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Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Association.

Herman Baptist Church, Arkansas,

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NEXT SESSION AT BAY, ARKANSAS,
Thursday Before the Second Sabbath in October, 1896.

MINUTES

OF THE

MOUNT ZION

MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

FIRST DAY.

HERMAN BAPTIST CHURCH,
Thursday, Oct. 10th, 1895.

The Mount Zion Association of Missionary Baptists convened in forty-second annual session with Herman Baptist church, Craighead county, Ark., on Thursday, October 10th, 1895.

The session was called to order by Eld. E. P. Minton, the former Moderator, after which Eld. W. A. Clark led in prayer. The hour for the introductory sermon having arrived and the regular appointee being absent, on motion, Eld. J. M. Joiner was selected to deliver the introductory sermon.

The brother selected to preach the introductory sermon delivered an interesting sermon on the subject of "Justification," taking for a text scriptures found in 5th chapter of Romans.

The body then proceeded to effect a permanent organization, and the letters from the several churches were called for and read by Elds. W. A. Clark and E. J. A. McKinney, and the delegates were enrolled. Twenty-four churches were present by letter and messengers.

The Moderator appointed Brethren W. A. Clark, E. J. A. McKinney and Robt. Montgomery to conduct the election of officers. The election resulted as follows: Eld. E. P. Minton, Moderator; T. B. Kitchens, Clerk, and J. H. Kitchens, Jr., Treasurer.

On motion, at 1 o'clock p. m., the session adjourned until 2:30 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:30 p. m. session reassembled. Prayer by Eld. Thomas Williams.

Petitionary letters were called for, but none were presented.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats with the association. and the invitation was accepted by the following named brethren: Eld. W. A. Clark, editor of the Arkansas Baptist; E. J. A. McKinney, of Liberty Association; Cornelius Merideth, of Gainesville Association.

Roll of messengers was called and corrected.

J. H. Kitchens, Jr., moved that the Moderator be empowered to appoint all committees. Motion carried.

The Moderator appointed on divine services the following committee: B. T. Stokes, O. N. Albright, W. L. Watkins and William McGaugh.

The motion made at last association, and laid on the table to be taken up at this association, proposing to change the name of the association from "Mt. Zion" to "Jonesboro," was, on motion of Bro. J. M. Joiner, laid on the table indefinitely.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Associational Missions—J. H. Kitchens, Jr., Thos. Williams, J. M. Huddleston, G. W. Prince and A. Pagan.

On State Missions—Dick Gibson, W. R. McEwin and C. D. Owen

On Foreign Missions—J. M. Joiner, E. Bennett and A. Sherfield.

On Ministerial Education—J. G. Henson, Henry Brashears, H. H. Cooper and E. J. A. McKinney.

On Temperance—W. S. Brock, J. H. Bishop, Willie McCain and John Broadaway.

On Obituaries—H. R. Willey, F. M. Minton and R. E. L. Wyles.

On Sunday Schools—H. F. Wright, Joel West and J. M. Minton.

On Literature—J. F. Crocker, S. M. Davis and Thomas Hurt.

On Woman's Work—E. J. A. McKinney, G. W. Osborn, F. M. Johnson, Mrs. W. A. Maywood, Mrs. T. J. Lamb, Mrs. F. M. Johnson and Miss Grace Gage.

On Ministers and Post Offices—J. H. Hyderick, J. P. Wilson and C. M. Thompson.

On motion, Eld. W. A. Clark was given an opportunity to present the claims of the Arkansas Baptist, and spoke for a short time in the interest of his paper.

The report of the committee on foreign missions was made special order for tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The report of the executive board on ministerial education was submitted, and, on motion of Eld. J. G. Henson, chairman of the committee on ministerial education, was adopted as the report of that committee, said report being as follows:

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Inasmuch as Paul, in his letter to Titus under the direction of the Holy Spirit, said that a bishop should hold fast the faithful word as he had been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers, who were vain talkers and deceivers whose mouths should be stopped.

And inasmuch as the Scriptures as we have them now have been translated from other tongues than our own, and the translation of parts of them disputed; therefore, we recognize the importance of an educated ministry.

Our ministers should not only be called, and faithful, but they should know whereof they speak, and, that for themselves, and not be dependent on others for a correct knowledge of the true interpretation of the word of God.

Our association has long since recognized the importance of educating worthy young men for the ministry. Five years ago it adopted Bro. E. J. A. McKinney as our beneficiary at Ouachita College and supported him through a four years' course. For the last year we have had no regular beneficiary. Your board believes that we have several worthy young men who feel that they are called to preach the gospel and who need help, and we feel that it is

our duty to call your attention to one especially—Bro. W. R. McEwin. Will we adopt him and support him entirely, as we did Bro. McKinney, or will we help him and others in part?

We have on hand at present time for this particular work $16.68, and we owe nothing.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. KITCHENS, Jr.,
Chairman of Executive Board.

After discussion of said report by E. J. A. McKinney, J. H. Kitchens, Jr., P. C. Barton, J. M. Joiner and J. M. Minton, the same was adopted.

On motion of P. C Barton, the question propounded in the foregoing report was answered by saying we will support Bro. McEwin entirely through his college course. Pending the discussion on the foregoing report, pledges for ministerial education were made as follows:

E. J. A. McKinney			$ 10 00
J. M. Jonier			10 00
Philadelphia church			10 00
Antioch	"	F. M. Johnson and H. R. Willey	5 00
Berthabara	"	A. Pagan and E. Hogle	5 00
Paragould	"	T. B, Kitchens	5 00
Jonesboro	"		40 00
Herman	"	Wm. McGaugh, Seth Neal, D. J. Fuller and O. N. Albright	4 00
Cash Valley	"	S. M. Davis	1 00
Hyderick	"	J. H. Hyderick and R.E. L. Wyles	1 50
Macedonia	"	H. H. Cooper and T. D Hurt	2 00
Rock Hill	"	Henry Brashears	1 00
North Jonesboro	"	C. D, Owen	1 00
Oak Grove	"		2 50
Pleasant Grove	"	E. Bennett	25

Committee on divine services report that Eld. E. J. A. McKinney preach tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

On motion same order of business was adopted as followed in

last associational meeting.

Adjourned to meet at 8:30 o'clock tomorrow evening. Benediction by Eld. J. M. Joiner.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, October 11th, 1895.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. C. D. Owens.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Letter from Harrisburg church was read and messengers present enrolled.

Eld. J. M. Joiner moved that Moderator appoint at this association, a chairman of such committees as he may think best, whose business it shall be to collect such information as they can, or formulate such reports as they think proper, to submit to their respective committees at next meeting of this association. Carried.

Eld. J. M. Joiner, chairman of the committee on Foreign Missions, submitted their report as follows:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We your committee take profound pleasure in announcing the following facts:

1. The command to make disciples of all the nations, has not been countermanded. Hence we have the honor of manifesting the Son of God to all the nations of the world. This it seems will be news to a great many.

2. A large part of the human race is still in the gross darkness of heathenism, and by their woes, if not by their words, they cry to us, saying: "We would see Jesus." And knowing as we do that there is life in no other, shall their cries fall upon deaf ears?

3. The Baptist of the Southern Convention are doing work in the following Pagan fields: China, Japan and Africa. Also fn the following Roman Catholic fields: Italy, Mexico and Brazil. In these different lands we have something over one hundred missionaries at work, and about thirty-five hundred professed christians.

4. It is also a sad fact that our increase of contributions to the foreign mission work is not keeping pace with our increase of church members at home, whereas it should exceed it. But we have been speaking largely of the doings of others, and may we not come back home and see what part we are taking in the noblest work that was ever given motal to do? Judging from the letters read here yesterday, we do not much esteem the privilege of telling the glad tidings. Have we of Mount Zion Association done our duty in the matter? If not, when will we begin to do so? The Lord says, whom shall I send, and who will go for us?

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. JOINER, Chairman.

After discussion of the foregoing report by J. M. Joiner, W. A. Clark, E. J. A. McKinney, J. H. Peay and J. M. Minton, the same was adopted.

Pending the hearing of the foregoing report a cash collection for Foreign Missions was taken, amounting to $9.10.

Committee on divine services report that W. A. Clark preach today at 11 o'clock.

Committee on Ministers and Postoffices submitted the following report, which was adopted:

MINISTERS AND POSTOFFICES.

J. M. Joiner, Jonesboro, Arkansas.
J. M. Minton, " "
C. B. Hunton, " "
C. D. Owen, " "
W. L. Hughes, Harrisburg, "
T. B. Stokes, " "
R. M. Ford, " "
G. M. Settlemire, Hyderick, "
E. M. Hall, Greenfield, "
E. W. Wallraven, Dee, "
W. A. Gibony, Wynne, "
J. H. Stokes, " "
T. P. Archer, " "
W. F. Wright, Bay, "
J. G. Henson, Brookland, "
J. H. Peay, Paragould, "
J. N. Robertson, " "
J. M. Huddleston, " "
J. L. Bozman, Vanndale, "
Thos. Williams, Lorado, Arkansas.
J. W. Settlemire, Harrisburg, "
P. M. Huddleston, " "
W. M. Anderson, " "
R. P. Watkins, Jonesboro, "
J. M. Rains, " "
B. T. Stokes, " "
E. P. Minturn, " "
W. D. Hargroves, Harrisburg, "
J. N. Waters, Mangrum, "
A. Stull, Bay, "

LICENTIATES.

J. N. Adams, Lorado, Arkansas
J. M. Knight, Wynne, "
W. C. Clark, Bay, "
W. R. McEwin, Jonesboro, "
J. S. Kennedy, " "
J. W. Lawless, " "
A. C. Reeves, Harrisburg, "

Respectfully submitted.
J. H. HYDERICK,
J. P. WILSON,
COMMITTEE.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Home Missions—J. H. Peay, L. E. Stancill, Cornelius Meri deth and L. E. Gibson.

On Resolutions and Nominations—J. N. Robertson, L. E. Stan cill and W. E. Stotts.

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived. Eld. W. A. Clark preach ed a very able sermon, Ephesians, iv. 15-16.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock, p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Re-assembled at 2 o'clock. Prayer by H. F. Wright.

Committee on Temperance submitted report as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We are glad to say and to realize that we have the chance to spend our opinion on this important subject, which we feel is so much neglected in home churches. We are all too tender-footed on this great subject. Brethren, why should we be so timid when we can see so much the need of speaking for Christ and his cause? We can also see many who are indulging in this traffic and so many men, women and children who are suffering from the terrible evil. So many homes that are wrecked, mothers suffering and their children crying for bread. And yet some will say I want whisky. Then some of the brethren will step up to the polls and vote for whisky. Brethren, are you asleep on this question, or don't you care, or is it negligence. Now brethren, let us go to work on this line of thought and every time we have the chance to raise one voice against it let us do so, and not keep a jug sitting behind the door or under the bed. Are you guilty or not brethren?

And we, your committee, do say, do not bear with your members who indulge in this poison, for they destroy the influence of the church, disgrace themselves and cripple the cause of Christ. The laws of our county, state and the United States are now so arranged that we have it within our power to say whether we will or will not be bothered with it. Then we say not.

J. H. BISHOP,
W. S. BROCK,
J. A. BROADAWAY, } COMMITTEE.

After discussion of the foregoing report by J. H. Bishop, the same was adopted.

The letter from Nettleton church was read and messengers enrolled.

The report of the committee on State Missions was submitted and discussed by J. H. Kitchens, Jr., and W. A. Clark, and was adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

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

We find from statistics kindly furnished by Bro. Clark, that our state mission 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. This board is now aiding 20 missionaries, including Bro. Medaris, State Evangelist, and Bros. Thomas and Doyle of the Chapel Car. The missionaries have baptised about 300 converts, organized 14 churches and built 12 houses of worship.

The appropriations for the year amount to $3000, of which $2,250 has been paid, leaving the remainder—$750,00 due November first. Of the $3000,00 the Home Mission Board of Atlanta has paid $1200,00, and the Sunday School Board $300,00 leaving only $500,00 to be collected. Among the 60,000 Baptist of Arkansas, this $1500,00 amounts to only 2½ cents each. Who among us will say that he is unable to pay that amount?

Why should we have any trouble in raising the $750 that falls due Nov. 1st.?

Brethren let each one of us make a special effort to pay the amount by the time it is due, and thereby enable the board to begin a new year's work unhampered by any debt. My God help us so to do.

Respectfully submittted,
W. R. McEWEN, Chairman.

J. G. Henson, F. M. Johnson and Henry Brashears were excused for good cause from further attendance on the association.

The committee on obituaries submitted the following report:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your committee on obituaries beg leave to offer the following as a report. During the last associational year, our Divine Master in his infinite wisdom did see fit to take from us our so well beloved brethren Elds. J. W. Bell and D. Rooks. Brethren we feel that in the death of Bro. Bell, the Mt. Zion Association has lost one of its best and ablest members. He has been a member of the Association ten years, served very efficiently for two years as moderator. To love him was only to know him.

Bro. Rooks was an ordained deacon and in him was found much to be admired as a deacon and devout Christian. Can this be said of us when we are gone? We bitterly regret the absence of our brethren, but let us submit to the will of God.

Very respectfully,
H. R. WILLEY, Chairman.

After due consideration the foregoing report was adopted.

The committee on Home Missions report as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The work of the Home Mission Board located at Atlanta, Ga., comprises all the territory covered by the Southern Baptist Convention in the United States and Cuba. This portion of our beloved mother country is the garden spot of the earth. This is a heritage God has given us to be tilled to his glory. The opportunity is grandly great and our responsibility is proportionately great.

The sowing of the seeds of the gospel in the minds and hearts of the people in this section is the great work of the Baptist. The success and prosperity of our beloved Zion depends upon how well we do our duty. In fact the destiny of our country is measurably in the hands of the Southern Baptist. The fertility of our soil, the salubrity of our climate, and the hospitality of our people are inviting thousands of every race to enter and possess the land. They are here and still coming. Every shade of faith and no faith is among them. They need to be christianized, met by the gospel of the Son of God and saved so that they may become both loyal to Christ and country. This we are to do by our influence, prayers, labors and money.

The Home Board is exceedingly liberal in its offer to give us one dollar for every dollar expended on our own work. The work of Bro. Diaz is yet continuing with unabated interest. He is heroically taking advantage of the present state of affairs in the Island, caring for the dead, sick, dying and wounded of both armies, thus ingratiating himself and our cause into the hearts of all. God thus giving him an open door to labor mightily for his exalted son.

J. H. PEAY,
L. E. STANCIL,
L. E. GIBSON,
C. A. MERIDETH. } COMMITTEE.

After discussion of foregoing report participated in by J. H. Peay and J. H. Hyderick the same was adopted. The committee on Divine services report that J. N. Robertson preach tonight at 7.30 and that E. P. Minton preach tomorrow at 11 o'clock a. m., and that H. F. Wright preach at Enterprise church tonight at 7.30. On motion of J. H. Hyderick, clerk was instructed to send minutes to associations with which we correspond. On motion the moderator appointed the following corresponding messengers to adjoining associations:

J. H. Peay, J. N. Robertson, J. M. Huddleston and T. B. Kitchens to Gainesville Association; E. P. Minton and H. R. Willey to Spring River Association; L. E. Stancill and W. R. McEwin to White River Valley Association; W. A. Gibony, W. L. Hughes and J. H. Stokes to Mt. Vernon Association; H. F. Wright and A. Pagan to Osceola Association. A motion was made to amend the report of the committee on nominations by striking out Bay as next place of meeting and inserting Hyderick. Motion lost.

The report of the committee on nominations was then considered and adopted as submitted:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We your committee on nominations beg leave to make the following report: Executive Board: J. H. Kitchens, Jr., W. L. Gage, P. C. Barton, G. W. Pruyer, and T. B. Kitchens. Delegates to State Convention: J. M. Joiner, J. H. Peay, W. J. Bearden, H. F. Wright and W. A. Gibony. Alternates: J. N. Robertson and T. B. Kitchens. Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention: J. H. Peay, Alternate, P. C. Barton.

Place of next meeting of the association, Bay Church, 7 miles southeast of Nettleton on the Kansas City Railway, Craighead Co. Introductory Sermon to be preached by W. J. Bearden, Alternate, E. J. A. McKinney.

J. N. ROBERTSON,
L. E. STANCILL,
W. E. STOTTS. } COMMITTEE.

The report of the committee on Woman's Work was made special order for tomorrow 2 o'clock p. m. Adjourned till 8:30 o'clock tomorrow. At 7:30 p. m., J. N. Robertson preached a very interesting sermon from text of scripture found in Psalm 107, xxx.

THIRD DAY.

Called to order at 8:30 o'clock. Prayer by Thos. Williams.

Minutes of yesterday were read and approved

The moderator announced the following committeemen to serve on the hereinafter named committees at next association in accordance with the order of this association on yesterday, to-wit:

On Foreign Missions—J. M. Joiner and C. B. Hunton.

On Home Missions—J. H. Peay and J. N. Robertson.

On State Missions—J. M. Huddleston and W. J. Bearden.

On Associational Missions—H. F. Wright and J. G. Henson.

On Finance—J. H. Kitchens and L. E. Stancill.

The brethren so appointed were requested to be present at the next association with valuable information on the several questions above mentioned.

The Committee on Literature submitted the following report:

REPORT ON LITERATURE.

People are interested only in what they know something about. The printing press is therefore the great educator. Ungodly men through this agency are pouring vast streams of corruption into the minds of the people.

We should overcome this by reading good sound literature. Whatever we make a practice of reading, our minds are apt to run in that direction. The Bible teaches us our relation to God and to each other. We should make a practice of reading it above everything else, and do all in our power to give it to the world.

We have many good papers in reach of us, but we would especially recommend the Arkansas Baptist. It tells us of our denominational needs and duties. Sunday School literature moulds the minds of our children and we should place it before them as it will direct them towards God. Let the Bible be read in every family, and Baptist literature be used in every Sunday School at all times. We recommend the literature published by the Southern Baptist Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. CROCKER,
S. M. DAVIS,
T. D. HURT. } COMMITTEE.

The foregoing report was adopted without discussion.

The Board of Associational Missions submitted report in words and figures as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Executive Board of Mt. Zion association met and organized Nov. 1st.

1894 by re-electing J. H. Kitchens Jr., Chairman, and P. C. Barton Secretary. At the same meeting the following appropriations were made for the churches and purposes named to-wit:

Harrisburg church, $50.00 to pay pastors salary. Cache Valley church, to pay pastors salary, $25.00. Bay church, $25.00, to pay on old debt on house of worship subject to the approval of the association. Notwithstanding the reports from the different mission stations do not show a large ingathering of members, we feel safe in stating that our cause has been advanced at all our mission points.

At Cache Valley, we have had six additions to the church. The church is in a good spiritual condition and we believe a house of worship will be erected in the near future. At Bay we have had four additions to the church. and we have a house there valued at $400. It is finished except part of the ceiling, which we believe will be completed during next year. Our opposition there has been weakened and our cause strengthened during the last year. Harrisburg is an old town, and therefore a hard field for Baptist, but we feel confident we are gaining some ground there. While our additions there have been small they have been larger than the additions to any other organization at that point. We have had ten additions to our church there. At Wynne we have great possibilities. This is a growing town and will soon become the county seat of Cross county. We have a nice house of worship here finished and out of debt. What we need most at Wynne is organized, united effort on the part of our people at that point. Pray for the work of missions in Mt. Zion association at all stations, but especially pray for Wynne.

We regret that our contributions to associational missions has fallen off in the last few years, but this we believe has been due to a want of effort. Four or five years ago we maintained a Fifth Sunday Meeting at which regular collections were taken for associational missions. The collections amounted to about one fourth of all our contributions for this work. We recommend that the fifth Sunday meeting be re-organized and all our pastors be requested to support them by their presence and influence.

We have raised and expended money as follows:

From	Jonesboro church	$ 57.14.
"	Macedonia "	5.00.
"	Hermon "	2.50.
"	Cache Valley "	5.00.
"	Mt. Zion "	5.00.
"	Philadelphia "	6.55.
"	Berthabara "	9.00.
"	Shiloh "	5.00.
"	Paragould "	10.00.
"	Harrisburg "	4.10.
"	Oak Grove "	5.00.
"	New Hope "	5 00
"	Rock Hill "	1 50.
"	Pleasant Grove "	2 00.
"	Enterprise "	.95.
"	E. J. A. McKinney	10.00.
"	Cash collection at association	11.85.
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Amount paid to E. P. Minton, Harrisburg	$ 50.00
" " " Thos. Williams, Cache Valley	25.00
" " " W. A Gibony, Wynne	50 00
" " " Bay Church	15.54
" " " Expense of of J H. Kitchens to Little Rock	5.05
	145.59

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. KITCHENS, Jr., Ch'm.

Discussed by J. H. Peay, E. P. Minton, J. N. Robertson, Willey McCain, J. M. Minton, L. E. Gibson, G. W. Osborn, B. T. Stok and adopted.

The committee on Sunday Schools submitted their report which was as follows:

We your committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to make the following report: We believe it is the duty of each church to maintain a Sunday School. and as a part proof we would refer to the following scriptures: Deut. xxi 12 and vi. 7. Neh. viii. 1-12; Prov. xxii. 6; 2 Timothy iii-16 and Luke iv. 56. By reference to the letters we find that nine of the twenty four churches have Sunday Schools. We believe that each church should maintain a Sunday School. We would urge our people to help this work by their prayers and contributions.

H. F. WRIGHT,
J. M. MINTON,
J. W. WEST. } COMMITTEE.

Eld. J. H. Peay introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

RESOLVED. That the association request that each church in the association do elect a messenger to attend each 5th Sunday meeting and also that each pastor one month before hand preach a sermon on missions and take a collection for missions and send the same by the delegate to the executive board at said meeting. Also that a sermon be preached on Associational Missions first quarter; on State Missions, second quarter; on Home Missions, third quarter; on Foreign Missions, fourth quarter; also that each church appoint a committee to make a personal appeal to each member thereof for a contribution therefor. J. H. PEAY.

The hour of eleven o'clock having arrived the association took a recess untill 2 p. m. During intermission Eld. E. P. Minton preached a very able sermon on the ordinance of the Lord's Supper.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Re-assembled at 2 o'clock p. m.

Prayer by M. G. Barlow.

The hour for special consideration of the report on Woman's Work having arrived the report was read, being as follows:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

It is the privilege as well as the duty of women to have a part in the glorious work of the worlds evangilization. Appreciating this privilege and anxious to show gratitude to God for his blessings to them as individuals and to their sex, women are consecrating their talents, bending their energies and sacrificing their means for the spread of the gospel, that its beneficient influence may be more powerfully and universally felt by the human race. In this work conducted in its proper way, it is not ours to hinder, but to kindly

encourage. Heaven has given woman her sphere, and nobly are our christian women striving to fulfill their mission, not as flippant platform lecturers, not as politicians, and not as pulpit usurpers, but as workers in that silent and potent way that often wins where the pulpit fails. A mothers prayers and a mothers love proves a mighty force in connection with a preachers words for winning souls. But women are going beyond home. They are doing a mighty work for missions both by contributions and by personal work.

Would that our men would partake more of the enthusiasm of our women. God bless our christian women in all their efforts. We append hereto reports from the difierent societies in our association.

Money raised and paid out:

By	Paragould	$ 46.00.
"	Jonesboro - - -	137.98.
"	" Sunbeams - - -	51.66.
"	Philadelphia - - - -	46.53.
"	New Hope - - - -	1.85.

There are other societies that have not reported. Your committee would urge each society to report all their contributions, let them be ever so small.

E. J. A. McKinney, Ch'm.

After discussion of foregoing report by J. H. Kitchens Jr., and G. W. Osborn the same was adopted.

The moderator appointed for members of committee on literature for next association to collect facts and statistics to submit at that time, Elders B. T. Stokes, J. M. Minton and Thos. Williams.

The treasurer submitted his report of amount of minute funds paid over to him. The amount from each church being stated in the tabular statement appended to these minutes. The report was adopted.

It was moved that the moderator appoint the member of the State Mission Board from this association. Motion carried. Moderator appointed T. B. Kitchens a member of the State Board.

A motion was made by Eld. B.T. Stokes and carried that the moderator appoint a committee of three to superintend the erection of a monument to the memory of Eld. Wm. T. Smith, deceased. who was for several years a pioneer minister, and several times moderator of this association.

Moderator appointed on that committee J. H. Kitchens, Jr., I. Gibson and G. W. Osborn.

The following resolution was introduced and adopted.

RESOLVED, That we tender our sincere thanks to the good people of Herman church and neighborhood for their hospitality and kindness to us during our stay among them.

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 five dollars for his services.

The business of the association having been completed, the body sung: "God be with you till we meet again," after which the association adjourned to meet with Bay Baptist church, seven miles southeast of Nettleton, in its next annual session, on Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1896.

E. P. MINTON, Moderator.
T. B. KITCHENS, Clerk.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES FROM OCT. 1894 TO OCT. 1895.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Received by Baptism.	By Letter.	By Relation.	By Restoration.	Decreased by Death	By Letter.	Excluded.	Present Membership.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICE.	Am't Contributed for Minutes.
Antioch.	Craighead.	F. M. Johnson. H. R. Willey and Mrs F. M. Johnson.	3	1	1				1	111	J. G. Henson	A. R. Akers	Gubertown	$2 00
Antioch	Cross	J. P. Wilson	7	1	3					46	Joseph Stokes	J. D. Boone	Wynne	50
Berthabara	Craighead.	E. Hagle, A. Pagan and J. F. Crocker	10	3				1		50	J. G Henson	J. M. Crocker	Cane Island	1 00
Bay	,,	H. F. Wright	1	2	1	1	4	2	3	61	J. G, Henson	A. L. Garrett	Bay	1 00
Cache Valley	Greene	S. M. Davis, Joel West and M. G. Barlow		6						35	Thos. Williams	J. W. West	Lorado	1 00
Enterprise	Craighead.	J. A. Broadaway, D. B. Minton and R. E L. Wyles	3	8						28	Thos. Williams	J L. Wiles	Jonesboro	75
Clark's Chapple	Cross			1					1	26	J. W. Knight	R. B. Clark	Vanndale	1 00
Herman	Craighead.	B. T. Stokes, O, N Albright, W. L. Watkins, Wm. McGaugh, D. J. Fuller					2		3	65	B. T. Stokes	S. A. Neill	Jonesboro	1 50
Hyderick	Cross	J. H. Hyderick and G. W. Prince		1	2	1	2			73	P. M. Huddleston	M. Pitts	Hyderick	2 05
Harrisburg	Poinsett	L E Stancill	1	9				5	1	37	E. P. Minton	L. E. Stancill	Harrisburg.	1 10
Jonesboro	Craighead.	E. P. Minton, Frank Minton, W. J. Witt, P. C. Barton, J. M. Joiner, Jacob Sharp and J. H. Kitchens, Jr	17	5			3	10	3	237	J. M. Joiner	Jacob Sharp	Jonesboro	5 00
Mt. Zion	Greene	A. Sherfield, Thos. Williams and Wm. McCain	9	1			4		2	201	G. H. Faulkner	L. T. Dennis	Walcott	2 50
Macedonia	Craighead.	H. H. Cooper and Thomas Hurt	14	6	9		1	2	1	133	H. F. Wright	J. R. Cooper	Jonesboro	1 50
North Jonesboro	"	C. D. Owens	1	1			2			25	C. D. Owens	Y. A. Cole	Jonesboro	1 10
New Hope	"	W. T. Carter and W. E Stotts	13	4		1	1	2	4	90	H. F. Wright	W. E. Stotts	Jonesboro	1 00
Nettleton	"	J. S. Holoway and Mrs M D. Holoway		3				4		24	H. F. Wright	R M. Lamb	Nettleton	50
Oak Grove	"	L. E. Gibson, J. H. Bishop, I. Gibson and Charlie Cole	3	5		2	2	2	5	118	R. P. Watkins.	J. L. Thomas	Gilkerson	1 00
Palestine	"	N. A. Davis	3				2	2	1	20	J. G. Henson	N. A. Davis	Lake City	50
Pleasant Grove	Poinsett	E. Bennett and Mrs. Martha Bennett	8		1	1	1	1		36	E. Walraven	T. H. Ripley	Buffalo Lick	1 00
Philadelphia	Craighead.	J. F. Raines. G. W Osborn, W. S. Brock, J. C. Penix, Miss Grace Gage.	13			1	5	5	3	215		R. W. Rains	Jonesboro	3 00
Paragould	Greene	J. H. Peay, J. M. Huddleston, J. N. Robertson, C. Wall, T. B. Kitchens.	34	36	5	3	6	5	4	291	J. H. Peay	T. B. Kitchens	Paragould	4 00
Pleasant Hill	Poinsett	C. M, Thompson	2					5		33	E. Walraven	C. M. Thompson	Harrisburg	50
Rock Hill	Craighead.	Henry Brashears	2	5			2	1		35	J. G. Henson	G. W. Lackey	Greensboro	25
Unity	"		3		1		1	1	8	30	J. N. Waters	S. T. Banks	Mangrum	
		Total,	147	98	22	10	38	48	40	2020				$33 75

On Ministerial Education—J. G. Henson, Henry Brashears, H. H. Cooper and E. J. A. McKinney.

On Temperance—W. S. Brock, J. H. Bishop, Willie McCain and John Broadaway.

On Obituaries—H. R. Willey, F. M. Minton and R. E. L. Wyles.

On Sunday Schools—H. F. Wright, Joel West and J. M. Minton.

On Literature—J. F. Crocker, S. M. Davis and Thomas Hurt.

On Woman's Work—E. J. A. McKinney, G. W. Osborn, F. M. Johnson, Mrs. W. A. Maywood, Mrs. T. J. Lamb, Mrs. F. M. Johnson and Miss Grace Gage.

On Ministers and Post Offices—J. H. Hyderick, J. P. Wilson and C. M. Thompson.

On motion, Eld. W. A. Clark was given an opportunity to present the claims of the Arkansas Baptist, and spoke for a short time in the interest of his paper.

The report of the committee on foreign missions was made special order for tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The report of the executive board on ministerial education was submitted, and, on motion of Eld. J. G. Henson, chairman of the committee on ministerial education, was adopted as the report of that committee, said report being as follows:

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Inasmuch as Paul, in his letter to Titus under the direction of the Holy Spirit, said that a bishop should hold fast the faithful word as he had been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers, who were vain talkers and deceivers whose mouths should be stopped.

And inasmuch as the Scriptures as we have them now have been translated from other tongues than our own, and the translation of parts of them disputed; therefore, we recognize the importance of an educated ministry.

Our ministers should not only be called, and faithful, but they should know whereof they speak, and, that for themselves, and not be dependent on others for a correct knowledge of the true interpretation of the word of God.

Our association has long since recognized the importance of educating worthy young men for the ministry. Five years ago it adopted Bro. E. J. A. McKinney as our beneficiary at Ouachita College and supported him through a four years' course. For the last year we have had no regular beneficiary. Your board believes that we have several worthy young men who feel that they are called to preach the gospel and who need help, and we feel that it is

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