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MOUNT ZION

MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

First Day.

PARAGOULD, Ark., Thursday, Oct. 11, 1894.

The Mount Zion Association of Missionary Baptists convened in the Forty-first Annual Session with Paragould Baptist Church on Thursday, Oct. 11, 1894.

The body was called to order by Elder E. P. Minton, the former Moderator, after which W. J. Bearden led in prayer.

The hour for the introductory sermon having arrived, the same was delivered by Elder C. B. Hunton from John xiv., 6.

At 12 m. the body adjourned until 2 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

At 2 p. m. session reconvened,

Prayer by Elder J. G. Henson.

The hour for permanent organization having arrived, the letters from the several churches were called for and read by Elders C. B. Hunton and E. J. A. McKinney and delegates enrolled.

Thirty churches were present by letters and delegates. The body then proceeded to permanent organization. C. B. Hunton, E. J. A. McKinney and J. H. Kitchens were appointed tellers.

The returns resulted in the election of—

Elder E. P. MINTON, Moderator.

T. B. KITCHENS, Clerk.

C. B. HUNTON, Treasurer.

Petitionary letters being called for, the following recently organized churches presented letters asking admission into the associational body, to wit :

Enterprise Church, Craighead County.

Best Chapel Church, Cross County

Cache Valley Church, Greene County.

Nettleton Church, Craighead County.

Weiner Church, Poinsett County.

Antioch Church, Cross County.

Bark Camp Island Church, Greene County.

And it appearing from said petitionary letters that Enterprise, Cache Valley, Nettleton and Weiner, were of like faith and order with the other churches of this Association, they were, on motion, received into full fellowship with the Association.

The letters from Antioch and Bark Camp Island failed to state whether or not they had adopted any articles of

faith, and on motion of Elder E. J. A. McKinney, the Moderator appointed as a committee to investigate as to same, J. W. Bell, E. J. A. McKinney and J. H. Kitchens, Jr. Said committee submitted the following report:

We, your committee, appointed to investigate as to the faith and practice of Antioch Church, Cross County, and Bark Camp Island, Greene County, do hereby report that we have investigated and found that they are sound in faith and practice, and we do recommend their reception.

J. W. BELL,
J. H. KITCHENS,
E. J. A. MCKINNEY.

The report was adopted and the churches received into full fellowship.

The messengers from all the said churches received into the Association on petitionary letters came forward and the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship on behalf of the association.

On motion of Elder J. H. Peay, the same order of business was adopted as by last association.

Brother L. E. Stancell moved that the Moderator be empowered to appoint all committees.

Motion carried.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats with the association and the invitation was accepted by the following:

Elder W. S. Wilburn, Dexter, Mo.

Elder H. B. Wester, Black River Association, Missouri.

J. H. Earl, of Gainesville Association.

J. N. Settlemire, of Gainesville Association.

W. J. Bearden, of Gainesville Association.

S. H. Weatherly, of Gainesville Association.

Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Divine Services—

J. H. Peay, J. M. Huddleston, J. N. Robertson and
T. B. Kitchens.

On Nominations—

H. F. Wright, N. S. Mosier and J. N. Fielder.

On Foreign Missions—

J. N. Robertson, J. G. Henson and John Wiles.

On Sunday Schools—

Thomas Williams, A. J. Guest and W. H. Pruett.

On State Missions—

J. H. Peay, H. M. Cole and J. W. Bell.

On Home Missions—

J. W. Hiett, H. M. Vice and I. D. Pribble.

On Associational Missions—

E. J. A. McKinney, L. Foust, L. E. Stancell and
J. T. Huddleston.

On Temperance—

C. B. Hunton, L. E. Gibson and S. A. Neil.

On motion of J. H. Peay, the hours for meeting and adjournment were fixed as follows:

Meet at 9 a.m. and adjourn at 12 m.

Meet at 2 p.m. and adjourn at 5 p.m.

Meet at 7 p.m. and adjourn at will.

The Moderator appointed the following as Committee on Resolutions—

J. T. Bozman, E. Walters and A. Sherfield.

Committee on Divine Services report that J. W. Hiett preaches to night at 7 o'clock.

On motion of L. E. Stancell, association adjourned until 7 o'clock.

Night Session.

Association reassembled. After singing and prayer by Elder W. S. Wilburn, the welcome address was delivered by W. A. H. McDaniel and responded to by E. J. A. McKinney.

Elder J. W. Hiett conducted divine services and preached a very able sermon from Nehemiah iv., 6.

On motion, association adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Second Day.

Friday Morning, Oct. 12, 1894.

Association assembled at 9 o'clock and after singing "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing," H. B. Wester led in prayer.

Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved. Roll of messengers was called and corrected.

Elder W. A. Clark, editor of the Arkansas Baptist, representing the Executive Board of the State Convention, accepted the invitation to take part in the deliberations of the body.

The Committee on Divine Services report that H. B. Wester preaches to-day at 11 o'clock and that W. S. Wilburn preaches to-night at 7 o'clock. Also that W. A. Clark preaches to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

The Committee on Foreign Missions submitted a report, which was read, and after discussion was, on motion, referred back to committee and W. J. Bearden was added to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

TEMPERANCE — The Committee on Temperance submitted a report as follows:

"Brethren, your Committee on Temperance would beg leave to report as follows: We are glad to be able to say that the cause of temperance is making splendid progress. Forty-four counties in the State voted no license at the last general election.

"The liquor traffic is a monster evil. Many of the brightest intellects and many bright and happy homes have been turned into a very hell by it.

"We would therefore recommend temperance in all things, and more especially in reference to the use of ardent spirits. The safe plan is, 'Touch it not,' for it is written, 'No drunkard shall inherit the Kingdom of God.'

"Vote as we pray. Practice what we preach, and the victory is ours." Respectfully submitted,

C. B. HUNTON,
L. E. GIBSON,
S. A. NEAL.

After an interesting discussion, participated in by C. B. Hunton, W. A. Clark, W. J. Beardon, H. B. Wester and W. S. Wilburn, the report was adopted.

J. H. Kitchens, Jr., on behalf of the Associated Board, submitted the following report:

The Executive Board of Mount Zion Association met soon after the meeting of last association and organized by re-electing J. H. Kitchens, Jr., Chairman, and P. C. Barton Secretary-Treasurer.

At the same meeting the following appropriations were made to aid the work at the different points named, to-wit: Harrisburg, \$50; Wynne, \$50; Hickory Grove, \$25, and Liberty Church, at Bay, \$25. We also appropriated \$25 each to McCrory and Liberty Churches, subject to the approval of the association. The appropriation for Liberty Church to be applied on debt, and the appropriation at McCrory to be set apart as a building fund.

As the church at Wynne has only had a pastor for four months of the past year, we have paid of the appropriation to that church, \$16 35. We regret to have to report that the financial crisis through which our country has gone has diminished our contributions to our work on all lines. We rejoice to be able to report that, notwithstanding the scarcity of money, we have been able to pay our missionaries and to not only maintain our work, but have made some progress, as there has been a net increase in the membership at the mission points reported to this body.

We hope and pray that we are on the dawn of a brighter era in the history of our Zion, when the work will take on new life and her cords be lengthened and her stakes strengthened. Brethren, pray for the mission work in our association.

We have received the following amounts during the past year:

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| From Jonesboro Church | \$62 10 |
| From Harrisburg Church..... | 5 00 |
| From Paragould Church..... | 10 00 |
| From Oak Grove Church..... | 11 10 |
| From Fifth Sunday collections..... | 34 50 |

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| Carried from preceding page..... | \$122 70 |
| From New Hope Church (Craighead County)..... | 2 50 |
| From Rock Hill Church..... | 2 50 |
| From Caele Valley Church | 1 00 |
| From Wynne Church..... | 1 90 |
| Total..... | \$130 60 |
| By expenses of P. C. Barton to board meeting, Little Rock | \$9 25 |
| By amount paid for minutes, State convention..... | 5 00 |
| By amount paid W. B. Hargraves..... | 50 00 |
| By amount paid E. J. A. McKinney..... | 16 35 |
| By amount paid Thomas Williams..... | 25 00 |
| By amount paid J. G. Henson..... | 25 00 |
| Total..... | \$130 60 |

On motion said report was laid on the table, subject to be called up and considered with the report of the Committee on Associational Missions.

Messengers from the following named churches presented their letters, and delegates were enrolled as follows:

Antioch Church, Craighead County.

Mount Pisgah Church, Craighead County.

Pleasant Grove Church, Craighead County.

Bethel Church, Poinselt County.

At 11 o'clock the association took a recess until 2 p. m.

During intermission H. B. Wester delivered a very earnest and instructive sermon from Timothy ii., 3.

Evening Session.

Reassembled at 2 p. m. Prayer by J. W. Bell.

Committee on Associational Missions report as follows:

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

1. By reference to the report of the Executive Board, we find that \$130.60 only have been paid into the board for this work. About three years ago over \$400 were expended annually for this same work. Why this decrease in such contributions? Is it wholly due to the general financial depression, or is it due in part to a want of interest in the work by a majority of our people?

These are simple questions, which are not only worthy, but ought to receive our sincere personal consideration. Each of us should ask ourselves the question, "What part should I take in it?" We believe that this apparent want of interest is due in a large measure to the fact that the pastors and preachers do not manifest the interest and zeal that should characterize every minister of the gospel, for the cause of missions. Preachers are the teachers and leaders of the people. If they fail to teach the people as to the necessity and importance of this work, with whom rests the blame for not helping in this work?

2. By reference to the report of the Executive Board, we find that only eight churches out of thirty-four have contributed to this work. Why this? Are they not able to help?

Brethren, let us seriously consider this matter and let us all come up to the help of the Lord in giving the pure gospel to every man, woman and child within Mount Zion Association.

E. J. A. MCKINNEY,
L. E. STANCILL,
L. FOUST,
J. M. HUDDLESTON.

The foregoing report, after being discussed by E. J. A. McKinney, E. P. Milton and W. A. Clark, was adopted.

Pledges were made for the support of the work of Associational Missions the coming year as follows:

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| By Antioch Church | \$ 5 00 |
| By Bay Church | 5 00 |
| By Harrisburg Church..... | 5 00 |
| By Berthabara Church..... | 9 00 |
| By Hermaa Church..... | 2 50 |
| By Lydrick Church..... | 5 00 |
| By Jonesboro Church..... | 60 00 |
| By Macedonia Church..... | 2 50 |
| By Mount Pisgah Church, Craighead County..... | 2 50 |
| By Mount Zion Church | 5 00 |
| By New Hope Church, Cross County..... | 5 00 |
| By New Hope Church, Craighead County..... | 5 00 |
| By North Jonesboro Church..... | 5 00 |
| By Oak Grove Church | 5 00 |
| By Paragould Church..... | 30 00 |
| By Pleasant Church..... | 2 00 |
| Total..... | \$153 50 |

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| Carried from preceding page..... | \$153 50 |
| By Philadelphia Church..... | 5 00 |
| By Rock Hill Church..... | 1 50 |
| By Shiloh Church..... | 2 50 |
| By Wynne Church..... | 12 50 |
| By Weiner Church..... | 5 00 |
| By Antioch Church, Cross County..... | 2 50 |
| By Bark Camp Island Church..... | 2 50 |
| By Best's Chapel Church..... | 2 50 |
| By Nettleton Church..... | 5 00 |
| By Enterprise Church..... | 2 50 |
| By Cache Valley Church..... | 2 20 |
| Total..... | \$200 00 |

J. H. Kitchens, Chairman of the Executive Board, submitted a report of the work done by the association on ministerial education as follows:

Your Executive Board submit the following report: This association four years ago adopted Brother E. J. A. McKinney as its beneficiary at Ouachita Baptist College and undertook to pay his expenses. We feel thankful to God and to our brethren for the promptness with which they have met these expenses in the past. Brother McKinney has finished his course at the Ouachita Baptist College with honor to himself and credit to the association, and is now among us to labor with us for the purpose for which we have educated him—that is, to advance the cause of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

To God be all the honor for all the benefits which may result from this labor and expense.

We have last year received and expended the following amounts, to-wit:

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| To cash from Herman Church..... | 3 50 |
| To cash from Harrisburg Church..... | 3 90 |
| To cash from Paragould Church..... | 20 00 |
| To cash from Philadelphia Church..... | 6 00 |
| To cash from Jonesboro Church..... | 31 30 |
| To cash from North Jonesboro Church..... | 5 00 |
| To cash from Wynne Church..... | 5 00 |
| To cash collection at Association..... | 36 30 |
| To cash from New Hope Church..... | 1 00 |
| Total..... | \$112 60 |

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| Paid E. J. A. McKinney..... | \$62 00 |
| Paid E. J. A. McKinney at Association..... | 50 00 |
| Total. | \$112 00 |

J. H. KITCHENS,
Chairman Executive Board.

After reading report it was made a special order for to-night at 8 o'clock.

TREASURER'S REPORT.—C. B. Hunton, Treasurer of the Association, submitted the following report:

Dear Brethren—Allow me to submit the following as the report of your Treasurer:

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| To amount received October, 1893, minute fund | \$38 37 |
| To amount received for Home Missions | 10 95 |
| To amount received for Foreign Missions..... | 7 50 |
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| Total..... | \$56 82 |

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| By amount paid out— | |
| To T. B. Kitchens, minutes | \$38 50 |
| To Home Missions | 10 85 |
| To Foreign Missions..... | 7 50 |
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| Total..... | \$56 95 |
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C. B. HUNTON, Treasurer.

The report was adopted without discussion. It was moved by J. H. Kitchens that the moderator appoint a Committee on Woman's Work and that report of same be made the special order for tomorrow at 2 p. m. Motion carried.

Moderator appointed on said committee:

J. H. Peay, H. B. Webster and E. J. A. McKinney.

On motion of J. W. Hiett, the moderator appointed the following Committee on Literature:

J. W. Bell, A. J. English and J. G. Henson.

The Committee on Foreign Missions report as follows:

We, the Committee on Foreign Missions, submit the following report:

The amount expended by the Baptists of America for the spread of the Gospel in foreign lands the year ending May, 1894, was \$116,713.16; number of missionaries on the field, besides the teachers and native helpers, 192; number of baptisms reported, 12,481.

Of the amount paid for the support of this great work, Arkansas paid a little over \$1,000 Since there are many millions in the dark

lands who have never heard the simple but sweet story of Christ, the former results should inspire us to delay not in sending them the Gospel. We therefore recognize that each church be requested to set apart the month of December of each year for special contributions for Foreign Missions and send the same to Elder T. S. Potts, of Little Rock, Arkansas. W. J. BEARDEN, Chairman.

After said report had been ably discussed by W. J. Bearden, E. J. A. McKinney, H. B. Wester, and J. M. Robinson, the same was adopted.

Adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock to-night.

Night Session.

At 7 p. m. association reassembled.

W. S. Wilbern delivered a most excellent sermon on the origin and history of the church.

The special order of business for the hour, the report on ministerial education, was then taken up and discussed by J. H. Kitchens, Jr., and C. B. Hunton, and adopted.

Pending the consideration of the report, a collection was taken, which amounted to \$22.55 cash, to pay off an indebtedness incurred by the Board. Association adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Third Day.

Saturday Morning, Oct. 13, 1894.

Association convened at 9 o'clock.

Called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Elder W. A. Clark.

Minutes of yesterday, were read and approved.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools:

Your committee on Sunday Schools submit the following report: The duty to study the Scriptures is imperative to every man, woman and child. To teach the Scriptures is the imperative duty of every church. To fulfill both these duties should be the object of every Sunday School. A joint study of the Bible by church members is a great helper to correct conclusions. We need to reason together concerning the Scriptures. The Sunday Schools is the place for this work, hence your committee would urge that the Sunday School is for all, irrespective of age or attainment, for men and women, as well as for boys and girls.

That the Sunday Schools are helpful to the young all admit, but their importance to older pupils some seem not to recognize, hence our reference to this practical feature of Sunday School work.

By reference to the letters, we find that 17 churches report Sunday Schools, with about 1,100 students. This is quite an advance over previous years. Yet there is great room for improvement. Why should not every church have a Sunday School?

Your committee would also call special attention to the State Sunday School work conducted by the State Convention, through its board located at Jonesboro, and its Secretary, Elder R. C. Medaris. This work has for its object the advancement of the Sunday School work throughout our state, as the following extract from a communication from the Secretary shows:

"We have distributed about 800 volumes of God's word and 100,000 pages of tracts, besides a great deal of other religious literature. Have organized about fifty Sunday Schools in this State and have made large donations of Sunday School literature, and now we hope the brethren will show their appreciation of our labors by coming to our help at this time, when we need it so much."

We would urge our people to help this work by word, by prayer and by money.

W. H. PRUITT,
THOMAS WILLIAMS,
A. J. GUEST.

STATE MISSIONS.—Your committee would state that this is a subject of great importance, because the condition of the mission interests in the State determines the extent of our mission operations and influence abroad.

The development of internal forces gives external power. The Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas should rise to the dignity of their position, and, as the specially called of God, carry out the spirit of the commission. As an integral part of the State, Mt. Zion Association should take her position by the side of the most advanced in every enterprise and work. Our relation to the State work is organic, because this association has a representative on the State board in the person of P. C. Barton; of Jonesboro.

In this we are, or should be, in touch with its every movement and in harmonious co-operation with its every enterprise. The

pulsation of every heart should be sympathetic and the liberality of every heart should be abundant. On account of this relationship each church and every member in each church not only has a voice in the deliberations of the State Board, but should feel their personal responsibility for the general welfare of our State Mission interest.

Since the last convention at Conway, the State Board has done the following work and spent the following amounts:

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| Argenta, J. G. Doyle..... | \$300 |
| Augusta, S. F. Taylor..... | 100 |
| Big Creek Association, W. N. Boling..... | 100 |
| Buckville Association, S. D. Taylor..... | 100 |
| Berryville Association, J. N. Edmondson..... | 200 |
| Bartholomew Association, N. C. Denson..... | 100 |
| Clarksville, D. C. Hardin..... | 100 |
| Elliott, J. M. Hart..... | 50 |
| Fousche Valley Association, M. A. Wilson..... | 300 |
| Greenbrier Association, Vines Turner..... | 50 |
| Gurdon, F. D. Barrs..... | 84 |
| Harrison, S. F. Thompson..... | 300 |
| Locksbury, C. W. Strickland..... | 150 |
| Lamar, W. T. Box..... | 50 |
| Newport, W. B. Peeples..... | 240 |
| S. W. Association, C. M. Powell..... | 100 |
| Union Association, J. J. Haynes..... | 25 |
| Van Buren, H. Beauchamp..... | 100 |
| White River Valley Association, A. A. Andrus..... | 100 |

The cities and towns have paid 70 per cent and the country has paid 30 per cent of the receipts of the board, and has been expended as follows:

\$1,500 off the railroads in the country and \$1,100 on railway towns.

This association has paid into the hands of the State Board the sum of \$39 82.

This report recommends that each church in this association take immediate steps to raise a fund for State Mission purposes and forward it to C. W. Walker, of Little Rock, Ark.

J. H. PEAY, for the Committee.

After a discussion of the following report by J. H. Peay and W. A. Clark, the same was adopted.

HOME MISSIONS.—The following is the report of the Committee on Home Missions:

Inasmuch as we are witnesses for Christ in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the uttermost parts of the earth, we should not forget that Christ said, "Go, work!" When we speak to you of home missions we mean missions in the United States and Cuba. The board is doing more among us than we are aware of. In fact, the Home Board spends more money in Arkansas than we pay to the board. The contributions of Mount Zion Association this year are only \$31.90. We need an awakened interest on this line among the churches of the association. The missionaries of the Home Board brought into the churches during the last conventional year about 7,000 members. The Cuban Mission, under the leadership of Diaz, is the wonder of the age in mission work.

Dear brethren, are you missionaries? Then begin here in Jerusalem and bring in those about us; then we shall be the more able and willing to go abroad, carrying the gospel to the heathen.

Every one should read the Home Mission Journal and keep well up with the work of the board, for if we know not what the work is, how shall we do it?

J. W. HIETT,
H. M. VICE,
I. D. PRIBBLE.

After discussion by J. W. Hiett, the foregoing resolution was adopted.

Elder C. B. Hunton submitted the following resolution:

Whereas, our association is in the northeast part of the State, and whereas, the name, Mount Zion, does not give the location of our association, except to those who are acquainted with this part of the State; therefore be it

Resolved, That the name shall be the Jonesboro Association, instead of Mount Zion. Respectfully submitted,

C. B. HUNTON, L. E. GIBSON,
A. J. ENGLISH, E. J. A. MCKINNEY,
J. W. HIETT.

After some discussion the resolution was, on motion of E. J. A. McKinney, tabled until next session of this association.

On motion the body took a recess until 2 p. m. During the intermission Elder W. A. Clark delivered a very able sermon on a text from Mathew xxv., 46. "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal."

Afternoon Session

Association convened at 2 p m

Prayer by Elder J. T. Bozman.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted the following report:

We, the Committee on Resolutions, beg to submit the following report:

On the mission work we would say, "Let us not only talk and endeavor to show the pressing need and the Scriptural command for this work during our associational meetings, but be it resolved, that we bring it constantly before our people at home in our churches, that we, as an entire body of Christians, may know and do our duty in this work."

On minister's support, we would say that, as all commands and precepts of our Lord are of equal weight and authority, and

Whereas, we are commanded in his word to support the ministry, be it

Resolved, That we believe that in failing to do this we incur our Lord's displeasure.

Resolved, That the clerk have the minutes printed (800 in number) and that he shall retain the remainder of the minute money for his services.

Whereas, This association has been so kindly and generously entertained by this church and the citizens of Paragould, be it

Resolved, that we extend to them the sincere gratitude of our hearts for their liberality.

Resolved, That we pray God's temporal and spiritual blessings upon them.

J. T. BOZMAN,
A. SHEFFIELD,
E. WALTERS, Committee.

The resolutions were adopted without discussion.

The following additional resolution was introduced:

Resolved, That the following permanent order of business be adopted by this association:

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Association called to order
2. Introductory sermon
3. Call roll of churches.
4. Permanent organization

5. Call for petitionary letters.
6. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
7. Nominate standing committees.
 - Committee on Woman's Work.
 - Committee on Associational Missions.
 - Committee on State Missions.
 - Committee on Home Missions.
 - Committee on Foreign Missions.
 - Committee on Sunday Schools.
 - Committee on Temperance.
 - Committee on Ministers and Their Postoffices.
 - Committee on Ministerial Education.
 - Committee on Religious Literature.
 - Committee on Resolutions.
 - Committee on Obituaries.
8. Report of committees and report of Executive Board.
9. Appointment of Executive Board.
10. Appoint place for next meeting.
11. Appoint brother to preach introductory sermon.
12. Appoint a brother to write corresponding letters.
13. Adjourn.

The resolution was lost.

Following is the report on Woman's Work :

If the mothers and sisters of the world were all God-fearing and God-loving and God-serving women, the great question of modern evangelization would be measurably solved. We can scarcely estimate the potency of woman's influence. It is felt and seen wherever man's habitation is found. It is but natural that she should take a lively, earnest and deep interest in the great work of soul-redemption and in lifting to higher life humanity as she has been, both socially and domestically, the chief beneficiary.

The gospel of Christ has been and done so much for her that she naturally desires to be in turn a blessing to others.

What a joy, if across the finished work of each woman's life we could find in letters of gold, "She has done what she could."

What has she done? For missions she has contributed within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention \$62,336.75, and in Arkansas \$2,311.32. This is a noble work well done, and we should constantly and devotedly aid those women that are thus laboring in the gospel as Paul admonishes. Her's is a silent influence, yet potent, and may God grant that ere long the lips that broke to a

lost world the triumph of the world's redeemer be constantly engaged in telling the story of His love, and that the tender hands that ministered at His burial may break the bread of life of a living Christ to the lost everywhere.

J. H. PEAY,

E. J. A. MCKINNEY,

H. B. WESTER.

After discussion of the report by J. H. Peay, W. A. Clark, H. B. Wester and C. B. Hunton, the same was adopted.

The following resolution was adopted without discussion:

Resolved, That we tender our sincere thanks to the St. Louis Iron Mountain and Southern Railway Company and the St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company for reduced rates of fare to passengers attending this association. T. B. KITCHENS.

REPORT ON LITERATURE.—The Bible first, and then the helps and incentives to its study and the execution of its purposes and commissions. An informed people will be a working, liberal people. The denominational paper must be closely related to our fields and should receive our heartiest support; next to it, those most helpful on special lines. In harmony with this, we commend the "Baptist" as sound in doctrine and an open medium for the use of our pastors and churches, in which to announce their progress, plans and successes.

Now that the price has been reduced to \$1.50 per year, the Baptists should rally to make good to its editor the sacrifice he has thus made and show their sympathy by increasing its subscription list.

J. W. BELL,

A. J. ENGLISH.

The report was adopted after discussion by Elder W. A. Clark.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.—We, your Committee on Nominations, beg leave to submit the following:

The place of our next meeting—Herman, Craighead County.

The brother to preach the introductory sermon, J. H. Peay.
Alternate—J. W. Bell.

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

Delegates to the State Convention—J. H. Peay, E. P. Minton, E. J. A. McKinney, C. A. Hunton and A. J. English.

Alternates—J. M. Rains and T. B. Kitchens.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention—J. H. Peay.

Alternate—J. H. Kitchens, Jr.

H. F. WRIGHT,

J. N. FIELDER,

N. S. MOSIER, Committee.

The following resolution was introduced and adopted:

Whereas, a resolution has been accepted and laid on the table until next association, which resolution looks to the changing of the name of Mount Zion Association to Jonesboro Association; therefore be it

Resolved by this body, That this matter be laid before the several various churches composing this association, and that they report in their next associational letter their will in the matter.

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| J. H. PEAY, | T. WILLIAMS, |
| L. E. STANCILL, | F. M. JOHNSON, |
| A. J. GUEST, | T. B. KITCHENS, |
| H. F. WRIGHT, | J. W. BELL, |
| C. L. MILLER, | A. SHERFIELD, |
| J. N. ROBERTSON, | J. W. WEST, |
| E. J. A. MCKINNEY, | D. J. FULLER, |
| W. H. PRUETT. | J. N. CASEY. |

The Moderator appointed as a Committee on Obituaries—J. W. Bell, J. W. Hiett and H. F. Wright.

Also as a Committee on Ministers and Postoffices—Y. A. Cole, A. J. English and Joseph West.

The Committee on Divine Services report that:

C. B. Hunton preaches at Baptist Church to-morrow at 11 a. m.

E. P. Minton preaches at M. E. Church to-morrow at 11 a. m.

W. S. Wilburn preaches at Presbyterian Church to-morrow at 11 a. m.

E. J. A. McKinney preaches at Baptist Church at 7 p. m.

J. H. Peay preaches at M. E. Church at 7 p. m.

On motion association adjourned until 7 p. m.

Night Session.

The association came together again at 7 o'clock.

A very able sermon was preached by Elder J. W. Bell.

OBITUARIES.—Your Committee on Obituaries report as follows:

That during the last associational year death has taken from our midst Elder W. G. Stamper, a faithful minister of the Gospel who had lived in the bounds of this association for the past five or six years. He was an earnest Christian gentleman, always abounding in the word of the Lord, and died in the triumphs of a living faith. We greatly sympathize with the bereaved family. We commend them to God, the Father, and to the care of His grace.

Others have been called to their heavenly home and have entered into the mansions prepared for them from the foundation of the world, some of whom were our best workers in the Master's vineyard.

May the God of all mercy comfort the bereaved families and bind up their broken hearts.

J. W. BELL,
J. W. HIETT,
H. F. WRIGHT, Committee.

The report was adopted without discussion.

The Committee on Ministers and Their Postoffices submitted the following report, which was adopted without discussion:

| ELDERS— | POSTOFFICE. |
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| J. M. Minton | Jonesboro, Ark. |
| J. W. Bell | Jonesboro, Ark. |
| C. B. Humon | Jonesboro, Ark. |
| J. W. Hiett | Jonesboro, Ark. |
| W. L. Hughes | Harrisburg, Ark. |
| L. B. Stokes | Harrisburg, Ark. |
| R. M. Ford | Harrisburg, Ark. |
| G. M. Settlemire | Hidrick, Ark. |
| D. H. Hall | Greenfield, Ark. |
| E. W. Wallraven | Dee, Ark. |
| J. N. Robertson | Paragould, Ark. |
| W. S. Barker | Paragould, Ark. |
| J. H. Stokes | Wynne, Ark. |
| T. P. Archer | Wynne, Ark. |
| H. F. Wright | Bay, Ark. |
| J. M. Huddleston | Paragould, Ark. |
| J. H. Peay | Paragonld, Ark. |
| J. G. Henson | Brookland, Ark. |
| J. T. Bozman | Vandale, Ark. |
| Thomas Williams | Lorado, Ark. |
| J. W. Settlemire | Harrisburg, Ark. |
| P. M. Huddleston | Harrisburg, Ark. |
| W. M. Anderson | Harrisburg, Ark. |
| R. P. Watkins | Jonesboro, Ark. |

ELDERS—

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| J. M. Rains.. | POSTOFFICE. |
| B. T. Stokes.. | Jonesboro, Ark. |
| E. P. Minton | Jonesboro, Ark. |
| E. D. Cooper | Jonesboro, Ark. |
| E. J. A. McKinney .. . | Paragould, Ark. |
| W. D. Hartgraves .. . | Harrisburg, Ark. |
| J. N. Waters | Harrisburg, Ark. |
| J. N. Lawless | Mangrum, Ark. |
| A. Stull | Paragould, Ark. |
| | Bay, Ark. |

LICENTIATES.

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| J. N. Adams | POSTOFFICE |
| J. W. Knight | Lorado, Ark. |
| M. C. Clark | Wynne, Ark. |
| W. R. McEwen | Bay, Ark. |
| J. S. Kennedy | Jonesboro, Ark. |
| J. W. Lawless | Jonesboro, Ark. |

Y. A. COLE,
J. W. WEST,
A. J. ENGLISH.

It was moved by J. W. Hiett that space be given in the minutes for the publication of the proceedings of the women's meeting held this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Motion carried.

Women's meeting—Saturday, October 14, 1894—was opened by song, "Blest Be the Tie."

Scripture lesson read by Mrs. Maywood, of Jonesboro, Ark.

Prayer by Elder J. H. Peay, of Paragould.

Song—"Stand Up for Jesus!"

Address of welcome by Brother Peay.

Societies represented were:

Jonesboro—Mrs. Kitchens, Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. Hyatt.

Philadelphia—Miss Sarah Barrett.

Wynne—Mrs. English.

Oak Grove—Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Griffin.

Big Bay - Mrs. Stotts.

Nettleton—Mrs. Dixie L. Miller.

New Hope—Mrs. Falls, Mrs. McCraw.

Mrs. Hyatt read an article on, "Women's Work," which was very much appreciated.

The report of Jonesboro Society was read by Miss Dollie Hunton, of Jonesboro. Amount made and paid out was \$413.85.

The report of Paragould Society was read by Mrs. Ethel Newson, of Paragould. Amount made and paid out was \$154.70.

After singing, "How Firm a Foundation?" we were entertained by a short address on "Woman's Work," by Dr. Clark, of Little Rock, Ark.

"Value of Small Gifts" was read by Mrs Lamb, of Jonesboro, Prayer by Mrs. McCraw. A collection for Central Committee was taken. Amount received, \$1.25.

After singing, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," we adjourned

MRS. MAYWOOD,

MRS. NEWSOM,

President.

Secretary.

The Moderator appointed the following correspondents:

J. H. Peay and J. N. Robertson, to Gainesville Association.

E. J. A. McKinney, to Mount Vernon Association.

E. P. Minton, to Spring River Association.

J. N. Robertson, to Black River Association, Missouri.

Moved by J. H. Peay, that the Moderator be empowered to recommend the member of the State Executive Board from this association for the next year. Motion having carried, the Moderator recommended for that position P. C. Barton, of Jonesboro.

The business of the association having been completed, the body adjourned to meet with Herman Baptist Church, five miles West of Jonesboro, in its next annual session, on Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1895.

T. B. KITCHENS;

Clerk.

E. P. MINTON,

Moderator.



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NAMES OF MESSENGERS.

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| Antioch..... | ross | L. A. orris..... |
| Antioch..... | raighead | J. G. Benson, G. T. Hay, F. M. Johnson, Ola H... |
| Bay..... | " | J. N. Fielder, " A. Pruett, W. E. Stotts..... |
| Bethel | Poinsett | A. C. Reaves, John M. Harris, John W. Lowe..... |
| Best Chapel | ross | J. T. Bozman..... |
| Berthabara | raighead | A. Pagan, W. C. Beck |
| Bark. amp; Isld | Greene | A. B. Williams, Eugene Nettles, W. S. Barker..... |
| Cache Valley | " | Joel West, J. M. Casey, L. V. Good |
| Enterprise | Craighead | J. L. Wiles..... |
| Herman.. | Craighead | D. J. Fuller, S. A. Neil..... |
| Hodwick | Cross | L. Foust, V. G. Wiley..... |
| Jonesboro | Craighead | J. W. Hiett, E. P. Minton, J. H. Kitchens, Jr., M..... |
| | " | A. Maywood, Mrs. Tom Lamb |
| Macedonia..... | Woodruff | A. J. Guest, Thomas G. Griffin |
| McCrory.. | raighead | D. Rooks..... |
| Mount Pisgah | raighead | I. P. Bennett |
| Mount Zion | Greene | Thomas Williams, A. Sheffield, J. C. Little |
| New Hope | Cross | George Roberts..... |
| New Hope..... | Craighead | H. M. Vice, Mary A. Falls, Fannie McCraw |
| Nrth Jonesb'ro | " | J. W. Bell, Y. A. Cole |
| Nettleton..... | " | C. A. Miller, Dixie Miller |
| Oak Grove | " | L. E. Gibson, A. L. Gibson, R. A. Griffin |
| Paragould | Greene | J. H. Peay, J. M. Huddleston, J. N. Robertson, C..... |
| | | T. B. Kitchens, Ethel Newsom, B. A. Johnson |
| PleasantGrove | Poinsett | James Bennett..... |
| Philadelphia | Craighead | H. M. Cole, N. S. Mosier |
| Harrisburg | Poinsett | L. E. Stancell, Mattie O. Stancell, A. T. Holmes |
| Rock Hill | Craighead | I. D. Pribble, Ida Hicks, Sallie Nutt |
| Shiloh..... | Poinsett | B. S. Shirley, S. Shirley |
| Unity | Greene | D. Sanders, R. C. Cunningham |
| Wynne..... | Cross | E. J. A. McKinney, A. J. English, M. English |
| Weiner | Poinsett | E. Walters |

Totals.....

STATISTICS.

| Received by Letter. | Rec'd by Restoration. | Rec'd by Relation. | Rec'd. | Dismissed by Letter. | Excluded. | Present Membership. | | | | | POST-OFFICE. | Minute Fund. |
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| | 3 | 1 | 1 | 23 | J. T. Bozman | R. B. Clark | Vandale | | | | 75 | |
| 3 | 3 | 1 | .. | 35 | | J. M. Cooper | | | | | 1 00 | |
| 8 | .. | 1 | .. | 18 | J. T. Edwards | W. N. Williams | Paragould | | | | 75 | |
| | 2 | .. | .. | 29 | Thos. Williams | J. W. West | Lorado | | | | 1 00 | |
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| 1 | 1 | 14 | 1 | 71 | T. T. Stokes | S. A. Neill | " | | | | 1 50 | |
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| | .. | .. | .. | 22 | | A. C. Pritchett | McCrory | | | | 50 | |
| | 2 | 2 | 3 | 76 | E. Wallraven | J. P. Horn | Dee | | | | 1 50 | |
| 1 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 194 | G. H. Faulkner | J. W. Seay | Walcott | | | | 2 00 | |
| 1 | 3 | .. | 17 | 1 | 74 | J. H. Stokes | John Riffey | | | | 1 30 | |
| 2 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 85 | H. F. Wright | Hallie M. Vice | Jonesboro | | | 1 60 | |
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NEXT SESSION AT
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