt. Zion.	Greene.	A. Sheffield, D. T. Seay, T. M. Seay, Wm. McCain.	20	4	1	4	3	24	5	198	J. F. Clark	L. T. Dennis	Walcott.	10 57	75 00	1 00	35 00	2 50	124 07	700	
Mt. Pleasant.	Craighead.	R. D. Covington, W. H. Hunter.	4	5	.	2	2	2	3	17	R. P. Watkins	R. M. Covington	Gilkerson.	2 45	6 00	6 00	8 45	8 45	8 45		
Mt. Pisgah.	Craighead.	J. W. Osment, W. D. Reed, E. Walraven.	14	14	.	2	2	2	1	74	E. Walraven	J. P. Harn	Dee.	1 96	1 00	1 00	1 00	.	4 19	10 45	10 45	10 45	19 60		
Nettleton.	Craighead.	W. J. Blair.	2	2	.	3	5	2	86	H. F. Wright	R. M. Lamb	Nettleton.	2 42	.	.	.	.	18 50	18 50	18 50	18 50	18 50
New Hope.	Craighead.	J. R. Vice, W. E. Stotts, Mrs. S. E. Stotts, H. M. Vice, Mrs. Renie Vice, Mrs. Matilda Dudley.	2	.	.	3	5	2	86	H. M. Vice	Dee.	Dee.	2 85	.	20	10	.	45 00	18 00	18 00	50	21 62			
N. Jonesboro.	Craighead.	Miss T. H. Barnett, Mrs. B. Autry, C. D. Owen.	6	5	.	.	.	.	35	C. B. Hunton	Z. A. Cole	Jonesboro.	3 80	.	1 00	1 00	.	65 00	1 50	1 50	63 19	1,000
Oak Grove.	Craighead.	J. H. Bishop, W. F. Selman.	17	6	2	5	.	5	103	R. P. Watkins	J. L. Thomas	Gilkerson.	1 50	1 85	.	1 50	.	18 00	50 00	1 50	128 80	1,000			
Palestine.	Craighead.	W. A. Davis, O. S. Bowman.	4	.	4	.	2	.	27	W. M. Clark	N. A. Davis	Lake City.	.	2 50	25	.	1 50	1 50	50 00	1 50	57 91	400			
Paragould.	Greene.	J. H. Peay, J. N. Robinson, T. B. Kitchens.	9	9	2	4	11	3	284	J. H. Peay	T. B. Kitchens	Paragould.	10 00	15 00	16 25	10 50	30 00	720 00	118 75	15 00	1 15	19 40	350		
Philadelphia.	Craighead.	G. W. Osborn, A. Pagan, M. Moser, Miss Molle Gage, J. A. Hammond.	17	9	2	4	18	3	20	W. J. Bearden	J. A. Hammond	Jonesboro.	3 50	.	11 27	17 19	88 10	88 10	2 55	2 55	4 00	924 50	2,000		
Pleasant Grove.	Poinsett.	Mrs. Mary Shum.	9	.	1	3	3	1	26	H. F. Wright	T. H. Rips-y	Buffal., Lick.	50	.	.	.	.	3 00	125 61	1 00	1 00	1 00
Brock Hill.	Craighead.	J. H. Allen, Jaynes Berry, Henry Brashears.	10	4	.	3	3	2	40	J. G. Henson	H. N. Berry	Jonesboro.	.	.	.	.	.	75	75	75	75	75
Wynne.	Cross.	G. W. Thomason.	4	.	1	1	1	2	59	C. J. Cooper	Wynne	Wynne.	3 40	.	72	.	16 00	35 03	35 00	60 00	1 50	151 66	600		
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